



## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

### MASSSES & SERVICES

**Saturday Anticipated Mass:** 5pm

**Sunday Masses:** 9am, 11am, 5pm

**Mon – Wed Masses:** 8am

**Thurs Mass & OLPH Novena:**

8am, 7pm

**1<sup>st</sup> Thurs:** 8am Mass/Novena,

12pm Mass/Novena/Healing Prayer

**Fri, Sat & Holidays:** 9am Mass

**Fri in July & August:** 8am Mass

**Children's Mass:** 9am 1st Sunday of the month Oct-June

**Children's Liturgy:** 11am

All Sundays except the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday from Sept- June

### Reconciliation

Saturday 4pm - 4:45pm

### Adoration

Saturday 9:30-10am

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Jesus is the Light that Disperses the Darkness of Sin

This Sunday's Gospel is from St. Matthew 4:12-23. The prophet Isaiah announced a future of liberation and great joy for all of Galilee, through the image of light that dispels the darkness in which the people walk.

The Gospel, quoting verbatim the same passage of the prophet Isaiah, presents Jesus as the Light thus fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy. He is the light that was promised to dispel the darkness of sin and to free man from the obscurity in which he is enclosed.

The light becomes an efficacious means to express God's involvement in human history. God manifests Himself as 'The Light' that disperses the darkness. The light illuminates, encircles, defines things, emphasizes the colours and gives depth to space. The light heartens and comforts: to be in an enlightened place helps us to accept reality for what it is and makes one feel happier, more certain and protected.

God's initiative with regard to men permits them to have a renewed relationship with reality. In God's light everything assumes a new significance, its authentic and definitive meaning. A light which illuminates gives strength and permits the disclosure of the universe and man. This is why, after saying, 'on those who dwell in the land of gloom a light has shone' (Is 9:1), the text adds, 'you have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing' (Is 9:2).

A joy and happiness that became real in Jesus' presence. He is the promised light that has come into our midst, His physical presence that expresses the definitive arrival of the Light. The light that shines brightly marks God's initiative performing His first merciful and free step towards a wounded humanity.

This dynamic is expressed through Jesus call of the first Apostles. He chooses them with an unequivocal call, 'Follow Me'. Faced with God's sudden interruption in their lives He invited them to abandon the nets and trust themselves totally to the Lord for a new 'catch', a new definitive horizon. At the Last Supper, the end of His earthly life, Jesus reminds His disciples 'you did not choose me, no, I chose you' (Jn 15:16).

This Sunday's Gospel invites us to remember that our personal vocation is founded on God's original and absolutely free choice. His invitation towards us, therefore, is an invitation to make a final decision to let Him conquer or re-conquer us to mark a turning point in our lives.

Let us ask the Lord, for us and the whole Church, for the gift of a true conversion of our hearts enabling us to receive Christ as the only Light to follow. Christ is the only one that really dispels the darkness within and around us.

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*The Light of the World* (1851–1853) is an allegorical painting by the English Pre-Raphaelite artist William Holman Hunt (1827–1910) representing the figure of Jesus preparing to knock on an overgrown and long-unopened door, illustrating Revelation 3:20: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me".

According to Hunt: "I painted the picture with what I thought, unworthy though I was, to be by Divine command, and not simply as a good Subject." The door in the painting has no handle, and can therefore be opened only from the inside, representing "the obstinately shut mind". Hunt, 50 years after painting it, felt he had to explain the symbolism.

*The Lord is my light and my salvation. – Psalm 27*

## NEWS & NOTICES

**Weekly Collection:** Sunday Offering Jan 18 & 19: \$5,018.91. Offering for the Needy: \$135. Initial Offering: \$230. Solemnity of Mary: \$80. Thank you for your faith-filled generosity.

**Thursday Mass & Novena:** Starting in February the Thursday Mass and devotions will be in the morning at 8am and at noon every week. There will be no Mass/devotions in the evening. The noon Mass on the first Thursday will continue to be a special Mass & Novena with benediction, healing prayers with the relic of St Alphonsus followed by fellowship over soup in the hall.

**2020 Sunday Offering Envelopes:** 2020 Sunday envelopes are ready for pick up this weekend in the church foyer. Please make sure you pick up the right box as some names may be similar to yours and addresses are not printed on the label. If your envelope box is not in the foyer, please contact the parish office. NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT USE YOUR 2019 OR ANY PREVIOUS YEAR'S ENVELOPES IN 2020.

**Sunday Offering Box Printing Error:** Due to an error by the printing company, some donation boxes may have a different number on the outside of the box from the number on the envelopes inside. If you've picked up your 2020 box already, please check that the number outside the box matches the number on all the envelopes inside. If it does not, please email the office this week. Email: [reception.olph@rcav.org](mailto:reception.olph@rcav.org).

**RCIA Sponsors:** We are looking for sponsors to support this year's catechumens in RCIA. A sponsor's role is to accompany the catechumen in their spiritual journey through prayer and faith-inspired friendship. If you can speak Mandarin or Cantonese, it would be helpful as well. You will not be expected to attend RCIA sessions except on some important dates. Just make some time for sharing the faith! Please email Bertilla if you have questions or if you'd like to help: [bwatanabe@rcav.org](mailto:bwatanabe@rcav.org).

**Pro-Life Mass & Prayer Vigil:** One of the fundamental answers to abortion is prayer. Please join your voice with ours as we pray on the first Saturday of each month at a different parish for a new culture of life. Mass will be Saturday, Feb. 1, 8am at St. Augustine Church in Vancouver. For upcoming dates, visit [rcav.org/pro-life-mass-and-prayer-vigil](http://rcav.org/pro-life-mass-and-prayer-vigil)

**Redemptorist Pilgrimage in May:** In collaboration with the Centre for Redemptorist Spirituality in Rome, we are planning a 10-day pilgrimage and course in Redemptorist Spirituality, to be offered in the Redemptorist houses and centres associated with the foundation of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer in southern Italy. The program will take place May 5-15, 2020. Please feel free to contact Anne Walsh, [amfwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:amfwalsh@gmail.com) if you have questions. Cost is \$2,300.00 which includes all meals and lodging for the 10-day pilgrimage/course in Italy, all transportation within Italy, guides and lecturers & tips. Not included in this price are airfare and travel/health insurance.

**University Mass:** Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, in partnership with the Catholic Newman Club of UBC and The Newman Association of Vancouver, invites university and college communities to the University Mass. All students, alumni, faculty, and staff with their friends and families from public and private post-secondary institutions are invited to this annual Mass on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 7pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Confessions start at 6:00 p.m. Reception to follow in the Rosary Hall after Mass.



**Blossom Ball**  
**OLPH GALA 2020**  
SATURDAY MARCH 7, 2020  
WESTIN BAYSHORE VANCOUVER  
6pm Cocktails & Silent Auction, 7pm Dinner & Live Auction.  
Dancing to follow.  
For all information and donation opportunities,  
please visit [www.olphgala.com](http://www.olphgala.com)  
*Tickets on sale January 24th*

## Stewardship Reflection

*"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." (Matthew 4:22)*

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries, and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

*Stewardship Office, Archdiocese of St. Louis*

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