



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

MASSES & SERVICES

Saturday Anticipated Mass: 5pm
Sunday Masses: 9am, 11am, 5pm

Mon – Wed Masses: 8am
Thurs Mass & OLPH Novena: 8am

Fri, Sat & Holidays: 9am Mass
Fri in July & August: 8am Mass

Reconciliation

By Appointment: Call the Pastor
604-2244344

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

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June 14, 2020

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

This Year's Preparations for our Feast Day

Dear Parishioners,

June has traditionally been our planning month for the feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. This year's celebrations to mark the event will be a little different. Instead of focusing our energies on one big Mass, we will celebrate our feast at all Masses on the weekend of Sunday June 28. In the past we've also had a novena, always starting two Fridays before the feast day. Prayers for this will be available in next Sunday's bulletin which will be out mid-week, offering you the opportunity to start the Novena next Friday.

Another feature in the run-up to our celebrations has always been the retreat, usually by a guest Redemptorist speaker. Since travel arrangements are inconvenient at this time, we will have a mini-retreat over Zoom with Fr Mark Miller, our former Provincial in Toronto. The theme is *Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Shining Light In A Pandemic*. You will receive a link to attend the talk online. For those who find this difficult, we will set up the hall with safe-distanced seating, to accommodate up to about 40 people. More details on this will be available next week.

For now, let's offer prayers to the Lord for good preparations for our feast day. May Our Lady of Perpetual Help keep our families safe and intercede with mercy for all who are ill.



Redemptorist saints St Alphonsus, St Clement Hoffbauer, St Gerard Majella adore the Blessed Sacrament. Illustrated by Br. Max Schmalzl, CSsR

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Babu Mathew, CSsR

SIGN UP FOR MASSES

Sign up for Masses is restricted to 50 OLPH parishioners. A few slots are set aside each week for the pastor and helpers. Please note that if you are not able to get a slot, Masses are available online. The faithful are dispensed from attending Sunday Mass if these options are unavailable to them. Please sign up using the link below to participate at Mass this weekend. (Please control click)

Weekend Mass Signup June 13 & 14:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4BAFAA2DA1FB6-olph4>

Weekday Mass Signup June 15 - 20:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4BAFAA2DA1FB6-olph5>

Please understand that anyone attending Mass does so at their own risk. The following must stay home for the sake of the wider community:

- People with COVID-19 or who live with someone with COVID-19.
- People who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.
- Those who have recently travelled outside of Canada.

Origins of the Feast of Corpus Christi

The Feast of Corpus Christi is celebrated in the Catholic Church on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday or, in some places, it is transferred to the Sunday. The feast was instituted to honour the Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament. There were 2 separate miracles that led to the institution of the feast in the Catholic Church: A Vision to St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon and The Miracle at Bolsena.

Proclamation of the Feast of Corpus Christi

On the 11 August 1264, Pope Urban IV published the Bull "*Transiturus de hoc mundo*", in which, after having extolled the love of Our Saviour as expressed in the Holy Eucharist, he ordered the annual celebration of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, in the universal Church. The bull also granted many indulgences to the faithful for the attendance of Mass on that day. To mark this feast St Thomas Aquinas wrote a very beautiful liturgy often used to celebrate this Solemnity.

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