



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

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604-224-4344


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August 9, 2020

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

On Devotion to Mary and the Holy Saints

Dear Parishioners,

None of us have experienced a summer like this one. The last few months have posed unprecedented challenges for all of us. But as Jesus reminds us in today's Gospel, we must not doubt, we must hold on to our faith, and go where God leads us in all of this.

Next Saturday August 15, we celebrate the feast of the Assumption of Mary, the day that our Blessed Mother was taken up to heaven, body and soul. It's not a holy day of obligation but it certainly is a good day to place our prayers and intercessions before the Lord. The day before this is the feast of St Maximilian Kolbe who had a deep devotion to the Blessed Mother. St Maximilian wrote, "He who belongs to the Immaculate will not perish, but the more that he will be hers, the more he will belong to Jesus..."

Let us turn to the Lord in steadfast faith and implore the aid of our Mother and his holy saints.

Yours in Christ,
Fr Babu Mathew, CSsR

The Need for Beauty In this Pandemic

By Fr. Michael Weibley, O.P.

Seeing something beautiful can change our hearts. The great French philosopher of the twentieth-century, Jacques Maritain, wrote, "The beautiful goes straight to the heart." The perception of something truly beautiful stops us in our tracks and can give us a moment of pause, a moment of rest or wonder – the "aha!" moment of delight, if you will. For a brief time, the heart rests in the beautiful because the beautiful finds a home in the heart.

Nothing could be further from such rest than the current events of our day. The Covid-19 pandemic has disrupted the lives of people across the globe. Many are suffering its negative effects - physically, psychologically and spiritually. Thousands have died across the globe. Covid-19 is ugly. The harsh reality is that just as beauty can arrest the heart so can ugliness. The ugliness of sin, suffering and hatred can distort the capacities of our minds and hearts to perceive and enjoy the beautiful. When the mind and heart are infiltrated by the ugly, the heart cannot rest. The ugliness that suffering and sin usher into the world – without the antidote of God – fetters the heart and locks that ugliness in place.

As a priest, I have often encountered people bound in this way. One strategy I have used to help them is to introduce them to something beautiful. Sometimes it is a simple invitation to view or listen to something beautiful that can begin to make a new pathway. It could be a great piece of music from Bach or Coltrane, or introducing them to the paintings of Michelangelo, Raphael or my favorite, Van Gogh. Maybe it is helping them see something of the quiet calm of a sunset over the ocean or the splendor of sunlight through the tree-line on a hike. Maybe it is even having them take a moment to remember someone who has been a role model or a witness to love in their life. In other words, help them find something beautiful that challenges – or even begins to change – the narrative of ugliness to the place where a little radiance can be found.

The ability to rest in the moment with a little bit of beauty has more power than we usually afford it. It is a helpful remedy to the ugliness we find in our world. Without sacrificing our desire for justice or losing focus of the vigilance we need amidst a pandemic, stopping to recognize that which is beautiful, can change our hearts for the better and offer us a little moment of rest. It is a rest that mirrors what our hearts truly desire: our rest with God.

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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

Aug 8 & 9:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4BAFAA2DA1FB6-olpht1>

Weekday Mass Signup Aug 10 - 15

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4BAFAA2DA1FB6-olpht2>

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.
- The following are encouraged to stay home:
- The sick, including those with even the slightest symptoms of the cold or flu.
 - People who live with someone with upper respiratory or flu-like symptoms.
 - People, especially the elderly, with underlying or compromised health conditions.
 - Family members who live with elderly people or those who are at risk.

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. – Psalm 85