



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

CLERGY & STAFF

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September 6, 2020

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Let Us Make This A Good Year For All

Dear Parishioners,

As families and teachers prepare for the start of the new school year, it is understandable that there would be some anxiety for everyone. The plans for health and safety are well-thought out and thorough. Many things have to be done differently. The cooperation and understanding of all parents too is necessary in these challenging times. With prayer and the help of Our Blessed Mother, let us set aside all fear and anxiety and make this a good year for all. Have a great Labour Day weekend!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Babu Mathew, CSsR

A Student's Prayer for a New School Year

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year. Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me. Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities and challenges at this time. Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends.

Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year! Amen.

September 8: Mary's Nativity - The Coming of Dawn

The oldest surviving documentation of the Church celebrating Mary's birth comes from a hymn dating back to the sixth century. Recognition of, and appreciation for Our Lady's astounding compliance with God's will dates back much farther, though; the Protoevangelium of James, which includes a lengthy nativity account of Mary, has been dated to sometime before 200 AD. From the beginning of the Faith, it seems, followers have taken Christ's words from the Cross to heart and taken His mother as our own.

Though the celebration of one's own birthday wasn't a widespread practice in ancient Jewish cultures, it did exist in others, particularly Egypt. As Christianity spread beyond Israel, new converts expressed their affection for their spiritual mother in creative ways. It's believed that the placement of Our Lady's birthday was a nod to the civil new year as observed in Constantinople — on September 1st. Mary, seen as the astronomical twilight of salvation even before Pope Paul VI, was lovingly assigned a birthday at the dawn of the new year. Later, after the Eastern Church introduced Rome to the custom of celebrating Mary's Nativity, the date of her conception was assigned using the September 8 birthday already in popular use.

Much like songbirds who joyfully announce the coming of dawn, Mary's birth has been seen as a glorious sign of Christ's arrival. St. Andrew of Crete wrote about Our Lady's birth all the way back in the 600s. He declared, "This radiant and manifest coming of God to men needed a joyful prelude to introduce the great gift of salvation to us... Darkness yields before the coming of light."

Excerpt from Cari Donaldson's article published Sept 9, 2019.
www.catholicexchange.com

SIGN UP FOR MASSES

Sign up for Masses is restricted to 50 OLPH parishioners including the pastor and helpers. Please note that if you are not able to reserve a spot, Masses are available online. The faithful are dispensed from attending Sunday Mass if these options are unavailable to them. Despite all precautions being taken, please note that anyone attending Mass does so at their own risk.

Please sign up using the link below to participate at Mass this weekend.

Weekend Mass Signup Sept 5 & 6:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4BAFAA2DA1FB6-olph28>

Weekday Mass Signup Sept 7 – 12:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4BAFAA2DA1FB6-olph29>

PEC ELECTIONS

Due to the global pandemic, the CISVA delayed the annual PEC elections to this Fall.

The PEC Nominating Committee: (Maili Wong/Chair, Kate Nemeth/HR Subcommittee, Jutta Zeisler/CISVA Representative) is calling for nominations for three positions to the Parish Education Committee at OLPH School.

Who can stand for office?

- Practicing Catholic
- Approved by the Pastor
- Must be eligible to vote in the parish
- Must have reached the age of 21
- Excluded are: Teachers and principal of the school and other teachers and principals employed by CISVA, employees of the parish and/or school, past employees whose termination is less than three years ago, relatives of those excluded.

Who can nominate?

- Those that are eligible to stand for office.
- Nominations must be received by the Subcommittee in a sealed envelope submitted to the Parish Office no later than 3pm on September 13th.

Our PEC elections will be held after all Masses on the weekend of September 26/27. Please contact the Parish Office for nomination forms or email pec@olphbc.ca with any questions.

O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts! – Psalm 95