



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 13, 2020

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opportunities for Life Lived on Mission

Dear Parishioners,

For the past few years, the Archdiocese of Vancouver has been holding the One Conference to gather and inspire Catholics all over the mainland with talks and music presentations. Since last year, this has evolved to the Upper Room Conference, part of the Proclaim Movement which aims to equip Catholics on how to live a life of mission in our homes and community. I encourage you to find out more about the Conference and share with us your insights if you do attend. More info available here <https://www.upperroomvancouver.com/> Have a blessed week!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Babu Mathew, CSsR

September 14: Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross originated in the Church in Jerusalem. From the middle of the fourth century it was celebrated on 13 September, the anniversary of the dedication of the basilica erected on Golgotha under Constantine. According to the account written by a fourth-century pilgrim named Egeria, a relic of our Lord's Cross had been found on that date a few years earlier. The "exaltation" or "raising up" of the Cross took place on the second day of the octave of the dedication; on that day, according to a liturgical book of the time, the venerable Cross is solemnly shown to all the Christian people.

In Rome, from the beginning of the sixth century, 3 May was commemorated in the Vatican Basilica as a parallel feast, the Finding of the Holy Cross. In the middle of the seventh century the Vatican Basilica adopted the Jerusalem custom of venerating a fragment of the relic of the Cross (called the *lignum crucis*) on 14 September. Pope Sergius (687-701) transferred the custom to the Lateran Basilica, giving it extra solemnity, such that by the eighth century the feast had spread all over the Christian West.

In the Roman liturgy the preface of the Mass reminds us that since the tree of Paradise was the place of mankind's fall, God has wanted the Cross to be the new tree that would save us. The readings emphasize the lifting up of Christ on the wood of the Cross as an anticipation of his being raised into glory, and as the "magnet" that would draw all creatures: *and I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself*. The Cross is the place of Jesus' triumph, and from it, he wants us to help spread his reign. "Christ our Lord was crucified; from the height of the Cross he redeemed the world, thereby restoring peace between God and men. Jesus reminds all of us, 'And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all things to myself' (Jn 12:32). If you put me at the center of all earthly activities, he is saying, by fulfilling the duty of each moment in what appears important and what appears unimportant, I will draw everything to myself. My kingdom among you will be a reality!"

Saint Josemaria always wore a reliquary round his neck in the form of a cross containing a *lignum crucis*, a fragment of the True Cross. It was a manifestation of his devotion to the Holy Cross in the loving fulfillment of everyday duties. There are hundreds of ways, also small ones, to express this devotion in daily life, such as making the sign of the cross when saying grace before and after meals: "That moment of blessing, however brief, reminds us of our dependence on God for life; it strengthens our feeling of gratitude for the gifts of creation; it acknowledges those who by their labours provide us with these goods; and it reaffirms our solidarity with those in greatest need." www.opusdei.org

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 12 & 13:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4BAFAA2DA1FB6-olph30>

Weekday Mass Signup Sept 14 – 19:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4BAFAA2DA1FB6-olph31>

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.

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The Lord is merciful and gracious; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. – Psalm 103