



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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September 20, 2020

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Keep the Flame of Faith Glowing

Dear Parishioners,

Our students from last year's Grade 2 and Grade 7 classes, as well those in PREP, will finally be able to receive the Sacraments after the disruption of the sacramental calendar due to Covid-19. The younger children preparing for First Holy Communion normally receive this sacrament in May and Grade 7 students are usually Confirmed a few weeks after. The delay, no doubt, will make this event no less special than it always is. If anything, I hope it has given our youth a sense of pent-up anticipation! I hope parents will continue the good work of their former teachers in sacramental preparation as the big day approaches.

A series of 2pm Masses over 8 Sundays starting Sept 27 have been scheduled for this. Even though our students will not have the usual big reception in the school gym after Mass, I encourage families to make this a memorable event for these children at home. These are once-a-lifetime occasions which must be cherished and celebrated so that our youth will keep the flame of faith glowing within. May our Blessed Mother fortify the hearts of all our young people receiving the sacraments these coming weeks.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Babu Mathew, CSsR

Sept 23: Feast of Padre Pio, St Pius of Pietrelcina

Born into a poor Italian farm family, from a young age Francesco Forgione desired to be a friar. When he was sixteen, he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Order, and took the name Brother Pius (Fra Pio). He was ordained to the priesthood in 1910; six years later, joined the convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie in San Giovanni Rotondo. He spent many hours every day hearing Confessions. The height of his apostolic commitment was the celebration of the Holy Mass. He described himself as "a poor brother who prays." "Prayer is the greatest weapon we have," he said. It is "a key to open the heart of God."

In 1948, Padre Pio heard the Confession of a young Polish priest, Father Karol Wojtyła, who thirty years later would ascend the throne of Peter, taking the name John Paul II. It was during John Paul's pontificate that Padre Pio was declared blessed. For Padre Pio, "suffering with Christ" was a gift: "In contemplating the Cross on Jesus' shoulders," he said, "I always feel strengthened and I exult with holy joy... All that Jesus suffered in His Passion, I too have suffered, insofar as it is possible for a human creature."

The life of Padre Pio also shows an intense commitment to alleviate the sufferings of families. In 1956 he inaugurated the "Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza" (the House of Relief from Suffering), a new state of the art hospita. "It is the apple of my eye," the friar said when the hospital opened. "This is the creation that Providence, with your help, has created. Gaze at it in wonder, and with me bless the Lord God. He has placed upon the earth a seed that He will warm with the His rays of love."

Padre Pio died during the night of 23 September 1968, at the age of 81. On 16 June 2002, he was proclaimed a saint by Pope John Paul II. In his homily, the Pope said, "The life and mission of Padre Pio prove that difficulties and sorrows, if accepted out of love, are transformed into a privileged way of holiness, which opens onto the horizons of a greater good, known only to the Lord."

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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 19 & 20:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4BAFAA2DA1FB6-olph32>

Weekday Mass Signup Sept 21 – 27:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4BAFAA2DA1FB6-olph33>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SIGN-UP


Below is the Mass signup link for OLPH School/PREP children receiving First Holy Communion. There are four Sundays available - Sept 27, Oct 4, Oct 11 and Oct 18. Mass is at 2pm. Only families of children receiving First Communion are to sign up for these Masses. Due to the limitations imposed by Covid-19, each family is allowed to have a maximum of 5 people - the child receiving First Communion and up to 4 others. Please include the name of the child receiving First Communion when you sign up.

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

CONFIRMATION MASS SIGN-UP

Below is the Mass signup link for last year's OLPH School Gr 7/PREP youths receiving Confirmation. There are four Sundays available - Oct 25, Nov 1, Nov 8 and Nov 15. Mass is at 2pm. Only families of students receiving Confirmation are to sign up for these Masses. Due to the limitations imposed by Covid-19, each family is only allowed 4 people at this Mass - the youth receiving Confirmation, the sponsor and 2 others. Please include the name of the youth receiving Confirmation when you sign up.

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

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The Lord is near to all who call on him. – Psalm 145