



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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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lessons of inspiration from Assisi

Dear Parishioners,

The spotlight of the Church in recent weeks has been on the holy city of Assisi, home of the beloved St Francis. Pope Francis officially issued his latest encyclical here entitled *Fratelli Tutti*. The document is inspired by the simplicity, love and joy with which St Francis lived his faith. The document encompasses a wide range of social teachings, many of which Pope Francis has touched on over the course of his papacy.

He says: “As I was writing this letter, the Covid-19 pandemic unexpectedly erupted, exposing our false securities. Aside from the different ways that various countries responded to the crisis, their inability to work together became quite evident. For all our hyper-connectivity, we witnessed a fragmentation that made it more difficult to resolve problems that affect us all. Anyone who thinks that the only lesson to be learned was the need to improve what we were already doing, or to refine existing systems and regulations, is denying reality.”

There is a lot to ponder in this document. I would like to start an online encyclical reading club. This would be an excellent document for us to dive into together. You will be hearing more about this in the coming weeks.

Another news item out of Assisi this week was the beatification of Italian tech genius, Carlo Acutis, who died of leukemia at age 15. His life is a tremendous inspiration for what young people can accomplish with their gifts.

Before I sign off, I would like to thank all who supported our Friends of Liguori donation drive. Let us ask our blessed Mother to guide us in the ways of wisdom and kindness always.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Babu Mathew, CSsR

Newly Beatified Tech Whizz Is An Influencer

In early October along the pristine medieval streets of Assisi, a city ubiquitous with references to St. Francis, posters bore the image of a different modern saint in the making: Carlo Acutis, a 15-year-old Italian tech whiz. Before his death from leukemia in 2006, Acutis was an average teen with an above-average knack for computers. He put that knowledge to use by creating an online database of Eucharistic miracles around the world.

For Acutis’ mother, Antonia Salzano, the heartbreak that all parents experience over the loss of a child was mingled with serenity and joy as she prepared to see her son beatified on Oct. 10 at the Basilica of St. Francis. It is unusual for parents to be present at their child’s beatification but Carlo was only 15 when he died and was beatified just 14 years later.

As part of the sainthood process, Acutis’ body was exhumed and transferred for public veneration to the Shrine of the Renunciation at St. Mary Major Church in Assisi. The glass case shows him attired in jeans and a track suit jacket — as seen in so many photos during Carlo’s life.

One of Carlo’s famous quotes cited by Pope Francis in his exhortation was, ‘We are all born original but many die as photocopies.’ His mother said, ‘I think Carlo was a bit of a prophet of his time. He worried about the obsessive reverence for movie and music stars becoming a sort of idolatry. He used to say, “You see queues in front of a football match or an actor or rock singer but you don’t see a queue for the tabernacle where there is the real presence of God, God that lives among us.”’

Carlo created digital content at a time when YouTube and Facebook were still in their infancy. His life’s work is a powerful witness so relevant to our present age of social networking. As someone dedicated to promoting good on the internet, Acutis’ beatification during the coronavirus pandemic, in which many followed the beatification virtually is also significant.

Salzano said, “The internet is a gift but it also has a dark side when misused for pornography, bullying and selling drugs. But Carlo showed the good side of internet. And we know that light of truth is greater than darkness. Carlo is an influencer for God.”

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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.

If you’re unable to attend Mass after signing up, please go back to this link to remove your name so that someone else can take that slot.

Weekend Mass Signup Oct 17 & 18:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4BAFAA2DA1FB6-olph41>

Weekday Mass Signup Oct 19 – 24:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4BAFAA2DA1FB6-olph40>



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Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. – Psalm 96