



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 27, 2020

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reaching Out To Those Affected by the Pandemic

Dear Parishioners,

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this year's Project Advance Appeal is quite different from those of the past. Instead of a letter from the parish, all who donated last year received a letter from Archbishop Michael Miller a few months ago in the first phase of this appeal.

The thrust of the Archbishop's message was the need to raise funds for the newly established Crisis Response Fund set up to reach out to the most vulnerable in our community, as well as support ongoing ministries of evangelization of the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

As always, parishes were given a diocesan target to help with these needs with the understanding that funds raised beyond this amount would be rebated to us. For OLPH Parish, the target was set at \$26,000. To meet our own needs, we set the parish goal at \$60,000. The extra funds will go toward infrastructure development and the needs of those within our own parish community adversely affected by the pandemic.

You will be receiving a pledge form and letter from me in the mail in the coming days in Phase 2 of this appeal. Not only would it be a tremendous support for those affected by the pandemic, it would also enable us to set aside some funds for the growth of our parish.

I am deeply grateful for your past support of Project Advance and extend my heartfelt thanks in anticipation of your response to this year's Appeal. May our Blessed Mother and our Lord Jesus Christ, keep our families safe in these challenging times.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Babu Mathew, CSsR

Doing Little Things with Great Love

The Feast of St Therese of Lisieux is on October 1. For the full article on her life please visit www.littleflower.org/therese

At the age of 14, on Christmas Eve in 1886, Therese had a conversion that transformed her life. From then on, her powerful energy and sensitive spirit were turned toward love, instead of keeping herself happy. At 15, she entered the Carmelite convent in Lisieux to give her whole life to God. She took the religious name Sister Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face. Living a hidden, simple life of prayer, she was gifted with great intimacy with God. Through sickness and dark nights of doubt and fear, she remained faithful to God, rooted in His merciful love. After a long struggle with tuberculosis, she died on September 30, 1897, at the age of 24. Her last words were the story of her life: "My God, I love You!"

The world came to know Therese through her autobiography, "Story of a Soul". She described her life as a "little way of spiritual childhood." She lived each day with an unshakable confidence in God's love. "What matters in life," she wrote, "is not great deeds, but great love." Therese lived and taught a spirituality of attending to everyone and everything well and with love. She believed that just as a child becomes enamored with what is before her, we should also have a childlike focus and totally attentive love. Therese's spirituality is of doing the ordinary, with extraordinary love.

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 26 & 27:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4BAFAA2DA1FB6-olph35>

Weekday Mass Signup Sept 28 – Oct 3:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4BAFAA2DA1FB6-olph34>

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>

Lord be mindful of your mercy. – Psalm 25