



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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January 17, 2021

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time is Anything But Ordinary

Dear Parishioners,

Fr Joseph and I wish to thank all of you for your gifts and good wishes over the Christmas season. If you sense some heaviness of heart about packing away the lights and decorations, know that you are not alone. The season of Christmas is over and the Church now moves into Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. It is called Ordinary because it is the season between the big feasts of Easter and Christmas, and the seasons leading up to them, respectively Lent and Advent.

Even so, some of you may have decided to leave the lights on a little longer to extend some Christmas cheer into what's been a grim year-end. As Christians, we know however that our hope and joy is in the Lord. It is to move about his people - teaching, healing, giving and self-sacrificing - that Jesus came to earth. These are the lessons of the Scripture readings in Ordinary Time. It is a reminder that the presence of God among his people is anything but ordinary.

As we make our way through Ordinary Time towards the next liturgical season of Lent in mid-February, let us keep the Christmas glow in our hearts and remember that each one of us can be a shining light of the presence of Christ to others. Let us ask our Blessed Mother for her intercession for steadfastness of faith through the trials and triumphs of each day... ordinary or extraordinary.

With you in Christ,
Fr. Babu Mathew, CSsR

Archdiocesan Updates

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from January 18 to 25. The 2021 theme – Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit (John 15:5-9) – calls us to pray and to work for reconciliation and unity in the church, with our human family, and with all of creation. Drawing on the Gospel image of vine and branches, it invites us to nourish unity with God and with one another through contemplative silence, prayer, and common action. Grafted into Christ the vine as many diverse branches, may we bear rich fruit and create new ways of living, with respect for and communion with all of creation. Sign-up for daily prayers at rcav.org/unity

Online Safety for Children Webinar

If you have children or students in Gr 6-12 join us on Tuesday, Jan 26 at 7:00 pm to find out how you can keep them safe while they're online. Studies show that the more children are online, the more likely they are to become victims of cyberbullying and sexual offending. This webinar is organized by CoSA (Circle of Support and Accountability), a not-for-profit organization supporting the prevention of sexual crimes. Register online for free at beholdvancouver.org/events

Into the Deep: Reading *Fratelli Tutti*: Pope Francis' Vision of Fraternity and Friendship

Pope Francis' latest encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* diagnoses the shortcomings of society that have been laid bare by the COVID-19 pandemic. Inspired by the Gospel and the example of St. Francis of Assisi, Francis invites all to embrace fraternity and social friendship in order to build a more just world. Fr. Nick Meisl and Nick Olkovich will introduce and contextualize the encyclical, highlight important themes and invite participants to reflect on its implications for their Christian living. Join us for this free event on Friday, Jan. 29 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm on Zoom. Register now at www.beholdvancouver.org/events

NEWS & NOTICES

OLPH LIVESTREAMING LINK

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUWUJl97tg3ZUFgrYrXXFUQ/live>

LINK FOR SUNDAY OFFERING

<https://olphchurch.ca/online-giving/>

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Please attend a livestreamed Mass at home. The following ways to receive Communion will remain for as long as restrictions to in-person gatherings at Mass are in effect. Please attend a livestreamed Mass before you receive Communion.

WALK-THROUGH

COMMUNION: **Monday -**

Friday: 8:30am - 9am

Receive Communion at the tabernacle in the church on weekdays.

DRIVE-THROUGH COMMUNION:

Saturday: 6pm -

6:30pm & Sunday: 10am -

10:30am / 12pm - 12:30pm

Drive up or walk to the Communion station on Crown Street at the front of the Church to receive the Eucharist after attending a live-streamed Mass at home. Stay in your car, roll down your window and extend your arm to receive Communion then move on. To keep traffic moving, please avoid making a left turn onto West 10th Ave.

SUNDAY OFFERING BOXES

Sunday Offering donation envelopes are available for pick-up at the Parish Office before and after these dates during office hours Mon – Fri 9am - 4pm.

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Here I am Lord, I come to do your will. – Psalm 40