

MASSES & SERVICES

May 2, 2021

5th Sunday of Easter

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

Pastor

Fr. Babu Mathew, CSsR

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Fr. Joseph Horo, CSsR

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By the Grace of God, We Made It Through 2020

Dear Parishioners,

This week I will let our Parish Finance Chair give you the main message with the 2020 Parish financial statement. By the grace of God, we were able to get through a very difficult year. I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your very encouraging support through prayers and your financial contributions. Some painful sacrifices had to be made but they were in the best interests of the parish in the medium and long term.

Your support is still very much needed as we continue to face uncertainties in the current conditions. I trust you will continue to respond with kindness and generosity. Please keep in your prayers those who are suffering from Covid and Covid-related hardships. Let us ask our Blessed Mother for her intercession to help us all get through these days.

– Fr Babu Mathew, CSsR

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish 2020 Annual Financial Report

The year 2020 was a challenging time for many due to the effects of COVID-19. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish is fortunate to have navigated its finances through this difficult environment with minimal impact. This was accomplished with the help of the parish staff, who were quick to adapt, along with the strong support of parishioners. Despite a decline in collections, parish operations ended 2020 with a surplus. The strength in our financials is detailed below and in the reports following.

Regular collections in 2020 were down about 10% and supplemental income from after school programs and facility rentals were discontinued once COVID restrictions were implemented. This was offset almost completely by funds from the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy that the Archdiocese of Vancouver helped parishes apply for. In addition, this allowed the parish to retain some of its staff.

As soon as restrictions were in place the parish took action quickly in 2020 by reducing staff hours and cutting expenses. Actions taken helped reduce expenses by almost 18% relative to 2019. Included in this was a decline in property tax expense from about \$40k per year to only \$6k per year beginning in 2020. This was the result of an ongoing appeal for a tax exemption on the rectory land that was finally resolved at a much needed time.

The parish staff also did an amazing job transitioning activities online. Council meetings were conducted via Zoom and live office hours were kept to a minimum. A stronger web presence for the parish community was built which included an online giving portal and a digital bulletin. The parish worked hard to provide mass through the web and also did the best it could to create a safe environment for live masses when permitted to do so.

In these difficult times the parish used its reserve funds to assist where it could. \$53k of the bursary and scholarship fund was disbursed to aid families in our parish while \$25k of the needy fund was used to support Catholic communities across Canada. Outreach efforts like these are now coordinated by Friends of Liguori which is a committee that became active in 2020 to assist the parish in assessing the needs in our community and beyond.

There have been some setbacks in longer term projects. The residential building project on the rectory land is moving slower than anticipated due to the disruptions in 2020. The infrastructure reserve fund which is financed through direct donations and the Project Advance rebate ended 2020 with close to \$225k.

The amazing support of our parishioners allowed OLPH Parish to weather this challenging environment relatively unscathed. The parish is very fortunate to be in a healthy financial position and what it has learned through this crisis has made it even stronger. However, the needs of our community remain great as government support winds down and COVID concerns are extended. Now more than ever we need the continued support of the parish community.

For the full financial statement summary, please click here.

Kevin Chan

OLPH Finance Council Chair

NEWS & NOTICES

WEEKDAY MASS ZOOM LINK

Monday – Friday 8am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88681050215?pwd=ODN6NUgwUFRsYmptV3lGOEpaclpLdz09>
Meeting ID: 886 8105 0215 |
Passcode: 966564

SUNDAY MASS

LIVESTREAMING LINK

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLWUJ197tg3ZUFgrYrXXFUQ/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.

WALK-THROUGH

COMMUNION

Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 9am

Receive Communion at the tabernacle in the church on weekdays.

DRIVE-THROUGH

COMMUNION


Saturday & Sunday: 6pm - 6:30pm

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. To keep traffic moving, please avoid making a left turn onto West 10th.

SUNDAY ENVELOPES

PICK-UP

Sunday Offering envelopes are available for pick-up at the Parish Office during office hours Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 4pm

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Lord, from you comes my praise in the great congregation. – Psalm 22