



MASSSES & 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

Sat 4pm – 4:45pm
Or by Appointment:
Call 604-224-4344

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

CLERGY & STAFF

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The Ascension of Our Lord

Our Way Forward In This Pandemic

Dear Parishioners,

"Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." This was Jesus' simple and direct instruction to his disciples before he ascended to the Father. As Catholics, this is our mission - a message we are to share with family, friends and all who touch our lives. An easy task? Not at all, especially in the secular culture we live in. As with all big tasks though, we can start small and use the tools we have to accomplish the larger objective. These tools are the gifts and graces each of us is uniquely blessed with. We can confidently say that with love as the driving force, Jesus has equipped us with what it takes to help us move forward.

This year's Project Advance appeal also proposes "Our Way Forward," a theme Archbishop Miller has chosen to continue the work begun in last year's appeal. There isn't a single person who has not been affected by the pandemic. We only need to look at the news to see the on-going suffering. In our own community, the amount of education support we had to offer last year to struggling families is an indication of how things have been. The numbers below show the amount the parish awarded in bursaries to students in Catholic and public schools last year compared to previous years 2017 - \$13,155 | 2018 - \$16,455 | 2019 - \$10,613 | 2020 - \$37,936

For 2017 - 2019, the average amount was \$13,407. This amount tripled last year to almost \$38,000 due to lost work opportunities and health-related issues among families. That's why I would like to use our Project Advance appeal this year to raise at least \$34,500 for this outreach.

We still need to continue to grow our infrastructure development fund, something we have been doing for the past two years. My hope is that we may raise \$30,000 for this. Of course, we can only raise these amounts for the parish after we have met the Archdiocesan portion of the appeal set by the Project Advance Office this year at \$41,500. Our total parish goal for this year would thus be \$106,000.

The story of suffering and hardship for so many is also one of hope and resilience. I see this so often in our own parish and the generous responses to many of our appeals. This is also echoed in the uplifting message from Archbishop Miller in this year's Project Advance message. Please take two minutes to [watch the video](#).

I understand that for some of you, this year like the last, may pose some financial challenges. Prayer can help us discern the best plan for this support. A scaled-down giving plan over a few months is one way to make contributions more manageable.

Those who contributed to Project Advance in the last two years would have received Archbishop Miller's Appeal letter in the mail already. In my message to you, I am reaching out to the entire parish community in the hope of a generous response by all. [The link for donations is here](#) on projectadvance.ca. You will be asked to indicate which parish your donation is for. I appreciate your giving this matter your prayerful consideration.

**Yours in Christ,
Fr Babu Mathew, CSsR**

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/UCLWUJl97tg3ZUFgrYrXXFUQ/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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God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. – Psalm 47