

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 Sat 4pm – 4:45pm Or by Appointment: Call 604-2244344

OFFICE HOURS Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

CLERGY & STAFF Pastor Fr. Babu Mathew, CSsR Associate Pastor Fr. Joseph Horo, CSsR

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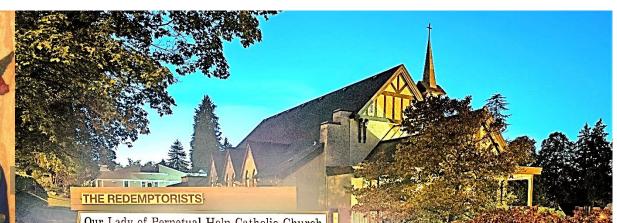
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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church

July 11, 2021

Sealed with the Mark of the Holy Spirit

Dear Parishioners,

Our final batch of Grade 7 graduates from OLPH and PREP students will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday with our celebrant, Archbishop Miller. It is indeed an auspicious way to close this year's series of Confirmations. Since the restrictions on numbers have been lifted, I invite friends, family and other parishioners to attend this Mass at 2pm so that we will have a full church and lively celebration with these students. Despite all the challenges of Covid this past school year, our students have made it on to the next phase of their lives. As they move on to their respective high schools, I am counting on parents to keep these young people connected to the Faith.

The need to lead by example is so important. In Sunday's second reading, St Paul reminds us that we have heard the truth, have come to believe and are marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit. This is how we are anointed in Confirmation. We have been marked with a sign which cannot be erased. Beginning with Baptism, then the Eucharist and Confirmation, each step is a movement towards a deeper experience of holiness and love of God. In the secular society we live in, we know these beliefs will be constantly tested. By keeping ourselves and our children rooted in Christ through the Eucharist every Sunday, we will be strengthening ourselves and our young people as they mature into upright Christians.

Congratulations to all who have been Confirmed! I urge our parishioners to pray for these young people. Blessings for a safe and happy summer!

Yours in Christ, Fr Babu Mathew, CSsR

Blessed Gennaro Sarnelli, Close Friend and Contemporary of St. Alphonsus

The Redemptorist family joyfully celebrated the feast of the Blessed Gennaro Maria Sarnelli on 30th of June recalling the great contribution done in the areas of the "apostolate of pen" for catechesis. Gennaro Sarnelli along with St. Alphonsus gave up the promising legal careers to dedicate themselves as priests to the poor and the most abandoned.

Fr. Gennaro was a spiritual master and well-known writer who spent himself entirely to bring the Gospel to the abandoned and the poor of the slums around Naples. He especially sought out the women, young boys and young girls who were the victims of human trafficking and exploited as prostitutes, as laborers, and in criminal activity.

"By means of his extensive writings in the areas of spirituality, spiritual direction and social and political practice, he acted as a moral conscience to hundreds of thousands of his contemporaries," notes J. Robert Fenili, CSsR, editor of Sarnelli's life and letters. <u>Read the full article on CSsR News</u>

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

NEWS & NOTICES

SUNDAY ENVELOPES PICK-UP

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

MINISTRY SIGN-UP

How can you serve the parish when we gather in person? Below is the list of parish ministries where help is needed. Altar Guild | Altar Servers | Ministry of the Word | Eucharistic Ministry | Music Ministry | Youth Ministry

Sign up for one of the abovelisted listed ministries.

Please indicate which ministry you would like to join. This sign-up info will be forwarded to our Ministry Coordinators.

PREP REGISTRATION & TEACHING VOLUNTEERS

PREP is for children who go to public school and would like to receive Catholic instruction. This is especially important for those preparing for First Communion which is usually received in Gr 2 and Confirmation in Gr. 7. Classes start on September 28, 2021. Vancouver College students can also register for the sacraments in this program. Parents who would like to register their children or who would like more information, please contact Eydie: prep.olph@gmail.com If you would like to help with teaching Catechism to our young ones or have helped in the past and would like to do so again, please contact Eydie at the above email as well.