

THE REDEMPTORISTS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church

## 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

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#### Office Manager

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July 25, 2021

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Celebrate the Gift of Grandparents and the Elderly

### Dear Parishioners,

The first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly was instituted by Pope Francis early this year. It is scheduled for the fourth Sunday of every July, close to the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus. This celebration honouring grandparents and the elderly falls this Sunday, July 25. Our parish will celebrate it with special blessings at all Masses and a barbeque after the 11am Mass on the front lawn of the Rectory.

To mark this event, Pope Francis said he hopes grandchildren will visit their grandparents, perhaps even share with them a [copy of his letter](#), something I highly recommend because it is profound and heartwarming. He has also asked parish families to celebrate this day in a spirit of prayer and thanksgiving to God for the gift of grandparents, entrusting especially those who have died during the pandemic to our heavenly Father.

To grandparents, the Pope said, "Your prayer is a very precious resource - a deep breath that the Church and the world urgently need (cf. *Evangeliu Gaudium*, 262). Especially in these difficult times for our human family as we continue to sail in the same boat across the stormy sea of the pandemic, your intercession for the world and for the Church has great value. It inspires in everyone the serene trust that we will soon come to shore."

Pope Francis also emphasized the importance of grandparents and grandchildren getting to know one another.

"The prophet Joel once promised, 'Your old men shall dream *dreams*, and your young men will have visions' (3:1). The future of the world depends on this covenant between young and old. Who, if not the young, can take the dreams of the elderly and make them come true? Yet for this to happen, it is necessary that we continue to dream." Our dreams of justice, peace and solidarity make it possible for young people to have new visions to help us build the future.

"You need to show that it is possible to emerge renewed from an experience of hardship. I am sure that you have had more than one such experience. In your life you have faced any number of troubles and yet were able to pull through. Use those experiences to learn how to pull through now."

Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence, with the usual conditions to all who participate in liturgical celebrations to observe this day, as well as those who unite themselves spiritually to these celebrations if they are unable to leave their homes. This spiritual benefit also extends to those who visit, in person or virtually, their grandparents or elderly brothers and sisters in need.

Dear friends, I encourage you to bring your grandparents to this Mass if they are well enough to do so. The barbeque is open to all after the 11am Mass. I encourage children to bring short messages which they can share with all when we gather outside.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr Babu Mathew, CSsR

## 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. **Sunday Morning Coffee | Ushers | Altar Guild | Altar Servers | Ministry of the Word | Eucharistic Ministry | Music Ministry | Youth Ministry**

[Sign up for one of the above-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](mailto:prep.olph@gmail.com) If you would like to help with teaching Catechism, please contact Eydie at the above email as well.

*You open your hand to feed us, Lord; you satisfy all our needs. – Psalm 145*