

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

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hearts With A Desire To Draw Close To God

Dear Parishioners,

This Friday we celebrate the Feast of St Monica and following that we celebrate the feast of her son, the great St. Augustine. Those who attend daily Mass generally develop a familiarity with the lives of the saints as their feast days come up on the liturgical calendar. For others, I mention the saints' feasts here in the hope that you may be inspired by their lives of virtue and prayer usually following tremendous struggles.

As a priest and pastor, I am constantly approached by parents worried about their children not following in their footsteps of the Faith especially in matters such as baptizing the grandchildren, attending Sunday Mass or praying as a family. These experiences may bring some sadness to family life. Just remember, we should never give up hope. The life of St Monica is a prime example and witness of persistence in prayer. The bio of her life says she prayed 17 years for her son to turn away from a sinful life. Not only did he convert, both he and she became well-known and well-loved saints. It is for these reasons that St Monica is the patron saint of conversions, wives, mothers, alcoholics and abuse victims. St Augustine is the patron saint of theologians, printers and brewers...the last being a testament to his hedonistic lifestyle before his conversion.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that we are to honour Him with our hearts and not just our lips. If we fill our hearts with a true desire to grow closer to him, like St Monica and later St Augustine, we will most certainly create the right conditions for this to happen. Let us ask for the assistance of our Mother of Perpetual Help for her help in our prayers to accomplish this.

Yours in Christ,
Fr Babu Mathew, CSsR

SUNDAY 9AM COFFEE VOLUNTEERS

Serving coffee after Mass is a wonderful way to develop a greater sense of community. Two volunteers are needed each Sunday to pick up pre-ordered coffee from Starbucks, W 16 & MacDonald at 8:45am and put out snacks provided by the parish. You'll be able to attend the 9am Mass. Just step out a few minutes before the final blessing to be ready for parishioners as they leave the church. If you have questions, please contact Lara at olphchurchvolunteers@gmail.com. Or you can [simply sign up to help](#).

Archdiocesan Events

The Origin and Spirituality of the Jesus Prayer

"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Do you want to know the origin and spirituality of the Jesus Prayer and start practicing it? Participate in a prayer meeting organized by the Padre Pio Prayer Group and let Fr. Gabriel de Chadarevian, OP joyfully share this "prayer of the heart" with you. Saturday, September 4 at 7:00 p.m. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

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. [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.

PROJECT ADVANCE

Our parish goal for Project Advance this year is \$106,000 which will go toward education bursaries for families affected by the pandemic as well as infrastructure development. To make your donation, find out about the Archdiocesan appeal and watch the video message of Archbishop Miller, please use this link. You will be asked to click on the name of your parish for your donation.