

MASSES & SERVICES

September 19, 2021

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Anticipated Mass: 5pm
Sunday Masses: 9am, 11am, 5pm

Mon – Fri Masses: 8am
Thurs OLPH Novena: Following 8am Mass
Sat & Holidays: 9am Mass

Reconciliation
Sat 4pm – 4:45pm
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Friday 9am – 2:45pm

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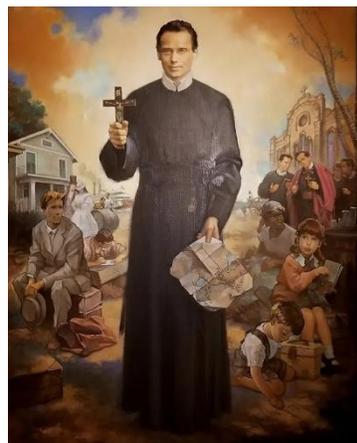
Sharing Our Faith in Novel and Creative Ways

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, we will host the Commissioning of OLPH School staff at the 11am Mass. This is an appropriate time for us to also welcome the new teachers at the school. Like so many aspects of our lives affected by Covid, teaching too has been presented with so many challenges in the past year. Our staff however have proven to be very resilient and resourceful in the face of these challenges, Despite the uncertainties that lie ahead, I am confident your dedication and faithful witness will bring about the successful outcomes we want for all our students this coming year.

A Redemptorist priest who was known for his skill and ability to touch the hearts and minds of young people was Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos. His image is on one of the stained glass windows of our church. Father Seelos had a knack for explaining the faith in simple terms to his listeners. His style was engaging and often quite entertaining. His homilies could be one-man shows where the characters from the Gospel quipped back and forth before he summarized the lessons of the day's Gospel. I trust our teachers will also use novel and creative ways to catechize our students so that the values of our Faith become easy and natural aspects of their everyday lives.

Also included in the Commissioning this Sunday will be members of the Parish Education Committee. The only three nominees in this year's PEC election are returning members who will thus take office by acclamation. Thank you to all the members of the PEC for your diligent service in the past. I am sure you will continue your good work in the year going forward.



The Commissioning Mass will be followed by a barbecue in the school courtyard. All those at this Mass are welcome to attend. Safety measures will be in place at all times.

Let us keep in prayer the health and safety of all our staff and students through this academic year.

Yours in Christ,
Fr Babu Mathew, CSsR

NEWS & NOTICES



Develop a Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows

When we invoke the Blessed Mother under specific titles, she bestows on us particular graces related to that title. As Our Lady of Sorrows, she reveals what is hidden in our hearts (based on Simeon's prophecy — “so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed” from Luke 2: 35).

Why is that important? If we want to grow in holiness and deepen our interior journey, we will long to understand our primary defects that have caused us to sin in various ways.

Meditate on each mystery by imagining how Our Lady dealt with each situation, then ask her for a portion of her heart and participation of her grace.

As I turned to Our Lady of Sorrows during Lent one year, I thought of what particular grace pertained to each mystery of the Seven Sorrows of Mary. Here are my reflections on each, to guide you in your own burgeoning devotion to her under this title....

Full article: www.catholicexchange.com

NEWS & NOTICES

JIM CAMERON MEMORIAL MASS

A "Celebration of Life" Memorial Mass for Jim Cameron who passed away on April 3 last year will be held on Friday, September 24, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at OLPH Church. All are welcome.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR MEAL PREP PROGRAM

OLPH's Friends of Liguori Meal Prep Program needs volunteers to help prepare frozen meals for Inner Hope Ministries one Saturday morning each month. We need 12 leaders who will be trained to do this with other volunteers. Inner Hope's mission is to walk alongside youth and families in East Vancouver, nurturing hope, belonging, and transformation. This would be a great way for us to reach out to communities in need. If you think you can help, [please sign up](#). You will be contacted when more information is available.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

RCIA or the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a journey of growth in the knowledge and love of God through the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. Gathering sessions at OLPH Parish are on Sundays 9am-10:30am. Registration to cover the cost of books and materials is \$50. You can make your payment here. Please [fill out this form](#) and email it to bwatanabe@rcav.org. Start date: Sunday Sept 26.

FRIDAY MORNING MASS

The Friday morning Mass will remain at 8am through the school year so that regular weekday Mass attendees may be able to celebrate it without having to join the school children at 9am.

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.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES PICK-UP

Sunday Offering envelopes are available for pick-up at the Parish Office during office hours Monday - Thursday, 9:30am - 4pm and on Fridays till 2:45pm.

ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

The Letters of St. Paul: A Four-Part Series with Fr. Nick Meisl In this introductory session, we will explore the remarkable life and mission of St. Paul. Join us as we investigate the fascinating biography of Paul and the tumultuous world in which he lived. Paul is an inspiring example for us in our own journey of discipleship. Saturday, October 2 at 7:00 p.m. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events

Pro-Life Mass and Prayer Vigil: A Monthly Mass and vigil to pray for respect for all human life from its beginning to its natural end. Please join your voice with ours as we pray on the first Saturday of each month at a different parish for a new culture of life. Saturday, October 2 at 9:30 a.m. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Archbishop's Dinner: To mark the 5th anniversary of *Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love)*, Pope Francis has dedicated 2021 as a special Year of the Family. In the spirit of *The Joy of Love*, this year's Archbishop's Dinner will raise funds for fresh, practical and Christ-centered tools to better serve engaged and married couples as well as families through the Marriage and Family Office. Event: 6pm November 10 at Hyatt Regency. Tickets are \$175 (estimated tax receipt of \$90.) Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Making Sense of Anxiety in Children and Youth: A Dr. Gordon Neufeld video course with discussion facilitated by Kevin Bredeman, M.A. The escalating level of anxiety in our children begs for an explanation as well as a solution. Dr. Neufeld sheds light on this age-old problem, paving the way for natural interventions that can actually get to the root causes as opposed to just managing symptoms. Although the focus is on children, this enlightening material will benefit anyone suffering from anxiety. Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. beginning September 22. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (Mark 9:35)

Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us don't like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

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