

THE REDEMPTORISTS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church

MASSES & SERVICES

October 3, 2021

27th 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

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An Awe-Inspiring Commitment to Service

Dear Parishioners,

If you are receiving this message midweek via email or on the parish website, I'd like to call your attention to a host of beautiful feast days leading up to Sunday. On Wednesday Sept 29, we celebrate the feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. Thursday is the feast of St Jerome, Biblical scholar and Doctor of the Church. Friday is the feast of the Little Flower, St Therese of Lisieux, and Saturday is the feast of Holy Guardian Angels. Early next week, Monday October 4, we have the feast of St Francis of Assisi on the calendar and on Tuesday, the feast of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos. The work and example of these holy beings make for very inspiring reading for the whole family. It would be worth your while to look them up.

A few weeks ago, we talked briefly about Redemptorist Blessed Francis Seelos in connection with the start of the school year and his dedication as a teacher to his seminarians and other young ones. What we didn't talk about was just how whole-hearted he was in his attitude to serving the sick and the poor in New Orleans when he was sent to America for mission work. It was a time of frequent yellow fever epidemics in those areas. He eventually contracted yellow fever while ministering to the sick. He was so well-liked by then that the newspapers would give regular reports on the status of his health. When he eventually succumbed, huge crowds gathered to mourn the loss of this beloved man.

Bearing in mind the limitations of the pandemic, we can still do a lot to develop an awe-inspiring commitment to service. We currently have sign-ups for the Meal Prep Program for Inner Hope Ministries. There will be other opportunities within and beyond our parish to participate. I encourage older teens and parents to look out for these and consider sharing your time and talents in this way.

Please note, this weekend is Safe Haven Sunday. The Archdiocese of Vancouver has dedicated these days to promoting the need to protect our children from the ill-effects of pornography. For resources, please go to family.rcav.org/safehaven

Yours in Christ,
Fr Babu Mathew, CSsR



**Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
Feast Day: October 5**

Zeal as a preacher and a confessor led Father Seelos to works of compassion as well. Born in southern Bavaria, he studied philosophy and theology in Munich. On hearing about the work of the Redemptorists among German-speaking Catholics in the United States, he came to this country in 1843.

Ordained at the end of 1844, he was assigned for six years to St. Philomena's Parish in Pittsburgh as an assistant to Saint John Neumann. The next three years Father Seelos was superior in the same community, and began his service as novice master. Several years in parish ministry in Maryland followed, along with responsibility for training Redemptorist students. During the Civil War Fr. Seelos went to Washington, D.C., and appealed to President Lincoln that those students not be drafted for military service, although eventually some were.

For several years, he preached in English and in German throughout the Midwest and in the Mid-Atlantic states. Assigned to St. Mary of the Assumption Church community in New Orleans, Fr. Seelos served his Redemptorist confreres and parishioners with great zeal. In 1867, he died of yellow fever, having contracted that disease while visiting the sick. He was beatified in 2000.

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives. – Psalm 128

NEWS & NOTICES

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 look up our bulletin on www.olphchurch.ca. 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. Start date: Sunday Sept 26.

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.

ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

Life Issues: Indigenous Perspective

The deVeber Institute presents "Life Issues: The Indigenous Perspective," a lecture honouring Indigenous midwifery and end-of-life practices. Presentations by Ellen Blais and Katsi Cook from the Association of Ontario Midwives and from Dr. Carrie Bourassa, the Scientific Director of the Canadian Institute of Health Research - Institute of Indigenous Peoples' Health. The presentations will focus on traditional midwifery practices and the importance of bring birth home, followed by end-of-life traditions and the need to decolonize healthcare. Tuesday, October 5 at 5:00 p.m. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events

Catholic Faith in Plain English

Learn about the rich teachings and practices of our Catholic Faith from Father Vincent Hawkswell and Maureen Creelman in their course "The Catholic Faith in Plain English". This free, 36 week-long course will once again be offered online this year. This course is suitable for all adult learners including Catholics and non-Catholics. No pre-registration required. Begins Sunday, September 19 at 9:00 a.m. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Estate and Memorial Planning Webinar

This free presentation provides general information for preparing or updating your will and learning about the beauty of the funeral rite, and formulating pre-need arrangements. You'll be pointed to complementary guides, tools and practical resources. The event is sponsored and presented by the Gardens of Gethsemani cemetery, a ministry of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Thursday, October 7 at 11 a.m. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/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

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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name." (Genesis 2:19)

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

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