

## MASSES & SERVICES

October 24, 2021

30<sup>th</sup> 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  
Or by Appointment:  
Call 604-224-4344


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Friday 9:30am – 2:45pm

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## Our Mission: Reach Out And Widen The Circle

### Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday. In Pope Francis' message for this day, he urges us all to develop a strong sense of mission despite the challenges of the pandemic. The theme, "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20), is a call to each of us to "own" and share with others the Gospel message we carry in our hearts.

The pope said, "The first Christians began the life of faith amid hostility and hardship. Experiences of marginalization and imprisonment combined with internal and external struggles seemed to contradict and even negate what they had seen and heard. Yet rather than a difficulty or an obstacle leading them to step back or close in on themselves, these experiences impelled them to turn problems, conflicts and difficulties into opportunities for mission. Limitations and obstacles became a privileged occasion for anointing everything and everyone with the Spirit of the Lord."

He said this holds true even today. The pandemic has put a spotlight on pain, solitude, poverty and injustices experienced by so many. It has unmasked our false sense of security and amplified and polarized us on many issues. Instead of using the pandemic to distance ourselves from the difficulties of others, we should use it as an opportunity to care about those in need.

For those who may not be aware, the Redemptorists are a missionary congregation. We exist to share the mission of Christ's message of love and care for all and especially to the poor and marginalized. That's why providing outreach opportunities for the parish is a very important part of what we do. These opportunities are organized in ways which enable busy families to work in teams without it being an onerous commitment for particular individuals. Please note, we still need a few leaders and assistants for the Meal Prep Program. The sign-up is in the News and Notices section.

I will conclude with these words from Pope Francis for World Mission Sunday, "Always, but especially in these times of pandemic, it is important to grow in our daily ability to widen our circle, to reach out to others who, though physically close to us, are not immediately part of our circle of interests."

May the Lord's compassionate love touch our hearts and make us all true missionary disciples.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Babu Mathew, CSsR

## PROJECT ADVANCE END OF SEPTEMBER UPDATE

We are making steady progress in our goal for Project Advance this year. The good news is we have surpassed the diocesan goal of \$41,500! This means that all donations received now will be rebated to the parish.

As at end of September, we have raised \$55,175. Thank you to all those who have contributed thus far to bring us to this level.

We still have some way to go to reach our parish goal. This goal is \$106,000 which will go toward education bursaries for families affected by the pandemic as well as infrastructure development. Your participation is very important for our community and would be much appreciated by all.

To make your donation, find out about the Archdiocesan appeal, and watch the video message of Archbishop Miller, please go to <https://support.rcav.org/pa2021/>

You will be asked to click on the name of your parish for your donation. Thank you for kind support of Project Advance.

**PROJECT ADVANCE** Our Way Forward  
2021

*The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy. – Psalm 126*

## NEWS & NOTICES

### 2021 SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES PICK-UP

It is important to use the envelopes of the correct year when you make your Sunday offerings because envelope numbers can change and be reassigned to different parishioners. If you don't use envelopes from the current year, your donation may be credited to a different person. The last of the 2021 Sunday Offering envelopes are still available for pick-up at the Parish Office. Envelopes for 2022 will be issued in mid-December and are not to be used till the start of the new year. Office hours for 2021 envelope pick-up: Monday - Thursday, 9:30am - 4pm and on Fridays till 2:45pm.

### 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 some helpers. 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](http://www.olphchurch.ca). You will be contacted when more information is available.

### SUNDAY 9AM COFFEE VOLUNTEERS NOV/DEC

Two volunteers are needed each week - one to pick up Starbucks coffee, W 16th & MacDonald, the other to begin preparation of light refreshments in the hall before Mass. Volunteers will have to step out just before the final blessing to get ready to serve. If you think you can help please look up our bulletin on [www.olphchurch.ca](http://www.olphchurch.ca). Thank you!

### ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

#### Into the Deep: A Reflection on *Amoris Laetitia*

During the Year of the Family, join Archbishop J. Michael Miller as he explores the key ideas in Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, and reflects on the sacredness of the family in God's decisive plan for the future of the world and that of the Church. Archbishop Miller will speak on how the joyful and sacrificial love of marriage and family reflects the depth of God's love for his people and plays a vital role in the Church's evangelizing mission of sharing the Gospel to the world. Friday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m. Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

#### Monthly Pro-Life Mass and Prayer Vigil

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 weekend of each month at a different parish for a new culture of life. Sunday, November 6 at 9:00 a.m. Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

#### Go to Joseph - Looking to St. Joseph in Life and in Death

We don't know much about the last hours of St. Joseph from Scripture, but tradition and early-century sacred art portray him as dying peacefully in the arms of Jesus and Mary. This is why St. Joseph is known as the patron of a grace-filled and happy death. Join us for a webinar with Fr. Pio Vottola, O.Praem, Sr. Catherine Mary Clarke, FSE, and Michele Smillie who will share stories and answer questions about what it means to have a grace-filled passing, how having the end in mind can help us embrace life more fully, and how we can conquer our own fears of dying through the example and intercession of St. Joseph. Friday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

#### St. Monica's Mission Holy Hour

Many parents are grieving the loss of their adult child's faith in the Catholic Church. This Year of the Family is an ideal time of grace for parents to pray, fast, and sacrifice for their adult children's conversion. Through St. Monica's Mission, A Prayerful Journey of Perseverance and Hope, parents are invited to join our monthly Holy Hours on the Third Friday of the month at various parishes across the Archdiocese. Friday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m. Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way." (Mark 10:52)*

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. This is hard but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God's active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop an attitude of gratitude.

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