

THE REDEMPTRISTS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church

**MASSES & SERVICES**

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

Mon – Fri Masses: 8am  
Thurs OLPH Novena: Following 8am Mass  
Sat & Holidays: 9am Mass  
Sat Adoration: 9:30am – 10am

**Reconciliation**

Sat 4pm – 4:45pm  
Or by Appointment:  
Call 604-224-4344

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Thursday 9:30am-4pm  
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The Ascension of the Lord

## The Lord Ascends So That the Spirit May Descend

Dear Parishioners,

The Ascension of Our Lord reminds us that our lives are brimming with promise and expectation. It is a reminder desperately needed when our spirits are troubled by news of war and the loss of innocent lives. In the days leading up to his departure, Jesus was keenly aware of the anxiety of his disciples. But he reassures them, "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth."

This expectation is echoed in St Paul's letter to the Ephesians. He prays that we may all receive the spirit of wisdom and revelation so that "with your eyes enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints; and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe." It is this gift of the Holy Spirit that gives us hope, courage and strength.

Mary, by her example, is also a wonderful source of courage and hope for us. That's why the celebration of her feast day is so important to us. In preparation for this starting next week, Fr Alfredo will be doing a 4-week study on Thursday mornings after Mass on the theme of Mary. I encourage anyone who can make it to come and be part of it. Coffee will be served.

The actual feast of Our Mother of Perpetual Help falls on Monday June 27. We will celebrate it on Sunday, June 26 with a special Mass with Archbishop Michael Miller at 5pm. This will be followed by a buffet dinner in the school gym. Young people from the parish will also put on a concert about the Icon of Love. Please save the date for our feast day celebrations.

Let us remember in prayer the children, families and school staff devastated by events in Uvalde, Texas.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Babu Mathew, CSsR



The Ascension by Peregrino.

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. – Psalm 47

## NEWS & NOTICES

### OLPH Feast Day Volunteers for Sunday June 26

To mark our annual feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, we will have a special Mass with Archbishop Michael Miller on Sun June 26 at 5pm, followed by dinner and concert by our youth in the school gym. Volunteers are needed to help make this event a success. Your participation and commitment to one of the most important parish events of the year would be very much appreciated. Please [use this link to sign up](#). Thank you!

### Children's Mass Sign-Up

The next children's mass is on June 5th at 9am. Please note that this will be the last children's mass before the summer break. Please [sign up here](#) if you would like your child to participate. The sign-up will close on Monday, May 30th at 6pm. We hope you will join us as we celebrate the last children-led mass of this school year. If you have any questions, please e-mail Melissa at [olphchildrensmass@gmail.com](mailto:olphchildrensmass@gmail.com). Thank you!

### Marian Study: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joys ... and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. Mary will become a part of your daily life, and in your daily life, you will become more like Christ.

Join Fr Alfredo at 9am - 10am on Thursdays June 2, 9, 16 & 23, Madonna Room. No charge for attendance.

### Meal Prep Leaders Needed for Summer

We urgently need more leaders for the Inner Hope Society Meal Prep program for the summer months. Please use this [link to sign up](#).

### 2022 Donation Envelopes for Pick-up

Donation envelopes for 2022 are available for pick-up at the parish office from Mon- Thurs 9:30am - 4:00pm.

## ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

### National Rosary for the Family

Families from across Canada are invited to a live and virtual "Rosary for the Family". The CCCB Standing Committee for Family and Life is hosting this national event in preparation for the 10th World Meeting of Families that will take place in Rome and in dioceses across the world June 22 - 26. The live Zoom event, "Rosary for the Family", takes place Father's Day, Sunday, June 19 at 12 p.m. PST (3 p.m. EDT). Featuring different families and voices from across the country, it is an opportunity to gather in prayer with other faith-filled families. Everyone is welcome! Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

### Into the Deep: Truth and Reconciliation

In this presentation, James Borkowski, Archbishop's Delegate for Operations, will share about the history of residential schools, the Church's response, and ways for Catholics to participate in reconciliation with Indigenous people. Friday, May 27 at 7:00 p.m. Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

### The Martyrdom & Miracles in Our Faith: Ukraine under Russian Invasion with Fr. Richard Soo

Fr. Richard Soo, SJ, will speak on the Catholic Church in Ukraine during this tragic time of war against Russia's military forces. He will be discussing the cross, the crisis, the crossroads, the martyrdoms and miracles that we experience as a Church during bleak periods in our time. Saturday, May 28 at 10 a.m. Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

**"... They worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy." (Luke 24:52)**

*It is gratitude for all that Jesus has done for us which fills our lives with confidence and joy even in times of trouble and sorrow. This joy drives us onward with hope and courage always. It is a joy which permeates our every action. This is what moves us to be good stewards of God's kingdom.*



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