



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 Friday 9:30am – 1:30pm

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The Most Holy Trinity

Friends of Liguori: Reaching Out to the Wider Community

Dear Parishioners,

On this feast of the Holy Trinity, I would like to talk about community. As you know we have several ministries and committees working in our parish to serve the community in a variety of ways. I would like to highlight the work of one of these groups whose work has been critical in reaching out to those in need especially in the past year.

Mission: The Friends of Liguori was established in our parish for the proper management and prudent use of funds from Second Collection Offerings for the Needy, as well as financial gifts received from individual donors. Their stated mission is to respond to the spiritual, emotional and material needs of the community with the overarching vision of leading people to encounter God through the poor, as well as introducing the poor to the God of Love. It has 6 members who are tasked with the selection of programs which meet these goals.

While the past two years have posed many challenges, we saw an outpouring of generosity within our parish community when it came to reaching out to those in need. People gave through our online portal, the offertory basket or simply dropped their donations through the mail slot in the parish office. This enabled us to sustain our help to those most in need.

In 2021, we collectively donated \$33,733. Most of the programs we chose to support were geared towards counselling and life coaching for mental wellness, as well as youth and family outreach in the downtown eastside. Here are some highlights of the organizations we assisted.

Inner Hope Youth Ministries: Inner Hope was created to be a place of belonging, a place of guidance and a place of transformation for youth and families in East Vancouver. It is built on mutually transforming long-term relationships with adult role models, treating those being served with dignity and respect, valuing their cultural heritage and generally promoting activities which engender stability.

Around 90% of its community members are First Nations or Métis. Being able to provide tasty, nutritious meals on their premises was one of their greatest areas of need. To support this, last September we mobilized groups of volunteers to set up monthly meal prep teams. From October and every month thereafter, we have had nearly 60 parishioners involved in purchasing ingredients, prepping, cooking and delivering these packaged meals which were then frozen, ready for their use any time. This program is on-going and volunteers are needed constantly to keep it going. Please look for the online sign-up in the weekly bulletin so that you can contribute one Saturday morning every now and then toward this effort.

Sancta Maria House & Lookout Housing: Sancta Maria House is a residential Catholic healing/recovery home for women with substance abuse problems in Vancouver. The funds we gave them support women undergoing the 12-step recovery program. Lookout Housing and Health Society is an organization that provides meals, shelter beds, transitional housing, crisis counselling, and referrals to appropriate agencies for the most vulnerable men and women in our community. During the pandemic, Lookout identified its greatest needs were donations of food, funding to purchase food, and personal protective equipment (PPE) which we supported through a financial donation.

Looking Forward: Friends of Liguori has served as a conduit between the parish and the needy in the wider community. Our hope is to get more parishioners directly involved in the Church's mission of charity and works of mercy. Your ideas for outreach and suggestions for charitable organizations would be appreciated as we expand our reach. Our goal is to increase parishioner participation and involvement by providing opportunities for more charitable works. Our monthly Meal Prep for Inner Hope Youth Ministries is one of the programs aimed at doing this.

Regardless of how you contribute, God loves a cheerful giver. We hope that by connecting you to those in need we can share with others the joy of being a giving community. Please contact us if you wish to share your ideas for charitable giving and works of mercy at <u>friendsofliguori.olph@gmail.com</u>.

Yours in Christ, Fr Babu Mathew & The Friends of Liguori

NEWS & NOTICES

OLPH Feast Day Dinner Attendance

To get an idea of how many people will be attending our Feast Day Dinner on Sunday June 26, please use this <u>sign-up link</u>. RSVP by Sunday June 19. Please sign up early as seating capacity is limited. Thank you.

A Note of Appreciation

A big thank you to all those who helped me celebrate my sixty years as a Sister of Charity. So many people were responsible for the reception and so many of you greeted me in person, gave me cards and made last Sunday a day of rejoicing. -- Sister Roberta Mullin

OLPH Feast Day Volunteers for Sunday June 26

We are still in need of volunteers for our Feast Day Dinner especially with dinner service between 4:45pm – 7:15pm. 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. Please <u>use this link to sign up</u>. Thank you!

Volunteers Wanted For Special Needs Food Prep

If you can help with preparing a simple dinner (one meat and vegetable) once a week for a parishioner on a gluten-free, no dairy, no nuts or seeds, no seafood diet, please sign-up here or contact Bertilla at the parish office Mon - Thurs 9:30am - 4pm. Meals must be delivered to the home of the parishioner close to OLPH Church.

Marian Study: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

Learn how Mary 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.

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

Into the Deep: The Power of Images in Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Come with us "into the deep" and learn how devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus owes its power and popularity to images. That devotion derives from the experiences of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, to whom the Lord revealed his Sacred Heart in a series of mystical apparitions. As a nun in the Visitation Order (founded by St. Francis de Sales and St. Jane de Chantal), she knew the central role that the imagination plays in Salesian spirituality. In this webinar, we'll take a little tour through the evolution of that iconography to see how this spiritual tradition and these sacred images engender ideas, express meaning, excite passions, and invite reflections on the graces given to us in the Heart of Jesus. Online on Friday, June 24 at 7 p.m. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth..." John 16:13

It has been said that the best gift we can give someone is to teach them how to pray. If you don't talk and more importantly, listen, to God every day, how else will you know what He is calling you to do? Just as you talk to family and friends every day, get in the habit of talking with God every day. Develop a daily prayer routine. Keep your prayers simple and sincere. This is best done in silence, when you can hear His response.



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PRAYER

Glory be to the Father and

to the Son and to the

Holy Spirit. As it was in the

beginning, is now, and ever

shall be, world without end,

Amen.

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