

MASSSES & 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

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Friday 9:30am – 1:30pm

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August 14, 2022

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Redemptorist ‘Apostle of Radio Aparecida’ Declared Venerable

By Fr. Antonio Marrazzo

Pope Francis authorised the promulgation of the decree on the heroic virtues of the servant of God Fr. Vítor Coelho de Almeida (1899-1987), professed priest of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, declaring him Venerable.

Fr. Vítor Coelho de Almeida was born on 22nd September 1899 in Sacramento (MG), to Leao and Maria Sebastiana. At the age of twelve, he entered the Redemptorist seminary in Aparecida. In 1918, he made his religious profession in Perdoes and on 5 August 1924, he was ordained a priest in Gars Am Inn, Germany, where he had moved in 1918 to study philosophy and theology.

Back in Brazil, he dedicated himself to the popular missions, living first in Aparecida (SP) and from 1925 to 1929 in Araraquara (SP). After being in Campinas-Goiânia (GO), he lived in Araraquara and São Paulo from 1933 to 1940. His generous availability, permeated by his simple style and straightforward language, made him popular in the states of São Paulo, Paraná and Minas Gerais. His intense and clarifying proclamation of the Word of God produced fruits of conversion among the simple and abandoned people. It also stimulated many young people to consider the call to the priesthood and religious life.

Suffering from tuberculosis, in 1941 he was interned in the ‘Divina Providência’ sanatorium in Campos do Jordao (SP). After seven years of painful treatment, endured with evangelical patience, unable to resume his previous apostolic activity due to his compromised health, he returned to Aparecida to work in the Sanctuary.

Thoroughly convinced, as a Redemptorist, of the apostolic choice in favour of the most destitute of human and spiritual help, for 36 years, he did missionary work through Radio Aparecida, founded with his contribution in 1951 and of which he was director from 1965 to 1970.

His radio broadcasts and some of his programs still remain memorable among the people. Fr. Vítor saw in the technical medium the possibility of making the Word of God reach even those who live in the most remote and abandoned regions of Brazil.

The clear sign that the seed of the Word had fallen into fertile soil could be seen daily. Pilgrims, when they had arrived at the Shrine, and after participating in the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist, would ask to meet him to express their anxieties.



On 21 July 1987, following a pulmonary embolism, he died in Guaratinguetá (SP), in the ‘Frei Galvao’ hospital, at the age of 87 years. The news of his death caused a crowd of about twenty thousand people to gather for the funeral, celebrated the following day in the Aparecida Basilica.

The reputation for holiness that Fr Vítor Coelho de Almeida already possessed during his lifetime continued to spread after his death among those who remember and invoke him as “The Apostle of Radio Aparecida”. Numerous graces considered extraordinary are attributed to his intercession.

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Lord, make haste to help me! – Psalm 40

NEWS & NOTICES

Registering to Become Catholic

If you would like to become Catholic, wish to find out more about the Catholic faith or if you've missed out on the preparation for Eucharist and Confirmation, please join us for RCIA starting late September. The group will gather on Sundays from 9am -10:30am. [Click here to sign-up and download the registration form.](#) More information will be available soon.

Meal Prep Program Volunteer Opportunity

Love cooking? Love helping those in need? Get a bit of both in our monthly Meal Prep program for Inner Hope Society. Meal Prep teams get together on the 2nd Saturday of each month to prepare a variety of mouth-watering dishes. You can sign up as often as you would like for whichever date(s) suit your schedule. [Please use this link to sign up.](#)

Coffee Signup For August

We have more spots available for anyone who wishes to help with coffee in the next few weeks. Please [sign up here](#) if you are available to help.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Join Fr Babu in an 18-day Holy Land pilgrimage covering Egypt, Israel and Jordan. Highlights are 3N Cairo, 2N Taba, 3N Bethlehem, 2N Nazareth, 2N Amman with Petra Tour. Price includes international flights, all meals, (breakfast, lunch and dinner) sightseeing and PCR tests + taxes. Dates: 11 - 29 October 2022. Price: CA\$4300/Dubai add-on for \$1400. This tour covers your PCR / Rapid Antigen test to return to Canada or the USA. Contact Brian Andrade 778-999-4599 or Deon Almeida 778-866-8118 of Royale Orchid Tours. Or email royaleorchidtours@gmail.com

2022 Donation Envelopes for Pick-up

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

ARCHDIOCESAN & OTHER EVENTS

Living From My Best Self as a Single Mom

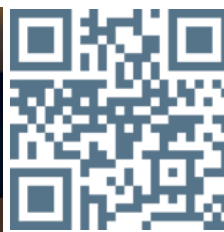
From this day module, led by Leah Bittante, PRH Educator, you will have the opportunity to: take stock of how you see yourself as a single mother; and name and claim some qualities, strengths and motivations of your best self which can help you to live your daily life as mom with more confidence and strength. Saturday, Aug. 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Vancouver. Registration coming soon. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events

St. Mary's Padre Pio Prayer Group Catechesis Meeting

The monthly prayer group meeting resumes on Saturday, Sept. 3 at St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver. Come and join us to learn the spirituality of St. Padre Pio with guidance and catechism directly from San Giovanni Rotondo, and led by Fr. David Bellusci, OP. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Retrouvaille Weekend

Need Marriage Help? - Retrouvaille, pronounced "retroo-vye," means "rediscovery." It is a marriage program that has helped hundreds of BC couples recover from all kinds of marriage trouble, from simple discontent to serious crisis. Why live in misery? Repair and rekindle your relationship! The program consists of one weekend and six weekly follow-up sessions, which can be attended remotely. For confidential information or to register for the Fall program commencing the weekend of Oct. 14 - 16, call Retrouvaille Vancouver at 604-530-6710 or visit www.helpmy marriage.ca.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"They lowered Jeremiah by ropes into the cistern. It had no water in it, only mud, and Jeremiah sank down into the mud." -- Jeremiah 38:6

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us division is often the unintentional fruit of a missionary disciple. It is especially difficult when the division occurs close to home in our own families. And like Jeremiah, we want to cry out, "Lord, come to my aid!" Only God could have heard Jeremiah's supplication. We must remember God will answer our prayers, maybe immediately, maybe later or maybe in a way we did not expect.

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