

THE REDEMPTORISTS

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

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September 25, 2022

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Be Part of Our Lady’s Centennial Project

### Dear Parishioners,

On a blizzard-blinded day in February 1923, Redemptorist Fr. John F Coghlan arrived by trans-Canada rail to begin his new assignment out West. His task: lay the groundwork for a new parish for the Redemptorist expansion in these parts. With Archbishop Timothy Casey’s blessing, Fr Coghlan set about looking for a temporary place of worship. He rented a store-front space on West Broadway which was once a butcher’s shop, set up kitchen chairs to seat 85 and brought in 2 portable oil stoves for heating. In this humble setting, the first OLPH Parish Sunday Mass was celebrated on July 29 that year.

Next year we will celebrate this milestone - 100 years of the Redemptorists in Vancouver. 100 years of prayer and Eucharistic celebrations in this Catholic community. 100 years of dedication to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

### The Centennial Project

To mark the significance of this event, we have looked at how we can serve our congregation better. In 1926, Fr Coghlan built a new church which was later enlarged. Some improvements must now be made. Here is a summary:

#### Entrance

- An elevator to facilitate the use of washrooms and the Parish Hall for the elderly and wheelchair users

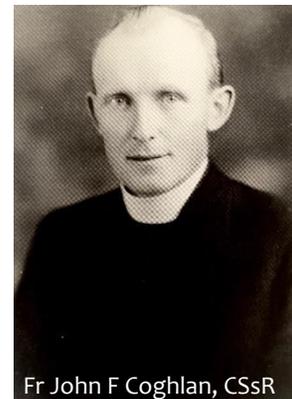
#### Sanctuary

- The placement of the tabernacle behind the altar as mandated by the Archdiocese of Vancouver
- Updated alcoves for the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St Alphonsus
- Updated furnishings in the sanctuary
- Improved lighting in the side aisles and better overall sound system
- Organized seating for the choir area
- A new Redemptorist stained glass window to mark the Centennial

The primary objectives of these changes are greater accessibility for all and fuller participation in the Eucharist. An elevator, something we have discussed for years, would make the church more accessible for Mass, prayer visits, study programs and hospitality for the elderly and wheelchair users. The lack of easy access to the washrooms keeps some people away from Church and prevents them from joining in parish activities.

On the main level, the proper designation of the tabernacle was a high-priority recommendation made by Archbishop Miller in his 2019 Pastoral Visit to OLPH Parish. We knew this would require significant redesigning of the sanctuary. Brighter lights and better sound will also ensure a fuller participation in the Mass for all. The estimated cost of this undertaking is \$220,000.

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Fr John F Coghlan, CSSR

### 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*As for you, man of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.*

1 Tim. 6:11-12

## About Project Advance

I would like to be able to raise the funds for our Centennial Project through Project Advance, over this year and the next. Many of you would have received a Project Advance letter in the mail about the Fall Phase of this Appeal.

The diocesan goal set by the Archdiocese of Vancouver for our parish is \$49,800. As you know, funds raised beyond this amount are rebated to the parish. This overflow is what we are counting on to get our Centennial Project completed successfully.

The generosity of our regular Project Advance has brought our donation total so far to \$36,385. My hope is to raise \$140,000 this year and \$180,000 next year. We are still some ways off our target for this year, however, I am confident we can make rapid strides if more parishioners appreciate the importance of our Centennial Project and make a contribution.

One way to make donations more manageable is to use pre-authorized giving via credit or direct debit. This way, payments begun now can easily continue through to next year. Your 2022 Project Advance tax receipt will reflect payments made till end of December this year. Payments from January till December 2023 will go into next year's tax receipt.

Another suggestion to help us reach our goal is to give weekly through the Project Advance link in the parish newsletter. If you're not on the weekly email list yet, please email Bertilla Watanabe, Pastoral Coordinator at [bwatanabe@rcav.org](mailto:bwatanabe@rcav.org).

Our Centennial Project is a very important milestone for this parish. Your gift will be remembered and appreciated every time someone comes to our parish to pray, celebrate Mass and join in the Eucharist. That is indeed something to celebrate!

Yours in Christ,  
Fr Babu Mathew, CSsR



## NEWS & NOTICES

### New Parishioner Welcome

If you registered at OLPH Parish in 2020, 2021 or this year, we would love to meet you! A Welcome Luncheon is being organized after the 11am Mass on Sunday October 2, 2022 in the Parish Hall. It would be great if you could join us. Please [click here to let us know](#) you are attending. RSVP by Monday 26 Sept 2022!

### New Parishioner Welcome Volunteer Opportunity

If you would like to help welcome new parishioners in this Parish Luncheon, [please sign up here](#). Help is needed on Sunday October 2 from 10am – 1:30pm in the parish hall.

### Are You Thinking Of Becoming 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 (the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) starting late September. The group will gather on Sundays from 9am -10:30am from Sept 18. [Click here to sign-up and download the registration form](#).

### Meal Prep Program Leaders and Helpers Needed

Join our team of Meal Prep volunteers who get together on the 2nd Saturday of each month to prepare a variety of mouth-watering dishes for the youth of Inner Hope Society. We are especially in need of leaders at this time. Spots are available for the September sign-up. You can sign up as often as you would like for whichever date(s) suit your schedule. [Please use this link to sign up](#).

## OLPH School Harvest Fair Is Back

This fun fundraiser is back at OLPH School! Passports for games and rides will be on sale after all Masses this weekend. Price: \$15 for one | \$25 for two | \$12.50 for any additional | \$20 each on the day of the fair.

## ARCHDIOCESAN & OTHER EVENTS

### The Eleventh Annual Archbishop's Dinner

The Archbishop's Dinner has become a way for the faithful of the Archdiocese of Vancouver to gather and to hear updates from our Archbishop on the activities of the past year and where we are headed in the coming year. We are excited to host the Eleventh Annual Archbishop's Dinner on Oct. 26 at the Hyatt Regency, Vancouver. Reception at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. This year's Archbishop's Dinner will fund Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Learn more and register at [rcav.org/dinner2022](http://rcav.org/dinner2022).

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