



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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:30am-4pm
Friday 9:30am – 1:30pm

CLERGY & STAFF

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December 18, 2022

4th Sunday of Advent

Looking Forward to Christmas and the Centennial

Dear Parishioners,

On Monday, you will be receiving a general email from the Parish Office about pre-authorized giving. If you're not already on this Parish Offering Plan, please give some serious thought to making your Sunday Offerings this way. Parishes everywhere are moving towards donations without envelopes. The OLPH Parish Offering Plan is a simple, convenient and secure way to give your Sunday Offering. It would eliminate the huge wastage of envelopes ordered each year, some of which are not picked up or never used. If everyone is on the Parish Offering Plan, we only need to order envelopes for school families who want the parish tuition rate.

As Christmas is just around the corner, groups within our parish have helped to keep us in step with our spiritual preparations. The Redemptorist Associates offered an hour of Reflections on the Crib on Saturday morning. It was a beautiful meditative experience about the coming of Jesus with writings from St Alphonsus, inspiring music, as well as a tactile experience of baby Jesus in the Crib which they held in their hands and passed around. The reflections were followed by the Penitential Service.

Even as things get ready for Christmas, a ton of behind-the-scenes planning is also going on for our Centennial launch on Saturday January 14. Fr Charles Duval, Provincial Superior of the Redemptorists of the Province of Canada will be here for the Saturday 5pm Mass and dinner. There will be good food, excellent music, a film about OLPH and an opportunity to meet some really nice people - your fellow parishioners!

Tickets are available at \$20 for an individual, \$30 for a couple (from one family) and \$40 for a family. If a grandparent is joining you, they can buy an individual ticket and if two grandparents are coming, they should get the couple's tickets. Please use this [Event Brite link to book your tickets](#) early.

Let us keep in prayer, those who have had to face challenging situations this year.

Yours in Christ,
Fr Babu Mathew, CSsR

Project Advance 2022: The deadline for donations to the Parish Office for Project Advance is 11am Friday 30 December 2022. Thank you!



OLPH RELIQUARY

A new reliquary has been blessed and installed in the ambry. It contains the relics of several saints. A relic is a piece of the body of a saint, an item owned or used by the saint, or an object touched to the tomb of a saint. The veneration of relics has long been a tradition of the church. It is believed that the power of the saint when accompanied by prayerful intercessions can bring about healing and other miracles. The relics of the saints in the reliquary are listed below.

Top Row:

Bl. Peter Donders 1809 - 1887

Born in Tilburg, Holland. Worked as a Redemptorist with lepers in Dutch colonized Java and Surinam. Feast: January 14

St. Peter Canisius 1521 – 1597

A Jesuit author, popular preacher, gifted educator and insightful church diplomat. Feast: December 21

St. John Neumann 1811-1860

Born in Czech Republic. Joined the Redemptorists in 1842. Patron of sick children and immigrants. Feast: January 5

St. Maria Goretti 1890 – 1902

Born in Corinaldo, Italy. A child and virgin, martyred at age 12. Patron saint of girls, chastity, rape victims, purity and forgiveness. Feast: July 6

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May the Lord come in; he is king of glory. – Psalm 24

NEWS & NOTICES

OLPH Centennial Celebration: Inaugural Mass and Dinner

Our Centennial Inaugural Mass and Dinner is on Saturday January 14. Fr Charles Duval, Provincial Superior of the Redemptorists of Canada will be here for the Saturday evening Mass and dinner. It will be an evening of good food, excellent music, great company and a film about OLPH! Tickets are available at \$20 for an individual, \$30 for a couple (from one family) and \$40 for a family. If a grandparent is joining you, they can buy an individual ticket and if two grandparents are coming they should get the couple's ticket. Please use this [Event Brite Link to book your tickets early!](#)

Parish Donations: The deadline for donations to the OLPH Parish for 2022 is noon on Friday 30 December. The parish office will be closed after that. Thank you!

Christmas Week Parish Office Hours:

The Parish office is closed Christmas week from Mon Dec 26 and opens again on Jan 3. You may slip 2022 donations through the mail slot before noon Fri Dec 30. Project Advance deadline: 11am, Friday Dec 30.

Sock Sunday Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Socks and Jacket Drive for the Archdiocese Men's Shelter. It was a great success and will help keep many people a little warmer over Christmas at the shelter.

Sunday Coffee

If you can help with coffee after the 9am Mass from January to March 2023 [please use this link to sign-up](#)

ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

Pier Giorgio Frassati - What does "holiness" look like?

Join us as we examine the life of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, reflecting on the question, What does "holiness" look like? Led by Fr. David Bellusci, OP. Hosted every second Monday until June 2023 at St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Make an Insta Video and Win a 3-Day Stay in Birch Bay, Plus Go-Kart Passes

Are you ready to share your faith and inspire others? You can do that on OLPH Parish's new Instagram page with your cool videos! The prize for the winning video is a free 3-day stay at the Redemptorist cottage in beautiful Birch Bay, WA and Go Kart passes for the whole family! The theme of the video is **OLPH - My Spiritual Home**. It should be a family project no longer than 2 mins in length. Send a link of your video to olphcentennial@gmail.com by Monday Jan 30. (Image credit: Gonewiththewynns.com)



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE



CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Friday Dec 16 – Sat Dec 24
Prayed at all Masses

ADVENT REFLECTIONS ON THE CRIB

10am – 11am Saturday Dec 17
Presented by Redemptorist Associates of OLPH Parish

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

11am – Noon Saturday Dec 17
Weekly Confessions:
Saturday 4pm-4:45pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Saturday Dec 24
4pm Children's Mass
7pm Mass
9:30pm Caroling / 10pm Late Mass
Sunday Dec 25
9am Mass, 11am Mass
5pm Mass

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Saturday Dec 31
5pm Anticipated Mass
Sunday January 1
9am Mass, 11am, 5pm

Relics In Middle Row:

St Alphonsus Liguori 1696 - 1787
Founder of the Redemptorists, a moral theologian, prolific author of spirituality and dogmatic theology. Patron of the theologians and vocations. Feast: August 1

St Mariam Theresia 1876 - 1926

Born in Kerala, India. Founder of the Congregation of the Holy Family, an order dedicated to prayer, strict penance, helping the sick and poor. Feast: June 8

St Gerard Majella 1726- 1755

Joined the Redemptorists in 1749 at age 23 and was a professed lay brother. Patron saint of expectant mothers. Also sought for children, motherhood and good confessions. Feast: October 16

Relics in Bottom Row:

St Angela Merici 1474 – 1540

Founder of the Ursulines, a teaching order of women. Patron of the sick, disabled and those who grieve the loss of parents. Feast: January 27

St John Vianney 1786 - 1859

Born in Dardilly, France. He spent many hours in priestly and pastoral work, listening to confessions and educating the faithful. Patron of parish priests. Feast: August 4

St Anne 55BC – 12AD

St Anne, mother of Mary. She conceived Mary at an advanced age hence she is hailed the patron of women in labour. The relics of St Anne were brought to St Anne de Beaupré in 1670 by Bishop Francois de Laval. St Anne is the principal patron of the province of Quebec. Feast: July 26

St Clement Hofbauer 1751 - 1820

Clement Mary Hofbauer joined the Redemptorist congregation in 1784. He founded the first house of the Redemptorists in Warsaw, Poland followed by others in Germany, Switzerland and Romania. He made significant contributions to the church in Vienna through his gifts of spiritual direction, preaching and confession and works of charity. Feast: March 15