

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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January 15, 2023

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Centennial Inauguration: Let Your Delights Be Found In God

Dear Parishioners,

With gratitude and thanksgiving to all the Redemptorists who came before us, as well as all parishioners past and present, blessed to be part of this community, praise be to God, as we begin our Centennial celebrations this weekend.

The inspired words of St Alphonsus, founder of the Redemptorists, is central to this celebration. In the Book of Proverbs 8.31 it is written, “My delights are to be with the children of men.” Alphonsus’ humble response speaks for us all: “Since His delights are to be with you, let yours be found in Him.”

St Alphonsus writes, “When you desire His love, without waiting for you to approach Him, He will anticipate your desire and will make Himself present to you, bringing all those graces and remedies you need. He is only waiting for you to speak, to show you that He is near and is ready to listen to you and to console you.”

This is Alphonsus message for us: Live every moment of our lives whether at work, study or play in loving companionship with the heavenly Father. Our hearts are a paradise for God. A place which reflects the beauty and awesome wonder of the Creator.

With this assurance of God’s loving presence, we celebrate the Centennial of the Redemptorists’ arrival in Vancouver under the patronage of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. It has been the mission of the Redemptorists to make our Blessed Mother known to all. Our task as a parish is to continue to collaborate in this work, as we journey together in love and holiness as a happy, close-knit parish community.

To this end, starting next Sunday, I will be hosting Sunday dinner for three families every week at the rectory. It is an opportunity for you to get to know other members of our community, preferably people you’ve never met! [You can use this link to sign up.](#) There will be other occasions for us to gather, some faith-driven, some sports related and some community-building endeavours. Details will be available in the coming weeks. It is my hope and prayer that this Centennial celebration will build on the solid foundation laid by our predecessors and blossom into a deeper faith which will delight God and Our Blessed Mother through our prayers and good works.

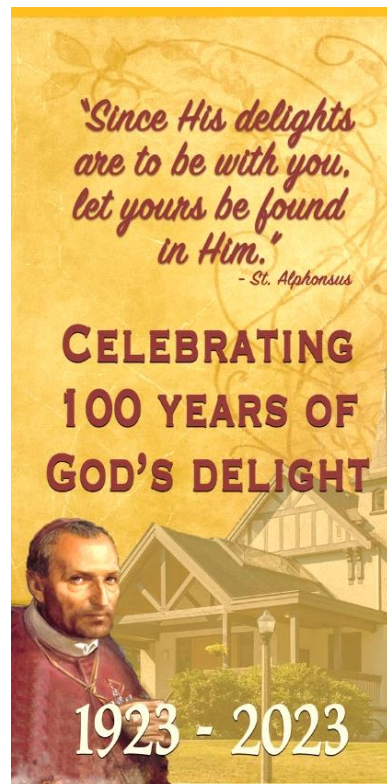
Yours in Christ,
Fr Babu Mathew, CSsR

CENTENNIAL PRAYER

O Heavenly Father, You gave us your only son, Jesus Christ, to redeem us.
You guided the Redemptorists to Vancouver to gather us as a community of believers within the loving embrace of Our Mother of Perpetual Help.
We thank you Lord for the gift of our Lady who always listens, prays for us and watches over us.
As we celebrate one hundred years of faith-filled devotion and worship,
we ask you to open our hearts that we may receive the many blessings
You delight in showering upon us. Amen.

Written by: OLPH School, Class of 2023

Here I am Lord, I come to do your will. – Psalm 40



NEWS & NOTICES

Dinner With the Redemptorists

During the Centennial celebrations, Fr Babu and Fr Alfredo will be hosting dinner every Sunday from Jan 22 for three families. It's a great opportunity to get to know our priests and fellow parishioners better! [Use this link to sign up](#) and indicate what you would like to bring.

2023 Envelopes For Pick-Up

Your 2023 envelopes are ready to be picked up. They are in the church foyer on weekends (except this Saturday) and will be available at the parish office during the week. Although envelopes are still available to those who wish to use them, please consider signing up for the Parish Offering Plan to make your Sunday Offerings automatic via debit or credit. Thank you.

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

Working Towards Freedom- An Anti-Human Trafficking Webinar

This FREE one-hour webinar will introduce you to the study guide and how it may be used in various settings. The event hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver is designed for clergy, religious, parish staff and volunteers, educators, members of the Catholic Women's League or Knights of Columbus, and anyone who wishes to learn more about human trafficking. This event will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Lunar New Year Mass with Archbishop Miller

Join this Lunar New Year's Eucharistic celebration with Archbishop Miller on Jan. 22, 2023 at Our Lady of Fatima parish in Coquitlam, at 3:00 p.m. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

*CPC Lecture: "Who has Authority in the Catholic Church?"

Join this public lecture at Catholic Pacific College at Trinity Western University. Archbishop J. Michael Miller will be speaking on this most important question of authority in the context of the Catholic Church. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Memorial Masses at Gardens of Gethsemani

Join one of the two memorial Masses offered on the last Sunday of each month in 2023 for those buried at Gardens of Gethsemani and St. Peter's Catholic cemeteries. Mass times are 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the Evangelist Chapel on site. 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)



Stewardship Reflection

"After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." John 1:30

Stewardship is a tag team endeavor. It takes the right person with the right gifts at the right time. John the Baptist knew it was time to tag out. Even Pope Emeritus Benedict felt called to step aside. Is there a role in your life where God is calling you to tag out? "Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will!"

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