

THE REDEMPTORISTS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church

MASSES & SERVICES

January 22, 2023

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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A Jubilant Start to Our Centennial Celebrations

Dear Parishioners,

Gratitude, excitement and jubilation. These were the collective sentiments shared at Our Lady's Centennial Inaugural Mass and dinner last Saturday. Visiting from Toronto was Fr Charles Duval, Provincial Superior of the Redemptorists of Canada, the main celebrant of the evening, with Fr Alfredo and I concelebrating. Due to pandemic restrictions, Fr Charles, unable to visit us in the past two years, was thrilled to be back on such an auspicious occasion.

To begin, the commentator invited select parishioners to process to the altar with three symbols of special significance to the parish. The first item was the earliest Baptismal register of our parish. Next, the oldest register of First Communions, Confirmations and Funerals. This was followed by a relic of St Alphonsus Liguori, founder of the Redemptorists. The registers are the cherished records of the sacramental life of our parish, sustained over 100 years and extending spiritually through eternity. The relic of St Alphonsus was a tangible presence of our founder, a lawyer, scholar, priest, bishop and saint who preached the message of love, mercy and plentiful redemption through his own tireless efforts as well as those of the Redemptorist Order of priests and brothers.

Fr Charles, in his homily, remarked on the trials and tribulations of the founding pastor, Fr John F Coghlan, and the support of good parishioners which has brought us where we are today. He reminded us no history is without blemishes. In the spirit of love, forgiveness and thanksgiving, these too are offered up to God as we continue to build a strong faith community.

For the first time since the arrival of the icon of Our Lady, our liturgical celebrations included the unveiling of a new icon for the church. The icon of St Alphonsus was created by iconographer, Steve Knight, who was present at the Mass. Later at the reception, Steve shared with us some helpful ideas on how best to pray with an icon. Many thanks to the Evanchuk family for crafting the beautiful frame for the icon. Mike Evanchuk had to beat cross-border traffic from Seattle on Saturday morning to take care of the finishing touches.

After Communion, Fr Charles did the honours of blessing and anointing the icon. The icon will be installed in the church when renovations in the sanctuary are complete. After the blessing, the Congregation prayed the Centennial prayer written by this year's Grade 7 students. This was followed by our catchy Centennial song composed by Adam Handford, with lyrics by yours truly.

After a rousing recessional hymn led by the Choir, people with tickets made their way to the school gym which was a sold-out event for over 300. A video with photos from the past and clips of parishioners sharing their experiences at OLPH Parish was screened before dinner began. The cake cutting was officiated by reps from a cross-section of the community - Marilyn Cameron, the first kindergarten teacher at OLPH school, Agata Kroondyk who was baptized here, attended Our Lady's School and now has children at the school. There was also the Bildfell family, currently in RCIA and eagerly waiting to join the parish this Easter. It really was a night of good food, friendly fellowship and amazing music by young talents of OLPH school and the parish.

Thank you and three cheers to the Centennial Committee and all the wonderful volunteers who worked so hard to get our Centennial celebrations off to such a great start. Please sign up for Dinner with the Redemptorists and look out for other Centennial events coming up in the next few weeks.

Yours in Christ,
Fr Babu Mathew, CSSR

'Since His delights are to be with you, let yours be found in Him.'
- St. Alphonsus

**CELEBRATING
100 YEARS OF
GOD'S DELIGHT**



Centennial Highlights

Dinner With the Redemptorists
Over the next few months of our 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.

Watch this space for more information about upcoming Centennial events!

The Lord is my light and my salvation. – Psalm 27



NEWS & NOTICES

2023 Envelopes For Pick-Up

Your 2023 envelopes are ready to be picked up. They are in the church foyer on weekends and will be available at the parish office during the week.

Funeral of Nelly Auersperg

Please pray for the soul of long-time parishioner Nelly Auersperg. Her funeral will be held here on Tuesday 24 January at noon.

Funeral of Bro. Francis Charles Duff

Please pray for the soul of Bro Francis Duff of the Christian Brothers community. His funeral will be held here on Friday 27 January at 11am with viewing from 10am.

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