

THE REDEMPTORISTS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church

MASSES & SERVICES

March 19, 2023

4th Sunday of Lent

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

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Rejoice... Only A Few Weeks Left till Easter

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday as we arrive at the mid-point of Lent, we have some cause for celebration. The 4th Sunday of Lent is also called *Laetare Sunday* somewhat similar to *Gaudete Sunday* on the 3rd week of Advent. *Laetare* is Latin for rejoice. We see these words from Isaiah 66:10 in the entrance antiphon of the day: "Rejoice, Jerusalem and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning..."

The Church on this day gives us a glimpse of the light and joy of Easter. Christ is the light. His death and resurrection is at the heart of our joy as Christians. The Gospel reading from John recounts the story of the man who was born blind but is healed by Jesus. It is evidence that a faith-filled encounter with Jesus can work dramatic changes in our lives.

As we gather with our families for supper this Sunday, let us celebrate. The customs and traditions of the liturgical calendar, celebrated and reinforced at home, are a wonderful way to strengthen the whole family's bonds to the Faith.

Speaking of family gatherings, we have a Mother's Day fundraiser coming up as part of our Centennial celebrations after Easter. It will be a fun evening for the whole family. Part of this includes an auction for artwork by parishioners on the theme: *Mother's Love*. Please look for details in the News & Notices section. So, mark the evening of Saturday May 6 on your calendar and get your paint brushes out! I know we have a lot of talent in this parish. We just need to make the time to share it. Our event is on the weekend before Mother's Day so it won't clash with any family celebrations for mom.

Just a reminder, on next Saturday March 25, we will have a Penitential Service at 11am immediately after the Redemptorist Associates' morning of recollection in preparation for Holy Week. Mass is at 9am, followed by coffee and then the Associates' retreat and penitential service. I encourage all of you to make the time for these Lenten events.

Yours in Christ,
Fr Babu Mathew, CSsR



Do you believe in
the Son of Man?

John 9:35

For St Alphonsus' Stations of the Cross prayers, [please use this link](#).

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

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



**Centennial
Pictorial
Directory**

We are planning OLPH's Centennial Pictorial Directory with family portraits taken by a professional photographer in the parish hall. If you are an OLPH parishioner and would like to include your family in the Parish directory (at no charge), please sign up for a photo session. You'll only have to pay if you are ordering copies of the photo for yourself.

Weekend slots are 11am - 6pm. Weekday slots are 1pm - 8pm.

Photo sessions are:
MAR 16-19 (Thursday to Sunday) | APR 2-5 (Sunday to Wednesday) | APR 15-18 (Saturday to Tuesday).

[Sign up here](#) or on our parish website olphchurch.ca

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. – Psalm 23

CENTENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Centennial Art Exhibition: Mother's Love

Mother's Love is a painting exhibition and silent auction of artwork as part of OLPH Centennial celebrations. The exhibition will showcase a curated selection of the OLPH Parishioner's emerging art talent on the theme 'Mother's Love.' Artists can use any medium, like watercolour, oil, or acrylic paints. The artwork will be displayed in an indoor exhibition in the school gym during the last week of April. This is a unique opportunity to showcase the work of talented Parish people in the community.

Submission deadline: Friday April 30, 2023

Terms and Conditions

- The artist may submit only one (1) piece of art.
- The artist must be a member of OLPH
- All work submitted should be on a clean canvas, unframed.
- Proceeds from the 'Mother's Love' Art auctions will go to OLPH church
- Once the artwork is dropped off, it will remain in possession of the OLPH until the end of the exhibition.

Artwork must be submitted in person at the OLPH office during office hours. Additional details on the auction will be provided subsequently. Please contact Dr. Helina Jolly, organizer of the event at helinajolly@gmail.com for any questions.

Sunday Coffee Volunteer Opportunity

If you can help with setting up and taking down our Sunday morning coffee after the 9am Mass, [please click here for more details](#). Thank you for being part of our parish hospitality team!

Pictorial Directory Volunteer Assistance

The pictorial directory is an important centennial project. We need volunteers to check off parishioner names as they arrive for picture-taking. Please [use this signup to indicate your availability to help](#). Thank you!

Sponsors for RCIA Group

We are looking for sponsors for the RCIA group. A large part of the preparation has been done by our hardworking RCIA team leaders. If you can help by being a companion on their journey in the next few weeks it would be a blessing indeed. You will be paired up with one or two people preparing for Baptism. If you could pray with them, join us for the morning of recollection on Saturday April 1st and be there on the evening of the Easter Vigil, April 8, it would be great. Please contact Bertilla if you can help. Email: bwatanabe@rcav.org

Prayer Partners for RCIA Group

If you would like to pray for someone being baptized or confirmed this Easter, pick up a Prayer Partner envelope at the church entrance this weekend. Drop off your letter or words of encouragement in the small envelope enclosed in the pick-up packet by Tuesday March 28 in the collection basket or at the parish office.

2023 Envelopes for Pick-Up

Your 2023 envelopes can be picked up 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.

LENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Retreat & Penitential Service

Saturday March 26: 9:30am Coffee | 10am Retreat: The Cross & Small Sins Inspirational readings taken from St Alphonsus and other saints presented by OLPH Redemptorist Associates | 11am Penitential Service | 11:30am Stations of the Cross

Share Lent 2023 – Create Hope. Stand For the Land.

“The theme of Share Lent this year is ‘Create Hope. Stand for the Land.’ On March 26, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, please respond to this appeal as generously as you can. Together we can bring relief to our suffering brothers and sisters who are struggling desperately to protect their lands – their very source of life and hope – against ruthless exploitation by mining, agribusiness, climate change and war. Let us create hope in the Global South.” -- *Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB. Excerpt from Share Lent 2023 Message*

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Next Sunday's
2nd Collection

SHARE LENT
March 26, 2023

