

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:30am-4pm
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April 30, 2023

4th Sunday of Easter

Empowering Our Parish Vision This Centennial

Dear Parishioners,

Every year after Easter, the Archdiocese of Vancouver begins its annual Project Advance Appeal. The theme of this year's Archdiocesan appeal is **Empowering Our Parish Vision**. I am pleased that this is especially appropriate for us this year as we celebrate our centennial.

You may recall last September we announced the plans for our Centennial project. We identified essential sanctuary upgrades and design improvements, some mandated by the Archdiocese, others to improve our overall liturgical experience and participation as a prayer community.

A rough estimate of projected costs for these renovations was set at \$220,000 which we hoped to raise through Project Advance over two years. With more details about the work involved and the enlarged scope of work, the estimated cost for the sanctuary renovation is \$336,600.

Here is a summary of the renovations:

- Redesign of the sanctuary with new furnishings, including reflooring, millwork for the repositioning of the tabernacle & new lectern
- Cladding of existing pillars
- Improved lighting in the side aisles and better overall sound system
- Organized seating for the choir area
- Four new stained-glass windows

This estimate does not include the work of installing an elevator in the church foyer. After discussion with the Archdiocese building team, it was decided a platform lifter rather than an elevator, would suit our needs adequately and would cost a lot less.

How do we raise these funds?

Firstly, here's a summary of last year's Project Advance appeal. Our 'allotment' is the funds we have to raise for the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Amounts raised beyond this, minus expenses, are rebated to the parish.

Archdiocesan allotment for OLPH: \$49,800 | Total raised \$120,735.00 |

Share of expenses billed by PA Office \$6,770.13 | Total PA 2022 rebate to OLPH: \$64,164.87

Target for this year:

2023 Archdiocesan allotment for OLPH: \$49,800 | Parish Target: \$130,000 |

Estimate of expenses by PA Office \$7,000 | Estimated PA 2023 rebate: \$73,200

As you can see, our goal for this year is \$130,000. My hope is this would enable us to gain at least \$70,000 in rebates. The remaining funds for the work would be taken from the Infrastructure Renewal fund. If we work together, we will most certainly hit our target.

Dear friends, we are making important changes this Centennial year which would impact the parish for a long time in very positive and faith-fulfilling ways. With prayer and discernment, I hope all of you will share in the vision of Project Advance this year to make our church a better place for Mass, prayer and faith development for all.

Your Centennial contribution will be remembered for generations to come.

**Yours in Christ,
Fr Babu Mathew, CSsR**

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

NEWS & NOTICES

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.

Pink Envelopes at Church Entrance

Please note that the pink envelopes at the church entrance are only for visitors or for those who have forgotten their usual Sunday offering envelope. If you do not have regular Sunday offering envelopes, please contact the parish office to get a box issued to you. You also have the option of using pre-authorized giving.

CENTENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Centennial Pictorial Directory

Dear Parishioners, this is your last chance to sign up for family portraits for OLPH's Centennial Pictorial Directory. If you are a parishioner and would like to include your family in the directory (at no charge), please sign up. You only have to pay if you are ordering copies of the photo for yourself. The final sessions for this weekend are Sat 11am – 6:30pm and Sunday 1pm – 6:30pm. [Use this link to sign up.](#)

Mom Prom Night Tickets on Sale Now

Coming up on Saturday May 6...a fun centennial celebration for the whole family but especially dedicated to mothers. It is an opportunity to show our appreciation for all the wonderful women in our lives who love and raise our children. This fun filled event will not be your typical "prom night". There will be fun activities like family Bingo, card making for mom, dinner, family photos and more! Tickets available [here](#) and volunteer sign-ups will be available next week. Get your tickets before this fun family event sells out! Date: Sat May 6. Time: 6-8pm in the School Gym

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. 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. Submission deadline: Friday April 30, 2023.

Mother's Day Mass

Please join us for Mass and pray for our deceased mothers and grandmothers at Evangelist Chapel in Gardens of Gethsemani Catholic Cemetery in South Surrey. Potted flowers will be available to purchase after Mass. On Sunday, May 14, at 2:30 p.m. Learn more at rcav.org

OLPH Parish invites you to celebrate Mom at our...

Mom Prom Night

BINGO, DINNER, MOTHERS DAY CARD MAKING, FAMILY PHOTOS & LOTS OF FUN!

SATURDAY MAY 6TH
6 - 8 PM
OLPH SCHOOL GYM

BUY TICKETS AT
<https://bit.ly/3MQXknr>

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

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF GOD'S DELIGHT

1923 - 2023

Stewardship Reflection

“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...’” -- Acts 2:38

The word “repent” means to turn from sin - to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within – a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God’s help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for His response.

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