



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

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
Friday 9:30am – 1:30pm

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September 17, 2023

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Financial Report: Our Parish’s Generosity and Long-Term Health

Dear Parishioners,

The financial position of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish remains strong and continues to improve compared to the prior years affected by COVID 19. Regular collections in 2022 were up 4.5% relative to 2021 and totaled \$512k while 2023 is tracking a similar pace. The rise in revenue has been accompanied by a larger rise in expenditures as parishioners return and parish programs resume. In particular, 2023 has shown a notable increase due to the Centennial celebrations and overall cost inflation. The combination of lower revenue and higher expenses resulted in a small operating loss in 2022 that has steadily grown in 2023. Fortunately, the parish has \$460k in reserves for general operations to cushion this temporary loss.

The generosity of our parishioners continues to secure the long-term financial health of OLPH and provide aid to our community. Over the last year and a half, contributions to the infrastructure reserve fund totaled over \$135k through a combination of direct donations and the Project Advance rebate. In the same time frame, parishioners continued to support our community by contributing \$37k to charitable works and \$77k to bursaries and scholarships. With the strength of donations in the past and the guidance of the Friends of Liguori, OLPH was able to provide over \$160k in assistance to people in need.

The year 2023 celebrates a significant milestone - the celebration of 100 years of the Redemptorists in Vancouver. For OLPH it also presents the much-needed Centennial Project. This project consists of necessary upgrades to the front pillars of the church and renovations that largely focus on the sanctuary. The renovation is a combination of changes mandated by the Archdiocese of Vancouver and includes updates in areas such as flooring, lighting, and furnishings. The anticipated costs should be covered by our infrastructure fund; however, it will significantly deplete these reserves and donations will be needed for the future. Your continued support of Project Advance and the Centennial Building Fund would be much appreciated.

The notable resurgence in attendance and continued support from parishioners will steer our financial health in the right direction. The Finance Council strongly encourages parishioners to consider pre-authorized giving for a steady flow of Sunday contributions which will support parish budgeting. You can find more information about this by visiting the parish website, picking up a pamphlet at the back of the church or contacting the parish office. We hope the centennial celebrations this year will renew the vibrancy in our community and encourage parishioners to contribute and fortify the parish in the years ahead. [The full report is available online.](#)

Sincerely,
Kevin Chan
OLPH Finance Council Chair

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Jing Linde
Mike Fernandes
Rebecca Graham
Sandra Weitz
Trevor Armstrong
Fr Leo English, CSsR

PARISH CALENDAR

RCIA: Discover Catholic Faith	Sunday Sept 10	9-10:30am Madonna Rm.
Commissioning 11am Mass/BBQ	Sunday Sept 17	BBQ in school courtyard
PEC Meeting	Tuesday Sept 19	7pm – 8pm School Staffroom
Upper Room Conference	Saturday Sept 23	8am – 6pm Pacific Academy
Children’s Mass	Sunday Oct 1	9am Mass & Coffee
Healing & Reconciliation	Monday Oct 2	Morning Mass at 9am
Thanksgiving Holiday	Monday Oct 9	Morning Mass at 9am
Parish Craft Fair & Tea Meeting	Wed Oct 4	8:30 – 9:30am Madonna Room
RCIA Potluck 2020 /2021/2022	Saturday Oct 21	12pm-20m Parish Hall
Eucharistic Min Workshop	Saturday Oct 28	10-11:30am Church
Memorial Mass	Saturday Nov 4	9am Mass & Coffee in Hall
Children’s Mass	Sunday Nov 5	9am Mass & Coffee
Priest’s Study Days	Nov 13-17	Archdiocesan Event
Parish Christmas Craft & Tea	Saturday Nov 25	Time: TBD Hall/Madonna R.
Advent Concert/ Light-Up	Saturday Dec 2	7pm – 8:30pm Church & Grotto
Children’s Mass	Sunday Dec 3	9am Mass & Coffee
Advent Retreat	Saturday Dec 9	10am – 11:30am Church



The Lord is merciful and gracious; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. - Psalm 103



Are You Thinking of Becoming Catholic?

Have you been wondering what it means to be Catholic? Have you thought about how to support your child who's going to Catholic school? Have you wondered if life's difficult questions can really be answered by religion? Find out more in RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) which starts on Sunday September 10. Gathering sessions are from 9am – 10:30am. Go to <https://olphchurch.ca/join/become-catholic/> to sign up. You can also simply email rcia.olphbc@gmail.com for more information.

Accompanying RCIA Inquirers

If you would like to spend a little time once or twice a month sharing your faith or simply being present to someone who wants to know Jesus better, sign up to be an RCIA supporter. Please email rcia.olphbc@gmail.com to express your interest in sharing your faith.

11am Mass & Commissioning of Teachers

A warm welcome to the new principal, Deidre O'Callaghan and other members of OLPH school staff being commissioned at the 11am Mass this weekend. Many of you would know that Miss O'Callaghan is not entirely new to Our Lady's School. She used to be our Grade 7 teacher and vice-principal before moving on to become principal at St Joseph's School. We are happy to have Ms O'Callaghan back with us. We wish her and all the staff, blessings for a happy and successful academic year.

Children's Mass Sign-up

We hope everyone had a blessed summer and has had a wonderful start to the new school year! With the start of the new school year brings the return of our children's masses!

The first children's mass of this school year is on October 1st at 9am. Please sign your child(ren) up for a role using the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0945ada82ca6fb6-olph>. The sign-up will close on **Monday, September 25th at 6pm**. We hope you will join us as we celebrate this children-led mass. If you have any questions, please e-mail Melissa at olphchildrensmass@gmail.com. Thank you!

Join or Rejoin the Music Ministry!

Leading the congregation in praise at Mass is a beautiful and fulfilling ministry. Music Ministry rehearsals are held every Monday evening 6:30pm – 7:30pm in the church. The group rehearses hymns for upcoming Sunday Masses as well as music for special occasions - Advent Concert and Christmas in the Fall/Winter season and special music for Lent and Easter in the Spring. Rehearsals are starting this week for the Advent Concert. New and past choir members are welcome! If interested, email bwatanabe@rcav.org.

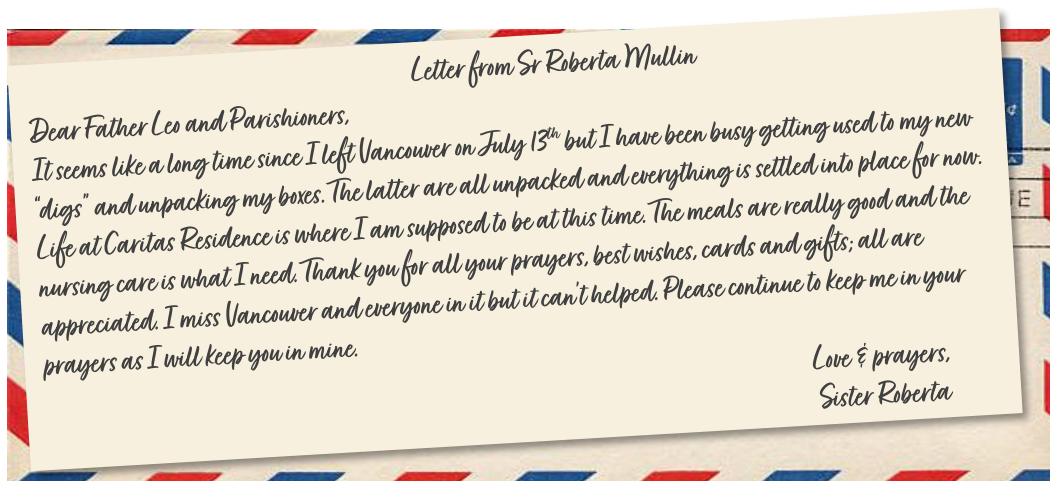
ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

Healing the Wounds of Abuse

The Grief to Grace Retreat helps those who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual and/or spiritual abuse to find healing and begin their journey to wholeness. Abuse can be experienced in one's family of origin, community, workplace, or from their partner or spouse. The event will take place on Saturday, October 28, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The location will be shared upon acceptance of applications. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org.

Save the Date: The Men's Retreat 2023 | Friday, September 29 – Sunday, October 1

Hosted by Life Restoration, this retreat offers something for every man: adventure, brotherhood, powerful keynotes, prayer, Sacraments, and the rugged outdoor beauty of Rockridge Canyon in Princeton, B.C. Save the date and join us.



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