



Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote ...

"Then followed that beautiful season ... Summer. Filled was the air with a dreamy and magical light; and the landscape lay as if new, created in the freshness of childhood."

A great sentiment on this long holiday weekend with summer days wide open before us. For all the achievements and celebrations, both in the school and parish we want to say a big expression of gratitude to God - the giver of every good gift. Thank you to all who have laboured so faithfully both in the parish and school to make this past year so special.

It has been a brand-new year for me personally, having arrived in June of 2023. I have tried to listen well, (not always successfully), to better appreciate, both the tradition and history of the school and parish. We truly stand on the shoulders of giants, in a small parish family with a big spirit. The land of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, here in West Point Grey, truly is an oasis of peace and tranquility. Bring along a book and sit in the serenity of the church or before the grotto. At least for a few moments let the trials of life slip through your fingers.

Looking ahead we want to reintroduce the Alpha program to our parish. This twelve-week program will commence after Thanksgiving and gives Catholics and non-Catholics alike, the opportunity to become familiar with the person of Jesus. Have a look at <a href="https://www.alpha.org">www.alpha.org</a> and do some exploring for yourself. We are very excited about this great instrument of faith.

We want to encourage you to go to church wherever your summer travel may take you. Expressing gratitude to God with a community of fellow pilgrims is so vitally important. We have so much for which to be grateful.

Be well and be safe. Our heartfelt prayers go out to all school families for their protection and safety during the summer months. Enjoy life and come back to us on a September day with spirit filled, rested and grateful hearts. Remember, jobs may fill your pockets - but adventures fill your soul!

Happy Canada Day everyone.



St. Joseph,
Patron Saint of Canada,
watch over the country
and its people,
as carefully as you
watched over Jesus.
Help protect it and
guide it as you did
your adopted Son.
Amen.



Peace with gratitude ~ Fr Leo



CONGRATULATIONS & FAREWELL Well Done Grade Sevens!
God Bless You and All The Best!

Mass will be at 9:00 am on July 1st Office will be closed on July 1st for Canada Day

# సిస్ట్ NEWS & NOTICES సిస్ట్

#### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: MEAL PREPARATION FOR INNER HOPE SOCIETY - JULY 13

Thank you to all who attended Meal Preparation training session last week! We are hoping to expand the program in the fall and to get more volunteers involved. Our next Meal Preparation will be on Sat, July 13. If you can help, please sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4BAFAA2DA1FB6-46459533-inner#/

# CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN NOT IN CATHOLIC SCHOOL



The Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) assists parents in their role as the primary educators of faith to their children. If you child is in Grade K-7 (or beyond G.7 if they are not yet Confirmed) who does not attend Catholic school, please consider joining PREP for Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

To register, visit <a href="https://olphchurch.ca/join/prep/">https://olphchurch.ca/join/prep/</a> or email <a href="mailto:prep.olph@gmail.com">prep.olph@gmail.com</a> for more information.

#### ARE YOU THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?



Have you been wondering what it means to be Catholic? What does life mean to you? We believe that God calls individuals to live the Good News Jesus proclaimed and to become His disciples as members of the Catholic Church. If you want to become Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Catholic, you will participate in a process called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of

Adults. Classes will begin in September. We gather once a week in the Church. If you are interested, visit <a href="https://olphchurch.ca/join/become-catholic/">https://olphchurch.ca/join/become-catholic/</a> or contact the Parish office.

 DON'T FORGET TO BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM FOR LOOKOUT HOUSING We are collecting non-perishable food to help fill up the pantry of Lookout Housing. Please bring one or two food items with you when you come for Mass on the weekends.





Fr. Alfredo will be away in Mexico for the month of July visiting his family. Please keep him in your prayers for a safe and joyful journey. We will miss you, Fr. Alfredo.



### PROJECT ADVANCE IS NOW UNDERWAY AT OUR PARISH!

We are grateful to all those who have supported Project Advance. Each and every gift is important. Our Parish Target is \$130,000 and we need your participation. You can give online at projectadvance.ca, at Mass, or in-person at our parish's office. Thank you so much for your generosity and support!



# Stewardship Prayer

O God, the Father of every gift, All that we are and have comes from your hand. In Jesus Christ, your Son, You have given us the greatest of all gifts. Fill our hearts with His love, so that we may be parish communities of faithful, caring people. Grant us the grace to be good stewards who, in the name and spirit of Jesus, share our gifts of time, talent and treasure for the building up of Your Kingdom in our Archdiocese and throughout the world. May we see Project Advance as our way to live gratefully and give generously for your honor and glory. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



# **MASSES & SERVICES**

Saturday Anticipated Mass: 5pm Sunday Masses: 9am, 11am, 5pm **Daily Mass:** 

Mon - Fri 8am

Thurs OLPH Novena: After 8am Mass

Sat & Holidays: 9am Mass Sat Adoration: 9:30am - 10am Reconciliation: Sat 4pm - 4:45pm Or by appointment: 604-224-4344

# OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9:30am-4pm

Stat Holiday, Sat & Sun: Closed

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