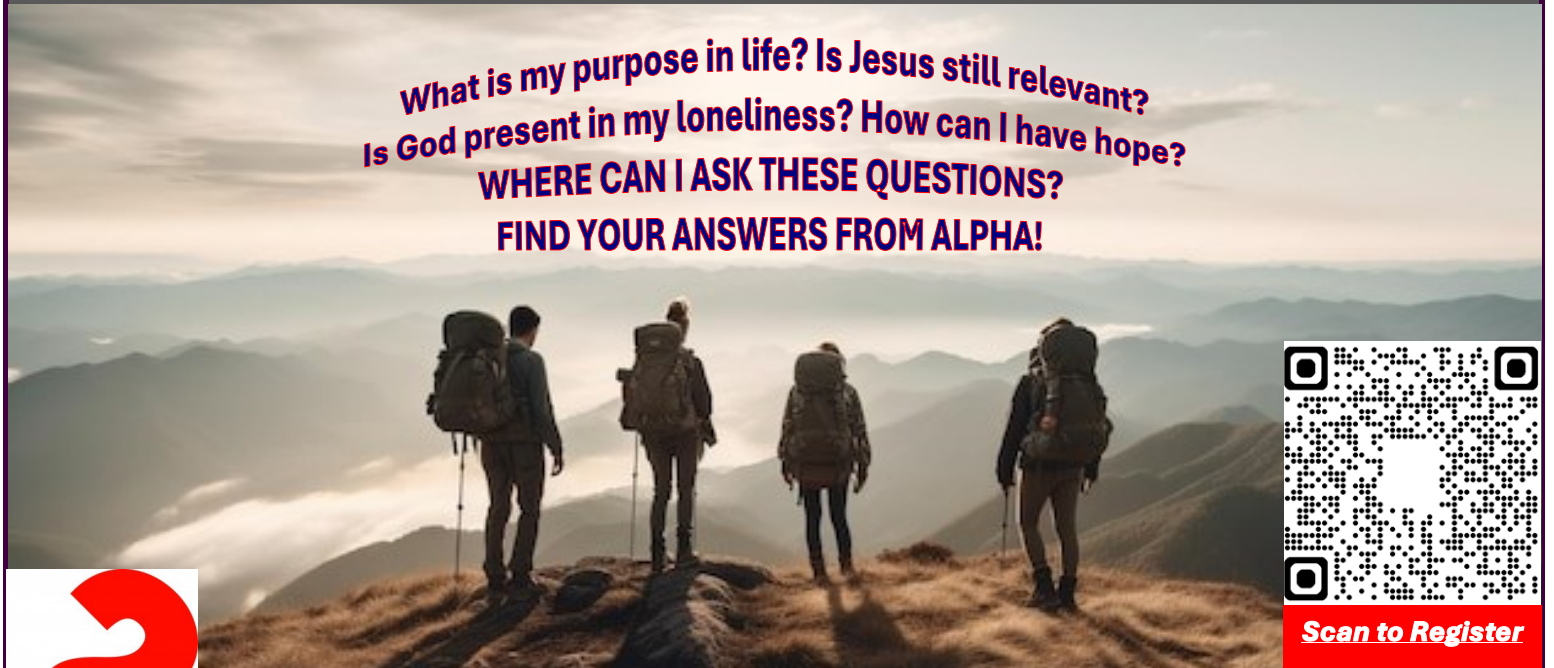




Sep 15, 2024 ❖ 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**What is my purpose in life? Is Jesus still relevant?
Is God present in my loneliness? How can I have hope?
WHERE CAN I ASK THESE QUESTIONS?
FIND YOUR ANSWERS FROM ALPHA!**



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ALPHA IS COMING TO OLPH! EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

ALPHA creates a safe space for you to explore life, faith, and God in a relaxed atmosphere and fun environment. It is a 11-week course where you can explore faith, know Jesus and experience God's invitation. There is no pressure, no follow up and no charge but a complimentary meal to enjoy!
(Please bring a non-perishable food item for Food Bank)

Every Alpha session has three key elements:

1. Fellowship ~ Connect over a hot meal.
2. Content presented by an interactive video talk that freely explores the basics of Christian faith.
3. Conversations around your table discussing and exploring the topic of the night in a friendly and warm ambience.

11 Sessions: Oct 21, 28, Nov 4, 18, 25, Dec 2, 9, 16, Jan 6, 13, 20 Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

❖ REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Oct 13 (For more information please contact the Parish office)



With Summer days fading quickly, I am sure that most of us feel like we have just jumped into the fall season and hit the ground running! Here at the Parish and School we are moving fast in that direction, so I suggest you sit back for a moment while I give you a bird's eye view of what coming up in our community during the autumn. As always, gratitude, generosity, and hospitality are the anchor elements in our faith life and the basis for all we plan here at OLPH. This fall, and always, we seek to strengthen our lives so that we can reach beyond ourselves and nurture and support one another. All of our fall events below are aimed at this truth.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT: Alpha begins on Monday, Oct 21. We are actively promoting this eleven-week process of developing a closer relationship with Jesus. Alpha has a simple format - a shared meal, followed by a short video meant to generate genuine faith sharing and questions. Alpha is open to all people, so we encourage you to gently invite others within your family, work, or social circle to come and be a part of "something bitter". Please remember to pray for the generous outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the efforts of Alpha within our Parish. **Stewardship.** **STEWARDSHIP:** Being the hands and feet of Christ.

We continue to rely upon your generosity to support the efforts of Project Advance. This annual Archdiocesan appeal reminds us firsthand of how we are so much a part of a wider Diocesan family.

Baby Go Round is an agency adopted by our social outreach group, "Friends of Liguori". On the weekend of **Sep 28 & 29** we will be collecting at the Church much needed infant formula, diapers and baby gear for Baby Go Round. This collection supports low-income families across the lower mainland, and your donations will directly support a family in need.

On the school front, we give a huge shout out to all school parents; you are the first teachers of your children in the ways of faith. Our Lady's School has the annual Harvest Fair scheduled for **Saturday, Oct 5 from 10am to 2pm**. This family-friendly event is a great community builder that certainly strengthens the bonds between our Parish and School. Building bridges and strengthening links is the name of the game!

Two other significant fundraising events that we are asked to support within the wider Catholic community are St. Mark's College Annual Breakfast and the Archbishop's Dinner. St. Mark's College at UBC is a Catholic College that helps support students in theology. Their breakfast will be held at St. Thomas Moore School in Burnaby on **Saturday, Nov 16**. Consider attending and feasting with the community of St. Mark's.

The Annual Archbishop's Dinner is set for **Monday, Nov 18**. Archbishop Miller will direct the proceeds from the dinner to support for Catholic Education. Fr. Alfredo and I would love to have a pile of people to help "Raise the OLPH Flag". As I said last year, "They may not remember who showed up, but they will never forget who didn't!"

On a personal note, returning to my Newfoundland roots in August was restorative for both body and soul! It gave me the opportunity to speak about living in the park-like city of Vancouver with its sand, sea, and mountain. More than anything - the opportunity to step back for a while afforded me the chance to reflect on what a great Parish and School community we really have in Vancouver. A huge word of gratitude for gifting me with the opportunity to say those heartfelt words so easily. Home is where our anchor drops. Hello, West Point Grey!

Peace with gratitude ~ Fr Leo

THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL
ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER

The Community of St. Mark's at UBC
**ANNUAL FUNDRAISING
BREAKFAST**



OLPH's
HARVEST FAIR 2024
Oct 5, 2024
10am - 2pm
OLPH School

ALPHA CANADA

Alpha


BabyGoRound

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Live Gratefully & Give Generously

We Need Your Participation!

Can You Help Us Reach Our Goal ?

This year, the Archdiocese of Vancouver hopes to raise \$3.1 million in support of Secondary School construction and the various archdiocesan ministries, as well as charitable organizations that service those in need and the marginalized.

Our portion of the appeal is \$51,400 to help with these needs. Funds raised beyond this amount are rebated to the parish and we hope to raise \$130,000 and allocate the funds to several projects earmarked at the parish.



DONATE NOW

When you give to Project Advance, you are providing both our parish and our Archdiocese with the resources required to carry out our mission of “making disciples” (Mt 28:19), as Jesus commanded us to do. Making a gift to Project Advance is easy. You can give online at projectadvance.ca , drop it in the Sunday collection basket, or in-person at our parish’s office. Thank you so much for your generosity and support!

NEWS & NOTICES

◆ REGISTER NOW! CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN NOT IN CATHOLIC SCHOOL



If your child is in Grades K-7 (or beyond G.7 if they have not yet Confirmed) who does not attend Catholic school, consider joining PREP for Sacramental Preparation: First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. To register, visit olphchurch.ca/join/prep/ or email prep.olph@gmail.com for more information.

◆ 13th ANNUAL ARCHBISHOP’S DINNER



As a Parish family, we support the wider Catholic community in ways we can. The Archbishop’s Dinner, one of the biggest fundraisers of the Archdiocese, will be held on Monday, Nov 18 at Hyatt Regency in Vancouver. Each ticket is \$195 (tax included). Fr. Leo and Fr. Alfredo would love to have your presence at our tables. If you are interested, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

◆ OLPH HARVEST FAIR: DONATIONS NEEDED

The Harvest Fair Committee is looking for new to nearly new books, toys, puzzles ..and other kid-approved gifts (e.g. Lego, movie theatre tickets, gift cards, sports event tickets, etc.) Donations can be dropped off at the **School Office**. Thank You!



Commissioning Mass & Back to School BBQ	Sep 15	11:00am Mass
Lectors Workshop	Sep 21	10:00am - 11:30am
Parent Info Session: Catholic School Identity	Sep 25	Via Zoom
Baby Go Round Collection	Sep 28 & 29	At All Masses
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Sep 30	No School. Mass at 9:00am
Parent Info Session: Catholic School Identity	Oct 2	Via Zoom
Harvest Fair	Oct 5	At School 10:00am - 2:00pm
Parish Ministries Fair	Oct 5 & 6	At All Masses
Parent Info Session: Catholic School Identity	Oct 9	Via Zoom
Alpha: Explore the Meaning of Life (1st Session)	Oct 21	6:30pm in the Parish Hall



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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