



Oct 20, 2024 ❖ 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

IN LOVING MEMORY OF Fr. Bill Comerford, C.Ss.R.

(Jan 11, 1936 - Oct 17, 2024)

Your Smile and Joyful Spirit Will Be Deeply Missed



It is with great sadness that we have received the news of the passing away of our beloved priest Fr. Bill Comerford, who died peacefully in Toronto on Oct 17, 2024, at the age of 88. Fr. Bill had been with us for 10 years (2009-2019). He loved singing which made him a favourite for special liturgies. He was a dedicated and caring member of the Redemptorist fraternity and had touched the hearts of so many within and outside of OLPH. Fr. Bill actively participated in numerous parish events and his presence always meant a lot .. He showed us how to be a true witness of Jesus and his love for the poor set good examples to all.

Fr. Bill professed first vows on Sep 15, 1956, and was ordained a priest on June 17, 1962. He celebrated his 50th ordination anniversary in 2012 at OLPH. He also received the Apostolic Blessing of Pope Benedict XVI for his dedicated service to God. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Church in Toronto on Oct 26.

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



Have You Made A Pledge For This Year Yet?
We are \$6000 short of our Diocesan Goal of \$51,400

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Building our
Parish Community



**Latest
Update**

DIOCESAN GOAL: \$51,400 PARISH GOAL: \$130,000
DONATIONS RECEIVED: \$45,025 (As of Oct 20, 2024)
NUMBER OF FAMILIES WHO HAVE MADE A GIFT: 75
PARTICIPATION RATE: 12 %



Time is free, but it is priceless.
You cannot own it, but you can use it.
You cannot keep it, but you can spend it.
Once you have lost it you can never get it back (Havey Macka)

On a rainy Friday Vancouver day, I am feeling sentimental about the passage of time. Some days and years simply manage to run away from us. Here we are looking into Hallowe'en, with a long dash to Remembrance Day and then the Christmas lights come on! Where did the summer go?

From a faith perspective we are reminded about real presence and how blessed we are when we practice mindfulness. Being truly open to the realities of the present moment and finding God precisely where we are is the mission of a disciple. As difficult as it is – we have to lay down the yesterdays – most of them are heavy! Tomorrow will its own share of joys and struggles.

Lord in my conversation and more importantly in my listening help me to tune in and be present to what the other person is and is not saying. Eight people gathered on Jericho Beach to watch a magnificent sunset. Seven of them were taking pictures.

The wisest one was number eight a girl named Jane – she put away her phone and savoured every moment of the setting sun.

Let us be like Jane.



WORDS OF GRATITUDE Fr. Mark Miller celebrated his 75th Birthday on Oct 17 and would like to thank everyone for their best wishes, prayers, gifts and cards! A special "thanks" goes to our school children for their beautiful handmade birthday cards! May God bless you

NEWS & NOTICES

◆ ANNUAL CENSUS FOR MASS ATTENDANCE - TWO WEEKENDS: OCT 19/20 & 26/27



The Annual Census of the Archdiocese of Vancouver will be carried out this weekend and the next on Oct 19/20 and Oct 26/27 at all Masses. Your presence is needed! Come and be a part of the Census!

◆ Alpha AT OLPH WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK ON OCT 21. REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED.



Thank you to all of you who signed up for Alpha at OLPH. We received overwhelming responses and due to limited capacity, registration is now closed. Please keep our Alpha participants and team members in your prayers.

◆ 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. OLPH will have two tables at The Archbishop's Dinner on Nov 18 at the Hyatt Regency in Vancouver. There are only a few seats left at our parish's tables so act fast if you want to join us! Each ticket is \$195 (tax included). Fr. Leo, Fr. Alfredo and Fr. Mark would love to have your presence at our tables. If you are interested, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

◆ MARK YOUR CALENDAR - OLPH CHRISTMAS FAIR: NOV 16



Our Annual Christmas Fair will be held on Sat, Nov 16 from 11am to 3pm. We will have a craft sale, homemade baked goods sale and THE TEAROOM. We will be asking for food donations and for volunteers within the next few weeks. Keep your eyes open for clipboards in the foyer to sign up or you can email mknowling@outlook.com if you can help. Come join us for tea and early Christmas shopping!

◆ CHILDREN MASS SIGN-UP



The next children's mass is on Sun, Nov 3 at 9am. Please sign your child(ren) up for ONE role using the following link: www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0945ADA82CA6FB6-olph#/ The sign-up will close on Oct 29th at 6pm. Come join us as we celebrate this children-led mass. Please email Melissa at olphchildrensmass@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you!

◆ SUNDAY COFFEE SIGN-UP



Thank you to all of you who helped with Sunday Coffee after the 9am Mass on Sundays. We are looking for volunteers to help in NOV. To sign up please click: www.signupgenius.com/go/904054CAEA728A7FC1-48231572-sunday#/ (In an effort to accommodate more families who wish to serve, please sign up for just ONE Sunday. Thanks for your understanding.)

❖ ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

◆ ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED BISHOPS, CLERGY AND CONSECRATED MEN AND WOMEN



All parishioners are welcome to attend this special Liturgy concelebrated by the priests of the Archdiocese. Remember kindly in your prayers during the month of November those who have laboured for the Church in Vancouver and pray that the Lord will send more dedicated men and women to continue their ministry. Nov 6 at 12:10 pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events

◆ HALLOWTIDE MASS AND EVENTS

The Hallowtide Triduum is a three-day celebration of the Saints and those who have gone before us into eternal rest. This year the Gardens of Gethsemani are offering a Mass on each of these holy days. It will also culminate in a celebration with the theme of Dia De Los Muertos, a Mexican festival honouring deceased loved ones. All Hallow's Eve Mass is on October 31 at 6pm. All Saint's Day Mass is on Nov 1 at 5pm. All Soul's Day Mass is on Nov 2 at 4pm., with the festival afterward. More info: rcav.org/month-of-holy-souls/



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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