

NEWS & NOTICES

OLPH Facebook Page: Our parish now has a Facebook page. We'd like to keep you updated on parish, archdiocesan, Vatican, Redemptorist and other events in the life of Church. Follow us on www.facebook.com/olphchurchvancouver.

2nd Collection Next Sunday: A second collection will be taken up this weekend for the refugee crisis in Europe. Envelopes are on the back ledges in the church.

New Altar Servers: Training for new servers starts in October. Baptized boys and girls who have received First Communion and are in Grade 4 or higher are welcome to join the Altar Servers Ministry. For further information, please contact Kate Carr at cecarr@telus.net or 604-730-5640.

RCIA Supporters: If you are interested in being part of the RCIA team of supporters and witnesses of the faith, please join us for a meeting after the 9am Mass today Sunday Oct. 4 in the hall. To journey with the uninitiated so that they may know the love of Christ is a wonderful privilege. We look forward to getting together with all of you. If you have any questions, please call Bertilla at the parish office Tue-Thurs.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): RCIA is a communal process of spiritual and educational formation for adults who are seeking to learn more about the faith with a view to becoming Catholic. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the parish office at 604-224-4344 or parish.olph@rcav.org. We gather on Sunday mornings 9 - 10am from Oct. 11.

PREP News: PREP is the religious education program for elementary-aged children attending public school. Classes began Tuesday Sept. 22 but it's not too late. For more info, contact Elizabeth Towers at 604-440-8809 or email prep@olphbc.ca. If you can help as a teaching assistants needed, please contact Mrs. Towers.

Little Flower Academy Open House: LFA welcomes prospective 2016-2017 candidates and their families to an Open House on Wednesday Oct. 14, 2015 from 6-8 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm. For more information please go to www.lfabc.org or contact Kathi Wilson, Registrar at wilsonk@lfabc.org or call 604-738-9016 ext. 114.

Rosary Rally: A group of lay Catholics is hosting a licensed public Rosary Rally at the Vancouver Art Gallery, South Plaza on Sat Oct. 10 at noon. Feel free to join them.

Archdiocesan News: For info about Archdiocesan events, please subscribe to the Friday Report. You can sign up at rcav.org/Friday-report/.

Stewardship Reflection

“So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.” - Genesis 2:19

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

- Stewardship Office, Archdiocese of St. Louis

JUBILEE CALENDAR

OCTOBER EVENTS



Door is Open Sign-Up

Last year's The Door Is Open outreach in East Vancouver was such a success that we've decided to do it again. The idea is to prepare lunch for the homeless. We start at about 8am and finish at about 2:30pm on Tuesday Oct 13. If you would like to help, please put your name down on the sign-up sheet. We need about 15-20 volunteers.

New Parishioner Welcome

Every year we welcome a dozen or more new families to our parish. If you are new to the parish and have not registered yet, please make sure you drop by the office to fill out a form. On Sunday October 25 after the 11am Mass a pancake brunch will be served in the hall to welcome and celebrate our newcomers.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- Dinner for the Bereaved
- All Souls' Day Memorial Mass
- Date & Time: TBA
- Christmas Craft & Tea
- 10am-2pm Sat 28

PRAYER REQUEST

Soul of Colleen Fanning
(Sister of Laura Cruickshank)
If you know someone who is ill and in need of a hospital visit, if you recently celebrated or lost a loved one or if you changed your address or contact info, please inform the parish office at parish.olph@rcav.org.

October: The Rosary & the Icon

As we enter into October, the month of the Rosary, we present you a Rosary which invites us to meditate on the Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. It seems appropriate in this Jubilee Year of the Icon to make this creative connection. The five meditations are derived from five dimensions and aspects of the Icon.

The author, Sr. Maria Victoria V. Flores MPS, born in the Philippines, is a member of the General Council of the Missionaries of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. She also serves on her Congregational Commission for the 150th Anniversary of the Icon of our Mother of Perpetual Help.

This Icon is indeed a window to the Divine. Meditating on the Icon opens our hearts to the experience of God. All are welcome to this experience – so simple yet so deep.

Each mystery of the rosary ends with the prayer: *Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, we trust in You. Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for us.*

First Mystery: Our human heart longs for God (Ps. 42; Mt. 19:16-30)

In the lives of most people, there is always some kind of empty space that needs to be filled, some pain that needs healing, a feeling of despair that cries for hope, a reality which seeks justice, encouragement, peace, reconciliation, love... Each person finds himself/herself in front of a Mother who lovingly calls out to her beloved child.

As we meditate on this first mystery, we recognize ourselves as an active part of the whole Icon and allow the life in it to touch our very heart, our mind and soul. We begin a spiritual journey where we enter into the depth of ourselves.

Second Mystery: God sends His angels (Luke 22:40-43).

In the Icon, we find the Archangels Gabriel and Michael announcing to Jesus His Father's message. At the same time, the Archangels reassure Him of God's constant presence, protection and guidance.

In this second mystery, we thank God for giving us angels as another expression of His great love for us. We also thank the Lord for the presence of angels in our life through the different persons who are sent or come to us. They help us recognize God's will, experience God's protection and guide us in our journey. We thank God for both the invisible and the visible angels in our life.

We pray that we, too, may serve as angels to other people as we make God present in and through our words and deeds.

Third Mystery: Mary, Mother of the Redeemer and the Redeemed (Lk.1:26-38; Jn.2:1-6; Jn. 19:25-27)

In this mystery, we allow ourselves to receive the loving, comforting and yet captivating gaze of Mary. At a young age, Mary said a deep and personal "Yes" to God in the Annunciation. She lived it all her life. For this full and openhearted response to God's plan, she became the Mother of the Redeemer.

Mary was ever conscious of God's presence. She pondered on God's saving action and treasured everything in her heart. Mary, as Mother, lovingly welcomed and embraced us as her children when Jesus said to His beloved disciple: "Here is your mother" and to her: "Here is your son". Here we are, her children. She is our Mother... She is the Mother of the Redeemed. As we contemplate her in this icon, let us ask for the grace to be always open to attentively listen to the Word of her Son.

Fourth Mystery: Jesus Christ, the Redeemer, our Perpetual Help (Lk. 4:18-19)

We come to the very center of this Icon on which we meditate: Jesus! It is on Him that the angels are focused. It is to Him that Mary's protective embrace is centered, that even as she looks at us, it is with the intention of making us aware of Her Son, our Lord and Redeemer. He is the only One who can give meaning to our life, the true Perpetual Help... for this reason we address her in this icon: Mother of Perpetual Help.

Fifth Mystery: That we may be one! Living in communion with God and one another (Jn. 19:27; Acts 1:14; Jn.17:21)

In this part of the Icon, we see Jesus' hands clasp Mary's hand. It expresses the communion between the Mother and the Son. We see the total commitment of Mary to Jesus and His mission. Here, we recall that Mary holds us also in her hands as her children while Jesus lovingly accepts the mission from His Father to redeem us.

Mary, in this Icon, says to us: "Do whatever He tells you". We also need to hear Jesus' words echoing in our hearts: "I am with you until the end of time". In this contemplation of the Icon of our Mother of Perpetual Help, we are offered the experience of communion with the Redeemer, with the Mother of the Redeemer and with all the Redeemed in whatever situation each one of us may be.

These 5 points of contemplation in this Perpetual Help Rosary, give a sense of a spiral that invites us to go deeper within ourselves. It invites us to take a journey to our heart where we can encounter the Lord and the gentle protection of Mary.

This text is abridged for the bulletin. The complete meditation is on cssr.com

POPE FRANCIS ON U.S. TRIP



EXCERPTS FROM US MEDIA INTERVIEW WITH POPE FRANCIS

In a 47 minute Q&A with journalists on his way back to Rome Pope Francis answered questions posed in English, Spanish and Italian Sept. 27 while on board his American Airlines overnight flight from Philadelphia to Rome. These are some excerpts from the interview.

Elizabeth Dias, Time Magazine: We are all so curious... this was your first visit to the U.S. What surprised you about the U.S. and what was different to what you might have expected?

Pope Francis: It was my first visit. I'd never been here before. What surprised me was the warmth, the warmth of the people, so lovable. It was a beautiful thing and also different: Washington the welcome was warm but more formal; New York was a bit exuberant. Philadelphia very expressive. Three different kinds of welcome. I was very struck by this kindness and welcome but also by the religious ceremonies and also by the piety, the religiosity of the people...you could see the people pray and this struck me a lot. Beautiful.

Elizabeth Diaz: Was there a challenge the US presented that you didn't expect?

Pope Francis: No thank God no... everything good. No challenge. No provocation. All polite. No insults and nothing bad.

Elizabeth Diaz: And the challenge?

Pope Francis: We must continue to work with these faithful people like we have always done so until now. Accompanying the people in their growth through good times and also through their difficulties, accompanying people in their joy and in their bad moments, in their difficulties when there is no work, ill health and the challenge of the Church...the Church's challenge is staying close to the people, close to the people of the United States...not being a detached Church from the people but close to them, close, close, and this is something that the Church in the United States has understood and understood well.

Thomas Jansen, CIC: Holy Father, I wanted to ask something about the migrant crisis in Europe. Many countries are building new barriers out of barbed wire. What do you think of this development?

Pope Francis: You used a word, crisis. It's become a state of crisis after a long process. For years, this process has exploded because the wars which those people leave and flee are wars waged for years. Hunger. It's hunger for years.

When I think of Africa, this is a bit simplistic, but I saw it as an example. It comes to me to think about Africa, "the exploited continent." They went to pick up the slaves there, then the great resources. It's the exploited continent. And, now the wars, tribal or not. But they have economic interests behind them. I think that instead of exploiting a continent or a nation, make investments instead so these people might have work and this crisis would be avoided. It's true, as I said at Congress, it's a refugee crisis not seen since World War II. It's the biggest.

You asked me about barriers. You know what happens to all walls. All of them. All walls fall. Today, tomorrow or in 100 years, they will fall. It's not a solution. The wall isn't a solution. In this moment, Europe is in difficulty, it's true. We have to be intelligent, and whoever comes... that migrant flow. It's not easy to find solutions, but with dialogue between nations they should be found. Walls are never solutions. But bridges are, always, always.

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Saturday 9:30-10am
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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

October 4, 2015

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

For those of you with children in Grade 7, this is an interesting time. There will be several high school open houses to go to and much discussion around the dinner table about which is best. The Catholic choices are limited but we should, nevertheless, set our sights on what is best for our children.

Let me elaborate. Archbishop Miller in his address on the *Holy See's Teaching on Catholic Schools* lists five non-negotiables of Catholic identity for Catholic schools. The first of these I would like to highlight this week is - *Inspired by a Supernatural Vision*.

The Archbishop states categorically that the foundation on which the Church builds her educational philosophy is the conviction that it's a process which forms the whole child with his or her eyes fixed on the vision of God. Thus, the specific purpose of a Catholic education is the formation of boys and girls who will be good citizens of this world, enriching society with the leaven of the Gospel but who will also be good mature citizens of the future.

To this end, Catholic schools do set high standards. Their goal, however, is straightforward - to foster the growth of good Catholic human beings who love God and neighbor, and fulfill their (the children's) destiny of becoming saints. Yes, you read it right - saints! Our goal is not simply to inspire our children to become educated, skilled professionals of the temporal economy but to guide them into becoming contributors of the divine economy.

'If we fail to keep in mind this high supernatural vision, all our talk about Catholic schools will be no more than "a gong booming or a cymbal clashing" (1Cor 13:1)' says the Archbishop. This is a lofty goal that requires the support of the whole home and the school environment. Let us ask our Blessed Mother to lead the way.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Babu Mathew, C.Ss.R.

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives. – Psalm 127