

## A THANKSGIVING PRAYER



Gracious and loving God, as the autumn season continues its transformation; and the days become shorter, the earth cooler; as we anticipate joining family and friends in joyful celebration on Thanksgiving Day, we pause to give You thanks and praise for the abundant blessings You have bestowed upon us: For life and health, safety and comfort, food and nourishment, we are sincerely grateful. Through your Spirit, open our hearts so that we may be even better stewards of these rich and unmerited gifts. Show us how to be a blessing for the poor, sick, lonely and all who suffer. And help us nurture the gift of faith, revealed to us by your Son, Jesus Christ, our greatest gift, who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen.



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### MASSES & SERVICES

Saturday: 5pm  
(Anticipated Mass)  
Sunday: 9am, 11am & 5pm  
Monday – Wednesday 8am  
Thursday Mass/Novena:  
8am & 7pm  
Friday, Saturday, Holidays: 9am  
(Fridays in July & August: 8am)  
Reconciliation  
Saturday: 4-4:45pm  
Adoration  
Saturday 9:30-10am  
Library Hours  
Sunday: 10-10:45am, 4:30-5pm

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9am-4pm

### STAFF

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## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

October 11, 2015 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

Thanksgiving is such a beautiful time of the year. The trees take on colourful hues, pumpkins are all over the place and there is a festive spirit in the air. Homes are abuzz with activity as families and friends get together and lovely smells waft from the kitchen. At the dinner table, it is delightful to hear what children say they are thankful for – their parents, teachers, friends, the cat, cell phones... and not necessarily in that order.

Perhaps what is most important about thanksgiving is that it is a good time to think about being thankful to God all the time. We often use the word stewardship to describe this attitude of gratitude. It is living life with a deep sense of thankfulness for all that we have been gifted with – our time, our abilities, our resources, our physical strength, even our God-given personalities. Someone who is helpful and sociable would be a wonderful asset to the ministry of ushering!

The concept of stewardship as a way of life is often simplified to the three T's – sharing our time, talent and treasure. You share these gifts with the faith community you belong to, the school community you are part of, and any group with which you would like to bring the light of Christ to.

That is why the Sunday offering or the Project Advance donation becomes a much more significant action than simply writing a cheque. It is a prayerful, intentional response to God's blessings. Stewardship also leads to a fairer sharing of the responsibilities of parish membership. Many hands make light work and as more parishioners are engaged in sharing their talents, each can experience the joy of giving.

Let us pray that Our Mother of Perpetual Help may help us to share the same spirit of joy that graced her meals with Jesus and St Joseph. Let us be mindful of those who have been displaced from their homes and separated from the families.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Babu Mathew, C.Ss.R.*

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

## NEWS & NOTICES

**Singers for Advent:** We are looking for sopranos, altos, tenors and basses to join us for our Advent Prayer and Music Service on December 13. The commitment is to attend Monday evening rehearsals at 7pm starting on October 19. If you'd like to join us for this short term musical project, please contact Catherine at [catherine.organist@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.organist@gmail.com).

**Pancake Griddle:** We are looking for pancake griddles for our New Parishioner Welcome Brunch on Sun Oct 25. Please contact the office if you've got one to lend.

**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 the Church. Follow us on [www.facebook.com/olphchurchvancouver](http://www.facebook.com/olphchurchvancouver).

**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](mailto:parish.olph@rcav.org). We gather on Sunday mornings 9 - 10am starting this weekend.

**Little Flower Academy Open House:** We welcome all prospective 2016-2017 candidates and families to an OPEN HOUSE on Wed Oct. 14, 2015 from 6-8pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Welcome Address starts at 6:00 pm in the auditorium (1625 Nanton Avenue in Vancouver) and is followed by guided tours. Entrance exam application packages for Grade 8 will be available. For more information please visit our website [www.lfabc.org](http://www.lfabc.org) or contact Kathi Wilson, Registrar 604-738-9016.

**Interreligious Dialogue In Our Time:** The Archdiocese of Vancouver will mark the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on the Relations of the Church to Non-Christian Religions with an interreligious conference with keynote speaker Fr. Darren Dias, OP. For more information contact: 604-683-0281 ext 50425, [ecumenism@rcav.org](mailto:ecumenism@rcav.org).

**Men's Retreat:** This weekend is an honest trek into the realm of the passions and desires of a man's heart: what it is to be a father, a husband, a son... to be a man fully alive. If you are longing to know God the Father more intimately and to learn what it is to live as His son, this retreat is for you. Sign up at [www.rcav.org/sonship](http://www.rcav.org/sonship).

## Stewardship Reflection

*"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (Mark 10:25)*

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. But, we are all called to be generous with all our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts: our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.

- Stewardship Office, Archdiocese of St. Louis

## JUBILEE CALENDAR

### OCTOBER EVENTS

#### Door is Open

We've lined up a great team of volunteers for this event. Please pray for the success of our parishioners' work at this outreach facility on Tuesday Oct 13.

#### 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.

#### The Rosary & the Icon

The beautiful Rosary meditations of Sr. Maria Victoria Flores MPS reflecting on the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be prayed on Sat October 31 to close the month of the Rosary. Join us at 4:30pm before evening Mass at 5pm for this prayerful celebration.

### NOVEMBER EVENTS

- All Souls' Day Memorial Mass  
Mon Nov 2, Time: TBA  
- Mass and Luncheon for the Bereaved 10:30am Sat Nov 14  
- Christmas Craft & Tea  
10am-2pm Sat Nov 28

## SEPTEMBER 2015 COLLECTIONS

Weekly Offering	\$32,350.72
CSsR Pension	\$4,673.00
Syrian Refugees	\$725.00
Needs of Cdn Church	\$1,436.00
Offering for Needy	\$1,848.00

**Thank you! If you would like to know more about our monthly pre-authorized giving plan, call the office or pick up a pamphlet at the church entrance.**



## Focus on Stewards

*As part of our 150<sup>th</sup> Jubilee celebrations, we are putting the spotlight on good stewards in the parish. We have many, and some of them have served the parish for a long time. This week's focus is on Roger and Diane Poirier who have been married for 46 years and parishioners for 40 of those years!*

### Roger Poirier

#### Which ministries are you currently involved in?

Ministry of the Word and Eucharistic Ministry.

Which ministries were you involved with in the past?

Parish Council, Parish Education Committee and Project Advance.

#### What do you like most about this ministry?

Using my God given talents to help spread the Word of God.

#### What is your favourite pastime?

Going for walks with Diane.

#### Who is your favourite saint?

I don't have one!

#### What makes you do the things you do for the parish?

My parents were very involved in parish activities and so the whole family was automatically involved. My mother always told me that whatever I do for the parish it will return to me ten fold. I still believe this and that is what makes me do things for the parish.

#### Do you have a favourite prayer?

Not really.



### Diane Poirier

#### Which ministries are you currently involved in?

Funeral Reception coordinator for the past 20+ years, Eucharistic Minister of the Cup and Past-President of the Catholic Women's League.

#### Which ministries were you involved with in the past?

President of C.W.L. as well as the other two above.

#### What do you like most about this ministry?

Being of service to families who have lost a loved one. We are able to relieve them of thinking of providing food and drink for guests at this time. They are able to spend time with family and friends who have come to support them.

#### What is your favourite pastime?

Spending time with Roger and family and friends and reading.

#### Who is your favourite saint? Why?

St. Jude and St Anthony. They answer my prayers!

#### What makes you do the things you do for the parish?

Feeling that I am giving back in some way for all that the Parish does for all of us.

#### Do you have a favourite prayer?

After the Our Father, I like the prayer of Thanksgiving that Father Mark Fitzsimon taught us when he was here. *Oh sacrament most holy, Oh sacrament Divine, All praise and all thanksgiving, Be every moment Thine.* Followed by the GloryBe. This is repeated 3 times after receiving the Eucharist.