



**OLPH  
REDEMPTORISTS**

2465 CROWN STREET  
VANCOUVER  
B.C. V6R3V9  
ESTABLISHED 1923

**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

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# OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

*January 10, 2016*

*Baptism of the Lord*

Dear Parishioners,

Here are ten references from Scripture that encourage us to join in the 40 Hour Adoration happening at our parish Monday to Wednesday this week.

1. He is really there! "I myself am the living bread come down from heaven." (Jn 6:35)
2. Day and night Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because of his Infinite love for you! "Behold I will be with you always even to the end of the world," because "I have loved you with an everlasting love, and constant is my affection for you." (Mt 28:20; Jer 31:3)
3. The specific way that Jesus asks you to love him in return is to spend one quiet hour with him in the Blessed Sacrament. "Where your treasure is, there is your heart...." "Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Mt 6:21; 26:40)
4. When you look upon the Sacred Host, you look upon Jesus, the Son of God. "Indeed, this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks upon the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life. Him I will raise up on the last day." (Jn 6:40)
5. Each moment that you spend in His Eucharistic Presence will increase his divine life within you and deepen your personal relationship and friendship with him. "I have come that you may have life, and have it more abundantly." (Jn 15:5)
6. Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen his divine peace in your heart. "Come to me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you..." (Mt 11:28)
7. Jesus will give you all the graces you need to be happy! "The Lamb on the throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to the springs of life-giving water." (Rev 7:17)
8. Jesus is infinitely deserving of our unceasing thanksgiving and adoration for all he has done for our salvation. "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive honor, glory and praise." (Rev. 5:12)
9. For peace in our country! "When my people humble themselves and seek my presence... I will revive their land." (2Chr 7:14)
10. Each hour you spend with Jesus on earth will leave your soul everlastingly more beautiful and glorious in heaven! "They who humble themselves shall be exalted...." "All of us, gazing on the Lord's glory with unveiled faces, are being transformed from glory to glory into his very image." (Lk 18:14; 2Cor 3:18)

*- Excerpt from Catholic News Agency*



## JUBILEE CALENDAR JANUARY EVENTS

### 40 Hour Devotion

Monday – Wednesday  
January 11-13 beginning  
with the 8am Mass and  
ending at 7pm. There's a  
sign-up sheet in the  
foyer.

## FEBRUARY EVENTS

### The Door Is Open

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outreach in East  
Vancouver has been a  
great way to bring  
parishioners together  
for a good cause –  
preparing a meal for  
the homeless in the  
downtown Eastside.  
We start at about 8am  
and finish at about  
1:30pm. If you would  
like to help, please put  
your name down on the  
sign-up sheet. We need  
about 15-20 volunteers.  
There's a sign-up sheet  
in the foyer if you are  
interested!

**O bless the Lord, my soul. - Psalm 103**

## NEWS & NOTICES

**Refugee Family Sponsorship Update:** We wish to thank the students, parents, parishioners and friends of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish and School and St. Mark's Parish for their generous contributions to the refugee family we have pledged to support. As of January 6, 2016, we have, together, raised a total of \$59,314.90. Since this amount surpasses the initial total required by our sponsorship agreement, we will not be soliciting additional funds unless we are informed of additional requirements. With the success of our fundraising we turn our attention to the work of the committees preparing to welcome and accompany the family when they arrive in Canada. We ask for your continued support and prayers.

**Forty Hours Devotion:** Come and spend an hour in adoration with the Lord: Monday – Wednesday January 11-13 beginning with the 8am Mass and ending at 7pm. There's a sign-up sheet in the foyer. We would like to have two people every hour.

**Join the Choir:** We are seeking new members for the OLPH Parish choir - singers who can commit to a Monday evening rehearsal (7-8pm) and one of the weekend masses. If you have sung soprano, alto, tenor or bass or have some musical background we would love to have you! First rehearsal Monday, January 11 @ 7pm. Contact Catherine with any questions at [catherine.organist@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.organist@gmail.com).

**Pianists Wanted:** We are looking for pianists who could volunteer to accompany, occasionally, at one of the weekend masses. A minimum grade 8 piano equivalent and good sight-reading skills. Students welcome. Contact Catherine at [catherine.organist@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.organist@gmail.com)

**9am Coffee Volunteers:** If you can help make coffee and bring some snacks as part of our efforts to welcome and build community, please contact Bertilla. Email: [bwatanabe@rcav.org](mailto:bwatanabe@rcav.org).

**2016 Envelope Boxes:** If you have not done so, please pick up your 2016 envelope boxes in the foyer. For the sake of accurate records and receipts, please do not use envelopes from previous years.

**OLPH School Open House:** The Open House for Jr. K to Grade 7 is on Wed. January 13th at 7pm. This will be the first opportunity to pick up an application package for the 2016-17 school year. Applications will be available on-line at the school website after January 13, 2016.

**Vancouver College Open House:** VC is a K-12 Catholic school for boys established by the Christian Brothers in 1922. Our Annual Open House for prospective students and families is on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

## Coffee and Hospitality

Providing hospitality to strangers is a hallmark of Christian stewardship. In the Gospel of Matthew good stewards were commended for their hospitality: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matt. 25:35). St. Benedict directed his followers to receive guests and travelers as if they were Christ. Extending hospitality is especially important when it comes to welcoming visitors who may be attending mass at our parish for the first time.

There is a lot of anecdotal evidence suggesting that the ability of a first-time visitor to have a meaningful experience of Christ in the liturgy is directly impacted by the warmth of the welcome extended by the local worshipping community. When people say hello, the worship experience is enhanced. A warm welcome is part of the evangelization work necessary in a church's mission to help people discover or renew faith in Christ.

How do we treat the unknown person who walks by us in church, or who sits next to us at mass? Do we ignore them? Talk around them? Look at them and say nothing? Do we take the initiative to greet them, smile, extend a warm handshake?

Remember, we are Christ's ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5:20). Our actions and reactions toward visitors at mass communicate who we are and who we represent. Let us take time to welcome visitors to our parish this year. Welcoming gestures, however small, will not only have a positive impact on visitors, they will make us more hospitable ambassadors of Christ.

- ICSC Stewardship



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