



REDEMPTORISTS

2465 CROWN STREET
VANCOUVER
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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

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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

January 17, 2016

2nd Sunday in Ord.Time

Mercy & Mary: Healing From No To Yes

Mary's yes to God untied the knot of Eve's no. Rooted in faith and humility, Mary's yes was born of an obedient heart attuned to God's word. Eve's no to God was rooted in prideful disobedience and distrust of God. With her yes, Mary became the Mother of Divine Mercy, the handmaid of the Divine Physician. Born of a dual yes the Church is the hospital of mercy. We need the Church to be a hospital of mercy to heal the countless wounds of her members –wounds that occur and fester because of our no to God, our no to sacrificial, self-emptying love. Saying no to God is never a good idea. The consequences are real and harmful.

Yes to God: Surrender, Sacrifice, Self-Emptying

“At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives. For this reason I have proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy as a special time for the Church; a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective” (Pope Francis, Bull of Indiction, n. 3).

How strong and effective is our witness to the Father's mercy? At the Twenty-Eighth World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro, on Sunday, July 28, 2013, Pope Francis said, “Go and make disciples of all nations... Jesus is calling you to be a disciple with a mission!” The baptized have a mission to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. The proclamation of the kingdom, like sanctity, is not the privilege of a few but the call and duty of every disciple. How we go about proclaiming Christ to others depends on our vocation in life.

Whether we are called to priesthood or to the religious life, to consecrated single or married life, our yes is key to the fulfillment of God's design for our life. Foundational to all vocations is falling in love with Jesus Christ. When was the last time you experienced God so realistically that you could not deny Him? If you have not yet had such an experience of divine love, pray and ask the Lord for the grace. Your desire is born of His desire. His yes and your yes combine to enkindle the fire of a love above all loves.

When we ponder the vocation of Mary, we begin to understand that she led the way for us to be open to the surprising adventure of God's call in our life. Like Mary we are chosen for something greater than ourselves—something greater than we have imagined. Nothing is impossible with God who seeks to work small and big miracles of grace in and through us. Yet the God of love will not burst



JUBILEE CALENDAR JANUARY EVENTS

Lent Preparation

Prepare for an early Lent & Easter in the Year of Mercy. Some things you can do:

- Make Sunday Mass attendance a priority
- Receive the graces waiting for us by going to Confession and receiving Jesus in the Eucharist.
- Make time for Adoration on Saturday mornings or any other day by visiting Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

The Door Is Open

The Door Is Open outreach program 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 can help on Tue Feb 2, please put your name down on the sign-up sheet in the foyer. We need about 15-20 volunteers. Thank you for helping!

Declare the marvelous works of the Lord among all the peoples. – Psalm95

