



OLPH
REDEMPTORISTS
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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 31, 2016

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Purcell Connects with Young People

Dear Friends of St. Alphonsus,

The Redemptorists help sponsor the largest gathering of Catholic university and college students in Canada. All provinces and most campuses across the country were represented at this year's conference held in Montréal between December 28th, 2015 and January 1st, 2016. This year we put into the hands of every participant, the icon of Our Mother of Our Perpetual Help along with contact information about the Redemptorists.

As sponsors for this Catholic Christian Outreach convention, we are able to meet young adults from all across the country and speak to them about St. Alphonsus and about our life as brothers and sisters in the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer. I was impressed by the attendance of over 75 young adult men, at a pizza lunch hosted by diocesan clergy and religious orders of men! These young adults learned about the priesthood and religious life from the stories of young men in formation for the priesthood and for religious life.

We were greeted warmly by the archbishop of Montréal, His Grace Christian Lepine. Other Bishops visited during the week. And we were brought greetings from Pope Francis through His Eminence Msgr. Luigi Bonazzi, Apostolic Nuncio for Canada. We experienced splendor and beauty in the church during our Eucharistic celebrations which took place at the Cathédrale Marie-Reine du Monde and at L'Oratoire St. Joseph.

Later in January I was able to reconnect with participants at the conference. I went to JAM (Jesus and Music) sessions at the University of British Columbia and at Simon Fraser University. There we began our time of prayer with songs and petitions. Then we took time to meditate on the Sunday mass readings in Lectio Divina format. I was very inspired to see small groups of Catholic university students excited about their faith and reaching out to invite others into a deeper relationship with Christ. Please contact the Newman Club through Facebook.

I was also invited to join Youth For Christ at St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver on a Saturday afternoon for some prayer and some fun. We asked the question, "How do I click with this Icon? - Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Using the prayers of St. Alphonsus, we learned to gaze upon Mary and her son Jesus, and to speak to Mary like a friend.

Thank you dear friends for your hospitality at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. I always enjoy my stay here and look forward to getting in touch with you again.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. David Purcell



JUBILEE CALENDAR FEBRUARY EVENTS

The Door Is Open

The Door Is Open outreach program in East Vancouver— preparing a meal for the homeless in the downtown Eastside – has all the volunteers we need. Thank you for helping!

Lent Preparation

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday Feb 10. Ash Wednesday is a day of prayer and fasting. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. It is a reminder of our need to turn to God in humility and repentance for our sins.

Rite of Acceptance

Our RCIA inquirers and catechumens are in the process of discerning their readiness to go further along their journey toward becoming Catholic. Please pray for them.

Blessing of Marriages

Married couples will be blessed at all Masses on Feb 14 Valentine's Day. Refreshments will be served after the 11am Mass.

My mouth will tell, O Lord, of your deeds of salvation. – Psalm 137

NEWS & NOTICES

Ash Wednesday Masses: Lent is a time of prayer, reflection and fasting in preparation for Easter. It begins with Ash Wednesday on Feb 10. Mass and distribution of ashes: 9am (School Mass) and 7pm.

School Holidays: Thurs/Fri Feb 4 & 5 for FISA Conference. Friday Mass at 9am as usual. Monday Feb 8 is a public holiday. Mass is at 9am.

Sancta Maria House Thank You: *On behalf of all the women and staff of Sancta Maria Healing Home we would like to extend our great appreciation for the wonderful food items you gifted us with this Christmas. Your gifts will assist us in providing healthy meals for our women. Since many women come to us with no fundin, all your donations will help us well into the year. We thank each and every one of you and pray that God blesses you all. – Sharon Dobin, President of Sancta Maria House*

Join the Choir: What does it take to be in the choir? A love for sacred music and some experience singing with choirs even if you don't read music. At rehearsals, we do vocal exercises and work on hymns a few weeks ahead of singing them at Mass. Attendance at Monday rehearsals (7-8pm) and one weekend Mass is expected. Experienced sopranos, altos, tenors or basses are more than welcome. We have some lovely music lined up for Holy Week, it's a great time to come on board! Contact Catherine if you have questions at catherine.organist@gmail.com.

Host Families Needed: Eleven young adults from NET (National Evangelization Team) are facilitating a Confirmation Retreat for Grade 7 students. We are looking for several families to host two to three members each for two nights Tuesday March 1 & Wed March 2. If you are able to host, please call the school office at 604-228-8811 for details.

Madonna Group: Armchair Travel to Japan! Dr. Edward Mornin from UBC will give us a talk and show on Japan at our meeting in the church hall on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd. Lunch starts at 12:30pm, show time 1:15pm. Cost \$2. Parishioners welcome. Please call Monica Cheung 604-739-8837 if attending.

Food Bank: The cost of groceries is making it more difficult for some families to manage. Many more people are turning to the Food Bank to help them get by. Please be generous in your support this weekend. Cash donations will go to The Door Is Open. Thank you.

CWL Meeting & Membership Drive: New members are welcome to sign up at all Masses this weekend. Membership is \$30.

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.

Catholic Press Collection: This is a great opportunity for parishioners to show their appreciation for receiving The B.C. Catholic and to help defray your parish's costs of mailing the paper.



Redemptorists Sponsor Catholic Christian Outreach Convention

Three Redemptorists from our Montréal and Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré communities joined Fr. David Purcell at the Catholic Christian Outreach Convention in Montreal.

(l to r) Fr. Jean Carlos François, Fr. Guy Desrochers, Deacon Joseph Manh Tuan Nguyen and Fr. David Purcell.

Stewardship Reflection

“Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous.” (1 Corinthians 13:4)

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Pray to become less self-centered and more God-centered.

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