

## REDEMPTORIST YOUNG ADULT PROGRAM



# S.E.R.V.E.

**May 6 - June 4, 2016 – Toronto**

**Summer Endeavour in a Redemptorist Volunteer Experience**

S.E.R.V.E. is an opportunity for 6 young men and women (age 19-30) to deepen their Christian Faith through fostering a sense of mission, service, prayer and spirituality in a Christian Community rooted in the Spirituality of St. Alphonsus Liguori and in the Redemptorist Charism. Through prayer, community living, spiritual formation, service in social agencies in Toronto, Eucharist, discussion and social activities, participants have an opportunity to encounter the presence of Christ. Redeemer House (151 McCaul Street, Toronto) will be home for the duration of S.E.R.V.E.. We are located in downtown Toronto, beside St. Patrick's Church, the National Shrine of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, which is served by the Redemptorists.

During the academic year, Redeemer House serves as the home to students preparing for Religious Life as a Redemptorist. As part of the S.E.R.V.E. experience, participants will be assigned to work at one of several volunteer agencies in the local area. Opportunities for service may include inner-city ministry, soup kitchens, shelters, or long-term care facilities. Many young people today are searching in their spiritual lives for a connection between faith and the needs of people around them. We see S.E.R.V.E. as providing an opportunity where young men and women can explore their faith and their call to serve in the context of Christian community. Contact the Redemptorists today!

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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

#### Pastor

Babu Mathew, C.Ss.R.

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# OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

April 3, 2016

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you had a wonderful Easter with your families and friends last weekend. Here, our Easter Vigil was indeed a profoundly beautiful celebration. When I ask people if they are coming to the Vigil, they often say that it's "too late" and goes on for "too long." But when you think about how the entire story of life, death, salvation and eternity is embodied in a two-hour liturgy, one can only wonder at how quickly it goes by. I urge more of you to join us next year and be captivated by the lights, the powerful readings and beautiful music.

I wish to extend a very warm welcome to the people who were baptized that day, as well as all those who were Confirmed and received the Eucharist. I hope you, dear parishioners, will join me in praying for them and making them feel at home in our parish. Some of us cradle Catholics don't realize that it is not easy to leave one faith community to enter another. It can be a very emotional time. So reach out in friendship and keep these new Catholics in your prayers.

Sadly, the joy of Easter does not suspend horrors and bloodshed around the world. Especially painful to us all, is how 70 Christians celebrating Easter were killed in Lahore. Earlier in March, four gunmen attacked a Missionaries of Charity-run retirement home in Aden, Yemen, killing 16 people including four sisters. The fate of Fr. Tom Uzhunnalil from Kerala, who was kidnapped by the gunmen during the attacks, is still unclear.

It's unfortunate that many people do not fully realize the extent of Christian persecution around the world. According to the International Society for Human Rights based in Frankfurt, 80% of acts of religious discrimination are carried out against Christians. Another estimate states that, about 11 Christians are killed around the world every hour.

Let us count our blessings for being able to celebrate our faith without persecution and pray for the persecutors. Let us also not take the Mass and Eucharist for granted. There are many around the world who are willing to face death in order to receive Jesus. May our blessed Mother help those who are suffering persecution and intimidation for becoming believers of the Catholic faith.

Yours in Christ,  
**Fr. Babu Mathew, C.Ss.R**

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 118*

**Parish Office Hours on April 5:** The office will be closed on Tuesday April 5 from 12:30-3:30pm.

**Madonna Group Meeting:** The group will meet on Wednesday April 6 at 12:30pm.

**Joint OLPH and St. Mark's Refugee Sponsorship Update:** We are happy to announce that a Syrian family of four (father age 53, mother age 44, daughter age 15 in Grade 10 and son age 11 in Grade 5) has now been successfully sponsored and is currently being processed in Jordan where they have been residing. Although an exact date of arrival in Vancouver has still not definitely been set, we are hopeful that this will happen in the next few months. Your joint Committee is hard at work in activating the many pieces of the settlement plan to welcome the family and to ensure a successful integration into Canadian society. Regular significant updates and details will be provided to both parish communities and to our supportive friends. God bless the generosity (over \$60,000 donated), willing assistance and patience of all that have brought us this far!

**Redemptorist Associates:** The Redemptorist Associates are lay members who promote and collaborate in the work of the Redemptorists. We will have a briefing this Thursday after the 8am Mass in the Madonna Room. Ann Walsh, Redemptorist Associate from Newfoundland will give us an introduction. Join us!

**PREP Candy Collection:** Children in PREP will be collecting candy or cash donations at all Masses for The Door Is Open and Missionaries of Charity. Prep students are also helping at the 11am Mass.

**International Festival:** Our International Festivals begin this week with parishioners sharing a taste of South-East Asian cuisine. Stay for a while after the 11am Mass and introduce yourself to a few new people as we celebrate our unity in diversity.

**First Communion:** There is a meeting for parents of children receiving First Communion on Tuesday April 5 at 6:30pm in the Church.

**Parish Tax Receipts:** Thank you for your generous contributions in 2015. Tax receipts from the church are available for pick-up from the Parish Office anytime Mon-Fri 9am-4pm.

**Know your Catholic voice:** This workshop gives Catholics the tools to communicate the Church's position on topics of contemporary relevance. The focus of this workshop is assisted suicide. Learn how to answer the question, "Why does the Catholic Church oppose allowing people to choose the time of their own death?" Catholic Voices is presented by Peter Nation, coordinator for Catholic Voices Canada. Cost: \$40 (includes lunch) on Saturday, April 9, from 10am-4pm at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Vancouver. To register visit [rcav.org/oc-spring](http://rcav.org/oc-spring).

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat:** Let go of the suffering caused by abortion and allow God to fill you with new life. Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat. Next Retreat is June 2016. For confidential information and to register call 604-525-0999.

**Mining and the Common Good:** Guest speaker Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, will set the context of this symposium through his address on the encyclical Laudato Si'. The symposium will feature climate scientists and reps from First Nations, mining companies, NGOs and shareholders. Please bring a bagged lunch. Friday April 8, from 8am to 5pm at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, 4885 Saint John Paul II Way, Vancouver. To register visit <http://bit.ly/22G23sl>

Stewardship Reflection

*"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'"*

-- JOHN 20:21

*Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world to share His peace and Good News, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. We should look for opportunities to share His peace with our brothers and sisters not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, you will receive the peace of Christ.*

Stewardship Office, Archdiocese of St. Louis

APRIL/MAY EVENTS  
International Festival

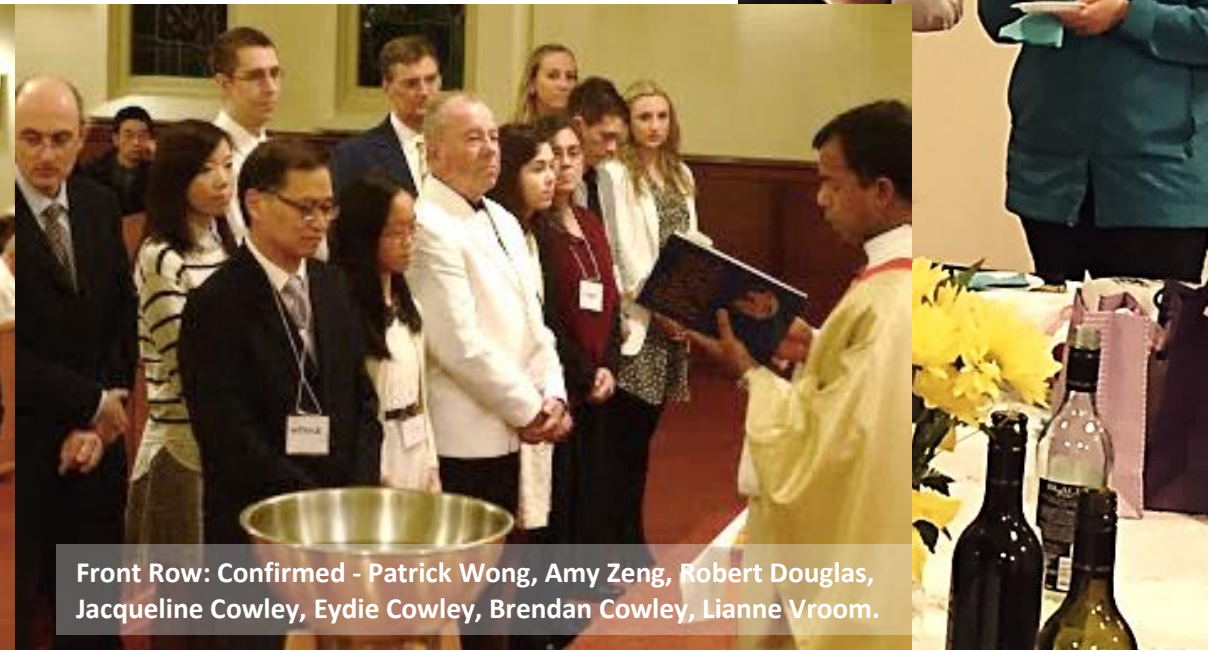
We encourage you to share the food and music of your culture after the 11am Masses on these dates leading up to the BBQ on Pentecost Sunday. Sign-up sheets are at the entrance.

- Sunday April 10 – Latin America
- Sunday April 17 – South Asia  
(India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Maldives)
- Sunday April 24 – Europe
- Sunday May 8 – East Asia  
(Korea, China, Taiwan, Japan)

REJOICE ALL YOU NEWLY BAPTIZED AND CONFIRMED!

Congratulations and blessings on 14 new members of the Catholic faith following Saturday's initiation into the faith.

The seven catechumens were baptized with the newly blessed water at the solemn and joyful Easter Vigil celebration. All were then confirmed and received their First Communion.



Front Row: Baptized - Greg Cowley, Lisa Tran, Nelson Lui, Delwin Yung, Alan Fung, Elizabeth Fung and Ester Fung.

Front Row: Confirmed - Patrick Wong, Amy Zeng, Robert Douglas, Jacqueline Cowley, Eydie Cowley, Brendan Cowley, Lianne Vroom.