

## **Our Lady of Good Hope Roman Catholic Church**

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### **Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 8, 2019**

#### **Weekday Masses**

Tuesday to Saturday 9:00 AM

#### **Sunday Masses**

Saturday – 4:30 PM (anticipated Mass)  
Sunday – 9:00 AM

#### **Confessions**

Weekdays Tuesday to Saturday – 8:30 AM to 8:45 AM  
Saturday - 3:30 PM to 4:00 PM  
Always available upon request.

**Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill, at home, or in the hospital, in particular:**

May Our Lord sustain, comfort and heal them through their faith.

Dolores Hampton, Marilyn McKay, Galdino Berti, Yunha Kim, Theresa Witjes, Dolores Azevedo,  
David De Beer, Brian Lloyd, Brian Sparkes, Maxwell Paller, Art Pottie

#### **Last Sunday Offering**

\$ Envelopes      Number of envelopes:  
\$ Loose  
\$ Weekly Anticipated Expenses

Thank you for your generous support of your Parish.

**Project Advance update:** We reached our Diocesan goal of \$6,000. The donations exceeding the Diocesan goal of \$6,000 will be returned to our Parish. We sincerely thank the **30 families** of our Parish who have **donated \$19,480**. We invite all parishioners to participate to this year's appeal. Please place an envelope marked "*Project Advance*" into the offertory basket. *A heartfelt thanks to all those who has contributed so far!*

**CWA Meeting at 10:00 PM on September 11 in the Parish Hall.**  
**Ladies of the Parish are welcomed to attend the meeting.**

#### **PREP – Parish Religious Education Program for Children**

Grades 1 and 2 - Tuesday – October 22 at 3:00 PM – 40 minutes  
Grades 3 to 7 – Wednesday – October 23 at 3:00 Pm – 1 hour  
Please call Michelle – 604.869.2571 – to register

**The Men's Retreat** is for every man searching for a deeper relationship with God and a fuller understanding of what it means to live as a son of the Father. Get away from the busyness and demands of our schedules to personally encounter God the Father and experience His generous love. Join us **Sept. 20 – 22nd**, at Rockridge Canyon, Princeton, 2000 Willies Ranch Rd. Register today! <http://rcav.org/mensretreat/> (**Please see bulletin board for more information**)

#### **Upper Room Conference 2019**

October 26, 2019 from 9 AM to 6 PM – 999 Canada Place, Vancouver, BC  
You are invited to the Conference, a conference that inspires and equips Catholics in Vancouver on how to live on mission in their homes and communities. To register: [www.upperrommvancouver.com](http://www.upperrommvancouver.com)

**The Eighth Annual Archbishop's Dinner**

Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency – 655 Burrard Street, Vancouver  
The proceeds of this year's dinner will be directed to enhance Catholic health care ethics in education and practice in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. See brochures at the back of the church.  
To register: [rcav.org/dinner2019](http://rcav.org/dinner2019)

**Happy Birthday Mary – Feast Day is September 8**

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8 (nine months earlier).

St. Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation and asks for an increase of peace.

Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, you have given Mary to us as our Blessed Mother. Thank you. I know that she constantly intercedes on our behalf and that you listen to her prayer. I am confident in Your mercy and love. You are guiding me home to spend eternity with you. I place all my trust in you. I offer you my week, but grateful love in return.

***"Today a virgin is born and is being made ready to be the God-bearer. Let us sing praise and dance and celebrate the glories of this day."*** (St. Andrew of Crete)

**Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Feast day is September 12**

The feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary began in Spain in 1513 and in 1671 was extended to all of Spain and the Kingdom of Naples. In 1683, John Sobieski, king of Poland, brought an army to the outskirts of Vienna to stop the advance of Muslim armies loyal to Mohammed IV in Constantinople. After Sobieski entrusted himself to the Blessed Virgin Mary, he and his soldiers thoroughly defeated the Muslims. Pope Innocent XI extended this feast to the entire Church.

Mary always points us to God, reminding us of God's infinite goodness. She helps us to open our hearts to God's ways, wherever those may lead us. Honored under the title "Queen of Peace," Mary encourages us to cooperate with Jesus in building a peace based on justice, a peace that respects the fundamental human rights (including religious rights) of all peoples.

*"Lord our God, when your Son was dying on the altar of the cross, He gave us as our mother the one He had chosen to be His own mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary; grant that we who call upon the holy name of Mary, our mother, with confidence in her protection may receive strength and comfort in all our needs"* (Marian Sacramentary, Mass for the Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary).

**Conversation with Mary:** Mary, teach me how to do God's will as you did, so that I can remain in His company. I want to do His will, even though at times I know that it may seem difficult or impossible. Ask your Son for the grace of perseverance for me so that I, too, may cooperate with the Lord, whether He is asking something of me that is ordinary or extraordinary.

***"You, Mary, are God's best creation. No one has ever loved God so intimately as you, O glorious Lady."*** (St. Bridget of Sweden)