

Parish News

From the Pastor's desk.....

My friends, a parishioner asked me last Sunday why the doors between the foyer and the nave of the Church were closed before Mass. Great question. We desire that OLPH be a parish of welcome and hospitality; so people need to feel comfortable to visit prior to the Mass beginning. The foyer is a perfect place for this. In the same way we desire that OLPH be a place where we encounter the Lord and grow deeper in our relationship with Him. By leaving the doors closed before and between Masses, it allows those who wish to pray or sit in silence in preparation for the Mass to do so in the Church nave. Doors closed allow folks to visit in the foyer and not feel they have to whisper. As well, it allows our sisters and brothers who wish to pray and meditate in silence within the Church, to do exactly that. Win/Win.

Blessings, Fr. Jim

ADVENT PENITENTIAL CELEBRATION

This year our Advent Celebration of Reconciliation (Confession) will take place **Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00 pm**. If you are unable to attend the service at our parish, please consider attending the penitential service at one of the other parishes.

All services are at 7:00 pm

St. Agnus Parish, Wednesday, December 13

St. Anthony Parish - Wednesday, December 13

Assumption & Resurrection Twin Parish - (at Resurrection)

Wednesday, December 13

Our Lady Of The Angels - Monday, December 18

St. Thomas More - Tuesday, December 19

OLPH Parish Financial Report

OLPH Parish Financial Report Week End Dec. 2/3 (Week 49)

A more detailed breakdown of the budget can be found at www.olph.ca or at the Parish Office

	ORDINARY RECEIPTS	BUILDING FUND
Average Weekly Cost of Running the Parish (Based on budgeted amount)	\$24,995.20	Weekly Target Amount \$2,596
Donations December 3	\$24, 581	\$2,247
Overage/Shortfall Week 48	(-\$414)	(-\$349)
YTD Shortfall	(-\$156,219)	(-\$30,529)



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

A Roman Catholic Christian Community

We come together at our Lord's invitation to worship God, celebrate the sacraments, and deepen our faith. We strive to be thankful, generous and welcoming, and are sent forth to help advance God's Kingdom on earth by proclaiming the Gospel and serving others.

December 10, 2017 Second Sunday of Advent Cycle B

Masses Dec 24, 4th Sunday of Advent

8:30am
10:30am

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00pm Sanctuary
4:00pm Parish Hall
6:30pm Sanctuary
6:30pm Parish Hall
9:00pm Sanctuary
Midnight Sanctuary

Masses Christmas Day

8:30am; 10:30am & 5:00pm

Masses December 31, 2017

8:30am
10:30am
5:00pm-Anticipation Mass
Adoration 6:pm until 8:00 am
of January 01, 2018



January 1, 2017 (Holy Day of Obligation)

New Year's Day Masses
8:30am
10:30am
5:00pm

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Side-by-side obligations

This year, because Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve fall on Sunday, Catholics are obligated to attend Mass two days in a row in each of two weeks -- or maybe two Masses on one day.

As Father Paul Kavanagh, Director of Divine Worship, explains it, we have an obligation to attend Mass on the following Sundays and Holy Days:

Sunday, December 24: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 25: Nativity of the Lord

Sunday, December 31: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Monday, January 1, The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

However, on December 24, we could attend a Sunday Mass in the morning, and a Vigil Mass for the Nativity of the Lord after 4 p.m.

And on December 31, we could attend a Sunday Mass in the morning, and a Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God after 4 p.m. **But for those who are wondering**, no, we cannot fulfill both obligations on December 24 or 31 with just one Mass.

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

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email: info@olph.ca Website: www.olph.ca Archdiocesan website: <http://www.caedm.ca>

Liturgy Schedule

Sun. Dec. 10 - Sun. Dec. 17

Weekday Mass 7 days a week at 8:30 am

Sunday 7:00 pm Prayer Vigil -Evelyn Lorenz

Monday 8:30 am Mass,

10:30 am Funeral - Francoise Cooke

1:30 pm Funeral - Evelyn Lorenz

Tuesday 8:30 am Mass,

11:00 am Funeral - Elaine Steinhubl

6:15pm Mass, **7:00 pm Advent Penitential**

Wednesday 8:30 am Mass

Thursday 8:30 am Mass, 6:15 pm Mass

Friday 8:30 am Mass

Saturday 8:30 am Mass

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday 8:30 am Mass, 10:30 am Mass-RCIA

Dismissal, 12:30 pm Baptisms, 5:00 pm Mass

† In Loving Remembrance....

We extend our deepest sympathy and the assurance of the prayers of God's people here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help to:

Carmen Shumlich and Family. Carmen's husband, **Wayne Shumlich** died December 1st in Edmonton.

Ed Lorenz and Family. Ed's wife, **Evelyn Lorenz** died December 4th in Edmonton.

Paul Steinhubl and Family. Paul's wife, **Elaine Steinhubl** died December 4th in Edmonton.



This Week's Mass Intentions.....

Mon. Dec. 11: Matt & Bernice Soroka

Tues. Dec. 12: Linda Poznanski,

Charles Lacroix† Claire Tyson†

Carol MacDonald, Marie-Claire Grenier

Wed. Dec. 13: OLPH Staff, Dean Fossen†

Evelyn Lorenz† Anthony Reghelini†

Thurs. Dec. 14: Louis Bernier†

Eileen Cusack† Michael Lestranger†

Celine Reghelini & Family

Fri. Dec. 15: Ed Lorenz & Family

Sat. Dec. 16: Laura Strauss† Gary Bingham†

RECONCILIATION

1/2 hour prior to all weekday Masses and from 9:15 am to 11:00 am on Saturday or by appointment.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 8:30 pm

Friday - 8:00 am - 8:30 pm

Saturday & Sunday 7:30 am - 6:30 pm

Open during lunch hour

**Serving St. Francis of Assisi
Tofield, AB**

Mass: Sundays at 11:00 am

Pastor

Fr. Jim Corrigan - jcorrigan@olph.ca

Associate Pastors

Fr. Raj Savariappan - rajfather@olph.ca

Fr. Joe Glaab, OFM - jglaab@olph.ca

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Business & Facility Manager & Volunteer Coordinator

Brenda Frederick - bfrederick@olph.ca

Administrative Assistants

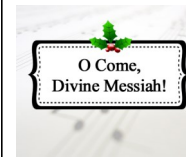
Lorraine Dotto - ldotto@olph.ca

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JETS Airline (Java, Exercise, Talk, Service)

The adventure continues with new destinations and opportunities via the JETS women's group and their amazing airline.



December 15th: O Come Divine Messiah (and you too) Brunch

To mark and celebrate another beautiful season of JETS flights, we invite all members and any new guests to join us for our year-end Advent Brunch beginning at 9:43 am this Friday, December 15th in our airport departure lounge (aka. St. Joan Room). Those attending are humbly asked to bring one potluck item to share, either main course, salad, appetizer, fruit, or dessert AND your competitive humour ... we are going to play a couple of oh-so-fun games! As well, those that have prayer pals are asked to bring a card and/or present to reveal who you have been praying for all year long. Any further questions can be answered by contacting our always on-call co-pilots **Aida** at **780.922.2156** or **Nancy** at **780.464.5356**. If needed, childcare is available for a nominal fee.

**The Inner City Pastoral Ministry (ICPM)
Is in need of clean plastic grocery bags.
Please drop off at the Parish Office.
Thank You!**

**Usher's Needed for all Masses on
Christmas Eve up to New Year's Day**
Numerous Ushers are still needed for the different Mass times on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Please sign up on the sheets located on the inside of the door in the Usher's Room. Your attendance is very much appreciated.



**Encore's Seniors Group
Pre-Christmas Dinner
Tuesday, December 12th**

Join us at Swiss Chalet located on Baseline Rd. for a Pre-Christmas celebration on Tuesday, December 12th at 5:30 pm. Please RSVP as soon as possible to John at 780-464-5991 so reservations can be made. Everyone will be responsible for their own lunch. All are welcome.

Music Ministry for Young Adults Are you a young adult who wants to give glory to God through the gift of music? Email **Michael** at toporchak_mja@shaw.ca for more information.



Grief Recovery

A 10 week program that is offered at the Parish for those suffering bereavement

through the death of a loved one. At each session a DVD featuring personal stories and expert insights on topics important to grief recovery is viewed, followed by group discussion. The winter program will be held on Wednesday afternoon, beginning on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 and running through to March 21, 2018, 1:00 - 3:00 pm. The cost to cover materials will be \$20.00. For more information or to register contact Sue Boyne or Betty Donovan at the Parish Office at 780-467-5470.

Why not spread a *little Holiness* with your *Christmas Cheer* this year?! The **Lighthouse Catholic Media stand** has been re-stocked with new titles just in time for *Advent* Reflections and *Christmas* Gift-giving. Each CD contains one talk by a renowned Catholic speaker. There are titles about traditional Advent and Christmas themes, as well as many on other topics and challenges in our current culture. Great teacher gifts and stocking stuffers!

GiFT Programs Starting in January – Register today!

Catholicism 101: What do Catholics believe?

Tuesdays, January 9–March 13, 7:00-8:30

Catholicism 101 is for anyone who wants to grow in their Catholic faith. This 10-week course covers the central beliefs, teachings and practices of the Catholic Church. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. No charge.

Contact: Alana at alaperle@telus.net or 780-446-9009.

NEW! Living in the Word Scripture Seminar – The Gospel of Mark

Wednesdays, January 17-April 11, 12:00-1:00 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Join Dr. Stéphane Saulnier, Professor of Sacred Scripture at Newman Theological College, as we read and reflect on the Gospel of Mark. This is a free, drop-in program (bring your lunch!). No charge, no homework, no pre-reading. Please pre-register to help us plan.

Contact: Pat at pat@olph.ca or 780-467-5470.

Who Am I to Judge? Part 2

“I disagree” doesn’t mean “I hate you”

Saturday, January 20, 8:30-4:00

What is “right” and “wrong”? We live in a society that says each person should make up his or her own morality—that there is no moral truth that applies to everyone. If you missed Part 1, simply review the first four sessions on FORMED then join us for some inspiring talks and great group discussions!

Cost: \$15 (for lunch). Please pre-register to help us plan.

Contact: Pat at pat@olph.ca or 780-467-5470.

For more information on all GiFT offerings, visit www.olph.ca/formation.

Watch for the Winter-Spring GiFT CATALOGUE coming soon!

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe



You are invited to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with Archbishop Richard Smith and members of the First Nations, Metis and Inuit communities. Join us on **Tuesday, December 12th**, at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Basilica. Rosary prayers will be led in five languages beginning at 6 p.m.

ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Eucharistic Ministers are asked to sign up for Masses during the Christmas Liturgies. Use the sheets posted on the small cabinet in the foyer. Early sign-up is appreciated.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
(780) 416 - 0931
Help Line: ext 1
Donations: ext 2
Poor Box Collection is on the Third Sunday of every month.

Children’s Sacraments

First Reconciliation and First Communion 2017/2018

Congratulations to all those who made their First Reconciliation last weekend!

The retreats for First Communion will be held on:

Saturday, January 27th, 2018 at OLPH Parish from 1-3pm

or

Sunday, February 4th, 2018 at OLPH Parish from 1-3pm



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Monna** at the Parish Office **780-467-5470** or at msenez@olph.ca

Confirmation 2018 (Grade 6 and older)

There is still time to register for Confirmation.

The next Registration and Parent Orientation Meeting is:

Monday, January 29, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Parent & Child Preparation: The parent and the child will attend the mandatory Preparation Day:

Sunday, March 11, 2018: 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

Please contact **Raylene** at the Parish office at **780-467-5470** or ryuzyk@olph.ca



Congratulations



To the following young people who celebrated their First Communion on **December 3, 2017**

and now join the OLPH Community at the table of the Lord:

Owen Cortes Connor Desmond
Carlos Macaranas Anthony Medvescek
Nikolas Medvescek

Catechetics (Religious Education) Home Program

If you have a child who is not in our Catholic Schools, there is a Home program for Religious Education. Please contact Christine, **780-417-4773**, for information and materials to begin the program. A catechist will journey with you during the year to provide ongoing support. Please contact **Christine** at **780-417-4773** or email: ccustodi@shaw.ca

L’Arche Edmonton Christmas Pageant

L’Arche Edmonton will hold its annual Christmas Pageant on Monday, December 18th at 7 p.m. at St. Thomas d’Aquin Church, 8410 89 St. This is a cherished L’Arche Edmonton Christmas tradition as members of our community with developmental disabilities re-enact the Nativity Scene in full costume accompanied by classic Christmas carol singing.

There is no charge for this event, but we invite guests to bring a non-perishable food item for the Edmonton Food Bank.

Following the pageant, join us for refreshments and the opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts at the popular Day Program Craft Sale!

For more information, phone **Maria** at **780-465-0618, ext. 206.**

Reflections & Readings

December 10 - Second Sunday of Advent

We long for and seek the visible presence of God in our lives. God likewise longs for a deep and intimate relationship with us and is always giving us opportunities to know him. As we acknowledge our failings and ask for God's forgiveness and healing, we take the next step in moving closer to God.

In the Gospel, John the Baptist, modeled on the prophet Elijah, prepares the way for Jesus' coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Weekly Readings For: December 11 - December 17

December 11 - First Reading: Isaiah 35.1-10; Gospel: Luke 5.17-26

December 12 - First Reading: Zechariah 2.10-13; Gospel: Luke 1.39-47

December 13 - First Reading: Isaiah 40.25-31; Gospel: Matthew 11.28-30

December 14 - First Reading: Isaiah 41.13-20; Gospel: Matthew 11.11-15

December 15 - First Reading: Isaiah 48.17-19; Gospel: Matthew 11.16-19

December 16 - First Reading: Sirach 48.1-4, 9-11; Gospel: Matthew 17.10-13



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The 4:00 p.m. Masses on Christmas Eve are very popular!

Unfortunately, for many years in a row now, the church has been filled to capacity both upstairs and downstairs, often before 4:00 p.m., and people still arriving have necessarily been turned away. Please consider coming to Mass later on Christmas Eve (6:30 p.m., 9:00 p.m. or Midnight) or on Christmas Day (8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. or 5:00 p.m.). Doing so should also make it easier to find a parking spot and a place in the pews! 6:30 pm Mass downstairs will be tailored to the Youth of our Parish.

Volunteers are still needed to help with the Sacred Heart Parish Reverse Collection

Dec. 11 – Volunteers needed for “boxing up” the food for delivery to Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples @ 8:30 a.m. Thanks to Mrs. Damur and the students from St. John Paul II Catholic High School who will be arriving around 9:15 a.m. to load the food onto the SSVF truck and deliver it to Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples.

Dec. 11 – 15 – Volunteers are needed to assist at Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples with hamper preparation.

Thank you in advance for your generosity of time and treasure and for being Christ's hands and feet and messengers of love and generosity. Please contact **Pat Lemire** at the Parish Office @ 780-467-5470, **Len Stang** @ 780-467-8412, **Pauline Degenstein** @ 780-417-9196 if you are able to volunteer on any of these dates.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – RCIA

Did you know....

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith and becoming a Catholic, please contact **Pat Lemire** or **Father Joe** at the Parish office at 780-467-5470 or email them at plemire@olph.ca or jglaab@olph.ca. RCIA is a process of conversion and preparation for a life of discipleship and is supported by the 4 pillars of catechesis; teaching, liturgy, service and community.

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ABJ Choir Present:

a not so silent night

Wednesday, December 13th

7:30 PM

**OLPH Parish, 13 Brower Drive,
Sherwood Park**

Tickets will be available at the door
For \$10 each or for presale at the
ABJ Business Office



ABJ Geomeer Project in Need of Boxes

ABJ is in need of 200 large boxes for their Geomeer (Christmas Hamper Social Justice initiative). We would really appreciate you dropping off your boxes at ABJ High School. Any questions please contact **Justin Gabinet** justing@eics.ab.ca



OLPH Buffet Breakfast Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Breakfast will be served Sunday, December 17th after the 8:30 and 10:30 am Mass. Cost is only \$7.00 per person or \$22.00 for a family of four.



Guadalupe

The Miracle and the Message

Explore the Marian Event that Transformed the World

Over the course of four days in 1531, the Virgin Mary appeared to an indigenous convert named Juan Diego and ignited an extraordinary transformation of the Americas. This gripping film explores the beautiful mystery and ongoing relevance of Our Lady's apparition at Guadalupe.

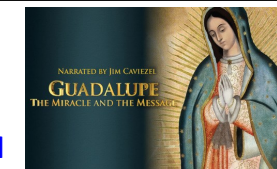
Watch on formed.org

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FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



Also available in Spanish!



“So much of this documentary has helped me understand Our Lady of Guadalupe. I was moved to pray the rosary after watching this.” —Letty M., Virginia Beach, VA