

From The Pastor's desk.....

My friends, last week the 10:30 Mass took a few minutes longer than the long desired, longed for, this is what we are used too, one hour. I was asked, are these changes supposed to speed up the Mass? The answer to this valid question. **Absolutely not!** The goal of these changes is to assist us in participating in a more prayerful reverent way, the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The truth is, these changes may add five minutes to our celebrations. But as our Lord said in the garden of Gethsemane, "Could you not stay awake for one hour with me, (Mt. 26, 40)?" I do pray that our experience of worship here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help will draw us all into a deeper more loving relationship with our Lord.

It was also noted there were some texts removed from the overhead projection. I checked this out and found that the only prayers removed from the projection screens were the "Lamb of God" and the "Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof..." It is at these critical moments during the celebration of the Mass that we need to focus all the attention we have available on our Lord and Savior, present at the altar. Our tendency as humanity is to look at a screen when there is text or graphics on it. We simply want to assist the faithful in focusing on the miracle that is occurring right in front of us on the altar of sacrifice. Our Lord Jesus Christ becoming substantially present to us Body, Soul and Divinity. Blessings Fr jim



Sacred Heart Parish Reverse Collection

A huge bouquet of thanks to the parishioners of OLPH Parish.

Once again, your outpouring of generosity towards the Christmas Hampers for Sacred Heart Parish was overwhelming.

In addition to the donations of food items and grocery gift cards, we received \$1,342.76 in cash donations which was used to purchase more groceries for the hampers. Our brothers and sisters of Sacred Heart Parish are very appreciative of your help. May God bless you all.

OLPH Parish Financial Report

OLPH Parish Financial Report Week End Dec. 9/10 (Week 50)

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 10	\$24, 581	\$2,247
Overage/Shortfall Week 50	(\$1,491)	(-\$14)
YTD Shortfall	(-\$154,728)	(-\$30,543)



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 17, 2017 Third Sunday of Advent Cycle B

**Masses December 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
"Feast of Holy Family"**

8:30am
10:30am

New Year's Eve

"Holy Day of Obligation"
5:00pm-Anticipation Mass
Adoration 6 pm until 8:00 am
on January 01, 2018

**Parish Office will be open between
Christmas and New Years**

**January 1, 2017
(Holy Day of Obligation)**

New Year's Day Masses

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

Find us at:

www.olph.ca

<https://www.facebook.com/olphsherwoodpark/>



Reminder 2017 Income Tax Receipts

PLEASE NOTE: All contributions to be recorded for 2017 must be received by the Parish **NO LATER** than 4:45PM on December 31, 2017.

Thank you for your generous donations



Volunteers Needed

We are in need of Volunteers to help put up the chairs in the Parish hall on Friday, December 22nd at 4:30 pm for the Christmas Eve Masses. Thank You!

Parishioners using contribution envelopes

Your 2018 envelopes are available for you to pick up in the foyer of the church.

**Starting January 1, 2018
OLD ENVELOPES
MUST NOT BE USED**

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
Mon. Dec. 18 - Mon. Dec. 25
Weekday Mass 7 days a week at 8:30 am

Monday: 8:30 am Mass,
Tuesday: 8:30 am Mass, 6:15pm Mass,
Wednesday: 8:30 am Mass
Thursday: 8:30 am Mass, 6:15 pm Mass
Friday: 8:30 am Mass
Saturday: 8:30 am Mass, 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:30 am,
Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm, 6:30 pm, 9:00 pm
 & 12 Midnight.
Monday: Christmas Day: 8:30 am,
 10:30 am, 5:00 pm

Reconciliation
 30 minutes prior to weekday Masses
 9:15 am to 11:00 am Saturday

† 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: Bernie & Dave Thomas and Family, Monica & Brent Jewell and Family. Bernie & Monica's mother, *Eileen Cusack* died November 25th in Ireland.

OLPH Prayer Laudators
 We pray for others. Contact
Doreen 780-467-0597 or Josie 780-467-0197.



This Week's Mass Intentions.....

Mon. Dec. 18: Stephanie Miciak† Gary Holzman† Evelyn Lorenz† Armande Cadrin†
Tues. Dec. 19: Marie-Claire Grenier, CWL, Bernadette O'Connor† Ambrose Sieben† Evelyn Lorenz† Rita Duchesne
Wed. Dec. 20: Jeanne Rechlo & Family, Yvette Laventure, Dayna McBride & Family, Evelyn Lorenz†

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 - Friday 8:00 am - 8:30 pm
Saturday & Sunday 7:30 am - 6:30 pm
Open during lunch hour

St. Francis of Assisi, Tofield, AB
Christmas Mass Schedule
Dec. 24th - 11 am, Dec. 25th - 11 am
Dec. 31 - 11 am, Jan. 1 - 11 am

Pastor
Fr. Jim Corrigan - jcorrigan@olph.ca

Associate Pastors
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 Betty Donovan- pastoralcare@olph.ca
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 Brenda Frederick - bfrederick@olph.ca

Administrative Assistants
 Lorraine Dotto - ldotto@olph.ca
 Jenny Velazco - jvelazco@olph.ca

Thurs. Dec. 21: Kitty Adolph, Mary Choma† Celine Reghelini, Paul Chanasyk† Evelyn Lorenz† Annie Hnydyk†
Fri. Dec. 22: Richard St. Germain† David Dotto† Roger Peel† Elvie Nelson† Lillian Macahonic, Adam Ferleyko† Denise Black†
Sat. Dec. 23: Tracy Wright† Clair Dalton† Pierre & Annette, Jos Rolande Labbe† Mae Andrew

Parish News


 **JETS Airline (Java, Exercise, Talk, Service)**

The JETS airline will be on hiatus for a few weeks while our hard-working crew take some well-deserved vacation time but, we are thrilled to be back in the skies beginning January 12, 2018, with a spectacular departure schedule of 16 new exotic locals to fly to! We can't contain ourselves so here is a sneak-peek regarding some brand-new flights we are embarking on in the New Year:
Zesty Zumba!, Winter Carnival!, Visit from Prison Chaplain and Correctional Officer, Love & Communication Retreat, St. Albert Garden Tour and we continue on with our Alpha Journey monthly. Sounds great, eh?

For more information contact our on-call co-pilots **Aida** at 780.922.2156 or **Nancy** at 780.464.5356.


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.


 **ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**
"WE NEED YOU"

We are still in need of Eucharistic Ministers for the upcoming Christmas and New Year Masses. Please sign up on the sheets located in the church foyer.

The Catholic Faith On Demand



Mary of Nazareth
Who was Mary, Mother of the Messiah?




★★★★★

"This is a spell-binding and touching representation of the life of the Blessed Mother... Highly recommended and praise God for the gift of His mother!"
 —Afredo N., Buda, TX

Experience life with Christ through the eyes of his mother in this beautiful film capturing Mary's special role in God's plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Jesus, and the mysterious joys and sufferings she encountered with deep love, profound humility, and unwavering faith.

Watch on formed.org

To get your FREE SUBSCRIPTION to FORMED: Visit www.olph.ca/formation and click on the Formed link – the parish code is already entered for you. Complete the simple registration process and start using FORMED today! Need help? Contact **Robert** at 780-416-4771 or rgaudet@shaw.ca



THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

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, 11:30 - 12:30

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!

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.

Children’s Sacraments

First Reconciliation and First Communion 2017/2018



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 10, 2017**

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

Mia Hawkins Scott Hawkins
Georgia Hawkins

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

Marian Gift Shop Hours



The Marian Gift Shop will be open following the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass, Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am Mass only.

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.

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring glad tidings.*

REJOICE, FOR THE LORD IS NEAR!

Reflections & Readings

December 17 - Third Sunday of Advent

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.

He is a witness, a voice, but not the Messiah. The Messiah is here, amongst us, but we do not know him. In this year's very short Advent season, let us benefit to the full this week, as we listen to all the voices that witness to Christ unknown among us.

Weekly Readings For: December 18 - December 24

December 18 - First Reading: Jeremiah 23.5-8; Gospel: Matthew 1.18-24

December 19 - First Reading: Judges 13.2-7, 24-25a; Gospel: Luke 1.5-25

December 20 - First Reading: Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d; Gospel: Luke 1.26-38

December 21 - First Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-18a; Gospel: Luke 1.39-45

December 22 - First Reading: 1 Samuel 1.24-28; Gospel: Luke 1.45-56

December 23 - First Reading: Malchi 3.1-4; 4.5-6; Gospel: Luke 1.57-66

December 24 - First Reading: 2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Gospel: Luke 1.26-38



Parish & Community News

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.



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**.

O Emmanuel Readings & Carols at the Basilica

St. Joseph's Basilica invites the whole community to join the Schola Cantorum for a peaceful celebration of Christmas readings and carols. This is a perfect opportunity to prepare joyfully for the birth of Our Lord. All are welcome on **Wednesday, December 20**, at 7:30 p.m.

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.

Parish & Community News



Poinsettias for Decorating

The Seasonal Decorating Committee would be very grateful for donations of poinsettias or other Christmas flowers to help decorate the Sanctuary and Parish Hall for our Christmas celebrations. Red, pink, white – all colours are very welcome! If you wish to donate flowers, please drop them off at the church office **beginning Monday, December 18th up until Friday, December 22nd**. May God bless you as we continue to journey through Advent.



Many Thanks To Our Volunteers

Thank You to each and everyone of you who volunteer their time and talent in all our different ministries. We are a very grateful at OLPH Parish for the wonderful support in our growing Parish. May the Holy Family's love be with you this Christmas season and may their blessings rest upon you every day throughout the New Year!

Music Ministry for Young Adults

Are you a young adult who wants to give glory to God through the gift of music? We are forming a group of young adults to lead music at masses, and are looking for singers and musicians as well as an A/V tech (or two).

Email **Michael** at toporchak_mja@shaw.ca



for more information.

The King's University - Preparing you for life

There's something for everyone in The King's University's 25 continuing education courses, starting mid-January! Do you have a junior or high school student who plays an instrument? The Junior String Orchestra is offered at a great price. Want to learn more about Christianity's two-thousand-year history? We have a course for that in The History of Christianity. No textbooks, exams, or stress. Register today at kingsu.ca/con-ed!

Social Teaching of the Church

Newman Theological College is pleased to present The Social Justice Teaching of the Church as a winter course offering on Mondays 6:30 - 9:20 p.m., running from January 8 to April 9, 2018. Topics covered include the roots of social justice in the Tradition, major themes in the social teaching documents of the Church, social teaching in the Canadian/North American church, liberation theology, social analysis as a tool for Christian ministry. Instructor: Robert McKeon. Auditors welcome. Bursaries available. Register by contacting registrar@newman.edu or **780-392-2451** by January 2, 2018.