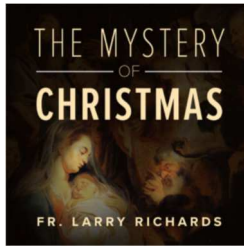


The Catholic Faith On Demand



FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

The Mystery of Christmas by Fr. Larry Richards
Unwrap the Greatest Gift Ever Given with Fr. Larry Richards



"Fr. Richards challenged me to enter into the Christmas story with my eyes opened ... not just by celebrating Jesus' birth, but by participating in his life!"
 —Maureen, Spencer, NY

With humor, compassion, and clarity, Fr. Larry illuminates the true joy of Christmas and inspires us to better recognize, receive and respond to God's immense love for us.

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

Watch on formed.org



THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.



OLPH Parish Financial Report

OLPH Parish Financial Report Week End Dec. 16/17 (Week 51)

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 17	\$30,024	\$5,139
Overage/Shortfall Week 51	(\$5,029)	(\$2,543)
YTD Shortfall	(-\$149,699)	(-\$28,000)



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 24, 2017 Fourth Sunday of Advent Cycle B

Masses December 24

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/>

Office Hours

Mon. 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
 Tues. Closed
 Wed. - Fri. 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
 Sat. & Sun. 8:00 am - 6:30 pm

Hail Mary, full of grace! The Lord; is with you.
Behold, you conceive in your womb and bear a son,
And you shall name him JESUS

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

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. 25 - Sun. Dec. 31
Weekday Mass 7 days a week at 8:30 am

Monday: Christmas Day: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 5:00 pm
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/OLPH Devotion
Saturday: 8:30 am Mass, 5:00 pm Mass
Sunday: 8:30 am Mass, 10:30 am Mass, 5:00 pm Mass/Adoration until 8:00 Monday, January 1st with Benediction followed by 8:30 am Mass, 10:30 am Mass & 5:00 pm Mass

Reconciliation

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

This Week's Mass Intentions....

Tue. Dec. 26: Julian Hamlyn, Martin Street, Cole Alexander James, John Baptiste Clairmont† Lorraine Dotto
Wed. Dec. 27: Loretta Sieben, Fr. Albert, Maria Linarez & Family†, Redl Family Tree & Spouse†, Reinhart Family Tree & Spouse† Warburton Family Tree & Spouse†, Wallace Family Tree & Spouse† Jenny Velazco
Thurs. Dec. 28: Rita Deck, Baby Heffernan† Bernadette O'Connor† Bruce Larson† Anne Gorenko† Jenny Collins† Craig Wallace† Phil Redl† Ruby Fiorini
Fri. Dec. 29: Theresa & Patrick Lema, Evelyn Lorenz† Louise Devaney† Mr. & Mrs Terry & Christine Macyh, Raylen Yuzyk
Sat. Dec. 30: Mr. & Mrs Beneric Sulit, Rhea Dufault† Sue Boyne

OLPH Prayer Laudators

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



RECONCILIATION

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

***HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Tues. Closed
Wed. - Fri. 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday & Sunday 8:00 am - 6:30 pm

St. Francis of Assisi, Tofield, AB
Christmas/New Year's Eve & New Year's Day Mass Schedule

Dec. 25th - 11 am
Dec. 31 - 11 am, Jan. 1 - 11 am

Pastor

Fr. Jim Corrigan - jcorrigan@olph.ca

Associate Pastors

Fr. Raj Savariappan - rajfather@olph.ca
Fr. Joe Glaab, OFM - jglaab@olph.ca

Pastoral Assistants

Betty Donovan - pastoralcare@olph.ca
Sue Boyne - pastoralcare@olph.ca
Monna Senez - msenez@olph.ca
Raylene Yuzyk - ryuzyk@olph.ca
Pat Lemire - plemire@olph.ca

Business & Facility Manager & Volunteer Coordinator

Brenda Frederick - bfrederick@olph.ca

Administrative Assistants

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

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.

Usher's Desperately 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.

Pilgrimage of St. Francis Xavier's Arm Relic to Canada for the very first time.

CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN OUTREACH (CCO), OTTAWA, CANADA
Why We at CCO are So Excited about the St. Francis Xavier Relic Pilgrimage

The relic pilgrimage of St. Francis Xavier is a gift for the Church in Canada as we close our 150th anniversary year. This Pilgrimage will bring the first class relic of St. Francis Xavier to North America for the first time in generations. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to witness and venerate the incorruptible first class relic of probably the greatest missionary and evangelist the world has ever seen since St. Paul the Apostle.

Only his arm will be coming? It is believed that, with this arm, he baptized over 100,000 people. The relic is normally kept in Rome at the Jesuits' mother Church, the Church of the Gesù, and only on rare occasion does it leave this revered spot across from the tomb of St. Ignatius for pilgrimage. The rest of his remains are in his tomb in Goa, West India. His entire body, including this relic of his arm, are incorrupt. Saints are referred to as incorrupt when their bodies miraculously do not experience natural decay. In the relic's pilgrimage across Canada, you will be able to see St. Francis Xavier's arm and it will only be partially decayed, even though he passed away 465 years ago.

The veneration of relics has a track record of providing extraordinary graces, and we expect this tour will be no exception. We are anticipating the particular extraordinary graces of healing, the conversion of souls and the raising up of missionary disciples who are abandoned to God's will. We cannot predict what will happen, but we do know that through this relic you have the unique opportunity to personally encounter the tender heart of Jesus.

We do not adore the relics, but we "venerate" them. This is physically done by kissing your fingers and touching the reliquary, or simply by standing before the relic with a prayerful attitude. Veneration is an encounter with God's healing power.

The Archdiocese of Ottawa in coordination with the Society of Jesus and Catholic Christian Outreach are working together to deliver this lifetime opportunity to Canadians so that we may encounter Jesus, and be inspired to work together for the renewal of the world. The pilgrimage will be passing through Calgary, Sacred Heart Church on January 21, 2018 and there will be a veneration service from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

For more information on the SFX Relic please visit the website: cco.ca/relic. Ivy Gracias is organizing a bus to attend this great event in Calgary. If you are interested in joining this pilgrimage on January 21st 2018, please email: graciasivy@gmail.com or call 780-449-1872. Space is limited, we have only 24 seats left on the bus. The bus is scheduled to leave around 8:00 am and return by 8:00/8:30 pm. **The deadline for bookings will be January 2, 2018.**

GiFT Programs Starting in January – Register today!

Catholicism 101: What Do Catholics Believe?

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30, St. Maria Room
January 9 – March 13

Do you want to grow in your knowledge and practice of the Catholic faith? Whether you are thinking about membership in the Church, considering return to the practice of your faith, or just want to know more about Catholic beliefs and practices – Catholicism 101 is for you! Every session offers an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the Catholic faith in small group discussions facilitated by trained hosts.

Some of the topics we will cover include:

- What every Catholic should know about Church history.
- What is “the Church” and why do I need it?
- What makes a Catholic “Catholic”?
- What do Catholics believe about the Eucharist?
- Where am I going (death, judgment, heaven, hell)?
How can I live a Catholic life?

Catholicism 101 is absolutely FREE but pre-registration is required, as space is limited!
For more information and to register, contact **Alana LaPerle** at **780-446-9009** or alaperle@telus.net

Who Am I to Judge? – A Workshop on the Catholic Moral Vision

Part 2 – Saturday, January 20, 8:30 – 4:00

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

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.

Who Am I to Judge? is an 8-session group study program offered by the Augustine Institute to help Catholics (and others) talk about morality.

The GiFT (Growing in Faith Together) Committee is offering Part 2 of the program on Saturday, January 20. If you missed Part 1 (which was offered in October) simply review the first 4 sessions on Formed.

Please join us for a day that will include lunch, fellowship, video-talks by Dr. Edward Sri, and great group discussions.

As we are providing lunch, there is a cost of \$15 (for lunch) and pre-registration is necessary by January 12, 2018.

Please pre-register by contacting **Pat Lemire** @ pat@olph.ca or **780-467-5470**.

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.

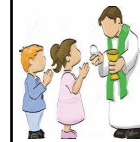
The next Registration and Parent Orientation Meeting is:

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 17, 2017**

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

**Layla Petersen
Connor MacDougall**

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

Community News

Young Adult Winter Retreat 2018

Open to all young adults 18+

When? **January 26-28, 2018**

Where? Banff, Alberta

How? Bus and hotel included

Why? Get to know each other, socialize, have fun, build community and your spirit

Visit our website for more details and to register <http://wyd.caedm.ca/news--events.html>

or email **Szymon Bamburak** at wyd2019@caedm.ca Starting at only \$100 per person.

Space is limited.

Reflections & Prayers

December 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

In the Gospel, Mary is told that she will be the mother of the Son of God and she is to name this child Jesus, which means *Yahweh saves*.

Reflection: How deep is your love for God or how profound is your love for God? Are you willing to sacrifice something of yourself for God? For example, if somehow through your conscience you hear the voice of the Holy Spirit telling you to do something good and worthy, would you be willing to do it?

Christmas Eve Prayer

Loving God, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thought, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen

Prayer for Christmas Dinner

Eternal God, This joyful day is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. May that light illuminate our hearts and shine in our words and deeds. May the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love represented by the birth in Bethlehem fill our lives and become part of all that we say and do. May we share the divine life of your son Jesus Christ, even as he humbled himself to share our humanity. Bless us and the feast that You have provided for us, let us be thankful for the true gift of Christmas, your Son. Amen.

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.

Living in the Word At Mass, enabled by the Holy Spirit we offer our lives to God the Father, through Jesus his Son, as an act of joyful praise and heartfelt thanksgiving for God's saving love. Through the reception of Holy Communion, we are nourished with the very Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus and thus receive from him all that we need for our life as his disciples. This is why disciples of Jesus have recognized from the early days of the Church that they cannot live without the Eucharist. (Archbishop Smith, *Pastoral Letter*, September 14, 2017)

<https://caedm.ca/Letter>

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 News



Grief Recovery

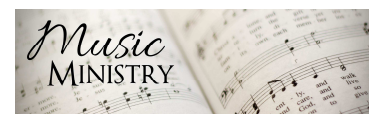
A 10 week program that is offered at the Parish for those suffering bereavement through the death of a loved one. At each session a DVD featuring personal stories and expert insights on topics important to grief recovery is viewed, followed by group discussion. The winter program will be held on Wednesday 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.

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.



Reminder

2018 CWL Membership Renewal

Membership fees may be dropped off at the Parish office. Please include any changes to your address and phone number: Envelope should be addressed to:

Attention: CWL Membership. Thank you.

RING FOUND

A ring was found on Sunday, November 12th after the 5:00 pm Mass. Please contact the Parish office at 780-467-5470.



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.