

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### Anniversary & Birthday Papal Blessings:

A special blessing available to couples & individuals celebrating significant milestones in their lives.

### Marriages/Annulments/ Irregular Marriages:

Marriage Prep classes, weddings! Debunking the myths surrounding the sacrament of marriage in the Catholic Church. Contact **Monna Senez**.

**Baptism:** Baptism preparation classes are required prior to your child being baptized. Upcoming classes January 11 & February 15. Contact **Betty Donovan** and **Sue Boyne**.

### CHILDREN SACRAMENTS (Contact Raylene Yuzyk at the Parish Office)

#### First Reconciliation, First Communion.

Preparation sessions are in place to guide parents and their children as they prepare for the sacraments.

**Reminder:** Children celebrating 1st communion are required to attend our Retreat with their parents on February 26th or March 11th at 1:00 pm in the church.

For children who attend a public school, we also have available a home edition of the religious education program.

#### Confirmation

Preparation sessions are in place to guide parents and their children as they prepare for this sacrament. Contact **Raylene Yuzyk** at the Parish office.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** This is a process of welcoming those people, 16 years of age or older, who may wish to explore Baptism as an adult or having been baptized in another Christian tradition and would like to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church. Please contact **Pat Lemire** at [plemire@olph.ca](mailto:plemire@olph.ca) at the Parish office.

**RCIA (Adapted for Children)** This is a process to help families with children aged 7-15 prepare for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist— a procession into life as a Catholic.

### SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

**Alpha** - A practical introduction to the Christian Faith. Alpha is offered as an evening course in the fall and spring, and can also be presented in more intimate small group settings including school, home and community. For 2017 course dates and times, please contact **Alana** at **780-446-9009** or [alaperle@telus.net](mailto:alaperle@telus.net).

**Catholicism 101** - Is for anyone who wants to grow in their knowledge and practice of the Catholic faith. This 10-week program was developed as a next step for Alpha grads but is open to everyone! Some of the topics covered include: What every Catholic should know about Church history? What do Catholics believe about the Eucharist? For 2017 course dates and times, please contact **Alana** at **780-446-9009** or [alaperle@telus.net](mailto:alaperle@telus.net)

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

**Young Disciples** – A program for children from Kindergarten through Grade 9. Weekly meetings facilitated by volunteer parishioners, provide the perfect setting for laying a faith foundation. Contact **Marla Waldner** at [olph.youngdisciples@gmail.com](mailto:olph.youngdisciples@gmail.com)

**Junior Disciples** - (Grades 9 - 12) Learn your faith, live your faith and have fun doing it. We meet every Wednesday night from 6:30 - 8:00 pm downstairs in the Parish hall. Contact **Marla Waldner** at [olph.youngdisciples@gmail.com](mailto:olph.youngdisciples@gmail.com)

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## 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 25, 2016 The Nativity of the Lord Cycle A*

### *A message from our Pastor:*

*"...His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the almighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9,6)*

*God's eternal Word was chosen to become one of us and to live among us. In celebrating this marvelous sign of God's love, may you be blessed with the gentle spirit the Lord's birth brings.*

*Myself, Fr. Raj, Fr. Pierre and the members of the Parish Team extend to you and your family, best wishes for a Merry Christmas, and a New Year enriched with hope, peace, good health and joy.*

*God Bless you all!*

*Father Jack Fr. Raj*

*Fr. Pierre*

***Today is born our Savior,  
Christ the Lord!***



### **New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Mass Times**

December 31st at 5:00 pm only  
January 1st at 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 5:00 pm

**ABSOLUTELY NO PARKING**

at the Park Pentecostal Church please!

**PLEASE NOTE:  
PARISH OFFICE AND FACILITY WILL BE  
CLOSED DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> AND WILL  
REOPEN ON JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2017**

### **Reminder 2016 Income Tax Receipts**

**PLEASE NOTE:** All contributions to be recorded for 2016 must be received by the Parish **NO LATER** then Sunday, December 25th, 2016.



### **THANK YOU!**

Linda & Stan Poznanski and their sons, Michael & Leon would like to thank all members of our Parish family, CWL, Knights of Columbus and our clergy here at OLPH for their Mass cards, support and sincere condolences during the illness, death and funeral of my brother Bob Papineau.

*We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe*

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**Liturgy Schedule**  
**Mon. Dec. 26 - Mon. Jan. 2**



**Monday:** Boxing Day, Facility Closed  
**Tuesday:** Facility Closed  
**Wednesday:** Facility Closed  
**Thursday:** Facility Closed  
**Friday:** Facility Closed  
**Saturday:** 5:00 pm Mass (New Year's Eve)  
**Sunday:** 8:30 am Mass, 10:30 am Mass,  
 5:00 pm Mass (New Year's Day)  
**Monday January 2nd:** Facility Closed

**OLPH Prayer Laudators**

We pray for others. Prayers of praise and intercession are offered to God our Father. Confidentiality is respected at all times. Contact: **Doreen at 467-0597** or **Josie 467-0197.**



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**  
 (780) 416 - 0931  
 Help Line: ext 1, Donations: ext 2

**Pastor**

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**Life and Family**

**Faith & Fun Night With The Oil Kings**

Are you looking for some last-minute Christmas gift ideas? Why not take the family to an Edmonton Oil Kings game in the beautiful new Rogers Place? The Archdiocese is sponsoring a game between the Oil Kings and archrival Regina Pats on **Friday, February 10**, featuring a special price of \$18 a ticket (regular up to \$29). In addition, the first 400 purchased tickets will be rewarded with a voucher to an exclusive pre-game event in the North Mezzanine Club. Come out and watch Archbishop Smith drop the puck and join a crowd of Catholics for a great night of hockey and entertainment!

**To purchase your tickets at the special price, visit <http://bit.ly/2hc70rE>**, click "Log in" on upper right-hand side of the screen and create your account. Select the **February 10th game** and enter the Promo Code **CAEDM**, then follow the prompts to add tickets to your cart and make payment. NOTE: the link does **not** work well with Internet Explorer. If you have trouble online, you can place your order by phoning 780-414-4625 and following the prompt to go to Edmonton Oil Kings tickets sales. Remember to mention the promo code **CAEDM** to get the discount price for the **February 10th game**.

Questions? Contact **Steve Defer** in the Office of Life and Family at **780-469-1010 ext. 2159**

**COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL OUTREACH**

**JETS-** providing women with a relaxing morning to rejuvenate the soul, energize the body and challenge the mind.

**Mothers Morning Out** – A mid week morning break for moms and an opportunity for young pre-school children to socialize.

**Clothing Nook** – Donations of clean, gently used clothing which has been donated to the parish, are made available to parishioners and County residents who are in need of clothing.

**Society St. Vincent de Paul** - Outreach program, promoting the dignity and integrity of humanity with a focus on assisting those in need within the county. Contact SSVP by calling 780-416-0931 ext 1. for help, ext 2 for donations.

**PASTORAL CARE**

**Communion to the Sick or Shut In** - Care ministers visit the sick, elderly or shut in and bring them communion upon request. Pastoral contacts are **Betty Donovan & Sue Boyne**.

**Catholics Can Come Home** is an informal exploration of Catholic faith and practice for those who have been away for a while. Please contact **Alana LaPerle**.

**Funerals & Assistance coping with Death.**

Funeral arrangements and help coping with loss and grief. Pastoral contacts are **Betty Donovan & Sue Boyne**.

These are just a sample of the programs offered by our Parish. Our Stewardship Directory, with full information on all our programs is available from the Parish office, or can be viewed /downloaded from our website: [www.olph.ca](http://www.olph.ca). click on ministries.

**2017 Upcoming Events**

**Confirmation Retreat** - Monday, January 23rd at 9:30 am - 2:00 pm.

**Parish Buffet Pancake Breakfast-** Sunday, January 15th after the 8:30am & 10:30am Masses. Sponsored by K of C.

**1st Communion Retreat**– February 26th or March 11th at 1:00 pm here at OLPH Parish.

**Baptism Preparation Courses** - January 11th, February 15th, April 23, May 10th, June 14th at 7:30 pm.

**Next Baptism** - January 22nd, at 12:30 pm.

**Marriage Preparation Course** - Starts weekend of April 21<sup>st</sup>– 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm.



**Knights of Columbus**

A Reminder to The Knights of Columbus members there will be a Regular Meeting on Tuesday January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 PM at OLPH in the Meeting Room.



Next CWL General Meeting will be held on Monday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

**Looking ahead to Lent.....**

Our "Soup and Bread" Social Justice series will begin on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. Every Friday during the Lenten season we have the opportunity to gather together as a community and enrich our knowledge of Social Justice. Please save the dates and plan on joining us...March 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, and April 7<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to sharing this with you.