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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Prepare the Way of the King

By Dr. Scott Hahn

Make the Most of Advent

Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as Dr. Scott Hahn reveals what scholars now know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord with this captivating talk.

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"The speaker has done his homework and has a vast knowledge of the life and times of the ancient Jewish people. He was also so witty and funny, making it easy to listen to." —Natalie, Ontario, CA



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.

OLPH Parish Financial Report

OLPH Parish Financial Report Week End Nov 25/26 (Week 48)

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 November 26th	\$21,617	\$2,943
Overage/Shortfall Week 48	(-\$3,378)	(\$347)
YTD Shortfall	(-\$155,805)	(-\$30,180)

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 3, 2017 First Sunday of Advent Cycle B



From The Pastor's Desk.... My friends, this weekend begins the Churches Liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. This weekend we will implement the final part of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal as required of us by our Bishops. You will see the biggest difference in the way that we prepare for distribution of Holy Communion. It will not affect you, but over two hundred Eucharistic Ministers and Adult Servers have been working hard to prepare for this final implementation. Our goal: to create an even more reverent worship experience for you the faithful of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish. Thank you for your patience and prayerful support. Blessings, Fr jim



ADVENT PENITENTIAL CELEBRATION

This year our Advent Celebration of Reconciliation will take place

Tuesday, December 12th, 2017 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. Theresa Parish, Thursday, December 7
- 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

Part Time Weekend/ Evening Positions

We are seeking several energetic outgoing candidates to fill this position in the Parish Office.

Duties: Perform a variety of reception and clerical duties.

Hours of Work: Must be flexible. Weekend staff members share the following hours: Saturday & Sunday: 7:30 am – 1:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Evening shifts are 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

Applicants must be: Mature, have a welcoming attitude of service and helpfulness towards assisting individuals and groups. Honesty, flexibility, and a good sense of humor is very necessary for this position as it is a vital initial point of contact for the parish. Confidentiality is mandatory. This position requires a demonstrated ability to work with a minimum of supervision and to carry out written and verbal instructions. Computer competency is a must. This is an ideal position for senior high school, college or university student. Apply to **Brenda Frederick** at bfrederick@olph.ca. Please include a resume, covering letter and two references.

Liturgy Schedule

Mon. Dec. 4 - Sun. Dec. 10

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

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 pm Mass
 Sunday 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

† 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:

Dennis & Pam Cooke, Bob Cooke and Families. Dennis & Bob's mother, **Francoise Cooke** died November 18th in Stony Plain. Funeral will be held at OLPH on Monday, December 11th at 10:30 am.

Angela Foster and Family. Angela's sister, **Stephanie Miciak** died November 20th in Camrose.



This Week's Mass Intentions.....

Mon. Dec. 4: Ancton Tomc†
 Nicole Oliver† Robert Papineau†
Tues. Dec. 5: All Deceased Members†
 Brennan Nelson & Alyse McLean,
 Joan Pinto† Bill Swanson† Kelly MacDonald
 Marie-Claire Grenier

Wed. Dec. 6: Paul Dufault† Ben Rompré†
 Harold Moriarty† Angus Lawrence†
 Angus Lawrence† Bev Kraychy† Krista,
 Merle Moriarty.
Thurs. Dec. 7: Pierrette Meloche†
 Mary Mariash
Fri. Dec. 8: John Joubert, Hazel Paradis,
Sat. Dec. 9: Jessica Klymchuk, Nicole Oliver†

OLPH PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the Parish hours
 are as follows:

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 8:30 pm
Friday - 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday & Sunday 7:30 am - 6:30 pm
Open during lunch hour

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

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

Mass: Sundays at 11:00 am

Pastor

Fr. Jim Corrigan - jcorrigan@olph.ca

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 Coordinator**

Brenda Frederick - bfrederick@olph.ca

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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 08 – Christmas Eve Treat Bag Assembly

Come join the JETS women this Friday at 9:35 am in the St. Joan Room. We will be assembling 1000 treat bags to be handed out to children at the Christmas Eve Masses here at OLPH. Members, please remember to bring your donations of mini-candy canes and Hershey kisses. If you can't attend, donations can be dropped off with the parish office staff prior to Friday. God Bless you!

December 15 – O Come Divine Messiah Brunch

Complimentary in-flight snacks are always offered and childcare for a nominal fee.

For more information on this women's group please contact **Nancy F. @ 780-464-5356** or **Aida** at 780-922-2156

Grey Cup Winners

1st quarter - Daniel Wispinski, Camrose
2nd quarter – Pam Badger, Edmonton
3rd quarter - Dian Boisvert, Sherwood Park
Final Score - Rona Wisladt, Devon

Thank you very much to all who helped sell our tickets. See you next year - CWL.



**Feast Of The Immaculate
 Conception of
 The Blessed Virgin Mary
 Friday, December 8th
 Mass at 8:30 am
 OLPH Parish**



**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. Looking forward to seeing you!

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.



**CWL Christmas Social -
 Monday, December 11, 2017**

Time: 5:45 pm to 7:45 pm. We begin our evening with a Bus Tour of Christmas lights at the Legislative grounds and light in Sherwood Park. Please arrive at 5:45 pm as the bus will leave promptly at 6:00 pm. We arrive back at the church at 7:45 pm - 9:00 pm to enjoy an evening of refreshments and socializing and perhaps meet a new friend. **Tour bus is now full.** Thank you to Connelly McKinley for generously providing the transportation for this evening. Please remember to bring a baby item for the young mothers of Our Lady of Grace School.

***We prepare for the LORD
 through the season of Advent***

Parish & Community News

Support Catholic Education

We are blessed to have a publicly funded Catholic Education system in Alberta. We have a responsibility to advocate for this system. In the foyer today, you will find letters addressed to the Premier, the Minister of Education, and both of our MLAs. Please take these and sign and send them to the address listed on the letter. This takes only a moment of your time and delivers the message to our government that Catholic Education is worth fighting for.

The Star of the North Retreat Centre Board of Directors needs your gifts and talents!

We are now seeking Board Directors to fill several important roles on our Board. Call Lucie Leduc, Executive Director, at 780-459-5511, or see our website: <https://www.starofthenorth.ca/about-us/our-board/>. Please provide your resume and send message of interest to director@starofthenorth.ca
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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.

Advent Christmas Events

Scripture and Song, St. Thomas More

Join St. Thomas More Music Ministry (adult choir, children's choir and instrumentalists) for an afternoon of music to help you prepare for Christmas. **Sunday, December 17**, at 3 p.m. St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 210 Haddow Close (corner of Terwillegar Drive and 23rd Avenue) A freewill offering will be taken. All are welcome.

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.

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

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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 ryzyk@olph.ca



Congratulations

To the following young people who celebrated their First Communion on **November 25, 2017** and now join the OLPH Community at the table of the Lord:

Andres Abelar Leon Hall

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

Parish News

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 Archbishop Jordan. Thank you in advance. Any questions please contact **Justin Gabinet** justing@eics.ab.ca

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!

Reflections & Readings

December 3 - First Sunday of Advent

Welcome to Advent, a season of hope and anticipation. To prepare ourselves for the season, let us acknowledge the times that we have failed to allow God to be our hope, and so we ask forgiveness. In the Gospel, Jesus admonishes his disciples to be watchful and alert because they do not know when the coming day of the Lord will take place.

Weekly Readings For: December 4 - December 10

December 4 - First Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5; Gospel: Matthew 8.5-11, 13++

December 5 - First Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10; Gospel: Luke 10.21-24

December 6 - First Reading: Isaiah 25.6-10a; Gospel: Matthew 15.29-37

December 7 - First Reading: Isaiah 26.1-6; Gospel: Matthew 7.21, 24-27

December 8 - First Reading: Genesis 3.9-15, 20; Gospel: Luke 1.26-38

December 9 - First Reading: Isaiah 30.19-21, 23-26;

Gospel: Matthew 9.35-10.1, 5a, 6-8++



Sacred Heart Parish Reverse Collection

As we enter into the season of Advent, we often start to think about others and how we can make their celebrations of Christ's birth more joyous. Once again this weekend we are having our reverse collection for the needs of Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples in downtown Edmonton. Their need is great; the resources few. The needs of our Strathcona County residents for Christmas hampers is being taken care of by the Strathcona Christmas Bureau.

There are several ways to volunteer to help with this project:

Dec. 9/10 – Please return the item indicated on the slip of paper that you took from the reverse collection baskets at any Mass this weekend.

Dec. 9/10 – We are looking for a **minimum of 6 volunteers at each Mass** to assist with collecting and sorting food downstairs in the parish hall for ½ hour before and ½ hour after each Mass.

Saturday 5:00 Mass – RCIA members

Sunday 8:30 Mass – Volunteers needed please

Sunday 10:30 Mass – Volunteers needed please

Sunday 5:00 Mass – Volunteers needed please

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 SSVP 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, it's not too late to join this group. 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.

GIFT (Growing in Faith Together)

What's stopping you from going to Confession?

Fear? Embarrassment? Don't know what to say? Can't see the point? If you haven't been to Confession in a long time – or a *very* long time – find out what you've been missing!

Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession

Saturday, December 9

11:30-12:00 – Registration and fellowship

12:00-1:20 – Session 1: Where Are You?

God is a loving Father who seeks us out when we sin. In this session we will learn how God uses our feelings of guilt to get our attention and show us that something needs to change.

1:30-2:50 – Session 2: An Encounter with Mercy

We encounter Christ himself in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In this session, we will learn how Jesus – through the sacrament – gives us powerful grace to battle temptation and sin.

3:00-4:20 – Session 3: Embraced in Mercy – The Rite Explained

In this session you will learn how to prepare for Confession by making an examination of conscience. You will also learn what to expect in the Confessional – what to do, what to say and when to say it!

There is no charge for this workshop. A free will offering will be taken.

Please pre-register to help us plan. To register, email plemire@olph.ca or call **Pat** at the Parish Office **780-467-5470**.

ABJ Choir Presents.....



ABJ Choir - Save the Date

Please plan on joining us on:

Wednesday, December 13th at 7:00pm at OLPH Parish for our concert

Sunday December 17th join us for a pancake breakfast following the 10:30am Mass graciously prepared and served by the Knights of Columbus Council #6083.