



## Parish Soup & Bread Lenten Series for 2017

Once again during Lent, the Parish is hosting the Lenten Series in support of Development and Peace.

### Format of the evening held in the Parish Hall:

**5:45 – 6:30p.m.** Grace begins our delicious, but simple supper of homemade soup and fresh bread, which also supports our Lenten fasting. A suggested donation of what it costs for your own supper goes to the Share Lent program of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace.

(Highchairs are available for the younger ones.)

**6:30 – 7:00p.m.** Each week features a guest speaker on a variety of topics concerning Social Justice in our community and our world.

**7:15 – 7:45p.m.** (approx) Stations of the Cross led by parish ministries and groups. Reconciliation to follow.

Plans are still being made by our committee. Our tentative schedule is as follow:

### Guest Speaker

**March 3** **Speaker:** Brittney Nurse, Director of Campus Ministry and theological instructor at St. Joseph's College at the University of Alberta. She will speak on "Extraordinary Ordinary" and her experiences in Guatemala.

**Soup provided by:** OLPH Staff

**Stations of the Cross:** OLPH Staff

**March 10** **Speaker:** Theodore & Jonhansel Ng - parishioners and participants in World Youth Day 2016

**Soup provided by:** Junior Young Disciples

**Stations of the Cross:** Junior Young Disciples

**March 17** **Speaker:** TBA

**Soup provided by:** JETS

**Stations of the Cross:** JETS

**March 24** **Speaker:** Brother Joe Glaab, OFM, Pastoral Assistant at OLPH, will speak on his recent pilgrimage to Assisi, Italy and the life of St. Francis.

**Soup provided by:** People of Thanks

**Stations of the Cross:** People of Thanks

**March 31** **Speaker:** TBA

**Soup provided by: ??? (Soup maker needed)**

**Stations of the Cross: ??? (Parishioner ministry or Group still needed)**

**April 7** **Speaker:** Stef Michniewski, parishioner, former teacher and Executive Director of Alberta Catholic Schools Trustees Association, speaking on his SSVP trips to the Arctic-Gjoa Haven, Taloyoak.

**Soup provided by:** RCIA

**Stations of the Cross:** Altar Servers

**THIS IS A GREAT LENTEN HABIT FOR EVERYONE!**



## 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.*

*February 12, 2017 Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time Cycle A*

### From the Pastor's Desk.....

1. The National Office of the Catholic Women's League is seeking support for their petition urging the Canadian Government to amend the Canada Health Act to include home care as an insured health service. If our government is willing to make physician-assisted killing available to every Canadian as a right, they need to step up to the plate and provide insured home care service for those who value life until its natural end. Deadline to sign the petition is March 28th at 3:18 pm. Information is on the home page of the Edmonton Diocesan CWL at [www.edmontoncwl.org](http://www.edmontoncwl.org) I urge you all to cast a vote for life!

2. The first readings for most of our weekend Masses are taken from the letters of St. Paul written to those people among whom he had established Christian communities-Ephesians, Corinthians, Thessalonians, Philippians, etc. Ever wondered what these places looked like? Ephesus? Corinth? Thessaloniki? Philippi? We have a chance to see them all! I'll be leading a group to follow In The Footsteps of St. Paul from September 6 to 16th of this year. We begin in Greece's capital city, the beautiful Athens. Feast on local cuisine (and wine!) and enjoy traditional Greek entertainment (think Zorba the Greek). Embark on a three-night cruise on the Aegean Sea. Visit Mykonos and Patimos (visit the monastery of St. John and the Cave of the Apocalypse where John the Evangelist wrote The Book of Revelation). Visit Heraklion (Crete), Knossos, the island of Santorini ("Black Pearl of the Aegean"). Explore Thessaloniki where St. Paul lived and preached for two years. In Philippi see the dungeon where Paul was a prisoner, and the site where he baptized Lydia, the first European Christian. Visit Delphi, where people came from all over the world to consult its mysterious oracle. Back in Athens, see the Areopagus where Paul delivered his famous "Men of Athens" speech, and visit the stunning Acropolis. And much more! If you're



at all interested (no obligation at this point), we'll hold an information meeting on Tuesday, March 7th, at 7pm. Hope to see you there! Brochures for "In the Footsteps of St. Paul" are available in the foyer and at the Parish office. Come join us. It promises to be a great trip! *Father Jack*

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**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 † February 25 † 12:00-4:30 † OLPH Parish

**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 but a free will offering will be taken. Please pre-register to help us plan.

**To register, contact Robert at [rgaudet@shaw.ca](mailto:rgaudet@shaw.ca) or 780-416-4771.**



**Make a Date with Mercy!**

Day of Confessions  
All Priests. All Parishes. All Day.  
Drop by the closest Catholic church and experience the grace of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



**Liturgy Schedule  
Mon. Feb. 13 - Sun. Feb. 19**

**Mon:** 8:45 am Morning Prayer  
**Tues:** 8:45 am Morning Prayer, 6:15 pm Mass  
**Wed:** 8:45 am Morning Prayer, 9:00 am Mass  
**Thurs:** 8:45 am Morning Prayer, 6:15 pm Mass  
**Fri:** 8:45 am Mass - EICS Staff attending  
**Sat:** 10:00 am Reconciliation, 5:00 pm Mass  
**Sun:** 8:30 am Mass, 10:30 am Mass, 5:00 pm Mass

**Mass Intentions.....**

**Tues. Feb. 14:** Peggy Dempsey† Joanna Mazzella  
**Wed. Feb. 15:** Graham & Barbara Otway, Ernie Kuefler† Geri Mercier  
**Thurs. Feb. 16:** Penny Draganiuk, Sandra Mullenax† Terry Sokoluk† Katelynn Baska  
**Fri. Feb. 17:** Napoleon Prince† Andy Powell, Graham & Barbara Otway, Thanksgiving

**† 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:  
Leta & David Shannon and Family. Leta's brother, **Terry Sokoluk** died February 3rd in Vegreville, AB.  
Carol & Ernest Makarowski, Mary & Wayne McCargar and Betty & Don Kawalilak and families. Mary, Carol and Betty's mother, **Josephine Friend** died February 1st in Sherwood Park, AB.  
Rita Duchesne, David & Randy Bouchard and Sheryl Wotherspoon. Rita's niece, David, Randy & Sheryl's cousin, **Shirley Ann Bouchard** died January 15th in Red Deer, AB.  
David & Randy Bouchard, Sheryl Wotherspoon and Rita Duchesne. David, Randy and Sheryl's mother, Rita Duchesne's sister-in-law, **Audrey Bouchard** died January 8th in Edmonton.



**Marian Gift Shop Hours**

The Marian Gift Shop will be opened on Saturday after 5:00 pm Mass, Sunday after 8:30 am & 10:30 am Mass

**Office Hours - Weekdays**

**Mon-Thurs**  
8:30 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.  
**Friday**  
8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.  
**Office is closed from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. weekdays**  
Please note Office is closed on Weekends.  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. or by appointment.

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(780) 416 - 0931**

**Help Line: ext 1, Donations: ext 2**

**Contributions to St. Vincent de Paul**

Please make cheque payable to St. Vincent de Paul for any contributions. Thank you.

### Invitation to L'Arche Dinner

OLPH CWL are hosting a dinner for the L'Arche Community on February 27th at 5:00 pm in the Parish Hall. We will be serving our traditional Irish Stew; please bring a salad or dessert. Everyone is welcomed. Come and enjoy this evening and support the L'Arche Community.

### Friday Parish Potluck



Please plan to join us for a very early celebration of St. Patrick's Day at our **Parish Potluck on Friday February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm** in the Parish hall downstairs.

Come dressed in your favorite green attire to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and bring your best Irish [or green themed] dish to share!

**There will be an Irish quiz for adults and St. Patrick's Day crafts for the little ones!**

**You don't want to miss this Irish Potluck dinner!**

**Our Parish Potlucks will resume after Lent on May 19.**

**Please join us for our Soup and Bread evenings every Friday during Lent – please see the bulletin for more details.**

### World Day of Prayer



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2017 "Am I Being Unfair To You?"**  
*Written by the world Day of Prayer Committee of The Philippines*

**World Day of Prayer** is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together on the first Friday of March each year to observe a common day of prayer. Through World Day of Prayer, we affirm our faith in Jesus Christ and engage with the whole world, are enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures, share the burdens of other people by praying with them and for them, and use our own talents in the service of God's world. Prayer and action are inseparable and both have immeasurable influence in the world.

We will join our neighbours in celebrating World Day of Prayer at: **St. Thomas Anglican Church, 4 Raven Drive, Sherwood Park on Thursday, March 2nd at 7:00 pm. Please join us! All are welcome.**

### Children Sacraments/Programs

#### **First Reconciliation and First Communion 2016/2017**



*The retreats for First Communion will be held on:*

**Sunday, Feb. 26th** at OLPH Parish from 1-3pm

Or

**Saturday, March 11th** at OLPH Parish from 1-3pm

You may book your child's First Communion for any Mass following Easter Sunday.

**If you have any questions please contact Raylene at the Parish Office 780-467-5470 or ryuzyk@olph.ca**



#### **Confirmation 2017 (Grade 6 and older)**

##### **Confirmation Celebrations:**

**Sunday, May 7, 2:00 pm** for the following schools: Holy Redeemer, Holy Spirit, OLPH, Public Schools.

**Monday, May 8, 7:00 pm** for the following schools: St. Luke, St. Theresa, Home Schooled.

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### Western Canadian Catholic Home School Conference

All parents & young adults are welcome to attend the Western Canadian Catholic Home School Conference, March 9-11 at Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton, Alberta. Keynote, Holly Pierlot with Fr. Penna, John Carpay, Karen Hanlon, and a panel of seminarians & religious.

**Information: [www.wcchsc.net](http://www.wcchsc.net),  
Veronica [780-467-8410](tel:780-467-8410) or email: [wcchscreg@shaw.ca](mailto:wcchscreg@shaw.ca)**



*If You Have Only One Smile In You, Give It  
To The People you Love.*



## Reflections & Readings

### Stewardship Reflections: February 12 – Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Today's readings build upon last week's focus on expectation. Living the Christian life requires a deep sense of responsibility and a desire to go beyond the minimum of the law. Spiritual maturity and integrity lies somewhere between deadening legalism and a casual approach that mocks the rules and takes pride in 'getting away with it.' We are given the freedom to act responsibly. We pray for the wisdom to discern what that means and to live accordingly.

*"..leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift."*  
Matthew 5:23

### Weekly Readings For: February 13 - February 19

**February 13** - First Reading: Genesis 4.1-15, 25; Gospel: Mark 8.11-13

**February 14** - First Reading: Genesis 6.5-8; 7.1-5, 10; Gospel: Mark 8.4-21

**February 15** - First Reading: Genesis 8.6-13, 20-22; Gospel: Mark 8.22-26

**February 16** - First Reading: Genesis 9.1-13; Gospel: Mark 8.27-33

**February 17** - First Reading: Genesis 11.1-9; Gospel: Mark 8.34-38 - 9.1

**February 18** - First Reading: Hebrews 11.1-7; Gospel: Mark 9.2-13

**February 19** - First Reading: Leviticus 19.1-2, 17-18; Gospel: Matthew 5.38-48



### 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**.



### An evening with Ariose Women's Choir

Please join us for a  
**Pork Roast Dinner & Silent Auction**

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With entertainment by Ariose.

**Saturday, February 25, 2017**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

**Doors open at 5:30 pm**

**(Auction item viewing), Dinner at 6:15 pm**

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\$30 (adults and children 11+),  
\$12.00 (children 6-10), 5 and under-free  
For Tickets contact:

**Sharon Darbyshire at 780-288-5594 or  
email Sharon\_darbyshire @shaw.ca**

**This event will have a cash bar.**

**Accepting cash, credit and cheque for auction.**

### SERVING LUNCH AT THE BISSELL CENTRE INNER CITY PASTORAL MINISTRY (ICPM), SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

Thank you for the great response. We now have all our volunteers in place to help prepare the lunch on Saturday, February 18th and to deliver and serve lunch on Sunday, February 19th.

We are still in need of store bought and/or home baked goods for the luncheon. Please drop off your donations at the church on Saturday, February 18th. There will be a trolley with a sign for the Bissell Centre. THANK YOU so much! ♥

## Parish News

### OLPH WEBSITE

Check out our new website at [www.olph.ca](http://www.olph.ca) and subscribe to receive your electronic bulletin.



### Buffet Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Join us on Sunday, February 19th after the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Mass for a buffet with a delicious assortment of pancakes, sausages, eggs and much more! Cost is \$7 per person or a family of four is \$22.00.  
Don't Miss Out!



### New flights for JETS airlines announced

Need a little getaway about now, ladies? Please refer to our departure board below for new, upcoming exotic flights and interesting destinations:

**February 24** - Playing with Chocolate!

**March 10** - Women's Health and Wellness Presentation

**March 17** - Prepping for St. Patrick's Soup & Bread Friday

**April 07** - Easter Bag service for inner-city

**April 21** - Basketball at MP!

More info is available by contacting **Aida D @ 922.2156** or **Nancy F. @ 464.5356**. In-flights snacks are always complimentary and childcare available for a nominal fee. Hope to see you on-board our next flight.

***If you trust in GOD, you shall live; he has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand. Before you are life and death, good and evil, whichever you choose shall be given to you.***

**Attention Contribution Envelope users**  
**Please Do Not Use your**  
**2016 envelopes as the 2017 numbers**  
**are not the same.**

### Reminder of CWL General Meeting

CWL General Meeting will be held on Monday, February 13th at 6:30 pm at OLPH Parish, downstairs in the Meeting Room.



**SHROVE  
TUESDAY**

### OLPH Parish Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 28th Pancake Supper!

Please join us on Tuesday, February 28th for the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper beginning at 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm.  
The cost is \$5 Adults, \$2 - Age 5 to 12, Under 4 Free, Family \$15.  
Tickets available at the door.

### CWL Hosting Annual Retreat

Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at OLPH church. Tickets will be available after all Masses at \$15.00 each (Lunch included) or you may contact Yvette 780-416-8177. Speaker: Sandy Prather – Topic: "Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's call."

Each of us is called inspired by the Spirit. During this retreat day, we will reflect on three great women of our faith and consider how they responded to God's action in their lives. Mary Magdalene speaks to us from Scripture, Teresa of Avila from our tradition, and Dorothy Day from the contemporary world. We will ask what each of these women teaches us and then look at our own lives and our sense of how the Spirit might be calling us.