



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:** Kelci Tookey, Team Leader of Building Dreams 2011-present. She will be sharing her experience finding joy in the depths of Dominican poverty over the past 6 years and stories of the most incredible people she met in the most terrible conditions.

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/Alpha

Stations of the Cross: People of Thanks/Alpha

March 31 **Speaker:** Father Jim Holland, pastor of Sacred Heart Church of the First People.

Soup provided by: Knights of Columbus

Stations of the Cross: Secular Franciscans

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



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 26, 2017 Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time Cycle A

Low Gluten Hosts

The need has arisen to order our low gluten hosts from a different supplier. Our new hosts are made by the Benedictine Sisters. It is wonderful to be able to support our religious communities. With this change comes a change in the ingredients in the hosts. The new hosts are **NOT** gluten free. **They contain less than 0.02% gluten.** Please take this into consideration when receiving communion from the low gluten station. The new hosts will be used beginning the weekend of March 4 & 5.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Monna** at the Parish Office **780-467-5470** or msenez@olph.ca

2016 Tax Receipts Ready for pick up!

The 2016 income tax receipts for donations to the parish are available for pick up in the hallway outside of the Parish office. Please stop by and pick yours up as you leave today. If you do not reside in Sherwood Park and your tax receipt is not in the box, it has been mailed out.

Called To Protect Training

It is a diocesan policy that **ALL** volunteers must attend a 2.5 hour Called To Protect presentation. The parish will host presentations on Wednesday, March 15th and Monday, April 24th, 2017. All sessions begin at 7:00 pm. Registration is necessary. **Please call the Parish office to register at 780-467-5470.**



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.

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

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Parish News



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.



Encore Sr's Potluck Lunch

Join us for a potluck lunch on Tuesday, February 28th at 12 noon downstairs in the St. Joan Rm. Bring your favorite fingerfood. It's a great way to meet new friends. If you need a ride or would like more information contact **John** at **780-464-5991**. All Seniors welcome!

Call For Bread Makers

As part of our Lenten Soup and Bread series, we are currently needing volunteers to make home-made bread for each of the following Fridays during Lent – March 3, 10, 24, 31 and April 7. If you are interested to help make the bread in the OLPH kitchen downstairs or to supply some or all of the 12 loaves required for each Friday meal, please contact **Robert** at (780) 416-4771 or rgaudet@shaw.ca at your earliest convenience.



OLPH Parish Potluck – Thank You

A big IRISH THANK YOU to the 135 parishioners who joined us last Friday evening for our special St.Patrick's Day Parish Potluck!

Special thanks to those 'angels' that once again were there to help with set-up, decorating, children's games, clean-up, etc. It was a great evening with plenty of wonderful food, fellowship and fun!

If you missed out on the food and the fun, then please mark Friday May 19th in your calendar for our next Parish Potluck to be held at 6:30 pm in the parish hall downstairs.

We are still figuring out our theme and will communicate that to you in late April, after Easter.

Please be sure to join us in attending the Soup and Bread Friday evenings during Lent to continue our fellowship and the breaking of bread together as well as listening to wonderful speakers! Hope to see many of you there!

Community News

Invitation to L'Arche Dinner - All Welcomed

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.

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 1:15-3:15pm
 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**



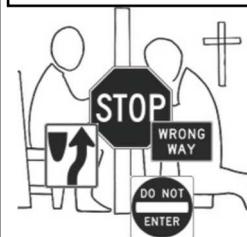
Confirmation 2017 (Grade 6 and older)

If your child is not registered for Confirmation please contact Raylene at 780-467-5470 or ryuzyk@olph.ca. Preparation Day for Confirmation is Saturday, March 18th from 12:30 – 6:00 pm at OLPH Parish.

NOTE DATE CHANGE- The Celebration of Confirmation will be held on **Monday, May 8th at 7:00pm** or on **Sunday, May 14th at 2:00pm.**

Parish News

HELD OVER! BY REQUEST!



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

Thursday March 2nd 12:00 pm - 4:20 pm at

OLPH Parish

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

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

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

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

Please pre-register: **Contact Robert at rgaudet@shaw.ca or 780-416-4771.**

A SECOND WORKSHOP



Growing in Faith Together

SEEK first the KINGDOM of GOD

Reflections & Readings

Stewardship Reflections: February 26 – Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Today's readings are for those of us who worry too much. It may seem that our culture and our time in history have a role in creating our chattering minds and endless anxiety. New of threat and danger confront us daily. But today's Gospel reminds us that worry is a constant in life. There are lots of techniques to help us, but Jesus tells us to stay focused on the reign of God and let tomorrow take care of itself. Like all solutions and techniques, it will only work if we do it.

"You cannot serve God and mammon." Matthew 6:24

Weekly Readings For: February 27 - March 5

February 27 - First Reading: Sirach 17.24-27; Gospel: Mark 10.17-27

February 28 - First Reading: Sirach 35.1-12; Gospel: Mark 10.28-31

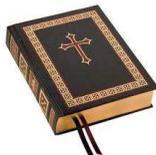
March 1 - First Reading: Joe 2.12-18; Gospel: Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18

March 2 - First Reading: Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Gospel: Luke 9.22-25

March 3 - First Reading: Isaiah 58.1-9a; Gospel: Matthew 9.14-15

March 4 - First Reading: Isaiah 58.9b-14; Gospel: Luke 5.27-32

March 5 - First Reading: Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 25; 3.1-7++; Gospel: Matthew 4.1-11



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**.



Pray For Our Seminarians - Daily Calendar 2017

This week please pray for the following seminarians discerning a vocation to the priesthood:

(Feb. 26) Sean C. & Sedney P. (Feb. 27) Serge B. (Feb. 28) Shane L. and Tai L.

(Mar. 1) Thomas M., Tin T, Aaron D. and Adam R.

(Mar. 2) Troy N., Deacon Vincent L., Adrian T. and Andrew L.

(Mar. 3) Andrew Y. and Anthony P. (Mar. 4) Deacon Arpee U. and Arun M.

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, bless your Church in the Archdiocese of Edmonton with An abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, religious, and seminarians.

Give those You have called to the married state and those

You have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the

Special graces that their lives require.

Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that in Him,
With Him, and through Him we may love You more deeply

And serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere.

With the virgin mother Mary we ask this through Christ your Son. Amen

Parish News

All Day Confession At OLPH Parish

March 8th 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Pope Francis says, "It is not easy to entrust oneself to God's mercy, because it is an abyss beyond our comprehension. But we must! ... 'Oh, I am a great sinner!' All the better! Go to Jesus: He likes you to tell him these things! He forgets, He has a very special capacity for forgetting. He forgets, He kisses you, He embraces you and He simply says to you: 'Neither do I condemn you; go, and sin no more.'" (Jn 8:11).

On Wednesday, March 8th, you are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the annual Day of Confessions. Priests are available all day for confession.

Schedule for the Day of Confessions is as follows:

8:00 am - 10:00 am Fr. Pierre Ducharme

10:00 am - 12:00 pm Fr. Jack Hamilton

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Fr. Raj

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Fr. John Hesse

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Fr. Sylvio Lacar

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Fr. Jack/Fr. Raj

OLPH WEBSITE

Check out our new website at www.olph.ca and subscribe to receive your electronic bulletin.

Attention Contribution Envelope users

Please Do Not Use your 2016 envelopes as the 2017 numbers are not the same.



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:

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.

CWL Hosting Annual Retreat

Saturday, March 4th, 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.