

Stewardship Reflections: January 1 – Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Today's feast focuses on the role of Mary in the wonderful miracle of the Incarnation. She was closest to all that happened, and it was she who came to know that God is here with, for and among us. As we celebrated this feast of Mary as the Mother of God, we, too, pause to ponder. What does it mean to be the Mother of God? What does this title say about Mary? About God? About us? And about the church that gave him this title? We begin this new year with fascinating questions.

"All who heard it were amazed by what had been told to them by the shepherds. Luke 2:18

Weekly Readings For: January 2 - January 8

January 2 - First Reading: 1 John 2.22-28; Gospel: John 1.19-28

January 3 - First Reading: 1 John 2.29; 3.1-6; Gospel: John 1.29-34

January 4 - First Reading: 1 John 3.7-10; Gospel: John 1.35-42

January 5 - First Reading: 1 John 3.11-21; Gospel: John 1.43-51

January 6 - First Reading: 1 John 5.5-13; Gospel: Mark 1.4-5, 7-11++

January 7 - First Reading: 1 John 5.14-21; Gospel: John 2.1-12

January 8 - First Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6; Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12

Marriage - A Gift and a Challenge

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Did you know....January is the month that has the *highest rate of couples seeking marriage help?*

Retrouaille - A lifeline for troubled marriages! Is your marriage in crisis? Communication problems?

helpourmarriage.ca, 587-598-4357, info@helpourmarriage.ca

Next Edmonton Retrouaille Program starts **March 17-19, 2017**



Marriage Encounter - Make your good marriage better! Marriage enrichment!

wwme.org, 780.464.2874, gvankup@telus.net

Next Edmonton Marriage Encounter Program starts **June 4-7, 2017**

Parish News

2017 Valentine's Dinner and Dance
sponsored by the Knights of Columbus #6083

Saturday February 11, 2017
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Hall

Dance to the live music of Neil and Lucille McPherson Band and featuring comedian Andrew Gross (co-host of 630 CHED afternoon show) Tickets are \$55.00 each or \$400.00 for a table of 8 Tickets will be sold after each mass starting on January 7, 2017.

For information or tickets contact:

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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.

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Congratulations & Our Blessings To Agnes McLennan Who's celebrating her 104th Birthday On January 1, 2017



OLPH WEBSITE

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

Buffet Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



Join us on Sunday, January 15th after the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Mass for a buffet with an assortment of delicious pancakes, sausages, eggs and much more! Cost is \$7 per person or a family of four is \$22.00. Don't Miss Out!

REJOICE IN CHRIST, THE PRINCE OF PEACE!

OLPH Parish Advent Potluck – Thank You

To everyone who showed up Friday, December 18th evening at 6:30 pm for our potluck, all 96 adults and 26 children, a big thank you for taking the time to come out that cold evening to share your warmth and hospitality with fellow parishioners!

A VERY special thank you to all that helped in some way or another to make that evening so special – to Lorraine Dotto for her continuing support, to Aida and her "JETS" angels who are always so willing to help with games for the children and more, to the Spindlers who not only led the attendees in caroling but did a great job in involving children and through their preparations made this a very successful evening, and last but not least, to Betty H. who is always there to help out with the preparations and the cleanup, not always visible to attendees but a very critical part of hosting these evenings. Thank you so much!

"Please mark the date on your calendar – **Friday January 27th will be the first Parish Potluck of the New Year** and will follow a **Tropical Theme** – be prepared with your Hawaiian shirts/skirts and your warm weather favorite dishes. Hoping to see many more of you there!!"

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

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Liturgy Schedule
Mon. Jan. 2 - Sun. Jan. 8

Mon: Facility Closed in lieu of New Year's Day
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 Morning Prayer, 9:00 am Mass
 9:30 am Adoration & Exposition until 4:00 pm
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. Jan. 3: Bob Papineau† Albert Seibert†
Wed. Jan. 4: Bob Papineau† Eleanor Williams†
 Marie Wysocki, Gary Bingham† OLPH Staff
Thurs. Jan. 5: Bob Papineau† Emil Wysocki†
 Chuck & Jeri Marple, Len & Veronica Isinger,
 Ken Laurence†
Fri. Jan. 6: Emil Wysocki† Marie Ledwidge,
 Joy Hinch

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.**



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 only.

Youth & Family Ski Trip & Retreat

St. Anthony's Parish in Drayton Valley invites you to join us on the **February 4-5 weekend** for a youth and family ski trip to Marmot Basin and Way of Holiness Retreat Centre! A bus will be departing from Drayton Valley, but if you are joining us from away and wanting to travel on the bus, accommodations Friday night can be provided. Cost includes transportation from Drayton Valley, Saturday supper and Sunday breakfast, and accommodations. \$190 including ski or snowboard rental and lift ticket, \$165 with just the lift ticket, \$115 for just the retreat. For more information or to register, please contact Ashley Rhyno, Youth Coordinator, at 780-542-5254 or email Ashley.Rhyno@caedm.ca

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**A LIGHT SHINES UPON US
 FOR THE LORD IS BORN
 FOR US.**

Parish News



Knight of Columbus

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



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



Welcome to our newest OLPH Parishioners Baptized December 22, 2016



Kane Carpenter Mila Matthews



First Reconciliation and First Communion 2016/2017

Congratulations to all those who made their First Reconciliation this fall!
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

OLPH Church Children's Choir is welcoming new singers for January!

If you love singing, you are in Grade 2 and up, and would like to take part, join us in the new year! We begin again on January 9th and practice Monday evenings from 6:15-7pm at OLPH Church. Please email Elizabeth Driedger at olphchil-drenschoir@gmail.com to register or for more info!

JETS Flight Schedule 2017 (Java, Exercise, Talk, Service)

The JETS' women's group is launching a whole new set of scheduled departures for 2017. ALL women of the Parish are invited- regardless of age - to join us! Boarding happens in the St. Joan Room at 9:20 am with complimentary in-flight snacks and refreshments offered and childcare if necessary.

- January 13** Let's Serve the Altar Servers
- January 20** Youth Alpha Presentation
- January 27** Tobogganing in the North
- February 3** Canadian Heroes letter-writing
- February 24** Playing with Chocolate!

For further information you may contact one of the Airline's Flight Captains - Aida D. at 780.922.2156 or Nancy F. at 780.464.5356. Now please ensure your tray tables are in an upright position and your seat belts are fastened and get ready for one of the best rides of your life!

Confirmation 2017 (Grade 6 and older)

Still accepting registration for Confirmation 2017. Contact **Raylene** at the Parish office at **780-467-5470** or ryuzyk@olph.ca



Faith and 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 meet our bishops, watch Archbishop Smith drop the puck, and join a crowd of Catholics for a great night of hockey and entertainment! Instructions for purchasing your discount tickets are posted at www.caedm.ca.