

Office of the Archbishop - Bishop Henry steps down



Bishop Fred Henry, who has led the Diocese of Calgary for 19 years, has retired early due to failing health. Throughout his ministry, the 73-year-old bishop became known as a fierce defender of the faith who never shied away from difficult subjects. As the Alberta Bishops' Liaison to Catholic school boards, he also made an immense contribution to Catholic education in the province.

"A man of God who has taken very seriously the responsibilities entrusted to him as Bishop, he has not failed to pass on the faith to the people entrusted to his care," Archbishop Richard Smith wrote in a blog post after hearing the news on Wednesday. "For this role he has been particularly gifted with a capacity for clear thought and bold proclamation. Indeed, Bishop Henry is known not only in his Diocese but also provincially, nationally and beyond for his courageous preaching of the Gospel. Where others might be tempted to stay silent for fear of criticism or loss of popularity, Bishop Henry has not hesitated to speak the truths of our faith whenever required, however difficult the circumstances might be. Indeed, a shepherd who cares for the people entrusted to him cannot do otherwise, and I know that Bishop Henry cares very deeply indeed." "I extend to him my personal thanks for his leadership and example, and I know that many join with me in praying for God's blessings upon him in his years of retirement."

That "must-have" gift

In his homily on Christmas Eve, Archbishop Smith reflected on the madness of holiday shopping and the lengths we go to find that 'must-have' gift. "When I watch this I often wonder: does the gift match the desire? This thing for which there is intense longing, does it really satisfy? We know from experience that the answer is no. The toy that is supposed to be the best ever will soon collect dust on a shelf and give way to the next great thing, fashions will change, and gadgets grow obsolete." But the gift we truly must have, said the Archbishop, "has come to us and is freely given in the birth of the Christ child."

Online Faith Formation



BENEDICT^{XVI}
Institute for New Evangelization

Newman Theological College (on line faith formation)

Registration is now open for the next cycle of classes in the Certificate in Catholic Studies (CCS), offered by the Benedict XVI Institute for New Evangelization through Newman Theological College.

Thirteen different courses will begin on **Monday, January 9.**

All are offered online, so you can study from the comfort of home and work around your personal schedule. Each course runs five weeks and costs just \$85. This program is open to adults and youth of all backgrounds and education levels.

Register online at www.newman.edu/CCS. For more information, contact Sandra Talarico at 780-392-2455 or sandra.talarico@newman.edu.

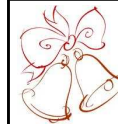


Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

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.

January 8, 2017 Epiphany Of The Lord Cycle A



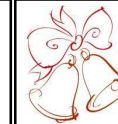
Wedding Congratulations

Our congratulatory prayers and best wishes go out to:

Dmitriy Matveychuk & Samantha Rezac

who were married here at

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
December 31, 2016



Wedding Congratulations

Our congratulatory prayers and best wishes go out to:

Nathan Gauvreau & Brigitte Beaudoin

who were married here at

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
December 30, 2016



Buffet Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Join us on Sunday, January 15th after the 8:30am and 10:30am 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!



Soup & Bread Planning Meeting

Now that the season of Christmas is over, we look forwards to planning for Lent and the Easter Season. Would you like to join the planning team for our annual **Soup and Bread Lenten Series** for 2017? Planning meeting is on Tuesday, January 17th at 7:00pm in the FKK Room.



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:

Larry Hycha at 780-464-2869 lehycha@telus.net
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Liturgy Schedule
Mon. Jan. 9 - Sun. Jan.15

Mon: 8:45 am Morning Prayer
Tues: 8:45 am Morning Prayer,
 2:00 pm Funeral for Jenny Losty, 6:15 pm Mass
Wed: 8:45 am Morning Prayer, 9:00 am Mass,
 2:00 pm Funeral for Guy Gamache
Thurs: 8:45 am Morning Prayer, 6:15 pm Mass
Fri: 8:45 am Morning Prayer, 9:00 am Mass
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. 10: Emil Wysocki† Kay Kavanagh
 Amin & Antoinette, Sr. Gertrude, Pat Brooks
Wed. Jan. 11: Emil Wysocki† Emilia Rakochev†
 Mitchel Owens† Gary Bingham†
Thurs. Jan. 12: Nina & Isla Dotto, Jack Easaw,
 Ken Lawrence† Tony Sykora†
Fri. Jan. 13: Gary Bingham† Emelia Rakochev†
 Klippert Family

† 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:
 Anita & Brian Volk. Anita's mother, **Cecile Parenteau** died December 22nd in Oyen, AB.
 Anne Marie & Gerald Marcoux. Anne Marie's aunt, **Emelia Bastien** died January 4th in Westlock, AB.
 Debbie, Holly and Stephen Sykora. Debbie's husband, Holly and Stephen's father, **Tony Sykora** died January 1st in Edmonton.
 Michael, Anita, Daniel and Monique. Their father, **Guy Gamache** died January 5th in Sherwood Park.

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.**



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Help Line: ext 1, Donations: ext 2

Called To Protect Training

It is a diocesan policy that **ALL** volunteers must attend a 2 hour Called To Protect presentation.
 The parish will host presentations on Tuesday January 31st, 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.**

**NATIONS WALK BY YOUR LIGHT
 AND KINGS BY YOUR SHINING
 RADIANCE.**

Parish News

Twin Parish Collection

The annual Twin Parish Collection in support of the Catholic Mission in Gooah, Tanzania will be held the weekend of January 21/22. Father Roland Dubourt is a Canadian Missionary with the White Fathers, and OLPH has been "twinned" with Father Roland's missions for many years. He and his parishioners are very grateful and appreciate our support of financial contributions to the mission.

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. For more information please email Elizabeth Driedger at olphchil-drenschoir@gmail.com to register.



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!

See His star and do Him homage!

ALOHA! - OLPH Parish Potluck on Friday January 27th



Please join us for our first Parish Potluck of this New Year at 6:30 pm on Friday January 27th in the parish hall downstairs.

Have you made your plans yet? Have you invited your friends and neighbours? Have you selected your favorite dish? Please mark the

date on your calendar and plan to join us for another fun evening with members of your parish family.

The theme of our evening is a Hawaiian Luau – please come dressed in your favorite Hawaiian shorts/shirts/dresses and bring along your favorite dish inspired by the warmth and sunshine to help chase away our cold winter weather!

There will be a limbo dance fun competition for children and adults of all ages as well as children games to keep the young ones occupied.

If you want to help with the set-up, clean-up or organizing, please leave your name and number at the OLPH Office and we will get back to you right away! Thank You for helping!

We are looking forward to seeing many of you there again – Aloha!



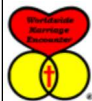
Community News

Marriage - A Gift and a Challenge



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!

www.me.org, 780.464.2874, gvankup@telus.net

Next Edmonton Marriage Encounter Program starts **June 2-4, 2017**

AlAnon & AlaTeen

Do you worry about how much a friend or family member drinks? Have you been hurt or embarrassed by a drinker's behaviour? Are holidays and gatherings spoiled because of drinking? Al-Anon Family Groups can offer strength and hope for friends and families of problem drinkers. For more information about meetings in your area, visit <http://www.al-anon.ab.ca>.

[Click here to download a list of meetings in Edmonton and area](#)

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

Faith and Fun Night with the Oil Kings

Why not take the family to an Edmonton Oil Kings game in the beautiful new Rogers Place this year? 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. For more info, contact Steve Defer in the Office of Life and Family at 780-469-1010 ext. 2159



Children Sacraments/Programs



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



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

Religious Education - Home Program



Religion Home Program

Catechetics (Religious Education) Home Program:

At the beginning of the school year parents decide what activities their children will be involved in during the year. Among those activities it is important to think of the spiritual dimension of the child's life. In OLPH parish we have many families whose children are not in our Catholic Schools. For those families, we invite you to journey with your child at home. There is a "Home program" to help you. Beginning with Kindergarten, parents work with their children at home each week, at a time that is convenient for them. There will be someone available to help throughout the year. Materials for the program are available through the Parish. For more information, and to get the materials you need, please contact **Sr. Gertrude** at **780-417-3526** or **Val Becher** at **780-416-7122**.

Make Good Stewardship A Lifestyle

Pope Francis often talks about the dangers of materialism, and his encyclical *Laudato Si* calls us to greater justice in how we use the goods of this world. This boils down to one key concept in the life of the Christian: practicing good stewardship over the gifts God has given us. This means managing well our "time, talent, and treasure" for the greater glory of God. As Jesus warned us in his parables, all of his servants will be judged on how they used the graces he gave them. Do we neglect them and spend them selfishly, or are we generous in building up God's kingdom on earth? Prayerfully evaluate how you will spend your time, your talents, and your income in 2017 to see what lifestyle changes you can make that will positively impact your spiritual life. Make it big. God cannot be outdone in generosity!

Reflections & Readings

Stewardship Reflections: January 8 – The Epiphany Of The Lord

We live in a world that tends to segregate people along many lines, especially the weak from the powerful. This Christmas season and today's feast remind us that God's revelation is for all people and that Jesus was sent for all. God's will for the human race is unity-that all may be one. This vision is yet to be achieved, and there are those still threatened by it. But today we are called to walk in the light of this truth and to ask: From whom are we still separated? What are we called do to bridge this chasm?

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." Matthew 2:9

Weekly Readings For: January 9 - January 15

January 9 - First Reading: Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7; Gospel: Matthew 3.13-17

January 10 - First Reading: Hebrews 2.5-12; Gospel: Mark 1.21-28

January 11 - First Reading: Hebrews 2.14-18; Gospel: Mark 1.29-39

January 12 - First Reading: Hebrews 3.7-14; Gospel: Mark 1.40-45

January 13 - First Reading: Hebrews 4.1-5, 11; Gospel: Mark 2.1-12

January 14 - First Reading: Hebrews 4.12-16; Gospel: Mark 2.13-17

January 15 - First Reading: Isaiah 49.3, 5-6; Gospel: John 1.29-34



Pray For Our Seminarians - Daily Calendar 2017

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

(Jan. 8) Christopher J. (Jan. 9) Curtis B. (Jan. 10) Daniel J. (Jan. 11) Derek R. and Devan J. (Jan. 12) Emmanuel E. (Jan. 13) Giovanni M. (Jan. 14) Jake M. and Jayson D. (Jan. 15) JD C. and John O.

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

Rev. Marc Cramer, Director Office of Vocations, St. Joseph seminary

Parish News

OLPH WEBSITE

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

Parishioners using contribution envelopes

Please Remember to pick up your 2017 envelopes in the foyer of the church.



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



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.



Music Ministry Potluck

Let's JAM! Let's sizzle! Let's get cooking! First potluck of the year for the Music Ministry is a lunch on Saturday, January 14th, 2017 in the Meeting Room. Come around 11:45 am. Dig in around noon. At your pace – *lento* or *presto*.

World Day of The Sick will be celebrated on Friday, February 10, 2017

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. The memorial of our Lady of Lourdes in the month of February highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease. The Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated at the Mass at **OLPH Parish at 9:00 am.**

The King's University

Campus Visit Opportunities at The King's University

As you are thinking about your future, we would like you to consider King's as your stepping stone into a future of opportunities. You can experience King's campus first-hand by attending any one of our upcoming campus visit events:

Open House offers the chance to explore King's at your own pace, no registration necessary. Guests can drop in to gather information and chat with current students, professors and Admissions Counsellors about King's programs, services and student life. Guests will also be able to enjoy campus tours, demonstrations and music performances. The next King's Open House is on **March 4, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

King's View Friday is a great opportunity for students to spend a day on campus. Students will take part in a full day of sessions on admission requirements, financial aid and student life. There will also be the chance to sit in on a class, tour the campus and chat with current students, professors and Admissions Counsellors regarding any questions you may have about university life. King's View Fridays will occur on **January 27, February 10, and March 24.**

If you have any questions about King's events, programs, or admission process, please feel free to contact Admissions at 780-465-8334 or admissions@kingsu.ca.