

Olph Youth Ministry News

**Youth Nights
Faith Fun and
Fellowship!**
For Junior Youth
Gr 7 & 8
For Senior Youth
Gr 9 to 12

A great way to meet
new friends
and connect with old ones.



*Still Needing Sponsors to
prepare Dinner for January
24th, February 7th, 21,
March 6 *

Youth Nights

Sunday Jan 10th Youth Dinner at 6:00 pm

Spiritual Survivor

- Games to test your endurance
- Puzzles to test your Knowledge
- See which "TRIBE" will be the Spiritual Champions

Friday Jan 15th at 7:00 pm - Coffee Night

- **For grade 9-12's**
- Need some time to decompress from studying, come out for a coffee night
- Hot chocolate, coffee and a snack
- Cost is \$5

Sunday Jan 24th Family Scavenger Hunt

- Families of Teens gr 7-12 are invited to come out for a scavenger hunt.
- This scavenger hunt requires a driver.
- Meet at the parish at 2:00 pm to receive details.
- Return to Parish between 4-4:30 pm.
- Dinner to follow for teens and their families.
- Prizes will be awarded to the team with the highest points.
- Families are asked to bring a desert to share.
- Event will finish around 6:00 pm.

**Parents please note that pick up is at the back
of the Parish hall doors at 8:30 pm.
All other doors are locked. Reminder for youth to
bring a non perishable food item.**

For more info contact Sharon Darbyshire at the Parish office 780-467-5470
or email: sdarbyshire@olph.ca



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 10, 2016 The Baptism of The Lord Cycle Year C

Buffet Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



Join us on Sunday, January 17th 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!

What are you "doing for Lent?"

On Fridays why not join the parish in our:
"Parish Soup and Bread Lenten Series for
2016" Our organizational meeting is scheduled
for Tuesday January 12th at 5:45 pm.
Please join us to help plan our Series
in which we focus on Social Justice
in the world. Call **Monna** at the
Parish with any questions at **780-467-5470**.



All MUSIC MINISTERS

Music Ministers are all invited
to attend our Lent & Easter workshop on
Saturday, January 23rd at 9:00 am - noon.
Come sing a new song unto the Lord.

"Save The Date"
Mark Your Calendars
Vacation Bible Camp (VBS)
July 11-15, 2016

Parishioners using contribution envelopes

Please Remember to pick up your
2016 envelopes in the foyer of the church.



REAL HELP FOR DEEP HURT

A 10 week program that is offered at the Parish
for those suffering bereavement through the
death of a loved one. At each session a DVD
featuring personal stories and expert insights on
topics important to grief recovery is viewed,
followed by group discussion. The winter pro-
gram starts on Wednesday, January 13th and runs
through to March 16, 2016 from 1:00 pm - 3:00
pm. The cost to cover materials will be \$25.00.
For more information or to register contact **Sue**
or **Betty** at the Parish office at **780-467-5470**.

Ecumenical Refugee Family

We are in need of items for the ecumenical refu-
gee committee family of 14 with 8 kids. We have
rented a house and now need to furnish it; the
kitchen, bathrooms, bedrooms, garage; grocery
store, or Walmart gift cards are welcome.

Please contact **Louise Laforet** for more info @
780-233-0033

*May we be transformed in the
Baptism of Christ!*

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

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Family Dance Hosted by OLPH World Youth Day



The OLPH World Youth Day group will be hosting a family dance day on January 30, 2016. There will be lessons in country two-step offered between 2-4 pm on January 30 and swing dancing offered between 6-7 pm. The family dance will commence at 7 pm and run until 11:30 pm. Please bring refreshments to share with fellow participants. Tickets will be \$15 for the two-step dance lesson, \$10 for the swing dance lessons and \$15 for the family dance or \$35 for tickets to all three events. Tickets will be sold starting the weekend of January 9th and 10th. Dance lesson tickets will be on sale until Jan.25. Register early to ensure you have a spot in the dance lesson. If you have any questions about this event, please contact **Jonhansel Ng** at jonhansel.ng@gmail.com. We hope to see many of you at the dance.

Liturgy Schedule
Mon. Jan. 11 - Sun. Jan. 17

Mon: 8:45 am Morning Prayer
Tues: 8:45 am Morning Prayer, 6:15 pm Mass
Wed: 8:45 am Morning Prayer, 9:30 am Mass - Jean Vanier Gr. 2
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

This Week's Mass Intentions

Tues. Jan. 12: Charles Dufault, Helen Cooknell †
 Virginia Sumalinog
Weds. Jan. 13: Theresa Joan McAndrews †
 Andrea Draganiuk, Esteban M. Velazco, Giovanni Cumare †
Thurs. Jan. 14: Frances Canizales †
 Mike Hilchey †
Fri. Jan. 15: Loretta Sieben, Jeanne Zupan,
 Adrienne Lema

† 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:
 David & Bernie Thomas and Family. David's father, **Dilwyn Thomas** died December 31st in Edmonton.
 Laurette & Jerome LaBonte. Laurette's brother, **Charlie Gascon** died January 4th in Drayton Valley.

Pray For Our Seminarians

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

OLPH PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the Parish hours are as follows:
Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 9:00 pm
Friday - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
CLOSED for lunch daily between Noon and 1:00 pm
The office is CLOSED on Statutory Holidays and WEEKENDS

Pastoral Team

Pastor
 Msgr. Jack Hamilton - jack.h.vg@gmail.com
Associate Pastors
 Fr. Antony Cruz, S.A.C. - acruz@olph.ca
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 Betty Donovan - pastoralcare@olph.ca
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Administrative Assistants
 Lorraine Dotto - ldotto@olph.ca
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 Jenny Velazco - jvelazco@olph.ca

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

(780) 416 - 0931
 Help Line: ext 1
 Donations: ext 2

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.**



JETS
NEW FLIGHT DESTINATIONS ANNOUNCED FOR 2016

A brand-new schedule of flights has been released for 2016 and female pilgrims over 18 and under 104 are most welcome! Meet at our boarding gate, also known as the St. Joan Room, at 9:20 am; the movie will begin promptly at 9:40 am. Childcare is available for a nominal fee and in-flight snacks remain complimentary....unlike other competitive airlines.

Other flights to look forward to this winter include:

- January 15 - **Hip Hop Dance Class** (small fee attached)
- January 22 - **Wellness is a decision!**
- February 19 - **Winter fun at the Strathcona Wilderness Centre**
- February 26 - **Prayer bouquets and Stations of the Cross**
- March 11 - **Women's Day Friendship Tea Party**
- March 18 - **Linking Generations Presentation**
- April 08 - **Youth Dinner Food Prep**
- April 22 - **Badminton at MP**

... and so much more! We will release the second set of scheduled flights when the March winds blow - stay tuned!

For more information, please contact **Aida D @780.922.2156** or **Nancy F. @ 780.464.5356**

Twin Parish Collection

The annual Twin Parish Collection in support of the Catholic Mission in Gooah, Tanzania will be held the weekend of January 23/24. 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.



An Evening With Ariose Women's Choir

Please join us for a
Perogy Dinner & Silent Auction

 With entertainment by Ariose.
Saturday, February 6, 2016
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
Doors open at 5:30 pm
(Auction item viewing), Dinner at 6:45 pm

\$25 (adults and children 11+),
 \$12.50 (children 3-10), 2 and under-free
 For Tickets contact **Sharon Darbyshire** at
780-288-5594 or email:
sdarbyshire@olph.ca

This event will have a cash bar.
****Accepting cash, credit and cheque for auction.****

RCIA Adults/Youth

Are you being called to the Catholic Church?

Maybe you just came today to see what it's all about,
...or you come regularly to Mass, alone or with a Catholic spouse or friend,
...or you have never been baptized or were baptized in another Christian tradition,
...or you have questions about the Church and are looking for answers,
...or you simply feel an inner stirring that is drawing you to the Mass and Eucharist.
Whatever your reason, we welcome you and invite you to learn more. Our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for YOU if you want to explore Baptism or full membership in the Catholic Church. Contact: Fr. Pierre at pducharme@olph.ca or Alana at alaperle@telus.net or call the parish office at 780-467-5470. For more information on **Becoming Catholic**, visit www.olph.ca

Community News

House of Ephesus

Coming soon to a church near you! Corpus Christi Parish and Father Matthew Hysell will introduce a new ministry aimed at growth in the spiritual life: The House of Ephesus, a monthly recollection on the last Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Our introductory meeting's topic: "The Marian Dogmas and the Interior Life." First meeting date TBA. For more information, please email Father Hysell at matthew.hysell@caedm.ca.

WHEN YOUR MARRIAGE NEEDS HELP

... RETROUVAILLE IS YOUR LIFELINE

Has your marriage relationship become unloving, uncaring or grown cold and distant? Is there little or no meaningful communication between you and your spouse? Perhaps you've even reached the point where you feel disappointed or disillusioned about your relationship. Don't worry, you're not alone. **Retrouvaille is a lifeline for hurting marriages!**

If you are thinking of separation or divorce (maybe you have already gone your separate ways) but you want to reconcile and try again - **Retrouvaille can help.**

The French word 'Retrouvaille' simply translated means 'Rediscovery'.

If you are searching for help, let Retrouvaille be that lifeline!

Retrouvaille is a three phase program designed to help and renew a marriage. This program is for couples who have less than an ideal marriage and are willing to put the past behind them. The Retrouvaille program will let you rediscover your relationship with your spouse in a new and positive way.

If the two of you want to make your marriage a priority and are willing to put your best effort into developing a better relationship, then we invite you, we even urge you, to:

Call (780) 577-1474 or email info@HelpOurMarriage.ca

We congratulate you on taking the first step towards healing your marriage!

Children Sacraments/Programs



Attention all Parents of children making their First Communion this year.

First Communion Retreats; Choose One of:

- ◆ Saturday, February 20 at 1:00 pm or
- ◆ Sunday, February 28 at 1:00 pm

First Communion dates can be booked at any of our weekend Mass times

(Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:30 am, 10:30 am or 5:00 pm)

EXCEPT for:

- ◆ Lent (February 13th till Easter on March 27th).

Contact **Raylene** at the Parish office if you have any questions at 780-467-5470.

Confirmation Sessions - Session #1

Starts Monday, January 11th or Tuesday, January 12th at 7:00 pm. **Still time to register.** Contact the **Parish Office** at 780-467-5470 or email info@olph.ca
****A Retreat Day will be held at OLPH on January 18, 2016 from 9:30 am - 2:00 pm** with Face to Face ministries. The children who attend EICS schools and are in Grade 6 will be bussed to the Parish.



Confirmation Celebrations:

Sunday, April 17, 2:00 pm for the following schools: Holy Redeemer, Holy Spirit, OLPH, Public Schools.

Monday, April 18, 7:00 pm for the following schools: St. Luke, St. Theresa, Home Schooled.

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 Sr. Gertrude, 780-417-3526, for information and materials to begin the program. A catechist will journey with you during the year to provide ongoing support. As well we offer home program families the opportunity to come together three or four times during the year.

Catechists for the Home Program

Would you consider being a catechist for the Home Program? This means connecting with one or more families to support them and help them when needed. Formation and support will be given to these catechists. Please contact **Sr. Gertrude** at 780-417-3526 or the **Parish office** at 780-467-5470.

Year Of Mercy

Year of Mercy (Living Mercy in the Jubilee Year)



In the Year of Mercy, the Small Christian Community at OLPH Parish is happy to bring God's Mercy through Our Lady's intercession by providing the Mother Mary Pilgrim Statue to Parishioners upon request. The statue will remain with each home for a Week. On those days of Mary's presence the hosting family/individual is encouraged to invite friends and neighbors to gather before the statue and pray the Holy Rosary. Then at the end of the Week

(on Saturday) the Pilgrims' Statue will journey to another Parishioner's home. This journey will give us the foretaste of God's mercy, love and make us united with the Church. The journey begins on January 1, 2016 on the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Request for the Pilgrims' statue can be made to **Lorene Thursby** at 780-416-9422, or email jolene.l@shaw.ca or **Darrel & Debra Slugoski** at 780-465-2615, darrel.debra@shaw.ca

Stewardship Reflections - January 10th – The Baptism of the Lord

The Road to Discipleship: Baptism of Jesus

After Jesus was baptized, he came up out of the water; he was identified as God's only Son and filled with the Holy Spirit. That baptism unleashed great power in his life that enabled him to fulfill his messianic calling at great cost. Jesus' relationship to God was unique, but by our own baptism, we too are claimed as God's own and filled with the Spirit to accomplish whatever is asked of us.

"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Luke 3:22

Readings For: January 11 - 16

January 11 - First Reading: 1 Samuel 1.1-8 "Hannah's rivals taunt her because she is childless."

Gospel: Mark 1.14-20 *"Repent and believe in the good news."*

January 12 - First Reading: 1 Samuel 1.9-20 *"The Lord showed favour to Hannah and she bore a son."*

Gospel: Mark 1.21-28 *"Jesus taught them as one having authority.."*

January 13 - First Reading: 1 Samuel 3.1-10, 19-20 *"Speak Lord, your servant is listening."*

Gospel: Mark 1.29-39 *"Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases."*

January 14 - First Reading: 1 Samuel 4.1c-11 *"Israel was defeated; the ark of God was seized."*

Gospel: Mark 1.40-45 *"If you wish to be perfect, sell what you have, and you will have treasure in heaven."*

January 15 - First Reading: 1 Samuel 8.4-7, 10-22a *"You will cry out because of a king that you have chosen for yourselves. But the Lord will not hear you."*

Gospel: Mark 2.1-12 *"The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins."*

January 16 - First Reading: 1 Samuel 9.1-4, 17-19; 10.1a *"Here is the man of whom the Lord spoke; Saul shall rule his people."*

Gospel: Mark 2.13-17 *"I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."*

Pray For Our Seminarians - Daily Calendar 2016

This week please pray for the following seminarians discerning a vocation to the priesthood:
(January 10th - January 17th)

(10)Derek R., Devan J. **(11)** Emmanuel E., Jayson D. **(12)** JD C., Jessie B. **(13)** John O., Jonathan K.
(14) Joshua G., Jovita E. **(15)** Karl T., Kendrick B. **(16)** Luis M.V., Mark D. **(17)** Matthieu G.

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
9828 - 84 Street, Edmonton 780-392-2445, ext. 6221

Community News

STAR OF THE NORTH RETREAT CENTRE

Star of the North Retreat Centre,

3A St. Vital Ave. St. Albert, AB www.starofthenorth.ca

Call 780-459-5511 to register.

Payment required upon registration

PLEASE REGISTER AT LEAST 1 WEEK BEFORE PROGRAM BEGINS

AWAY DAYS

Sometimes it is good to get away. When we get away, we step back from the ordinary routine. We rest and relax; we allow ourselves to be renewed. We take time simply 'to be,' instead of always 'doing.' We have time for listening and learning, sharing and reflecting. Each Away Day Retreat will focus on a different contemporary spiritual book. Through a combination of presentations and reflective time, we will explore the themes and ideas of the authors, and apply their insights to our lives. It is not necessary to have read the books. See website or call us for book descriptions.

Thurs Jan.21: Laudato Si: Care for our Common Home by Pope Francis

Feb. 25: Ten Commandments for the Long Haul & Testimony by Daniel Berrigan S.J.

Mar. 10: The Passion and the Cross by Ronald Rolheiser

Apr. 7: Eleven Modern Mystics and the Secrets of a Happy, Holy Life by Victor M. Parachin

9:30 am – 3 pm \$40/day OR \$45 at the door (Includes lunch)

Marriage Encounter

Time Together!

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a weekend full of love, rebirth and new beginnings. All married couples deserve a richer, fuller life together. For more information call **Gavin** and **Nicole** at **780.464.2874** or gvankup@telus.net, or visit our website at www.wvme.org. The next Edmonton weekend is **April 22 - 24th**.

Catholic Engaged Encounter 2016

Catholic Engaged Encounter (CEE) provides a comprehensive marriage preparation course for couples in the Archdiocese. Presented over the course of a weekend, couples are challenged through presentations by married couples and a priest to become vulnerable, open and to live out a sacramental calling to married life. CEE fulfils all the papal requirements for marriage preparation. As well as encouraging couples to become active in their parishes, it offers the engaged a community of married couples to stay connected with after marriage.

Please call 780-466-0090 to register

Location: Star of the North Retreat House in St. Albert, Alberta

Costs per couple: \$385 (Includes accommodations and meals)

• **Dates 2016:** January 22-24, March 11-13, April 8-10, May 13-15, June 24-26 and November 18-20.