



Parish Soup & Bread Lenten Series for 2015



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.

Guest Speakers

February 26 **Soup provided by** Young Disciples
Speaker: Bruce Klanke - Catholic Social Services
Stations of the Cross - Young Disciples

March 4 **Soup provided by** Knights Of Columbus
Speaker: Armand Mercier - Habitat 4 Humanity
Stations of the Cross - "Love & Forgiveness" - OLPH Staff & Robert

March 11 **Soup provided by** "ABJ Culinary Arts Program"
Speaker: Geomeer Project - The ABJ students, our future Leaders share how they can make a difference.
Stations of the Cross - JETS

March 18 **Soup provided by** Proclaimers
Speaker: Sandy Prather; 'Stoking the Fire,' how we maintain a fervor for social justice over the long haul.
Stations of the Cross - Altar Servers

EASTER BAG PROJECT and INNER CITY PASTORAL MINISTRY (ICPM) at the BISSELL CENTRE



We as a Parish are going to participate in this Easter project again this year. We will be handing out the empty bags and asking parishioners to fill the bags with requested items on the weekend of Feb. 26/27. These gift bags will then be handed out to Inner City residents on Easter Sunday.

Please return the Easter Bags no later than the weekend of March 12/13. THANK YOU for helping brighten some Inner City resident's Easter!



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 21, 2016 Second Sunday of Lent Cycle Year C

From The Pastor's Desk.....

1. The Year of Mercy is upon us and our Holy Father has invited each one of us to be a sign of the Father's great mercy to the world. "As the Father loves, so do his children. Just as he is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other." You might ask: What can I do? Well, I'm glad you asked! Every Christian is called to do works of mercy. The corporal works of mercy we all recognize from St. Matthew's Gospel (25:31-46): feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, and so on. The spiritual works are those things we do to help each other grow in our faith: instruct, counsel, admonish and forgive.

Our parish offers a wonderful opportunity for each one of us to participate in the spiritual work of instructing those who don't know Christ or want to know him better: Alpha. Millions of people around the world have come to faith through Alpha. In our own parish, almost 200 people have taken the Alpha course and most say it was life-changing, faith-enriching and deeply meaningful-even those who have sat in the pew for decades.

This spring we will offer two Alpha courses. One on Thursday evenings, starting April 7, and one on Friday mornings (after Mass), starting April 8. I not only encourage you to come out and experience Alpha for yourself, but to make it a spiritual work of mercy by inviting someone else-a friend, family member or neighbor. With the Holy Father I pray that we will take the message of mercy "out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God!"

2. North to Alaska! In preparation for our Alaskan Cruise (August 27-Sept. 3), we'll be holding an initial information meeting here at the Church (Meeting Room) on Tuesday, March 1st at 1:30 pm. If you're one of those already committed to the cruise, this meeting's for you. If you're still thinking about possibly going, this meeting is for you as well. A representative of Holland America will be with us to provide information, as well as Audrey Edwards of Algonquin in The Park Travel.

Father Jack

2015 Tax Receipts Ready for pick up!

The 2015 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.

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

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Parish and Community News

Liturgy Schedule
Mon. Feb. 22 - Sun. Feb. 28

Mon: 8:45 am Morning Prayer;
1:00 pm Funeral for Gerry Gordon
Tues: 8:45 am Morning Prayer, 6:15 pm Mass
Wed: 8:45 am Morning Prayer, 9:30 am Mass - Jean Vanier Grade 1 attending
Thurs: 8:45 am Morning Prayer, 6:15 pm Mass
Fri: 8:45 am Morning Prayer,
9:00 am Mass - OLPH Devotion
7:15 pm Stations of the Cross
7:45 pm Reconciliation
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. Feb. 23: Helene Fisher† Lito Legaspi†
John & Mary Walter† Ed & Katleen Pawliw†
John Patrick Chy
Weds. Feb. 24: Maman† Laurie Grainger†
Dolores Sadoway, Geri Mercier
Thurs. Feb. 25: Wendy Caron, Ken Hamilton†
Merle & Lisa Draganiuk, Denise Bonnet†
Ben Rompre†
Fri. Feb. 26: Belle Perry, Lorraine Pohyanko†
Janette & Peter Hagan† Ken & Martha Manning
Nettie Woychesko†

† 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:
Nancy Schuler and Family. Nancy's brother, **Paul Dupras** died February 11th in Edmonton.
Debra, Sean, Matthew and Dick Gordon. Debra's husband, Sean and Matthew's father and Dick's son, **Gerry Gordon** died February 13th.
George & Bernice Maisoneuve. George's brother, **Lucien Maisoneuve** died February 17th in Edmonton.



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
Office is CLOSED on Statutory Holidays and WEEKENDS

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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.**



INNER CITY PASTORAL MINISTRY (ICPM) at the BISSELL CENTRE

WE have the most AMAZING VOLUNTEERS! A HUGE THANK YOU to all the parishioners who came out on Saturday morning to make one hundred loaves of sandwiches and peeled and cut up bushels of fresh fruit and veggies that are all provided by our very generous Parish! Would you believe it was all accomplished in just over an hour!! A SPECIAL THANK YOU to some of the members of Parish Council for coming out and helping us as well , as well to two wonderful young people, Joseph and Mia who came very early on a Saturday morning to help!
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To all the parishioners who baked and dropped off the tasty home baked treats, THANK YOU! What a treat!
As well a BIG Thank you to the fabulous volunteers (including two members of Parish Council and several amazing young people.....Delana, Sean, Chris, Maggie and Holly) who took the time to come out on Sunday and help deliver and serve the food. Approximately 300 Inner City residents enjoyed a nutritious and delicious lunch!
This lunch could not have been accomplished without everyone's help! You are the best! ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥

*By Your Cross, O Lord
You Have Saved The World.*



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; We 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:

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**

Call to Protect Workshop at OLPH Parish February 25th @ 7.00 p.m.

My name is Liam Hyland and I have accepted the position of Volunteer Management Coordinator for Our Lady of Perpetual Parish. To ensure a safe environment Archbishop Smith has mandated that all volunteers are versed in the policy by completing appropriate paperwork and attending this workshop. Workshops will be held at the parish during the year and all volunteers are requested to attend one of these workshops. Please register for this upcoming workshop at **780-467-5470** or email **Liam** at **lhyland@olph.ca**

**A babysitter is Needed For JETS!
An Honorarium is provided**

JETS is looking for a warm caring adult babysitter to help at the nursery so members with young children can fully enjoy our sessions . The JETS women group meets on Fridays 9:15 -11:45 am from mid-Sept. to mid-June. We already have one volunteer, but are very desperate for a second one specially for March 11th. All interested need to have their criminal record check and to take the "Call To Protect" Course that all OLPH volunteers are required to obtain. If you enjoy being around little children and would like to help, please call **Aida** at **780-922-2156**

Faith Formation

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

Do a Spiritual Work of Mercy this Spring – Bring a Friend to Alpha!

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, each one of us is called to be a sign of Divine Mercy to the world. One spiritual work of mercy is to instruct those who want to know Christ or know more about their Christian faith. Alpha makes it easy! Bring a friend (or two or more!) and join us at the Spring Alpha Course.

Choose the time that works best for you:

Thursday Evenings 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	OR	Friday Mornings 9:30 am -11:00 am
April 7 - May 26		April 8 - May 27
Large Meeting Room		St. Maria Room

For more information and to register, please contact Alana at 780-922-8081 or alaperle@telus.net.

Youth Alpha @ ABJ

Youth Alpha @ ABJ is Back! Starts Tuesday, February 16

- A chance to learn more about Christian beliefs through fun video presentations and group discussions.
- 10 weekly lunch-time sessions and a half-day retreat @ OLPH
- A great way to get Catholic Faith Formation Credit (10% of Religion grade)
- Open to all ABJ students

Space is limited. Register today.

To register, email Alana at alaperle@telus.net or text 780-446-9009

What guests say about Youth Alpha @ ABJ:

"I really enjoyed the videos and I connected with what they said."

"I had a lot of my questions answered."

"It was a positive experience that I found very beneficial."

"A great time to feel more comfortable about my faith."

Children Sacraments/Programs



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

First Communion Retreat; 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 #4

Session #4 is on Monday, February 22nd or Tuesday, February 23rd at 7:00 pm.

Confirmation Celebrations: **Sunday, April 17 at 2:00 pm** - H/R , H/S, OLPH, Public Schools
Monday, April 18, 7:00 pm– St. Luke, St. Theresa, Home Schooled.

Spiritual Work of Mercy: Counsel the Doubtful

The saints are like the stars. In His providence Christ conceals them in a hidden place that they may not shine before others when they might wish to do so. Yet they are always ready to exchange the quiet of contemplation for the works of mercy as soon as they perceive in their heart the invitation of Christ.

OLPH Youth Ministry

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.

Contact Sharon Darbyshire at the Parish office 780-467-5470

Youth Nights

Sunday Feb 21 Youth Dinner at 6:00 pm

- Followed by a youth night

Sunday March 6th – Afternoon

Visit to the Franciscan Friary

- Watch bulletin for details
- Afternoon visit to the Friary by bus
- Need to sign up and fill out a trip form beforehand
- May be a slight cost to cover bussing

Sunday Mar 20th - Youth Dinner

- Theme TBA

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.

February 21 - Second Sunday Of Lent

Today's readings speak to us about eye-opening experiences...radical insights about who we are and who Jesus is. Abraham encountered God in a way that shaped Israel's future. Peter, James and John encountered Jesus in a profound way. Learning who Jesus really is and being shaped by that knowledge often comes in unexplainable moments. How wonderful it is when our faith becomes real and our eyes are opened to new possibilities!

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 began on January 1, 2016 on the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Request for the Pilgrims' statue can be made to **Darrel & Debra Slugoski** at 780-465-2615, darrel.debra@shaw.ca

Together We Serve

Together We Serve 2016

Pope Francis has proclaimed this year to be an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. It is to be a "year steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God!" (cf. Misericordiae Vultus 5) Together We Serve offers us a concrete way to live out the year of Mercy. We welcome a new partner to our appeal-our northern twin diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith. Let us, together as one family in Christ, become effective signs of the Father's mercy in our lives as we serve our brothers & sisters of the North. For more information about *Together We Serve*, please visit www.caedm.ca/WeServe

Spring Fling 2016



www.kofc6033.org

Knights of Columbus
Archbishop MacDonald Council 6083

Spring Fling '16

Saturday April 9, 2016 / OLPH Parish Hall / Dinner, Dance & Auction
Doors @ 5:30 / Dinner @ 7:00pm

Entertainment by: Mike & the Relics

North to Alaska Cruise w/ Fr. Jack

Raffle tickets on sale after Masses & from members of the Knights- \$10 ea - only 800 tickets printed!

1 week cruise on Holland America Line for 2/ Verhanda Cabin (Balcony) August 27 - September 3 2016 (Some restrictions apply)

Event tickets \$45 / available after Masses / Ron MacDonald @ 780.416.1338 or springfling-tickets@kofc2083.org

Parish News

Lenten Penitential Services

Our Parish Lenten Penitential Service is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 15th at 7:00 pm**. If you are unable to attend the service at our parish, please consider attending the Penitential Service at one of the other parishes.

St. Thomas More Parish	Wednesday, February 24 at 7:00 pm
Assumption Parish	Tuesday, March 8 at 8:00 pm
St. Michael/ Resurrection	Tuesday, March 8 at 8:00 pm
St. Theresa Parish	Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 pm

HOSPITALITY - Every Sunday after 10:30 am Mass

As many of you have noticed, there is a regular coffee social every Sunday after the 10:30 mass. Please feel free to come and join us and meet some of your fellow parishioners. All are invited to stay awhile and have a little coffee and goodie. This is hosted by different parish families and anyone can sign up to host hospitality. If you have any baked goods to donate or would like to sign up for hosting please contact Melissa Vaci at (780) 669-7521 or at jmvaci@icloud.com.

CWL NEWS

Reminder: 2016 CWL Membership Fees

We are updating our 2016 membership list and wish to include everyone. Please forward your fees for 2016, addressed to CWL Membership and may be dropped off at the Parish office. Include your name, address, phone number and email. Membership fee is \$30.00

RETREAT SPONSORED BY CWL - Open to all the ladies in our Parish (Facilitator - Debbie Doornbos)

Debbie Doornbos is a professional facilitator, retreat leader and adult educator. She helps people to grow in their spiritual journey.

Theme: "The Way" A Lenten Journey of the Heart.

When: Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Where: Meeting Room downstairs

Advance tickets only. Tickets will be sold after all Masses on March 5 & 6 and March 12 & 13.

Price is \$15.00 (Lunch & muffins included)

Planning Ahead

A Catholic Perspective on Funerals, Burials, and Estate Planning

Gain peace of mind for yourself and your loved ones. Please join a parish pastor along with Deacon Paul Croteau, Edmonton Catholic Cemeteries Director, and Carla Smiley, archdiocesan Planned Giving Coordinator, for an evening that will engage and inform you on these important topics.

Wednesday February 24th Time: 7:00-9:00 p.m. Location: St. Matthew Parish, 13131 - 86 Street, Edmonton. **To register, contact the parish office at 780-475-2888.** These seminars are jointly sponsored by the Office of Development and Edmonton Catholic Cemeteries. All are welcome.