



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

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

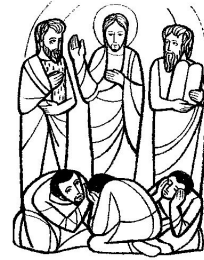
We as a Parish are going to participate in this Easter project again this year. We will be handing out the empty bags and asking parishioners to fill the bags with requested items on the weekend of Feb. 26/27. These gift bags will then be handed out to Inner City residents on Easter Sunday.

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!



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.



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 28, 2016 Third Sunday of Lent Cycle Year C

Alaskan Cruise With Fr. Jack

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



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY FOR EASTER

Eucharistic Ministers are invited to sign up for ministry during the Masses of the Easter Triduum. The signup sheets are now available in the foyer. Thank you for your early commitment.

USHERS! Holy Week Sign-up Sheets!

Sign-up sheets for Holy Week celebrations have been posted in the Ushers' Room. Ushers can sign up there or contact Dave Schmidt (Home: 780-922-6862 Cell: 780-951-7031 E-mail: dcwde@wildroseinternet.ca)

Holy Week Review Session for Ushers

There will be a Holy Week protocol review session for ushers Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00 pm downstairs in the Meeting Room at the church. Emergency procedures will also be reviewed. All ushers please attend! For more info., contact Dave Schmidt at dcwde@wildroseinternet.ca

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.

Assumption Parish

Tuesday, March 8 at 8:00 pm

St. Michael/ Resurrection

Tuesday, March 8 at 8:00 pm

St. Theresa Parish

Tuesday, March 17 at 7:00 pm

OLPH Photo Directory Ready For Pick-up

If you had your photo done for the directory, your free copy is ready for pick-up in front of the Parish office in alphabetical order. Thank You for your patience.

"Congratulations"
Peter Proudfoot
On 34 Years of Bookkeeping Services
For the Marian Gift Shop



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Parish and Community News



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:

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**

Letter of Thanks from Inner City Pastoral Ministry (ICPM)

February 15, 2016

Hello Our Lady of Perpetual Help Congregation

Trust all finds you well. The Board and Ministry Team of the Inner City Pastoral Ministry thanks you for your continuing interest and support of Inner City Pastoral Ministry's unique and invaluable ministry within the inner city community.

The Community of Emmanuel and the many people who attend to the Sunday Lunch offer you their thanks for providing and serving a delicious and nutritious meal, Sunday, February 14th.

The Sunday lunch is an important aspect of the life of the inner city as meals are limited on the weekend especially Sunday. The average attendance to the Community of Emmanuel Sunday Lunch is 250 people. Certainly, we are following in the footsteps of Jesus of Nazareth who said, "When I was hungry you fed me. When did we see you hungry and when did we feed you? When you fed the least of these my "little" ones." May God bless and prosper you as your ministry continues in His Name.

God's Peace, Rick Chapman+ Pastor ICPM John Campbell, Chair ICPM

HOME SCHOOLING CONFERENCE

Join us for the Western Canadian Catholic Home School Conference, March 10-12 at Providence Renewal Centre, 3005-119 Street, Edmonton. Our theme is "Mercy." This conference is geared for home schooling parents, but all Catholic parents will enjoy. Our guest speakers are Dr. Ryan Topping and Archbishop Pettipas. For more information, contact **Veronica** at **780-467-8410** or email wcchscreg@shaw.ca, or visit us online at www.wcchsc.net

Fun Run 2016

It's not too early to start dreaming about a spring run along the river valley! The 11th Annual Faith, Fitness & Fun Run/Walk takes place **Saturday, May 28**, starting on the grounds of St. Joseph Seminary and Newman Theological College, at 10012 - 84 Street, Edmonton. To register, please visit www.events.runningroom.com. Registration fee includes T-shirt, hospitality, prizes & fun, and there's a discount for registering early. For more information, email FunRun@caedm.ca or call **Joan** at **780-469-1010 ext. 2136**.



Liturgy Schedule Mon. Feb. 29 - Sun. Mar. 6

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 Grade 4 attending

Thurs: 8:45 am Morning Prayer, 6:15 pm Mass

Fri: 8:45 am Mass - EICS Faith Day

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. Mar. 1: Job John† Antony Zacharia †
Helene Fisher† The Fisher Family

Weds. Mar. 2: Mavis Pankewich† Jeff Lechelt †

Thurs. Mar. 3: Reghelini Family, Ken Hamilton †
Mike Zazula †

Fri. Mar. 4: Maxine Richardson † Gerry Bolduc
Antony Reghelini †

† 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:

Pat & Guy Dunand. Pat & Guy's brother in law

George Eykelbosh died February 16th in Edmonton.

Clara Bawol, Phil & Dorothy Klein and John & Marilyn Klein. Clara, Phil and John's brother, **Val Klein** died February 20th in Leduc, AB.



Marian Gift Shop Hours

The Marian Gift Shop will be open on the weekend after the following Masses: Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am Mass.



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**



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



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

First Communion Retreat; Choose One of:

- ◆ 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 Session #5

Monday, March 7th or Tuesday, March 8th 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.

Whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.

Olph Youth Ministry News

Youth Nights Faith Fun and Fellowship!

For Junior Youth Gr 7 & 8
For Senior Youth Gr 9 to 12

2016 Dates

March 6th Visit to the Friary

March 20th Dinner and youth night (no dinner sponsor)

April 10th Dinner sponsored by JETS

April 24th Dinner sponsored by Secular Franciscans

May 15th Dinner sponsored by St Vincent de Paul

June 5th Year end BBQ sponsored by Parish Council

Contact Sharon Darbyshire at the Parish office 780-467-5470 or email: sdarbyshire@olph.ca

Youth Dinners and Youth Night

March 6th—An invite from Father Pierre to Visit the Franciscan Friary

- On March 6th we will be taking a bus to the Friary downtown Edmonton.
- Leaving the Church at 2:10 pm (teens to arrive at 2:00)
- Return to the church approx 4:40 pm. Please pick up your teens at this time.
- You **must fill** out a **permission form to attend this event**.
- Forms can be picked up at the office or on the youth Bulletin board in the foyer.
- There is a \$5.00 fee to help with the bussing costs.
- Forms NEED to be returned to the Parish Office by **March 1st**.
- We need to have 10 or more teens to attend or we will have to cancel.
- There will not be a youth dinner following this event.

March 20th—Youth dinner and Activities

- Lenten movie 'MOST' for Senior teens followed by fellowship time.
- Activities for Junior teens.

Parents please note that pick up time has changed

Please pick up at the back of the Parish hall doors **at 8:00 p.m.** All other doors are locked.

February 28 - Third 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 **Lauren** at **780-416-9422** or **Darrel & Debra Slugoski** at **780-465-2615**, darrel.debra@shaw.ca

Together We Serve

Together We Serve 2016

Thank you for your generous support of Together We Serve. The Together We Serve annual appeal offers us a concrete way to live out the Year of Mercy by serving those in need through our support of the following: Catholic Social Services, Canadian Catholic Organization for Development & Peace, Pope's Pastoral Works, Evangelization of Nations, Needs of the Church in the Holy Land, Our northern twin diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith, St. Joseph Priests' Foundation of Edmonton. This Lent let us, together as one family in Christ, bring the goodness and tenderness of God to all we support through Together We Serve. For more info. visit www.caedm.ca/WeServe.

Spring Fling 2016



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 & Community News

Thanksgiving Mass In favour of the Obaid Family

It has been a year since our first OLPH Parish sponsored Christian Syrian refugee family, the Obaid's arrived in Canada. On Sunday, March 13th, at the 10:30 am Mass, Lama, Elias and their two young sons, Majd and Youssef, will be attending mass at the OLPH church to celebrate and give thanks for the new lease on life that the parishioners of OLPH have made possible. You are cordially invited to stay after mass for coffee and hospitality. The Obaid family would welcome the possibility to thank you personally and **be able to express** how our Church sponsorship forever changed their lives. Please mark this date on your calendar!



Dear Parishioners,

We would like to take this opportunity to **thank you** for choosing to give through the Chalice Gift Catalogue. **Thank you** for helping a child or family in need, while honouring a special person in your life. Last year Chalice was able to engage over 3,600 families across Canada through their Christmas Gift Catalogue. Thanks to those gifts, more children will be healthier and able to go to school. More families will become self-reliant and have more hope for a brighter future.

God bless you and your families,
Marie-Thérèse and Billy Spindler,

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2016

Friday, March 4th at 4:00 pm

Salisbury United Church, 2 Mission Street, Sherwood Park

(780) 467-7310

Contemplative Bible Study - Using World Day Of Prayer Resources

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)