

Parish Soup & Bread Lenten Series for 2016

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 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 Flowers

The Seasonal Decorating Committee would be very grateful for any donations of Easter flowers, hydrangeas, Mums, Chrysanthemums and a few lilies to help beautify the sanctuary and Parish Hall for our Easter celebrations. If you would like to contribute plants to this cause, please drop them off at the church office between Monday, March 21st and Saturday, March 26th. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

Good Friday Activities

Many parishes organize ecumenical activities during Holy Week and especially on Good Friday. The Office of Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations (CAEDM Unity) supports two such activities in particular:

Edmonton Outdoor Way of the Cross: 10 a.m.-12 noon

The theme this year is "Transformation – of Ourselves and Our World!" based on Luke 4.18-19. The walk begins this year at the Marian Centre, 10528 – 98 Street, Edmonton. Everyone is welcome. Please dress for the weather. Participants are asked to bring a donation of non-perishable food for the Food Bank.

Taizé Prayer Around the Cross: 7-9 p.m.

This service takes place in the main chapel at the Providence Renewal Centre in Edmonton. Everyone is welcome.

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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.

March 13, 2016 Fifth Sunday of Lent Cycle Year C

Holy Week 2016 at a Glance

Holy Thursday, March 24th- 7:00 pm

Good Friday Liturgy, March 25th - 10:30 am, 3:00 pm

Tenebrae, March 25th - 8:00pm

Blessing of Easter Food, March 26th - 12:00 pm

Easter Vigil, March 26th - 9:00 pm

Easter Sunday, March 27th - 8:30 am Upstairs, 10:30 am Upstairs and Downstairs

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:

dewde@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.

St. Theresa Parish

Thursday, March 17 at 7:00 pm

St. Joseph Basilica

Saturday, March 19 at 1:00 - 4:50 pm

"Reminder"

**All Ministries Rehearsal For Holy Week
 Monday, March 14th at 7:00 pm
 In The Sanctuary (Please attend)**

St. Patrick's Day - March 17th



CHRIST Beside Me
 CHRIST Before Me
 CHRIST Behind Me

CHRIST Within Me
 CHRIST Beneath Me
 CHRIST Above Me

Saint Patrick



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Spring Fling '16

Saturday April 9, 2016 / OLPH Parish Hall / Dinner, Dance & Auction \$45/person
 Doors open @ 5:30 / Dinner @ 7:00pm

Dance at 9:00 pm 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/ Veranda Cabin (Balcony) August 27 - September 3 2016 (Some restrictions apply)

Event tickets \$45 / available after Masses or call Ron MacDonald @ 780.416.1338 or springfling-tickets@kofc6083.org

Parish and Community News

**JETS (Java, Exercise/Eating, Talk & Service)
Spring Flight Schedule Released**



The JETS women's group is thrilled to announce 9 new destinations, taking off this Friday and running through till mid-June. Please arrive at our departure gate (St. Joan Room) at 09:20; coffee and light snacks to be served onboard. Flight sessions begin at 09:35. Childcare available for a nominal fee. More information can be obtained by contacting the JETS co-captains; **Aida D.** at **780.922.2156** or **Nancy F.** @ **780.464.5356**. Reservations are not necessary for most flights - so please pick the destination(s) below of interest!

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| March 18 - Linking Generations presentation | May 27 - Bird Watching on E's acreage |
| April 08 - In the Kitchen/Youth Dinner food prep | June 03 - L'Arche Service Morning |
| April 22 - Badminton at MP | June 10 - Walk with Seniors |
| April 29 - Empowering Women presentation | June 17 - Scavenger Hunt & Picnic! |
| May 06 - Mother's Day Toiletry Service Baskets brunch | |

Every Life Matters - Will Be Livestreamed at OLPH Parish



Every Life Matters – Easter Series

In the upcoming Easter season, Archbishop Smith will be hosting a series of presentations on the subject of physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia. Five sessions will be held at five different parishes across the Archdiocese, each dealing with a different aspect of this important topic. They will include prayer, personal witness, teaching from the Archbishop, and time for questions and answers. Come, learn about this tragic situation and its consequences, about what our faith teaches, and about what we can do in response. You are particularly invited to attend the session closest to our parish, on Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00 pm (Corpus Christi). Please save the date. All sessions will be livestreamed at OLPH Parish, on the Internet and rebroadcast on Salt+Light TV.

Session 1 - What's it all about?

An outline of the legal situation now facing our country.
St. Anthony Parish, 2704 - 56 Avenue, Lloydminster
Sunday, April 3, at 2:30-4:30 p.m.,

Session 2 - What's wrong with assisted suicide and euthanasia?

An explanation of Church doctrine.
Corpus Christi Parish, 2707 - 34 Street, Edmonton
Tuesday, April 5, at 7-9 p.m.

Session 3 - It's my body, my choice.

The meaning of freedom in the Christian tradition.
St. Mary Parish, 6 McMillan Avenue, Red Deer.
Sunday, April 10, at 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Session 4 - I don't want to suffer.

The Christian Understanding of Suffering.
Holy Trinity Parish,
200 Boundary Road, Spruce Grove
Tuesday, April 12, at 7-9 p.m.

Session 5 - What must we do?

How we are called to respond to this new situation?
St. Charles Parish, 17511 - 112 Street,
Edmonton
Wednesday, April 13, at 7-9 p.m.

Liturgy Schedule

Mon. Mar. 14 - Sun. Mar. 20

Mon: 8:45 am Morning Prayer;
11:00 am Funeral for Stan Mysyk
Tues: 7:00 pm Lenten Penitential (No Mass)
Wed: 8:45 am Morning Prayer, 9:00 am Mass
10:30 am Funeral for Roger Peel
Thurs: 9:30 am Funeral for Chris Diachuk
6:15 pm Mass(Ant)
Fri: 9:00 am Mass
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
(Palm Sunday)

This Week's Mass Intentions

Tues. Mar. 15: No intentions
Weds. Mar. 16: Guitche Family† Thanksgiving,
Eileen Bentley's daughter
Thurs. Mar. 17: Helene Fisher† The Fisher Family,
Steven Wozney† The Wozney Family, Manuel
Ramirez †
Fri. Mar. 18: Jojo, Gerald & Avery Draganiuk,
Gemma Atienza, Steve Valk

† 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:
Dorothy Peel and family. Dorothy's husband, **Roger Peel** passed away March 7th in Edmonton.
Ted Williams and family. Ted's wife, **Helene Williams** passed away March 7th in Sherwood Park.
Gail Diachuk and family. Gail's husband, **Chris Diachuk** passed away suddenly March 5th in the St. Lucia.
Judy Misyk and family. Judy's husband, **Stan Misyk** passed away March 6th in Edmonton.
Fran Calder and family. Fran's husband, **Eric Calder** passed away March 7th in Sherwood Park.



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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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 April 7 - May 26 Large Meeting Room	OR	Friday Mornings 9:30 am - 11:00 am April 8 - May 27 St. Maria Room
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For more information and to register, please contact Alana at 780-922-8081 or alaperle@telus.net.

Life and Family

Marriage Encounter

Jesus has such compassion for the woman in the Gospel reading today as he forgives her and gives her mercy and grace instead of judgment and condemnation. We are in turn called to extend that same love and compassion, especially in our marriage relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is **April 22-24** To register, please contact **Gavin and Nicole** at 780-464-2874 or gvankup@telus.net or visit our website at www.wvme.org.

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.

Upcoming Seminars

Wednesday April 27

Time: 7-9 p.m.

Location: St. Charles Parish, 17511 - 112 Street, Edmonton

To register, contact the parish office at 780-456-5399. These seminars are jointly sponsored by the Office of Development and Edmonton Catholic Cemeteries. All are welcome.

Children Sacraments



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

To book your child's First Communion please contact **Raylene** at the Parish Office 780-467-5470 or ryzyk@olph.ca

The following times and dates are currently available but filling quickly:

Any Mass after Easter at **5:00pm Saturday** (except May 28th)

Any Mass on **Sunday at 8:30am or 5:00pm** except May 8 and June 19

Sunday 10:30 am Mass – Spaces available May 1, and May 21 and any Sunday at 10:30am after that (except June 19)

Confirmation Celebrations

Sunday, April 17 at 2:00 pm - Holy Redeemer, Holy Spirit, OLPH, Public Schools.

Monday, April 18, 7:00 pm – St. Theresa, St. Luke, Home Schooled.



**Remember not the things of the past.
See, I am doing something new!**

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.

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 20th Dinner and youth night (sponsored)

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

Youth Dinners and Youth Night

March 20th—Youth dinner and Activities

- Lenten movie 'MOST' for Senior teens followed by fellowship time.
- Junior teens making Easter Bread.

April 10th - Mexican Fiesta Party

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.

Thank you

Reminder for youth to bring a non-perishable food item.

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

March 13 - Fifth Sunday of Lent
The Road to Discipleship: Unlock another's prison

God is always more interested in our futures than in our pasts. God does not want people in permanent exile from him. God doesn't want us stuck in our sinfulness; instead God wants to free us so we can help God bring about a kingdom of peace and justice. Yet many 'religious' people want to trap others in the prisons of their past and to pound people with the penalties for their sins. As Jesus clearly shows that is not how God works, however. "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Are we merciful with those who we have judged unworthy, or are we lined up with stones in hand?

"Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" John 8:10



Fifth Sunday of Lent

How fitting that the first Sunday Angelus of Pope Francis, who has made mercy his papacy's theme, took place the last time today's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the adulterous woman was proclaimed. "Jesus' attitude is striking," Francis declared. "We do not hear words of scorn or condemnation, only words of love, of mercy, an invitation to conversion:

'Neither do I condemn you' " (John 8:11). Francis continued: "God's face is the face of a merciful father who is always patient. Have you thought about God's patience, the patience [God] has with each one of us? That is [God's] mercy. [God] always has patience, patience with us . . . understands us . . . waits for us . . . does not tire of forgiving us" if we return 'with a contrite heart" (Pope Francis, Angelus address, March 17, 2013). Parishes preparing catechumens may proclaim Jesus' raising of Lazarus. Referring to Lazarus, and all those "raised" from the "death" of sin, Jesus defines the community's "mission of mercy"— "Untie him and let him go" (John 11:44).



Divine Mercy - Sunday April 3rd at 6:00 pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy/Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Sunday, April 3rd at 6:00 pm Prayed on ordinary rosary beads, The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist, so it is especially appropriate to use it after having received Holy Communion at Holy Mass. It may be said at any time, but our Lord specifically told St. Faustina to recite it during the nine days before the Feast of Mercy (the first Sunday after Easter). He then added: "By this Novena, (of Chaplets) I will grant every possible grace to souls." There will be a box in the foyer for your prayer intentions which will be offered at the Divine Mercy.



Attention Proclaimers

A reminder to all Proclaimers who are proclaiming at the Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses that your reading packages are available for pick up in the Proclaimers' Workbook box in the Usher's Room. Please pick them up today.

A reminder also about the rehearsal on Monday, **March 14 @ 7 p.m.** which is an **"All Ministries Rehearsal for the Easter Vigil"** and those proclaiming at the **Easter Vigil** are required to be at this rehearsal please. Thanks!

As well, all **Passion readers on Palm Sunday and Good Friday are asked to meet on Monday, March 14 @ 6:30 p.m. in the foyer please. If you are a first or second reader you may also attend this short information session but it is not mandatory. Thanks!**

Parish & Community News



Encore Senior's Group Potluck Lunch

Join us for a potluck lunch on Thursday, March 17th at 12 noon downstairs in the St. Joan Rm. Bring your favorite fingerfood. It's a great way to meet new friends. For more information contact **John** at **780-464-5991**. All are Welcome!

CWL General Meeting

Monday, March 14th at 6:30 pm. Please attend this important meeting on budget.

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.

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 12 & 13.

Price is \$15.00 (Lunch & muffins included)

World Youth Day group will be holding a parish Silent Auction and Dance happening on Saturday, April 30th. The evening will start at 6:30 pm and will feature a live DJ. Tickets are \$15 and will be available after all Masses beginning April 3rd. In addition, there will be a silent auction at this event with proceeds to the silent auction going to help the pilgrims travelling to WYD. Refreshments will be provided and alcohol will be available for purchase. If you have any questions or want to reserve tickets, please contact **Jonhansel Ng** at jonhansel.ng@gmail.com.

A Listening Project for Lent

Very few people would describe Lent as a **Honeymoon**, but in many ways that is exactly what it is. It is a time to remove yourself from daily distractions of life and concentrate on Jesus - the One who loves you the most. This Lent why not turn off those very distracting screens for an hour each week and fill that time learning about Jesus, His church and the love He has for you. The Lighthouse Catholic Media CD stand has been refilled with a wide range of inspirational Catholic talks on various topics - perfect for your Lent Listening. Three great ones to start on are 'Seven Last Sayings of Christ' by Scott Hahn, "Meditations on the Stations of the Cross", and Fr. Barron's Lent Reflections, "My Beloved Son".

Together We Serve 2016

Thank you for your generous support of *Together We Serve* to date. Our parish's target for 2016 is **\$114,000**. This target represents our parish's average giving to special collections over the past 7 years. To date our parish has collected **32.5 %** of its target. Watch the *Together We Serve* progress poster to see where we are in our journey to reach our parish target. Let us, together as one family in Christ, bring the mercy of God, the very heart of the Gospel, to all we support through *Together We Serve*. For more information, please visit www.caedm.ca/WeServe