

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

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March 20, 2016- Passion Sunday

Through his Paschal Mystery, the Lord Jesus redeemed the human race and gave perfect glory to the Father. By dying, Christ destroyed our death; by rising, he restored our life. For this reason, the Easter Triduum, when we celebrate the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord, is the high point of the liturgical year. The Easter solemnity is to the year what Sunday is to the week.

The celebration of the Easter Triduum opens with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, reaches its climax in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Evening Prayer II on Easter Sunday.

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM 2016

Holy Thursday
March 24th
7:00 pm

Good Friday



The Church of God fasts today and tomorrow to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare to share more deeply in the joy of his resurrection. Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence. There are two solemn liturgical celebrations on Good Friday-at 10:30 am & 3:00 pm.

Presentation of the Oils
Washing of Feet
Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm - This holy Mass holds special significance for the ENTIRE COMUNITY! The Lord invites us to share in this Eucharist, as he shared with his apostles on that first Holy Thursday, the night before he suffered and died. After communion, the "Blessed Sacrament", Jesus the "Living Bread" will be carried to an altar of reposition until midnight. The faithful are invited to visit and pray before the Blessed Sacrament until midnight, at which time the church will be locked. The significance of this practice lies in the fact that Jesus left the Upper Room, the Last Supper Room, in Jerusalem and entered the Garden of Gethsemane to pray, in agony, to his Father before his arrest. We are invited to enter with Jesus into a deep experience of prayer. Jesus invites us, as he invited his apostles to "pray that you may not enter into temptation." Holy Thursday leads US into the heart of the Paschal Mystery, the Holy Triduum, Jesus' death and resurrection. We may watch from a distance, but Jesus invites us to enter into the very heart of this holy time.



Good Friday

March 25th

10:30 am
Solemn Liturgy
(ministered by ABJ students)

3:00 pm
Solemn Liturgy

8:00 pm
Tenebrae

Holy Saturday

March 26th

(No Reconciliation Today)

12:00 noon
Blessing of Festive Food

Easter Vigil

9:00pm

Reception for the community in
the foyer after Vigil

Easter Sunday

March 27th

"He is not here. He has risen."

Mass Times

8:30 am (Upstairs Only)
10:30 am (Upstairs and Downstairs)

NO 5:00 PM MASS

Following the ancient roman custom, the Eucharist is not celebrated today.

Only one cross is venerated and brought into the Sanctuary.

A gesture of veneration may be to touch the cross, kiss it, bow to it, or genuflect. Our offering on Good Friday will be given to our Together We Serve appeal, which helps support the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land.

Holy Saturday and Easter Vigil

On Holy Saturday, the people of God remain in recollection at the tomb of the Lord, meditating on his sufferings and death, refraining from celebrating the Eucharist until the Vigil. Throughout this day, the faithful are invited to continue the solemn paschal fast which they began on Good Friday. The Easter Vigil begins at 9:00 pm. According to the ancient tradition of vigils, the Christian people spend the night in prayer, singing hymns and listening to the word of God.

Toward dawn, the traditional time for the resurrection, they celebrate the Eucharist. The Easter Vigil is also the time for celebrating the initiation of adults (through baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist) into the Christian community.

Tonight the community gathers as servants, ready with lamps (vigil candles) burning for their master's return, so that when he arrives, he will find them awake and will seat them at his table. With the liturgy of the Eucharist, Easter begins in a spirit of joy which we will celebrate for the next fifty days.



Liturgy Schedule
Mon. Mar. 21 - Sun. Mar. 27

Mon.: 8:45 am Morning prayer, 7:00 pm Chrism Mass @ St. Joseph's Basilica
Tue.: 8:45 am Morning prayer, 6:15 pm Mass
Wed.: 8:45 am Morning prayer, 9:00 am Mass
 1:00 pm Funeral for Bob Desaulniers
Thu.: 8:45 am Morning prayer, 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till midnight.
Fri.: 10:30 am - Good Friday - Solemn Liturgy ministered by ABJ students,
 3:00 pm Good Friday- Solemn Liturgy,
 8:00 pm Tenebrae
Saturday: 12:00 pm Blessing of Easter Foods
 9:00 pm Easter Vigil
Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:30 am Easter Sunday 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
No Reconciliation on Saturday, March 26th.
Office and Facility Closed on Easter Monday.

Pastoral Team

Pastor
 Msgr. Jack Hamilton - jack.h.vg@gmail.com
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OLPH Prayer Chain 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.**



March 20 - Passion (Palm) Sunday
The Road to Discipleship: Who is the greatest?

Our world is built on competition, not cooperation. Even the disciples jockeyed for position and favour. Jesus chides them that they must be the ones who serve, like he is. He tells Simon Peter, "Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail." Luke talks a lot about discipleship, and that being a disciple means following after the master, the King, and learning to think, act, love, and forgive like he does. In today's Gospel, Simon Peter denies Jesus and runs away. Simon of Cyrene is conscripted to take up the Cross and follow Jesus. Which one really serves? And which Simon are you?
"Jesus proceeded on his journey up to Jerusalem. Luke 19:28

† 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:
 Eugene & Susan Desaulniers, Leo & Sharon Desaulniers. Eugene & Leo's father, **Bob Desaulniers** died March 15th.
 Ted & Christine Wolinski and Family. Ted's dad, **Joseph Wolinski** died March 14th in Edmonton.

Readings For: March 21 - 26

March 21 - First Reading: Isaiah 42.1-7 *"First oracle of the Servant of the Lord: he will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street."*
 Gospel: John 12.1-11 *"Leave her alone. She bought this perfume for the day of my burial."*
March 22 - First Reading: Isaiah 49.1-6 *"Second oracle of the Servant of the Lord: I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."*
 Gospel: John 13.21-33, 36-38 *"One of you will betray me; another will deny me three times."*
March 23 - First Reading: Isaiah 50.4-9a *"Third oracle of the Servant of the Lord: I did not hide my face from insult and spitting."*
 Gospel: Matthew 26.14-26 *"The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed!"*
March 24 - First Reading: Exodus 12.1-8, 11-14 *"These are the instructions for the Passover."*
 Gospel: John 13.1-15 *"Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end."*
March 25 - First Reading: Isaiah 52.13-53.12 *"The servant of the Lord was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities."*
 Gospel: John 18.1-19.42 *"The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ."*
March 26 - First Reading: Genesis 1.1-2.2 *"In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth"*
 Gospel: Luke 24.1-12 *"Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again."*

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

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Parish News

*Refreshments After Easter Vigil

Refreshments are being offered after the Easter Vigil. Parishioners are encouraged to bring donations of baked goods to help celebrate and welcome the new members of our catholic family.

Children's Liturgy

Parents of children who attend Children's Liturgy during the 10:30 am Masses, should note that there will be **no Children's Liturgy on March 27th, Easter Sunday.**



TENEBRAE

OLPH proclaimers and adult servers are once again making preparations for the Tenebrae service to be held this year at 8 pm on March 25th, Good Friday. This service, held in darkness, recreates the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events that surround the Passion of Our Lord, and is appropriate for all ages. We also encourage you to invite friends and family who may be of other Christian denominations. All are welcome. A descriptive brochure will be available on Palm Sunday after all Masses.



Request for 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 for your generosity!

Bells at Easter



Remember to bring your small hand bells with you when you attend the Holy Thursday Mass and Easter Vigil. The bells will be ringing during the Gloria at both liturgies.

Sail to Alaska with Fr. Jack

Join Fr Jack on the Alaska Cruise! Limited cabins available until the end of March! Book now! Contact **Audrey Edwards** at Algonquin in the Park Travelplus, Sherwood Park Mall at **780-464-9727**.



Thank You To Our Young Disciples Youth Group

The Young Disciples Youth Group started our spring clean-up and picked up garbage around the Parish grounds on Wednesday night. They got 6 garbage bags full. Thank You for your time and effort! It's very much appreciated!

Divine Mercy Chaplet



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 is a box in the foyer for your prayer intentions which will be offered at the Divine Mercy.**

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 at 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

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul (780) 416 - 0931

Help Line: ext 1 - Donations: ext 2

Parish & Community Events

Important Parking Information

The Park Pentecostal Church has advised that there is no parking available on their lot on Good Friday or on Easter Sunday.

Please share this information with your family, friends and neighbors and be respectful of their wishes.

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.

BOTTLE DRIVE FOR WYD 2016

“To raise funds for the parish's World Youth Day 2016 pilgrimage group, Brett and Maria Fawcett will be accepting bottles and other recyclables after every Sunday afternoon Mass starting March 20. They will have their vehicle near the front doors to accept your donations. Please do not leave any bottles in the parish lobby. If you prefer to drop off the bottles at the Sherwood Park Bottle Depot at 252 Kaska Road yourselves, please tell the cashier that you wish to donate the money to the Church's bottle drive and they should be able to issue you a receipt. For more information, please contact Brett at 780-655-4815 or Maria at 780-815-9985. Thank you!”



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Knights of Columbus

Archbishop MacDonald Council 6083

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 / call Ron MacDonald @ 780.416.1338 or springfling-tickets@kofc6083.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** gives you the time and place to focus on each other.

For greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, go on the Weekend!

April 22-24, 2016 in Edmonton, Alberta

Call Gavin and Nicole at 780-464-2874 to register or email gvankup@telus.net

For more information visit our website at www.wvme.org

Together We Serve

Together We Serve 2016

Thank you for your generous support of *Together We Serve*. Please note that your collection envelope box contains a **Together We Serve** envelope for Good Friday. The Good Friday collection goes to our **Together We Serve** appeal, which helps support the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land. The Holy Land Commissariat uses our donations for the protection and upkeep of holy places and shrines, and to support the shrinking number of Christians in the Holy Land through pastoral work, Catholic schools, housing, health care, and social assistance. This Good Friday, let us as one family in Christ, support the needs of the Church in the Holy Land through **Together We Serve**. For more information, please visit www.caedm.ca/WeServe

Neighbouring Faiths: Islam and Christianity

YOU are invited to a special learning opportunity...

Neighbouring Faiths: Islam and Christianity

Rev. Dr. Bruce Mille, United Church Minister and Religious Studies Teacher

Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:30 pm

April 6 - May 4 at Sherwood Park United (20 Fir St.)

Call 780-467-7377 to register

Course is free: April 6 - The World before Islam, April 13 - The Life of Muhammad, April 20 - The Qur'an,

April 27 - The Emergence and Expansion of Islam, May 4 - The Challenge of the Modern World - to both Christians and Muslims.