

Parish & Community News

OLPH Potluck Fridays - Please mark your calendars for Friday April 15th at 6 pm for the first OLPH Potluck! We will meet downstairs in the parish hall at 6 PM as a parish family. Bring your whole family as well as friends and neighbours – open to anyone! We will begin with grace followed by our potluck, and we will end with a group table activity (approximately 20 minutes long). Please bring one dish to share with others – either appetizer, main course, casserole, dessert, etc. - no restrictions. If you are able to volunteer for making coffee, setting tables and chairs, or for cleanup, thank you so much and please leave your name and number with the OLPH parish office staff. We thank you for helping us with our Potluck Fridays and hope you will be able to join us! Our Potluck Fridays for May and June will be held on May 13 and on June 17.

Ariose Women's Choir Presents:
Spring Opus 20th Anniversary Concert
Saturday, April 30th at 7:30 pm (McDougall United Church, 10086—101 Street, Edmonton
Tickets: \$20 (adult) \$18 (student & senior) available at the door.

Jolaine Kerley, Conductor; Megan Rayment, Assistant Conductor; Helen Stuart, Accompanist
 Presenting music by many of our favorite composers. With the Enterprise Quartet
 Featuring guest conductor and founder of Ariose: Marilyn Kerley
 Special performance by Ariose's Alumni Choir (www.ariose.org)

Olph Youth Ministry News

Mexican Fiesta!




Youth grades 7-12

Come join us for a Sunday youth Dinner and activities on
 Sunday April 10th starting at 6:00 p.m
 Downstairs in the Parish Meeting room.
 'Jets ladies' are hosting a delicious Mexican feast with
 make your own fajitas and all the trimmings.
 Followed by games and piñatas to break.
 Come join us for an evening of fun, fellowship and faith.
 Bring a friend.

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

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

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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.*

April 3, 2016 Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) Cycle Year C



Divine Mercy Chaplet this 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."

OLPH Pre-Authorized Payments (PAD) BLITZ

The expenses of our Parish are ongoing and a steady income stream is needed. One way of assisting us in reaching that goal is by participating in the PAD program. PAD's are simple. You have an option of weekly or monthly debits to your bank and it can be started, increased, decreased or stopped at any time. You also have the option of distributing your donations to several funds like Sunday Giving, Building Fund, Together We Serve. Over the next two weekends, members of the OLPH Counting team will be in the foyer doing a PAD Blitz after all Masses. They will have sign up forms and will answer any questions that you may have. If you are interested, please bring a voided cheque with you when you come to Mass.

OLPH Parish Donations		
1 st Quarter 2016		
January 1 -31		
	Ordinary Receipts	Building Restoration
January 31 (4 weeks)	\$ 90,070	\$ 8,518
Budget to January 31	100,000	10,385
Jan. 31 (4 week) Shortfall	- 9,030	-\$1,867
Together We Serve \$4,842		
February 1 - 29		
February 29 (8 weeks)	\$173,682	\$ 16,684
Budget to February	200,000	20,769
February 29 (8 week) Shortfall	- 26,381	-\$4,085
Together We Serve \$9,907		
March 1 - 31		
March 31 (12 weeks)	\$315,443	\$ 29,595
Easter Giving	17,486	
Budget to March 31	300,000	31,154
March 31 (12 week) Shortfall/ Surplus	+32,929	-\$1,559
Together We Serve \$55,053		

Liturgy Schedule
Mon. Apr. 4 - Sun. Apr. 10

Mon: 8:45 am Morning Prayer;
Tues: 8:45 am Morning Prayer, 6:15 pm Mass - Anointing of the Sick
Wed: 8:45 am Morning Prayer, 9:30 am Mass - Jean Vanier Gr. 3 attending
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. Apr. 5: Bernie & Sidney, Aline Amyotte Helene Fisher & Lawrence Fisher †
Weds. Apr. 6: Denise Black † Monique Eberhardt †
Thurs. Apr. 7: Angelo Diogo † Chris Diachuk † Gerry Gagnon
Fri. Apr. 8: Harry † Veronica Holowach † Peter Kryba † Fran Calder & Family, Eric Calder † Angela Bzdel

† 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:
 The Family of Lorraine & Barry Corkery. Lorraine & Barry's grandson-in-law, **Chris Sharp** died March 22nd in Edmonton.
 Ken & Debbie Snook & Family. Ken & Debbie's son, **Justin Snook** died March 27th in Edmonton.
 Cathy Brecknell & Family. Cathy's mother, **Rosaleen Brecknell** died March 8th in Victoria, B.C.



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**



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 at 780-467-5470 or email ryuzyk@olph.ca



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.

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MANY HANDS MAKE GOOD LITURGY

The many Holy Week liturgical celebrations for 2016 from Passion Sunday through the Triduum which began at sundown on Thursday to sundown on Easter Sunday were celebrated and grace filled. The attendance of so many of the faithful and their participation was formidable. All of which did not happen without planning, preparation and rehearsal. Thank you to All who participated.

Invitation To All Parishioners

Sunday, April 17th after the 8:30 am Mass, the Catholic Women's League is hosting a breakfast, prepared by the Knights of Columbus. All parishioners are invited. Guest speaker is Stef Michniewski. Topic: Pope Francis "Year of Mercy" Childcare will be available. Tickets are \$15.00 each or \$25.00 per family. Ticket sales will begin April 2 & 3 and April 9 & 10. For more information please contact **Pat at 780-640-6235** or **Connie at 780-570-1045**



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

The JETS women's group is thrilled to announce 8 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!

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

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**.



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.

Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Alleluia, Alleluia, Jesus Christ is risen! Jesus is our Lord and Savior; all glory, honor and praise be to our Lord God Almighty.

Let Jesus truly be Lord of your life and your Marriage. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**, April 22-24 in Edmonton. To register call Gavin and Nicole at 780-464-2874 or gvankup@telus.net. Visit our website at www.wvme.org for more information.

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.

Every Life Matters - Will Be Livestreamed at OLPH Parish



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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.

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 WITH SANDY PRATHER

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. April 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)

April 3 - Second Sunday of Easter: Divine Mercy Sunday
The Road to Discipleship: Thomas the Realist

People have differing needs and find various paths to faith. Thomas was absent when Jesus first appeared in the locked room on Easter Sunday evening. Thomas probably felt a bit jealous and very skeptical. Thomas refused to believe on the other disciples' testimony alone. Jesus knows that faith comes to people in diverse ways and with differing intensities. Mary believed when the Lord called her by name; Peter believed upon seeing the empty tomb; most disciples believed after seeing the risen Lord. Thomas wanted to touch Jesus' wounds before believing. Thomas' initial doubt, though, led him to make the most profound statement in John's Gospel: "My Lord and my God!" Will you say the same when you meet Jesus?

"Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came." John 20:24

Readings For: April 4 - 9

April 4 - First Reading: Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d *"The virgin shall conceive."*

Gospel: Luke 1.26-38 *"Mary, you will conceive and bear a son."*

April 5 - First Reading: Acts 4.32-37 *"The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul."*

Gospel: John 3.7b-15 *"No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the son of Man."*

April 6 - First Reading: Acts 5.17-26 *"The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!"*

Gospel: John 3.16-21 *"Indeed, God did send the Son into the world that the world might be saved through him."*

April 7 - First Reading: Acts 5.27-33 *"We are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."*

Gospel: John 3.31-36 *"The Father loves the Son and has placed all things in his hands."*

April 8 - First Reading: Acts 5.34-42 *"The apostles rejoiced that they were considered worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name."*

Gospel: John 6.1-15 *"Jesus took the loaves and gave thanks; he distributed them to those who were seated, as much as they wanted."*

April 9 - First Reading: Acts 6.1-7 *"Select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint."*

Gospel: John 6.12-21 *"The disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat."*

Formation session for Eucharistic Ministers and Adult Servers

All Eucharistic Ministers are invited to hear Fr. Robert Baron on DVD in the main body of the church on April 21st at 7 p.m. This session is truly inspiring and informative. Attendance fulfills your obligation to engage in formation for ministers as stated in your Protocol for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. A few of you may have seen this wonderful presentation as part of the OFF series two years ago, but we will be happy to see you again. **Barb** at barb.owens@shaw.ca



Reminder

There is CWL Executive Meeting on Thursday, April 7th at 6:30 pm downstairs in St. Joan's Room.

Make the Year of Mercy a time of experimentation: experiment with giving mercy priority over judgment. It will make the world a better place. Glen Argan

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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

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

Tickets will be sold this weekend - Saturday April 2nd & Sunday April 3rd

LAST CHANCE - GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

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)

World Youth Day 2016

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 will be accepting bottles and other recyclables from 11:30 am to 12:00 pm on Sundays (after 10:30 am Mass). There will be a vehicle near Parish doors with a "Bottle Drive" Sign where you can drop off your bottles. Please do not leave any bottles in the parish lobby. For questions, please contact Brett at 780-655-4815 or Maria at 780-819-9985. Thank you!"

From INNER CITY PASTORAL MINISTRY (ICPM) at the BISSELL CENTRE

Our Parish is INCREDIBLE!♥♥♥♥♥ We are thrilled to let you know that almost 300 bulging Easter bags were handed out on Easter morning to appreciative Inner City residents. This Easter project would not be possible without you! THANK YOU to all the kind parishioners who picked up a bag or two and generously filled them to capacity! Your kind generosity was very much appreciated!

Three schools were involved in making beautiful caring Easter cards that were enclosed in the Easter bags! A SPECIAL THANK YOU to St Theresa school, Madonna school and EPKK and the teachers and students that created these lovely cards!

And a SPECIAL BOUQUET 🌸🌸🌸 to Louise for all of her tireless time and effort! Your amazing assistance was MUCH appreciated!