



*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.*
September 4, 2016 The Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time Cycle Year C

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Office Hours

Weekdays

Mon-Thurs

8:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Friday

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**(Office is closed from
12 p.m. - 1 p.m. week-
days)**

Please note that the Parish
Office is closed on Week-
ends

**The office will be closed
September 5, 2016 for
Labour Day**

Sacrament of

Reconciliation

Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. or
by appointment.

**Liturgy Schedule and Mass Times for
Monday Sept. 5 - Sunday, Sept. 11**

Mon: Office and Facility Closed

Tues: 8:15 am Morning Prayer, 6:15 pm Mass

Wed: 8:15 am Morning Prayer, 9:00 am Mass

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

Fri: 8:15 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



Weekly Readings September 5-10

Monday (Sept. 5, 2016): Psalm 2; Jeremiah
18:12-23; 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5 OR Psalm 101; 2
Kings 17:24-41; 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Tuesday (September 6, 2016): Psalm 2; Jeremiah 19:1-
15; 1 Timothy 4:6-16 OR Psalm 101; 2 Kings 18:9-18; 1
Timothy 4:6-16

Wednesday (September 7, 2016): Psalm 2; Jeremiah
20:1-18; Luke 18:18-30 OR Psalm 101; 2 Kings 18:19-25;
19:1-7; Luke 18:18-30

Thursday (September 8, 2016): Psalm 14; Jeremiah
13:20-27; 1 Timothy 1:1-11 OR Psalm 51:1-10; Genesis
6:1-6; 1 Timothy 1:1-11

Friday (September 9, 2016): Psalm 14; Jeremiah 4:1-10;
2 Peter 2:1-10a OR Psalm 51:1-10; Genesis 7:6-10; 8:1-5;
2 Peter 2:1-10a

Saturday (September 10, 2016): Psalm 14; Jeremiah 4:13
-21, 29-31; John 10:11-21 OR Psalm 51:1-10; Genesis
8:20-9:7; John 10:11-21

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“If anyone comes to me without hating . . . father and
mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his
[or her] own life” (Luke 14:26). Hating? Can anyone imagine
a less appropriate Gospel for the Jubilee Year of Mercy? But
scholars call this Semitic hyperbole. Jesus exaggerates to jolt
us into confronting life-changing challenges. Faced with
conflicting loyalties, disciples must reorder priorities, even
relationships, to give Jesus and the gospel’s demands first
place. Today’s second reading presents a real-life example.
Paul challenges his wealthy convert, Philemon, to welcome
back Philemon’s runaway slave, Onesimus, whom Paul has
baptized in prison. Not only with unconditional forgiveness
but with a counter-cultural, world-shattering change of sta-
tus—as an equal. No, even more—a beloved brother in
Christ. What in my life does the Jubilee Year of Mercy chal-
lenge me to “hate”—meaning reform, redo, even utterly re-
vamp—so I can give everyone, no conditions, no exceptions,
shockingly Christ-like love?

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 780-467-0597 or Josie 780-467-0197.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

(780) 416 - 0931 Help Line: ext 1

Donations: ext 2

Poor Box Collection:

3rd weekend of the month

**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Tues. Sept. 6: David Varga† John
Dumanchuk†

Wed. Sept. 7: Rodulfo Sr. & Rosita
Glipa†

Thurs. Sept. 8: Harry † Chantal &
Donald Snider & Baby Isaac Snider

Fri. Sept. 9: Danielle, David Varga †
Mark Cross†

Wedding Congratulations

Our congratulatory prayers
and best wishes go out to:

**Walie Aktary & Michelle Dotto
Ian Redpath & Megan Charlebois
Wayne Viegas & Tammy Chen**

who were married here at
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on
August 27, 2016



Congratulations

To the following young
people
who celebrated their
**First Communion
on August 28, 2016**

and now join the OLPH Community
at the table of the Lord:
Ethan Gauthier



Anniversary

Congratulations

Our prayers and best
wishes go out to

Fred and Dea Becker

who celebrated their 60th Wedding
Anniversary on **August 18, 2016**



Please note the following
daily Mass time changes:

Sept 16..... 8:30am Mass

Sept 21..... 9:30am Mass

Sept 30..... 9:30am Mass



Marian Gift Shop

The Marian Gift Shop will only be
open on Sundays after the
8:30 am Mass
and 10:30 am Mass.

Children's Liturgy

The program will run every Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass from September 11th until the end of June 2017. Lessons are for children ages 4-6 years old. In order for the program to run this year, we need several volunteers to help lead. All lesson plans and materials are provided. This a great way to be involved in the Parish, especially if you enjoy working with young children. You can commit to leading once in a while or every Sunday. We are grateful for any involvement. Please contact Heidi Nelsen (bhnelsen@shaw.ca) if you would like to help out with this special liturgy program.



Religion Home Program

Catechetics (Religious Education) Home Program: At the beginning of the school year parents decide what activities their children will be involved in during the year. Among those activities it is important to think of the spiritual dimension of the child's life. In OLPH parish we have many families whose children are not in our Catholic Schools. For those families, we invite you to journey with your child at home. There is a "Home program" to help you. Beginning with Kindergarten, parents work with their children at home each week, at a time that is convenient for them. There will be someone available to help throughout the year. Materials for the program are available through the Parish. For more information, and to get the materials you need, please contact Sr. Gertrude, 780-417-3526 or Val Becher at 780-416-7122 .



First Reconciliation and First Communion

The Parent registration meeting will be held on Monday, September 26th at 7:00pm here at OLPH Parish. Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate and \$40 cash to cover the cost of books and materials. If you have any questions please contact: Raylene at 780-467-5470 or ryzyk@olph.ca

Grief Share

A 13 week program that is offered at the parish for those suffering bereavement through the death of a loved one. At each session a DVD featuring personal stories and expert insights on topics important to grief recovery is viewed, followed by group discussion. The fall program will be held on Monday evenings, beginning on Monday, September 12th and running through to December 12th, 2016, 7:00-9:00 pm. The cost to cover materials will be \$25.00. For more information or to register: contact: **Sue Boyne** or **Betty Donovan** at the Parish office at 780-467-5470.



Catechists for the Home Program

Would you consider being a catechist for the Home Program? This means connecting with one or more families to support them and help them when needed. Formation and support will be given to these catechists. Please contact Sr. Gertrude at 780-417-3526 or the Parish office at 780-467-5470.

Confirmation

The first parent registration meeting for Confirmation will be held on Monday, October 17th at 7:00pm at OLPH Parish. Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate and \$20 cash to cover the cost of books and materials. If you have any questions please contact: Raylene at 780-467-5470 or ryzyk@olph.ca



Alpha: What do all Christians Believe?

Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 pm
September 22 – November 24

Your Greatest Adventure starts here!

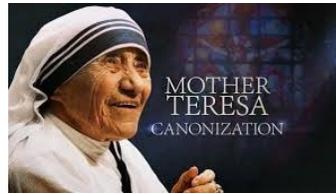
Find out what famous survivalist Bear Grylls and over 20 million people worldwide have already discovered: Alpha is the start of a great adventure! This fall we are excited to debut the updated series of talks by Alpha pioneer Nicky Gumbel. Nicky brings the Christian faith alive with humorous anecdotes, personal experiences and the power of Holy Scripture.

Every Alpha session includes fellowship, 30-minute video talk and small group discussions facilitated by trained hosts. Alpha is absolutely FREE and all are welcome. But it is only offered once a year at OLPH Parish, so don't wait another year to start your journey! To register or for more information, contact: Alana at alaperle@telus.net or call/text 780-446-9009.



OLPH Children's Choir

OLPH Children's Choir is beginning again this fall and welcoming children Grade 1 and up! If you have a love of singing and would like to take part we will be practicing on Monday evenings from 6:15-7pm and we begin September 26th. For more info, email Elizabeth Driedger at olphchildrenschoir@gmail.com.



Saint Mother Teresa

Mother Teresa's holiness is the primary reason she's being declared a saint on Sept. 4, 2016, but the canonization also has something to say on other levels -- about what mercy looks like in practice, about how to defend the faith from its critics, and about the role of women in the Catholic Church.



From the CWL

Thank you to all the people who donated apples, and those came out to help clean the remainder of apples. The ladies made 195 pies, which are now available for purchase @\$8.00 each. Call Patti Heck at 780-417-3856 to get yours. Thank you for your generous apple donations.



Old Testament Bible Study

prophets Micah and Jeremiah this fall? We meet Monday afternoons from 1:15-2:15 beginning September 12th, 2016. Bibles and Journey Guides provided. For more information please contact: Harriette at 780-467-4123 or Irene at 780-464-7393



OLPH Buffet Breakfast Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Breakfast will be served Sunday, September 18th after the 8:30 and 10:30 am Mass. Come join your fellow parishioners for pancakes, sausages, eggs, and so much more, all served with a smile by the Knights. Cost is only \$7.00 per person or \$22.00 for a family of four.

Clothing Nook News

A reminder that the Clothing Nook re-opens to shoppers on Sept. 6th from 1:30-3:00 pm. This service is open to parishioners, and to residents of Strathcona County. We do ask for proof of residency-driver's license or current bill.



Donations of seasonal, Clean, gently used Clothing and household linens in good condition can be dropped off at the church during regular office hours. Please ensure that items dropped off are wearable-no stains, tears, zippers working, and are washed-we do not have facilities to clean and repair clothes and those items not suitable are garbaged. At this time we do not need any hangers or grocery size plastic bags. We would really appreciate donations of children's clothing-from toddlers up to age 12. Our supply of these items is currently low. Due to safety regulations we cannot accept electrical items, baby furniture, car seats, nor do we have space for large furniture.



JETS' Airline set to resume flights 09-09-16

September 9th at 9:40 am the JETS' women's group is launching a whole new set of scheduled epartures for fall 2016. We're thrilled to be able to provide virtual voyages to some very interesting and exotic destinations and invite ALL women of the Parish - regardless of age - to join us! Boarding happens in the St. Joan Room at 9:20 am with complimentary in-flight snacks and refreshments offered and childcare if necessary.

Our first trip is to a unique Island known as **Welcome Back** where we will gather to share in some unique partner games! Table topics will open the floor to questions that include inquires which allow us to share a bit of ourselves so that we can get to know each other better in a thoughtful way. Come prepared to talk about yourself and play some thinking games as we "travel" around the room! After two months away, it is a great time to renew the sisterhood of friends while welcoming new friends who may wish to join.

The acronym JETS stands for all things we pursue...J for java; E for exercise/eating; T for talk and communication; S for service. We are a group of women with all sorts of interesting backgrounds, careers and dreams who meet Fridays (with exceptions of PD days) BUT have kept our group drop-in in nature, so attend when the spirit and flesh is willing. There is absolutely No pressure to attend each and every session!

Further details or questions can be answered by calling one of the Airline's Flight Captains - Aida D. at 780.922.2156 or Nancy F. at 780.464.5356.

TGIF at OLPH - Potluck Fridays

Please mark your calendars for the following dates for our OLPH Potlucks on Fridays starting at 6:30 PM : September 23, October 21, November 18, December 16, January 27, February 17, May 19, June 16.

In March and April, we will have our Lenten Soup and Bread Series instead of our TGIF Potlucks.

We meet downstairs in the parish hall at 6:30 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 fellowship and visiting. 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 – TGIF at OLPH Parish. We hope you will be able to join us!



Senior's Floor Curling
Begins on Wednesday,
September 7th,
9:30am in the Parish Hall.

All are Welcome!



Friendship Circle Adult Singles/Divorced/Widowed 55 Plus

Please join us in fellowship and community for various social, cultural and community events. Our first social gathering is on Thursday, September 8th at 7:00 pm at OLPH, downstairs in the St. Joan Rm. For Further information, contact Lena (780)464-1616 or by email: patchwork53@hotmail.com.



Young Disciples is a children's program that teaches about Jesus and the Catholic Church, while encouraging the development of long-lasting friendships. The JD Youth Group is a recent addition to the program and provides young teens with continued Spiritual growth through various acts of service, activities and fun times. In the 17 years since the group first began the children have prayed, sang songs, performed plays, had countless visits from priests and other guest speakers, watched movies about the saints, participated as a group in the Mass, played games, washed each others' feet, re-enacted the Last Supper and celebrated Seder meals, read the bible and memorized scripture, hosted concerts, drew giant rosaries in the parking lot, gone on field trips, participated in Pro-Life walks, baked cookies, enjoyed All Saints' Day costume parties, eaten snacks, and colored, pasted, painted, cut and hammered their way through hundreds of crafts. The children (AND adults) have learned much, laughed lots, made lasting friendships, gotten dirty, sticky, wet and unmistakably holy!

Young Disciples is an interactive faith program for children and teens that meets each Wednesday night from 6:30 to 8 PM in the church basement. The cost for a whole year of faith, fun and snacks is only \$40 per child, or \$100 for a family with 3 or more children. Mark your calendars; we will be holding a registration night on **Wednesday, Sept 28 at 7:00** in the basement of the church. Classes will begin on Wednesday, Oct. 12. Please watch the bulletin for more information email olph.youngdisciples@gmail.com to learn how you can be involved. Your help is always appreciated and very much needed!



ELK ISLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
Seeing Christ in Everyone

This weekend we celebrate the canonization of St. Teresa of Calcutta. Pope Francis has chosen this remarkable women to be the centrepiece of his Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. Marked by attention and love for all, particularly the marginalized, the last, the least and the lost, Mother Teresa of Calcutta gives us a

Calcutta as the patron Saint of our division. The example of works of mercy she gave with her life underscore Elk Island Catholic's own goal to "see Christ in everyone." The face of Mother Teresa radiated the love and tender mercy of God to all whom she encountered. We ask for her prayers for our students, families and school staff.

St. Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us.

We Remember. We Celebrate. We Believe.

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“Paradoxical Commandment”

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centred.
Forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives,
Be kind anyway.
If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies,
Succeed anyway.
If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you,
Be honest and sincere anyway.
What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight,
Create anyway.
If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous,
Be happy anyway.
The good you do today, will often be forgotten,
Do good anyway.
Give the best you have, and it will never be enough,
Give your best anyway.
In the final analysis, it is between you and God.
It was never between you and them anyway.

(written by Kent M. Keith)



**OLPH
Parish Donations
Jan. 1 – August 31, 2016**

August 31 (35 weeks)	
Ordinary Receipts	Building Restoration
\$797,170	\$76,418
Budget to August 31	
\$875,000	\$90,865
August 31 (35 week) Shortfall	
-\$77,830	-\$14,447
Together We Serve YTD	\$85, 550

Lord on this Labour Day,

we thank You for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask Your guidance for everyone seeking employment, and we ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of us all.



Amen.

“This was a wonderful experience. I enjoyed getting to know the people in my group and discovered new dining opportunities in Sherwood Park!”



“We both really enjoyed this opportunity to connect with other parishioners and look forward to joining the next Dinner Groups!”

Fifth Annual OLPH Dinner Groups – Breaking Bread Together!

Are you interested to get to know your fellow parishioners a bit better, in a social setting?

We all know that food was very important in Jesus’ time – his disciples gathered and shared food very frequently. We do that too, as families and friends. Whenever we gather, there is always food, it seems.

For the next two weekends, you have an opportunity to sign-up to join a parish Dinner Group. This group of 6 to 8 people will meet once a month to socialize and break bread together. You will decide when and where and what you will be eating, as a group.

Parishioners who were part of our first four Dinner Groups found the experience very enjoyable and loved the sense of community and belonging it provided. They managed to get to know a few other parishioners better and some formed lasting friendships.

There is no cost to join – simply fill-out the attached registration form below and leave it at the Parish Office or bring it with you to mass the weekend of Sept 10/11 or Sept 17/18 and leave it at the Dinner Group table in the foyer after mass. You will be placed in a Dinner Group and you will be informed of who is in your group by the end of September. You will meet to have dinner about once a month until around the end of June. Next year around this time, we will invite parishioners once again to register for new Dinner Groups and the process will start again.

If you have any questions, please call Robert or Marisol at (780) 416-4771. They are organizing and administering this Dinner Group outreach initiative at OLPH.

DINNER GROUPS REGISTRATION – Oct 2016 to June 2017

Name(s) of Adults _____

Name(s) of Children and ages (if participating) _____

Please list any allergies _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

I give my permission to share my contact info. with other members: ___ Yes ___ No

I have previously participated in Dinner Groups at OLPH: ___ Yes ___ No