

Development of Faith



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.



Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Perhaps you've been attending Mass with your family or friends and are thinking about becoming a member of OLPH or perhaps you are just curious about what Catholics believe. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a spiritual journey of formation whereby adults are welcomed and received into the Catholic Church. Formation includes several areas: Scripture – the stories of God's people; Teaching – what Catholics believe; Prayer – how we communicate with God; Liturgy – how the community worships; and Mission – how we live out what we believe. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about RCIA, please call Brother Joe or Pat Lemire at the Parish Office @ 780-467-5470 ext. 228 or email them at jglaab@olph.ca or

Grief Share

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.



Friendship Circle Adult Singles/Divorced/Widowed 55 Plus

Please join us in fellowship and community for various social, cultural and community events. We meet every Thursday, at 7:00 pm at OLPH, downstairs in the St. Joan Rm. This is a great opportunity to meet new friends and socialize. For further information, contact **Lena (780)464-1616** or by email: patchwork53@hotmail.com.



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 11, 2015 The Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time B

Please note the following **daily Mass time changes:**

Sept 14..... 9:00 am Mass

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

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

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



OLPH Buffet Breakfast Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus September 18th

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. See you there!

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.



Congratulations

To the following young people who celebrated their First Communion on September 3, 2016

and now join the OLPH Community at the table of the Lord:
Samuel Preston



Many Thanks!

The Varga Family wishes to thank everyone who extended their sympathy to our family in the loss of our son David by their prayers, Mass cards, sympathy cards, phone calls, prepared meals and flowers. Your sympathies and kindness were very much appreciated. God Bless.

***Lord, Open My Lips And
My Mouth Shall Proclaim
Your Praise!***

INNER CITY PASTORAL MINISTRY (ICPM) LUNCH at the BISSELLCENTRE

We have the most AMAZING VOLUNTEERS! A HUGE THANK YOU to all the women, men and young people that came out and made 100 loaves of sandwiches and peeled and cut up bushels of fresh fruit and vegetables. It was all accomplished in a very short period of time! To all of the parishioners that took the time to not only bake but deliver the tasty home baked treats to the Church. THANKYOU! The lovely assortment was much appreciated! As well a BIG THANKYOU to the fabulous volunteers who took the time to come out on Sunday to help deliver and serve the food. Approximately 250 Inner City residents enjoyed a delicious and nutritious lunch supplied by our generous Parish. It truly could not have been accomplished without everyone's help! You are the best!

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

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Liturgy Schedule and Mass Times for Monday Sept. 12 - Sunday, Sept. 18

Mon: 8:45 am Morning Prayer
Tues: 8:45 am Morning Prayer, 6:15 pm Mass
Wed: 8:45 am Morning Prayer, 9:00 am Mass - Holy Redeemer School attending
Thurs: 8:45 am Morning Prayer, 6:15 pm Mass - Anointing of the Sick.
Fri: 8:45 am Morning Prayer, 8:30 am Mass - ABJ Teacher's attending,
Sat: 10:00 am Reconciliation, 5:00 pm Mass

 **Mass Intentions**

Tues. Sept. 13: Ricarda Mary Ann Merk, David Varga† Joanne & Stan Woods
Thurs. Sept. 15: Hugh McManus† David Varga† Martha Lobo† Joel Vincett† Murray Chupka† Robert Becher†
Fri. Sept. 16: Dean Fossen† Carrie Anne Mason† Melanie St. Pierre† Thanksgiving/Good Health/Petition.

† 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: Angelo & Helen Bossio. Angelo & Helen's son, **David Bossio** died September 1st in Sherwood Park.



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.**



Marian Gift Shop Hours

The Marian Gift Shop will be opened on Saturday after 5:00 pm Mass, Sunday after 8:30 am & 10:30 am Mass only.

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. weekdays

***Please note that the Parish Office is closed on Weekends.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Pastor

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(780) 416 - 0931
Help Line: ext 1
Donations: ext 2

Parish News

JETS' Airline Resume Flights

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.

We are grounded September 16th but will be back in the skies September 23rd flying to Dare Devil Cooking Islands. More details in next weekend's bulletin.

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.**

Now please ensure your tray tables are in an upright position and your seat belts are fastened and get ready for one of the best rides of your life!



OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY

Interested in journeying with prophets Micah and Jeremiah this fall? We meet Monday afternoons from 1:15-2:15 pm 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.**



SENIORS' CURLING Starts Sept. 14th!

Seniors' "drop-in" floor curling every Wednesday at 9:20 am in the Parish Hall downstairs. New members are very welcome! For more information call **Theresa** at **780-478-5438.**



2016 FALL MARKET

The Fall Market will be held on Saturday, November 5th at OLPH Parish Hall. Vendors and crafters who wish to reserve a table or tables call **Pat Keith** at **780-218-8009** or email **patkeith7@gmail.com.** This is a CWL sponsored event.

***Give Peace, O LORD,
 To Those Who Wait For You.***



The Feast of St. Francis and the Blessing of Animals

Join us with your pet for a special ceremony called the Blessing of Pets in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals on **Sunday, October 2nd** by our Franciscans, Fr. Pierre and Brother Joe Glaab. Pets and pet owners will gather at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall for the blessing. Refreshments for pets and people will be served afterwards. A reminder that all pets are to be under control at all times.

Young Disciples - Registration Night



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!

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!



There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance. Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.

Religious Education - Home 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 .

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.

Children's Sacraments

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 ryuzyk@olph.ca



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 ryuzyk@olph.ca



Children's Liturgy - Sunday at 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.



Reflections & Readings

Stewardship Reflections - September 11 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When religious people complained that Jesus welcomed and ate with sinners, Jesus challenged them to change their image of God. Imagine God as a shepherd, abandoning 99 obedient sheep to seek the stupid one who got lost. Imagine God as a distraught woman (could religious men imagine that?), losing something and turning the house upside down to find it. Imagine God as an unconditionally forgiving father granting an unworthy son an undeserved feast. Then Jesus added a character whom religious people might imagine, even recognize, all too well. The elder son stayed home; obeyed the father's will; then exploded with rage and judgment and refused to join his brother's welcome-home feast. This Jubilee Year of Mercy asks, which half of Jesus' audience do I belong to? How do I imagine God? How can I become like the searching shepherd, the sweeping woman, the forgiving father? How else can I expect a welcome to Jesus' feast of forgiveness?

"What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it?" Luke 15:4

Weekly Readings For: September 12 - September 17

September 12 - First Reading: 1 Corinthians 11.17-26, 33; Gospel: Luke 7.1-10

September 13 - First Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.12-14, 27-31a; Gospel: Luke 7.11-17

September 14 - First Reading: Numbers 21.4-9; John 3.13-17

September 15 - First Reading: Hebrews 5.7-9; Gospel: John 19.25-27

September 16 - First Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.12-20; Gospel: Luke 8.1-3

September 17 - First Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.35-37, 42-50++; Gospel: Luke 8.4-15



Vocations

Pray For Our Seminarians - Daily Calendar 2016

This week please pray for the following seminarians discerning a vocation to the priesthood:
(September 11 - September 17)

(11) Emmanuel E., Jayson D. (12) JD C., Jessie B. (13) John O., Jonathan K.
(14) Joshua G., Jovita E. (15) Karl T., Kendrick B. (16) Luis M.V., Mark D. (17) Matthieu G.

Heavenly Father, bless your Church in the Archdiocese of Edmonton with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, religious, and seminarians.

Give those You have called to the married state and those You have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the Special graces that their lives require.

Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that in Him, With Him, and through Him we may love You more deeply And serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere.

With the virgin mother Mary we ask this through Christ your Son. Amen

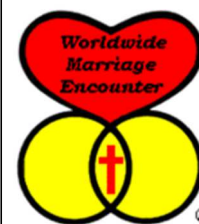


Community News

Remembering St. John Paul II



On September 17, 1984, Saint John Paul II visited Elk Island National Park to reflect and rest during his visit to Canada. Working in close collaboration, Parks Canada and five local councils of the Knights of Columbus have undertaken to re-commemorate this memorable visit. A replica bench and five interpretive panels are being erected at the Tawayik Day Use Area, where His Holiness walked and prayed. The official unveiling and celebration will happen at 11 a.m. on **Saturday, September 17**, the anniversary of his visit. All are invited to attend and experience this place as the Pope did, thoughtfully contemplating the beauty of the world around him. Regular park entry fees apply. For details, visit the park website at <http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/pn-np/ab/elkisland/ne.aspx#f2> or call 780-992-2977.



Marriage Enrichment . . . for all our Years!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is the largest pro-marriage organization in the world. Through a weekend experience, couples learn how to make their good marriage even better. They learn practical communication techniques and have an opportunity to rediscover their hopes and dreams for their marriage. Weekends are for Catholic priests and religious too -- your commitment to serve your people is similar to the commitment of a husband and wife in marriage. Weekend tools can help you see your ministry in a whole new light and connect more meaningfully

with those you serve. The next Edmonton weekend is **November 18-20**.

Register early – space is limited. For more information, visit www.wvme.org or contact **Gavin & Nicole** at 780-464-2874 or gvankup@telus.net.

L'Arche Heritage Day

Enjoy spirited dance and music, colourful costumes and delicious ethnic cuisine at L'Arche Edmonton's annual Heritage Day on **Friday, September 23!** This popular event is a solidarity fundraiser that celebrates the cultural diversity of L'Arche Edmonton, a non-profit, faith-based organization that for the past 43 years has been providing family-style homes and programs to adults with developmental disabilities in Edmonton and Sherwood Park. Heritage Day will be held at St. Thomas d'Aquin Church, 8410 - 89 Street at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 each; \$6 for children 5-10 years, and children under 5 free. For tickets, call **Maria** at 780-465-0618, ext. 206 or e-mail mmastrih@larcheedmonton.org.



"Hush" – "A liberating conversation about abortion and women's health."

Edmonton Pro Life will host a screening of Hush on **Monday, September 19**, 6-9 p.m. at the Theatre/Program Room in Whitemud Crossing Public Library, 4211 - 106 Street. There are limited tickets (120); please book in advance at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/hush-a-liberating-conversation-about-abortion-and-womens-health-tickets-27048181840>