

L'Arche Edmonton Christmas Pageant

The L'Arche Association of Edmonton will hold its annual Christmas Pageant on Monday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at St. Thomas d'Aquin Church, 8410 89 St. This is a beautiful L'Arche Edmonton Christmas tradition as developmentally disabled members of our community re-enact the Nativity Scene in full costume. There is no charge for this event, but we invite guests to bring a non-perishable food item for the Edmonton Food Bank.

Following the pageant, join us for refreshments and the opportunity to purchase Christmas presents at the popular Day Program Craft Sale! For more information, phone Maria at 780-465-0618, ext. 206.



Incarnation: Through the Eyes of Mercy

Enter the mystery of the Incarnation, God becoming man, through prayerful reflection on the icon of the Nativity of our Lord, at a weekend retreat with Bishop David Motiuk of the Ukrainian Eparchy, December 2-4 at Providence Renewal Centre. The Nativity icon offers a unique invitation into Advent through examination of its major figures and features - Mary, Joseph, the angels, the cave. Register on line at www.providencerenewal.ca or call 780-701-1854.

Retrouvaille - A Life Line For Married Couples

WHEN YOUR MARRIAGE NEEDS HELP ... RETROUVAILLE IS YOUR LIFELINE

Has your marriage relationship become unloving, uncaring or grown cold and distant? Is there little or no meaningful communication between you and your spouse? Perhaps you've even reached the point where you feel disappointed or disillusioned about your relationship. Don't worry, you're not alone. **Retrouvaille is a lifeline for hurting marriages!**

If you are thinking of separation or divorce (maybe you have already gone your separate ways) but you want to reconcile and try again - **Retrouvaille can help.**

The French word 'Retrouvaille' simply translated means 'Rediscovery'.

If you are searching for help, let Retrouvaille be that lifeline!

Retrouvaille is a three phase program designed to help and renew a marriage. This program is for couples who have less than an ideal marriage and are willing to put the past behind them. The Retrouvaille program will let you rediscover your relationship with your spouse in a new and positive way.

If the two of you want to make your marriage a priority and are willing to put your best effort into developing a better relationship, then we invite you, we even urge you, to:

CALL 1 (780) 577-1474. Next Edmonton program is **2017: March 17-19**

We congratulate you on taking the first step towards healing your marriage!



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.

November 20, 2016 The Thirty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time C

From The Pastor's desk.....

Recently, a delegation from our neighbors next door, The Park Church, came to see us and update us on plans for their property. Here is the gist of what they told us:

1. Park Church has entered an agreement with a 'Christian consortium' to develop the 1.6 acre of their property and build a senior citizens facility.
2. The facility will be built facing onto Brower Drive (between their church and our parking lot).
3. Size and height of the building will depend on expressed need and projected occupancy.
4. The project will embrace those who can care for themselves through to those who will need continuing care.
5. The facility will include provision for medical personnel to be in attendance on site.
6. There will NOT be a commercial restaurant as we had been led to believe earlier. There will, of course be a kitchen and dining facilities for the residents and their guests.
7. Shepherd's Care Group, which operates several such homes in the Edmonton area, have been contracted to manage this facility. They have a very good reputation in the field.
8. Construction likely would not start until 2018, with completion forecast for sometime in 2020.

**To initiate the whole process involved, the County of Strathcona will hold an information meeting at The Park Church on Monday, November 21st from 6 to 8 pm. All are welcome. This will be a fine opportunity to have all your questions answered. Plan now to attend.

Father Jack

CALLING ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN PROCLAIMING AT OLPH

If you are interested in becoming a proclaimer (reader), please plan to attend the Training for Proclaimers Workshop on Monday, Nov. 21 @ 7:15- 9:15 p.m. Please confirm your attendance with **Pat Lemire @ ppllemire@shaw.ca** or by calling her at 780-467-5483.

Prayer

Christ, our King, and our Brother, you have chosen us to be your people in a Kingdom where all are welcome and all are called. Make our lives a participation in your mission to bring love and salvation to the whole world.

Amen

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

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**Liturgy Schedule and Mass Times for
Monday Nov. 21 - Sunday, Nov. 27**

Mon: 8:45 am Morning Prayer
Tues: 8:45 am Morning Prayer, 6:15 pm Mass
Wed: 8:45 am Morning Prayer, **9:15 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 - OLPH Devotion
Sat: 10:00 am Reconciliation, 5:00 pm Mass
Sun: 8:30 am Mass, 10:30 an Mass, 5:00 pm Mass

Mass Intentions.....

Tues. Nov. 22: Gladys Rodriguez† Sally Wales† Peter Kryba†
Wed. Nov.23: Stephen Martins & Goa Relatives† Jennifer Draganiuk
Thurs. Nov. 24: Grandparents Martins & Coelho Families†
Fri. Nov. 25: Joan & Family



† 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:

Agatha Tomc, Matilda Jerebic, Jozef Sarjas, Terezija Kovac & Maria Hozjon and Families. Their brother, **Martin Sarjas** died November 16th in Slovenia. Joann Kabel, Kathy Edwards and Charlene Adam & Families. Joann's husband, Kathy & Charlene's father, **Robert Gerald Kabel** died November 12th in Edmonton, AB

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**.



***LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING
NOW AND FOREVER.***

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.

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Help Line: ext 1

Donations: ext 2

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.

Parish News

Carmelite Nuns' Sale a Success!



Thank you to everyone who bought, sold and donated to the Carmelite Nuns last weekend. They raised \$1,450.00.

If you're looking for a way to make Advent more meaningful for you and your family, join the OLPH Music Ministry for:



**This Holy Light:
The Annual Evening
Of Advent Song & Reflection**

**Sunday, December 4th, 7:00 pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church,
13 Brower Drive**

An ecumenical event for the whole family.
Bring your friends and neighbors, too!
Donations for the Strathcona Food Bank will be gratefully accepted.



**Encore Senior's Group
Potluck Lunch**

Join us for a potluck lunch on Tuesday, November 22nd at 12 noon downstairs in the St. Joan Rm. Bring your favorite fingerfood. It's a great way to meet new friends. If you need a ride or would like more information contact **John** at **780-464-5991**. All are Welcome!

Anniversary Blessings....

Couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary are invited to renew their vows and/or receive a blessing. Contact **Monna** at the Parish Office at 780-467-5470.



**Happiness is
Handmade!**

You are invited to join the JETS this Friday, November 25th at 9:30 am to craft one beautiful three-

dimensional card that can be kept as a stand-alone Christmas decoration for your own coffee table or be given as a hostess gift during the holiday season. Our guest will demonstrate step-by-step the process and the cost of materials is just \$5.00/person, to be collected the day of the session.

Tasty snacks will be served and childcare is available for a nominal fee. We meet in the St. Joan Room, lower level of the Church, and all are welcome. Take this morning and do something very creative for your crafting soul...come craft like there's no one watching!

Parishioners using contribution envelopes

Your 2017 envelopes are available for you to pick up in the foyer of the church. **Reminder: DO NOT USE YOUR NEW CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES UNTIL 2017.**

Grey Cup Pool Stub Tickets

Reminder: Please return Grey Cup Pool stub tickets and money to Pat at 780-464-2869

Christian marriage is a journey of committed love undertaken for life. The church, as a community of believers in Jesus, desires that each couple that marries in the church, have a happy marriage leading to fullness of life. The church supports engaged couples in their decision to marry by offering marriage preparation courses. Please join us on **Tuesday, November, 29th at 7:00 pm as we celebrate our "Mass for the Engaged"**.

Development of Faith - OLPH Parish

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 plemire@olph.ca.

Inquirers into our Catholic Faith - Leading to the Right of Acceptance

Did you know that there are 9 people inquiring into our Catholic faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation on Thursday evenings?

They are journeying towards Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 15, 2017.

Their journey of formation includes Scripture – the stories of God's people; Teaching – what **we as Catholics** believe; Prayer – how **we as Catholics** communicate with God; Liturgy – how **our Catholic community** worships; and Mission – how **we as Catholics** live out what we believe.

Please pray for them as they continue their journey towards the Rite of Acceptance into the Catechumenate being celebrated on Sunday, Nov. 27 at the 10:30 am Mass. After the Mass, please welcome and congratulate them in the foyer and let them know you are praying for them.

OFF (Ongoing Faith Formation)

A reminder that the OFF (Ongoing Faith Formation) Team is inviting any parishioners interested in helping with the planning process for the upcoming year to join us on Wednesday, Nov. 23 @ 7:00 p.m. in the FKK Meeting Room.



Day of Reflection for Religious

All women and men religious and associates are invited to a day of reflection on Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Search for Justice and Reconciliation, with Bishop Ricardo Ramirez, CSB, Bishop Emeritus of Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Place: Providence Renewal Centre, 3005 - 119 Street NW, Edmonton AB

Date: **Friday, December 9**

Eucharist: 9 a.m.

Reflection: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost: \$25 (coffee and lunch included)

For further information and to register, please email jmbigou@crc-canada.org

Children's Sacraments

First Reconciliation and First Communion 2016/2017



The First Reconciliation Celebration will be held on
Saturday, November 26th at OLPH Parish

9:00 am for EPK, JV, St Luke

10:30am for HS, Madonna, HR and Home Schooled and Public School Children

If you missed The Parent meeting for First Reconciliation and First Communion please contact Raylene at the Parish Office 780-467-5470 or at ryuzyk@olph.ca



Did You Miss Confirmation Registration? (Grade 6 and Older)

Parents: If you missed the Registration Meeting last Monday for Confirmation 2017, Please contact **Raylene** at the Parish office at 780-467-5470 or ryuzyk@olph.ca



Religion Home Program

Catechetics (Religious Education) Home Program

Do you have school-aged children who are not in our Catholic Schools? If so we invite you to journey with your child at home, using the Home Program. Parents work with their children at home using materials published by the CCCB and adapted for use in the home. And there are catechists who will journey with you throughout the year offering help where needed. If you are interested in taking advantage of this program, please contact **Sr. Gertrude** at 780-417-3626 or email gemsic@telusplanet.net; or **Christine** at 780-417-4773 / email: ccustodi@shaw.ca.

Introduction to Advent: Home Program families are invited to and Advent Gathering on Wednesday, November 30, from 6:30 – 7:30 pm at OLPH (FKK room). If you plan to attend or if you have any questions please contact Sr. Gertrude or Christine (see information above).

Reverse Collection For Food Hampers - Sacred Heart Parish

Reverse Collection

As we approach the season of Advent, we often start to think about others and how we can make their celebrations of Christ's birth more joyous. Once again on the weekend of Dec. 3/4 we will be having our reverse collection for the needs of the Sacred Heart Church in downtown Edmonton. Their need is great; the resources few. The needs of our Strathcona County residents for Christmas hampers is being taken care of by the Strathcona Christmas Bureau.

There are several ways to volunteer;

Dec. 3/4 - a volunteer at each Mass to assist with the distribution of the slips.

Dec. 10/11 - Volunteers at each Mass to assist with collecting and sorting food downstairs.

Dec. 12 - "Boxing up" the food for delivery to Sacred Heart Parish.

Dec. 12-16 - Assist at Sacred Heart with hamper preparation.

Contact **Pat Lemire** at the at the **Parish Office** at 780-467-5470 or **Len Stang** at 780-467-8412.

Reflections & Readings

Stewardship Reflections: November 20th – Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Jubilee Year Ends

Today Luke, evangelist and by tradition artist, sends us forth from this Jubilee Year of Mercy with an unforgettable portrait of Christ the King. The setting for Jesus' "royal portrait" is the cross. From this "throne," the crucified "crown prince" welcomes by "executive pardon" the kingdom of mercy's first citizen, a fellow criminal. The "Good Thief" requests neither deliverance nor salvation, or even forgiveness: "Remember me when . . ." (Luke 23:42). "Today you will be with me," King Jesus promises, "in paradise." (23:43). Paradise, even for non-believers, is an image of creation contentedly in harmony with self, fellow creatures, and Creator. Today, we "good thieves" beg Jesus to remember us. We promise to remember that, although Jesus' kingdom will be fulfilled only when Jesus' returns, that kingdom begins today in the paradise that will flower from this Jubilee Year of Mercy. We disciples, having been embraced unconditionally and undeservedly by Jesus' mercy, must now go forth to embrace all others, unconditionally, with that same unfailing mercy.

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"Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Luke 23:40-41

Weekly Readings For: November 21 - November 26

November 21 - First Reading: Revelation 14.1-3, 4b-5; Gospel: Luke 21.1-4

November 22 - First Reading: Revelation 14.14-19; Gospel: Luke 21.5-11

November 23 - First Reading: Revelation 15.1-4; Luke 21.12-19

November 24 - First Reading: Revelation 18.1-2, 21-23, 19.1-3, 9a; Gospel: Luke 21.20-28

November 25 - First Reading: Revelation 20.1-4, 11-15; 21.1-2; Gospel: Luke 21.29-33

November 26 - First Reading: Revelation 22.1-7; Gospel: Luke 21.34-36

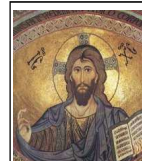


Hope in Times of Ethical Dilemmas

Hope in Times of Ethical Dilemma -- In Canada today, we face complex issues related to the ethics of living and dying. We have questions about suffering, empathy, choice, care, and decision making. How do we navigate these sensitive issues? Where do we find hope? Join internally renowned ethicist Margaret Somerville, journalist Peter Stockland, and Archbishop Smith as we explore these important and timely issues on **Friday-Saturday, November 25-26** at Providence Renewal Centre. Attend all 3 sessions with lunch for \$75, choose just one. For more info or to register, call 780-701-1854 or visit www.newman.edu/ethicslectureseries.

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive strength and divinity,
wisdom and power and honor.
To him be glory and power for all ages.*

Parish News



What is The Feast of Christ the King?

The Feast of Christ the King was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism, a way of life which leaves God out of man's thinking and living and organizes his life as if God did not exist. The feast is intended to proclaim in a striking and effective manner Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations.

November is *All Souls Month*

You are invited to write the names of your loved ones who have passed away, in our **Book of Remembrance**, which is located in the foyer. Prayers will be said for all names in the book. All Souls Month envelopes will also be available in the pews. Masses will be said throughout the month of November. Cheques should be made payable to: OLPH Parish. **Please note that Mass stipends are not tax deductible.**



ADVENT PENITENTIAL CELEBRATION

This year our Advent Celebration of Reconciliation will take place Thursday, December 8th, 2016 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.

All services are at 7 pm

St. Agnus Parish, Wednesday, Dec. 7

St. Theresa's Parish - Monday, Dec. 12

St. Anthony Parish - Wednesday, Dec. 14

St. Thomas More - Wednesday, Dec. 14

Assumption & Resurrection Twin Parish - both on Thursday, Dec. 15



Communion Ministers

If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister please drop in at our training Session on Thursday, November 24th at 7:00 pm. Current ministers are welcome to come as a refresher, and we invite teachers who wish to serve at school Masses. Contact **Barb** at barb.owens@shaw.ca

Lighthouse Catholic CD's

Why not spread a *little Holiness* with your *Christmas Cheer* this year?! The **Lighthouse Catholic Media stand** has been re-stocked with new titles just in time for *Advent* Reflections and *Christmas* Gift-giving. Each CD contains one talk by a renowned Catholic speaker. There are titles about traditional Advent and Christmas themes, as well as many on other topics and challenges in our current culture. Great teacher gifts and stocking stuffers!

ABJ Geomeer Project in Need of Boxes

ABJ is in need of 200 large boxes for their Geomeer (Christmas Hamper Social Justice initiative). We would really appreciate you dropping off your boxes at Archbishop Jordan. Thank you in advance. Any questions please contact **Melissa Damur** via email at melissad@eics.ab.ca



CWL Memberships are due by December 31st.