



First Sunday Of Advent—Light of All Being

Creator God,
author of all life and light,
in this season of anticipation
you call us to recognize your light in our midst,
your love in our darkness.
Lead us from the darkness of despair
into a light of hope and peace.
Wake us from the shadows of our troubled lives
into a light that dispels our fears and concerns.
May your presence maintain our wakefulness,
as we prepare for your coming more deeply into our hearts.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Advent & Christmas Events

Ariose Women's Choir presents...Snow Angel

Ariose presents an all Canadian Program, featuring works by Sarah Quartel, Eleanor Daley, Healey Willan, Ruth Watson-Henderson, and Mark Sirett.

Saturday, December 3rd at 7:30 pm

Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 10037 - 84 Avenue NW, Edmonton, AB

Tickets: \$20 adult \$18 Student & Seniors Available at the door.

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.

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.



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.

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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.



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

Our Lady Of The Angels - Monday, Dec. 19

Please Note: Mass Friday, Dec. 2nd 9:30 am

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 are 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 **Parish Office** at 780-467-5470 or **Len Stang** at 780-467-8412.

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

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**Liturgy Schedule and Mass Times for
Monday Nov. 28 - Sunday, Dec. 4**

Mon: 8:45 am Morning Prayer
Tues: 8:45 am Morning Prayer, **7:00 pm Mass - Engaged**
Wed: 8:45 am Morning Prayer, 9:00 am Mass
Thurs: 8:45 am Morning Prayer, 6:15 pm Mass
Fri: 8:45 am Morning Prayer, **9:30 am Mass - St. Theresa School attending**, 10:30 am Adoration & Exposition until 4:00 pm
Sat: 10:00 am Reconciliation, 5:00 pm Mass
Sun: 8:30 am Mass, 10:30 am Mass, 5:00 pm Mass

Mass Intentions.....

Tues. Nov. 29: Euluhio & Iluminada† Arianna Akle, Fr. Wilf Murchland† Oscar Vasquez† Bop Papineau
Wed. Nov.30: Merle Moriarty, John D’Houst, Oscar Vasquez† Bob Papineau
Thurs. Dec. 1: Oscar Vasquez † Gerald, Rosemary & Drew McCaughey †
Fri. Dec. 2: Charles Dufault, Anton Tomc† Oscar Vasquez† Kevin Healey†



† 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:
 Carol and Dave Schmidt and Family. Carol’s aunt, **Sr. Jeanne d’Arc Brunelle** died November 20th in Montreal.
 Rose Marie Hill & Family. Rose Marie’s brother, **Denis Horne** died November 21st in Shaunavon, Saskatchewan.
 Liliam Vasquez and Rolando Davila & Family. Liliam’s father, **Oscar Vasquez** died on November 19th in Edmonton.
 Margarita Esposito & Family. Margarita’s husband, **Angelo Esposito** died November 21st in Sherwood Park.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
 (780) 416 - 0931
 Help Line: ext 1
 Donations: ext 2

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

Msgr. Jack Hamilton - jack.h.vg@gmail.com

Associate Pastor

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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.

Parish News

Reminder 2016 Income Tax Receipts

PLEASE NOTE: The last contribution to be recorded for 2016 must be received by the Parish **NO LATER** then Sunday, December 25th, 2016.

Sunday 5PM Commentators needed!

If the 5PM Sunday is your regular Mass or you can help by being available for this Mass we would like you to join us. This is not a high volume requirement as you would only be scheduled once every 6 or 7 weeks, even less if we get more volunteers. Training will be provided. Please contact the Sunday 5PM Captain, Ed Burchmore at 780-464-4326, or call the Parish office at 780-467-5470. Your help is very much appreciated.

Gluten-Free Hosts

Beginning this weekend and going forward, there will be a station serving gluten-free hosts. The Eucharistic Minister will stand between the stations in the center aisle wearing a sign that identifies the purpose of the station. If you have any questions, please contact the **Parish Office** at **780-467-5470**.

****FOUND****

Found by St. Vincent de Paul when sorting men’s clothing; gold band inscribed with date 1899. Contact **Lorraine** at the **Parish office** at **780-467-5470**.

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.**



Ah Five-Six-Seven-Eight...

That's right, the JETS group is poised to try one interesting dance lesson this Friday, December 2nd from a very upbeat, energetic instructor named Miranda Guimond. Come join us in a creative expression of Hip-Hop moves with a twist of Belly Dancing, Latino and East Indian flare. Intrigued? Then arrive at 9:30 am at the Big Meeting Room located in the lower level of our Church, wear comfortable clothing, bring a water bottle and be prepared to dance like no one is watching. Cost will be approximately \$4-\$5/person and childcare is available for a nominal fee. And yes, there will be refreshments and snacks served afterwards to replenish our energy stocks.

"Dance is the hidden language of the soul".



CWL Christmas Social



The CWL will be hosting their annual Christmas Social on Monday December 12th at 6:00 pm in the Meeting room. Our evening will begin with a service for our deceased sisters at 6:00 pm. Please bring a friend and a SMALL plate of finger food to share.

Sr’s Floor Curling



Please Note; there will be no Floor Curling on Wednesday, December 7th. Last day for curling before Christmas is December 14th. Curling will resume in the New Year on January 11, 2017.

***We Prepare For
The LORD’S COMING***

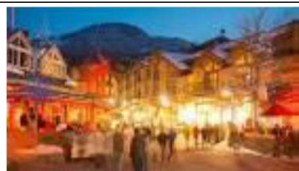
RCIA: Rite of Acceptance and Rite of Welcome

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process in the Roman Catholic Church in which adults who desire to be members of the Church pray and learn about the Catholic faith. Full membership comes through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, the Sacraments of Initiation. In receiving the Sacraments of Initiation a person makes a faith commitment to Christ in the Catholic Church. OLPH Parish has a significant history with RCIA which continues into 2016-2017.

RCIA's process occurs in stages with the Rite of Acceptance and Rite of Welcome occurring on the First Sunday of Advent. The Rite of Acceptance is for those RCIA inquirers who seek to receive Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. The Rite of Welcome is for those RCIA inquirers who have already received Baptism. In both rites, a person makes a commitment to live the Gospel.

The RCIA process leads to receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. The Rite of Acceptance and the Rite of Welcome will occur on November 27 at the 10:30 Mass. Please keep those journeying in RCIA in your prayers.

Archbishop Jordan Choir Presents



ARCHBISHOP JORDAN CHOIR PRESENTS

Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.

DINNER CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND FUNDRAISER

Tuesday, December 13 at 5:45pm OLPH Parish Hall

Tickets are \$25/adult, \$15/Children 6 - 12 years,
Children 5 years and under free

Tickets are available from Choir Members or at the Parish Office

Tickets **will not** be available at the door

We will enjoy a spaghetti dinner and Performances by
the ABJ Choirs

There will be raffle baskets, a wine basket and silent
auction items for you to bid on.

(Proceeds to support the Choir's trip to Whistler in May 2017)

Cantando Music Festival May 2017

Winding our way to Whistler

Christmas Market & Cafe

The Catholic Parish of Corpus Christi is hosting a Christmas Market and Cafe on **Saturday, December 3 and Sunday, December 4** from 9 am to 3:30 pm. A variety of seasonal items & decor made by local crafters, vendors and products along with entertainment, food and door prizes. Admission is free. Proceeds support the Corpus Christi Building Fund. For more information visit www.corpuschristi-edm.com

Children's Sacraments



First Reconciliation and First Communion 2016/2017

Congratulations to all those who made their First Reconciliation this fall!
The retreats for First Communion will be held on:

Sunday, February 26th at OLPH Parish from 1-3pm

or

Saturday, March 11th at OLPH Parish from 1-3pm

You may book your child's First Communion for any Mass following Easter Sunday.

If you have any questions please contact Raylene at the Parish Office 780-467-5470 or ryuzyk@olph.ca



Confirmation 2017 (Grade 6 and older)

There is still time to register for our December 3rd Confirmation Preparation Day.

If you have any questions 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 an 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).

No Room In The Inn



For the last 15 years, the Archdiocese of Edmonton has participated in an ecumenical justice housing initiative called No Room in the Inn, based on the biblical story of Mary and Joseph being homeless after discovering that there was no room in the inn in Bethlehem the night that Jesus was born.

No Room in the Inn appeals to the people of churches in Edmonton and area at Christmas time to think about those living in our community who do not have

adequate and safe housing.

Each year the No Room in the Inn Committee selects a specific affordable housing project and organizational sponsor to support.

This year's offering will assist with renovations to [A Safe Place](#), a shelter for women and their children fleeing abuse, operated by the Strathcona Shelter Society Ltd. In 2015-2016, A Safe Place provided accommodation to 567 women and children and answered 2,000 crisis calls. For more information on No Room in the Inn and how you can help, visit <http://caedm.ca/NoRoomInTheInn>

Reflections & Readings

Stewardship Reflections: November 27th – First Sunday of Advent

As we begin this Advent season, we focus on the universal spiritual practice of being awake-deeply aware. It's not that we're sleeping, but that it's so easy to become distracted by the ordinary demands of life-especially in this holiday season. It is so easy to overlook what is truly most important, but staying alert is hard. God is always present to us; Jesus comes in many guises, many ways. If we're not alert, we miss it all. What will it take to keep us focused?

"Therefore, stay awake!" Matthew 24:42

Weekly Readings For: November 28 - December 4

November 28 - First Reading: Isaiah 4.2-6; Gospel: Matthew 3.5-11, 13++

November 29 - First Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10; Gospel: Luke 10.21-24

November 30 - First Reading: Romans 10.9-18; Matthew 4.18-22

December 1 - First Reading: Isaiah 26.1-6; Gospel: Matthew 7.21, 24-27

December 2 - First Reading: Isaiah 29.17-24; Gospel: Matthew 9.27-24

December 3 - First Reading: Isaiah 30.19-21, 23-26; Gospel: Matthew 9.35-10.1, 5a, 6-8++

December 4 - First Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10; Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12



Pray For Our Seminarians - The week of (November 28 - December 4)

This week please pray for the following seminarians discerning a vocation to the priesthood:

(Dec.28) Shane L. & Tai L. (Dec.29) Thomas M., Tin T. & Travis C.

(Dec.30) Troy N. & Deacon Vincent L. (Dec.1) Aaron D. & Adam R.

(Dec.2) Adrian T. & Andrew L. (Dec.3) Andrew Y. & Anthony P.

(Dec.4) Deacon Arpee U. & Arun M.

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



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!

Parish News

Welcome to our newest OLPH Parishioners Baptized on November 20, 2016



Calahan Anderson	Ryder Carignan	Zoe del Valle Leyva	Hayden Doe
Adolis Fernandez del Valle	Alejandro Fernandez del Valle		Courtney Fisher
Cole Greschner	Hannah Hlady	Sophia Hlady	Samson Low
Harlyn Lowry		Siannah McKnight-Marple	Sienna Murray-Doe
Jade O'Neill	Maria Perez	Ben Potyondi	Everly Profontaine



OLPH Parish Potluck – Thank You and Reminder

A great big Thank You to all the JETS ladies, and especially to Aida and Nancy, for hosting a wonderful Parish Potluck last Friday!! Over 100 parishioners of all ages attended and shared favourite meals ranging from salads to moose to pizza to pasta to pies and more!!! A good selection of fun games also made for a wonderful way to spend a Friday evening together in fellowship after everyone had filled up.

Please note that our LAST Parish Potluck for this year will happen on Friday December 16th at 6:30 PM – almost a week before Christmas. Please plan to attend and bring your friends and neighbours too! (Make sure to bring your singing voices and any musical instruments you may have kicking around!) More details will be provided next week as the planning intensifies and takes shape. This promises to be an evening not to be missed!



CWL Memberships are due by December 31st.

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

Development & Peace

Faith & Climate Action

Come learn about faith-driven, local and accessible actions of ecological justice and caring for our common home. Faith and Climate Action is an evening of presentations and panel discussion jointly sponsored by Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, the Canadian Religious Conference, and Equiterre. Join us on **Wednesday, November 30**, at 7 p.m. at Newman Theological College, 10012 - 84 Street, to hear local and national voices reflect on COP 21-22 and discuss local and accessible options for action.