

Through his Paschal Mystery, the Lord Jesus redeemed the human race and gave perfect glory to the Father. By dying, Christ destroyed our death; by rising, he restored our life. For this reason, the Easter Triduum, when we celebrate the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord, is the high point of the liturgical year. The Easter solemnity is to the year what Sunday is to the week. The celebration of the Easter Triduum opens with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, reaches its climax in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Evening Prayer II on Easter Sunday.

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM 2018

Holy Thursday
 March 29th
 7:00 pm



Good Friday

The Church of God fasts today and tomorrow to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare to share more deeply in the joy of his resurrection. Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence. There are two solemn liturgical celebrations on Good Friday-at 10:30 am & 3:00 pm.

Presentation of the Oils
 Washing of Feet
 Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm - This holy Mass holds special significance for the ENTIRE COMMUNITY! The Lord invites us to share in this Eucharist, as he shared with his apostles on that first Holy Thursday, the night before he suffered and died. After communion, the "Blessed Sacrament", Jesus the "Living Bread" will be carried to an altar of repose until midnight. The faithful are invited to visit and pray before the Blessed Sacrament until midnight, at which time the church will be locked. The significance of this practice lies in the fact that Jesus left the Upper Room, the Last Supper Room, in Jerusalem and entered the Garden of Gethsemane to pray, in agony, to his Father before his arrest. We are invited to enter with Jesus into a deep experience of prayer. Jesus invites us, as he invited his apostles to "pray that you may not enter into temptation." Holy Thursday leads US into the heart of the Paschal Mystery, the Holy Triduum, Jesus' death and resurrection. We may watch from a distance, but Jesus invites us to enter into the very heart of this holy time.



Good Friday

March 30th

10:30 am
 Solemn Liturgy
 (ministered by ABJ students)

3:00 pm
 Solemn Liturgy

8:00 pm
 Tenebrae

Holy Saturday

March 31st

(No Reconciliation Today)

12:00 noon
 Blessing of Festive Food

Easter Vigil

8:00pm
 Reception for the community in the foyer after Vigil

Easter Sunday

April 1st
"He is not here. He has risen."

Mass Times

8:30 am (Upstairs Only)
 10:30 am (Upstairs and Downstairs)
 5:00 pm (Upstairs Only)

Following the ancient roman custom, the Eucharist is not celebrated today. Only one cross is venerated and brought into the Sanctuary. A gesture of veneration may be to touch the cross, kiss it, bow to it, or genuflect. Our offering on Good Friday will be given to our Together We Serve appeal, which helps support the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land.

Holy Saturday and Easter Vigil

On Holy Saturday, the people of God remain in recollection at the tomb of the Lord, meditating on his sufferings and death, refraining from celebrating the Eucharist until the Vigil. Throughout this day, the faithful are invited to continue the solemn paschal fast which they began on Good Friday. The Easter Vigil begins at 9:00 pm. According to the ancient tradition of vigils, the Christian people spend the night in prayer, singing hymns and listening to the word of God. Toward dawn, the traditional time for the resurrection, they celebrate the Eucharist. The Easter Vigil is also the time for celebrating the initiation of adults (through baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist) into the Christian community. Tonight the community gathers as servants, ready with lamps (vigil candles) burning for their master's return, so that when he arrives, he will find them awake and will seat them at his table. With the liturgy of the Eucharist, Easter begins in a spirit of joy which we will celebrate for the next fifty days.



Liturgy Schedule

Mon. Apr. 10 - Sun. Apr. 16

Mon.: 8:45 am Morning prayer, 7:00 pm Chrism Mass @ St. Joseph's Basilica

Tue.: 8:45 am Morning prayer, 11:00 am Funeral for Linda Batdorf, 6:15 pm Mass

Wed.: 8:45 am Morning prayer, 9:00 am Mass 11:00 am Funeral for Rosemarie Paulencu,

Thu.: 8:45 am Morning prayer, 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till midnight.

Fri.: 10:30 am - Good Friday - Solemn Liturgy ministered by ABJ students, 3:00 pm Good Friday - Solemn Liturgy, 8:00 pm Tenebrae

Saturday: 12:00 pm Blessing of Easter Foods 9:00 pm Easter Vigil

Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:30 am Easter Sunday Mass.

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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

No Reconciliation on Saturday, April 15th.

Office and Facility Closed on Easter Monday.

Serving St. Francis of Assisi Tofield, AB

Mass: Sundays at 11:00 am

HOLY WEEK

April 13 - Holy Thursday at 7:00 pm

April 14 - Good Friday 3:00 pm

Apr. 16 - Easter Sunday 11:00 am

April 9 - Passion (Palm) Sunday

Today we enter into the heart of the Gospel and our faith. Again, we look at the question of life and death, with a focus on Jesus' suffering and death. We are always looking forward, but there is no escaping death-and for most of us-some level of suffering in life. How do we deal with, accept and relate to this reality? Fortunately, we have a model in Jesus. Will the model inspire or repel us? Or, in a world of "reality" in the media, will it have any impact at all?

And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" Matthew 21:10

Weekly Readings For: April 10 - April 16

April 10- First Reading: Isaiah 42.1-7; Gospel: John 12.1-11

April 11 - First Reading: Isaiah 49.1-6; Gospel: John 13.21-33, 26-38

April 12 - First Reading: Isaiah 50.4-9a Gospel: Matthew 26.14-26

April 13- Mass of Chrism; First Reading: Isaiah 61.1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Gospel: Luke 4.16-21

April 13 - Mass of The Lord's Supper; First Reading: Exodus 12.1-8, 11-14; John 13.1-15

April 14 - First Reading: Isaiah 52.13-53.12; Gospel: John 18.1-19.42

April 15- First Reading: Genesis 1.1-2.2; Gospel (Year A): Matthew 28.1-10

April 16 - First Reading: Acts 10.34a, 37-43; Gospel John 20.1-18++



† 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:

Grace Corrigan & Family. Grace's sister-in-law, **Mary Lashin** died April 2nd in Coquitlan, BC.

To the family of **Patricia Zwartjes**. **Patricia** died April 1st in Edmonton.

To the family of **Rejane Bennett**. **Rejane** died March 31st in Edmonton.

To the family of **Rosemary Paulencu**. **Rosemary** died April 1st in Edmonton. Funeral will be held at OLPH on Wednesday April 12th at 11:00 am.

To the family of **Joseph Schechtel**. **Joseph** died December 11, 2016 in Costa Rica. Memorial Service will be held at OLPH on April 28th at 1:00 pm.

Volunteers Needed for chair set-up for Easter Mass

Please join us on Wednesday, April 12th at 4:30 pm to help set-up the chairs downstairs in the Parish Hall for Easter Mass. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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

Save The Date!

Vacation Bible Camp 2017

July 10th - 15th (Registration available May 1, 2017 at the Parish Office)

More details coming up soon on this exciting camp.

Parish News

IMPORTANT PARKING INFORMATION

**Please No Parking
at The Park Pentecostal Church
on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.**



Request for Easter Flowers

The Seasonal Decorating Committee would be very grateful for any donations of Easter flowers, hydrangeas, Mums, Chrysanthemums and a few lilies to help beautify the sanctuary and Parish Hall for our Easter celebrations. If you would like to contribute plants to this cause, please drop them off at the church office between Monday, April 10th and Friday, April 14th. Thank you



***Refreshments After Easter Vigil**

Refreshments are being offered after the Easter Vigil. Parishioners are encouraged to bring a plate of baked goods, cheese & crackers, veggie or fruit tray to help celebrate and welcome the new members of our catholic family.



TENEBRAE

OLPH proclaimers and adult servers are once again making preparations for the Tenebrae service to be held this year at 8 pm on April 14th, Good Friday. This service, held in darkness, recreates the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events that surround the Passion of Our Lord, and is appropriate for all ages. We also encourage you to invite friends and family who may be of other Christian denominations. All are welcome. A descriptive brochure will be available on Palm Sunday after all Masses.

OLPH Parish Donations

1st Quarter 2017

January 1 - March 31

	Receipts	Building Restoration
March 31 (13 weeks)	267,203	26,149
Projection to March 31	325,000	33,750
March 31 (13 week Shortfall)	-57,797	-\$7,601

Together We Serve \$16,737



Bells at Easter

Remember to bring your small hand bells with you when you attend the Holy Thursday Mass and Easter Vigil. The bells will be ringing during the Gloria at both liturgies.

Children's Liturgy

Parents of children who attend Children's Liturgy during the 10:30am Masses, should note that there will be

**No Children's Liturgy on
April 16th, Easter Sunday.**

OLPH Prayer Chain 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.**

Divine Mercy Chaplet



Divine Mercy - Sunday April 23rd at 3:00 pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy/Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Sunday, April 23rd at 3:00 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." There will be a box in the foyer for your prayer intentions which will be offered at the Divine Mercy.

A Day Away with Sandy Prather

Maturing into Life: A Day Away with Sandy Prather Thursday, May 11th (at OLPH Parish) 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sacred Fire: A Vision for a Deeper Human and Christian Maturity, Father Ron Rolheiser's timely book, explores a spirituality for the second half of life. Certain deep questions belong to one's youth; others arise in one's maturity. Discipleship necessarily looks different at each stage. Through presentations, reflection and sharing, we will delve into the wisdom of *Sacred Fire* and ask what mature discipleship looks like. This is a day for anyone looking to embrace the challenges and gifts of one's, 'blessed age,' whatever that age is! (Note: There is no need to bring or have read the book.)

Sandra Prather is a teacher and facilitator in the areas of faith and spirituality. She draws upon her theological training and faith perspective to "break open the ordinary" so that we might know God "amidst the pots and pans." Sandra was the Executive Director at Star of the North Retreat Centre in St. Albert for 21 years and is a long-time member of OLPH parish.

The registration fee of \$20 includes a delicious lunch!

Pre-registration is required.

To register:

Members of the GiFT committee will be in the foyer after all Masses, April 29/30 and May 6/7 to take registrations or contact **Len Stang** at 780-467-8412 or lstang@shaw.ca.

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Faith Formation

RCIA - 2nd & 3rd Scrutiny Celebrated

At the evening Mass on Thursday, March 23, the RCIA Elect and Candidates celebrated the Presentation of the Creed. The Apostles' Creed is considered to be a faithful summary of the Apostles' teaching. It is the ancient baptismal symbol of the Church at Rome. (See Catechism, 194.) Even today, when we recite the Apostles' Creed together, it is an affirmation of our agreement with the truths of Christianity contained in these words. The Apostles' Creed is the foundation of our Catholic faith.

At the evening Mass on Thursday, March 30, the RCIA Elect and Candidates celebrated the Second Scrutiny. Each Scrutiny is meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of those in the RCIA process and then to bring out and strengthen all that is upright, strong and good.

On Sunday, April 2 at 10:30 am Mass, with the Gospel of Lazarus, the Elect and Candidates celebrated the Third Scrutiny. These rites should complete their conversion and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all. Following the Mass they were presented with The Lord's Prayer, the words that Jesus himself gave to his followers.

Please keep in your prayers Bailey, Katie, Kelci and Keri, the Elect, as they prepare for baptism at the Easter Vigil and Heidi, Joan, June, Lea and Rebekah, the Candidates, who, along with the Elect will be received into full communion as they celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

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Finding New Life in the Spirit Seminar

Finding *New Life* in the Spirit

Thursdays, April 20–June 1, 2017, 7:00-8:30

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

13 Brower Drive, Sherwood Park



Do you want to experience a fresh anointing of God's love?

As Catholics, we receive the life of the Spirit through the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. But most of us need to fan this spark of life into flames throughout our Christian journey of faith. The *Finding New Life in the Spirit* seminar is an introduction to and experience of life lived in the presence of the Holy Spirit. The seminar presents the basic Gospel and teaching about what the Lord is willing to do for all who come to Him.

Presented by the Alpha team in an Alpha format: social gathering (dessert), video talk, personal testimony, prayer and songs of praise, and group discussions. This seminar is great for Alpha grads and any parish member who wants to be refreshed by new life in the Spirit.



There is no charge for the Seminar. A love offering is invited each week to cover costs.

Please pre-register to help us plan. To register, call Pat Heck at 780-416-8111 or email jpheck@shaw.ca



Edmonton Outdoor Way of the Cross

You are invited to join in the 37th annual Outdoor Way of the Cross through inner-city Edmonton on **Good Friday, April 14**. The annual prayer walk begins at 10 a.m. at Immigration Hall (100th Street and 105th Avenue), in Edmonton. This year's theme is "The cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor are one."

This year's walk will be into an area not walked before, north of the new Rogers Place complex.

Everyone is welcome at this event. For more information, contact Linda at 780-466-6327 or Jim at 780-218-6989.