



Parish Soup & Bread Lenten Series for 2017

Once again during Lent, the Parish is hosting the Lenten Series in support of Development and Peace.

Format of the evening held in the Parish Hall:

5:45 – 6:30p.m. Grace begins our delicious, but simple supper of homemade soup and fresh bread, which also supports our Lenten fasting. A suggested donation of what it costs for your own supper goes to the Share Lent program of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace.

(Highchairs are available for the younger ones.)

6:30 – 7:00p.m. Each week features a guest speaker on a variety of topics concerning Social Justice in our community and our world.

7:15 – 7:45p.m. (approx) Stations of the Cross led by parish ministries and groups. Reconciliation to follow.

Plans are still being made by our committee. Our tentative schedule is as follow:

Guest Speaker

March 3 **Speaker:** Brittney Nurse, Director of Campus Ministry and theological instructor at St. Joseph's College at the University of Alberta. She will speak on "Extraordinary Ordinary" and her experiences in Guatemala.

Soup provided by: OLPH Staff

Stations of the Cross: OLPH Staff

March 10 **Speaker:** Theodore & Jonhansel Ng - parishioners and participants in World Youth Day 2016

Soup provided by: Junior Young Disciples

Stations of the Cross: Junior Young Disciples

March 17 **Speaker:** Kelci Tookey, Team Leader of Building Dreams 2011-present. She will be sharing her experience finding joy in the depths of Dominican poverty over the past 6 years and stories of the most incredible people she met in the most terrible conditions.

Soup provided by: JETS

Stations of the Cross: JETS

March 24 **Speaker:** Brother Joe Glaab, OFM, Pastoral Assistant at OLPH, will speak on his recent pilgrimage to Assisi, Italy and the life of St. Francis.

Soup provided by: People of Thanks/Alpha

Stations of the Cross: People of Thanks/Alpha

March 31 **Speaker:** Father Jim Holland, pastor of Sacred Heart Church of the First People.

Soup provided by: ??? (Soup maker needed)

Stations of the Cross: Secular Franciscans

April 7 **Speaker:** Stef Michniewski, parishioner, former teacher and Executive Director of Alberta Catholic Schools Trustees Association, speaking on his SSVP trips to the Arctic-Gjoa Haven, Taloyoak.

Soup provided by: RCIA

Stations of the Cross: Altar Servers



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.

February 19, 2017 Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time Cycle A

ONGOING ROOF LEAKS

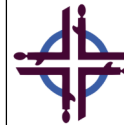
As most of you are aware, we are having an ongoing problem with a leaky roof. The leaks seem to occur this time of year on the first relatively warm sunny day when there is still snow on the roof but not during heavy rain storms. We have tried a number of repairs, including modifications recommended by a roofing consultant hired to investigate the problem but unfortunately none of the repairs have been successful. We also had electric heat tape installed to prevent ice buildup but that did not solve the problem either. We are currently exploring other possible solutions and will keep you posted.

2016 Tax Receipts Ready for pick up!

The 2015 income tax receipts for donations to the parish are available for pick up in the hallway outside of the Parish office. Please stop by and pick yours up as you leave today. If you do not reside in Sherwood Park and your tax receipt is not in the box, it has been mailed out.

Help Needed

The Liturgy Council here at OLPH is looking for a volunteer Recording Secretary for their meetings. The Liturgy Council meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (September to June, incl.) from 7:00pm to 9:00 pm. If you're interested, please contact the Parish office at 780-567-6470. (This position will be open in September of 2017).



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2017 "Am I Being Unfair To You?"

Written by the world Day of Prayer Committee of The Philippines

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together on the first Friday of March each year to observe a common day of prayer. Through World Day of Prayer, we affirm our faith in Jesus Christ and engage with the whole world, are enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures, share the burdens of other people by praying with them and for them, and use our own talents in the service of God's world. Prayer and action are inseparable and both have immeasurable influence in the world. We will join our neighbours in celebrating World Day of Prayer at:

St. Thomas Anglican Church, 4 Raven Drive, Sherwood Park on Thursday, March 2nd at 7:00 pm. Please join us! All are welcome.

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

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What's stopping you from going to Confession?

Fear? Embarrassment? Don't know what to say? Can't see the point? If you haven't been to Confession in a long time – or a *very long time* – find out what you've been missing!

Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession

Saturday † February 25 † 12:00-4:30 † OLPH Parish

12:00-1:20 – Session 1: Where Are You?

God is a loving Father who seeks us out when we sin. In this session we will learn how God uses our feelings of guilt to get our attention and show us that something needs to change.

1:30-2:50 – Session 2: An Encounter with Mercy

We encounter Christ himself in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In this session, we will learn how Jesus – through the sacrament – gives us powerful grace to battle temptation and sin.

3:00-4:20 – Session 3: Embraced in Mercy – The Rite Explained

In this session you will learn how to prepare for Confession by making an examination of conscience. You will also learn what to expect in the Confessional – what to do, what to say and when to say it!

There is no charge for this workshop but a free will offering will be taken. Please pre-register to help us plan.

To register, contact Robert at rgaudet@shaw.ca or 780-416-4771.



Make a Date with Mercy!

Day of Confessions
All Priests. All Parishes. All Day.
Drop by the closest Catholic church and experience the grace of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



**Liturgy Schedule
Mon. Feb. 20 - Sun. Feb. 26**

Mon: Family Day (Office & Facility Closed)
Tues: 8:45 am Morning Prayer, 6:15 pm Mass
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, 9:15 Mass - OLPH Devotion, Jean Vanier Gr. 4 attending
Sat: No Reconciliation, 5:00 pm Mass
Sun: 8:30 am Mass, 10:30 am Mass, 12:00 pm Baptism, 5:00 pm Mass

Mass Intentions.....

Tues. Feb. 21: Gladys Rodriguez† Terry Sokoluk† Raymonde Jackson† Scott Gauthier†
Wed. Feb. 22: Graham & Barbara Otway
Thurs. Feb. 23: Linda Poznanski, Regina D'Souza† Raju Kuriakase† Oscar Vásquez†
Fri. Feb. 24: Belle Perry, Barbara & Graham Otway, Linda Poznanski, Halsey Priest†

† 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:
Irene & Paul Galibois and Family. Irene's brother, **Walter Borowski** died February 6th in Kenora, Ontario.

**10th Annual Alberta March for Life
ALL LIVES MATTER from
BEGINNING to END**

Thursday, May 11, 2017; Churchill Square, 110 St. & 102 Ave., Edmonton at 12:00 pm Noon

Prayer for the Sanctity of Human Life

God, we thank you for your love which has given us life, a sacred gift from the moment of conception to our natural last breath. Guide us in our journey of life so that all people here and throughout the world will become instruments of your eternal love to reverence the sanctity of all human life. Amen

--Composed by Peter Kruczko, Love Life Ribbon Foundation

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 Office is closed on Weekends.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

There will be **No Reconciliation** on Saturday, February 25th..

Office will be closed on Family Day.

**Serving St. Francis of Assisi
Tofield, AB**

Mass: Sundays at 11:00 am

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(780) 416 - 0931**

Help Line: ext 1, Donations: ext 2

Parish News



OLPH Parish Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 28th Pancake Supper!

Please join us on Tuesday, February 28th for the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper beginning at 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. The cost is \$5 Adults, \$2 - Age 5 to 12, Under 4 Free, Family \$15. Tickets available at the door.



Encore Sr's Potluck Lunch

Join us for a potluck lunch on Tuesday, February 28th 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 Seniors welcome!

Call For Bread Makers

As part of our Lenten Soup and Bread series, we are currently needing volunteers to make home-made bread for each of the following Fridays during Lent – March 3, 10, 24, 31 and April 7. If you are interested to help make the bread in the OLPH kitchen downstairs or to supply some or all of the 12 loaves required for each Friday meal, please contact **Robert** at (780) 416-4771 or rgaudet@shaw.ca at your earliest convenience.



Community News

Invitation to L'Arche Dinner

OLPH CWL are hosting a dinner for the L'Arche Community on February 27th at 5:00 pm in the Parish Hall. We will be serving our traditional Irish Stew; please bring a salad or dessert. Everyone is welcomed. Come and enjoy this evening and support the L'Arche Community.

Western Canadian Catholic Home School Conference

All parents & young adults are welcome to attend the Western Canadian Catholic Home School Conference, March 9-11 at Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton, Alberta. Keynote, Holly Pierlot with Fr. Penna, John Carpay, Karen Hanlon, and a panel of seminarians & religious.

Information: www.wcchsc.net,
Veronica [780-467-8410](tel:780-467-8410) or email: wcchscreg@shaw.ca

Habitat Interfaith Works

Habitat for Humanity Edmonton is launching their 6th Annual Interfaith-Habitat Works Project with a kick-off event to raise 500 volunteers. The event will be held on **Thursday, February 23**, at Habitat's pre-fab shop, at 14135 – 128 Ave., at 11:30 a.m.

To volunteer, to sign up a group from your parish or community, or for more information, call **Habitat for Humanity** at **780-451-3416** or go to HFH.org.

Children Sacraments/Programs

First Reconciliation and First Communion 2016/2017

The retreats for First Communion will be held on:

Sunday, Feb. 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)



If your child is not registered for Confirmation please contact Raylene at 780-467-5470 or ryuzyk@olph.ca

NOTE DATE CHANGE- The Celebration of Confirmation will be held on **Monday, May 8th at 7:00pm** or on **Sunday, May 14th at 2:00pm**.

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Development and Peace



Today's reading contains one of God's most challenging commandments – to love your neighbour as you love yourself. By supporting our brothers and sisters around the world, we show love and solidarity through our actions. In the Philippines, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada has helped to form the Community of Yolanda Survivors and Partners, an alliance of 172 local organizations who are seeking active citizen participation in the reconstruction efforts following Typhoon Haiyan. The CYSP protected 10,000 already marginalized families who were threatened by displacement due to the construction of a government-sponsored tide barrier project. This was made possible in part to the \$869,987.74 raised by the Archdiocese of Edmonton for the Philippines. For more information on reconstruction efforts, please visit: <https://www.devp.org/en/emergencies/philippines>

Reflections & Readings

Stewardship Reflections: February 19 – Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Today's readings make even more difficult demands on us regarding our behavior as Christians. We live in a culture where there is so much rhetoric about protecting oneself and one's property, about guns and gated communities. How do we reconcile this with Jesus' call to turn the other cheek and love one's enemy? What does it take to embrace these teachings, which many of us—quite honestly—find foolish?

Jesus said to his disciples: "You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you..." Matthew 5:38-39

Weekly Readings For: February 20 - February 26

February 20 - First Reading: Sirach 1.1-10; Gospel: Mark 9.14-29

February 21 - First Reading: Sirach 2.1-11; Gospel: Mark 9.30-37

February 22 - First Reading: 1 Peter 5.1-4; Gospel: Matthew 16.13-19

February 23 - First Reading: Sirach 5.1-8; Gospel: Mark 9.41-50

February 24 - First Reading: Sirach 6.4-17; Gospel: Mark 10.1-12

February 25 - First Reading: 17.1-4, 6-8, 10-15; Gospel: Mark 10.13-16

February 26 - First Reading: Isaiah 49.14-15; Gospel: Matthew 6.24-34



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**.



Pray For Our Seminarians - Daily Calendar 2017

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

(Feb. 19) Michael L. (Feb. 20) Deacon Michael Y.

(Feb. 21) Morgan D. and Parker L. (Feb. 22) Peter A. and Reed M.

(Feb. 23) Robert Lee (Feb. 24) Deacon Roger N. and Deacon Ross C.

(Feb. 25) Ryan B. and Salomon B.

Prayer for Vocations

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

Parish News

All Day Confession At OLPH Parish

March 8th 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Pope Francis says, "It is not easy to entrust oneself to God's mercy, because it is an abyss beyond our comprehension. But we must! ... 'Oh, I am a great sinner!' All the better! Go to Jesus: He likes you to tell him these things! He forgets, He has a very special capacity for forgetting. He forgets, He kisses you, He embraces you and He simply says to you: 'Neither do I condemn you; go, and sin no more.'" (Jn 8:11).

On Wednesday, March 8th, you are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the annual Day of Confessions. Priests are available all day for confession.

Schedule for the Day of Confessions is as follows:

8:00 am - 10:00 am Fr. Pierre Ducharme

10:00 am - 12:00 pm Fr. Jack Hamilton

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Fr. Raj

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Fr. John Hesse

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Fr. Sylvio Lacar

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Fr. Jack/Fr. Raj

OLPH WEBSITE

Check out our new website at www.olph.ca and subscribe to receive your electronic bulletin.

Attention Contribution Envelope users

Please Do Not Use your 2016 envelopes as the 2017 numbers are not the same.



New flights for JETS airlines announced

Need a little getaway about now, ladies? Please refer to our departure board below for new, upcoming exotic flights and interesting destinations:

February 24 - Playing with Chocolate!

March 10 - Women's Health and Wellness Presentation

March 17 - Prepping for St. Patrick's Soup & Bread Friday

April 07 - Easter Bag service for inner-city

April 21 - Basketball at MP!

More info is available by contacting **Aida D @ 922.2156** or **Nancy F. @ 464.5356**. In-flights snacks are always complimentary and childcare available for a nominal fee. Hope to see you on-board our next flight.

CWL Hosting Annual Retreat

Saturday, March 4th, 2017 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at OLPH church. Tickets will be available after all Masses at \$15.00 each (Lunch included) or you may contact Yvette 780-416-8177. Speaker: Sandy Prather – Topic: "Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's call."

Each of us is called inspired by the Spirit. During this retreat day, we will reflect on three great women of our faith and consider how they responded to God's action in their lives. Mary Magdalene speaks to us from Scripture, Teresa of Avila from our tradition, and Dorothy Day from the contemporary world. We will ask what each of these women teaches us and then look at our own lives and our sense of how the Spirit might be calling us.