



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 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 & Bread 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

Bread provided by: Robert Gaudet

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: Knights of Columbus

Bread provided by: Clothing Nook & Trevor Sliwkanich

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

Bread provided by: Robert Gaudet and Julia Hamlyn

Stations of the Cross: Altar Servers

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



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.

March 12, 2017 Second Sunday of Lent Cycle A

From The Pastor's desk.....

1. In recent years there has been a dramatic rise in the occurrence of celiac disease, a condition that produces an allergy to gluten, an element in wheat flour. In some people, the reaction to gluten is pronounced, even extreme. This, of course, causes a problem with the reception of Communion.
2. An obvious alternative in such cases is to have the celiac sufferer receive Communion from the cup and not receive the wheat host at all. Since the Lord is present in either species, this is a perfectly acceptable way to receive Communion.
3. But what if the person is alcohol-intolerant as well? This becomes a real conundrum. Is such a person to be deprived of Communion?
4. In an effort to resolve this pastoral problem, we were able to find a supplier of gluten-free hosts, which we ordered and began using. But it was drawn to my attention by Archbishop Smith that such completely gluten-free hosts are not considered valid matter for the Eucharist. The Archbishop, of course, is correct. Church law, canon 924 #2, states, regarding the Eucharistic bread: "The bread must be wheaten only, and recently made, so that there is no danger of corruption."
5. I had our staff do some research, and we found a community of Benedictine Sisters in the United States which produces a wheaten host that contains only 0.01% gluten. This, we thought, would be the answer to our problem. Surely the miniscule amount of gluten would be acceptable, we thought, and introduced these LOW-GLUTEN hosts recently.
6. We acted too soon, it seems. We were advised that even this tiny amount of gluten cannot be tolerated by some people. So we're back to square one. Or maybe not.
7. A conversation with the Archbishop brought to light another possible resolution to the problem. We continue to explore this and will inform you if we meet with success. In the meantime, we will continue to use the Low-gluten hosts and suggest that consuming only a small portion of the host may be acceptable. Those who continue to have a problem in this regard are asked to inform us at the Parish office.
8. I apologize for any confusion or concern you may have experienced while we struggled with this perplexing problem in recent weeks.

Father Jack

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Liturgy Schedule
Mon. Mar. 13 - Sun. Mar. 19

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 - Anointing of the Sick.
Fri: 8:45 am Morning Prayer, 9:00 am Mass
Sat: 10:00 am Reconciliation, 5:00 pm Mass
Sun: 8:30 am Mass, 10:30 am Mass/1st Scrutiny/Sending Forth, 5:00 pm Mass

Mass Intentions.....

Tues. Mar. 14: Sr. Sophia† K.C. Thomas†
Wed. Mar. 15: Family of Celine Reghelini, John D'aoust
Thurs. Mar. 16: Andre & Louise Guay and Family, Anthony Reghelini† Harold Halvorsen†
Fri. Mar. 17: Graham & Barbara Otway, Pat Drew, Christopher Guay† Katherine Lekochinsky†

† 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:
 Brenda Lekochinsky and Family. Brenda's mother, **Catherine Lekochinsky** died February 27th in Lamont.



Lenten CD's Available

Is **LENT** getting you down? Then get back up with some inspiring, informative and **UP-LIFTING** Catholic talks from our Lighthouse Media Stand! The stand has been re-stocked for Lent with favourite Titles like "My Beloved Son" by Father Baron, and "Seven Last Sayings of Christ" by Scott Hahn, as well as many more brand new titles - "Who Am I to Judge" by Edward Sri, "Answering Atheism" by Ken Hensley, and "Lectio Prayer" by Tim Gray, to name just a few. You will find the CD stand in the front foyer.

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
 Saturday 10:00 am-11:00 am
 Or by appointment.

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

Mass: Sundays at 11:00 am

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Help Line: ext 1, Donations: ext 2

Parish News

OLPH Parish Donations

Jan 1 - Feb 28

	Receipts	Building Restoration
February 28 (9 weeks)	168,760	17,015
Projection to February 28	225,000	23,365
February 28 (9 week) Shortfall	-\$56,240	-\$6,350

Together We Serve \$8,705

RENEWAL THROUGH RCIA

Presented by: Bishop Emeritus Gerry Wiesner, OMI

A Workshop for RCIA Team Members

...and those in other parish ministries who would like to know more about RCIA.

Saturday, April 1, 2017

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

OLPH Parish, Sherwood Park

Cost: \$25 per person (includes lunch) by cash or cheque payable to "OLPH Parish."

Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Please register by March 24, 2017.

To register, contact Lorraine at the parish office at 780-467-5470 or ldotto@olph.ca and provide your name and parish name.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY
FOR EASTER**

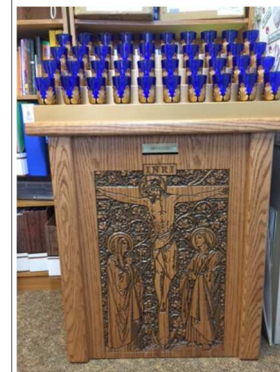
Eucharistic Ministers are invited to sign up for the Easter Masses. The signup sheets are now available in the foyer. Thank you for your early commitment.

Called To Protect Training

It is a diocesan policy that **ALL** volunteers must attend a 2.5 hour Called To Protect presentation. The parish will host presentations on **Wednesday, March 15th** and **Monday, April 24th, 2017**. All sessions begin at 7:00 pm. Registration is necessary. **Please call the Parish office to register at 780-467-5470.**

The Lord is gracious and merciful

VIGIL LIGHT STAND



As noted in last week's bulletin, OLPH is the recipient of a generous parishioner's gift— vigil light stand. The stand has been blessed and is positioned in front of the tapestry/icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Vigil lights (from the Latin word vigilia, which means "waiting" or "watching") are lit before an image of our Lord, our Blessed Lady or one of the saints. For Catholics, this practice symbolizes a prayer offering where we present our petition or special need. The light is kept lit to show our desire to remain in God's presence as we go about our daily duties at home or in the workplace.

Vacation Bible Camp

Looking for Volunteers to help with VBS 2017

Come join our team of volunteers share stories, crafts, food, share our faith and loads of fun with the children at Vacation Bible Camp this summer.

Dates of Camp

July 10th - 14th

9:30 am - 12:30 p.m.

I am looking for help in these areas:

Craft Leader

- Choose Crafts or work with co-ordinator on choosing crafts.
- Organize materials during set-up-week.
- Explain and supervise crafts as each group of children visit through the Craft centre. Supervise youth volunteers in craft centre.

Snack Leader

- Plan, Gather and purchase snacks for the week.
- Supervise youth volunteers for snack centre.
- Prepare daily morning snacks with youth volunteers.

NOTE: We have a list of snacks suggestions and amounts needed in our records.

Decorating Leader

- Plan and supervise youth volunteers with VBS coordinator.
- Guide youth volunteers in decorating VBS rooms and space for camp set up week is July 4th, 5th and 6th.

'Please note all volunteers need to have a Police Check, Intervention check and called to protect'.

Please contact **Sharon Darbyshire** at this temporary email ryuzyk@olph.ca

40 Days For Life

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The CWL invites all parishioners to get involved with 40 Days For Life this Lenten season.

40 Days for Life is a peaceful prayer vigil at The Back Porch in Edmonton.

The CWL has "adopted" Tuesday, March 14 for this vigil. Please consider becoming a prayer volunteer by donating at least 1 hour of prayer and fasting with us.

To get involved, please contact our parish campaign coordinator, Dayna McBride, to find out how you can join us.

To sign up for vigil hours Contact **Dayna** at cwloiph@gmail.com

Children Sacraments/Programs

First Reconciliation and First Communion 2016/2017



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. Preparation Day for Confirmation is Saturday, March 18th from 12:30 – 6:00 pm at OLPH Parish.

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**.

Lenten Journey

"A Lenten Journey Celebrating God's Mercy"

Presenter: Bishop Emeritus Gerry Wiesner, OMI
Monday, April 3 – Thursday, April 6, 7:00-9:00 pm

Monday, April 3: "God's Definition of Mercy"
Liturgy of the Word and Talk – Parish Hall

Tuesday, April 4: "Jesus, the Face of the Father's Mercy"
Liturgy of the Word and Talk – Parish Hall

Wednesday, April 5: "Mary, Mother of Mercy"
Liturgy of the Word and Talk – Parish Hall

Thursday, April 6: "Called to be Merciful"
Mass and Talk - Sanctuary

Bishop Gerry Wiesner has been a longstanding supporter of adult faith education and has offered numerous opportunities for the faithful to grow in their knowledge of theology, liturgy and practice of the faith. Bishop Wiesner retired in January 2013 and continues to teach and give retreats across Canada.

There is no charge for the Lenten Mission but a free will offering will be taken.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

For more information, contact the parish office at 780-467-5470 or the GiFT team at gift@olph.ca

Reflections & Readings

Stewardship Reflections: March 12 – Second Sunday of Lent

As we begin the second week of Lent, we encounter Abram moving to a new place, the disciples struggling to understand Jesus, and the early Christians trying to figure out how to live the Gospel. If our own understanding about who Jesus is remains a struggle with ongoing questions, let us not be discouraged. If our hearts are open, we can trust that there will be people and experiences to help us along the way.

“When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and do not be afraid.” Matthew 17:7

Weekly Readings For: March 13 - March 18

March 13 - First Reading: Daniel 9.3, 4b-10++; Gospel: Luke 6.36-38

March 14 - First Reading: Isaiah 1.10, 16-20, 27-28, 31++; Gospel: Matthew 23.1-12

March 15 - First Reading: Jeremiah 18.18-20; Gospel: Matthew 20.17-28

March 16 - First Reading: Jeremiah 17.5-10; Gospel: Luke 16.19-31

March 17 - First Reading: Genesis 37.3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28;

Gospel: Matthew 21.33-43, 45-46

March 18 - First Reading: Micah 7.14-15, 18-20; Gospel: Luke 15.1-3, 11-32



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**.

Welcome Breakfast to New Parishioners

Dear Parishioner:

We at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, would like to welcome you to our parish community. You have joined a rich and vibrant spiritual community of forty-seven hundred families, with over one thousand volunteers involved in Parish ministry.

We recognize that in such a large Parish, it can be difficult to get to know each other. That is why every year we host an annual Mass and breakfast to welcome you, our newcomers to our Parish community. I hope that you, your family and friends will join us on:

**March 19, 2017 at our 10:30 am Mass,
followed by breakfast in the Parish hall.**

Our Parish team looks forward to seeing you.



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

Attention Contribution Envelope users

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

Parish News

EASTER BAG PROJECT

INNER CITY PASTORAL MINISTRY (ICPM) at the Bissell Centre



THANK YOU DEAR PARISHIONERS, for your wonderful response in picking up the empty Easter Bags last weekend. Just a reminder to fill the bags with the list provided and please bring back to the Church foyer by March 18/19. There will be a box in the foyer that you can put them in!

SOUP-ER JETS Ladies descend to the Green Isle

This Friday, March 17th, we are chopping, stirring, simmering and blending our way to creating a homemade Irish Soup and Bread Dinner for the Parish Lenten Friday that same evening. Ladies, please bring all grocery donations that morning to the Commercial Kitchen (or drop off prior to Friday at the Parish Office) for our morning preparations. Our menu will be Potato & Leek Soup, Carrot Soup and Soda Bread. Se you all then!

*May the Irish hills caress you
May her lakes and rivers bless you
My the luck of the Irish enfold you
May the blessings of St. Patrick behold you*

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Monday, March 13
ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ELECTION OF POPE FRANCIS

Movie: Conclave
Movie: Who Is Pope Francis?
Audio: The Pope: Answering Common Objections

Friday, March 17
ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Movie: Patrick: Brave Shepherd of the Emerald Isle
eBook: St. Patrick's Summer
eBook: Twenty Tales of Irish Saints

Saturday, March 18
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Video: Opening the Word - a short video to help you prepare for Sunday Mass
Family Learning: Catholicism with Bishop Robert Barron,
Session 1: Amazed and Afraid



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