



**Sunday, December 15, 2019 (Third Sunday of Advent)**

***We Are Meant To Work Together***

In the readings of this week, we remember that John faced a lot of disillusionment toward the end of his life. He'd been arrested by the local ruler and was being held in prison. He was wondering whether all the work he'd done in his life had value. He sent a few of his followers to Jesus to find out what was going on in the Jesus' camp. Was there still reason to hope, even though Jesus' way of going about the mission was so different than his own? Jesus assures John's followers that there was reason of hope, but more than that, he praises John as a true prophet. Indeed, more than a prophet. He goes on to say there is no one greater than John. One senses Jesus' heart overflowing with gratitude for this man, so unlike himself yet fully his partner in mission.

This week, call to mind one of your co-workers who perhaps sees things very differently that you do. See if you can begin to think of this person less as a competitor and more as a "cousin," who perhaps wants many of the same things that you do, even if this person has a different notion of how to go about getting those things. Consider this person's strengths and what you admire about her or him. And pray that God might show you how best to work together for the good of the common mission. *Luke 7:24-26*

**Financial Report**

Financial Report December 1, 2019	Ordinary Receipts- Average Weekly Cost of Running the Parish based on 2019 Budget Amount	Building Fund Weekly Target Amount	Together We Serve Weekly Target Amount Based on 2019 Commitment of \$115,000.00
Average weekly cost of running the Parish (based on 2019 budgeted amount)	\$28,999.68	\$2,884.62	\$2,211.54
Donations December 1	\$27,962.50	\$2,912.50	\$1,692.00
Week 50	-\$1,037.43	\$27.88	-\$519.54

\*\*For a more complete breakdown of the budget numbers please go to [www.olph.ca](http://www.olph.ca) and read the 2018 Financial Stewardship Report. Copies of this are also available in the foyer and at the Parish Office.\*\*

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***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.*  
**December 15, 2019 Third Sunday of Advent Cycle A**

**Ministries in Focus**

Last weekend representatives from the Audio/Visual and OLPH Music Ministry were in the foyer. If you missed inquiring about or signing up to volunteer, please contact the Coordinators below:

**Audio/Visual Ministry:** **Jim Retallack** at 780-995-6059 or email [retaj@shaw.ca](mailto:retaj@shaw.ca) or **Bob Gerow** at 780-970-7879 or email [saferrbmcanada@live.com](mailto:saferrbmcanada@live.com)

**OLPH Music Ministry:** **Caron Berube** at 780-689-9768 or email [caronberube@hotmail.com](mailto:caronberube@hotmail.com)

**Ministry in Focus Dec. 14/15**

**Audio / Visual Ministry**

The AV Ministry affords a unique opportunity to support our Clergy, Proclaimers, Music Ministers and others in their efforts to bring forth the Word of the Lord. The AV Ministry strives to support the Parish in effective, meaningful and dignified ways with quality sound and visuals at regular weekend Masses, Baptisms, Funeral Services, special liturgical celebrations and GiFT events. Hands-on training and mentoring is provided with detailed procedures and protocols. Please stop by our booth for more info. Interested parties can contact the Ministry Coordinators anytime at:

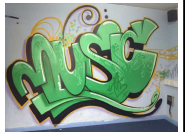
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**Music Ministry**

The mission of OLPH Music Ministry is to serve our God and our congregational community through the joyous gift of music. By using the musical talents God has bestowed on us and by working to develop those talents to the best of our abilities, we strive to lead the congregation in worship each week, and to help raise the hearts and voices of all in praise and thanksgiving.

Please stop by our booth for more info. Interested parties can contact the Ministry Coordinator at: **Caron Berube** at 780-689-9768 or email [caronberube@hotmail.com](mailto:caronberube@hotmail.com)



**NAME TAG WEEKEND - December 14 & 15 (Today)**

**Feeling anonymous? Alone in a crowd? That's about to change!**

The idea is simple: we are one parish family and we should get to know each other. At all Name Tag Weekend Masses, parishioners and visitors will be invited to wear a name tag and to greet each other by name. Name tags will be provided but you can also bring your own. After Mass, be sure to stop by to enjoy fellowship and refreshments with your parish family. For more info. contact Billy Spindler at [bspindle@shaw.ca](mailto:bspindle@shaw.ca) or call 780-467-1754.



**Liturgy Schedule**  
**Mon. Dec. 16 - Sun. Dec. 22**

**Monday:** 8:30 am Mass  
**Tuesday:** 8:30 am Mass, 5:15 pm Adora. & Expos. until 6:15 pm Mass  
**Wednesday:** 8:30 am Mass  
**Thursday:** 8:30 am Mass, 5:15 pm Adora & Expos. until 6:15 pm Mass  
**Friday:** 7:30 am Adora & Expos. until 8:30 am Mass  
**Saturday:** 8:30 am Mass  
**Sunday:** 2:30 pm Baptisms

**Sunday Mass Times:**

Saturday: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm, 7:00 pm.

**St. Francis of Assisi, Tofield, AB**  
Mass: Sunday: 11:00 am

**† 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: The family of **Esther Nelson**. **Esther** died December 8th in Edmonton. Pauline & Mike Royer and Family. Pauline's mother, **Eveline Labonte** died November 20<sup>th</sup> in Edmonton.

**Mass Intentions For The Week**

**Mon. Dec. 16:** Papa et Maman†, Harry†, John Meier†, Albert Borschneck†, Ann Richman  
**Tue. Dec. 17:** Charlotte Gosselin†, Vladimir†, Marta Spilchak†, Leola Auabin†, Pat†, CWL, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk, Marguerite Norbrega, Leola Aubin†, Henry Klassen†, Cael  
**Wed Dec. 18:** Olga Acosta†, Tante Pat†, Garry Holzman†, Fern Kerley, Celine Reghelini, Ed Hummel, Ann Richman, Cael  
**Thurs. Dec. 19:** Ambrose Sieben†, all Souls†, Nichole Thievin & Family, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk, Cael, David Kingston, Tante Nicole, Nono & Phil, Ann Richman, Logan Levesque  
**Fri. Dec. 20:** Jacqueline McFeeters, Dr. Roze, Denise Black†, Ben Draganiuk, Alexander Klassen,

**OFFICE HOURS:**

**Mon.- Sun. 7:30 am - 8:30 pm**  
**(Open Lunch Hour)**

**RECONCILIATION**

**Reconciliation 1/2 hour prior to all weekday Masses and from 9:15 am to 11:00 am on Saturday or by appointment.**

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**Con't Fri. Dec. 20:** Anne Richman, Lillian Macahonic, Reagan Pinkoski, Sisters & Brothers  
**Sat. Dec. 21:** Henry Beauchamp†, Karyn Hogarth†, Helen Powell, Amelia, Lea & Ben, Isabelle Caddel, Ann Richman

**Vision Teams - Making it Happen**

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“I have called you by name.” Isaiah 43:1

**Name Tag Weekend** is an initiative of the Vision Teams to make our parish a nurturing, inclusive, welcoming, and faith-filled Roman Catholic community of disciples who live for God's glory.

We all long to be known and to know others. But OLPH is a large parish – almost 6,000 registered families. How can we get to know each other? Name Tag Weekend is a great first step. Name tags can remove the awkwardness of having sat near someone for years, even shaking their hands every week and chatting with them about family or life, but not knowing or remembering their names. This is your chance to start making deeper connections. If all goes well, we hope to make Name Tag Weekend a regular part of parish life. Not only to get to know those we see every week, but to help make our parish more welcoming to visitors and new members who are looking for a home.

If you have comments or questions about the Vision, or would like to know how you can get involved in initiatives like Name Tag Weekend, please contact Billy Spindler at [bspindle@shaw.ca](mailto:bspindle@shaw.ca) or call **780-467-1754**.



**Grief As A Journey**



When we experience loss of a loved one, we need to grieve. At OLPH church we offer a ten week program called: “Grief As A Journey”. It starts on Wednesday, January 08<sup>th</sup> 2020, and ends on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020. It is held from 1 to 3 pm in the St. Theresa room on the lower level of the church. This program is open to anyone who feels that they could benefit from such a session. To register please leave a message including phone number and email address for Betty at OLPH Parish. 780-467-5470 or email [bdonovan@olph.ca](mailto:bdonovan@olph.ca)

**Save The Date**



**Knights of Columbus Council 6083**  
**St Valentines Dinner Dance and Auction**  
**Friday, February 14th, 2020**  
**Tickets are \$55.00 each or a table of 8 for \$400.00**

For tickets or information, contact Larry Hycha at 780-464-2869 or [lehycha@telus.net](mailto:lehycha@telus.net)

**Parish News**

**The 4:00 p.m. Masses on Christmas Eve are very popular!**

For many years in a row now, the church has been filled to capacity both upstairs and downstairs, often before 4:00 p.m. Please consider coming to Mass later on Christmas Eve (6:30 pm, 9:00 pm or Midnight) or on Christmas Day (8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm or 7:00 pm). Doing so should also make it easier to find a parking spot and a place in the pews!

**6:30 pm Mass downstairs will be tailored to the Youth of our Parish.**



**Reminder 2019 Income Tax Receipts**

**PLEASE NOTE:** All contributions to be recorded for 2019 must be received by the Parish **NO LATER** than **December 31, 2019.**

Thank you for your generous donations



**Volunteers Needed to set up chairs**

We are in need of Volunteers to help put up the chairs in the Parish hall on Friday, December 20th at 4:30 pm for the Christmas Eve Masses. Thank You!

**Parishioners using contribution envelopes**

Your 2020 envelopes will be available for you to pick up the weekend of December 21/22 in the foyer of the church.

**Starting January 1st, 2020 OLD ENVELOPES MUST NOT BE USED**

**ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**



Eucharistic Ministers are asked to sign up for Masses during the Christmas Liturgies. Use the sheets posted on the small cabinet in the foyer. Early sign-up is very much appreciated.

**The Knight of Columbus Annual Christmas Social**



Annual Knights of Columbus Christmas party  
 Tuesday, December 17, 2019,  
 7:00 pm at OLPH Church (Meeting Room)  
 Members and guests welcome -bring Christmas treats/baking to share -refreshments available



**Encore's Seniors Group - Pre-Christmas Luncheon  
 Tuesday, December 17th**

Join us at Swiss Chalet Restaurant, Unit 150, 390 Baseline Rd, Sherwood Park for a Pre-Christmas celebration on Tuesday, December 17th at 12:30 pm. Please RSVP as soon as possible to John at 780-464-5991 so reservations can be made. Looking forward to seeing you!



**Christmas Eve Parking**



**We Need Your Help – Christmas Eve Parking!**

Dear OLPH Parishioners,

As we know our 4:00pm/6:30pm Christmas Eve Masses are extremely full and so is our parking lot. Last year with the help of our Knights of Columbus members and parishioners we were able to assist people in parking to be able to accommodate more vehicles. We will be doing the same for this year and are asking if you can provide some of your precious time before and after these Masses. It will be greatly appreciated. Refreshments provided graciously by Fr. Jim. If you can please help contact **Greg Szott @ 780 246-7689** or email [gszott@behrpaint.com](mailto:gszott@behrpaint.com). Greg will be in the foyer after all Masses the weekends of Dec. 14/15 and Dec. 21/22 for you to sign up. The Park Church parking lot will not be available for us on Dec. 24th & Dec. 25th.

**Mass Times: Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve & New Years Day**

**Masses Dec 24**

8:30am

**Christmas Eve Masses**

4:00 pm Sanctuary  
 4:00 pm Parish Hall  
 6:30 pm Sanctuary  
 6:30 pm Parish Hall  
 9:00 pm Sanctuary  
 Midnight Sanctuary

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**Masses Christmas Day**

8:30 am; 10:30am; 12:30 pm & 7:00pm

**Tofield Mass**

11:00 am

**December 31, 2019  
Mary Holy Mother of God**

**New Year's Eve**  
 5:00 pm-Vigil Mass  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** 6:00pm until 8:00am on January 01, 2020

**(Holy Day of Obligation)**

**January 1, 2020  
Mary Holy Mother of God  
New Year's Day**

New Year's Day Masses  
 8:30 am  
 10:30 am  
 12:30 pm  
 7:00 pm

**Tofield Mass**

11:00 am

**OLPH Website:**  
[www.olph.ca](http://www.olph.ca)

**Seasonal Decorating**



**Poinsettias for Decorating**

The Seasonal Decorating Committee would be very grateful for donations of poinsettias or other Christmas flowers to help decorate the Sanctuary and Parish Hall for our Christmas celebrations. Red, pink, white – all colours are very welcome! If you wish to donate flowers, please drop them off at the church office **beginning**

**Monday, December 16th up until Friday, December 20th.** May God bless you as we continue to journey through Advent.

## Rite of Acceptance and Rite of Welcome

### **RCIA** Rite of Acceptance into the Catechumenate and Rite of Welcome for the weekend of December 15, 2019

This Sunday 5 adults inquiring into our Catholic faith celebrated the Rite of Acceptance into the Catechumenate and Rite of Welcome as they journey towards full initiation into the Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 11, 2020. They have already traveled a long road and we rejoice with them in the gentle guidance of God who has brought them to this day. Please pray for them that they continue on their journey and that they may have our sincere support every step of the way in our prayers and in our actions.

## FORMED Daily

### **Advent Reflections**

Are you looking for ways to grow closer to Christ this Advent? FORMED offers daily meditation, formation and motivation to help you prepare for Christ's coming. To sign up, go to [formed.org/advent](http://formed.org/advent) and enter your email address. It's that easy! You will start receiving daily reflections on the first day of Advent.

Questions? Contact **Billy** at [bspindle@shaw.ca](mailto:bspindle@shaw.ca) or call 780-467-1754.

## Growing In Faith Together (GiFT)

### **Catholicism 101: What Do Catholics Believe?**

*"Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you."* 1 Peter 3:15

**Tuesdays, January 7-March 10, 7:00-8:30 pm**

**OR Wednesdays, January 8-March 11, 9:30-11:00 am**

Do you know why Catholics believe and do the things they do? Can you explain your Catholic faith to others? Whether you are a new Catholic, a returning Catholic or you just want to know more about Catholic beliefs and practices – Catholicism 101 is for you!

Some of the topics we will cover include:

- What is "the Church" and why do I need it?
- What every Catholic should know about Church history.
- What's so special about the Mass?
- What happens when we die?
- How can I live a Catholic life?



Catholicism 101 is absolutely FREE but pre-registration is required, as space is limited!

For more information and to register, contact Alana LaPerle at 780-446-9009 or [alaperle@telus.net](mailto:alaperle@telus.net)

## Veritas & Youth Ministry - December Calendar

### **December 15th**

7:00pm Youth Mass

Veritas: Christmas Party (**Bring something used for the white elephant gift exchange**)

### **December 17th**

Volunteer with food hampers at Sacred Heart Parish

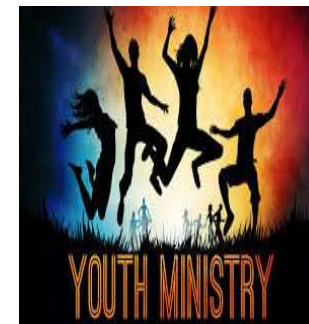
### **December 18th**

No Unite or Young Disciples

### **December 22nd**

Adoremus Te after Youth Mass

### **December 25th Merry Christmas!**



Please pick up a Youth Bulletin for more information and/or email [tmurphy@olph.ca](mailto:tmurphy@olph.ca)

### **VERITAS:**

**ADOREMUS TE:** On the last Sunday of every month we will have ADOREMUS TE which will be worship and adoration. Though this event will be geared to our youth it is for all! We will begin after the 7pm Mass.

## Children's Sacraments & Celebrations



### **First Communion - Grade 2 or older:**

After making their First Reconciliation, children may start preparing for their First Holy Communion. Preparation for this sacrament includes Mass attendance, a parent/child retreat at the church and a workbook with lessons to complete together at home. We will be celebrating First Communion as a parish family at regular Sunday Masses in the month of May 2020. If you still need to register your child for First Communion and/or First Reconciliation this school year, contact Natalie Lavigne at the Parish office at **780-467-5470** ext. 223 or by email:

[nlavigne@olph.ca](mailto:nlavigne@olph.ca)



### **Confirmation - Grade 6 or older:**

Please pray for the children preparing to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost in 2020. If you still need to register your child for Confirmation, contact Natalie Lavigne at the parish office

**780-467-5470** ext. 223 or by email: [nlavigne@olph.ca](mailto:nlavigne@olph.ca)

Candidates must attend **5 mandatory preparation classes** at the church between now and May 2020. There is also the **workbook** and **online sessions** (will be emailed) for parent and child to complete together at home.