



Sunday, December 22, 2019 (4th Sunday of Advent)

The birth of the Messiah gives the church great hope. Although secular celebrations of Christmas ignore the significance of the holy day, the church gives us Advent to help us keep our focus. We reorient our hearts and minds to recall, once again, the mysterious glory of the Incarnation. In these weeks of yuletide preparation, we stop to remind ourselves what it means to be Christian, in case we have begun taking it for granted. To be Christian is to believe that God is truly with us, in the most personal intimate way imaginable; he is one of us! "They shall name him Emmanuel, which means God is with us." Through the Incarnation, God became human and lived among us to love us, to guide us, to heal us, and to strengthen us. It is the promise of a savior given through the early prophets, a promise that the faithful held dear as they waited. As that most beautiful of all anniversaries approaches, celebrate this season remembering the greatest gift ever given to every person - the gift of a Savior.

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 at 467-0197.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

(780) 416-0931 Help Line: ext 1, Donations: ext 2
 Poor Box Collection: 3rd Sunday of every Month

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 15	\$35,787.40	\$3,627.60	\$4,481.25
Week 51	\$6,787.72	\$742.93	\$2,269.71

For a more complete breakdown of the budget numbers please go to www.olph.ca and read the 2018 Financial Stewardship Report. Copies of this are also available in the foyer and at the Parish Office.



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 22, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Advent Cycle A*

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS MASS TIMES

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 -
 Youth Mass
 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
 Coffee & treats provided

(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

Parish Office will be open between Christmas and New Years from 7:30 am - 8:30 pm

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!
4:00 pm Masses upstairs and downstairs will start at 4:00.
6:30 pm Mass downstairs will be tailored to the Youth of our Parish.

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

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 email: info@olph.ca Website: www.olph.ca Archdiocesan website: <http://www.caedm.ca>*

Liturgy Schedule
Mon. Dec. 23 - Sun. Dec. 29

Monday: 8:30 am Mass
Tuesday: 8:30 am Mass
Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm Mass, 6:30 pm Mass, 9:00 pm Mass, 12 midnight Mass
Wednesday - Christmas Day: 8:30 am Mass, 10:30 am Mass, 12:30 pm Mass and 7:00 pm 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 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: Sundays 11:00 am
Wednesday, Christmas Day: 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:
Alice Laforce and Family. Alice's husband, **Henry Laforce** died December 7th.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Mon. Dec. 23: Clair Dalton†, Victor Baker†, John Meier†, Jeannine Gosselin†, Mae Andrew, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk, Sophie & Lucas, Simone et Famille, Ann Richman, Joshua Caddel, Carmen Draganiuk
Tue. Dec. 24: Rose et Famille, Joseph Yuson, Ann Richman, OLPH Parish Staff, Eileen Ilchuck, Carmen Draganiuk
Wed Dec. 25: No intentions
Thurs. Dec. 26: Gregory Moynagh†, John Pacholok†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk, Jane & Family, Mary & Family, Ann Richman
Fri. Dec. 27: Joseph Maksymiuk†, Anthony Reghelini†, Celine Reghelini & Family,

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Sunday 7:30 am - 8:30 pm
Office Closed Dec. 25 & Dec. 26

Open during lunch hour

RECONCILIATION

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

Pastor

Fr. Jim Corrigan - jcorrigan@olph.ca

Associate Pastors

Fr. Sathiaselan Kulandaisamy SDB

Fr. Sathia - frsathia@olph.ca

Fr. Balraj Antony Samy, SDB

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Pastoral Assistants

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John Pacholok†, Alexander Klassen, Doreen & Family, Nancy & Family, Grace Corrigan, Mr. & Mrs. Beneric Sulit
Saturday, Dec. 28: Colleen & Glenn Bauer, Theresa & Pat Lema, Taylor Berezan, Sandie, Don Paquette

Children's Sacraments & Celebrations

Parents

Have circumstances prevented you from celebrating your children's Sacraments within the common time frame?

Worried that it is "too late", that your child is too old or that you might be judged or "in trouble"?

This is simply not true. **ALL ARE WELCOME!! SACRAMENTS DO NOT HAVE AN EXPIRATION DATE!!**

Come register your child for Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. We will work with you and your child to receive the gift and the grace of our Catholic Sacraments. If you have any questions/concerns please contact Natalie Lavigne at the parish Office at 780-467-5470 ext. 223 or nlavigne@olph.ca.



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



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

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.

***Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.***

Parish News



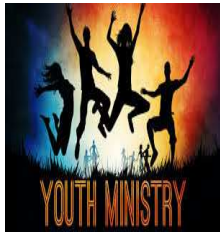
Reminder 2019 Income Tax Receipts
PLEASE NOTE: All contributions to be recorded for 2019 must be received by the Parish **NO LATER** than **December 31, 2019.**

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

Veritas & Youth Ministry - December Calendar



December 22nd - Veritas finished until January 2020
December 25th Merry Christmas!



Please pick up a Youth Bulletin for more information and/or email tmurphy@olph.ca

Unite: Unite is our Junior High Youth Group and it is every Wednesday, unless otherwise stated, at 6:30pm. No registration required! Unite will start back up after Christmas break on January 8th with the theme of Epiphany!

Veritas: Veritas, which means truth, is our Senior High Youth Group. Veritas runs after 7pm mass on Sundays to 9:30pm. No registration required! Just come! In January we have our Multi Parish retreat on the weekend of the 10-12th and Adoremus Te on the 26th.

Adoremus Te: We have Adoration, confession and worship every last Sunday of the month after the 7pm mass. All are welcome! Note that there will be no Adoremus Te this month.

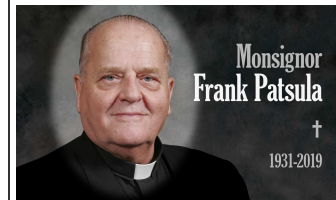


A High School Retreat 2020

Registration for the High school retreat grades 9-12, is now open! This retreat is a multi parish retreat with youth all over our diocese taking place here at OLPH and will be on the weekend of January 10-12. Please email our youth coordinator

Tricia Murphy for more info or to register at tmurphy@olph.ca

We Remember - Monsignor Francis Patsula



Monsignor Francis Patsula, retired priest of the Archdiocese of Edmonton, passed away on Monday, December 16, 2019. Monsignor Patsula assisted with weekend Masses and Reconciliation at OLPH for 26 years.

Visitation and Funeral Mass:

Friday, December 27th 7pm-8:30pm Visitation

(Connelly-McKinley Funeral Home, 10011 - 114 St., Edmonton).

Saturday, December 28th 11:00 am Funeral Mass

(St. Joseph Basilica, 10044 - 113 St., Edmonton).

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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. Greg will be in the foyer after all Masses on December 21/22 for you to sign up. The Park Church parking lot will not be available for us on Dec. 24th & Dec. 25th.



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 08th 2020, and ends on March 11th, 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

Sacred Heart Parish Thanks You

A huge thank you to the parishioners of OLPH Parish. Once again, your outpouring of generosity towards the Christmas Hampers for Sacred Heart Parish was greatly appreciated. In addition to the food items, we received \$996.00 in cash donations which was used to purchase additional groceries for the hampers. We also want to thank all the volunteers who helped collect, sort, and box food items which were delivered to Sacred Heart Parish, with the help from Mrs. Tricia Murphy and 20 students from ABJ High School. 247 hampers were prepared by the students towards their need of 570 hampers. Our brothers and sisters of Sacred Heart Parish are very appreciative of our support. May God bless you all.

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

Vision Teams - Making it Happen!



"Come as you are. ALL are welcome."

I would like to thank Greg Szott and the Vision - Engagement team for all their promotion and effort in making the "Name Tag Weekend" event such an overwhelming success. Thank you also to the team of greeter volunteers for their friendly assistance and to the hospitality teams for the warm and welcoming treats after each mass.

I hope this Name Tag event helps us all to be even more warm and welcoming to all our visitors at the upcoming Christmas Masses. Smile, you are a tourist attraction!

Vision Team Next Steps

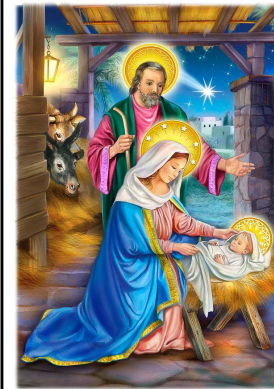
Building on the success of Name Tag Weekend, our next step is to create permanent hospitality teams and to train greeters who will help to make every Mass a welcoming event. Watch for more information on how you can get involved.

If you have comments on any of the Vision Team initiatives or would like to find out how you can help, please contact **Billy Spindler** bspindle@shaw or 780-467-1754.

God bless you and your families as you gather for Christmas, Billy Spindler, Vision Team Coordinator

Christmas Prayer

Prayer for Christmas Dinner



Eternal God, This joyful day is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. May that light illuminate our hearts and shine in our words and deeds. May the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love represented by the birth in Bethlehem fill our lives and become part of all that we say and do. May we share the divine life of your son Jesus Christ, even as he humbled himself to share our humanity. Bless us and the feast that You have provided for us, let us be thankful for the true gift of Christmas, your Son. Amen.

Congratulations



**Welcome to our Newest OLPH Parishioner
who was Baptized on December 15, 2019**

Annie Koughan Levi Lonsbury

May God's Love be with you and guide you throughout your life.

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**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



**Canadian Blood Donor Clinic
Tuesday, December 31, 2019
OLPH Parish Hall
9:00 am - 1:00 pm**