



**TOGETHER WE SERVE**

-Our Lady of Perpetual Help's target contribution is **NOT** based on our regular Sunday Giving Receipts

What is our targeted amount based on? The 5 year average of all OLPH special collection amounts prior to the implementation of Together We Serve.

-What is our target amount for 2019? Our targeted amount is \$115,000.00. The Amount collected so far is **\$122,114.00. We have exceeded our goal!**

-The Together We Serve annual appeal **Parish Share rebate program is set at 100%**. This means that parishes will receive back 100% of any monies over their parish target for Together We Serve. This is a great way to be able to engage in more charitable works at the Parish level.

-Which organizations will be supported? For 2019 the following organizations will be supported: · Catholic Social Services · Development and Peace-Caritas Canada · Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith · Evangelization of Nations · Needs of the Canadian Church · Needs of the Church in the Holy Land · Newman Theological College · Pope's Pastoral Works · St. Joseph Seminary · St. Joseph's College, University of Alberta · St. Joseph's Priests' Foundation of Edmonton. **Thank you for your generous support of Together We Serve.**



**Welcome to our Newest OLPH Parishioner who was Baptized on December 29, 2019**

**Elizabeth Collins**

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

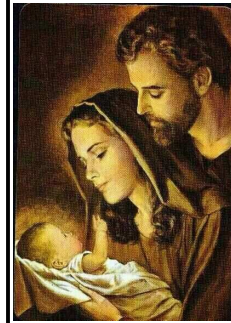


On behalf of OLPH Parish - Thank you to the many hands who helped in the distribution of the Christmas books "Discovering The Saints" at all the Masses and for the book funding support.

**New Year's Prayer**

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. Amen



**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 29, 2019 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Cycle A*

**(Holy Day of Obligation)**

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

New Year's Eve

**5:00 pm-Vigil Mass**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm until 8:00 am on January 01, 2020

**January 1, 2020 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**

**New Year's Day Masses**

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:30 pm

7:00 pm

**Tofield Mass 11:00 am**



**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

**Parishioners using contribution envelopes**

Your 2020 envelopes are available for you to pick up in the foyer of the church.

**Please Note: Starting January 1, 2020 OLD ENVELOPES MUST NOT BE USED**

*We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe*

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**Liturgy Schedule**

**Dec. 30 - Sun. Jan. 5**

**Weekday Mass 7 days a week at 8:30 am**

**Monday:** 8:30 am Mass

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

**Wednesday:** New Year's Day - 8:30 am Mass, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm, 7:00 pm

**Thursday:** 8:30 am Mass, 6:15 pm Mass

**Friday:** 8:30 am Mass, 9:15am Adoration & Exposition until 6:15pm Mass/Benediction

**Saturday:** 8:30 am Mass

**Weekend Mass Times:**

**Saturday:** 5:00 pm

**Sunday:** 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm, 7:00 pm Mass

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

**Mass:** Sundays 11:00 am

**New Year's Day Mass:** 11:00 am

**RECONCILIATION**

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

**OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Sunday 7:30 am - 8:30 pm (Open during Lunch Hour)**

**Office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2020**

***Mass Intentions For The Week***

**Mon. Dec. 30:** Annette Brunner†, John Meier†, Phil & Phyllis Redl†, Craig & Jim Wallace†, Gloria & Jim Wallace†, Carol Brassard, Emmanuelle, Sr. Rita Gleason, Lynne & William Jones, Billy & Marie-Therese Spindler

**Tue. Dec. 31:** Tim Healy & Shirley Reinhardt†, Troy, Uduak & Udene Akpan, Rebecca Winczura, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk, Marc, Mary Ann Fowler, Martha & Ken Manning, Rita Deck, Joan Gilbert, Marie Aline

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***Con't Mass Intentions***

**Wed Jan. 1:** No intentions

**Thurs. Jan. 2:** Sara Katska†, Celine Regheline, Ken Hummel, Fr. Jim, Ruby Fiorini, Mary Cusack, Bob Gerow, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk, Annie Lysak†

**Fri. Jan. 3:** Baby Isaac Montes†, Phil Byrne†, Jenny Velazco, Alexander Klassen, Fr. Jim, Jan Garcia, Montes Family, Jason Newly, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk, Josh Marple

**Sat. Jan. 4:** Jenny Marchack, Fr. Sathia, Marie & Hugh McLaughlin, Lorraine Dotto, Mary Jamieson

***Parish News***



**Walking the Labyrinth to Prayer with the JETS Airline**

A new year and a new mode of meditative prayer is being happily offered by the JETS Women's group this Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. Journey with us as we walk a 22 foot X 22 foot canvas labyrinth winding our way through the unicursal path and praying in a reflective manner. This ancient practise uses geometrically designed pathways that take you into the center of the labyrinth and back out again, to help focus our thoughts and prayers, always with the intention of spiritual orientation. Slippers will be provided and participants are asked to simply bring an open heart. Facilitated by Carol Sebastian from Providence Renewal Centre, we will meet in the St. Joan Room first to learn about the labyrinth and create exercises and reflections to work with before entering another room with the labyrinth (in small groups of 6-8) for prayer time in silence. Finally, we will gather again to share our experiences and in-flight snacks and beverages. More information is available by phoning/texting our captain of the day, Gloria S., at 587.590.7460 If you need childcare, please book your spot at [issaaida33@yahoo.com](mailto:issaaida33@yahoo.com).

*Prayer does not fit us for the great work; prayer is the greater work.*

**Growing In Faith Together**

**Rediscover the Saint by Matthew Kelly**

**Small Group Book Study and Sharing**

**Thursdays, January 9-30 @ 7:15 - 8:45pm**

This is not just another book about the saints. Both personal and practical, this book proves the saints are not long gone, but alive and well--and ready to join you on your journey! Discover how inviting the saints into your everyday life will open your eyes to the amazing possibilities God has in store for you! This program is open to everyone. For more information or to register contact **Jerry & Pat 780-416-8111** or [jpheck11@gmail.com](mailto:jpheck11@gmail.com)



**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**

**Music by Mike and the Relics**

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

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

**(780) 416 - 0931 Help Line: ext 1, Donations: ext 2**

**Poor Box Collection 3rd Sunday of every month**

## RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



**What are the Sacraments in the Catholic Church?**  
**Why is Mary so important?**  
**How do Catholics pray?**  
**Why do Catholics go to Mass every week?**  
**Why do Catholics go to confession?**  
**Who is going to heaven?**

Have you been asking your spouse or friends these questions? Are your kids asking you these questions as they begin to prepare to celebrate their Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation? Do you feel God calling you to become a member of the Catholic Church? Then RCIA is the place for you! To begin your journey towards full participation in the Catholic Church. Contact **Pat** at 780-467-5470 or [pat@olph.ca](mailto:pat@olph.ca)

## Newman Theological College Seminars

### Living in the Word Seminar Series @ (Newman Theological College)

Newman Theological College continues its Living in the Word seminar series with an exploration of The Book of the Prophet Isaiah, Chapters 1-39, hosted by Prof. Stéphane Saulnier. Tuesdays, 12:10-1 p.m. in the Eugene de Mazenod Room. **Begins January 15.**

### Treasures of the Faith Seminar Series @ (Newman Theological College)

- Pope Francis, Gaudete et Exsultate 'On the Call to Holiness,' hosted by Sister Zoe Bernatsky. Thursdays, 12:10-1 p.m. in the Eugene de Mazenod Room. **Begins January 17.**
- Patristic and Byzantine Homilies on the Transfiguration of the Lord, hosted by Stéphane Saulnier. Fridays, 9:30-10:20 a.m. in the St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Room. **Begins January 18th.**
- On the Lord's Prayer: Tertullian, Cyprian and Origen, hosted by Stéphane Saulnier. Fridays, 10:30-11:20 a.m. in the St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Room. **Begins January 18.**

These seminars are free of charge. Participants are asked to obtain their own copy of the reading material. To register contact **Newman Theological College** at 780-392-2450 or [reception@newman.edu](mailto:reception@newman.edu)



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

## Children's Sacraments and Children's Programs

### 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](mailto: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 Communions 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.

### Baptism Preparation Classes

Baptism Preparation is a pre-requisite for all parents seeking baptism for their children. You are required to contact the parish office two to three months prior to the preferred month of baptism of your child. Please refer to our Parish website [www.olph.ca](http://www.olph.ca) for dates and times of baptism prep and baptism celebrations. For more information please contact Betty Donovan at 780-467-5470 or email [bdonovan@olph.ca](mailto:bdonovan@olph.ca)



## Growing In Faith Together

### 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 makes a Catholic “Catholic”?

What do Catholics believe about the Eucharist?

Where am I going (death, judgment, heaven, hell)?

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)

### Upcoming Mission and Programs

**Parish Lenten Mission with David Wells** - Wednesday, March 11 and Thursday, March 12 @ 7:00 p.m.

**Forgiven:** The Transforming Power of Confession – Saturday, March 14 @ 11:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Presence, The Mystery of the Eucharist – Saturday, April 4 @ 11:30 – 4:30 p.m.

**Rediscover the Saints** – Book Study – Thursdays, January 9, 16, 23 & 30 - @ 7:15 – 8:45 p.m.

**The Wild Goose** – Thursdays, April 23 – June 11 @ 7:15 – 8:45 p.m.

**St. John Henry Newman and the New Evangelization Lecture Series with Dr. Ryan Topping** – Tuesdays March 17, 24, 31 and April 7 @ 7:30-9:30 p.m.



### 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)

### Just got Engaged? Interested in learning more about Marriage? Planning a wedding?

#### Contact:

Monna Senez  
780-467-5470 ext. 226  
[msenez@olph.ca](mailto:msenez@olph.ca)

#### Marriage Preparation Course:

Call Monna to register

#### Option 1:

February 28, 2020 Friday 7:00pm-9:00pm, February 29, 2020 Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm  
March 1, 2020  
Sunday 9:00am –12:30pm/Mass

#### Option 2:

April 24, 2020 Friday  
7:00pm-9:00pm, April 25, 2020 Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm  
April 26, 2020  
Sunday 9:00am –12:30pm/Mass



### Do you have questions about: Annulments

A declaration of nullity (annulment) is a decision from the Catholic Church that a particular union was in fact an invalid union as the Church defines marriage. If you are divorced and wish to make inquiries regarding the annulment process, please contact **Fr. Jim** at **780-467-5470 ext. 227** or **Monna** at **780-467-5470 ext. 226**

#### Irregular Marriages

Catholic Church law ordinarily requires baptized Roman Catholics to marry before a priest unless dispensation from canonical form has been granted. If you have questions about your marriage and would like to have it recognized or blessed, please contact **Fr. Jim** **780-467-5470 ext. 227** or **Monna** at **780-467-5470 ext. 226**

