

OLPH Parish & Office Open 7 Days A Week

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish is open for Adoration, Reconciliation and anyone wishing to have a Mass offered for a family member or friend. Contribution envelopes can be dropped off at the Parish office from Monday to Sunday 7:30am - 6:00 pm. Donations can also be made by pre-authorize payment or credit card at the Parish or by calling the office at **780-467-5470** or by email at **info@olph.ca**
Thank you for your continued support during these trying times.

Join Alpha Online This Spring 2020!



Are you craving an opportunity to gather with others and chat about life's big questions? Try Alpha online. **This Spring our Alpha will use Zoom video conferencing to make new friends, watch an engaging video, and discuss.** Alpha is for everyone; regular church attendees, those searching, and even atheists. Over the 10 sessions you will be amazed, like so many others, to see your faith come alive and change your life. Come and see for yourself! Who will you invite? We are working to make Alpha easy to access online and fun to attend with two options:

Tuesday evenings – 7:00 to 8:15 pm Starting April 28th OR Thursday evenings – 7:15 to 8:30 pm, starting April 30th. To register, contact Billy Spindler at bspindle@shaw.ca or 780-467-1754

OLPH Financial Report

Financial Report April 19, 2020 Easter Donation of \$2,964.00 included	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
PAD Pre-authorize Debit/ Credit/Sunday Giving- April 12	\$16,118.40	\$1,749.60	\$1,219.40
Week 17	-\$12,881.28	-\$1,135.02	-\$992.14

Fr. Jim offers a sincere thank you to those of you that are actively continuing your financial support of our parish community during these strange days. Many through the PAD, (Preauthorised debit) process, many of you have continued to drop off your regular Sunday donation envelopes at the parish office (7:30 am-6:00 pm, seven days a week). Thank you! We have just added a “donation button” to our OLPH website, simply another way to assist the mission of OLPH parish.

FORMED Pick of the Week: A Priest for COVID Times.

<https://watch.formed.org/carousel/videos/formed-live-a-priest-for-covid-times>

Not Yet Registered? Its easy to sign up and its FREE at **olph.ca**
If you need assistance with registering or with using FORMED, please contact Billy Spindler via email: bspindle@shaw.ca



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.

April 26 2020 Third Sunday of Easter

Mass and Adoration and Reconciliation at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

All Masses and Adoration are live streamed from OLPH website www.olph.ca/links/ or at facebook.com/olphsherwoodpark.

Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton website: www.caedm.ca

Adoration:

Monday to Saturday 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Tuesday and Thursday 5:15 pm to 6:15 pm
Saturdays 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Sundays 10:30 to 11:30 am, 12:30 to 1:30, 6:00 to 7:00 pm



Mass:

Tuesday and Thursday 6:15 pm
Sundays 8:30 am and 7:00 pm

Note: Priest Only in the Church when Mass is being celebrated.

Reconciliation At Regular Times

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am to 8:30 am

Saturday: 9:30 am to 11:00 am

Tuesday and Thursday Evenings: 5:45 pm to 6:15 pm

MASS INTENTIONS - Will be celebrated daily as usual in private by the priests.

Office Hours/Church Open 07:30 - 6:00 pm 7 days a week.

In event of an emergency, please contact Fr. Jim at 780-470-2730 (call or text)

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

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April 26, 2020

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord

Our OLPH prayers continue for you and your families during this time of physical and spiritual isolation from your faith community.

I would like to offer you an **update** on your, Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish community, during these very, very different times. As you may be aware, we have been asked to keep the parish open as that has been our past practice. We know that folks need a place to pray, with access to the parish office. So, our Church and our office, are open from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm seven days a week. Since presently we are not able to celebrate Mass with parishioners, we have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament being live streamed during our regular Mass times throughout the week. We have in person Reconciliation opportunities as before, 30 minutes prior to Adoration beginning. We are live streaming two weekday Masses, Tuesday and Thursday evening at 6:15, following 5:15 adoration. We live stream two Sunday Masses, one at 08:30 am Sunday morning and at 7:00 pm Sunday evening. Please take a look at our bulletin, our website www.olph.ca, or the Archdiocesan website www.caedm.ca for a complete listing of spiritual/devotional opportunities, here in the parish and in the Archdiocese.

We feel it is essential, as a parish community, to reach out to our parishioners during this time, when many are isolated and home bound, while doing their best to adhere to the solid direction of our Chief Medical Officer and all levels of government. We are seeing day light, but we need to hold the course for all safeguards required of us. An initiative that we are working through presently, is the following... From our parish data base, we ran a report of all parishioners who listed themselves as retired when registering with the parish. We know this is not fool proof, but we did come up with 557 families, all of whom will have received a phone call and a check-in by the end of April from our parish team. This is a great beginning and we will see where the Holy Spirit guides us with next steps in parish outreach. Regarding our nine schools, I have been a regular attendee at virtual staff meetings for the past few weeks. I have also visited about a dozen virtual classrooms, thus far mostly with the lower grade levels. It has been very good for my heart, and I pray, for theirs.

Our goal at OLPH, is always to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us by you, the faithful of OLPH. Financial, human, and temporal, all are gifts from God, and we, out of gratitude, need to make the most fruitful use of your gifts. Certainly, there has been a dramatic drop in the weekly revenue that typically would come into the parish. We do not know how long this situation will exist and when we will be able to gather again as a community of faith. The Archdiocese has directed all parishes to discern what is essential to keep their parishes functional. It was presented as essential versus non-essential services (at this moment in time). Those ministering in non-essential services have received temporary layoffs effective May 01, 2020. This process has taken place at the Pastoral center as well, where 22 temporary layoffs occurred. The goal of this process is that the individuals temporarily laid off, will be able to return to their previous roles, within the parish and the Archdiocese, when the situation and the economy improve. Needless to say, only the Good Lord Himself knows what and when things will return to some form of normalcy.

The criteria used to discern whether a team member would receive a temporary layoff is the following question. "Is the work that an individual does for the parish essential to keep the parish operational at this time, given that so many components of our parish life are at a standstill." The layoffs occurred because the role is not essential at this time and have nothing to do with the high quality of the individuals involved. We have a very good team here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish and we look forward to all members of our team being back in action at some point, in some capacity. The members of our parish team who have received a temporary layoff are the following: Betty Donovan - Baptism/Pastoral Care; Monna Senez - Marriage/Annulments; Pat Lemire - Faith Formation/RCIA; Jenny Velazco - Admin Assistant; Lorraine Dotto - Admin Assistant. These long serving team members have done great things for OLPH parish and we plan to have them back doing more great things, when the Holy Spirit deems it appropriate. What you should know is that, with the Employment Insurance that they will receive, OLPH parish will top up that income to a total of 80% of what their present wage is. This will be in effect until the end of December if necessary. For the sake of information and solidarity, the priests of the Archdiocese have agreed unanimously, to accept a 15% reduction in their wages until further notice. We are all called to be good stewards and to join in the sacrifice, that is part of this Covid journey that we walk together/apart.

Please do keep an eye focused on the parish website for future developments and initiatives. We offer these updates today and wish you and your families, the blessings of the Risen Lord now and forever, Amen.
Blessings, Fr. Jim

OLPH Staff Emails

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Strathcona Food Bank Needs Food Donations

Strathcona Food Bank is in great need of perishable food items. These items can be dropped off at OLPH Parish. The Food bank will make arrangements for pickup. Your help is greatly appreciated during these hard times.

