

Church Open/Office Hours 7:30 am to 7:30 pm 7 days a week
Mass, Adoration & Reconciliation at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Weekday Mass

Mornings: Monday to Saturday 8:30 am

Evenings: Monday to Friday 6:15 pm

Sunday Mass

Saturday vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm

Sunday Mass in Tofield: 11:00 am St. Francis of Assisi Parish

*See front page
for special Holy
Week Schedule

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday to Friday: *Immediately Following Morning and Evening Mass*

Saturday 9:30 am to 11:00 am

Adoration - Everyone Welcome, Always Open to All!

There will be **NO First Friday Adoration in April**, since the first Friday of the month is **Good Friday**.



Every Wednesday Holy Hour 5:15 pm prior to Evening Mass:

1st Wednesday hosted by Mary's Servants for Christ: April 5

2nd Wednesday hosted by Society of St. Vincent de Paul: April 12

3rd Wednesday hosted by CWL: April 19

4th Wednesday hosted by K of C: April 26

*For the benefit of the faithful whose health or other circumstances prevent them from attending the church in person, **all Masses and Adoration will continue to be livestreamed** from our OLPH website www.olph.ca/video/ or at facebook.com/olphsherwoodpark/videos*



WATCH the 8:30 am Mass, seven days a week, live on Telus Optik TV Channel 877.
(Must be a Telus Optik subscriber.)

LISTEN to the 8:30 am Sunday Mass live – or anytime – from your landline or cell phone.
Dial 888-OLPH-808 (888-657-4808) and then follow the simple instructions.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish ~ A Roman Catholic Christian Community

Sunday April 2, 2023 ~ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

13 Brower Drive, Sherwood Park, AB T8H 1Y7 780-467-5470 www.olph.ca

Holy Week Schedule



Monday April 3 ~ Regular 8:30 am morning Mass, No 6:15 pm evening Mass

CHRISM MASS ~ 7:00 pm at St. Joseph's Basilica in Edmonton

Tuesday April 4 and Wednesday April 5, Regular Weekday Mass Times at OLPH

HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 6

Presentation of the Oils, Washing of Feet and Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight, 7:00 pm (instead of 6:15 pm) at OLPH and 6:00 pm in Tofield ***BRING BELLS TO RING DURING THE GLORIA!**

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 7

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross

10:00 am, 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm at OLPH and 11:00 am at St. Francis of Assisi in Tofield

Tenebrae at OLPH ~ 8:00 pm

HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 8

(No Mass at 8:30 am or 5:00 pm)

Blessing of Easter Foods ~ 12 noon at OLPH

Easter Vigil at OLPH ~ 8:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 9

Regular Sunday Mass times at OLPH 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm and 11:00 am at St. Francis of Assisi in Tofield ***BRING BELLS TO RING DURING THE GLORIA!**

***Parish Office
CLOSED on Good
Friday & Easter
Monday, OPEN
regular hours
Holy Saturday &
Easter Sunday
7:30 am - 7:30 pm**

A humble and heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who has continued to support the financial needs of our parish with **(PAD) Pre-Authorized Debit** or by bringing your **Sunday Giving Envelopes** to the church. OLPH is also set up to accept donations via **INTERAC E-TRANSFER** at:



OLPH.etransfer@caedm.ca

Please include your Envelope # OR address and any special instructions in the Message Box for the e-transfer, to ensure your donation is properly recorded for your annual tax receipt.



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

April 3-5
**No Intentions over Easter Triduum*

Monday ~ Elaine Allen†, Clovis Dantas†, Anthony Reghelini†, Rosalyn Petty, Fr. Maurice Praught, Ruby Fiorini & Family, Isla McGowen, Bibian Hanks, Carina Oller, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Piero Stefano Fiorini

Tuesday ~ Clovis Dantas†, Jim Mitchell †, Genny Groome†, Kevin Healey†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & Family, Ruby Fiorini, Celine Reghelini & Family, James Partridge, Bemvindo Palha, Fern Adams, Felix Snider

Wednesday ~ Bryce Clarke†, Clovis Dantas†, Bill Gramlich†, Denise Black†, Deannine Dechant†, DeWolfe Family, Yennarella de Amaya, Ed Dechant, Marvelino De Sousa

Your OLPH Parish Team

- Pastor ~ Fr. Jim Corrigan**
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- Business Coordinator**
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Archdiocese of Edmonton
Website: www.caedm.ca

In Event of an Emergency,
Contact Fr. Jim at
780-470-2730 (call or text)

TOFIELD CORNER - St. Francis of Assisi Parish



Passion(Palm) Sunday! While we enter into ‘Holy Week’ in celebration of our Lord’s Paschal Mystery, let us open our ears and humble ourselves to serve others as our Lord did! With this in mind ...

1. There will be an **Easter Bake Sale** on April 9. Again, bring your goodies to sell!(And your moola to purchase!) The funds will go to the young adults heading to the World Youth Day Celebrations in Portugal this August.
2. There will be a **Washing of the Feet Service** on Thursday evening at 6:00 pm at St. Francis of Assisi. Everyone is welcome to join in on this religious tradition.
3. There will be a **Good Friday Service** at 11:00 am at St. Francis of Assisi.
4. This Friday is the last **Stations of the Cross** at 7:00 pm at St. Francis.
5. A big heads-up! **Divine Mercy Sunday** is on April 16, the Sunday following Easter. Through Saint Faustina, Jesus has asked that we prepare ourselves for Divine Mercy Sunday with the nine day novena of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. The novena would start on Good Friday and end on the Saturday before the D.M. Sunday. Great **mercy and graces** will be given to those who go to confession and receive the Eucharist beforehand and complete the novena, followed by attending mass on The Divine Mercy Sunday. For more information on this and the Chaplet go to the divinemeracy.org website and click ‘A Day of Great Grace’. You will be truly blessed!

To post in the ‘Tofield Corner’ contact Kathy by email Kathleen.Anderson.one@gmail.com or phone 780-270-8652 or Weekly bulletin deadline is Wednesday.

”Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you receive - only what you have given.” - St. Francis of Assisi

OLPH Financial Report

Week 13 March 26, 2023	Cost of Operat- ing the Parish	Building Fund Target Amount	Together We Serve Target Amount
Average weekly amount required (based on 2022 budget)	\$22,804.91	\$2,480.00	\$2,310.00
Donations this week	\$19,799.90	\$2,299.10	\$957.40
This week surplus/shortfall	-\$3,005.01	-\$180.90	-\$1,352.60
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cost of operating the parish “average weekly amount” is based on total expenses projected in the 2021 budget.• Building fund target average weekly amount is based on total donations projected in 2021 budget.• Together We Serve weekly amount is based an annual target which is set by the Archdiocese.• Together We Serve Collection - Good Friday April 7 (instead of First Sunday this month only)• Society of St. Vincent De Paul Poor Box Collection - Third Sunday of every Month - April 16			

DEADLINE for Bulletin is Wednesdays at Noon. Email your announcements to Natalie at nlavigne@olph.ca

Volunteer Opportunities

SUMMER CAMP

Volunteers Needed for Vacation Bible Camp

Bible camp is run totally by the generosity of volunteers. Please consider sharing your time this summer!

We need 2 or 3 more Group Leaders (Older Teens or Adults)

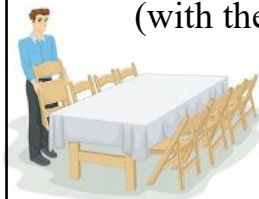
All Adult volunteers need to have Called to Protect training, a police check and IRC check.

For more info contact Sharon at sdarbyshire@olph.ca

Brothers of OLPH... Do you have an hour or two to spare?

WE ARE IN NEED OF BROTHERS TO JOIN OUR PARISH SETUP/TAKE-DOWN CREW FOR OUR FUNERAL MINISTRY.

Volunteers are needed to setup tables/chairs and tablecloths prior to Funeral luncheons AND to also put away tables/chairs after the reception. Times vary (but will not require more than an hour TWICE a month). Volunteers must be able to move (with the aid of trolleys) and lift tables/chairs.



***Call the Parish Office to become part of this brotherhood!*

What's Happening at OLPH

The Seasonal Decorating Committee would be very grateful for any donations of EASTER FLOWERS to help beautify the sanctuary for our Easter celebrations. Please drop them off at the parish office on Thursday or Friday. (Leave by elevator if office is closed.) Thank you!



Prayer of Condolence

Condolences to the family of **Leoncia "Lucy" Untalan**. Lucy passed away on March 25 in Edmonton.

To Ross Cossey & Family on the passing of **Veronica Cossey** on March 25 in Lamont, AB. Funeral will be at OLPH on Wednesday April 5, starting with the Rosary at 10:10 am followed by Funeral Mass at 10:30 am.

To the Family of **Bruce Letcher** who passed away on March 28 in Edmonton. Funeral for Bruce will be at Connelly-McKinley South on Thursday April 6 at 10:00 am.

To Jeanne Rechlo, her sister **Pierrette Cote** passed away on March 31 in Ontario.

Questions to Reflect on during the Sacred Paschal Triduum...



Holy Thursday:

Who are those people who need our help the most? Am I willing to get down on my own hands and knees and help those who are unable to help themselves? What does the sacrament of the Eucharist mean to me?

Good Friday:

What does the death of Jesus mean to me? What does it mean to "Glory in the Cross"?

Easter Vigil:

How has God interceded in my life? After hearing the Resurrection story, what events do I see in my own life that are in need of new life, in need of resurrection? How can I carry on the story of the resurrection to others?



Volunteering for Ministries

Want to Become More Engaged at Mass? This is your invitation to Volunteer! Reach out to the Leader for the specific Ministry that interests you about Training:

Adult Servers: Peter Kamstra (onetoughcatholic@yahoo.ca)

Audio/Visual Soundbooth: Bob Gerow (saferrbmcanada@live.com)

Ushers: David Schmidt & Don Snider (dcwdetml@gmail.com) & (donretired15@gmail.com)

Altar Servers (Children): Amanda Gaudet & Christina Stockdale (amanda.gaudet15@gmail.com) & (christina.stockdale@me.com)

Proclaimers, Greeters and Cleaners: Michelle Rose (michelle.rose@shaw.ca)

Music Ministry: Sharon Darbyshire (sharon_darbyshire@shaw.ca)

Eucharist Ministers: Sue Szojka (sue.szojka@shaw.ca)

Ministry volunteers please sign up for your Mass IN ADVANCE using the SignUp Genius link at www.olph.ca OR call the Parish Office 780-467-5470



**Clothing Nook OPEN on Tuesday April 4, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
CLOSED on Holy Saturday April 8.**



Congratulations to **Gavin James Wagg** who received the Eucharist for the First Time on Sunday March 26.

OPEN Sunday Mornings following the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses.



What's Happening at OLPH



Catholic Women's League General Meeting Tuesday April 11 at 6:30pm in the Meeting Room

On the Agenda:

- Uduak Akpan, CWL member will speak about planning for the Strawberry Tea & Fun Fashion Show **(SAVE THE DATE: May 10!)**

All CWL members are welcome!



Grief as a Journey

When we experience loss of a loved one, we need to grieve. OLPH offers a ten-week program called “Grief as a Journey”, open to anyone who feels they may benefit from it.

Wednesday afternoons

April 12 - June 14

1:00 - 3:00 pm

To register for the upcoming session, please call the Parish Office 780-467-5470 or email info@olph.ca.



Learn & Grow in your Faith

THE WILD GOOSE

DISCOVERING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

In the 19th Chapter of Acts, St. Paul meets a group of disciples “**who have never heard of the Holy Spirit**” (v.2) Is this an expressive sentiment that we feel, think, and/or question

today? Is God wanting us to encounter the Holy Spirit? Definitely. He wishes to breathe life into our daily existence.

The Holy Spirit desires to be present to us in a manner that brings light out of darkness, freedom out of bondage, order out of chaos, and life out of death. Join the Alpha team in exploring more about the Holy Spirit with Father Dave Pivonka, President, Steubenville University, Ohio and the Wild Goose Video Series.

When: Thursday evenings 7:00 - 8:30 pm, April 13 through June 1

Where: Large Meeting Room at OLPH

To Register: Contact Jerry and Pat Heck by phone 780-913-4109 or 780-446-8196 or Email: jheck11@gmail.com



OLPH Vacation Bible School

For Children Currently in Kindergarten to Grade 5

Bible stories, Crafts/Experiments, Games, Snacks ~ Come join us for fun and excitement!

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 21

Last day to register is June 28

DATE: July 10-14, 2023

TIME: 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

WHERE: OLPH Parish Hall (downstairs)

COST: \$70.00 per child and if you register by June 5 child will get a t-shirt!

Interested in volunteering? We are still needing a few group leaders!

Registration Forms will be available to fill out at the parish office OR print off the website: <https://www.olph.ca/child-youth-ministry/vacation-bible-camp/> (you must bring completed form in person to the office with payment)

\$15 non-refundable fee for cancellation after June 5.

We have limited space in each group so register early to ensure a space.

(Watch for a PreK group if we are able to find a leader!)

Contact Sharon Darbyshire for more info or to volunteer : sdarbyshire@olph.ca

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Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care

A Christian response to providing compassionate care at the end of life

Do you see a need in your family or in community to accompany and support those at the end of life? Explore new ideas and ways to be a presence of hope for those at the end of life in this four-part program developed by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Choose your preferred time and method of participation:

Tuesdays, April 11-May 2

6:30-8:30 pm
Online via Zoom

OR

Thursdays, April 13-May 4

1:00-3:00 pm
In-person at OLPH Parish

To register, contact:

Alana at alaperle@telus.net or call 780-446-9009.

Module 1 – Understanding the human experience of dying and death

Module 2 – Discerning and making decisions at the end of life

Module 3 – Accompanying those at the end of life

Module 4 – Supporting and integrating within the wider community



Sacraments

Sacramental Preparation for Children in Grade 2 and older.



Deadline to register is April 6. Pick up [Registration Form](#) at parish office or email Natalie to register:

sacraments@olph.ca

Parents must attend **Opening Mass & Meeting** on either Tuesday April 11 or Thursday April 13 at 6:15pm.



The Rite of Confirmation will be celebrated at OLPH:
Sunday June 4 at 2:30 pm and
Sunday June 11 at 2:30 pm

The next preparation session for children in Grade 6 and older will start in September. Contact Natalie at the parish office to pre-register: sacraments@olph.ca



Congratulations on the birth of your child! Baptism Preparation Class can be taken before or after the birth of your baby. Both Mother and Father must attend, and Godparents are also encouraged to attend. **Classes are held the 2nd Tuesday every month at 7:00 pm.** **Next Class: April 11.** * *Additional Catechesis provided for children 7 and older to be Baptized.*

Baptism Celebrations are held at OLPH the 3rd and 4th Sundays every month at 2:30 pm. (except during Lent)

To register for Preparation Class OR to schedule your child's Baptism celebration please email Jenny at info@olph.ca



Engaged? Congratulations!

Contact Angie at ADeWolfe@olph.ca to schedule your **Pre-Nuptial Meet & Greet** with Father Jim and find a Marriage Preparation Course.

Daytime please contact Fr. Jim on his cell phone 780-470-2730.



If it is after hours please call the Parish Office at 780-467-5470 and follow the instructions to connect with the priest On Call.

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Acts 4:32

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Almsgiving

How many of you, when you see the word *almsgiving*, think “O boy, here comes the money talk.” That is okay because you are about one third right when you think like that.

Almsgiving is really the culmination of prayer and fasting in one neat little package, but we will get back to that. The concise Catholic Dictionary states: “**Almsgiving is a gift, or a compassionate service offered to someone, which is rooted in love for God and human beings. Almsgiving can be an essential work of charity and mercy or a work of penance. In either case, it involves freely giving one’s time, presence, money, or material goods, (e.g., clothing) in a spirit of Christian self-discipline and love.**”

The Christian tradition of almsgiving originates back to the time of Jesus, who taught that we are to support those in need. Matthew 6:2 states, “so whenever you give alms do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.” A way of saying when we give it should not be a calculated process, but one that originates out of love for the other. This makes perfect sense when we consider the definition of love: “To will the good of the other.” Most days it is easy to love and will the good of our families, but how do we do outside the four walls of our homes? “Catholic teachings stress that penances and various works of mercy like almsgiving, are signs of real self-giving love and essential to building Christian community and the full realization of the reign of God.”

Essentially, we can say almsgiving is the sharing of our Time, Talent, and Treasure with those we know and those we do not know. When you share your time sorting clothing at the Nook or at the SSVP garage you are almsgiving because you are giving of yourself for the benefit of others. In the same way, as you support the poor box collection on the third Sunday of the month, you are sharing your alms for the benefit of those who have far more needs than we ourselves. When you attend a Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast or a Catholic Women’s League spring fling or fall bazaar, the money you spend on these activities goes to fund charitable works, for the good of members and groups within our community who need the assistance. There are many modes of almsgiving, but I propose that almsgiving is the good works that result from our prayer and fasting in our own lives. Almsgiving is not linked only to the Church. God’s children are everywhere, at the Stollery, Catholic Social Services, Sacred Heart Church, the Bissel and Marian Centers... prayer and fasting will assist us in discerning who we can assist (and how), our sisters and brothers in the Lord.



When we pray, we open our hearts to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, in how it is we are to live our lives. When we fast - whether it be from sweets, from television, from judging others, from fear - the removal of these things from our lives makes more potential room for other ways to share our Time and our Talent! The results from the inspiration of our prayer, the extra time in the day we have from fasting from something, can lead us to look outside of ourselves to the needs of others. I have often said, though similar in sound and spelling, “selfish” is a world away from “selfless” in meaning. **Selfish** is looking inward at what I need and want. **Selfless**, is looking outward at what the needs of others are.

Why should I give alms? Four reasons:

- #1. Jesus told us to. “When you give alms do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, (Mt. 6, 2).”
- #2. We are created in the image and likeness of God, (Gen. 1, 27). Therefore, it is the inherent right of every human being, to be treated with dignity and respect.
- #3. We share our Time, Talent, and Treasure out of gratitude. We know that all we are, all we have, and all we do is a gift of God’s love for us. Gifts need to be share. Gratitude is a key first step in this process.
- #4. Because Jesus, who was rich Himself (the Son of God), made Himself poor for our sake.

Oh yeah, #5. “You shall help provide for the needs of the Church” is in fact one of the **Five Precepts of the Church.** (Last week’s bulletin topic.)

Almsgiving can be about money, but that is simply one way of expressing our gratitude to our Creator God and love for our neighbor. The prayer and fasting will lead us to a discernment of how it is we are to live out our God-given blessings in our lives. Lent is a most wonderful opportunity to prayerfully take the time, to take stock and discern, how it is we can truly be disciples of Jesus Christ; how we can be His witnesses, His emissaries in the world.

Blessings, *Fr. Jim*

