

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

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!

First Friday of Every Month: May 5 from 9:30 am to 6:15 pm

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



1st Wednesday hosted by Mary's Servants for Christ: May 3

2nd Wednesday hosted by Society of St. Vincent de Paul: May 10

3rd Wednesday hosted by CWL: May 17

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 23, 2023 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

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

Everyone Welcome ~ Join us for CAKE in the foyer after every Mass this weekend as we say THANK YOU to all those who serve our parish in so many ways as VOLUNTEERS!



Stewardship Prayer

Almighty God I give thanks for all that I have and all that I am. Most of all I give thanks for the great gift of your Son, Jesus.

I pray that I may be a good steward – that I will follow faithfully, serve joyfully, give generously, live responsibly, and possess sensibly.

In gratitude for the abundant gifts, you have so graciously given me; I return to you the first fruits of these gifts, through acts of service and by generously sharing all that you have entrusted to me.

Heavenly Father, by your Holy Spirit – Give me knowledge and understanding, help me to be a gift to others in your name. Amen.

Register today for OLPH Vacation Bible School!

July 10 - 14, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm daily

For children Kindergarten to Grade 5

***Register in person at Parish Office**

(Can print registration forms off at home <https://www.olph.ca/child-youth-ministry/vacation-bible-camp/> but you must still bring to the office IN PERSON with payment.)

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



Father Jim's Message



“Almighty God, I give thanks for all that I have and all that I am. Most of all I give thanks for the great gift of your Son Jesus.”

This is the first line of one of my all-time favorite, and I daresay most powerful prayers, the Stewardship Prayer. This is the prayer that was our mantra, every day, every Mass, when we were fundraising and building Corpus Christi parish in Southeast Edmonton. Eventually our working-class, blue-collar, largely immigrant community of St. Theresa parish raised over six million dollars. This allowed us to begin building Corpus Christi parish with the final price tag of sixteen million dollars. The good folks at Corpus Christi continue to work hard at reducing this mortgage and I do believe they owe less than 5.8 million at this moment in time. I believe the Stewardship Prayer, prayed consistently; coupled with the diligent, persevering, faith-filled work of many good faith-filled Catholic folks, then and now, is what has brought them to this point in their journey of building the Church of Corpus Christi in their community. It is my belief that when we pray something consistently for a prolonged period of time, it becomes part of who we are. We become more grateful, more thankful.

As you are well aware, “Stewardship” is really about the caring for and sharing of our God-given Time, Talent, and Treasure. Each of us are blessed with much of it, and we cannot really call it a God-given gift if we are not willing to share that gift with others. This coming week we celebrate National Volunteer Week here in Canada. With that said have you ever responded to the age-old question; “What makes the world go around?” Certainly, there are several elements, but the reality is that volunteerism is an essential ingredient in making Canada the great country that she is. And thanks to Vatican II, volunteerism is in large part, why we are gifted with such a flourishing, vibrant, active parish community here at OLPH and of course within the Universal Catholic Church! One of the principal mandates of Vatican II, (1962-65) was an enhanced role of the laity in the life of the Catholic Church.

With respect to the Holy Mass itself, the “Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy” (one of the sixteen key documents promulgated from the Council), in paragraph 14 we read the following: **“It is very much the wish of the Church that all the faithful should be led to take that full, conscious, and active part in the liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the Liturgy, and to which the Christian people, “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people,(1 Peter 2, 9, 4-5) have a right, and to which they are bound by reason of their baptism.”** In paragraph 10 we read an exceptionally good summary of what the Holy Mass is to us Catholics: **“Nevertheless, the Liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed, it is also the source from which all of its power flows.”**

Interesting connection between National Volunteer Appreciation week and the reality that we are all called to a **full active, conscious participation in the Life of the**

Father Jim's Message

Church. My friends, have you ever thought about the practical reality of how long Mass would be, if it were only the clergy who distributed Holy Communion? Or how our Church might look if it were only the clergy who were responsible for the art and environment of our parish? Or how feeble our outreach attempts would be if we did not have groups like St. Vincent De Paul, the Catholic Women's League, the Knights of Columbus (to name a few) and all the good that results from their charitable outreach efforts on behalf of our parish? Or how we could continue to grow as a grace-filled community of believers without catechists for faith formation and sacramental preparation? Or how a parish the size of OLPH could function without groups like Parish Pastoral Council, Liturgy Council, Parish Finance Council? Or how our Liturgical celebrations would be without the preparation, the beautiful music, and proclamation of the Word, that enriches and enlivens our celebrations?

Jesus Christ is the source and the summit of everything we do. Our volunteers are the mode and the method that make our celebrations, and our parish, a part of the Church that we are immensely proud to call ours. It is the freely given, selfless gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure that each and every one of you provide for the parish, each in your own way and your own means. There are many people in this parish that spend a large amount of time each day praying for their priests, their families, and their Church. There is no way we can put a dollar value on that type of sharing of their God-given gifts. My friends, it is easy for us to sit back and to judge, how something might be done better. *I believe the challenge for all of us moving forward is three-fold:* 1. To be intentional and sincere in thanking the many men women and young people who share their Time, Talent, and Treasure, so freely in our parish and in our greater community. They/You make things better. Volunteers do make the world go around. 2. We need to be intentional in asking ourselves how it is we can share more freely, for the benefit of others, the gifts we have been blessed with. 3. Enough thinking about this stuff. Take the first step. Express interest to someone that you would like to help. Send an email to the parish office. Read the bulletin, oh yeah, you are. Sign up for Flocknote to explore more fully what OLPH has to offer you. This will assist you in coming to grips with that **first step** in sharing YOUR Time, Talent, and Treasure with OLPH.

In the words of Archbishop Richard Smith. *“Thank you for what you have done. Thank you for what you will do.”* My friends, our joy can only be truly joyful, when we serve the Lord, by serving others with our Time, Talent, and Treasure. God's blessings, and I offer my sincere gratitude to you for making our parish the wonderful welcoming parish that it is. **“Almighty God, I give thanks for all that I have and all that I am. Most of all I give thanks for the great gift of your Son Jesus.”**

Blessings, *Fr. Jim*



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 ETRANSFER** 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.



April 24 - 29

Monday ~ Clovis Dantas†, Raymond Sale†, Sister Agnes Leuck†, James Bruchal†, Barbara Kaup†, Jose Clar de Jesus†, Florence Mendiuk, Peter T., 8:30 am Mass family, Rita Deck, Varum Babu

Tuesday ~ Scott Burnard†, Roy Burnard†, Chase Evan Gourlay†, Jim Mitchell†, Clovis Dantas†, Holy Souls in Purgatory†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Rita Deck, Mr. & Mrs. Vitullo

Wednesday ~ Scott Burnard†, Roy Burnard†, Eileen Ilchuk†, Clovis Dantas†, Veronica Cossey†, Pierrette Coté†, Anthony Montebello†, Holy Souls in Purgatory†, CWL, Fr. Ron Cairns

Thursday ~ Gina Persi†, Jim Mitchell†, Clovis Dantas†, 60th Edm General Nurses Reunion, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Ezra, Denise DeBlois, Carol Draganiuk, Rose Harlow, Kent MacDonald Jr.

Friday ~ Joseph Wolansky†, Austin Hood†, Bryce Clarke†, Leo Diederichs†, Clovis Dantas†, James Barrett†, Fredey Kiziak†, 60th Edm General Nurses Reunion, Rose Marie Menard, Barbara Otway

Saturday ~ Clovis Dantas†, Ted Siwak†, Holy Souls in Purgatory†, 60th Edm General Nurses Reunion, Jissy Varum, Mona James, Betty-Lou Lawrence, Karen Ward, Shelley Eluik, Ari Johnson Guzman

Your OLPH Parish Team

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Website: www.caedm.ca

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

Get Involved



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 (bgerow@olph.ca)
- 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

OLPH Financial Report

Week 16 April 16, 2023	Cost of Operating the Parish	Building Fund Target Amount	“Together We Serve” Target Amount
Average weekly amount required (based on 2023 budget)	\$25,000.00	\$2,480.00	\$2,310.00
Donations this week	\$22,001.50	\$2,457.00	\$1,174.25
This week surplus/ shortfall	-\$2,836.50	-\$23.00	-\$1,037.75

- Easter Giving \$2,366.00**
- Cost of operating the parish “average weekly amount” is 1/52 of the total annual amount of ordinary receipts projected in the 2023 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 - *First Sunday of every Month - May 7*
 - Society of St. Vincent De Paul Poor Box Collection - *Third Sunday of every Month - May 21*

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

TOFIELD CORNER

~ St. Francis of Assisi Parish ~

"Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing."
- St. Therese (from Story of a Soul chapter VIII)

3rd Sunday of Easter - Jesus continues to show Himself among us, even now, in our everyday activities. How do we see Him with us today? Can we see Him working with and in us throughout this coming week? How is He moving us and calling us in our own community?

- May 7 - General Meeting** after Mass - downstairs after our monthly Potluck! Perhaps we are being called to 'donate' our voice, our ideas!
- Spring has sprung! Our thoughts move to the **outdoors!** We would love a few **volunteers** to donate perhaps a 1/2 hr every two weeks to weed and water plants. *'Many hands make work light' — isn't that the truth!* Call or text Kathy at 780-270-8652 to put your name on this list of helpers.
- Request** - Do you have a low **bookshelf** that you would like to re-home? We could use one for our 'new' little library in the kitchen/dining area. Give Kathy a call at 780-270-8652. We can pickup if necessary!
- Holy Water** continues to be available for everyone! And there are **free books** at the back of the church. Check them out!
- Soup in a Bag** is still available in the foyer. Great value! \$12-one bag, \$20-two bags.
- Last - but of course not least - come for **coffee, treats and good chats** - after Mass every Sunday!

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



What's Happening at OLPH



Called to Protect, an abuse prevention training session will be offered on **Thursday May 4, 2023, 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm**. The two and half hour session is mandatory for all volunteers and employees of the Archdiocese. This will be an in-person session to be conducted here at OLPH. **To register, use this link :** <https://forms.gle/iYdsKfPR7T2Xchfj7>

Heroes honoured this Service Friday

JETS The JETS Airline is soaring into the blue sky this Friday, April 28, to the wonderful Service Island of Valour Place in Edmonton. Valour Place Military Family Support House provides free accommodation to any Canadian Forces Members, RCMP, Veterans, families of the fallen and First Responders who come into Edmonton for medical treatment. Since 2014, the House has provided 24,000 nights of accommodations at no cost to brave men and women and their families at a time when they most need comfort and safety. We will begin our service morning at 10:00 am with a tour of Valour Place and then offer our helping hands to tidy, sort, organize and clean certain areas of the home. We also have a request to bring along donations of baking for their freezer of treats. A carpool will be set up from the OLPH church parking lot for those who wish to drive into the city together. Registration is kindly requested; please email our Captain of the day, Natalie E., at nengler0@gmail.com to add your name to the list.

"Continue to love each other like brothers and do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels." Hebrews 13:1-2



Congratulations & Welcome to the children who were Baptized on Sunday April 16

Elliot Charles Bryski

Alexis Marie Carosa

Oaklyn Alexandra Grusie

Niall Patrick MacInnis

Quinn Adelynn O'Connor

Kylie Ray Schultz

Alexander Robert Weed

Prayer of Condolence

Funeral for **Eileen Ilchuk** will be at OLPH on Saturday April 22 at 2:00 pm.

Funeral for **Muriel Peddie** will be at Glenwood Memorial Gardens on Saturday April 29 at 2:00 pm.

Condolences to Terry & Angela Prenoslo, their son-in-law **Tom Linaker** died on April 15 in Edmonton.

To George & Lorene Thursby. Lorene's brother, **Donald Madill**, passed away on April 18 in Edmonton.

To Diana & Brent Wyley, Diana's mom **Hilda Gatringer** died on April 21 in Edmonton.

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YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

GRADES 6-12



Calling Youth Volunteers Grade 6 and up
Join the fun at *Son Spark Labs VBS* this summer!

**Youth Volunteers must be available to
help July 4th-7th for set up and
July 10-14th for camp**

**Sign up soon, there is limited number of spaces for
youth to volunteer at camp.** For more info contact
Sharon Darbyshire at sdarbyshire@olph.ca

“SHERWOOD PARK AGAINST HUNGER” MEAL PACKAGING EVENT

Saturday May 27, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm in the OLPH Parish Hall

We need approx. 180 volunteers (90 per shift) from ages 6 and up to help package the meals in an assembly line fashion. It is a fun way to spend time with friends and family for a wonderful cause. Recipients from our last meal packaging event in 2022 were the Edmonton Inner City Soup Kitchens, Northern Canada remote communities as well as International Communities in need. Sponsored by our OLPH Knights of Columbus, OLPH Society of St. Vincent de Paul and other local service organizations.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ca5a92ba0f9c07-sherwood#/> **or scan QR code:**



Strawberry Tea & Fun/Literal Fashion Show Wednesday May 10, 5:30 - 9:00 pm

CWL will be selling tickets after all weekend Masses beginning April 22 – May 6 inclusive or contact Pat Keith at 780-218-8009 or Connie Asp 780-570-1045

Tickets are \$15 each (Tables can be reserved for groups of 8)

No tickets for sale at door.

Fun/Literal Fashion show as well as raffle draws and 50/50 ticket sales.

We are asking for DONATIONS (new items, cash or gift cards) for our **Themed Raffle Baskets:** Garden, Wine, Coffee/Tea, Kitchen, Spa and Movie Night.

Donation bin in front of the parish office. Please hand in cash & gift cards to the office for the CWL mail folder. Please drop off all donations by May 1.

We also need VOLUNTEERS to serve the cake and strawberries. If you are able to assist please contact Connie 780-570-1045 or Pat 780-218-8009.



Sacraments

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY



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.



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: May 9. * *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

Sacramental Preparation for Children in Grade 2 and older.



You can preregister now for our Fall 2023 session. Email: sacraments@olph.ca

Please keep in your prayers the 74 boys and girls preparing for their first sacraments in our parish this spring.

Reminder: First Reconciliation Parent/Child Retreat is Saturday May 6 at 10:00 am.



**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

Catholic Community News



If you have a child in grade 4-12, we have a place for them at **Our Lady of Victory Camp** this summer! Consider sending them to camp where they can swim in our lake, gather around the campfire, play epic games, and grow in their faith during one of our four weeks of camp this summer. If you don't have a camp-aged child, you can still get involved in the preparations for our camp reopening this summer. Please pray for us! We also always need workers on the ground to help prepare the site of the summer and would welcome any financial support you might give. We look forward to gathering with families and camp supporters on Saturday, July 8th for Mass with the Archbishop and a BBQ. If you have any questions, please contact us at 587-447-2837 or visit www.olvcamp.com.

GrACE Summit
FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023 | 9:45 AM - 3:45 PM
 Lumen Christi Catholic Education Centre | 9405 50 Street NW | Edmonton AB

WALKING TOGETHER IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION

† Sessions on Engagement, Unity, Education and Communication
 † Conversations with other Catholic education stakeholders
 † Closing mass with Bishop McGrattan

Registration \$50, Registration deadline May 1, Register at: <https://www.studentquickpay.com/ecsd/MyAccount/Main.aspx>

To register: <https://www.studentquickpay.com/ecsd/MyAccount/Main.aspx?webid=5333>

The mission of GrACE is to inspire, invigorate and embolden the spirit of Catholic education in order to unite, engage, educate and communicate with one voice on its behalf.

YOU ARE INVITED to gather with advocates from across Alberta to unite, engage, educate and communicate around Catholic education in our province. Meet advocates from across the province. Be prepared for an exciting and rewarding day!

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Saint Vincent de Paul

2023 NORTH OF 60 PROJECT



Our OLPH Society of Saint Vincent de Paul has been asked once again this year to assist the poor in the small Arctic hamlet of Paulatuk, located in the Inuvik Region of the NWT. Paulatuk has been inhabited since 1000 AD and incorporated as a hamlet in 1987. This community consists of about 350 people of which 90% are indigenous. Hunting, fishing, trapping and recently print-making are their major economic activities. They have an RCMP detachment, a health Centre, K- 12 school, a community learning center, and an airport. (Paulatuk is not accessible by road). The community is served only by the Catholic Church led by Father Fred (from Inuvik). The renovation of a 60-year-old Oblate

Mission House into a warming and distribution center should be completed this year. We are assisting with some of the items needed for this undertaking.

As in past years, we plan to undertake our REVERSE COLLECTION PROGRAM here at OLPH, to help this community with requested and needed items. With the generous support of the Priests and Parishioners of our OLPH Parish, our Saint Vincent de Paul volunteers and the surrounding community we will be filling an 8 x 8 x 20 ft SeaCan.

(Any surplus items collected for Paulatuk will be generously donated to the people of Sacred Heart Parish and St. Alphonse's Parish in Edmonton, and to our indigenous communities of Saddle Lake and Good Fish Lake in Alberta.)

This is our Plan:

April 29 & 30: REVERSE COLLECTION: - choosing a food item or a cash donation, toward the purchase of a specific item such as mattresses, bedding etc, at Sunday Masses.

May 6 & 7: Collection at all masses of the above items selected in the previous week. (Volunteers needed for about 2 hrs.)

May 6, 7, and during the week: Sorting and packing and preparing for shipping. (Volunteers needed for about 3 hrs.)

We are planning to ship the SeaCan to Paulatuk mid-May.

We cannot do this without your support through contributions of goods, money, time and energy. CAN YOU HELP US? Contact Tom at 780-467-4775

Thank you in advance for your generosity and concern for those that we serve!