

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 of the Blessed Sacrament - 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

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM 2023 SPECIAL EDITION

Holy Thursday April 6 ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper

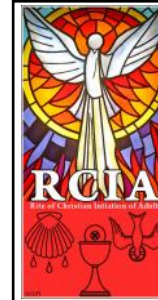
Good Friday April 7 ~ Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday April 8 ~ Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday April 9 ~ Resurrection of the Lord

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

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



We joyfully welcome into the Holy Catholic Church:
PANA REGINA WRIGHT (BOYCHUK)
who was Baptized, Confirmed & received the Holy Eucharist for the First Time on **March 30, 2023**

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



**NEXT SUNDAY
APRIL 16**

Join us for the
**DIVINE MERCY
CHAPLET**
at 4:00 pm

Reminder: Divine Mercy
NOVENA starts on
Good Friday and ends
on Divine Mercy Sunday



Special Parish Events Coming Soon...



Sunday April 16
K of C hosting
Pancake Breakfast
following the 8:30
& 10:30 am Masses



April 22-23
National
Volunteer
Appreciation
Week



Wednesday May 10
CWL Strawberry Tea
& Fashion Show
*Tickets on Sale
Starting April 22!*



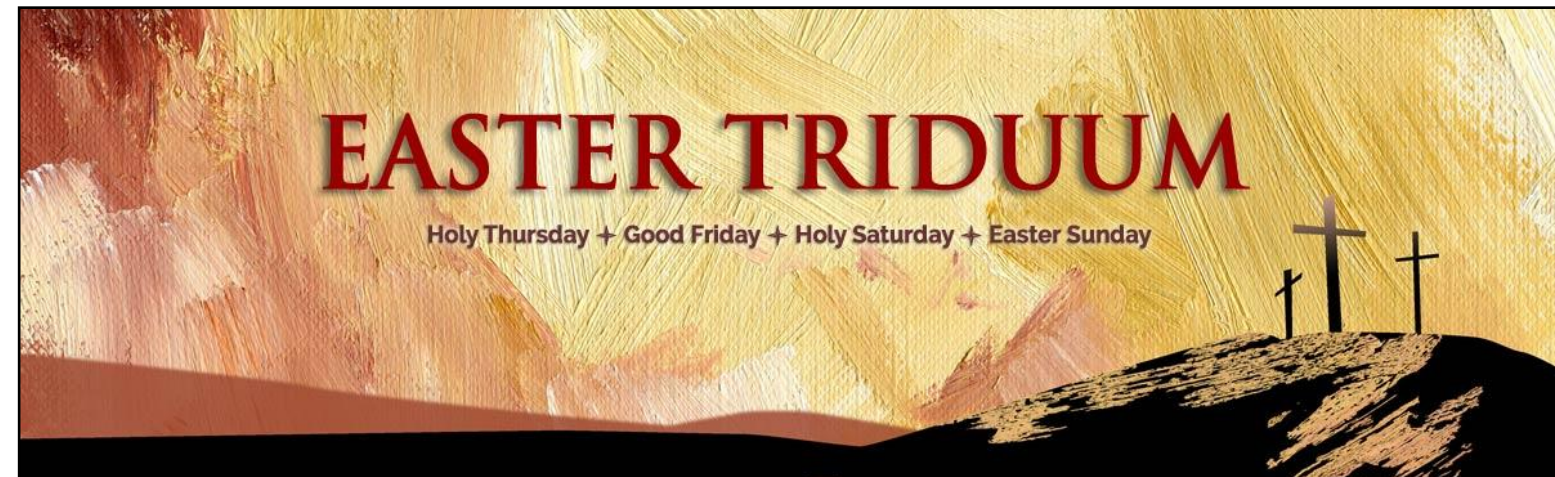
May 15-19
Catholic
Education Week
**Wear BLUE on
Thursday May 18*



Saturday June 10
Parish Potluck
& Family Dance
Following the
evening Mass

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday + Good Friday + Holy Saturday + Easter Sunday



Monday ~ Chase Evan Gourlay†, Clovis Dantas†, Anthony Montebello†, Cyril LeVangee†, Holy Souls in Purgatory†, Diane Balatcka, Jim Van Bloomstein, Leonard Sebastian, Sheila Fisher, Bill & Jeannie Jackson, Elaine & Kent MacDonald

Tuesday ~ Jorge Acosta Sanchez†, Mervyn Lynch†, Jim Mitchell†, Anthony Montebello†, Clovis Dantas†, Kasmer Melowsky†, Tai Kim Tek†, Holy Souls in Purgatory†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Decey Anonson, Dominic SilveiraDantas†, Chase Evan Gourlay†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Uduak Akpan

Wednesday ~ Anthony Montebello†, Merle Moriarty†, Clovis Dantas†, Eric & Paul Babin†, Veronica Cossey†,

Barb Charlebois, Renate Sauq, Marie & Ron Carter, Larry Charlebois, Mateo Silveira, Jordan Silveira

Thursday ~ Gina Persi†, Jim Mitchell†, Clovis Dantas†, Joseph Mario Alphonso†, Mona Hadley†, Holy Souls in Purgatory†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Rita Deck, Bernard Draganiuk, Tricia Murphy

Friday ~ John Paul Busch†, Bryce Clarke†, Clovis Dantas†, Harris Fidler†, Steve Weimann†, Vivian Broks†, April Levesque, Madeline Thomassen, Linda De Sousa, Mr. & Mrs. Art Kayfish

Saturday ~ Brian Corrigan†, Anthony Montebello†, Clovis Dantas†, Pierrette Coté†, Dylan Nicholson†, Pana Wright, Katie Kingston, Taro Loeska

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.



OLPH Weekly Financial Report

Week 14 April 2, 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	\$26,680.50	\$2,582.00	\$2,259.25
This week surplus/shortfall	\$1,680.50	\$102.00	\$47.25

Special SHARE LENT Collection for Development & Peace \$2,029.00

- 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 - **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**

Your OLPH Parish Team

Pastor ~ Fr. Jim Corrigan
jcorrigan@olph.ca

Associate Pastor
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frvince@olph.ca

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Deacon Lynn Pion
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Administrative Assistant
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info@olph.ca
Parish Office 780-467-5470
www.olph.ca

Follow Us on Facebook:
facebook.com/olphsherwoodpark

Archdiocese of Edmonton
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 ~

"We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way."
- St. Francis of Assisi

EASTER SUNDAY - Resurrection of the Lord! Let us take this opportunity to be like Mary Magdalene and proclaim **"The Risen Lord!"** As we move forward in our faith journey!

1. **Divine Mercy Sunday - April 16.** Jesus said to St. Faustina *"I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy. Whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment."*

- How long before Divine Mercy Sunday can you confess? - Not more than 20 days in advance of performing the indulgenced work.
- What colors to wear on Divine Mercy Sunday? - Red, white or pale blue in honor of the rays depicted in the Divine Mercy image.
- To learn more about The Divine Mercy - go to thedivinemercy.org website. There is sooooo much info there!

2. We are looking forward to our **2nd Bake Sale** fundraiser after Mass on Easter Sunday. As you all know by now, the funds are to assist our young adults in our parish with traveling to the **World Youth Day Celebrations** in Portugal this August. Enjoy the goodies and let's celebrate Easter!

3. Interested in having a 'say' in what goes on in our parish? We will be having a **council/discussion/meeting** after Mass on May 7 in the lower level. Do you have ideas or interests for our parish moving forward? Come get a coffee, a snack and please — join in! We would love your input.

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.)



Our Family of Catholic Schools

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Seeing Christ in Everyone

COGITO ACADEMY

New Academic Program
Opens Sept / 23
Kindergarten - Gr. 4

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COGITO Academy is an **alternative program** based upon advanced learning. It covers the regular Alberta curriculum at a faster pace, allowing time for more complex concepts. Other advantages include the more structured, non-distracting environment, early reading and second language instruction. Uniform is the dress code requirement. Contact Madonna Catholic School for more information.

ABJ YFast
APRIL 14TH-15TH

Archbishop Jordan High School is holding an Overnight Easter Fast to raise money for the Lurana Shelter (Catholic Social Services). Students participating in the event will fast for 24 hours and participate in both Adoration of the blessed sacrament as well as the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

If you have any questions or would like to donate, please email the ABJ Chaplains: Lindsay Fichter (lindsay.fichter@eics.ab.ca) & Anita Lakusta (anita.lakusta@eics.ab.ca)

RAIDERS HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC SCHOOL
HOCKEY PROGRAM
WHERE ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS, AND FAITH COME ALIVE
GRADES 5-8 23/24

REGISTER TODAY

SCAN THE QR CODE

SUBMIT YOUR REGISTRATION INTENT AND REGISTER TODAY

CONTACT US
780-922-4522
visit: www.hrcs.ab.ca

ELK ISLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
Seeing Christ in Everyone

St. ISIDORE LEARNING CENTRE

WEDNESDAY April 12th
2-4pm & 5-7pm

IN PERSON OPEN HOUSE
Come check out our Student Centre and learn about our Online programming for Kindergarten to Grade 12.

As well as our Classical Online Education
Chesterton Academy for Grades 9 to 12

310 Broadview Road
INSIDE EICS Central Learning Services
Across from Bethal Transit station

www.silc.eics.ab.ca

LITTLE ORCHARD Sadochok Preschool

4 Year Old Program
Located in St. Nicholas School

Accepting registrations for September 2023!

Little Orchard Sadochok Preschool was started in 2007 and is an English based program with some Ukrainian fun! The program is supported by the Bilingual Ukrainian Catholic Parents Society of Sherwood Park (BUCPS) and strives to provide the students with a gentle introduction into Ukrainian language and culture. The aim of the preschool is to encourage your child's development, growth and desire to learn while engaging in cultural activities such as pysanky and Easter bread making. Children typically attend this program the year prior to kindergarten, so they will be introduced to the academic and social skills that will be required of them. Each day, they participate in a variety of activities including active learning, crafts and free play. There is no requirement to be of Ukrainian descent; all are welcome!

We can't wait to see you in class!

- Classes run 8:45 am - 11:15 am Monday and Wednesday
- Monthly fee approx \$155-\$170 (depending on enrollment)
- Follow the EICS school calendar
- Children must be sufficient with toileting
- Children must turn 4 by December 31st of 2023

To obtain registration forms or more info,
Email: little.orchard.sadochok@gmail.com
or message us on Facebook

Sherwood Park Ukrainian Bilingual Program
Українська Двомовна Програма м. Шервуд Парк

École Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Grade 8 French Immersion
QUEBEC TRIP FUNDRAISING LUNCH
Catered by Nitza's Pizza
Sunday April 23 at 11:30 am
in the OLPH Parish Hall

\$12 per adult, \$6 per child under 12 or \$30 per family
Email Christopher clucasi75@gmail.com to reserve a table.

What's Happening at OLPH

Prayer of Condolence

Condolences to the family of **Emil Bilyk**. Emil passed away on March 31 in Edmonton. Funeral will be at OLPH on Monday April 10 at 1:00 pm.

To Dolores Bruchal & family. Her son, **James Bruchal** died on April 1 in Edmonton. Funeral will be at OLPH on Friday April 14 at 1:00 pm.

To Paulette Collins & family. Her husband **Dr. Paul Collins** passed away on April 5 in Beaver County AB.

To the Young family. Their mother **Betty Young** passed away on April 5 in Sherwood Park.



Affordable Seniors Housing

A few of our parishioners have been asking about next steps, focus groups, who to contact etc. regarding this potential project. We received good support at our Town Hall meetings in February to move forward with continued exploration of potentials. At this point, we have formed a small group of parishioners and Archdiocesan employees, simply for the purpose of moving the exploration of this project forward. Letters of understanding, legal counsel, points of contact etc. We have written a letter to the proposers of this project asking for clarification on several points. For now, my friends, we have nothing to report other than that the wheels are turning in a forward direction. **Focus groups etc. will only come into play, if, and when, we come to clarity about moving forward in a positive direction. Please do stay tuned.** We will share what we have when we have something to share.

Blessings, Fr. Jim



Gift Shop is OPEN on Sunday
Mornings following 8:30 am
& 10:30 am Masses.

Register today for OLPH Vacation Bible School!

Summer Fun for Children Currently in Kindergarten to Grade 5
Bible stories, Crafts/Experiments, Games, Snacks

Come join us for fun and excitement!

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

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

Come register at the Parish Office OR print it off at home: <https://www.olph.ca/child-youth-ministry/vacation-bible-camp/>

***You must bring completed registration form IN PERSON to the office with payment. Last day to register is June 28.**

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



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

What's Happening at OLPH

***Special Collection on GOOD FRIDAY**

Together in UNITY

together we serve

For more information:
www.caedm.ca/togetherweserve

WHEN YOU GIVE to Together We Serve, you are supporting the work of Catholic organizations at home, in Canada and abroad, as we work together to build the Kingdom of God.

"Your very giving proves the reality of your faith, and that means that people thank God that you practise the Gospel that you profess to believe in, as well for the actual gifts you make to them and to others."
2 Corinthians 9:12-13

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.

Wednesdays 1:00 - 5:00 pm
April 12 - June 14

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



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.

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

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.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Sherwood Park

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 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

Strawberry Tea & Fashion Show Wednesday May 10 5:30 - 9:00 pm



CWL will be selling tickets after all weekend Masses beginning April 22 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) Fun Fashion Show + 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.*

The donation bin will be 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 or Pat.

Parish & Community News

CWL Members, Did you know that in 1988 the League received two generous donations which were used to establish a CWL National Bursary Fund?

The bursary provides financial assistance to Catholic Women's League members after two years of membership. Members can apply when pursuing studies, courses, seminars, conferences, workshops, and diploma degree programs in the area of:

- Adult faith formation
- Literacy tutoring
- Ministry in palliative care
- Ministry to shut-ins
- Nursing
- Parliamentary procedure
- Spiritual growth
- Youth ministry

Deadline for applications is May 15 annually. The bursary awards up to \$1,000 per year and up to \$4,000 in a lifetime. Details and Form #552 at www.cwl.ca For more information, contact: educationhealth@cwloiph.ca or president@cwloiph.ca

The Catholic Women's League of Canada



National Bursary Fund



Saturday, April 22

10:00 am – 2:30 pm

Parish Hall, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

We are a small but growing group of Catholics who want to reclaim our families and our community. Join us on April 22 to:

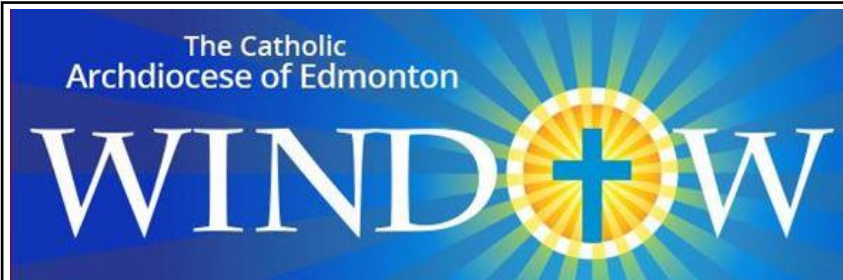
WATCH the new documentary, *DYS-CONNECTED: The Real Story Behind the Transgender Explosion* (available on FORMED).

HEAR the truth of Catholic teaching on human sexuality from a Moral Theologian.

DISCUSS what we can do to reclaim the truth.

No cost. Lunch will be provided.

Please pre-register to help us plan. Email us at: reclaimtruth@shaw.com



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where we seek to bridge the gap between the hierarchy and the faithful by discussing *the beauty, truth, and challenges of our Catholic faith.*

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OUR LADY OF VICTORY CAMP ON GULL LAKE

BACK FOR 2023!

SATURDAY, JULY 8
GRAND RE-OPENING BBQ
(ALL ARE WELCOME)

JULY 9-13
HIGH SCHOOL CAMP
(GRADES 10-12)

JULY 16-20
ELEMENTARY CAMP
(GRADES 4-6)

JULY 30-AUGUST 3
JUNIOR HIGH CAMP
(GRADES 7-9)

AUGUST 6-10
ALL AGES CAMP
(GRADES 4-9)

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OLVC
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Sacramental Preparation for Children in Grade 2 and older.

Parents must attend **Opening Mass & Meeting** on either Tuesday April 11 or Thursday April 13 at 6:15pm. Email Natalie at the Parish Office to 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.



This month is Lesson 4 and our theme is "DISCIPLESHIP".

RSVP to Natalie to choose or change your class date.

- Saturday April 15 at 8:30 am
- Monday April 17 at 6:15 pm
- Wednesday April 19 at 6:15 pm

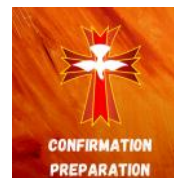
* Please be on time for Mass & remember to bring your Gifted by God workbook!

Please keep our 120 young Confirmands, their parents, Sponsors and Catechists in your prayers.



Sunday June 4 at 2:30 pm and Sunday June 11 at 2:30 pm

Is your child in Grade 6 or older? Confirmation Preparation is an opportunity for the whole family to grow as disciples through Witness, Worship and Service. Our next preparation session for children will start in September. Child must attend 5 classes (one per month) with a parent or sponsor. Contact Natalie at the Parish Office to pre-register:



sacraments@olph.ca



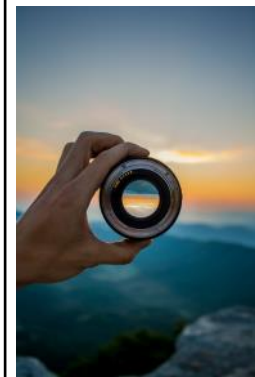
Catholic Women's League General Meeting
Tuesday April 11 at 6:30pm
in the Meeting Room

On the Agenda:

- Speaker at 7:15 pm, CWL Member Uduak Akpan on "My Journey"
- Planning for the Strawberry Tea & Fashion Show (**SAVE THE DATE: May 10!**)

All ladies of the Parish are welcome!

JETS[®] Seeing Differently ...with Heart



The JETS Airline is once again soaring back into the skies this Friday April 14, with a wonderful guest pilot (speaker) who will fly us into parts unknown for many.

We welcome Ms. Amber Krasowski, a Registered Nurse with low vision and a volunteer with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB), who will share her experiences and per-

sonal stories surrounding living with a visual impairment. Amber will offer information on etiquette to assist a visually impaired person, talk about guide dogs, canes and other supports and, leave us with nuggets of knowledge. An opportunity will be presented to try some low vision games and we all will have the opportunity to eat our in-flight snacks without sight.

Please arrive at our boarding gate, also known as the Large Meeting Room, at 9:45 am and our **Seeing Differently** session will begin at 10:00 am. ALL women and men of the Parish are warmly invited. For further information, kindly contact our Captain of the Day, Edwina V. by email at neviegas@gmail.com.

Because you are precious in my eyes and honored, and I love you" Isaiah 43:3

= java, exercise, talk and service =

AT OLPH, WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER. Contact Doreen 780-467-0597 or Josie 780-467-0197 with your prayer requests. *You can also leave a note in the Prayer Box in the Foyer.*

Secular Franciscan Order (Third Order of St. Francis)

Are you looking for a group of people to be with you as you:

- Mature in your faith
- Learn more about St. Francis of Assisi and his spirit of love for Jesus, His church and His People
- To celebrate and pray together?



If this is happening at this time in your life, please call Michele Butt 780-270-0506 or Ann Bingham 780-464-5941 for more info over a cup of coffee.

See you soon and Peace be with you.



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!**

“Created for Communion in Communion”

A truth of our human condition that has been strongly reaffirmed to me during this Holy of Holy Weeks is this:

For the most part, we have been saying that covid (and all that this word entails) is in the rear-view mirror. This may be more hopeful thinking than a true statement. However, it has been truly gratifying to see the large numbers of the faithful who have been gathering for our Holy Week celebrations. Hence, one of the truths of our humanity and our faith: **God made us to be people of relationship, to be in communion with one another.** The friendly smiles, the large crowds, that have entered OLPH in these days, really is an affirmation of who our Lord made us to be.

We need to be with one another to live most fully who our Lord has created us to be. Another way of saying this, is that God created us to be people of community, people of *communion*. The evil one on the other hand, is most happy when he can cause division among people who are most naturally happy when they are together. We can be sure that all things covid had a very divisive effect upon all of humanity. Not just locally, but globally. The covid effect, generally speaking, divided families, churches and communities in so many ways. The practical reality that we had to isolate from one another in an intentional way, in my view, had a negative psychological effect on the social well being of our society in general.

In a world where “**its all about me**” is the prevailing or dominant secular message, the isolation that we endured for the common good, had a cumulative negative effect on the psyches of humanity as a whole. It matters not whether we agree on what got us to where we are. I daresay most of us can agree that there has been a not insignificant fracture, in the way many relationships today are lived out. My friends, this is not a message of doom and gloom. ***It is a joyful reflection on how gratifying and rewarding it is for us to gather again in community in the way that our Lord intended, within His divine plan of creative genius.***

The Stations of the Cross hosted by different ministry groups throughout Lent were exceptionally well attended and very well presented by the host groups. Our weekday morning Masses have averaged 60-70 attendees on a daily basis. Our evening Masses are gathering a consistent number of attendees as well. As expected, Passion (Palm) Sunday Masses were large and joyful gatherings of pilgrims, beginning their journey of Holy Week. In the big picture of salvation history, Holy Week is a wonderful time to enter into the salvific triumphal journey of our Lord Jesus into Jerusalem, culminating in his death on the cross. The reality of His resurrection is what made Jesus the Christ totally unique from any deity of any other faith.

In the betrayal of Jesus by Judas Iscariot and even the denial Jesus by Peter (the first Bishop of Rome), we see how the evil one continues to try and divide even the inner circle of Jesus. There has been much that has been divisive among us in the past few years, but my friends, the Beauty, the Good and the True (the immutable transcendentals), will always prevail in the person of Jesus Christ. Yes, evil would cause division, but **the resurrection of our Lord, followed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, formed a unity among this new Christian community that could not be diminished or exploited.** This, despite the numerous external and internal challenges the Church has experienced over the past two thousand years. On a micro level, I see a very similar scenario here in the Archdiocese of Edmonton, and specifically here in our parish Churches of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Francis of Assisi, Tofield.

Within the walls of our OLPH parish, along with a local and a world wide web outreach, there are an incredible number of opportunities for us to gather in person, or virtually, to live, learn, and practice our faith.



At a very basic, practical, local level, which was my inspiration for the theme of this reflection, is the consistently larger number of smiling parishioners coming through our parish doors to celebrate the Holy Mass together. A simple, but significant example of this? On Saturday April 1, our OLPH Day of Confessions, we had four priests at a time, hearing confessions for eight continuous hours. What made this Day of Confessions unique, in my view, is that there was no break in the action for any of the priests hearing confessions. There were always many people in the Church during the day. It was a beautiful thing to behold and to be part of. If you look at the day another way, one could say this: Confessions were heard for thirty-two hours without a break.

My friends, our Lord made us to be in relationship with Him, and with one another. These God-given proclivities, lived out, are what make our lives joyful in the here and now. Together (in communion), we can celebrate the many blessings and graces of God's goodness in our lives. We can also, together (in communion), prevail over any of the challenges that are part of what it is to be fully human and fully in communion. **May our Risen Lord bless you and yours this Easter Triduum with a deeper understanding and acceptance of His love for each of us His children.** My friends, my Easter challenge to each of you: Invite a friend who has been away, for a short while or for a long while, to come and join our celebrations with a whole bunch of like-minded Catholic Christian folks. It is a joyful thing to celebrate the love of God together. Why? Because we have been “**Created for Communion in Communion.**” *Fr. Jim*



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