

**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 9:15 am to 11:00 am

**Adoration**

**\*\*\*EVERY FRIDAY a Holy Hour prior to each daily Mass\*\*\***

***7:30 am prior to Morning Mass and 5:15 pm prior to Evening Mass***

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

*1st Wednesday hosted by Mary's Servants for Christ: October 4*

*2nd Wednesday hosted by Society of St. Vincent de Paul: October 11*

*3rd Wednesday hosted by CWL: October 18*

*4th Wednesday hosted by K of C: October 25*

*5th Wednesday (when applicable) hosted by Clergy: November 29*



*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/](http://www.olph.ca/video/) or at [facebook.com/olphsherwoodpark/videos](https://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 October 1, 2023 ~ Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe*

13 Brower Drive, Sherwood Park, AB T8H 1Y7 780-467-5470 [www.olph.ca](http://www.olph.ca)



National Day for  
Truth and  
Reconciliation

**OLPH Parish Office and all Elk Island Catholic Schools will be CLOSED on Monday October 2 in recognition of National Day for Truth & Reconciliation. *The Church will be OPEN for regular 8:30 am and 6:15 pm Masses and Reconciliation times only.***

Canada's Truth & Reconciliation Day (officially September 30 each year) provides each one of us an opportunity for prayerful reflection to learn, reflect and act in our ongoing journey of healing, reconciliation and hope.

*God our Creator, You heal broken hearts with Your love, and call us to share this love with one another. Open our hearts, that we might learn to walk with one another — as Indigenous peoples, peoples of settler origin and newcomers — along Your healing path. Give us the courage to see You...in every human face, in every language and culture, in every gift of creation. Make us stewards...of one another's dignity, of one another's safety, of one another's lands, of one another's rights to a cultural identity, as unique peoples...as gifts to the human family...as Your beloved children. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

*~Prayer shared by the York Catholic School District Board*

**SPECIAL MONTHLY COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND for TOGETHER WE SERVE**

**THE POWER OF ONE GIFT**

When you give to **Together We Serve** you are helping to:

- Feed the hungry and provide homes to the homeless
- Welcome refugees and immigrants
- Protect unborn children and support their mothers
- Form new priests, deacons and lay ministers
- Provide dignified care for our retired priests
- Educate the next generation of young Catholics
- Share our faith with Dene, Métis, and Inuvialuit peoples in Canada's north
- Support missionary work beyond Canada's borders
- Maintain Christianity's most holy sites
- Respond to international disasters... and more!

**SCAN HERE TO DONATE**

or speak with someone in the parish office.



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](mailto: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.



**October 2 - 7**

**Monday** ~ Thomas Gray†, Mary Moroz†, Martha Sieben†, Clifford Fiddler†, Eileen Gallant†, Jillian James & family, Danielle & Reese Shortman, Biel Sumallo, Mable & Ken Solomon, Jhun & Bevs Sumallo

**Tuesday** ~ Louis Solomon†, Bessie Lashin†, Jim Mitchell†, Genevieve Groome†, Jean Marc Vienneau†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Garcia, Joel & Agas families, Benilda Ramos, John Lindsat, Erica Love, Julian Varghese

**Wednesday** ~ Greg Walter†, Elizabeth Kiziak†, Danielle & Reese Shortman, RCIA Inquiries, Bemvindo Palha, Angela Kryba, Beth Aberin, Vera Connor, Terry Lynch, Robinson & Viola Rodrigues

**Thursday** ~ Claude Brassard†, Marietta Kowal†, Jim Mitchell†, Betty Lou Lawrence†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Joan Sandmaier, Corazon Garcia, Morris Ramilo, Darren MacDonald, David family

**Friday** ~ Charlotte Caddel†, Bryce Clarke†, George McCargar†, Susanne Schaefer†, Ken Engel†, Thomas Gray†, Michael John Hanson†, Esko Hanninen†, Rhyse Reyes Pricehood, Barbara Owens

**Saturday** ~ Bill Webb†, Harris Fiddler†, Denise Hrushka†, Graham & Molly Finley, Geelyn & Shaila Agas, Gene & Camille Romaniuk, Rylee Weleschuk, Barbara Owens, Jenna Bishop, Antonnette DeGracia

**DEADLINE for Bulletin is Wednesdays at Noon. Email your announcements to Natalie at [nlavigne@olph.ca](mailto:nlavigne@olph.ca)**

**Your OLPH Parish Team**

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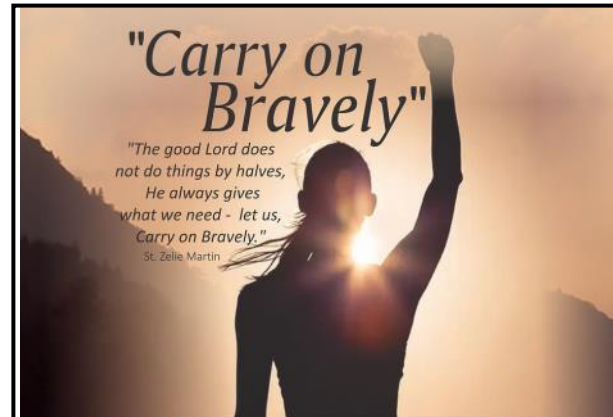
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**Archdiocese of Edmonton**  
**Website:** [www.caedm.ca](http://www.caedm.ca)

**In event of an emergency, call the church office to connect with the Priest On Call 780-467-5470**

**Parish & Community News**



Oct. 20-21, 2023 • Catholic Women's Conference



**Hosted at Holy Trinity Parish**  
**200 Boundary Road, Spruce Grove, AB**

**\$60.00/Woman • \$40.00/Student**

**More details and online registration:**  
<https://www.catholicfamilyministries.com/women-of-dignity-conference>



**COMMON CUP COMPANY**

IN CONCERT

**Saturday, October 14, 2023, 7:00PM**

Tickets: \$20  
(children under 10, free)  
For tickets, call the church office  
or purchase at the door.

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Sherwood Park, AB  
780-467-5730

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**OLPH Financial Report**

Week 39 September 24, 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	\$23,243.75	\$2,413.00	\$1,249.25
This week surplus/ shortfall	-\$1,756.25	-\$67.00	-\$1,060.75

- 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 - October 1*
- Society of St. Vincent De Paul Poor Box Collection - *Third Sunday of every Month - October 15*

## TOFIELD CORNER

### ~ St. Francis of Assisi Parish ~ Mass every Sunday at 11:00 am

And the Lord answered! "Francis, go and rebuild my church, as you can see, is falling into ruin." - Quote from St. Francis of Assisi

**26th Sunday of Ordinary Time** ~ Today we are hearing that we must not become complacent to God's will. Jesus is our 'blue-print' on this. As St. Paul tells us "Jesus humbled Himself to God, becoming obedient *even* to the point of death." We are rebuilding our own small part of the church here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in little Tofield. Let's be humble to God's request and continue our own mission faithfully and with happy enthusiasm.

1. We will be celebrating our patron saint - the solemnity of **St. Francis of Assisi on Wednesday October 4**. The rosary will start at 6:00 pm and mass will start at 6:30 pm. Please join us if you can!
2. Also on October 4, you can join in with the **3rd Annual St. Francis of Assisi Pilgrimage**. It will start at Lindbrook Service Station at approximately noon. If you would like to participate - please call Wendy at 780-232-5300 for details!
3. We are waiting for our upcoming October schedule to plan our next **General Meeting**. Stay tuned for more info.
4. October and November we will be bringing in lots of volunteers together for 'painting-bees' at our parish. Wait for the call!
5. **Call for Readers!** We are in need of some more readers for the November and December schedule. If you are interested or would like to be put on the list please let Alex know. You can call/text at 587-336-0750 or email at [novaxela@gmail.com](mailto:novaxela@gmail.com).

To post in the 'Tofield Corner' contact Kathy by email [Kathleen.Anderson.one@gmail.com](mailto:Kathleen.Anderson.one@gmail.com) or phone 780-270-8652.

(Weekly bulletin deadline is Wednesday.)



**VOLUNTEERS**

PROCLAIMING  
THE  
WORD



## What's Happening at OLPH



# Knights of Columbus®

## CALLING ALL MEN!

# JOIN US!

### What does it mean to be a Knight?

We are Catholic Men who  
**LEAD, SERVE,  
PROTECT AND DEFEND.**  
We share a desire to be better  
**HUSBANDS, FATHERS, SONS,  
NEIGHBORS AND ROLE MODELS**  
and to put charity and  
community first.

Help us serve, protect and defend  
those in need. Join 1.9 million  
Catholic men on a path where  
faith leads the way.

### MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT DRIVE

Speak to us in the foyer after any  
Mass this weekend OR contact  
Daryl Boyden 780-467-9222 or  
[boydendg@telusplanet.net](mailto:boydendg@telusplanet.net).

## Prayer of Condolence

Funeral for **Gertrude Howes**  
will be on Monday October 2,  
1:00 pm at OLPH.

Congratulations & Welcome  
to the children Baptized on  
Sunday September 24, 2023

Mikayla Helina Roe

Georgia Lynn Allan



**AT OLPH WE PRAY  
FOR ONE ANOTHER**  
Call Doreen at 780-467-  
0597 or Josie at  
780-467-0197 with  
your **PRAYER  
REQUESTS**



## Baptism OPENS THE DOOR to the rest of the Sacraments!

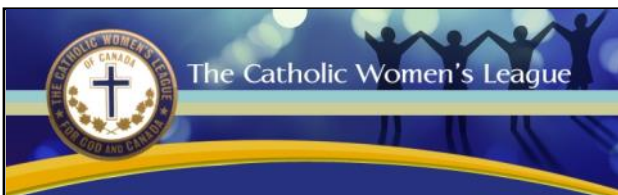


If your child (age 7-10) is not yet baptized, but wants to receive First Communion with their classmates this year, we have special support for your family! **There are two steps you must complete:**

1. **Baptism Preparation Class for Parents:** choice of Tuesday October 10 or Tuesday November 14 at 6:15 pm (both start with Holy Mass).
2. **Family Baptism Retreat (for Children & Parents)** on Sunday October 22, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm (starting with Mass)  
**\*Deadline to register for these classes is October 10.**  
Contact Jenny 780-467-5470 or [info@olph.ca](mailto:info@olph.ca) to register.

Once preparation is completed, parents will have three dates to choose from for the baptism of your child(ren):  
Sunday November 19  
Sunday November 26  
or Sunday December 17  
Baptized children can then join the new classes starting in January, preparing to celebrate First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion!

## What's Happening at OLPH



### 2024 CWL membership drive will officially begin at the Fall Market on November 4, 2023.

National has requested our remittance by January 31, 2024. Should you wish to purchase your \$40.00 membership early (in the event that you will be away), you may do so by an e-transfer to Arlene at [calr@shaw.ca](mailto:calr@shaw.ca) or cheque or cash at the following events:

General Meeting Tuesday October 10

Pyrohy Making Tuesday October 17

Or by dropping off your payment at the parish office in an envelope marked "CWL Membership" with your name on it.

Please inform us of any changes (ie, address, telephone number, email address). If you have a family member that you would like listed as a contact, please provide his/her information as well. For more information, contact Arlene 587-982-1433 or Margaret 780-467-0443.



**Wednesday Mornings**  
9:15 am - 12:00pm

Open to ALL, for pre-school children ages 13 months to 5 years. Advance sign-up required. Weekly fee \$5/child or \$6/family.

(Funds are donated to the Women's Shelter in Sherwood Park)

Email Amanda at [mmorningout@gmail.com](mailto:mmorningout@gmail.com) to join or learn more.

### APPLE PIES ARE SOLD OUT!

CWL will have more for sale at the Fall Market on November 4.

THANK YOU to all who supported us!



### GREY CUP POOL TICKETS



Please help us out by taking a few packs to sell!

Pick yours up in the foyer after any Mass next weekend.



### COME MAKE PYROHY!

Tuesday October 17, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

All parishioners (men included), are invited to our annual **Pyrohy-Making Bee**. Bring your rolling pins and your pinchers.



Spaces are still available for the **CWL Fabulous Fall Market** on Saturday November 4. For more information call/text Pat 780-218-8009 or email [patkeith7@gmail.com](mailto:patkeith7@gmail.com).

## Parish & Community News

### Call To Protect Training



**Wednesday October 11,  
1:00 pm to 3:30 pm Via Zoom**

The two and half hour class is mandatory for all volunteers and employees of the Archdiocese. (one time requirement)

**This ONLINE session is open for all.**

**Registration link:**

<https://forms.gle/KkidrABE5x5hyEhm8>



**OPEN on Sundays  
AFTER the 8:30 am  
and 10:30 am Mass.**



SOCIETY of St. VINCENT de PAUL (SSVP)  
OUR LADY of PERPETUAL HELP CONFERENCE

**HELP LINE 780-416-0931**



Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a powerful weekend experience *designed to help good marriages become better* – to take relationships to a higher level of greater joy and intimacy.

**There will be a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in Fort Saskatchewan October 13 – 15, 2023.**

To register for a Marriage Encounter experience, go to the website: <https://wwme.org/>

\*If you need help, call 780- 464-2874 or email [gvankup@telus.net](mailto:gvankup@telus.net)

**Saturday, October 28**

**10:00 am – 2:30 pm**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Sherwood Park

**WATCH** the documentary, *DYS-CONNECTED: The Real Story Behind the Transgender Explosion*.

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

**DISCUSS** what we can do to reclaim the truth.



Lunch will be provided. Free will offerings gratefully accepted.

Please pre-register by emailing

[reclaimtruth@shaw.ca](mailto:reclaimtruth@shaw.ca)

or call 780-990-7981.

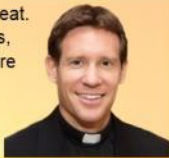
## Parish & Community News



GROUP RETREAT

Join us for Fr. Michael Gaitley's 6-week group retreat. We will journey with Our Lady and the great Saints, who will help us draw closer to Jesus as we prepare for a consecration to Jesus through Mary.

Activities include readings, reflections, videos, and group discussions.



Online via Zoom

Tuesdays, Oct 17-Nov 21 | 6:45-8:30 pm

OR

In-person at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish  
Wednesday, Oct 18-Nov 22 | 9:30-11:15 am

Registrations will be accepted until the first session.

We will use the book, *33 Days to Morning Glory*, by Fr. Michael Gaitley. A limited supply of books will be available for purchase at OLPH. Contact Michelle by Sept 20th to reserve your book.

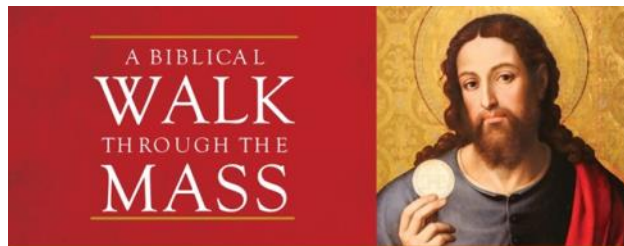
Contact: [michellefoisy@shaw.ca](mailto:michellefoisy@shaw.ca) or 780-886-1338



STAND FOR THE LAND

"We live every day with the fear of being killed or having one of our children taken away."

Juana Zúniga,  
Guapinol defender,  
Honduras.



...with our Rite of Christian Initiation candidates!

Online via Zoom

Wednesdays, November 1-29 6:45-8:30 pm

Join our RCIA candidates and Dr. Edward Sri (*Symbolon, Forgiven, Presence*, etc.) as we explore the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy – what it all means and why it all matters. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

**NOTE:** Study materials for the course have been ordered for pre-registrants.

If you missed the September 30 order deadline, you can order the study materials directly from the distributor (ask us how).

If you already have the study materials and/or just want to participate in the Zoom sessions, no problem! We would love to have you join us.

To register and receive the Zoom link, contact:  
Billy at [bspindle@shaw.ca](mailto:bspindle@shaw.ca) or 780-990-7981

*Are you interested in Catholic Social Teachings? Social Justice? The links between resource extraction and human rights violations?*

The Edmonton Archdiocesan Council for Development and Peace - Caritas Canada invites you to its

**AGM and Fall Workshop.**

Saturday October 14, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

at Assembly Hall, Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton Pastoral & Administration Offices,  
8421 - 101 Street NW Edmonton

Lunch Included, Entrance by Donation

Register in advance by email to: [cmichaud@devp.org](mailto:cmichaud@devp.org) (Include first and last name, parish or organization, email and phone number.)

For further information call: Carmen Michaud, Alberta-NWT Animator at 1-780-469-1010 ext. 2180 or toll free at 1-844-480-3387

Registration Deadline October 10

## What's Happening at OLPH



Altar Server Training for current and new servers.

Thursday October 19, 7:00 - 8:30 pm  
(After Evening Mass)

If you haven't been to a training session in the last six months, it is important you attend. Most of our altar servers are due for a refresher. Training sessions help keep you as up to date as possible with your roles and responsibilities. It also keeps us in touch with servers we don't see very often.

For More Info Email:

[amanda.gaudet15@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.gaudet15@gmail.com) or [christina.stockdale@me.com](mailto:christina.stockdale@me.com)



Join hundreds of Christians in over 800 communities across Canada as we pray the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the needs of Canada and the world.

Saturday, October 14  
12:00 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish  
13 Brower Drive, Sherwood Park

Inside or outside – a decision will be made on the day, depending on the weather.

Coordinated nationally by Canadian Society for the Defence of Christian Civilization and its Canada Needs Our Lady campaign

Presented by:



2023 Rosary Rally



The Clothing Nook is OPEN for Shopping:

Tuesdays 1:00 – 3:00 pm  
October 3, 17 & 31, November 14 & 28, December 12

Saturdays 10:00 am – Noon  
October 7 & 21, November 4 & 18, December 2 & 16

AND NEW THURSDAY EVENINGS STARTING IN OCTOBER! 5:00 - 7:00 pm

October 5 & 19, November 2, 16 & 30, December 14

All clothing is free thanks to the generous donations from our community. Donations of clean, gently used seasonal clothing can be dropped off at the parish office during regular office hours. Household items and furniture will be gratefully accepted by the Society of St Vincent de Paul. Please phone the donation line: 780-416-0931

\*\*\*The Christmas Store will be open November 14 - December 22 (Nook will be closed Christmas week Dec 23- Jan 1)





## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

*“For over a century, the central goals of Canada’s Aboriginal policy were to eliminate Aboriginal governments; ignore Aboriginal rights; terminate the Treaties; and, through a process of assimilation, cause Aboriginal peoples to cease to exist as distinct legal, social, cultural, religious, and racial entities in Canada. The establishment and operation of the residential schools were a central element of this policy, which can best be described as “cultural genocide.” (#1 TRC Honoring the Truth, Reconciling for the Future 2015).*

This is the opening paragraph of the Truth and Reconciliation Executive Summary document, “Honoring the Truth.” The Truth and Reconciliation Commission listened for over six years to the stories of thousands of Indigenous people, who had lived through the experience of residential schools; or who were children or grandchildren who had experienced the “generational trauma” passed on to them by their families, because of their residential school experience. Very difficult words for us to read, difficult to own, yet as Canadians, they are our history. As Catholics, who brought the Good News of Jesus Christ, the first health care systems and structured education to this land, these words too, are part of our history.

What we may or not know is that residential schools were the brainchild of the Canadian Federal government of the time. The Catholic Church, as well as several other Christian denominations, were contracted by the government to provide education for these young indigenous children. Yes, this is a painful part of our Church’s history. Yes, here we are today, the same Church, endeavoring to achieve the Truth and Reconciliation that will ultimately lead to authentic healing for so many who are in need of it.

There were 94 calls to action highlighted by the TRC, and the Holy Father’s engagement and apology in this healing journey was very much a part of the call to action. It was also a clear signal to all Catholics, that we need to do what we can to participate in the healing and Reconciliation, that is so clearly needed.

*“Listening to your voices, I was able to enter into, and be deeply grieved by the stories of the suffering, hardship, discrimination, and various forms of abuse that some of you experienced, particularly in the residential schools...I ask for God’s forgiveness, and I want to say to you with all my heart: I am very sorry. And I join my brothers, the Canadian bishops, in asking your pardon.”*

These words were spoken by Pope Francis at Maskwacis last July as he met with them on their land and asked forgiveness on behalf of the Catholic Church. That is where it needs to begin; with contrition for past wrongs, regardless whether I was actually part of the process. Original sin is an integral part of the human condition, passed on to us from those we refer to as our first parents. In the same way, we carry a culpability for the wrongs of those who came before us. We need to do what we can, moving forward, to initiate healthy and authentic reconciliation and healing.

I have heard it said that we are all pilgrims and newcomers to this land, compared to those who have always been here. Whether we are first generation or fifth generation Canadians, our indigenous sisters and



brothers were here first. I do not know the minds of our forefathers. They may well have believed they were doing our First People a favor by teaching them the Western Way. I am absolutely certain that the vast majority of faithful religious men and women who taught them, did so with pure and God-centered hearts. Many, many very good, faithful, God-fearing men and women religious, gave their entire lives in the service of our Indigenous brothers and sisters. Their only goal was the well-being of the children they were responsible to educate. It is clear now that this was not the appropriate mode of effecting communion between the First People and those who arrived before we did.

September 30 is the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation in Canada. At Parish Pastoral Council we have been grappling with how a community like Sherwood Park, a parish with the demographic of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, can come to a greater awareness of Truth and Reconciliation. How can we participate in the healing that is so needed. One of the maxims of the First People on this journey has been “Nothing about us without us.” We need the counsel of our Indigenous brothers and sisters to help us know how to move forward on the journey of healing, in an authentic and participatory way. Our PPC are reaching out to Elk Island Catholic Schools, who already work closely with Indigenous elders and knowledge keepers in our school system. Our hope is to invite them to assist/counsel us in our next moves.

Something that is clear to me, that we do not need advice on, is this: We all have an obligation to understand objectively what has happened in the past. This, so we can understand that we need a path forward for a healthy reconciled future. Each of us should take a read through the 94 calls to action that came about through the work of the TRC Commission. Here is the link to the National Truth and Reconciliation Center website, <https://nctr.ca/records/reports/>. If you are a reader, there is no shortage of chronological documentation from the last hundred plus years. However, you go about it, we need to make ourselves more aware of the need for reconciliation with our First People. They too are God’s children and that makes them our sisters and brothers in the Lord. My friends, this is a difficult, controversial and at times polarizing topic. Challenging as it may be, the only way we will make positive progress, is by becoming conversant on topic of Truth and Reconciliation. Please do explore and inform yourselves as you are able. Please do pray for an open heart and mind as you go about this essential journey. We will keep you informed of upcoming awareness opportunities moving forward.

Blessings and thank you, *Fr. Jim*



**We need YOU at Mass. New Volunteers always welcome!**  
**Reach out to the Leader of the specific Ministry that interests you for Training:**

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