

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 - REVISED Schedule for September!

*****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: September 13

3rd Wednesday hosted by CWL: September 20

4th Wednesday hosted by K of C: September 27

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/ 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 September 10, 2023 ~ Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

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



Sacramental Preparation ~ Fall Session
Opening Mass & Intro to First Reconciliation for Parents and Children

Choice of:

Monday September 11 at 6:15 pm

or Thursday September 14 at 6:15 pm

RSVP by email to sacraments@olph.ca

or call Natalie at the Parish Office 780-467-5470 (ext 225).

CWL General Meeting & 65th Anniversary Potluck

Monday September 11 in the Parish Hall

Short Meeting at 6:30pm, followed by Potluck at 7:15pm. Bring your favourite dish to share.

All members welcome!



faith

service

SOCIAL JUSTICE



ALL PARENTS WITH CHILDREN STARTING THEIR CLASSES THIS FALL MUST ATTEND EITHER:

Wednesday September 20 at 7:00 pm

OR Saturday September 23 at 9:00 pm

in the downstairs Meeting Room

- Preparation Classes at the Church for youth in Grades 6 - 8 (with a parent)
- ABJ students attend lunch hour program at the high school every Wednesday (CHOSEN club)

To register your child for Confirmation Preparation, email sacraments@olph.ca or contact Natalie at the Parish Office 780-467-5470 (ext 225)

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.



September 11 - 16

Monday ~ Gladys Rodriguez†, Marina Bliss†, Marvyn Lynch†, Emella Cleto†, Ruth Geraldine Bishoff, Danielle & Reese Shortman, Myrtle Silveira, Joan Delainey, Denise Dotto, Jennifer Peters

Tuesday ~ Jim Mitchell†, Marg Shaw†, Greg Walter†, Norman Bruneau†, Earl Reice†, Leonardo Sebastian, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Emie Supe Morales, Chance & Doreen Lozskai, Marnie Weese

Wednesday ~ Pierre Habbe†, Katherine "Kitty" Connell†, Father Don, Marie & Maury Stein†, Ken Heykants†, Marlyn Salonga†, Vera Connor, Joanne and Stan Woods, Shaun & Mary Thornborough, Maureen Stegan, Dianne Dunnigan

Thursday ~ Savio Palha†, Chase Evan Gourlay†, Lyn Hartfield†, Carmen Prince†, Jim Mitchell†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Charlebois Family, Mary Mac Lennen, Abigail Spindler, Agnes & Andrew Ng Family

Friday ~ Kathy Hurley†, Bryce Clarke†, Holy Souls in Purgatory†, Lass & Charlene Karall†, Wilfred Baier†, Linda De Sousa, Madeline Thommassen, Olivier Moreau, Maria Elena Corazon Sebastian, Doreen Moisey, Dianne Dunnigan

Saturday ~ Christina Anderson†, Wilfred Baier†, Danielle & Reese Shortman, Lucy Tettamente, Emeric Tozogay, Real Bolduc

Your OLPH Parish Team

Pastor ~ Fr. Jim Corrigan
jcorrigan@olph.ca

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Fr. Ben Makkollil, CMI
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Associate Pastor
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lpion@olph.ca

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Administrative Assistant
Angie DeWolfe adewolfe@olph.ca

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vmteam@olph.ca

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Parish Office 780-467-5470

Website: www.olph.ca

Follow Us on Facebook:
[facebook.com/olphsherwoodpark](https://www.facebook.com/olphsherwoodpark)

Archdiocese of Edmonton
Website: www.caedm.ca

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

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



"I believe Thou are present in the Blessed Sacrament, O Jesus. I love Thee and desire Thee. Come into my heart. I embrace Thee, O never leave me."
Quote from St. Francis of Assisi

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ In today's gospel Jesus is truly palpably present. "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." How exciting to know he is also with us as we are gathered in His name, working at making our church a beautiful, safe place to come together and worship His magnificence!

1. **Paint** for the inside of the church is being purchased this week, so *heads-up* on that call to all volunteers to help refresh the inside of our place of worship.
2. Our **Potluck lunch** was so much fun and refreshing. How can anyone turn down all those yummys and great company? Way to go everyone!
3. **Reminders:**
 - There will be a tree removal company coming - either late September or early October to remove the tree on the north side of the church. When this is complete, the eavestroughs will be replaced.
 - There is a suggestion box at the back of the church now. Questions are also welcome!

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.)

OLPH Financial Report

Week 36 September 3, 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	\$22,032.75	\$3,022.00	\$3,650.25
This week surplus/	-\$2,967.25	\$542.00	\$1,340.25

- **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 8*
- Society of St. Vincent De Paul Poor Box Collection - *Third Sunday of every Month - September 17*

Parish & Community News



the Archbishop's Dinner

A grateful gathering as
People of Mission



5:00 pm, Friday, October 6
Edmonton Convention Centre



Register here: www.arch-dinner2023.eventbrite.ca

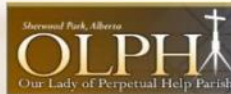
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Recharge AND Refresh YOUR MARRIAGE

Two Day Catholic Marriage Conference
SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2023
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SPRUCE GROVE, AB
REGISTER: www.catholicmarriageandfamily.com

Are you being called to the Catholic Church?

Whether you are just curious or already feel a deep hunger for communion with our Lord and His Church, RCIA is for you!



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Wednesdays | 7:00-9:00 pm | STARTS SEPTEMBER 13

Offered online on Zoom and in-person.

For more information contact Billy at bspindle@shaw.ca or 780-990-7981



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

HELP LINE
780-416-0931

Press 1 to Request HELP,
Press 2 to DONATE

At OLPH, We Pray for One Another



Contact Doreen at 780-467-0597 or Josie at 780-467-0197 with your prayer requests.

What's Happening at OLPH

Prayer of Condolence

Condolences to Joan Sandmaier & family. Her son **Thomas Gray** died on September 1 in Edmonton. Funeral will be on Monday September 11, 11:00 am at OLPH.

To the family of **William (Bill) Cargill** who passed away September 2. Funeral will be on Tuesday September 12, 12:00 pm at OLPH.

To the family of **Mika Vanderleest**. Funeral will be on Friday September 15, 1:00 pm at OLPH.

To the family of **David O'Rourke** who passed away July 12. Funeral will be on Saturday September 16, 11:00 am at OLPH.

To Larry MacDonald & family. His dad, **Robert MacDonald** passed away on August 24 in Edmonton. Funeral will be on Saturday September 16, 2:00 pm at Glenwood Funeral Home.

To the family of **Eileen Gallant** who passed away on August 25 in Edmonton.

To Mavis Sieben & family. Her husband **Peter Sieben** died on September 5 in Edmonton.

CALLING ALL VENDORS

Spaces available for the **CWL Fabulous Fall Market**, Saturday November 4, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm, at OLPH Parish Hall. For more information contact Pat by email patkeith7@gmail.com, or call/text 780-218-8009.

NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS:



Tuesday September 12,
starting at 6:15 pm with Mass.

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

Baptism opens the door to ALL the sacraments! 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.

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.

Monday Evenings 6:30 - 8:30 pm
September 18 to November 27

(excluding Thanksgiving Day on October 9)



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

Join Alpha on Thursday evenings starting September 14 – November 30, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm (in the Large Meeting Room at OLPH or via Zoom)
 Contact: Jerry or Pat Heck 780-416-8111 or jpheck11@gmail.com



Why Alpha?

'Alpha helps draw people into an initial and ongoing encounter and rich relationship with Jesus and his Church. Alpha lays the foundation to go deeper and, in the power of the Holy Spirit become the missionary disciples the Lord calls each of us to be.' **Bishop Christian Riesbeck CC. Diocese of Saint John, Canada**

'One of the advantages of Alpha is that it focuses on the **kerygma**. In the ancient Church there was a clear distinction between the kerygma and the Didache', the catechesis. The kerygma was the starting point of faith, and the catechesis had to form the faith, but faith in itself blossoms only hearing the kerygma.' **Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa, Preacher to Papal Household**

'Alpha has not only helped us introduce unchurched people to Christ but it has also provide an excellent way for Catholics to live out their baptismal call to evangelise.' **Archbishop J. Michael Miller, Archbishop of Vancouver, Canada**

'Alpha plants fruitful seeds of missionary renewal around the world. As we journey towards a more synodal Church calling to foster communion, participation and mission, Alpha's proposal is more vital than ever, bringing people together in a spirit of Synodality and opening spaces for listening and dialogue, with God and with one another.' **Sr. Nathalie Becquart, Undersecretary of the Synod of Bishops**

'Alpha is having an impact all over the world. The strength of Alpha is that it attracts people who are not yet close to the Church. There is something so friendly and winsome about it that people are drawn to Alpha proclaims the core message of the gospel with a clarity and a sharpness that is really unique.' **Dr. Mary Healy, Professor of Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, USA**



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 (saferrbmcanda@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:
 Michelle Rose (michelle.rose@shaw.ca)

Musicians: 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.

JETS = java, exercise, talk and service =

What does a Riddle and a Fall Hike have in common?



Well, you'll find out the exact answer to this conundrum if you join the JETS Airline on Friday September 15. Board with us for what promises to be a lovely morning by meeting at our departure gate of the Large Meeting Room at 9:50 am. We will head outside at 10:00 am sharp for a 40-minute refreshing walkabout. Please dress for the occasion and we go rain or shine. Returning back to our waiting area at our Parish, we will enjoy delicious autumn treats and refreshments and pass around jokes and riddles. Come boost your happiness levels all around with the adventure-filled JETS women's group! Contact Aida or Nancy for more info: issaaida33@yahoo.com or 780-464-5356.



The Catholic Women's League will be hosting their annual

APPLE PIE BEE!

If you are able to help out, bring your knives, peeler, rolling pins etc. and join us on **Wednesday September 13** in the Parish Hall from **9:00 am – 3:00 pm** for a day of socializing.

Contact:

Connie 780-570-1045

*Bring your sandwich/lunch. Beverages will be provided.



What's Happening at OLPH

Volunteer Opportunities for YOUTH

The Society of St Vincent de Paul and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Clothing Nook is excited to announce an opportunity for youth who would like to experience service to people in need.

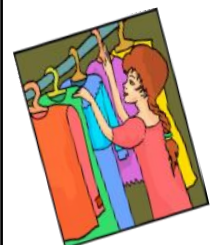
We will increase our Nook shopping hours to include every second Thursday evening.

Youth will sort clothes, choose items for display and assist people to shop for items they need. The adult volunteers will provide support and encouragement for youth to interact as they feel comfortable. People who volunteer in this area find it a very enjoyable and fulfilling activity.

This is a new initiative and youth will volunteer on days they are available, no pressure. As the program evolves, we may choose to make schedules, accommodating youths' availability.

- Youth from grades 6-12 are welcome.
- Our first date is **Thursday October 5** from **5:00 pm - 7:00 pm** and will continue every second Thursday following.
- Parents are welcome to attend at any time to see the work being done.

For more information, please contact:



Jo-Anne Brady
President
Society of St Vincent de Paul
OLPH Conference
jjbrady@telus.net
Phone: 780-499-0918

Call To Protect Training

**Monday, September 18
7:00 pm to 9:30 pm
at St. Michael's Parish in Leduc**

The two and half hour session is mandatory for all volunteers and employees of the Archdiocese. (one time requirement) This will be an in-person session, open for all.

Please register online:
<https://forms.gle/hGRgSmtt1mB2nB5ZA>

HAPPINESS, SUFFERING, AND THE LOVE OF GOD

**Tuesdays, Sep 12 – Oct 10
6:45-8:30 pm
Online via Zoom**

In this five-session video-based course, Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D. explores happiness in the revealing light of human transcendence and immortality. Along the way he presents fascinating evidence for near-death experiences and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Cost: Free
To register, contact Alana at alaperle@telus.net or 780-446-9009.



What's Happening at OLPH

Altar Server Training for current and new servers.

Thursday September 21, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (after Evening Mass)

Are you in grade 2 or older and have made your First Reconciliation and First Communion? Do you attend Mass regularly with your family? Curious about getting more involved with the Mass? **We'd love for you to join our team of young Altar Servers!**

For More Info: Amanda Gaudet amanda.gaudet15@gmail.com or Christina Stockdale christina.stockdale@me.com

Psalms
The School of Prayer

10 Session BIBLE STUDY
Online via Zoom

**Mondays, Sep 11 – Nov 13
6:45-8:30 pm**

In this 10-session video-based study, learn the many ways the Psalms foretell the life and mission of Jesus, and how you can establish a deeply personal dialogue with God through the Psalms.

Cost: The course is free, but a Study Guide is available for purchase.

To register, contact Alana at alaperle@telus.net or 780-446-9009.

Presented by:

The Clothing Nook is OPEN for Shopping:

Tuesdays 1:00 – 3:00 pm September 19, October 3, 17 & 31, November 14 & 28 and December 12
Saturdays 10:00 am – 12:00 pm September 23, October 21, November 4 & 18 and December 2 & 16

FLOOR CURLING
"All are Welcome, No Experience Required!"
Every Wednesday 9:30 am down in the Parish Hall.

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



The Wells of Salvation that give us Life and Joy on the Desert Journey (Is. 12, 3)

This is the title of the retreat that Emeritus Cardinal Thomas Collins has been sharing with us this week at our annual clergy retreat. You are all aware that His Eminence Cardinal Collins was Bishop of St. Paul from 1997-1999. He served as the Archbishop of Edmonton from 1999-2006, prior to his appointment as Archbishop of Toronto in 2007. He has only recently retired at the ripe age of seventy-five years plus, and graciously accepted Archbishop Smith's invitation to preach at a retreat for the priests of this Archdiocese. It has been a joyful reunion, as Cardinal Collins knows personally a good number of our Diocesan clergy. He has confirmed some of our younger priests, and ordained some of our older priests such as myself.

Cardinal Collins's theme of this retreat revolves around the challenges that we as clergy, and of course we as lay people, can experience on our life journeys through, what at times, can be seem to be very much desert-like. His view of course, is that Christians have always been on a desert journey back to the time of God's people on their Exodus journey from Egypt toward the Promised Land. All this to say, that our God has always accompanied His people through the good times and the times of challenge. "Our retreat is intended to highlight familiar wells of salvation from which we can draw life and joy as we journey through this world, homeward bound."

As an outcome of their busy ministry, clergy can at times find themselves in a very arid and dry place, and perhaps not be aware of where the "wells of salvation" occur for our refreshment and rejuvenation on our life journey. Cardinal Collins has broken our retreat into eight different sessions all focusing on different wells of salvation on our desert journey. I offer the following titles to his sessions: 1. *Oasis on the Desert Journey* 2. *Sabbath Time* 3. *Penitence* 4. *Prayer without Ceasing* 5. *Lectio and Lectio Divina* 6. *The Divine Office* 7. *Perspective: Apocalyptic and Historical* 8. *The Holy Sacrifice*.

As I write this, we are only at the half way mark of our sessions. What I can say is that Cardinal Collins has been a joy to listen to. He is so zealous and animated in his presentations. More than that, he is so knowledgeable that it is challenging for him to stay on point (though he always does.) He is so well read and so versed in the topical matter that no matter what point he is making, up pops a personal story illustrating his perspective. It is really quite amazing to listen to him because of his breadth of knowledge in so many different

areas. And he does it with Panache! With joy, with different voices and postures, moving from pop culture to ancient history, often in the same thought wave. It has been a gift to listen and learn this week. Fr. Ben and I both thank the good people of OLPH for making this possible for us.

Cardinal Collins has always, by his own admission, been a voracious reader, with history being one of his primary interests. His sharing, and the broad scope of that sharing, has most of us in a kind of awe wondering what is coming next. But at the end of the day, his stated goal is this: To remind us clergy of the wells of salvation from which we can draw life and joy in our ministerial priesthood. Our priesthood that is not ours, but that of Jesus Christ. Our priesthood which we are blessed with, solely for the purpose of walking with God's faithful to Promised Land. The Promised Land that we all aspire to arrive at, when the good Lord calls us home (as we know at one point He will.) Until then, we put one foot in front of the other on a daily basis, trusting that our God who is always faithful walks with us every step of our journey. Thank you, Cardinal Collins; for your priesthood, for your Episcopal leadership, and your fifty years plus in priestly service of the Lord and His people. We, the clergy of the Archdiocese, have been blessed this week, with your sharing of your love of God and your priesthood with us.

Fr. Jim

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REMINDER: No one from OLPH will EVER send you emails asking for money or gift cards or other favors. Beware of scams from fake email addresses pretending to be our clergy or someone else from the parish! Please take time to read this page from Government of Canada:

<https://cyber.gc.ca/en/guidance/dont-take-bait-recognize-and-avoid-phishing-attacks>

From: Jim Corrigan <executivee436@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 7:35 AM
To: Natalie Lavigne <nlavigne@olph.ca>
Subject: REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

**FAKE EMAIL ADDRESS!
NOT FATHER JIM!**

Good Morning,

I would like to know if you can initiate an E-Transfer in the amount of \$1,950 for an expense on behalf of the church?

I will issue a cheque to reimburse you tomorrow, Let me know so i can send you the details.

Regards,
Jim Corrigan