

**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: October 11*

*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/](http://www.olph.ca/video/) or at [facebook.com/olphsherwoodpark/videos](https://www.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 17, 2023 ~ Twenty-fourth 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)**

**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>



**ADORATION  
of the  
BLESSED  
SACRAMENT**

***Hosted by CWL  
Wednesday, September 20  
5:15 to 6:15pm  
Prior to the Holy Mass***

*"We may not always get the answer we pray for but God still hears our prayers and keeps us in His mind and heart as He unfolds His plan!"*

**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](mailto:info@olph.ca).

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** **GIFT**  
Growing in Faith Together



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.



**September 18 - 23**

**Monday** ~ Fred Hausauer†, Lena Rempel†, Eileen Galant†, Krekeler family deceased members†, Juliene Arevalo, Bill Jackson, Susan Mandrusiak, Linda De Sousa, Betty Lou Lawrence, Galm & Painchaud families, Randal Chad Sebastian

**Tuesday** ~ Gladys Rodriguez†, Jim Mitchell†, Ryan Thomas†, George Wesko†, Paul Spirig†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Rod & Jean Randolph, Ann Bingham, Henry Araza, Fr Kevin Gillis

**Wednesday** ~ Jack Gillis†, Wilfred Baier†, Eileen Galant†, Vera Connor, Tyler & Leanne Malo, Catholic Women's League, Ida Gillis, Danielle & Reese Shortman, Bernard Kingston, Larry Bonin

**Thursday** ~ Teresa and Stephan Hovac†, Mark Gramlich†, Jim Mitchell†, Dennis Dembicki†, Mervyn Lynch†, Peter Sieben†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Keith Gillis, Michael & Mary McIntyre, Deacon Lynn Pion, Ann Bingham

**Friday** ~ Joel Vincett†, John Miranda†, Bryce Clarke†, Holy Souls in Purgatory†, Ken Heykants†, Wilfred Baier†, Regina D'Souza†, Barb Bonin, Landon & Ethan DeWolfe, Ann Bingham, Debbie Tucker

**Saturday** ~ Georgina Donald†, Denise DeBlois†, Alexander Campbell†, Franc Klement†, Jerome Labonte†, Wilfred Baier†, Thomas Gray†, Paul Galarnyk, Danielle & Reese Shortman, Billy & Marie-Therese Spindler

**Your OLPH Parish Team**

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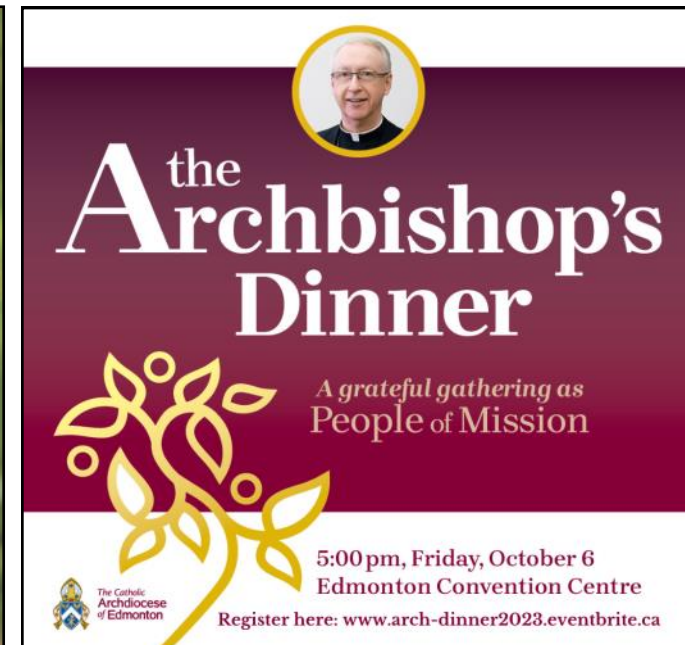
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**Website:** [www.caedm.ca](http://www.caedm.ca)

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

**Parish & Community News**



 **SOCIETY of St. VINCENT de PAUL (SSVP)**  
**OUR LADY of PERPETUAL HELP CONFERENCE**  
**HELP LINE 780-416-0931**

**At OLPH, We Pray for One Another**  
Contact Doreen at 780-467-0597 or Josie at 780-467-0197 with your prayer requests.

**OLPH Financial Report**

Week 37 September 10, 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	\$23,873.75	\$2,237.00	\$1,779.25
This week surplus/	-\$1,126.25	-\$243.00	-\$530.75

- 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 - September 17*



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



“And let us love our neighbours as ourselves. And if anyone does not want to love them as himself, let him at least not do them any harm, but let him do good. Let whoever has received the power of judging others pass judgment with mercy, as they would wish to receive mercy from the Lord.” ~ letters from St. Francis of Assisi

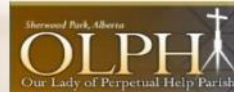
**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time** ~ Bottom line, for us to gain salvation, we must love our neighbour. And our neighbour is any other human being who God has created. Love includes forgiveness. Not an easy assignment and only is achievable through God’s Mercy and Grace to us! Let’s carry out this assignment in our own community, spreading love and forgiveness to everyone we cross paths with.

1. Fr. Mario has reminded us that the **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi** - our parish’s patron saint - is on Oct 4th this year. We will be planning a Mass and a possible blessing of our Garden Mary statue at the same time. How wonderful! We will let you know the exact details soon. *P.S. - It is so nice to have Fr. Mario back!*
2. If there are questions you or any member of your family, young and old, would like answered - please write it down and place in the **suggestion box**. And if you have ideas - for anything pertaining to our parish community - please don’t hesitate to place it in the box. Everything is valid; someone else may be thinking the same as you!
3. In planning your future weekend Sunday activities, don’t forget to pencil in Oct 1st, our monthly **Pot Luck Sunday** gathering! So nice to see everyone chatting and sharing together in our Creator’s love.

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

**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](mailto:bspindle@shaw.ca) or 780-990-7981

**What’s Happening at OLPH**



**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 am  
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](mailto:sacraments@olph.ca) or contact Natalie at the Parish Office 780-467-5470 (ext 225)

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

*Prayer of Condolence*

Funeral for Wendy Poitras will be on Saturday September 23 at 11:00 am at OLPH.



**Please support our monthly POOR BOX COLLECTION**



**after all Masses this weekend.**

*Wedding Congratulations to  
Bruce MacDonald &  
Samantha Diocson*



*United in Holy  
Matrimony on  
September 9,  
2023*



## What's Happening at OLPH

**JETS** = java, exercise, talk and service =

### Airline to pass out smiles & kisses!

The JETS women's group IS delighted to host hospitality at all Masses September 23 and 24 weekend.



Ladies, we need all hands on decks! Please organize to attend our Friday, September 22 session beginning at 9:45 am, to prepare for our mission. We will be crafting welcome signs and assembling kisses. All are invited to participate. Please bring any materials such as markers, masking tape, Elmer's glue and stickers.

Plan to arrive at our boarding gate (Large Meeting Room) at 9:30 am to pick up your complimentary in-flight beverages and snacks and settle into your business seats. More info is available by contacting our flight captains of the day: Edwina at [neviegas@gmail.com](mailto:neviegas@gmail.com) or Aida at [issaaida33@yahoo.com](mailto:issaaida33@yahoo.com). Come see how your Fridays can be inspiring!

## 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](mailto:patkeith7@gmail.com), or call/text 780-218-8009.

**Looking for TRUTH in an upside down world?**

**Join us!**

We are a small but growing group of Catholics and others who want to reclaim our families and community.

**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.

**RECLAIM!**

### 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

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

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



## 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](mailto:jjbrady@telus.net)  
Phone: 780-499-0918



### News from the Patchwork Quilters Guild



The Patchwork Quilters have started the 2023/2024 season with over 90 members in attendance. Our cut-off number is 110 and right now we have 2 spots open for anyone interested. Whether you are an avid quilter or a beginner, there is a place for you.

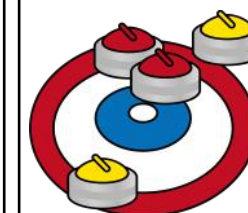
**Our main directive is supplying quilts to the needy in Sherwood Park and Edmonton.** We do charity quilting on the 3rd Thursday of the month and everybody is welcome to help assemble the quilts. No experience necessary.

Last season we distributed 204 quilts to various charities and we hope to be able to do the same in 2023/24.

If you would like more information about our club please contact one of our co-presidents: Elizabeth Airey at 780-922-3766 or Cheryl Eddy at 780-464-4419.



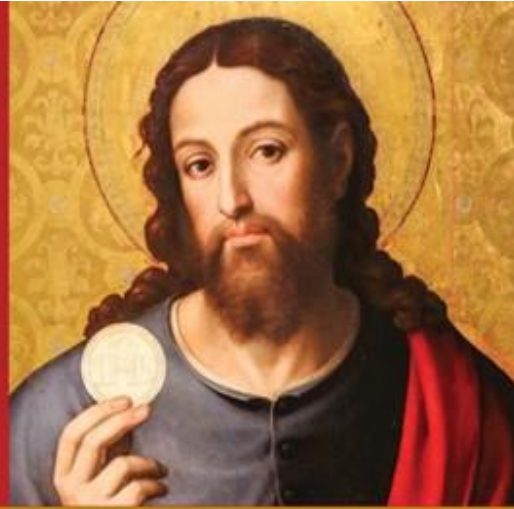
**OPEN**  
**on Sundays**  
**AFTER the**  
**8:30 am and**  
**10:30 am Mass.**



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



A BIBLICAL  
**WALK**  
THROUGH THE  
**MASS**



...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.

Please register **BY SEPTEMBER 30** to ensure your study materials arrive in time.

*Registrations will be accepted after September 30 but participants will have to order study materials directly from the distributor. 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@telus.net](mailto:bspindle@telus.net) or 780-990-7981



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





# And so it begins!!!

I am not sure if there is a more exciting time of year than the weeks surrounding the back-to-school routine. The excitement is palpable, whether it is the very young ones or the teenagers, who are happy to see their old friends and meet new friends. Whether it is our young adults who are embarking on the adventure of post-secondary education, or the parents of all these young people who are simply kind of excited because their children are at the center of the action. I am aware that logistically the back-to-school time may make things more manageable for parents who are working, dealing with childcare, and all that goes with the care of their children, without the stable structure of the school routine to provide balance. Regardless of the scenario within our families, there is a heightened sense of energy.

We feel it to as your parish team. This past couple of weeks there has been a marked increase in the traffic in and out of reception here at the parish. Many of our in-house groups are getting together for the first time after a summer hiatus, so there is always a degree of newness as folks figure out what meeting rooms they are gathering in. Folks desire to offer Masses for loved ones; they come to register their children for sacraments. Many folks just take this opportunity to find clarity about questions they may have been pondering during the summertime.

We have been experiencing a significant and stable number of attendees at our morning and evening weekday Masses. One of our practices that evolved out the previous few years is that we made the decision to offer the sacrament of Reconciliation after each of our weekday Masses. Post-Mass, rather than prior to the beginning of the Holy Mass. It is interesting, as people are not in such a hurry post-Mass, as pre-Mass. We, the clergy have found that many people are accessing the availability of the gift of the sacrament of Reconciliation. Yes this is a very good thing; it has been one of my goals at OLPH to increase access to the sacraments. Folks are certainly accepting the opportunity to do so. We have a plethora of choirs honing their beautiful talents almost nightly after the evening Mass in the Church nave.

This past week has been busy with time spent at meet the teacher events at some of our ten schools, a couple of large school Masses at Archbishop Jordan, our Knights of Columbus gathering with a record number of brothers in attendance, and our Catholic Women's League hosting their first meeting and potluck of the season. St. Vincent de Paul and the Nook continue to provide for and minister to the less fortunate; locally, Provincially and all the way into our Territories. SSVP also celebrated the opening of a new central dis-

tribution center, which will make life much more manageable for our Vincentian brothers and sisters, who give so generously of their time and talent for the benefit of our less fortunate. I was very pleasantly surprised to be able to take a break from our initial Parish Pastoral Council meeting, and greet literally a room full of RCIA inquirers and RCIA parish team members. A beautiful group of men and women who are curious to know the Lord; and a very loving and zealous team, whose only desire is to share with them, the love of the Lord that they have been blessed to receive.

As I report and comment on these many wonderful activities within our parish community, one thing has been reinforced and reaffirmed within my thought process. *Our God made us in His image and likeness, in His divine image He created us.* Part of the intrinsic beauty of this created genius is that he made us a people who desire/need to be in relation with one another. The work, the ministering, the teaching, the volunteering, all of it becomes more meaningful and fulfilling when we have a community to do and share these events with. We need each other, we like each other, we have an innate need to be in relational community with one another. Yes, our alone time is an important part of our human identity as well; but our lives take on an air of joyful collaboration, when we enter our many activities as a community of faith, with our Lord Jesus as the impetus and the center of what we are about. Jesus came into the world as one like us to create communion among and within His creation. The Church, as a mediator of God's grace, along with our families, schools and ministries, is a wonderful venue to live out this created *call to communion* with so many people who, just like you and I, desire to grow implicitly and explicitly in communion with the Lord. This goodness, in its many forms, is somewhat amplified as we embark on another school/church year, which signals the beginning of so many other activities in our lives. **And so it begins!!!** Thank you dear Jesus.

Blessings, *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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