

**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: November 1*

*2nd Wednesday hosted by Society of St. Vincent de Paul: November 8*

*3rd Wednesday hosted by CWL: October 18*

*4th Wednesday hosted by K of C: October 25 \*at 4:15 pm, Mass at 5:15 pm*

*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 15, 2023 ~ Twenty-eighth 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)



**Pancake Breakfast**



**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**Delicious breakfast hosted by our Knights of Columbus following the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Sunday Masses**  
*\$7 per person, \$22 for a family of 4*

**The Clothing Nook is OPEN for Shopping:**



Tuesdays 1:00 – 3:00 pm October 17 & 31

Saturdays 10:00 am – Noon October 21

Thursdays 5:00 - 7:00 pm October 19



**POOR BOX COLLECTION AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND**



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

**SSVP: Mission and Vision**

The Society of St Vincent De Paul, OLPH Conference, is hosting a morning information session on Wednesday October 25, here at OLPH, to review **who we are, what we are doing, and how we might move forward to continue meeting the on-going, ever-increasing needs of the poor.**

It will be an opportunity to gather to discuss, bring forth concerns, ask questions, provide recommendations, and keep everyone informed as to what we do.

We extend this invitation to all parishioners who want to explore this ministry, but we especially encourage all Vincentians to attend.

**Wednesday October 25**

**9:30 am to 12:00 pm**

**(lower level OLPH)**

**Refreshments provided**

RSVP by phone 780-467-8412 or 780-499-0918 or by email [slstang@shaw.ca](mailto:slstang@shaw.ca) or [jjbrady@telus.net](mailto:jjbrady@telus.net) Registration Deadline: Sunday October 22

*(We'll forward the agenda via email upon receiving your expression of interest or registration.)*



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 16 - 21**

**Monday** ~ Henry Borosevich†, Adelaida Carido†, Anthony Gomes†, Craig Wallace†, Phil Redl†, Danielle & Reese Shortman, Reghelini family

**Tuesday** ~ Maurice Prince†, Jim Mitchell†, Elizabeth Aberin Barbajo†, Ted Siwak†, Gwen Nickolaychuk†, Jose Luis Gomez†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Maria Moniz, Kathryn Johnstone, Owen Morrison

**Wednesday** ~ Orest Draganiuk†, Elizabeth Kiziak†, Keith Buchanan†, Raju Kuviakose†, Catholic Women's League, Danielle & Reese Shortman, Linda De Sousa, Barb Owens, Vera Connor, Emmanuel & Adesola Alade

**Thursday** ~ Lois Schatz†, Olga Gauthier†, Frank Kuzemski†, Jim Mitchell†, Anthony Reghelini†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Justin Matias, Terry Lynch, Saint Anthony

**Friday** ~ Marlette Black†, John Miranda†, Ma Paz Macaraeg†, Bryce Clarke†, Gerald Sheldon McCaughey†, Father Andrew Byrne, Pharis Petras, Ron & Sandra Roth, Ann Bingham

**Saturday** ~ Oswaldo Garcia†, Mark Gramlich†, Mervyn Lynch†, Antony Xavier†, Holy Souls in Purgatory†, Chris & Lance Guse, Zennon Joly, Ryan Ekemini Nsien



**SSVP HELP/DONATION LINE 780-416-0931**

**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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**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**



*St. Therese of Lisieux believed that her actions were meant to 'let God's love work through her, no matter how big or small'. This is known as the 'The Little Way'.*

**28th Sunday of Ordinary Time** ~ In today's readings we learn we must 'clothe' ourselves in a pleasing way to God. In our daily lives, in our parish and our community, how do we go about achieving this mandate to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven??? We are not missionaries to far off lands?! St. Therese has the answer on how to do this right here at home. 'The Little Way'.



1. Our little parish church is truly blessed!! St. Francis of Assisi parishioners were honored to witness the **Union of Alex Novakowski & Connor Nazaruk in Marriage** last Saturday, October 7. Our little white church resonated with beautiful song, music and the Holy Spirit! Thank you, and blessing to our new couple!

2. A tentative date has been set for our parish **General Meeting** on Sunday October 29 following Mass. We will confirm this soon.
3. **Tree removal** is scheduled for October 20 weather permitting. So.....heads-up!
4. Replacement of the **gutters and eaves troughs** will follow shortly after the tree removal.
5. Remember to join us for **coffee and goodies** after Mass on Sundays! EVERYONE is so welcome!

**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) or . (Weekly bulletin deadline is Wednesday.)**

**OLPH Financial Report**

Week 41 October 8, 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	\$22,396.25	\$2,602.00	\$2,351.75
This week surplus/ shortfall	-\$2,603.75	\$122.00	\$41.75

- 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 - November 5*
- Society of St. Vincent De Paul Poor Box Collection - *Third Sunday of every Month - October 15*





**“NO LONGER STRANGERS IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD”**

**32nd Annual Ecumenical Mission of Strathcona County  
October 22-25, 2023**

This year Nicholas Jesson, a Roman Catholic theologian, and his wife, Rev. Amanda Currie, a Minister of the Word and Sacraments in the Presbyterian Church in Canada, are co-leaders of the Mission. Each brings a wealth of experience and insight. Married for 22 years, our co-leaders have partnered in many ecumenical projects and ministry and participate actively in each other's churches.



*We welcome their leadership at this year's Mission!*

**JOIN US AS WE VISIT 7 DIFFERENT CHURCHES TO WORSHIP TOGETHER, LEARN TOGETHER AND GROW TOGETHER IN CHRIST.**

**Sunday, October 22  
7:00 pm Opening Evening  
Worship Service  
United in the Park**  
*That all may be one, ... that the world may believe (Jn. 17: 20-24)*

**Monday, October 23  
2:00 pm Afternoon Tea  
Bethel Lutheran**  
*Christ is not divided (1 Cor. 1: 20-27)*

**Monday, October 23  
7:00 pm Evening Worship  
Service  
Glory Lutheran**  
*One body, many members (1 Cor. 12: 12-31)*

**Tuesday, October 24  
10:00 am Bible Study  
Ardrossan United**  
*Christ breaks down dividing walls (Eph. 2: 11-22)*

**Tuesday, October 24  
7:00 pm Evening Worship  
Service  
St. Thomas Anglican**  
*Be reconciled (Matt. 5: 21-26)*

**Wednesday, October 25  
2:00 pm Afternoon Tea  
Mount Olivet Lutheran**  
*Walking together with Christ (Lk. 24: 13-33a)*

**Wednesday, October 25  
7:00 pm Closing Evening  
Worship Service  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Roman Catholic**  
*The gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2: 1-21)*

**Reconciliation Through Justice: Indigenous Speaker Series**

Tuesday evening, October 17 at 7:00 pm at The Star of the North Retreat Centre in St. Albert  
RSVP to 780-459-5511 or at [www.starofthenorth.ca/reconciliation](http://www.starofthenorth.ca/reconciliation) (Donations welcome)

*For former TRC commissioner Chief Willie Littlechild, reconciliation follows a process of truth-telling, healing, forgiveness, and justice. Others would say an apology only takes on meaning when there is action. That action for us here at the Star of the North takes the form of our on-going Reconciliation Through Justice series of Indigenous presenters speaking on their passion, within the horizon of justice as healthy, healing relationships.*



Join us online or in-person as we welcome Noah MacDonald, a Canon Lawyer with the Archdiocese of Toronto to speak on the topic of **Rite Relations: Developments in Indigenous Catholic Leadership and Unity.**

Check out this article about Noah MacDonald: **Fully Indigenous and Catholic—Is it Possible to be Both?** (<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/fully-indigenous-catholic-possible-both-lea-karen/>)



**2024 CWL Membership Drive**

National has requested our remittance by January 31, 2024. Should you wish to purchase your \$40.00 membership before the Fall Market (in case you will be away on November 4) you may do so by:

- e-transfer to Arlene at [calr@shaw.ca](mailto:calr@shaw.ca)
- OR cheque or cash at any upcoming CWL event
- OR by dropping off your payment at the parish office in an envelope marked **CWL Membership** with your name

Please inform us of any changes to your contact info or 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.**

*Prayer of Condolence*

To Henry Radosh & family, his wife **Lorraine Radosh** passed away on October 6 in Sherwood Park. Funeral will be on Wednesday, October 18 at 10:30 am at OLPH.

Congratulations & Welcome **Mateo Adriaan Mamerto Pedrola**



Baptized at OLPH on Saturday October 7



**REMINDER:**

**Altar Server Training  
Thursday October 19  
7:00 - 8:30 pm  
(After Evening Mass)**

**For More Info Email:**

[amanda.gaudet15@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.gaudet15@gmail.com)

or

[christina.stockdale@me.com](mailto:christina.stockdale@me.com)

**COUPLES FOR CHRIST**

Families in the Holy Spirit Renewing the Face of the Earth

**Christian Life Program**

October 21 to November 25  
5:00pm to 8:00pm  
(every Saturday for 6 sessions)  
Downstairs in the St. Joan Room

*A Life Renewal Program for Individuals who want a deeper relationship with God and Married Couples desiring a renewed commitment to Christian Family Life!*

For More Information, Contact:

- Allan & Anna Piedra 431-541-8888
- Argie & Gayle Villaceran 780-708-4716
- Noel & Kris Alicpala 780-718-5530
- Nilo & Janet Dalangin 780-972-1009

**Come to the "beautiful mountain"**

The JETS will be boarding their next wonderful flight to the quaint community of Beaumont for Mass, a church tour and history presentation at St. Vital Catholic Church the morning of Thursday, October 19. St. Vital is rich in history, dating back to the first parish built in 1895, and continues with a strong French tradition and faith. Please meet at 8:50 am at the Church, located at 4905 50 Street in Beaumont, and Mass begins at



9:00 am. After our most interesting morning, we will enjoy in-flight snacks with our host, the CWL ladies of St. Vital. A carpool will be set up if there is interest. Contact Nancy, our Captain of the day, at 780-464-5356 for more information.

*"We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty"* Pope Leo XIII

*JETS*



## *Smudging and other Indigenous cultural and religious practices*

**My friends, I do understand that there has been concern by some, and perhaps some confusion, about the Indigenous practice of smudging. What does it mean, and is it congruent with the teachings of the Catholic Church? Legitimate concerns for sure.**

While not exhaustive, I have so far been unable to locate a statement by the Canadian Catholic Bishops specifically on the ritual of smudging, so I will continue my research. I did spend three years serving the community of Maskwacis, at Our Lady of Seven Sorrows parish, and have experienced Indigenous cultural ritual smudging as complimentary to the rituals of our Catholic faith. What I believe is important at this time in the history in our Canadian Catholic Church, is that we present an openness to the richness that our Indigenous Catholic culture has to share with us. There are dogmas within our Church that are non-negotiable: the humanity and divinity of Jesus, the Trinity, Mary the Mother of God, the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. This defines who we are as Catholics. How we practice our Catholic faith will vary culturally and geographically. As well, we have those who desire to hear the Mass in Latin, and we have those who believe priests should be married. The beauty and the richness of our Catholic Church, is that indeed there is room for all of us.

The article I have included today is an interview with **Fr. Cristino Bouvette**, a priest of the Calgary Diocese. Fr. Cristino was very involved in the planning and facilitation of the Holy Father's visit to Canada last summer, particularly from a liturgical perspective. One can imagine those liturgical preparations were scrutinized very carefully before they were able to take place. In this article I believe Fr. Cristino presents a balanced and nuanced view on Indigenous sacramentals. I offer this article to assist those of us who have limited, or no experience with Indigenous culture and spirituality. I pray that it may provide a balanced perspective, particularly in the area of smudging. I gleaned this article from [cruxnow.com](http://cruxnow.com), a Catholic website that presents the likes of Bishop Robert Barron, a current perspective on Catholic happenings in the world.

VATICAN CITY — When Pope Francis travels to Canada to apologize to Indigenous communities for the way the Catholic Church joined efforts to uproot them from their traditional culture and spirituality, their traditions will be on full display.

The First Nation, Métis and Inuit peoples will welcome Pope Francis to their lands July 24-29 (2022), wearing their traditional dress, speaking their languages, performing their songs and dances and sharing elements of their traditional styles of prayer.

Father Cristino Bouvette, a priest of the Archdiocese of Calgary, Alberta, has been working with the pope's master of liturgical ceremonies, Msgr. Diego Giovanni Ravelli, to plan the Masses and prayer services for the trip. Bouvette is Italian on his mother's side and Cree and Métis on his father's side. "For Indigenous Catholics to see the Holy Father welcomed to some place like Sacred Heart Church by having smudged the space first, or facing the four directions to offer his blessing — as simple as those gestures may seem — clearly demonstrates a sensitivity on his part to their traditions which, though outside of any particular Catholic expression of faith, are certainly not contrary to it," the priest said in an email response to questions.

One of the events Bouvette has helped plan is Pope Francis' scheduled meeting July 25 with Indigenous people at Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples, which has been the official parish for First

Nations and Métis people in Edmonton since 1993.

Before Pope Francis arrives, an elder will process into the church with a bowl of smoldering cedar, sage, sweetgrass and tobacco — the common aromatics used for the "smudge" ceremony by many native peoples of North America.

"The smudge that is being proposed at Sacred Heart holds a two-fold purpose: 1) To show recognition of the ritual in an observable/public way; and 2) As a ritual of purification in the space itself as a gesture of making the space 'more hospitable' to welcome the Holy Father as he arrives," Bouvette wrote in an email.

Usually, the person doing the smudging would use a feather or branch to direct the smoke toward participants who use their hands to welcome it as a sign of their desire to cleanse their minds and hearts. However, Bouvette said, at Sacred Heart the elder will smudge the church itself but will not direct the smoke toward the pope.

Twenty years ago, St. John Paul II celebrated a Mass and beatification of two Indigenous men in Mexico City. At the beginning of the Mass in 2002, Catholic News Service reported, there was "a purification ritual carried out by a woman in traditional costume who gently waved medicinal herbs in front of the pope" while other women in native dress carried smoking pots of aromatics. The liturgy featured dancing as well.

St. John Paul, in his homily, told the people, "The two blessed are an example of how, without regarding one's ancestral customs as myths, one can reach God without renouncing one's own culture but letting oneself be enlightened by the light of Christ, which renews the religious spirit of the best popular traditions."

In the church's ongoing process of inculturation — making room for a group's cultural expressions — Bouvette said there is "a very important distinction between something being 'pagan,' which means nothing more than practiced by the non-baptized, and something being blasphemous or sacrilegious." "Certain 'pagan' practices would be 'sacrilegious' because they either make a mockery of our faith or dangerously open one up to the spiritual order where one has no control over what enters or attaches," he said. "There are a variety of Indigenous rituals such as this which I have intentionally left off the table from the beginning."

"In a Catholic context, we could see the ritual of smudging as being akin to the use of certain of our sacramentals which are borne for personal, spiritual purposes, such as wearing the scapular or anointing with the oil of St. Joseph's Oratory," in Montreal, a practice initiated by St. André Bessette, Bouvette said. The cedar, sage, sweetgrass and tobacco are "gifts of the Creator and therefore returned back to the Creator."

"Personal purification or the purification of the space where the smudge is happening are the exclusive purposes of the ritual," he said.

Another Indigenous practice people may see during the papal visit, Bouvette said, is praying while facing the north, the south, the east and the west.

"We do not pray 'to' the four directions — we pray only to God, the creator," he said. But the movement is "similar to the ancient Christian appreciation of directional orientation — like facing East at the altar as we await the second coming of Christ or facing north to proclaim the Gospel in the direction of darkness where the light of the sun does not pass."

"The significance for Indigenous people in orienting themselves in prayer to each of the cardinal directions is twofold," he said. "First, it serves as a reminder of the omnipresence of the Creator and that all creation belongs to him."

And second, Bouvette said, "each direction is also aligned with the stages of human life: infants and children to the east; adolescents and young adults to the south; parents and middle-aged to the west; and our elders to the north. In addition to recognizing the dignity of all human life, it also demonstrates a humble submission to the passage of time, following the direction of the sun in the sky, to which we all must submit ourselves if we seek to live in harmony and peace."

**At the end of the day my friends, our Lord knows our hearts and our intentions. We may not clearly understand all things, but our Lord Jesus, certainly does. Blessings,**

*Fr. Jim*