

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: 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/ 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 October 8, 2023 ~ Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

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

Happy Thanksgiving!

The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Monday October 9. The Church will be open for regular daily Mass & Reconciliation times at 8:30 am and 6:15 pm.



**CWL
General Meeting**

**TUESDAY October 10
at 6:30pm
in the Meeting Room.
*All ladies of the parish welcome!***



**Pancake
Breakfast
NEXT SUNDAY**

October 15 following the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses, hosted by our Knights of Columbus \$7 per person, \$22 for a family of 4, *All are Welcome!*

ROSARY RALLY NEXT WEEKEND!



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



**ECUMENICAL
MISSION
OF STRATHCONA COUNTY**

save the date

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

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

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.



October 9 - 14

Monday ~ Jo & Dan Sarich†, George McCargar†, Teresa Avalos†, Deacon Arden Playford, Olga-Marie Bolduc, James Draganiuk, Herminia Garcia, Danielle & Reese Shortman, Leonardo Sebastian

Tuesday ~ Jim Mitchell†, Michael Angel†, Jean Marc Vienneau†, Lennard Sebastian†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Gail Chasse, Sean and Karen Draganiuk, Marissa Woods, Barb Owens

Wednesday ~ Pepito Macaraeg†, Elizabeth Kiziak†, Mervyn Lynch†, Barbara Eileen Kiddine†, Danielle & Reese Shortman, Leonard Sebastian, Vera Connor, Joseph & Thea Kaba, Maureen & Jim Stegen, Barb Owens

Thursday ~ Monche Acosta†, J. Don McGreevey†, Jim Mitchell†, Susan Bushell†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Terri Brisebois, Lois Novikoff, Angie & Greg DeWolfe

Friday ~ Carolyn Blonarwitz†, Bryce Clarke†, Wilfred Baier†, Edmonton General Hospital Nurses Class of 1963, Rebecca and Zaid Yusufani, Iluminada De Gracia

Saturday ~ Ronald Francis Butt†, John Wachowicz†, Chase Evan Gourlay†, Denise Hrushka†, Betty Lou Lawrence†, Linda De Sousa, Maria Elena Corazon Sebastian

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

Your OLPH Parish Team

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Follow Us on Facebook:
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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

Parish & Community News



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



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.

4A Raven Drive
Sherwood Park, AB
780-467-5730
sttomsherwoodpark@gmail.com
www.stthomas-sherwoodpark.ca.

OLPH Financial Report

Week 40 October 1, 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	\$23,844.45	\$2,562.00	\$2,851.55
This week surplus/ shortfall	-\$1,155.55	\$82.00	\$541.55

- 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*

TOFIELD CORNER

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



“We are all sinners and can also be tempted to ‘take over’ the vineyard, because of that greed which is always present in us human beings. God’s dream always clashes with the hypocrisy of some of his servants. We can ‘thwart’ God’s dream if we fail to let ourselves be guided by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit gives us that wisdom which surpasses knowledge, and enables us to work generously with authentic freedom and humble creativity. To do a good job of nurturing and tending the vineyard, our hearts and minds must be kept in Jesus Christ by ‘the peace of God which passes all understanding.’ In this way our thoughts and plans will correspond to God’s dream: to form a holy people who are his own and produce the fruits of the kingdom of God.”
- Quote from Pope Francis

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ In today’s readings we are directed by God himself to attend his vineyard! Wow! It can’t be more direct than this. Let’s take up our positions, our jobs, our garden tools and tend to Jesus Christ’s garden: His Holy Church - God’s vineyard. And just *how* can we do this??

1. Our Wednesday evening **celebration** of our patron saint, **St. Francis of Assisi**, was beautiful! So many people attended. And so many brought yummy dishes of food for the potluck that followed, so we could gather as God’s family in this celebration. A big thank you to Fr. Mario for coming out. We are truly blessed!
2. We continue to wait for the **tree** on the north side to be removed and the **gutters** and **eavestroughs** replaced. This work should be completed by the end of October!
3. **Painting Bee** for the inside of the church is coming up soon. Wait for the call for volunteers to help out!
4. **Call for Readers!** We are always in need of more readers for Sunday Masses. If you are interested in adding your name to the list please call Alex at 587-336-0750 or email at novaxela@gmail.com. Thank you!



St. Francis of Assisi Parish Financial Report September 2023	2023 Monthly Budget	Donations this Month	Surplus/Shortfall
	\$ 2,198.00	\$ 3,061.3	\$ 863.3

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

What’s Happening at OLPH



Prayer of Condolence

Condolences to the family of **Francis Herbert (Herb) Bowditch** who passed away on August 30 in Sherwood Park.

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



First Reconciliation Parent/Child Retreat Saturday October 14 10:00 am - Noon

(Remember to bring your completed Home Study Workbook)



Lesson 2 (of 5) ~ Initiation

- Choose either:
- Wednesday October 11, 6:15pm-8:30 pm or
 - Saturday October 14, 8:30am-10:45am

Reminder, every class opens with Mass followed by our catechism lesson and fellowship time. A parent or sponsor must accompany their Confirmation Candidate to every class. Always be on time for Mass and bring your workbooks!

This week remember to bring:

- **YOUR PRAYER ROCK TO PAINT**
- **A MEMENTO OF YOUR BAPTISM OR FIRST COMMUNION**

If you have any questions, to RSVP or change your class date, please email Natalie: sacraments@olph.ca.

What's Happening at OLPH

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 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 with their peers!

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.

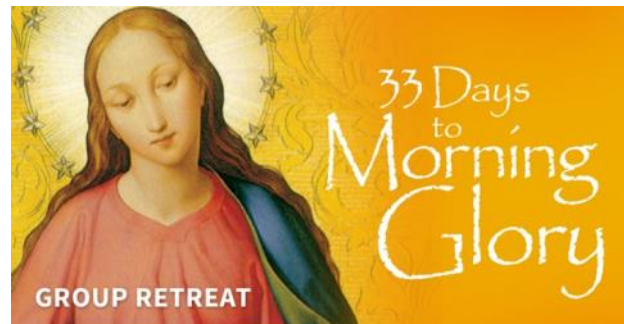


Lunch will be provided. Free will offerings gratefully accepted.

Please pre-register by emailing

reclaimtruth@shaw.ca

or call 780-990-7981.



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 or 780-886-1338

2023 • CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Women of Dignity

Carry on Bravely

"The good Lord does not do things by halves, He always gives what we need - let us, Carry on Bravely."

St. Zelig Martin

Early Bird

\$50/Woman • \$30/Student

After September, 30

\$60/Woman • \$40/Student

Friday, Oct. 20, 2023

Registration 5:30 pm

Program: 7-10 PM

Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023

Registration 7:00 am

Program 8:00-4:00 PM



"The future of humanity passes by way of the family." - St. John Paul II

SPEAKERS & MASS CELEBRANTS

Susanna Parent

Dr. Rebecca Genuis

Amanda Marleau

Fr. Frank Sharma

Fr. Jim Corrigan

October 20-21, 2023 • Holy Trinity Parish, Spruce Grove, AB

200 Boundary Road, North of Highway 16A (Between Spruce Grove and Stony Plain)

Registration: www.catholicfamilyministries.com • 780.920.7878

To help with food planning REGISTER before October 12th. No refunds after October 12th.

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>

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.

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@telus.net 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 (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

GREY CUP POOL TICKETS



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

Pick yours up in the foyer after any Mass this 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!

CALLING ALL VENDORS

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.

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 or christina.stockdale@me.com



The Clothing Nook is OPEN for Shopping:

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

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

AND NEW THURSDAY EVENINGS 5:00 - 7:00 pm
October 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 thru December 22 (Nook will be CLOSED between Dec 23 - Jan 1)**





“God causes all things to work together for good, (Rom 8, 28)”

Thanksgiving ~ What are you grateful for?

In some ways, it might seem ludicrous to be asking a question like this. We would likely all agree that for the most part, we should be - and probably are - grateful every day. We do not need a special time of year to celebrate God’s goodness. However, these special occasions do give us pause for reflection, because in the busyness of life, the pause for reflection does not happen often enough for many of us. I must say that focusing and reflecting on that which I am grateful for is helpful for me. Generally, I know that I am blessed, and that my Mom and my Gramma, and various other family members, are praying feverishly for me daily, from their heavenly pews. I know without question, that this is why I am able to do what I do, and love it while I am doing it.

I believe it to be true that *if you say you can or you can’t, you are right*. Taking a little time to reflect, with intention, on other blessings is really a great practice for me. Mostly, because I can think of *many* blessings, which puts me in a grateful state of mind. Intentionally focusing on blessings can lead me to realize a blessing that I was perhaps not cognizant of, prior to my purposeful reflection.

I encountered what I feel is a very cool blessing in these recent days, leading up to this writing. In my school years, I played every sport I could and loved it. What I realized in those younger years, especially during high school, is that I am very competitive. My degree of competitiveness also seemed to be amplified when I was playing on a team. I think this was because it was not just about me, but I wanted our communal team to do well. I believe my competitiveness was heightened because I did not want to let my teammates down because of a shortcoming on my part. It seems winning is sweeter when one wins as a team. I am not sure of the psychology of this, but I believe it to be true.

What I have come to appreciate in recent days, is that I am once again playing on a winning team. Yes, I curl and I golf, but those are not the teams I am speaking of. I am speaking of the fact that I play on Team OLPH/St. Francis, and I very much consider us a winning team. No, we have not won it all. I think we will individually have to arrive in heaven, to know the ultimate win. I can say with certitude, that it feels like I am part of a large rowing team, and we are all rowing in more or less the same direction with our oars in the water at more or less the same time. I hope you can visualize my rowing image. We are not gliding perfectly straight, and some are stronger rowers than others, but we are definitively moving towards the finish line as a team.

As the pastor of a large parish, I encounter many opinions, ideas, practices, processes,

and possibilities. Some are quite unique, but I am convinced that we all have the same goals in mind. We all want to get ourselves to heaven, as well as the people in our lives who are important to us. We, at OLPH/St. Francis, are really, just a very large rowing team, rowing our way toward the heavenly gates. You may be reading this and thinking “Fr. Jim is a little bit out there on this one,” but I disagree. It is a profound blessing to know in my heart that the many parishioners that I interact with daily, all have the same intent. We are all rowing in the same direction. A pastor can lull themselves into a “they have their agenda and I have mine” type of thinking. That is a true statement, but though the short-term goals may be divergent, there is no question that the long-term goals are in perfect harmony. When viewed from the big picture world view, it is a great blessing to know we all desire the same thing.

“And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose, (Rom 8, 28).” Some of our faithful have expressed concern about what they are hearing, regarding the synod that is happening in Rome currently. My counsel on this is to be patient; let the process take place. These people are all rowing in the same direction as we are. They all aspire to the same destination as you and me. The best part of all this: This is God’s Church, and the Holy Spirit is indeed in charge. Historically, humanity has messed things up in the past, but here we are. Wow, another incredible blessing has once again become very apparent to me. God is God and we are not.

God’s 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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***Ministry volunteers please sign up for your Mass IN ADVANCE on our website www.olph.ca OR call the Parish Office 780-467-5470.**