

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: December 6

***will end early due to Confirmation Mass at 6:15 pm**

2nd Wednesday hosted by Society of St. Vincent de Paul: December 13

***special time 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm due to school advent concert in church that evening**

*3rd Wednesday hosted by CWL: December 20 *will also end early at 6:00 pm*

4th Wednesday hosted by K of C: December 27

5th Wednesday 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

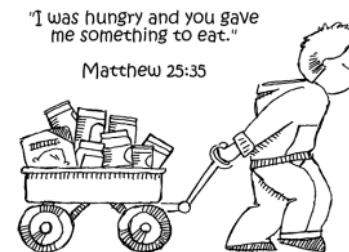
Sunday November 26, 2023 ~ Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

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

Time for our Annual *Advent Reverse Collection!*

As we approach the Advent season, we often start to think about others and how we can make their celebrations of Christ's birth more joyous. We are happy to announce that OLPH Parish will once again be helping with a "Reverse Collection" of non-perishable food for two parishes: Sacred Heart and St. Alphonsus in Edmonton. Their needs are great, and resources are few. (We are fortunate that the needs of Strathcona County residents will be taken care of by the Strathcona Christmas Bureau.)



How it Works:

NEXT WEEKEND December 2 & 3
"Reverse Collection" – Baskets will be passed at each Mass to distribute slips of paper print-

ed with the non-perishable food items/cash that are needed to help make up Christmas Hampers, as well as assist with lunches and meals provided regularly by these Parishes. **December 9 & 10** – Bring the items printed on your paper slips back to the church! Volunteers will be collecting and sorting food downstairs in the Parish Hall at each Sunday Mass. **December 12** – Loading SSVP truck with food and delivering to Sacred Heart Parish and St. Alphonsus Parish.

If you are able to **VOLUNTEER** on any of these dates, please contact:

Pauline Degenstein at 780-719-0842 or **Len and Sandra Stang** at 780-467-8412 or **OLPH Parish Office** at **780-467-5470**

If anyone is so inclined to make up a Christmas Hamper themselves, please contact **Pauline Degenstein** at **780-719-0842** for a list of contents required for a hamper.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

SURVEY PARTICIPANTS NEEDED



and addressing concerns. Please share this survey with others and encourage them to fill it out. In the meantime, let us join in prayer for the dignity of human life.

Scan the QR code or visit <https://caedm.ca/catholic-survey-on-medical-assistance-in-dying/>



The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton is inviting you to participate in the survey on MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying).

We are hoping to understand the general sentiments of Catholics on this very important topic. Your responses will assist us in understanding the lived experience, determining future course of action,

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.



November 27 - December 2

Monday ~ Angelo Esposito†, Deceased Members of the Weinkauk & Sieben families †, Joseph Maksymiuk†, Stella Lozowy†, Martin & Angelma Bohn†, Esperanza Villaflor†, Jessie & Ted, Danielle & Reese Shortman, Deacon Arden Playford, Louise & Bernard Prince

Tuesday ~ Fr. Wilf Murchland†, Angela Sarjas†, Dominic Tham†, Jim Mitchell†, Peter Gallenero†, Michael & Pius Bohn†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Judy & Ed Spence, Lyriisa Sheptak, Jerry Heck

Wednesday ~ Elizabeth Kiziak†, Ken Heykants†, Teresa Gallenero†, Ted McKinnon†, Maria Do†, Jerry Iverson, Kevin Lester Aberilla, Linda de Sousa, Danielle & Reese Shortman, Brenda Colmer-Walke

Thursday ~ Margaret Corrigan†, Rick Oszust†, Mike & Alice Ciezki†, Eldon James†, Jim Mitchell†, Marie & Otto Baron†, JB Trong Ngo†, Ian & Margo Pye†, Celine Reghelini & family, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family

Friday ~ Carolina Devera†, Bryce Clarke†, Karen Blunt†, Pawlowski Family†, John Baptiste Clairmont†, Eugene & Mary Meyer†, Veronica Short, Marie Claire Grenier, Victor Pinto, Joseph Caddel

Saturday ~ Ross Lashin†, Pawlowski family†, Berthe Healey†, Luiza Pinto†, James Meyer†, Eugene Meyer Jr.†, Bindu Joseph†, Steven James family, Monsignor Senger, Conrad & Holly Weleschuk

Your OLPH Parish Team

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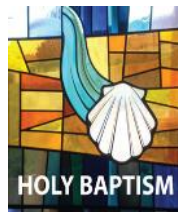
Other Inquiries: info@olph.ca
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Archdiocese of Edmonton
Website: www.caedm.ca

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

Celebrating the Sacraments



Baptism Preparation: Second Tuesday of Every Month at starting with Mass at 6:15pm, followed by Classroom Session. Both Parents must attend. Godparents also welcome. (Next class December 12) *Additional preparation will be provided for families with children age 7 and older.* **Baptism Celebrations:** 3rd & 4th Sundays of Every Month at 2:30 pm. To have your child baptized contact Jenny at the Parish office 780-467-5470 or email info@olph.ca



First Reconciliation must be completed before First Holy Communion, so preparation for these two sacraments is offered back to back, for families with children in **Grade 2 or older**. Email Natalie at sacraments@olph.ca to register for the next preparation session starting in January 2024.



Available for children **Grade 6 or older**, Confirmation preparation is a 5 month program for children and their parents/sponsors. Next session of classes will start in February 2024. Special weekly lunch hour classes available for high school students at ABJ. Email Natalie at sacraments@olph.ca to register.



Daytime please contact Fr. Jim on his cell phone 780-470-2730. If it is after hours please call the Parish Office at 780-467-5470 and follow the instructions to connect with the priest On Call.



Engaged? Congratulations! Contact Angie at 780-467-5470 or by email ADeWolfe@olph.ca to schedule your **Pre-Nuptial Meet & Greet** with Fr. Jim and find a Marriage Preparation Course.

OLPH Financial Report

Week 47 November 19, 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	\$29,022.90	\$4,043.10	\$3,200.40
This week surplus/ shortfall	\$4,022.90	\$1,563.10	\$890.40

- 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 - December 3*
- Society of St. Vincent De Paul Poor Box Collection - *Third Sunday of every Month - December 17*



TOFIELD CORNER

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

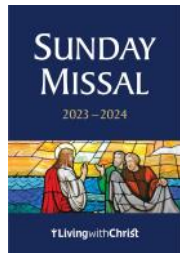
In Pope Francis's words: "Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy."

November 26th ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Sunday ~ In today's readings we learn of God's limitless mercy. Jesus lets us know exactly what mercy is and how to share the mercy God gives us. We exist because of His mercy! We can do exactly what Jesus taught us by being the 'face of Jesus' to others in our own parish and community.

1. November is our special month for the **Food Bank**. But we do collect all year long! Let's keep the box at the front doors full throughout the year, especially with Christmas right around the corner!
2. So pretty, fresh and bright! Our little church is all **painted** on the inside. Thank you to ALL the people who volunteered! Everyone did such a great job. Thank you!!!
3. Did anyone notice our **new eavestroughs**? Thank you to ASAP Eaves and Gutters for getting everything installed before winter!
4. December 3rd - first Sunday of the month - and the beginning of **Advent** - is **PotLuck Sunday**! Yum! Get ready!
5. Also - December 3rd is the beginning of the new liturgical year and we move into our new **Sunday Missal**. Many people have picked up their new ones and for those who still need one - we have lots at the back of the church. \$5 each.
6. Do you ever hear something during Sunday homilies and would like to write it down so you will remember it? We have 10 free **Mass Journal Books** (from Dynamic Catholic) with pencils at the back of church. Pick one up to go along with your Missal while you can!!
7. St. Gregory The Great church in Holden held a donation auction this last week. We are fortunate to now have a new **toaster oven** for our kitchen. We were also able to get a new **Advent Wreath**. Thank you to the wonderful people of Holden!



FEED THE HUNGRY

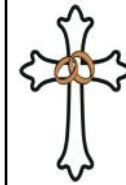


To post in the 'Tofield Corner' contact Kathy by phone 780-270-8652 or email Kathleen.Anderson.one@gmail.com. Weekly bulletin deadline is Wednesday.)

What's Happening at OLPH



Condolences to the family of **Noreen Congram** who passed away November 17 in Sherwood Park. Funeral for Noreen will be on Friday December 8 at 11:00 am at OLPH.



Congratulations to **Geral Estrella & Lawrence Domingo** United in Holy Matrimony on November 18, 2023

Are you Missing Something?

Our church's LOST AND FOUND BIN (located on the west wall of the parish foyer) is OVERFLOWING with water bottles, toys, books, clothing items and more!

Please take a look this weekend to see if **any of these items belong to you**. Even more small items (*cell phones, jewelry, glasses, etc.*) are being held in the parish office, waiting to be identified by their owners.



A new social group is starting up at OLPH Parish, offering fellowship and friendship for any single (widowed, divorced) seniors. **They will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm downstairs in the St. Joan Room.** Coffee will be provided, snacks are welcome.



Contact Lena at 780-464-1616

To pray for one another is a great privilege.

"KINDNESS ENCOUNTERS" will take place during the four weeks of Advent.

Parishioners will be challenged and encouraged to PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER.

During Advent, members of *Mary's Servants for Christ* will be in the foyer to welcome parishioners arriving for every weekend Mass (starting December 2 through December 24) and hand out blank prayers cards. You are invited to write down your own prayer request and these cards will be taken to the front of the altar and prayed over during the Mass.

After Mass, the prayer request cards will be available for parishioners to pick up and take home to pray for a fellow parishioner's needs over the next week.

Through this encounter, parishioners will become more comfortable in seeking God as they pray and experience God's love.

Bear one another's burdens.
(Galatians 6:26)



What's Happening at OLPH

Congratulations & Welcome to the children Baptized at OLPH on Sunday November 19, 2023



Zoe Maria Barata
Miles James Bentt
Ezrah Jayden Park Datu
Isla Rose Nelson
Blake Alexandria Ruzicka
Kenili Senaya Suduwa Dewage
Lasini Menaya Suduwa Dewage

GREY CUP POOL WINNERS

- Q1) \$100 Esther Ohlmann
- Q2) \$200 K. Wesko
- Q3) \$300 Bill Stefura
- Q4) \$400 Tammy Preston

Congratulations to the winners, and THANK YOU to all who participated in this CWL charity fundraiser!



Catholic Community News



Catholic Renewal Services of Edmonton

Life in the Spirit Seminar December 1 - 2

Wanted: Fully equipped worship warriors.

The *Life in the Spirit Seminar* is an opportunity to rediscover the Gospel and to renew and deepen the graces of our Baptism and Confirmation.

When: Friday December 1 at 6:30 pm & continuing Saturday December 2 at 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Where: St. Emeric's Parish, 12960 – 112 Street, Edmonton

Cost: \$20 per person, includes Saturday lunch when you register by November 28. Register online at:

<https://www.ccredmonton.info/events>

(Walk-ins are welcome, but no lunch included)

Burning aglow with the Fire of the Holy Spirit, Rom. 12:11



This week on Archbishop Smith's Podcast: What have we forgotten about Advent?

Join Archbishop Smith as he shares about Advent as a season of penitence, the purpose of the liturgical year vs. the secular year, Advent as a season of being shook out of our apathy and the irregularity of the fourth Sunday of Advent being the same day as Christmas Eve this year. Watch on YouTube or listen here:

<https://caedm.ca/upfront/>

Rosary at 4:30 pm every Saturday starting December 2nd, the First Saturday.

Mary's Servants for Christ invites you to join us in praying the rosary every Saturday before the 5:00 pm evening vigil Mass.

Come pray the rosary for your families, pray for your friends and community, pray for our province and our nation, pray for peace.

Reflect on the Gospel mysteries, receive blessings for you and your family, and be enveloped in the mantle of the blessed Virgin Mary, your Mother.



"The ROSARY is a devotion that through the Blessed Mother, 'LEADS US TO JESUS'. It is He who is the goal of this long and repeated invocation to Mary."

-POPE ST. PAUL VI



New Volunteers always welcome! Reach out to the Leader of the specific Ministry that interests you for Training:

PROCLAIMERS: Michelle Rose michelle.rose@shaw.ca & Theresa Volk theresa.volk@ecsd.net

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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.**



Come and See Weekend at
St. Joseph Seminary



Are you thinking of becoming a Priest? Not sure about your vocation? Or just curious? Here is your opportunity to have a live-in experience at St. Joseph Seminary on your discernment journey.

We are hosting this annual weekend on January 26-28, 2024.

To register please contact Father Kris Schmidt, the Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Edmonton, first at Kris.Schmidt@caedm.ca or by calling 780-672-1131 Ext. 3.

What's Happening at OLPH



2nd Annual



GR 6-8

ELEVATE CONFERENCE

Saturday January 20, 2024
10:00 am - 4:45 pm

Elevate is a Youth Retreat for grades 6-8! Come to encounter the Lord, have fun, and be empowered to become a modern-day saint! The conference includes lots of fun, keynote talks, praise and worship, Adoration, and more.

Registration fee includes lunch, all supplies and activities and covers the cost to bring in FacetoFace Ministries. Early Bird Registration Deadline with payment is Friday December 15, 2023. (Early Bird price \$40, After December 15 \$50) Register online:

<https://ourladyofperpetualhelpsp.flocknote.com/signup/141537>

To learn more or to VOLUNTEER to help contact Natalie at 780-467-5470 or nlavigne@olph.ca



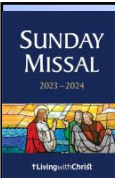
The Clothing Nook is OPEN for Shopping:

Tuesdays 1:00 – 3:00 pm
November 28, December 12
Thursday 5:00 - 7:00 pm
November 30, December 14
Saturdays 10:00 am – Noon
December 2 & 16

Christmas Gift Shop Hours:

Tuesdays 1:00 – 3:00 pm
November 28, December 12
Saturdays 10:00 am – Noon
December 2 & 16
CLOSED Thursday Evenings

All clothing and Christmas items are free thanks to the generous donations from our community.



2023/2024 Sunday Missal
\$5.00 each

For Sale at the Parish Office and in the Marian Gift Shop



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

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

What's Happening at OLPH



Confirmation Class News

Lesson 5 ~ Be Sealed with the Spirit

Choose either:

- Wednesday November 29, 6:15pm-8:30 pm or
- Saturday December 2, 8:30am-10:45am

Reminder, this will be our FINAL Lesson before we celebrate the Rite of Confirmation on December 6. This class will include a "rehearsal" so invite your Confirmation Sponsor to join you here if they are able.

Remember to bring BOTH your workbooks, *Gifted by God* (which we will complete together in class) and *Alive in the Spirit* (which you will hand in, having completed it at home as a family). Also bring your completed SERVICE BINGO page to be entered for prize draws!

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

Archbishop Smith will be here to celebrate Confirmation Mass on Wednesday December 6 at 6:15pm

Refreshments to follow.

Everyone Welcome!

Please keep our Confirmation students in your Prayers.

JETS = java, exercise, talk and service

Sprinkles and Jingles, oh my!

The JETS Airline is taking off this Friday December 1, on a whimsical flight filled with sparkly sprinkles and musical jingles to Chartwell Emerald Hills Retirement Residence to spread some holiday cheer! Would you like to join us?

We will be meeting at 9:40 am in the front entrance at Chartwell (6101 Eton Blvd. here in Sherwood Park) and have been invited up into the Memory Section to sing Christmas carols and decorate seasonal cookies with the residents.

Additionally, if there is interest a carpool will be arranged from the Church parking lot, leaving promptly at 9:25 am. More information is available by contacting our Flight Captain of the day, Nicole S. at 587-598-6123. Feel free to bring along sprinkles and small candies for added flourish.



"Gifts of time and love are surely the main ingredients of a truly merry season."



AT OLPH WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Call Doreen at 780-467-0597 or Josie at 780-467-0197 with your PRAYER REQUESTS



Well done good and trustworthy servant....enter into the joy of your Master (Mt. 25, 23)

I suppose that most have noticed that we have reintroduced the **Stewardship Prayer** following reception of Holy Communion. This had been our practice prior to the pandemic and like many things it has taken us a while to get it reinstated.

I would first wish to comment that the Stewardship Prayer is one of my favorite prayers, perhaps because of the memories I associate with it. Stewardship was a very popular evangelical tool in the past, within the Archdiocese. Our major stewardship thrust took place during the time that we were preparing to build community and fundraise to build Corpus Christi parish. I am convinced that we achieved a large measure of success at St. Theresa Parish because stewardship was an integral part of our parish life programming, as well as a central focus in our parish liturgies. What became very evident to me over an extended period is this: *When you pray a particular prayer long enough and consistently enough, it becomes part of who you are, informing your worldview and your faith.*

In short when we view the world through the lens of gratitude, the world becomes a pretty good place. It also puts things in perspective. It really does not matter how many RRSPs we have, how big our home or our cabin at the lake is. How many children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren we have been blessed with. Yes it all matters, but when we view these gifts through the eyes of gratitude, we realize that they are not really ours after all. We come to grips with the reality that what we have is, pure and simple, an expression of God's love for us. What we have is simply His gift to us, and we are responsible then to care for these gifts, until our Lord requests an accounting for how we have cared for what He has entrusted to us.

In recent weeks, we have meditated on the parable of the Talents at two separate weekday Masses. (Mt. 25, 14-30 and Lk. 19, 11-27). In both parables, three servants were entrusted with large sums of money (Talents). They were to make the best use possible, of that which was entrusted to them. They were entrusted with great gifts to do great things with. **Are we not very much like those same servants?** Each of us have been entrusted with much, our families being the most prominent and precious gift. What about the gift of faith? That gift from God that allows us to believe that which we cannot see, and that which we cannot fully understand. **Faith is a gift of God's grace given to us; Grace being that freely given, unmerited gift from God.** We need to acknowledge that these gifts must be treasured and grown. In layperson terms, we need to do the best we are able, with what has been entrusted to us. Our faith, our families, our many talents and abilities.

I quote our former Cardinal Archbishop Thomas Collins, about what it is to be a good steward. *"A steward is a servant entrusted for a time with the goods of the Master. The steward uses, but does not own these goods and must eventually give an account to the Master for the way in which they have been cared for and made fruitful. Each of us spends a brief time in this life, preparing for our eternal life with God. While we are here, we receive everything from God, even life itself, and are asked to make good use of what God has entrusted to us. We are invited by God to be good stewards of His gifts."*

Each one of us has been blessed with enormous potential. At the end of our lives here in the world, we never want to hear the words, he/she had a lot of potential. My friends, when we embrace the spirit of stewardship we will not let God's gifts go to waste. We will not cling to them, but use them generously in the service of others. That is the point of stewardship, to serve others. To share our gifts with the goal of making peoples' lives, and our world, a better place.

Jesus was the model of consummate stewardship. He healed, cured, exorcized, shared meals with, anyone and everyone. Jesus held nothing of Himself back, not even His life. My prayer for all of us, is that as time goes on, as we pray the stewardship prayer - daily if possible - that these prayerful words will become an integral part of who we are.

"Almighty God, I give thanks for all that I have and all that I am, but most of all I give thanks for the great gift of your son Jesus Christ."

Fr. Jim

*Well done good and trustworthy servant...
enter into the joy of your Master (Mt. 25, 23)*

Stewardship Prayer

Almighty God,
I give thanks for all that I have
and all that I am.
Most of all I give thanks
for the great gift
Of your Son, Jesus.

I pray that I
may be a good steward.
That I will
Follow faithfully,
Serve joyfully,
Give generously,
Live responsibly,
And possess sensibly.

In gratitude
for the abundant gifts
You have so graciously
given me,
I return to You
The first fruits of these gifts
Through acts of service
And by generously sharing
all that You
have entrusted to me.

Heavenly Father,
by Your Holy Spirit
Give me knowledge
and understanding.
Help me to be a gift to others
in Your name.

Amen.