

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

**Special Time 5:00 pm on Wednesday and Friday this week only!*

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

Advent DAY OF CONFESSION: Saturday December 16, 9:15 am - 4:30 pm

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: January 3, 2024

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



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 December 10, 2023 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

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

Advent
Day of Confessions

Saturday December 16
9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Drop in!
Several Priests will be available all day offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation



2ND SUNDAY OF Advent

THE SECOND PURPLE CANDLE IS THE
"Candle of Peace."

DURING THIS SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT, WE REFLECT ON OUR LIVES AND ORIENT OURSELVES TOWARD CHRIST'S COMING, PREPARING OUR HEARTS TO RECEIVE HIM ANEW.

Most Needed Donations:

- Youth 7-18
- Men's & Ladies' winter boots, coats & mitten/gloves.
- Bedding (sheets, blankets & pillows)

*Please drop donations for the Clothing Nook in the bin by the elevator during regular Parish Office Hours. **THANK YOU!***



MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Please note, **THIS WEEK SOME ADJUSTMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE EVENING MASS SCHEDULE** as we welcome 2 of our Elk Island Catholic Schools for Advent Celebrations:

Wednesday December 13 – Adoration at 4:00 pm, Evening Mass at 5:00 pm (No 6:15 pm Mass), *St. Nicholas School* concert to follow.

Friday December 15 – Adoration at 4:00 pm, Evening Mass at 5:00 pm (No 6:15 pm Mass), *Madonna Catholic School* concert to follow.

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.



December 11 - 16

Monday ~ Mervyn Lynch†, Lois Schatz†, Ely Agravante†, Danielle & Reese Shortman, Sharon Darbyshire, Victims of Mindanao University, Marie, Kristine Bautista, Jean Martin, Dan Malone

Tuesday ~ Suzanne Borosevich†, Jim Mitchell†,

Dolores Bourgeois†, Fr. Wilf Murchland†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Dick & Elaine Broower, Margo Boisvert, Michael, Fr. Kevin Gillis, Lucienne Holzman, Pat Heck

Wednesday ~ Teresa Paul†, Lennard Sebastian†, Mary Wesko†, Fr. Don Stein†, Steven Weimann†, Fr. Leo Floyd†, Judy & Kevin McKinney†, Carmen Prince†, Edward Kole Koscielny†, Devlin Family, Danielle & Reese Shortman, Kelly Thompson & family

Thursday ~ Henri Helmers†, Betty Prenoslo†, Kenneth James†, Brian Hashimoto†, Jim Mitchell†, Wm & Rose Peiche†, Leoncia Manalo Untalan†, Edith Milan, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Marcelino & Linda De Sousa, Benjamin Tsang

Friday ~ Graham Otway†, Bryce Clarke†, Betty Lou Lawrence†, Holy Souls in Purgatory†, Peter Lema†, Kayla Revoy†, Luiza Pinto†, Rita Prince†, The Labbe & Lefebvre families, Teresa Kozak

Saturday ~ Rogelio & Emerita Aseron†, Bernadeth Habbiling†, Louis Gagnon†, Roky Lukos†, Holy Souls in Purgatory†, Deannine Dechant†, Kevin Lester Aberilla, Sulit Family, Madeline Thomassen

Your OLPH Parish Team

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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



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

“Blessed are those who endure in peace, for by You, Most High, they shall be crowned”. “Lord make me an instrument of thy peace.”
Quotes from St. Francis of Assisi.

2nd Sunday of Advent ~ In this Sunday’s readings, we are advised by Peter to prepare and strive to be found by Him at peace. Advent is a time to review and renew ourselves, not only for the coming of the baby Jesus, but for the time we are called by God to have “straightened the way” of the Lord in the valleys and mountains of our hearts. Let’s make the uneven ground even, not only for ourselves but to help others do the same, by being an instrument of peace.

- Christmas weekend schedule-** December 24th Sunday Mass will be as usual at 11:00 am. December 25th - Monday - Christmas Day - Mass will be at 11:00 am also.
- Food Bank** - Thank you to everyone who made Food Bank donations in November. We were able to donate 162.9 lbs and \$450.00 in money. Let’s continue to do our part in the acts of mercy for our less fortunate brothers and sisters in our community. And we do collect year round for the Food Bank. Thank you to Sandy and Liz who make this all possible for us!
- Christmas Novena** - We have decided to do a Christmas Novena as a community this year. We will start the Novena on the 16th. Copies will be handed out at the back of the church. If you would like to sign up to host an evening please sign up after Mass. The first day of the Novena will be at the church at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to join in.

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 49 December 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	\$31,914.60	\$3,626.50	\$4,251.85
This week surplus/ shortfall	\$6,914.60	\$1,146.50	\$1,941.85

- 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 - January 7*
- Society of St. Vincent De Paul Poor Box Collection - *Third Weekend of every Month - December 17*

What's Happening at OLPH

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 Afternoons 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
January 15 - March 18, 2024

(excluding Family Day on February 19)



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



St. Valentines Dinner & Variety Show

Saturday, February 10, 2024

13 BROWER DRIVE, SHERWOOD PARK

Live Auction & Silent Auction

VARIETY PROGRAM INCLUDES

Giselle Denis, Award Winning Local Artist and Performance Painter
www.giselledenis.com

Swiss Men's Choir
 and More!

TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES

Contact: Sean Mullane

780-417-2299 or Email spmullane@shaw.ca
 Table of 8 \$480.00 • Single Tickets \$65.00

In support of Strathcona Food Bank, Robin Hood Association,
 Inner City Pastoral Ministry, Women's Shelter,
 Youth and Senior Programs, OLPH Parish



What We Believe

THE BEAUTY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Mondays, Jan 8 – Mar 11

6:45-8:30 pm

Online via Zoom

Maybe you've been Catholic your entire life. Maybe you're just beginning to explore the Catholic Faith. Wherever you may be in your journey, you will be profoundly moved by the beauty and the richness of the Catholic Church. Join us for this 10-session, video-based course from the creators of *The Bible Timeline*.

The course is FREE. Study set available for purchase (more information when you register).

To register, contact:

Alana at alaperle@telus.net
 or 780-446-9009



What's Happening at OLPH

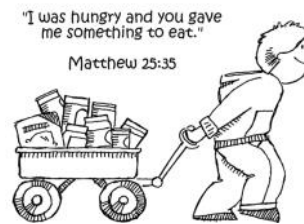


PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2024 SUNDAY GIVING ENVELOPES IN THE PARISH FOYER!

- **Don't use your new envelopes until January 1st, 2024.**
- **Be aware that some numbers have changed.**
- **Please recycle all unused 2023 envelopes.**

You can also sign up for (PAD) Pre-Authorized Debit to ensure your regular contributions happen automatically, even when you cannot come to the church in person. PAD helps you, and the parish, in budgeting and financial planning. You can sign up for weekly or monthly donations, using a credit card OR bring in a void cheque to set up account withdrawals. Contact the parish office to register 780-467-5470. You can start & stop at anytime.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the financial needs of our parish home.



THANK YOU for supporting our Advent Reverse Collection!

If you forgot to bring your items to Mass today, please drop them off ASAP at the Parish Office during regular business hours.

Please note: your food slips may ask for a specific size or quantity of the item (ex: "small" jar of peanut butter or "cereal 340-500 grams" etc.) It is greatly appreciated if you can provide the requested sizes.

Doing so eases the distribution and ensures the contents all fit into the hamper boxes. **Thank you in advance for your generosity!**

December 12 – Loading SSVP truck with food and delivering to Sacred Heart Parish and St. Alphonsus Parish. To **VOLUNTEER** with this project, please contact: **Pauline Degenstein** at 780-719-0842 or **Len and Sandra Stang** at 780-467-8412 or the **OLPH Parish Office** at **780-467-5470**. (If anyone is so inclined to make up a Christmas Hamper themselves, please contact **Pauline** for a list of contents required.)

The Monday Morning Church Cleaners are looking for WINDOW CLEANING VOLUNTEERS to join their team. Call Priska 780-464-3865.



EMAIL SCAM ALERT Sample emails, pretending to be Fr. Jim. Don't be fooled by FAKE accounts! Fr. Jim's real emails are jcorrigan@olph.ca and jim.corrigan@caedm.ca.



Fr. Jim Corrigan <churchprayer481@gmail.com>
 To Natalie Lavigne

This sender churchprayer481@gmail.com is from outside your organization.



Fr Jim Corrigan <father.rev2512@gmail.com>
 To Natalie Lavigne

This sender father.rev2512@gmail.com is from outside your organization.

Start your reply all with:

How are you doing today? I would like to know if you're available for errands. I'll be waiting to read from you as soon as you receive my message.
 Fr Jim Corrigan.

What's Happening at OLPH

Daily Masses at 5:30 am, December 16 - 24

SIMBANG GABI 2023

A nine-day novena in preparation for the Birth of Jesus Christ.



We (Fr. Jim, Fr. Mario, Fr. Ben, Deacon Lynn and Deacon Arden) are inviting all of you to prepare spiritually for Christmas with our *Simbang Gabi* or Christmas Novena Mass, daily at 5:30 am starting December 16 up to December 24. It is a sacrifice for the Lord—where there is sacrifice, there is love. The Mass will be in English but the songs are in Filipino.

Historical Background. The Latin Americans call it *Las Posadas* and Filipinos call it *Simbang Gabi* or *Misa de Gallo* if it is at dawn.

In North America, the Christmas Novena Mass or *Simbang Gabi* is celebrated from December 15 to December 23 in the evening; in some places of North America at 5:00am. In the Philippines, the Filipinos do it at dawn 4:00 am. **For this year, at OLPH Sherwood Park, we shall have the *Simbang Gabi* at 5:30 am.**

The purpose of the novena in general is to bring back the ancient Catholic tradition – the Church prepares itself for important feasts or solemnities with prayers and especially with the Holy Mass. From apostolic time, the Apostles with the Blessed Virgin Mary waited in prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit, from

Ascension Thursday to Pentecost Sunday (nine days).

The Spanish missionaries introduced this tradition in 1600 as part of their evangelization effort in the Philippines as it was being practiced in Mexico and the Latin Americas. Fishermen were returning home at dawn from the sea or farmers on their way to the farms, would pass by the Church to attend Mass for nine consecutive days. The missionaries introduced the *Misa de Gallo* (*Mass when the cock crows at dawn*) to catechize/evangelize the Filipinos with a joyful celebration.

The *Misa de Gallo* or *Simbang Gabi* was a Novena in honor of Mary the Mother of God (a devotion which was very strong in Mexico associated with the apparition of Mary at Guadalupe, Mother of the True God, in 1531. The Philippines was administered by Spain through Mexico, politically and ecclesiastically).

The Liturgy is solemnly celebrated with *Gloria* and *Credo* to honor Mary who became the Mother of God when Jesus was born. The Liturgy of the Word is taken from the advent readings of the day and the spirit of the novena days has taken an anticipated celebration of Christmas. Thus, Christmas songs in Filipino *Simbang Gabi* or *Misa de Gallo* are sung.

What's Happening at OLPH

THE SECOND ANNUAL EDMONTON ARCHDIOCESE



GRADE 6 - 8
SATURDAY, JANUARY 20th, 2024

DOORS OPEN AT 9:45am
RETREAT | 10am - 4:45pm

EARLY BIRD | \$40
AFTER DECEMBER 15 | \$50

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.

REGISTER HERE



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH
13 Brower Drive, Sherwood Park AB | 780 - 467 - 5470

NEW~ Join us in praying the Rosary at 4:30 pm every Saturday before the 5:00 pm evening Mass.



The Clothing Nook is OPEN for Shopping:

Tuesday 1:00 – 3:00 pm
December 12

Thursday 5:00 - 7:00 pm
December 14

Saturday 10:00 am – Noon
December 16

Christmas Gift Shop Hours:

Tuesdays 1:00 – 3:00 pm
December 12

Saturdays 10:00 am – Noon
December 16

CLOSED Thursday Evenings

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

HOLIDAY BREAK:

The Nook will be CLOSED January 2,4 & 6 for shopping.

Nook Shopping will resume January 16,18 & 20

KEEP OUR COMMUNITY WARM THIS WINTER



DONATE WINTER CLOTHING!

Celebrating the Sacraments



December 6, 2023

Dominic Marcel Joseph Arnal
 Kurt Rodel Atienza
 Benzene Li Anne Baluyot
 Joshua Scott Beniuk
 Kaleb Christopher Beniuk
 Zachary Noah Bosters
 Kate Ana Brkin
 Bronsyn Matthew Broadfoot
 Alyse Ann Ciezki
 Sophia Ciezki
 Olivia Anne Clair
 Anna Lilian Clavelle
 Richele Aquino Cunanan
 Grace Hannah Damur
 Kristina Sophia Delich
 Sawyer Mae Diogo
 Benjamin David Gaudet
 Brynn Louise Gavin
 Chloe Abigail Gonzales
 Nathan Gregg
 Sara Katelyn Gushnowski
 Kayden Allen R. Heck
 Anthony Enrique Holzman
 Alex Ava Huculak Schimpf
 Morgan Huculak Schimpf
 Nathaniel Feltner Juteau
 Gilbert Isaiah Lang
 Mikayla Venice G. Madrona
 Ella Dawn Metz
 Jordan Dallas Metz
 Lorenzo Joseph Miglioranza
 Harlow Madison L. Milliken
 Maris Mmasichukwu Onyedika
 Bella Penner
 Jhoanalyn Nicole Pila
 Ryden Emile Pomerleau
 Anistyn Precy Sales
 Brianna Colleen Salvador
 Wella Jathelia T. Tizon
 Sadie Marie Weum
 Maddison Marie Zuk-Clare



First Holy Communion
 December 2 and 3, 2023



Brayden Joseph N. Allard
 Benj Harzen Cabais Baluyot
 Benzene Li Anne Baluyot
 Elmire Hope Beck
 Raphael Curtis Berube
 Xander Huron Berube
 Halle Mary Boisvert
 Hunter Roland Boisvert
 Alyse Ann Ciezki
 Lennon Marie Clavelle
 Barrett Dean Clement
 Campbell Lee Cossey
 Gabriel Orlando Damur
 Liam Aleczaire Dela Cruz
 Scarlett Aria Dela Cruz
 Chelsea Elaine Devine
 Henderson Luke Duncan
 Benjamin Arthur Ewasko
 Connor Wayne Ewasko
 Hayley Ann Fossen
 Matthew Owen Gaudet
 Sara Katelyn Gushnowski
 Theresa Marie Hill
 Mathias Quenneville Juteau
 Gilbert Isaiah Lang

Mikayla Venice G. Madrona
 Blake Anne Marshall
 Gavin Roy Mercier
 Ella Dawn Metz
 Jordan Dallas Metz
 Zosia Maria Misteci
 Hunter Pierre Morin
 Jadeine Issabel Olivarez
 Ezekiel Leo Parambeth
 Dallan James Paranych
 Matthew Neil Pattenden
 Silver Pelaez
 Avery Emily Prusko
 Bentley Gregory Prusko
 Evelyn Alesé Rink
 Bella Alessandra Saldariegga
 Brianna Colleen Salvador
 Chanel P. Salvador
 Mabel Alexis Sklazeski
 Ellie Liana Stolk
 Jon Aeron Zane Tabbal
 Celeste Marie Taillon
 Wella Jathelia T. Tizon
 Silas Joseph Wright

What's Happening at OLPH



A new social group is starting up at OLPH Parish, offering fellowship and friendship for any single (widowed, divorced) seniors.

Meeting every Tuesday at 7:00 pm, downstairs in the St. Joan Room.

Coffee will be provided, snacks are welcome. Contact Lena at 780-464-1616 for more information.

"KINDNESS ENCOUNTERS"
 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.



O Come, Divine Messiah
Advent Brunch

The JETS women's group is so delighted to again host our annual Advent Brunch this Friday December 15, in the Large Meeting Room.

All women of the Parish are sincerely invited to experience this beautiful morning of music, games and the very best potluck brunch possible! We will also be revealing our Secret Prayer Angels and this is an opportunity to join in this tradition when new names will be picked for the coming year. As well we will hand out the shiny, new, 2024 JETS destination calendar.

Please bring a favourite Advent/Christmas decoration from your home that is deeply meaningful to you, to use for our table adornment, plus your gift of a potluck dish. This last session of the year will begin at 9:40 am, but please feel free to arrive around 9:20 am to settle in and obtain your in-flight holiday beverages.

IMPORTANT: Donations for YESS will continue to be collected up until Thursday, December 14, and all OLPH Parishioners are kindly invited to consider helping out this drive.

A bin next to the parish office to receive your donations. See last week's bulletin for gift ideas. For more details on any of the above information, please contact Aida at issasaida33@yahoo.com or Nancy at (780) 464-5356.





“Prepare the Way of the Lord, make His paths straight, (Mk 1,2)”

The candle that we light during the second week of Advent represents Peace.

Peace is a simple word, but it is profound in its meaning. To have peace in our hearts, in our families and in our



world, is what makes all these entities truly beautiful. When we do not have peace, we do not have much. Of course, this begs the question, *how is it that we are to attain peace in our hearts, because that is where all other peace will flow from?*

The Catechism (CCC 1829) states the fruits of charity are joy, peace, and mercy. St. Augustine comments, “Love itself is the fulfillment of all our works. There is the goal; that is why we run toward it, and once we reach it, we shall find rest.” We know God is love, and that living in the light of Christ requires love to be the motivation for all that we do. If love/charity is the motivation for what we do, ultimately we will have peace in our hearts. Why? Because we know we have done all that we are able, to be the love of Christ for our neighbor. I know, easier said than done. Why do we fight with one another? Why do countries fight with one another? Because they do not have the love of God as their motivation for what they do; and therefore do not have the peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, in their hearts.

I began my reflection with Scriptural references that we find in both the first reading from the prophet Isaiah and, again reiterated at the beginning of Mark’s Gospel. “*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His path.*” What do you think of when you meditate on this Scripture? **Does God really need us to make His path straight? Or does this phrase mean that we need to make our paths to Him straight?** God needs nothing from you and I, except our desire to be in relationship with Him. If we desire relationship, He will give us the graces we need to develop our relationship with Him, with ourselves and with one another. But it begins with the Lord. We need to focus our attention on relationship with Jesus, who is “*the way the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through Him, (Jn. 14, 6)*”

Many of us have had the privilege of holding a sleeping baby cradled lovingly in our arms. It is moments like these that we feel a kind of peace that is almost indescribable. No matter what else is going on, all things are right in our hearts during these moments. We truly do have peace in our hearts, we truly do feel the gift of loving relationship. As we encounter the long awaited first real snow fall of the season, we are treated to a strong visual with regard to making our paths straight to the Lord. Even something as simple as walking to our vehicle becomes a little bit more complex when we are avoiding deeper piles of snow and suspected patches of ice.

In the same way, obstacles like sin can cause us challenges to true and loving relationships; as well as the peace that comes with being in good relationship. I suggest that this is why Advent is a penitential season. Our Lord desires relationship with us. To attain and cultivate this relationship, we need to make straight our paths and our relationships. We do this, by removing the obstacles of “snow and ice” from the path that leads us to the Lord and to one another. God’s love and mercy are without end, if we are humble enough to be willing to clean the walks/paths that lead to Him. **In Alberta, to make straight our paths we use a shovel - for making straight our hearts, we use the Confessional.** Both can be tiring experiences, but both are very effective modes of “making straight the path” and removing the snow, ice and sin that are obstacles to the loving relationships that result in true peace in our hearts. **Next Saturday, December 16, we will have several priests available from 9:00 am until 4:30 pm for our Advent Day of Confession, to assist you in making straight your paths to prepare the way of the Lord.** Of course, we always have snow shovels available for other obstacles in our paths. Happy Advent my friends.

“Prepare the Way of the Lord, make His paths straight, (Mk 1,2)”



Mass Schedule



4th Sunday of Advent Sunday December 24 Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm Sunday Morning 8:30 am, 10:30 am and 12:30 pm Tofield 11:00 am	Christmas Eve Sunday December 24 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 10:00 pm and Midnight	Christmas Day Monday December 25 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm Tofield 11:00 am
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