

**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:* January 3, 2024

*2nd Wednesday hosted by Society of St. Vincent de Paul:* January 10, 2024

*3rd Wednesday hosted by CWL:* January 17, 2024

*4th Wednesday hosted by K of C:* January 24, 2024

*5th Wednesday hosted by clergy:* January 31, 2024



We have a NEW YouTube Channel! For the benefit of the faithful whose health or other circumstances prevent them from attending the church in person, **all Masses and Adoration will now be livestreamed at:**

<https://www.youtube.com/@olphparishsherwoodparkab/streams>



**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.



**The Parish Office will be CLOSED on New Year's Day.**



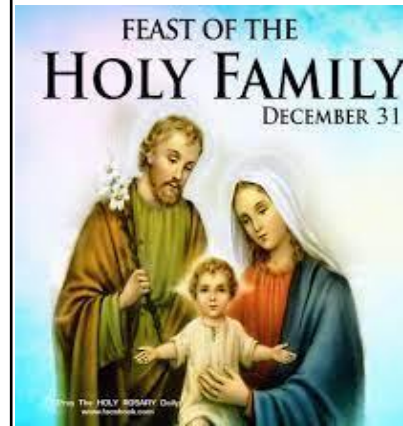
*Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish ~ A Roman Catholic Christian Community*

Sunday December 31, 2023 ~ Feast of the Holy Family  
Monday January 1, 2024 - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

*We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe*

13 Brower Drive, Sherwood Park, AB T8H 1Y7 780-467-5470 [www.olph.ca](http://www.olph.ca)

**REMINDER: SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULE**



Sunday December 31 ~ Regular Sunday Mass at 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm. **No 7:00 pm Mass tonight.**

**5:00 pm NEW YEAR'S EVE VIGIL MASS** for the *Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

**ADORATION** will be held through the night, starting after the 5:00 pm evening Mass and concluding at 8:00 am on Monday January 1, 2024. *Everyone is welcome!*

The Rosary will be prayed every 2nd hour:

8:00 pm Joyful Mysteries

10:00 pm Luminous Mysteries

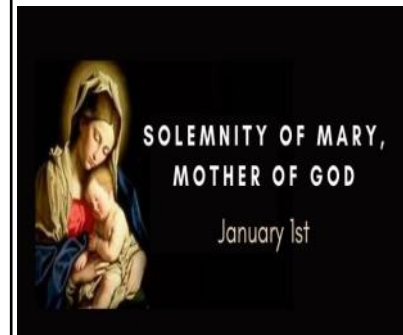
**12:00 am NEW YEAR'S BLESSING** followed by the **Sorrowful Mysteries**

2:00 am Glorious Mysteries

4:00 am Joyful Mysteries

6:00 am Luminous Mysteries

**8:00 am Conclusion of Adoration with Benediction and Repose of the Blessed Sacrament before Mass**



**~ MONDAY JANUARY 1 IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ~**

**Mass at 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm**



**Parish Potluck & Family Dance**

**Saturday January 27, 2024**

**6:15 pm after the evening mass**

*Free event for all ages. All are welcome.*





A humble and heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who has supported the financial needs of our parish home this year with Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD), by bringing your Sunday Giving Envelopes to the church, or donating via INTERAC E-TRANSFER to [OLPH.etransfer@caedm.ca](mailto:OLPH.etransfer@caedm.ca)

**\*\*\*REMINDER All Sunday and Christmas offerings for the 2023 tax year MUST be received no later than December 31, 2023.**

Donations received after that date will be included in the 2024 taxation year.



January 1 - 6

**Monday ~ Mary, Mother of God – No Intentions**

**Tuesday** ~ Carolina Devera†, Adolphe & Adeline Leger†, Jim Mitchell†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Jason & family, Natalie Lavigne & family, Matthew & Michelle McKay, Schroh & Liersch & families, Rachel Antogop, Ethan Caddel, Eduardo Viale

**Wednesday** ~ Alex Hinz†, Mildred Lawrence†, Lina Stroh†, Ken Brown†, Lennard Sebastian†, Jeannette Paskevich, Marie Ron Carter, Al & Pat Ziebart, Ellen Desnoyers, Nono & Phil, Jan Garcia

**Thursday** ~ Brian Corrigan†, Jim Mitchell†, Keith Duke†, Herman Valckx†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Carol Brassard & family, Colleen & Steve McCosham, Bemvindo Palha, Evelyn Kozak, Camille Romaniuk

**Friday** ~ Ed Lynch†, Judy & children Kerrey, Carrie & baby Rob†, Maria Johanna Sheddy†, Gerardo & Luisita Molina†, Maritess Arevalo & family, Schroh & Liersch & family, René Trudeau & family, Mitch Demers, Olivier Moreau, Zoey Draganiuk

**Saturday** ~ Ron Morris†, Ashleigh McKinnon & family, Philippe, Antony & Family, Ray Cherniak, Tony Siracky, Elizabeth Maria David, Brenda Sulit, Elton Draganiuk, Seigfred Garcia

**Your OLPH Parish Team**

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Parish Office 780-467-5470

Website: [www.olph.ca](http://www.olph.ca)

Follow Us on Facebook:  
[facebook.com/olphsherwoodpark](https://facebook.com/olphsherwoodpark)

Archdiocese of Edmonton  
Website: [www.caedm.ca](http://www.caedm.ca)

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

**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 January 9) *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](mailto:info@olph.ca)



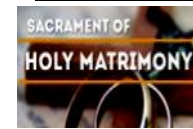
First Reconciliation must be completed before First Holy Communion, so preparation for these two sacraments is offered back to back, for families with children in **Grade 2 or older.** Email Natalie at [sacraments@olph.ca](mailto:sacraments@olph.ca) to register for the next preparation session starting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



Available for children **Grade 6 or older,** Confirmation preparation is a 4 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](mailto:sacraments@olph.ca) to register.



While Fr. Jim is away on vacation, 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](mailto:ADeWolfe@olph.ca) to schedule your **Pre-Nuptial Meet & Greet** with Fr. Jim and find a Marriage Preparation Course.

**OLPH Financial Report**

Week 52 December 24, 2023	Cost of Operating the Parish	Building Fund Target Amount	“Together We Serve” Target Amount
Average weekly amount required	\$25,000.00	\$2,480.00	\$2,310.00
Donations this week	\$42,147.10	\$3,024.50	\$2,280.50
This week surplus/ shortfall	\$17,147.10	\$544.50	-\$29.50
<b>Christmas Giving</b>	<b>\$33,711.10</b>	<b>Christmas Book Program</b>	<b>\$625.00</b>

- 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 on 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 - January 23*

## Parish & Community News

Altar Server  
Training  
for current and  
new servers.



**Thursday January 25**  
**7:00 - 8:30 pm**  
**(After Evening Mass)**

\*For More Information Email:  
[amanda.gaudet15@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.gaudet15@gmail.com) or  
[christina.stockdale@me.com](mailto:christina.stockdale@me.com)



**Tuesdays at 7:00 pm,**  
**downstairs in the**  
**St. Joan Room.**

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

### Lighthouse faith-study sessions

St. Joseph's College invites you to join two new faith-study programs in the New Year.

#### *The Pivotal Players*

**Dates:** Jan. 15 to Mar. 4, 2024

**When:** Mondays, 7 to 9 pm via Zoom

Bishop Robert Barron introduces us to six of the Church's most influential people!

#### *Dying with Christ, Living with Hope*

**Dates:** Apr. 8 to 22, 2024

**When:** Mondays, 7 to 9 pm via Zoom

The Christian view of death and of MAiD, the new and expanding form of euthanasia.

**More information and registration:**

<http://tinyurl.com/3jsdpmwu>



## What's Happening at OLPH

### Prayer of Condolence

To the Coulombe family.  
Len's sister **Lina Coulombe  
Beauoyer** died on Decem-  
ber 23 in Cold Lake AB.



### 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).

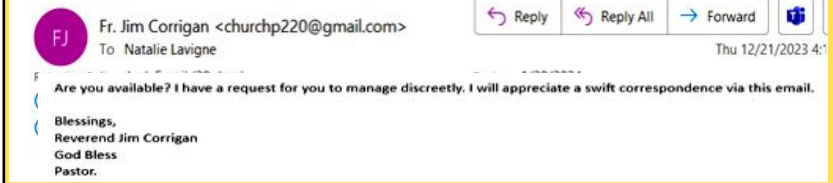
**To register, contact:**

Alana at [alaperle@telus.net](mailto:alaperle@telus.net)  
or 780-446-9009



### Another sample of a SCAM email, pretending to be Fr. Jim.

**Don't be fooled by FAKE accounts! Fr.  
EMAIL SCAM ALERT** Jim's real emails are [jcorrigan@olph.ca](mailto:jcorrigan@olph.ca)  
and [jim.corrigan@caedm.ca](mailto:jim.corrigan@caedm.ca).



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



## THE SECOND ANNUAL EDMONTON ARCHDIOCESE



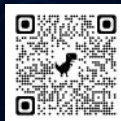
**GRADE 6 - 8**  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20th, 2024**

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



**Knights of  
Columbus**  
Archdiocese of Macdonald Council 6063

## 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](http://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](mailto: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

## Preparing for a Happy Death ...and the Life to Come

A course for compassionate Catholics, caregivers,  
and people who are dying

### FACILITATOR TRAINING

*Online via Zoom*

**Tuesdays, January 23-March 5 | 7:00-8:30 pm**



This 6-module course builds on the *Horizons of Hope* course offered by our parish in spring 2023. In response to feedback from participants, the expanded course includes new content and practical tools to engage Catholics in the ancient practice of preparing for a happy death and the life to come.

**Can you help present this course in our parish? Want to find out?** Join us to  
experience the full course...and learn how to facilitate it along the way!

**To register or for more information:**  
Contact Alana at [alaperle@telus.net](mailto:alaperle@telus.net) or 780-446-9009



## “Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord, (Psalm 96)”

I had a unique experience in the days that led up to our Christmas celebrations. I have experienced *Simbang Gabi* (the nine novena Masses leading up to the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord), for many years. This Novena, originating in the Philippines, is extremely popular with the Filipino community. At St. Theresa and Corpus Christi, we have always celebrated these nine novena Masses at 7:00 pm. This year Fr. Mario had the brainstorm that we should celebrate them early in the morning, in the spirit of how they were celebrated back home in the Philippines. The fishermen would be coming home early in the morning, the farmers would be going out to the fields very early in the morning. They and their families would come to the Church for Mass incredibly early in the morning for the nine days leading up to Christmas. A beautiful, rich, spiritual and cultural tradition. So, we decided to give Simbang Gabi Novena Masses a try with a 5:30 am start. Couples for Christ supported this initiative, and we thought *if only twenty people show up for a 5:30 am Mass, so be it*. Imagine our pleasant surprise when through the doors came two hundred or so early birds for our first Novena Mass!

Our numbers stayed in that range all week, rising to 250 people on the final Saturday and Sunday December 24 celebrations. We had music, AV, adult servers, and a joyful atmosphere for our nine-day Novena Masses. What a wonderful event to have happen in our parish. A considerable number of our regular parishioners, from both OLPH and St. Francis, showed up regularly for these exceedingly early celebrations. Breakfast was provided after every Mass in the foyer, with all three of our priests showing up daily to celebrate the Masses together. Thank you dear Jesus. I am a fellow that likes to get an early start on the day; however, did you know that a 4:00 am. get up for nine days in a row, brings new meaning to the concept of sacrifice. Of course, now that we have run a highly successful first effort, how can we not do it next Advent? Thank you Couples for Christ for your sincere buy-in to this project. In particular, we thank Fr. Mario for his leadership and for taking the preaching duties for all nine days. Very well-done Fr. Mario.

The Novena ended with 5:30 am Mass on Sunday December 24. This was followed by three Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses at 8:30 am, 10:30 am, and 12:30 pm. Then the *flip*, if you will, of the Church from Advent season to Christmas colors and environment between the hours of 1:30 and 3:00 pm. Then off to the races with 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 10:00 pm and Midnight Christmas Eve Masses. Nine Masses in 18 hours! Finally, we welcomed Christmas day with our 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm Christmas Masses. Wow. As I


write this, it feels like I am bragging about what OLPH accomplished. Perhaps I am, but it is because I am so proud of the joyful celebrations that were celebrated in a beautiful, reverent, and organized way. My friends, by the grace of God we had music, adult servers, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, AV techs, greeters, and altar servers; filling the many, many opportunities for ministry in this short and busy period of time.

Not all Masses were full, but they all had significant attendance including our 7:00 pm Christmas Day Mass. I was pleasantly amazed at how many people attended, likely because they had been working during the day. All this to say my dear OLPH parishioners, thank you for your commitment to an especially important part of our Liturgical year: the Nativity of the Lord. My heart is full of gratitude for the very generous and giving ministries that made our celebrations possible and beautiful. As I write this, I have now had eight hours sleep, three nights in a row, and I feel pretty much normal. (At least as normal as your pastor ever is.) I write this, as we prepare to celebrate the ***Feast of the Holy Family*** on Sunday and the ***Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*** on Monday. **Please be aware the Mary Mother of God, January 1st, is one of two annual holy days of obligation in the Canadian Church.** (The other being the Nativity of the Lord, Christmas.) Needless to say, there are fifty-two other Holy Days of Obligation. They fall like clockwork every Sunday, week after week, year after year. My dream for Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish is this: That we would be overwhelmed with attendees every week, like we were this past week, celebrating Christmas as a joyful community of faith and love. We trust in God's good grace and God's good time, and that we will continue to do what we need to do in order achieve this dream. We need to name the goal if we are to have the hope of achieving it.

**My friends, your pastor, Fr. Jim, will be away from January 2-26 on course in Arizona.** This is the longest break I have ever taken as a priest, with three weekends away from the parish. But with Fr. Ben, Fr. Mario and Deacon Lynn on deck, I feel comfortable to take the time. As a result of this, you will not see any of my written, rambling meanderings until the beginning of February. May our Lord bless you and your families with a healthy, happy, and holy year of our Lord 2024.

Blessings ,

Our Lady of Perpetual Help is a...



**Compassionate Parish**

A *Compassionate Parish* is the Catholic expression of *Compassionate Communities*, a world-wide movement to build "circles of care" around people who are sick and dying.

*Compassionate Parish* is not a parish group or ministry. Rather, it connects existing groups, ministries and programs with new services to meet the physical, emotional, social, spiritual, and practical needs of individuals, families, and caregivers in our parish and the broader community. **We all have a role to play in a Compassionate Parish.**

**Watch for more information and the NEW Compassionate Parish resource centre COMING SOON!**