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

See inside for

special

HOLY WEEK

schedules

1st Wednesday hosted by Mary's Servants for Christ: April 3 2nd Wednesday hosted by Society of St. Vincent de Paul: March 13 3rd Wednesday hosted by CWL: March 20

4th Wednesday hosted by K of C: March 27



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.



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

Sunday March 10, 2024 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

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



Our team of young Altar Servers presented a beautiful and moving Stations of the Cross on Friday March 1, in costume as the people of Jerusalem. Father Jim participated in the role of the centurion. Well done everyone!



Please join us for our

HEALING & HOPE MASS Monday March 18 at 7:00 pm

For families and friends suffering the loss of loved ones from suicide, assisted suicide, drug overdose and death under traumatic circumstances.

"With a profound sigh... Jesus wept."

... and the Jews said, "See how much he loved him."

(John 11:34-37)



A humble and heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who supports the financial needs of our parish home 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



*2023 TAX RECEIPTS
HAVE BEEN MAILED OUT



March 11 - 16

Monday ~ Don Riley†, Grant Courtney†, Rogelio Rada Sr. †, Edwin Kroetch†, Craig Wallace†, Mervyn Lynch†, Lindsay Andersen†, George & Siham Stephan, Hannah Bazin, Gracie Bruce Tuesday ~ Charles Rodrigues†, Helen Brooks†, Jim Mitchell†, Martha Manning†, Holy Souls of Purgatory†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Dennis Rhind, Yvonne Vesh, Ron Black, Luke Mombourquette

Wednesday ~ Jack Robertson†, Martha Manning†, Myrtle Broddy†, Paul Boisvert, Maria Elena C. Sebastian, John Meier, Jeanette Paskevich

Thursday ~ Jim Mitchell†, Carl Kroetsch†, Marcelino & Linda De Sousa, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Jonah Love

Friday ~ Eileen Wietzel†, John Friesen‡, John Miranda†, Betty-Lou Lawrence‡, Adeline Hupka‡, Sheila Parlby, Jeannette Paskevich, Elodie Kingston Saturday ~ Kerry McKurdy‡, Chris Penner‡, Connor Van Damme

Deadline for Bulletin Submissions is Wednesday at Noon Send your announcements to Natalie nlavigne@olph.ca

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In event of an emergency, contact Fr. Jim at 780-470-2730

Catholic Community News







Edmonton's 44th Annual Good Friday Outdoor Way of the Cross "Journeying Home" Good Friday, March 29, 2024, 10 a.m. (99 Street and 107 Avenue)

The Outdoor Way of the Cross is an ecumenical prayer event marking the suffering and death of Jesus. It is a time to reflect on how the gospel values of Jesus apply to individual and public life today. This year's theme is based on Isaiah 58:6-7: "Is not this the fast that I choose." To share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless into your house."

People of all faith traditions are welcome. The 1.5-kilometre walk is reasonable for most ages and ability levels. Free street parking is available near the start location. Light refreshments will be provided at Hope Mission (106 Avenue and 99 Street) after the final station.

For more information, contact Marguerite Watson at <u>marguerite.watson@telus.net</u> or visit the Way of the Cross website. Search "Good Friday Outdoor Way of the Cross Edmonton"

OLPH Financial Report

Week 10 March 3, 2024	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	\$24,178.11	\$3,117.00	\$2,811.50
This week surplus/ shortfall	-\$821.89	\$637.00	\$501.50

- 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 April 7
- Society of St. Vincent De Paul Poor Box Collection Third Weekend of every Month March 16 17

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



"Preach the Gospel everyday and only if you have touse words." Quote from St. Francis of Assisi

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 24 ~ Regular Sunday Mass at 11:00 am
HOLY THURSDAY MARCH 28 ~ Presentation of the Oils, Washing of Feet and Mass of
the Lord's Supper ~ 6:00 pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:00 pm
GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29 ~ Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the
Cross ~ 11:00 am

EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31 ~ Regular Sunday Mass at 11:00 am

4th Sunday of Lent ~ Today we hear that God tells us over and over and over again through his messengers, how to gain eternal life with Him. But we continue to not listen — and sin. Then He finally sent His only son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave us the gospel, to open our eyes and see the truth the way and the light. Let us continue to celebrate the Lenten season, the season of salvation, not just by following the gospel, but as St. Francis of Assisi said, by *being* the gospel to others.

- 1. Please continue to donate **empty bottles and cans** to our charity fund raiser. There is a drop-off box at the entrance of the church.
- 2. The **Tofield Food Bank** is in desperate need of donations, especially canned fruit. We have a collection box at the front entrance. Please remember those less fortunate and bring a donation when coming to Sunday Mass. They also accept cash donations which can be given to Sandy and she will take it in for you.
- 3. We are starting a **cleaning committee** to help keep our beautiful little church clean for God and for all. We will be having one month rotations and hope you can help out by signing up on the sheet at the back of the church or call Kathy for more info @ 780-270-8652. Even if you can help just every-now-and-then, it would be awesome!!
- 4. We are also starting a **social/fund raising committee.** Do you like to have fun and help others at the same time? We need your ideas! Please call Kathy @780-270-8652 for more info or sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.
- 5. We now have a **Men's Bible Study** group. Call Jason @ 780-446-5476 for more info.
- 6. Edelle is working on arranging for a **bus** to pick up our seniors in Tofield and bringing them to Sunday morning Masses. How amazing it would be to have our dear, dear senior members be able to join in the celebration of the Eucharist with us!!
- 7. Calling all **readers.** Please sign up at the back of the church to add your name to the list of rotating readers for Sunday Mass. Call Alex at 587-336-0750 for more info.
- 8. Every Friday during Lent at St. Francis of Assisi there will be Stations Of The Cross at 6:30pm. Please join in if you can.

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



Seniors Residences & Care Centers This Week

Tuesday March 12 - Sherwood Care 10:30 am

Wednesday March 13 - Country Cottage 10:30 am

Friday March 15 - Strathcona Capital Care 10:30 am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

every Friday evening during Lent, led by groups from our parish after the 6:15 pm Mass.



March 8 ALPHA Team

March 15 Mary's Servants for Christ

March 22 Catholic Women's League

Coming Soon...

LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSION SATURDAY MARCH 23

DROP IN 9:15 am - 4:30 pm *Multiple priests will be in the church throughout the day to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 24

Regular Sunday Mass times 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm & 7:00 pm

MONDAY MARCH 25

Regular 8:30 am Mass

*Evening Mass <u>moved</u> to 5:00 pm (instead of usual 6:15 pm time)

CHRISM MASS ~ 7:00 pm at St. Joseph's Basilica in Edmonton

TUESDAY MARCH 26 and WEDNESDAY MARCH 27

Regular Weekday Mass Times 8:30 am & 6:15 pm



HOLY THURSDAY MARCH 28

*No Masses at usual 8:30 am & 6:15 pm times

Presentation of the Oils, Washing of Feet and Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm followed by Adoration of the

Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

Bring BELLS to ring at the Gloria!

GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29

*No Adoration and Masses at usual 8:30 am & 6:15 pm times

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross

10:00 am, 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm Tenebrae ~ 8:00 pm

HOLY SATURDAY MARCH 30

*<u>No Masses</u> at usual 8:30 am and 5:00 pm times

Blessing of Easter Foods ~ 12 noon **EASTER VIGIL MASS ~ 8:00 pm**

EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31

Regular Sunday Mass times 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm & 7:00 pm

Bring BELLS to ring at the Gloria!

What's Happening at OLPH



The Clothing Nook
is OPEN for Shopping:
Tuesdays 1:00 – 3:00 pm
March 12 & 26

Saturday 10:00 am - Noon March 16



CWL General Meeting Monday March 11

6:30 pm in the Meeting Room

Speaker: Garnett Genuis on MAiD



The OLPH Clothing Nook is celebrating 40 years of ministry to those in need! Volunteers sort and display the donated items and welcome shoppers from Sherwood Park and surrounding areas, many of them refugees and others rebuilding their lives from trauma.



Clothing, shoes and bedding are offered for free to anyone in need. Parishioners can bring new or gently used items to donate at the church during regular office hours. (Drop off bin located next to the elevator.)

Thank you for your generosity!



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How are 90U being called to share your gifts at Mass?

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A/V SOUNDBOOTH: Bob Gerow

bgerow@olph.ca

*New Volunteers, contact Ministry Leads listed here for training. Current volunteers please sign up for your Mass IN ADVANCE on our website www.olph.ca OR call the Parish Office 780-467-5470.

What's Happening at OLPH

FIRST COMMUNION REMINDERS:

Parent & Child Preparation Retreat
Saturday March 16, 10:00 am -12:00 pm
Teaching Mass & Practice

Choice of Tuesday April 2 OR
Thursday April 4 at 6:15 pm
(RSVP to Natalie at sacraments@olph.ca)



CHILDREN'S FIRST HOLY
COMMUNION WILL BE
CELEBRATED AT SUNDAY
MASSES THE WEEKEND
OF APRIL 6 - 7 AT OLPH

Seeking Volunteers to help facilitate

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION



throughout the year for children & families at OLPH

Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation & More

To find out more, or to volunteer, please call the parish office 780-467-5470 or email info@olph.ca.

CWL HOSTING SUPPER & SOCIAL FOR L'ARCHE COMMUNITY

Monday March 18 5:00 - 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall

Main Course, Buns & Beverages Supplied. Please bring a SALAD to share.



All Are Welcome!

Come join our Team at 'Splash Canyon' Vacation Bible Camp this summer! July 8 -12, 2024

Parents, Grandparents, Teachers, come share your time as a Group Leader, teaching children about God's Word through Bible stories, skits and experiments, and guiding them through each of the stations.

Everything is provided to help guide you as a group leader. Interested in just helping out in other areas before, during or after camp? Contact Sharon for more information at sdarbyshire@olph.ca

*All volunteers need to have the online Diocesan 'Called to protect Workshop', a Police Check and intervention check.





Grief as a Journey



April 11 - June 13 Thursday Afternoons 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

To register please call the Parish Office 780-467-5470 or email <u>info@olph.ca</u>.



"But know this that in last days perilous times will come." 2 Tim. 3:1

The darkness is increasing but God has given His people access to ALL of His amazing GRACE through His Holy Spirit, that we live in victory in Christ Jesus. It is the Lord's desire to empower a people who walk intimately with Him, colaboring as to bring His heavenly kingdom on earth.

"Come and be baptized anew in the Holy Spirit; receive a fresh infilling." Rev. 22:17

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR Abounding Grace (Rom. 5:20)

Place: OLPH Parish Hall
Dates: March 22 at 6:30 pm and
March 23 at 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
*Free lunch on Saturday
served for registrations received before March 20, 2024.

Fee: \$20.00

For more information and registration visit our website: www.ccredmonton.info/ events Or call CRS at 587 989-0483

JE75 Health and Science at JETS this Friday

The last JETS service session held during Lent will occur this week on March 15, beginning at 9:30 am, directly after the 8:30 am morning Mass (please attend if you can ladies).

We will be taking 2 flights - the first to a short presentation on Covenant Health and the second connecting flight to Recipe Island. Come and learn some great information and go home with a printed cookbook of favourite Easter dishes. We will also reveal why each of us chose these particular recipes to share and what memories they evoke from our past. Gather at 9:15 am at our Boarding Gate (aka. The Large Meeting Room), grab your in-flight complimentary snacks and settle in for a charming morning of foodieness and knowledge. For more info, contact one of our Flight Deck Captains of the Day:

Anna at <u>annaminarchi@shaw.ca</u>, Paulette at <u>p-ia-mri@outlook.com</u> or Paola at <u>paolinaz.alampi@shaw.ca</u>.



Note - because of Holy Week, we will have a bit of a break but will be soaring back into the big blue skies on Friday, April 5.

= java, exercise, talk and service =



Lesson 2 (of 5) ~ Initiation

- □ Saturday March 9, 8:30 am -10:45 am
- □ Tuesday March 12, 6:15
 pm 8:30 pm or
- □ Wednesday March 13,6:15 pm 8:30 pm

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!

Remember to bring:

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

If you have any questions, to RSVP or change your class date please email Natalie:

sacraments@olph.ca



AN EVENING OF DIVINE MERCY

Tuesday, March 19 6:45-8:30 pm

Online via Zoom

Do you want to learn more about Divine Mercy and how to prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday? Join us for this inspiring educational session.

Through a video presentation by Fr. Chris Alar, instruction, and group discussion you will learn how to: trust in the power of God's mercy, prepare for the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday, and incorporate the devotion of Divine Mercy into your life.

No materials are required for this workshop.

To register, contact:

Michelle at michellefoisy@shaw.ca or 780-886-1338

Presence THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, March 23 12:30 - 4:00 Live online via Zoom

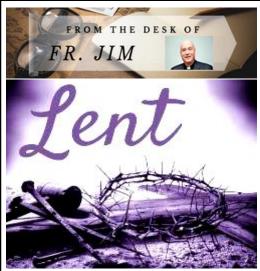
...with our Rite of Christian Initiation candidates!

What is so special about the Eucharist? Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. In this half-day workshop, we will explore the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members.





To register, contact Billy at bspindle@shaw.ca or 780-990-7981



Parish Upgrades & Capital Improvements Update

As we continue our Lenten adventure, you should know that the parish improvement wheels have been rolling along in the background. Some will begin taking shape within the coming weeks. Of note, the audio-visual upgrade (foyer and parish hall) contract has been awarded, and we will see the necessary supportive electrical work started in the foyer in the next couple of weeks. This project will provide video monitors with parish activities and scheduling of events in the foyer and the immediate office entry

area. The second part of this project will include a retractable video screen and a permanent projector installed in our parish hall. This will make it much more manageable for us to provide families' video tributes and slide shows at funeral luncheons, as well as at our parish activities, events and meetings. We are hoping for completion of the foyer component prior to Easter, with the hall upgrades to follow.

Our roof has been a constant bugaboo for much longer than I have been part of our parish. Much time, money and resources have consumed, endeavoring to seal, plug, water-proof our way to a fix. We still have water leaking into the nave of the Church on occasion. We have faced the reality that we need to install a new roof system on the sloped part of our parish. The cost ultimately, will be close to one million dollars. It is a great grace that we are in a financial position, with resources in place, to facilitate this major capital upgrade to our parish Church. There has been a much research and consultation done on this issue, and we do believe this is the right answer to a long-standing problem. We are looking at a 6–7-month window for this project, April-October. There will be some inconveniences and some noise, but this is the nature of the beast, and we need to get this done.

The benefit of a roof that does not leak at different arbitrary moments in time, is that we will be able to fix/repair the interior flat ceiling of the nave of the Church. It is presently quite an eyesore over the choir area as well as the flat sections over the east and west sides of the nave. It is an exciting thought that we can repair, repaint, redo these roofing areas, and have them looking as beautiful as most of the rest of our nave looks. We have such a beautiful Church building. It is a shame that parts of the interior are not what they

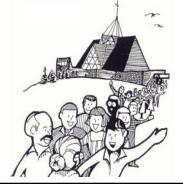
should be. Our new leak proof roof will make these improvements possible and more than just wishful thinking, while you are gazing up at the roof, as you reflect on some wonderful short but succinct and meaningful homilies. (Ooops, sorry, different church.)

Finally, bringing up the rear guard, we are still actively pursuing the goal of having a ceramic tile flooring in our sanctuary. The goal is to set the sanctuary apart from the nave of the Church, emphasising that the sanctuary is the holy of holies within the Church proper. This project is still in feasibility and assessment stages, as it will probably involve a structural renovation to the wooden platform that is the sanctuary base. We desire our worship space to be beautiful. The premise is that as we worship in a beautiful, prayerful environment, we are subtly drawn more fully into the mystery of God's beautiful love for us, His children. How we worship, where we worship; these elements, when done well, all support the celebration of the Holy Mass. They contribute to our entering more efficaciously into relationship with our Lord Jesus.

You may be wondering what is happening with the proposed affordable seniors housing facility that has been considered for the west side of our parish property. We are still in conversation with the key stakeholders on this project. We, as a parish committee, have concluded that an affordable senior's apartment complex on OLPH property will not respond to our parishioners needs. We are convinced that "Aging in Place" must be the desired outcome for this proposed facility. Our concern is that our parishioners move in, and after a period of time (3-5 years) realize that they need to have some meals, or some house-keeping provided. If we do not offer it here, then they would have to move again. Our desire is that we can assist in meeting their needs as they age without the trauma of moving

once again. At one point, most of us will need some form of acute care. This is not that. It is simply offering folks the ability to stay where they are, as long as they are able. This, by having some basic amenities available, as they become desired or required. Stay tuned my friends. The conversation is ongoing, but "Aging in Place" is our desired/required outcome, for any facility built on Our Lady of Perpetual Help property.

Blessings, Ja. Jim





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