

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: March 6

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 3, 2024 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

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

Sign-up for hosting the Pilgrim Statue of Mary

Two members of **Mary's Servants for Christ** will be at a table in the church foyer after the 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm Masses this Sunday, March 3.

(We only have a few sign up slots available due to high demand from the last sign-up, therefore we will only be offering the sign-up after these two Masses.)

Mary is your Mother - invite her to your home! (John 19:26-27)



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

- March 1 Altar Servers
- March 8 ALPHA Team
- March 15 Mary's Servants for Christ
- March 22 Catholic Women's League

Reminder: Special Monthly Collection at all Masses this Weekend



REACH OUT TO A WORLD IN NEED





Your ONE Gift reaches beyond our borders to support the evangelization of peoples, needs of the Church in the Holy Land, and people affected by disasters wherever they strike.

SCAN HERE TO DONATE

or speak with someone at the parish office.



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**



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK March 4 - 9

Monday ~ Rosario Labrado†, Paul Collins†, Mike Sturmay†, Lennard Sebastian†, Anne Hogan†, Edwin Kroetch†, Terry Rogucki†, Jacqueline Prince, Lindsay Lipsett, Stan & Linda Poznanski

Tuesday ~ Jim Mitchell†, Patricia Thomson†, Emily Bradshaw†, Ross Foster Gibson†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Holy Souls of Purgatory, Bemvindo Palha, Carla Lemaire, Maria Elena C. Sebastian, Uduak Akpan

Wednesday ~ Emily Bradshaw†, Eleonor Rada†, Mike Sturmay†, Leoncia Manalo Untalan†, Myrtle Braddy†, Bernard Eberley†, Rylan Soares, Beaver Boisvert, Rick White, Gerard Bolduc

Thursday ~ Jim Mitchell†, Martha Manning†, Ross Foster Gibson†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Curtis Kaup, Bill Bunker, Jeannette Paskevich

Friday ~ Mr. Michael Moroz†, June Ferguson†, Chase Evan Gourlay†, Martin King†, Ross Foster Gibson†, Geraldine Mckinnow, Franklin D'Mello, Jeannette Paskevich

Saturday ~ Marilyn Castro†, Joe Wesko†, Ben Rompré†, Raymond Salé†, Patrick McGuigan Jr.†, Chris Penner†, Jeannette Paskevich

Your OLPH Parish Team

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Archdiocese of Edmonton
Website: www.caedm.ca

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

Catholic Community News



Hope & Dignity is a pastoral initiative in the Archdiocese of Edmonton to equip Catholics to be effective witnesses in their families, parishes, workplaces and communities. In response to the pro-"MAiD" messages we hear from the secular media, government and even our highest court, the Catholic Church offers **real hope** and **true dignity** to those who are suffering and dying.

A Catholic response to **Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide**

For more information, visit: hopeanddignity.caedm.ca

Other Helpful Resources for Concerned Catholics:

<https://www.nooptionsnochoice.com/>

<https://cmdacanada.org/dying-with-christ-living-with-hope/>



École Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

- Grade 5&6 (English), Fall 2024!
- Structured Environment
- Classical Education
- Teacher-directed Instruction
- Regular Homework
- Second-Language Instruction (French)
- Acceptance Upon Assessment

Contact Us! 780-467-5631
olph@eics.ab.ca
Website: olph.eics.ab.ca

Interest Form: 

SAVE THE DATE:

Lenten Day of Confession at OLPH

Saturday March 23

OLPH Financial Report

Week 9 February 25, 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	\$21,879.70	\$2,647.00	\$1,572.55
This week surplus/shortfall	-\$3,120.30	\$167.00	-\$737.45

- 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 - March 3*
- 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



3rd Sunday of Lent ~ This Sunday we are reminded “follow the rules (commandments), for I am your God.” Not all of us understand the calling from our God and Savior, nor the zeal He expects. But by being patient, devout and listening to the word, in time we will understand. How can we maintain our zeal for God? What pleases God, how are we accountable? How do we put our promise to Him into action? Some ways we can consider this is by being active in God’s earthly community: His church.

1. Please continue to donate **empty bottles and cans** to our charity fundraiser. 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 at 780-270-8652.
4. We are also starting a **social/fundraising committee**. Do you like to have fun and help others at the same time? We need your ideas! Please call Kathy at 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. No prerequisite required! Call Jason at 780-446-5476 for more info.
6. Edelle is working on arranging for a **bus** to pick up our seniors in Tofield and bring 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.
9. **Potluck Sunday** - this Sunday after Mass. Join in - let’s spread the love around!

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Financial Report February 2024	2024 Monthly Budget	Donations this Month	Surplus/ Shortfall
	\$ 2,198.00	2,211.35	\$ 13.35

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 Joanne French & family, her father **Douglas Heaton** passed away February 24. Funeral for Doug will be Saturday March 2, 3:00 pm at OLPH.

To the Huybregts family, **Elizabeth Huybregts** passed away February 27 in Edmonton.



Seniors Residences & Care Centres This Week

Tuesday March 5 - Cloverbar Lodge 10:00 am

Wednesday March 6 - Summerwood 10:30 am

Thursday March 7 - Silver Birch 10:30 am

The Clothing Nook is OPEN for Shopping:

Saturdays 10:00 am – Noon

March 2 & 16

Tuesdays 1:00 – 3:00 pm

March 12 & 26



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.



Parish Community

All Are Welcome!

Come join our Team at ‘Splash Canyon’

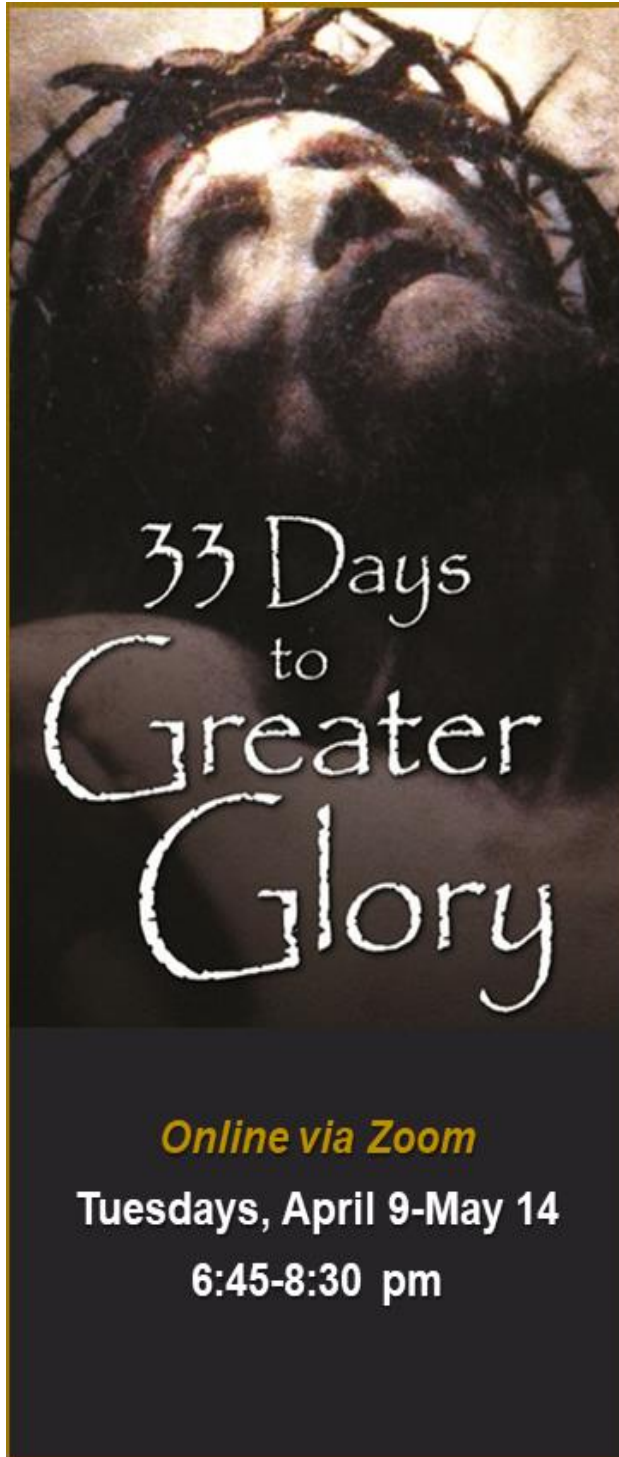
Vacation Bible Camp this summer! July 8 -12, 2024

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.*





A Total Consecration to the Father through Jesus

Join us for the final consecration in the Hearts Afire trilogy by Fr. Michael Gaitley: first to Mary, then to Jesus, the Divine Mercy, and now to God, our Father. **Based on the Gospel of John, this study beautifully reveals the heart, love and mercy of God our Father.** Activities will include readings, reflections, and group discussions.

Registrations will be accepted until the first session.

We will use the book, *33 Days to Greater Glory – A Total Consecration to the Father through Jesus*, by Fr. Michael Gaitley. Contact Michelle by **March 11th** to reserve your book. Books can also be purchased on Amazon.

To register, contact Michelle at michellefoisy@shaw.ca or 780-886-1338



Greetings to the Our Lady of Victory Camp Community!

Registration for the 2024 season is now open! We are excited to be back at OLVC for a second summer. We encourage you to register early as we expect a high volume of registrations. You can register your child(ren) by going to our site at olvc.campbrainregistration.com and logging into your account. If you previously registered your child at OLVC, your login credentials (username & password) should work. If you have not yet registered your child at OLVC, you will need to create a new account.

We are excited to return to OLVC and we hope to see your child(ren) there for an amazing week to *Encounter Christ, Encounter Community, Encounter Creation!*

We'd also love if you could help us spread the word, and invite someone else to join your child at camp this summer. If you can think of someone else who'd love to send a child to camp, it would help us if you could forward this message to them and let them know why their kids would love to spend a week with us this summer.

If you have any questions regarding programs or registration please email us at camps@caedm.ca or call us at 587-447-2837.

God bless, Our Lady of Victory Camp Team 2024



Development and Peace Caritas Canada: a movement of solidarity



Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.

We address the root causes of poverty, oppression, and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity. We champion women and social movements as key agents of lasting change.

Our transformative work is possible **thanks to the generosity and support of our members** and Canadians who stand by us.

Join the movement of over 12,000 members and help us bring our campaigns to life in your community.

Visit devp.org/membership.

What's Happening at OLPH



"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, collaborating 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



Dear wonderful fellow parishioners,

Thank you for your beautiful generosity supporting Edmonton Catholic School's **Our Lady of Grace Program** for pregnant and parenting teens in February AND for your amazing support last December donating to **Youth Empowerment and Support Services (YESS)**. Our bin overflowed several times for both service initiatives and the coordinators at both programs were so thankful and appreciative. *We are blessed and full of gratitude.*

Sincerely, the JETS Women's Group



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 COMMUNION**

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

What's Happening at OLPH

JETS A Morning at the Movies!

Grab your snuggly blankets, comfy cushions and maybe a tissue too, and join the JETS women's group this Friday, March 8, to watch an inspiring true life story about living hope and love amidst suffering. Please reserve the whole morning to savour this big screen production and then join in our reflection and sharing directly afterwards. Board with us at our designated gate - Large Meeting Room, lower level of the Parish - at 9:15 am to settle in and choose your in-flight movie snacks. Yes, that includes savoury popcorn, delectable licorice and some decadent chocolate! The movie will begin promptly at 9:30 am. Our beautiful Christian movie choice is an amazing testimony to refining our faith and growing our relationship with our God in the span of 110 minutes. Come enjoy this gift of an unrushed morning. For more details, kindly contact our Flight Captain and Projection Engineer of the Day, Aida D., at issaaida33@yahoo.com.



— java, exercise, talk and service —



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



Prayer, Fasting and ALMSGIVING



My friends, in the previous two issues we have talked about the value and modes of Prayer and Fasting. Today, we will offer some thoughts on everyone's favorite topic Almsgiving.

The Catholic Source book defines **Almsgiving** this way: "The practice of considering and treating all things, the earth and one's own life, (time, talent, and treasure) as belonging to God, and oneself as the manager, or steward, (1 Cor. 4, 1-2; 1 Peter 4, 10)"

Tithing is defined as the following. Tithing means giving away a portion of one's income, commonly a tenth. In the Old Testament, it involved paying a tenth of one's property as a tax to one's superior, (Gen. 14) and also giving a tenth of the fruit of the land and the increase of the flocks and herds to God (Malachi 3, 10, Lev. 27, 30-32, Numbers 18, 21-32,) These are just a few biblical references.

Sacrificial Giving: a voluntary, proportionate, Systematic, Sacrificial, and Liturgical giving of money, is part of the larger self-giving of Time, Talent, and Treasure. Support of the church is different from sacrificial giving, however, it is considered a by-product of this sacrificial giving. Support of the Church is one of the five precepts of the Church.

These definitions provided give us a sense of clarity about terminology. Through its biblical roots, almsgiving stems from our God-given responsibility to care for the poor, *to give alms to the poor*. "The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity. It is also a work of justice pleasing to God, (CCC 2447)."

I offer these preliminary thoughts because charitable giving, in its different forms, is an important part of the practice of our Catholic faith. I think at times it can be confusing about where our resources should be shared. I sign the tax receipts on a yearly basis, and it certainly paints a picture for me of the high priority some people place on supporting their parish community. I also am aware that many of the faithful have other charitable avenues for sharing their financial resources. For those of you who have perhaps not given much

thought to the concept of Almsgiving, I offer the following thoughts.

Charitable giving is a responsibility, just like paying our taxes and mortgage. My counsel is to look at the big picture at the beginning of the year. Based on what you believe you will have as disposable income, do an objective survey of areas that you would like to support, so set your number. Maybe it is ten percent, or maybe it is your first hours pay, which is about two and half percent. Maybe it is much more and maybe it is much less depending on circumstances of life. Regardless of the number you produce, name the areas of charity work that are important to you and your family. Set yourself up to give monthly, auto debit, credit card or whatever. Then be at peace with your decision.

We cannot be all things to all people, and we cannot support all charities with our limited alms. So, we need to be discerning, objective, and intentional. Then we need to stick with our plan, and evaluate our giving on a yearly basis. If you find you are supporting your church or charity with the same dollar amount you were making five or ten years prior, then you should evaluate what you are doing. My dad used to put five dollars in the envelope, and us kids would take turns putting the envelope in the collection basket. It seemed like a huge amount of money sixty years ago, and perhaps it was. Today we need to take an intentional look at our financial circumstances, work, and family situation. The Lord knows our hearts well. At the end of the day, our Almsgiving is simply a gift to the Lord via His church, His children, and His charity.

A final thought on Almsgiving. Yes, it is a good devotional and sacrificial practice. However, I believe it is reasonable to state that the generous sharing of our Time and Talent within particular charities, is a profound method of Almsgiving! I see many of the faithful in our parish sharing vast amounts of their Time and Talents, for the good of the many ministries of our parish community.

May this season of Lent present you with an opportunity to look at what you are doing with the Time, Talent, and Treasure that our Lord has entrusted to you to be a good steward of. This season of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving is a wonderful moment for us to be intentional with our families on how it is, that we will steward that for which we have been given responsibility.

Happy Lent. *Fr. Jim*



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