

Church Open/Office Hours 7:30 am to 7:30 pm Daily

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 9:30 am to 11:00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Everyone Welcome, Always Open to All!

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 a Holy Hour at 5:15 pm prior to Evening Mass:

1st Wednesday hosted by Mary's Servants for Christ: April 3

2nd Wednesday hosted by Society of St. Vincent de Paul: April 10

3rd Wednesday hosted by CWL: April 17

4th Wednesday hosted by K of C: April 24



Did you know OLPH has a 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 continue to 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.

** See front for special Easter Triduum Schedule March 28 - 31*



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

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM 2024 SPECIAL EDITION

Holy Thursday March 28 ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday March 29 ~ Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday March 30 ~ Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday March 31 ~ Resurrection of the Lord

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

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Celebrate the Easter Triduum

HOLY THURSDAY MARCH 28

7:00 pm ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper with Presentation of the Oils and Washing of Feet, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight (*No other Masses today*) ***Bring BELLS to ring at the Gloria!***

GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29

10:00 am, 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm ~ Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross (*No regular Masses or Adoration today*) 8:00 pm ~ Tenebrae

HOLY SATURDAY MARCH 30

12 noon ~ Blessing of Easter Foods (*No Masses at usual 8:30 am and 5:00 pm times*)

EASTER VIGIL MASS Saturday Night at 8:00 pm

Bring BELLS to ring at the Gloria!

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!***

HAPPY EASTER

On behalf of the entire Parish Team here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, it is our hope that all of our hearts "burn within us" as the Scriptures are, once again, opened for us through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ this Easter Season. May the peace and love of the Risen Lord be with you and your families!

Jenny, Natalie, Angie, Lito, Ruby, Carol, Maritess, Ashleigh, Megan, Rowan, Grace Father Jim, Father Mario, Father Ben, Deacon Lynn and Deacon Arden

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Join us for...
The Divine Mercy Chaplet Prayer and Adoration Hour
3:00 pm, April 7, 2024

Our Lord revealed to St. Faustina His desire to literally flood us with his graces on that day. He told her: On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. The soul that will go to Confession [beforehand] and receive Holy Communion [on that day] shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (Diary 699).

To learn more, visit thedivinemercy.org

To join by livestream, go to [youtube.com/@olphparishsherwoodparkab/streams](https://www.youtube.com/@olphparishsherwoodparkab/streams)

Please note: The Holy Eucharist will not be distributed during this prayer hour. To receive the graces of Divine Mercy Sunday, please attend Mass and receive the Eucharist that day also.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

April 1 - 6

Monday ~ Shirley Laxton†, Elizabeth Joseph†, Basilio Torres†, Angela Spilak†, Gail Chassie†, Kathy Dietrich, Raymond Artur Gadard, Lucienne, Mary Petryshen, Louise & Merlin Badry

Tuesday ~ Holy Souls in Purgatory†, Corazon Torres†, Anthony Reghelini†, Gwen Nickolaychuk†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Edward Bosko, Susan Ance

Wednesday ~ Paul Wolff†, Elaine Allen†, Anna Kirillo†, Eduwiges Palomera†, Neal & Lucille MacPherson, Rana El Rany

Thursday ~ Kevin Healey†, Mary Friesenhan†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Bemvindo Palha, Flora Hoffman, Fern Adams

Friday ~ Paul Collins†, Family of Celine Reghelini, Janessa McGowan, Ian Paragas Claddy Noda, Paul Spindler

Saturday ~ Catherine Leahey†

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 E-TRANSFER** 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.



OLPH Weekly Financial Report

| Week 13 March 24, 2024 | Cost of Operating the Parish | Building Fund Target Amount | "Together We Serve" Target Amount |
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| Average weekly amount required (based on 2023 budget) | \$25,000.00 | \$2,480.00 | \$2,310.00 |
| Donations this week | \$24,078.50 | \$2,874.00 | \$1,990.15 |
| This week surplus/shortfall | -\$921.50 | \$394.00 | -\$319.85 |

Good Friday Donations YTD: \$400.00 Easter Gifts YTD: \$1,195.00

- 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 Sunday of every Month - April 21*

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 (call or text)

TOFIELD CORNER

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

"Why do you confuse yourselves with worry. Leave the care of your things to me and everything will calm down." These are words Jesus said to Fr. Don Dolindo - Servant of God (1882-1970)

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE:

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28 ~ Presentation of the Oils, Washing of Feet and Mass of the Lord's Supper at 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 at 11:00 am

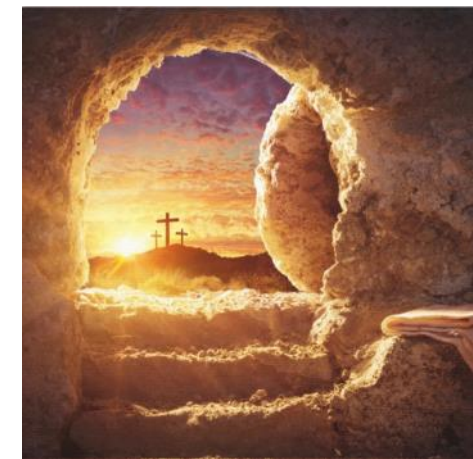
EASTER VIGIL MASS, SATURDAY MARCH 30 ~ Confirmation and First Communion of our Elect at 7:00 pm

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

Holy Week of Easter ~ We are learning that the Paschal Mystery is all about love and surrender to God. Jesus, by being born into human flesh, experienced all that we experience and go through as humans. We are comforted in this, that He will know and understand us. And we must Trust In Jesus. Trust in His teachings and follow His examples of life. As Jesus said to Peter, who did not want Jesus to lower Himself to wash his feet, *"You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."* Jesus is telling us to Trust in Him - and all will come to fruition. Jesus didn't stop at His Life on earth and His Paschal Mystery to teach us how to obtain Eternal Life with him. Through the saints He continues. He continues to teach us about His Divine Mercy and Trust in Him through St. Faustina.

1. **Divine Mercy Sunday is April 7** this year. Jesus said to St. Faustina: *"I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy. Whoever approaches the Font of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment."*
**How to receive these graces on Divine Mercy Sunday? 1. Make a good confession beforehand and stay in the state of grace and trusting in His Divine Mercy, preferably no more than 20 days prior. 2. Receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday. 3. Venerate the Divine Mercy image.*
2. On this beautiful Divine Mercy Sunday we will also have our monthly **Potluck** after Mass. Wow! Can it get any better!! Please join us.

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.)



March 2024

Re: Education Property Tax - Declaration of Separate School Support

Dear Catholic Elector,

The Elk Island Catholic Schools (EICS) Board of Trustees is committed to community engagement, advocacy, and transparency to ensure a strong connection with Catholic electors in each of our communities.

Did you know that Catholic Education is funded through education property taxes, grants, and general provincial revenue? As a Catholic elector, you should be aware of your right to direct your property taxes in support of Catholic Education. This right provides a vital connection between Catholic separate school boards like EICS and you, their electors.

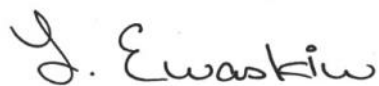
Taxes declared in support of the Catholic separate school division benefit the children we are blessed to serve. The Constitution Acts of Canada and the Alberta *Education Act* stipulate that individuals who are Catholic must direct their education taxes to Catholic separate school boards where they exist.

In order to ensure your property taxes are supporting your Catholic separate school, you must declare your school support as "separate" on your annual property assessment notice and tax bill. If a declaration of school support is not filed by a property owner, the property assessment and tax bills will automatically show your school support going to the public school division.

If your support designation is incorrect, it should be corrected by completing and submitting *Form 6A – School Support Notice Roman Catholic Separate Individual* directly from the Alberta Government website (alberta.ca/property-tax). You can then submit this form to your local municipal government's taxation department. Please note that a change in school support does not take effect until the following calendar year.

Thank you for advocating for your faith-based schools and your right to support them with your local taxes.

Yours in Catholic Education,



Le-Ann Ewaskiw
Board Chair
Elk Island Catholic Schools

What's Happening at OLPH

Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2024!



Development and Peace - Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the *Reaping our Rights* campaign with your Share Lent donation! Thanks to your generosity, our parish collected **\$3,125.00**. This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East.

If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or donate online at devp.org/give.

Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.



Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on **Good Friday & Easter Monday**, **OPEN** regular hours **7:30 am to 7:30 pm** on **Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday**



GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION
Called to Serve the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land

In Canada, the Good Friday collection is designated for the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land. Your gift to *Together We Serve* on Good Friday and all year-long helps to guard over 50 shrines in the Holy Land and support 180,000 Christians who bear witness to the Resurrection of Christ.



Do you want to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ?

Do you know how to read and understand the Bible?

Can you defend your Catholic faith to others?

Grow in faith with us!

GiFT Offerings in 2023-2024:

Scripture
The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation
A Biblical Walk through the Mass
Psalms: The School of Prayer

Prayer
An Evening of Divine Mercy
Divine Mercy Sunday
Outdoor Rosary Rally
33 Days to Merciful Love
33 Days to Morning Glory
33 Days to Greater Glory

Sacraments
Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession
Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist

Life in Christ
Happiness, Suffering and the Love of God
Who Am I to Judge?
Preparing for a Happy Death
...and the Life to Come

The GiFT committee at OLPH Parish believes evangelization must start with effective faith formation in our own community of believers before we can take the message of Jesus Christ out to others.

Planning for our 2024-2025 year is starting soon. If you have suggestions for our committee – or would like to join us! – contact Trever at 780-974-9749 or tdblunt529@gmail.com.

What's Happening at OLPH

Come join us for a river adventure this summer!

**Save the Date for
Vacation Bible Camp
July 8 -12, 2024
(9:00 am - 12:30 pm daily)**



We will learn that all God's Promises are 'Yes in Jesus!' Your children will have fun acting out Bible stories, creating crafts, singing songs, fun games and eating snacks. For children finishing Kindergarten to Grade 5. Limited spaces for each age group. Registrations will open at beginning of May. Cost: \$70 per child. (Register by June 9 to receive a t-shirt)



We are still needing **VOLUNTEERS** to help with camp. Please consider volunteering! For more info contact Sharon at sdarbyshire@olph.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.



Group will meet Thursday Afternoons

April 11 - June 13

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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



Your OLPH Alpha Team is hosting the new 10th Hour Production video series featuring Father Dave Pivonka entitled **My father's Father**. In this moving and enriching series, Father Pivonka dives deeply into what it means for each of us that **God is Father** and how our earthly fathers influence our relationship with the Father.

Inspiring, informative and practical, the series leads participants into deep healing in our relationship with God the Father and our earthly fathers.

Join with the Alpha Team in exploring this six (6) part Thursday series commencing **April 18 thru May 23, 7:15 - 8:30 pm, downstairs in the Large Meeting Room.**

To register: contact Pat and/or Jerry Heck, phone 780-416-8111, or email jpheck11@gmail.com

What's Happening at OLPH



The Clothing Nook is OPEN for Shopping:
Tuesdays 1:00 - 3:00 pm
April 9 & 23
Saturdays 10:00 am - Noon
April 13 & 27

The OLPH Clothing Nook began as an outreach program in 1980 in the basement of a parishioner's home. Over the years it has become a vibrant and welcoming place in the OLPH church basement where those in need are welcome to select items of clothing, footwear, bedding, housewares and toys. The Nook is currently staffed by 18 dedicated volunteers and its success is made possible by the generosity of YOU, our parish family, who are instrumental in providing the donations.

Since January 1, 2024, the Nook has received and processed 633 bags/boxes of donations, and has served 662 people from Sherwood Park, Edmonton, Saddle Lake, Good Fish Lake, and surrounding areas.

Donations are sorted on Monday and Thursday mornings. The Nook is open four times a month for shopping. If you wish to experience the Joy of The Nook, pop down and take a look. All are welcome, always. If this ministry interests you, please consider joining us!

A heartfelt thank you to our Parish family, clergy and staff for their generosity and ongoing support in helping to fulfill the needs of less fortunate.



Thursday April 18, 7:00 - 8:30 pm



SOCIETY of St. VINCENT de PAUL (SSVP)
OUR LADY of PERPETUAL HELP CONFERENCE

HELP LINE 780-416-0931
Press 1 to Request HELP
Press 2 to DONATE

Wishing everyone a Blessed Easter! May the Risen Christ fill you with every grace and blessing during this Easter Season and always.



In an effort to raise our profile to people in need, we have created a **Facebook page:**
[Society of St Vincent de Paul Sherwood Park](https://www.facebook.com/SocietyofStVincentdePaulSherwoodPark).
Please check it out and share. Sincere thanks!

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CLASSICAL CATHOLIC EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

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| <p>SATURDAY, APRIL 20 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM AT OLPH PARISH</p> <p>ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND For More Info & To Register For This Free Event VISIT bit.ly/ClassicalEdApril20</p> | <p>Grade 7-12 Catholic, Classical Online Education Online and In-person Lessons Publicly-Funded Alberta Diploma No Tuition Flexible Learning Environment</p> | <p>SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 20</p> <p>8:30-9:30 - Mass 9:30-10:00 - Refreshments 10:00-11:00 - Session #1 11:00-12:00 - Session #2 12:00-1:00 - Lunch (provided) 1:00-2:00 - Session #3</p> |
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COUPLES FOR CHRIST

Be a Servant and a Light to the Nations Is. 49:6

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

SATURDAYS from 5:00pm to 8:00pm
On April 06, 13, 20, 27 May 4 and May 11, 2024

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH (OLPH)
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Nilo/Janet Dalangin - (587-643-4252)
Jhun/Bevs Sumallo - (825-993-0423)
Neol/Kris Alicpala - (780-718-5530)

JETS = java, exercise, talk and service

"Now boarding through Gate LMR"

The JETS Women's Group is once again returning to the airways this coming Friday April 5, and as people of celebration, we have set our course to **Game Board Island**. If you'd like to join us in a morning of charming pleasure and pawns and meet new women at OLPH Church, then join us in the **Large Meeting Room** at 9:45 am for instructions, complimentary in-flight snacks and we'll be on our way promptly at 10:00 am. For more info contact our Captain of the Day, Edwina, at neviegas@gmail.com.

Our dynamic Jets group is always welcoming interested ladies to our Friday sessions and we have many great topics still up on our destination board before our summer hiatus, everything from a Mosque Tour and outdoor retreat to a living garden rosary. Check out the OLPH website under "Get Involved - Parish Groups" for a complete list of upcoming sessions.

**From the Co-Captains and entire Crew of the JETS,
Happy and Blessed Easter. Indeed HE is risen!**



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

Funeral Lunch Ministry
Volunteer Opportunities
Contact the parish office for more details



Kitchen Prep Serving Tables & Chairs Setup
(Opportunities for our high school friends)

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



When attending Sunday Mass...

- You can request a 'low gluten' host from any Eucharistic minister who will graciously bring that ciborium to you.
- You are welcome to receive Communion in the hand or on the tongue.
- If you prefer, Communion during Mass can be brought to you (or someone you know) at your seat in the pews. Please inform an usher of your wishes before Mass begins.
- Everyone (including young children or adults not receiving the Eucharist) is welcome to come forth to receive God's blessing during Communion by placing your hand over your chest.
- Prayers of the Faithful now include a line of Scripture before each intention is read by a proclaimer.
- You are encouraged to join in the Stewardship Prayer that is also now read by a proclaimer right after Communion concludes.
- Hymnals are available to pick up inside the entrance doors to the Nave by the baptismal font. We ask you to return them to the same location after Mass.
- Offertory contributions can be made in the following ways:
 - Mail or drop off your Sunday Giving envelope
 - During Mass as baskets are passed through the pews. Offertory boxes are also located at the back of the Nave.
 - Pre-Authorized Debit (see OLPH Parish website under 'Donate' or visit/call the Parish office for more information.)
 - Interac e-transfer at olph.etransfer@caedm.ca (include your Sunday Giving envelope # or full name and address in the message box)
 - Online donation through the Catholic Archdiocese website (select **Sherwood Park-Our Lady of Perpetual Help from the Parish Name menu**)

TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT BRITTANY @ (780) 807-9870

MARCH FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER

FAMILY FRIENDLY DINNER & DANCE PARTY WITH LIVE MUSIC FEATURING BEACH BUOYS
 APRIL 13th @ 6:15PM
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
 Register at albertamarchforlife.com



BAPTISM

Baptism Preparation Classes are held the Second Tuesday of Every Month starting with Mass at 6:15pm, followed by the Classroom Session. Both Parents must attend. Godparents also welcome. (Next class April 9) *Additional preparation will be provided for families with children age 7 and older.* **Baptism Celebrations** take place the 3rd & 4th Sundays of Every Month at 2:30 pm. To have your child baptized contact Jenny at 780-467-5470 or email info@olph.ca

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Reconciliation must be completed before First Holy Communion, so preparation for these two sacraments is offered together, for families with children in **Grade 2 or older**. Email Natalie at sacraments@olph.ca by April 6 to register for this spring!

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation preparation is a 4 month program based on **Worship, Witness & Service** for youth in Grade 6 or older, together with their parents/sponsors. **Next session of classes will start in September 2024.** *Special weekly lunch hour classes available for ABJ high school students.* Email Natalie at sacraments@olph.ca to register or to learn more.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

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

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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. **Irregular Marriage?** If you find yourself in this situation, contact Fr. Jim directly 780-470-2730 as a first step. *(Be at peace, everything is fixable.)*



NEWS



What: The Knights of Columbus are hosting a **Men's Retreat led by Deacon Lynn, open to ALL Catholic men of the Parish**

When: Saturday April 13, 8:30-11:30 am

Why: Get a closer relationship with God and experience fellowship with men of the Parish. There will networking time too! Coffee and treats will be supplied **Cost:** No charge

RSVP to Sean Mullane by April 12
 Text/ Call 780-504-9229



Pancake Breakfast

Sunday April 21, after the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses. Everyone Welcome!



Seniors Residences & Care Centres This Week

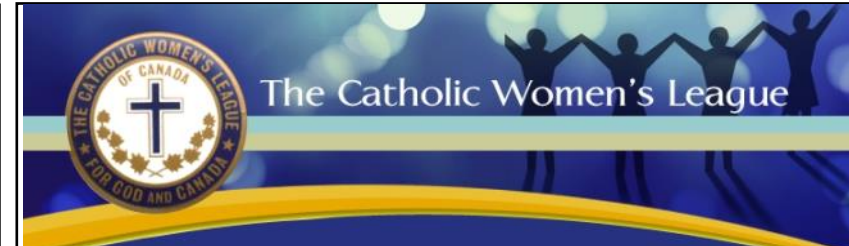
Tuesday April 2 ~ Cloverbar Lodge 10:00 am
 Wednesday April 3 ~ Summerwood 10:30 am
 Thursday April 4 ~ Silver Birch 10:30 am
 Thursday April 4 ~ Emerald Hills 1:00 pm
 Friday April 5 ~ Capital Care 10:30 am



"Hello Spring" Parish Potluck & Family Dance Saturday May 11

Free, Fun, Everyone Welcome!

Children's Activities & Live Music by **The Beach Bouys**
 Dress in bright Spring Colours and bring your favorite dish to share!



The Catholic Women's League is many things to many people. We are dedicated to faith, service, social justice, and sisterhood. Meetings are held at OLPH on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. Please contact Arlene or Pana by email at membership@cwloolph.ca.

You can also go to catholicwomenunite.ca for more information about what we as Catholic women can do when we unite our voices and actions.

Reminders and Upcoming Events:

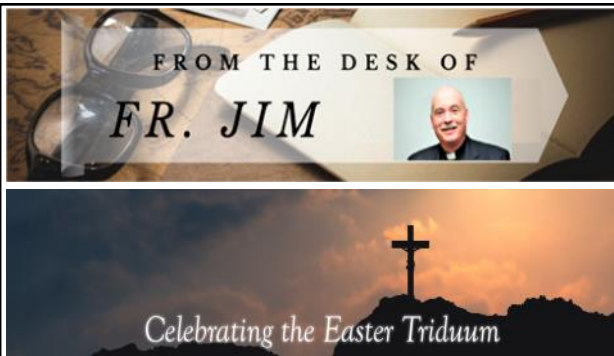
- Members interested in ordering a name tag and/or scarf, please contact Arlene or Pana by email no later than April 8. membership@cwloolph.ca
- This is also a reminder to pay your CWL membership dues by dropping it off at the parish office or by e-transfer to calr@shaw.ca
- Applications for the CWL National Bursary must be submitted by May 15. Forms and information are available at cwl.ca
- Thursday May 2 ~ 12 HOURS OF PRAYER FOR PALLIATIVE CARE**
- Wednesday May 8 ~ Save the date for our annual STRAWBERRY TEA & FASHION SHOW.** Stay tuned for details!
- April is **Earth Month**. Pope Francis said "Religions have a very important role in the task of promoting care and respect for the environment. Faith in God leads us to recognise Him in his Creation, which requires us to care for and protect nature." (Sept 8, 2016)
- The theme for World Water Day is **Water is Peace**. The theme is to promote the responsible use of this finite and invaluable resource. We are encouraged to take steps, no matter how small, to change the way you and others use, exploit, consume and manage water. See strathcona.ca for water saving tips.
- The theme for Earth Day is **Planet vs Plastics**. All are invited to gather and properly dispose of litter in your neighbourhoods. Submit your name and number of pieces gathered after May 1 to service@cwloolph.ca. There will be random draws and we will announce the difference we have made to our community.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada



National Bursary Fund





Salvation Through the Cross

Not above it, not below it, not around it, but through the cross of Christ. This is the great dichotomy presented to us during this most holy of weeks. Our Lord Jesus brought salvation to humanity by dying the cruel death of crucifixion on the cross. Yet, from that cross sprang hope, when on the third day our Lord rose from the dead, and forty days later ascended into heaven. Thus completing His salvific mission, by opening the gates of heaven once again; and leaving them open, for all who have hearts that are open to the Good News of Jesus Christ. **The horrific struggle of the Passion of our Lord, His death on the cross, His resurrection on the third day, and ascension into heaven.** All of which leads you and me to great and glorious hope in something much more, something joy-filled and eternal: eternity in the heavenly kingdom. Friends, during this most holy of holy weeks, we celebrate the culmination of everything that our God wants for us, and the coming to fruition of God's saving plan, in the person of (Godman) Jesus Christ.

Welcome to our Triduum celebrations one and all. If you have been here for fifty plus years (and some of you have) if you are new to the Sherwood Park community, if you are visiting, if you are somewhere in between these parameters... **WELCOME!** Our Lord Jesus founded the Church on those He invited to journey with Him. Jesus did not promise wealth, status, or privilege. He simply invited and welcomed. (*"Come follow me"*) My friends, this is our vision at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic parish. We sincerely desire that you feel welcome when you enter the parish; whether for Mass, for prayer, for faith formation, or if you are simply stopping by the office to obtain information. Our heartfelt wish, is that you have a pleasant experience, whatever the providential reason you have come through the doors of OLPH.

We have no idea what experience you may be coming from on Sunday morning, or Wednesday evening for that matter, but our prayer and our hope is that you receive a smile and a welcome when you enter our parish community. We strive to celebrate our Liturgies with dignity and reverence; with full, active, conscious participation from the faithful. We believe that when you have a pleasant experience entering the Lord's home, that your heart will be more attuned and open to the loving message our Lord Jesus has for you at that moment in time. We have not perfected our welcome, or our Liturgies, but I assure you that we are always looking to improve and grow what is offered at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic parish.

We celebrate the Holy Mass a minimum of sixteen times per week in the parish. The Holy Mass is celebrated at least twice a month, in eight independent living and care centers within our community. We schedule clergy classroom visits in each of our ten Catholic schools on a weekly basis. We offer a plethora of faith formation and catechetical opportunities, online and in person. Last year we celebrated one hundred and thirty Baptisms, one hundred and seventy-five First Communions, two hundred Confirmations, seventeen weddings and fifty funerals. Our service groups - the Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent De Paul to name just a few - offer many varied opportunities for fellowship, stewardship and charitable action. My friends, we have much to offer you and your family. We welcome you and yours. If you are not presently engaged in some form of parish life, please consider it. When you allow Jesus to be an active part of your daily equation of life, great and wonderful things can happen.

Presently, we are in the process of formulating plans on how we will implement the three Archdiocesan Pastoral Priorities over the next four years. These priorities emerged out of valuable input from all facets (from

the pews to the PAO), within our Archdiocese. These priorities are based on the concept developed in Archbishop Smith's 2017 pastoral letter, *"Living in the Word of God through Worship, Witness, and Service"* from which three broad based priorities emerged: **1. Eucharistic Formation. 2. Forming Confident Witnesses. 3. Formation for Service to Families and Marriage.** The beauty of these wide ranging, but important components of our faith is this: Each parish is invited to develop plans on how best to implement these priorities, based on the particular needs and situation of their parish community. This gives us autonomy, while at the same time working toward unified, stated Archdiocesan goals. These priorities, coupled with our vision of becoming a **"Compassionate Parish"** will offer vast opportunities for you to engage in the life of our parish community.

Finally, my friends, we have some major capital projects at various stages of development. We are in the process of reimagining our foyer with upgrades to our AV system as part of this project. This will include full in-house AV capability in the parish hall, as part of these upgrades. We are facing inevitable reality, and replacing the vertical portions of our roofing system. There has been much time, money and effort spent over many years, trying to eliminate the ever-persistent leaks we have consistently endured. This is the correct solution and this project will be ongoing from May-October of 2024. We will be upgrading our sanctuary altar area with high quality ceramic tile beginning in January 2025. The goal of this project is to assist us all in recognizing that this is the Holy of Holies within our Church.

We continue discussions with our stakeholder partners on the "Affordable Seniors Housing," that has been proposed for our property directly west of the Church. The non-negotiable vision we have adopted for this project is that it must provide the ability of our parishioners to "age in place." There are many moving parts to this project, but we move forward with hopeful hearts. Our dream/vision is to offer our long-time faithful parishioners a residence where they can live in a Catholic community, and are able to walk to Mass indoors daily, if they so desire.

Salvation Through the Cross. The answer to all that is important. You and I, my friends, we need to cooperate as fully as we are able in the saving mission of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am proud to say that Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish provides something for everyone who desires to follow the Lord. Please take some time and explore this bulletin, or our website, as an opportunity and an invitation to engage with OLPH, in the way that you feel drawn to and as you are able. We welcome you at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic parish, wherever you are at on your journey of faith.

Fr. Jim

He is Risen Alleluia, Alleluia

VOLUNTEER With Our Liturgical Ministries



We invite you to learn more about our many Liturgical Ministries and how you can become a volunteer who shares your time and talent with fellow OLPH parishioners.

If you are interested in any of the following important roles, please stop by the OLPH office to inquire or email us at info@olph.ca or call 780-467-5470. You can also visit www.olph.ca/parishlife/liturgical-ministries/ to read more about each ministry and contact the ministry lead(s). Thank you for your stewardship! God bless.

Liturgical Ministries include:

- Altar Servers (Children in Grades 2+)
- A/V Technicians
- Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist/Communion
- Musicians and Singers (Music Ministry)
- Prayers of the Faithful Committee
- Proclaimers/Readers
- Seasonal Decorating Committee
- Ushers/Greeters

NOTE: Adult Servers and Sacristans have specific recruitment needs. Ask the OLPH Parish office for more information or speak with Father Jim.