

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: May 1

2nd Wednesday hosted by Society of St. Vincent de Paul: May 8

3rd Wednesday hosted by CWL: May 15

4th Wednesday hosted by K of C: May 22

5th Wednesday hosted by Clergy: May 29



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 April 28, 2024 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

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



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

Our Mission: To live the Gospel Message by serving those in need with love, respect, justice and joy.



“North of 60 Project”

North of 60 is a project whereby the Society of St. Vincent de Paul conferences in the southern part of Canada assist those in need in communities in the far north. The cost of living in the Arctic is extremely high and most find it difficult to make ends meet. The Sherwood Park Conference of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish is paired with the Hamlet of Paulatuk, in the Inuvik Region of the NWT. Nine other Arctic and northern communities will be receiving assistance in the form of an annual sea container, full of food and necessities, from the Edmonton Area (and one from Calgary) SSVP conferences. Thank you to all our parishioners for your support in making this project possible.

It's time for our annual REVERSE COLLECTION, to help this community with requested and needed items to fill an 8 x 8 x 20 ft SeaCan!

THIS WEEKEND: REVERSE COLLECTION at Sunday Masses ~ choosing a food item or a cash donation, toward the purchase of a specific item such as mattresses, bedding etc.

NEXT WEEKEND May 4 & 5: Collection at all masses of the above items selected in the previous week. (Volunteers needed for about 2 hrs.)

May 6, 7, and during the week: Sorting and packing and preparing for shipping. (Volunteers needed for about 3 hrs.) **We are planning to ship the SeaCan to Paulatuk mid-May.**

We cannot do this without your support through contributions of goods, money, time and energy. CAN YOU HELP US? Contact Tom at 780-467-4775

Thank you in advance for your generosity and concern for those that we serve! (Any surplus items collected for Paulatuk will be generously donated to the people of Sacred Heart and St. Alphonsus's Parishes in Edmonton, and to our indigenous communities of Saddle Lake and Good Fish Lake in Alberta.)



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 ETRANSFER to: OLPH.etransfer@caedm.ca



April 29 - May 4

Monday ~ Betty-Lou Lawrence†, Leo Diederichs†, Sr. Doria Sportak†, Phil Redl†, Sandra King, Linda & Marcelino de Sousa, Gwen De Castro, Able & family, Joan Gilbert, Barbara Otway, Shelly Elwik

Tuesday ~ Holy Souls in Purgatory†, Rou Burnard†, James Busch†, Joe Synyshyn†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Gwen De Castro, Flora Hoffman, Susan Meier, Barb Otway, Adam Crawford

Wednesday ~ Mary Ellen Cowley†, Angelica (Gartner) Kratchmer†, Ria Gebhardt†, Lawrence Dolynchuk†, Thea Caryl Matias, Maria Elena Corazon Sebastian, Mary Ann Fowler, Barb Otway

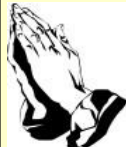
Thursday ~ Olga, Oscar, Ronald & Judy Dakin†, Lennard Sebastian†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Clarence & Audrey Kitura, Joseph Cyrus, Melinda Garcia, Peter Ogilvie

Friday ~ Annette Labbé†, John Koshman†, Honesto Yadao†, Asuncion Marcial & Samuel, Barb Otway, Joan Gilbert

Saturday ~ Bessie Lashin†, Nieves Solleza†, Vic Small†, Martin Antoniuk†, Lawrence & Theresa Walker, Bemvindo Palha



Funeral for **Lawrence Dolynchuk**, will be at 10:30 am on Monday April 29 at OLPH.



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

Your OLPH Parish Team

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

Catholic Community News



May 9, 12:00PM (NOON)



- LOCATION** The Alberta Legislature - Violet King Henry Plaza
Parking - East of the Legislature on 106 St
- WHY ATTEND** Join thousands at this peaceful event to show the size, strength and solidarity of the pro-life movement to the public and government.
- CONDUCT** Participants will remain respectful, peaceful and welcoming.
- SIGNS** You are welcome to make your own signs without graphic abortion images.



MAY 9TH
PRO-LIFE MASS - 10:00AM
THE ROSE DINNER - 6:00PM
Dinner and Dialogue with Alveda King

Visit Our Website For More Information: AlbertaMarchForLife.com

OLPH Financial Report

Week 17 April 21, 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	\$21,769.75	\$2,145.00	\$1,230.25
This week surplus/shortfall	-\$3,230.25	-\$335.00	-\$1,079.75

- 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 - May 5*
- Society of St. Vincent De Paul Poor Box Collection - *Third Weekend of every Month - May 18 - 19*

TOFIELD CORNER ~ St. Francis of Assisi Parish ~

Mass every Sunday at 11:00 am

"If God can work through me, He can work through anyone!" ~St. Francis of Assisi



5th Sunday of Easter ~ Throughout Easter we have been shown the greatest love that exists: the love of Jesus Christ through His life, death and resurrection. He is now affirming that He is the living vine that connects us to our Creator. Only through Christ do we have access to eternal life. Let's spread this awareness to the people right here in our own community. Our parish has so many ways we can do this. We can be the branches that extend from the vine, carrying this message to others through our examples of love, kindness and good deeds.

1. St. Francis of Assisi parish members (ie: branches) will be participating in this year's **Tofield Community Garage Sale** on May 25th! Wow "Two birds with one stone!" One: we are able to share our love and kindness to everyone we meet, and Two: by fundraising through our service and good deeds. We will need donations of all kinds and a few volunteers to help at the sale. We will have a bake sale at the same time, so please donate your goodies. Refreshments will be available for passersby. Lorraine and Morley will be providing everyone with music! What fun! Please sign up or contact Kathy for added info 780-270-8652.
2. Edel continues to work with the Lodge coordinator, Wendy, on setting up a **shuttle bus** from the Tofield Lodge to St. Francis for Sunday Mass at 11:00 am. They will try this out for a month to see if it is a viable idea for our seniors.
3. With Fr. Jim's blessing, Edel is also arranging for a Mass to be held at the Tofield Lodge on the last Wednesday of each month at 2:00pm. Parish members are welcome to attend also! Just follow the signs that will be posted at the front entrance. The first Mass will start in May.
4. For those interested in participating in an **International Day of Prayer**, please call Sandy at 780-991-8956. She is also asking if there are musical minded people who would like to join in. A date will be provide soon.
5. **Springtime gardening!** Do you have suggestions for the type of flowers we can grow this year? Do you have bedding plants that you can donate for our Mary Garden? Would you like to get you hands dirty and volunteer to help with the garden? Please call Kathy at 780-270-8652 for info. Also there is a volunteer sheet at the front entrance of our church.
6. Work continues on choosing the best route to take for creating a **barrier-free church** at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. We are arranging for a structural engineer to assess our building and let us know what options are available - taking into consideration the age of the building and funds available. We have learned that some grants are available from both Beaver County and our local MLA, Jackie Lovely. These grants stipulate that we will need to provide our fundraising to access these grants. For more info call Terry at 780-722-0475.

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



Mary's Servants for Christ group will be leading the **Rosary** after the 8:30 am Mass **every Monday to Friday morning** for the entire month of May.
Everyone welcome ~ Pray with us!



Mass
Schedule

**Seniors Residences &
Care Centers This Week**

Wednesday May 1 ~ Summerwood 10:30 am
Thursday May 2 ~ Silver Birch 10:30 am
Thursday May 2 ~ Emerald Hills 1:00 pm
Friday May 3 ~ Capital Care 10:30 am

**The Clothing Nook is
OPEN for Shopping:**



Tuesdays May 7 & 21, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Saturdays May 11 & 25, 10:00 am – Noon

Planting Seeds of Hope

Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5

Join the Compassionate Parish Team to learn more about the Compassionate Parish identity and to talk about ways we as a parish can show the love and compassion of Christ to our neighbours, friends, fellow parishioners and the community outside our parish doors. Together, we can plant the seeds of hope that will grow into a flourishing Compassionate Parish.

May 4 & 5 | Meet the Team after Mass

May 5 | Information Session
after 12:30 Mass

For more information, contact:

Margo at laberge2@telus.net or 780.288.2166



Compassionate
Parish



What's Happening at OLPH

12 HOURS OF PRAYER for PALLIATIVE CARE
8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Thursday May 2

CWL invites you again to set aside 1 hour this day to pray for Palliative Care, either at the church or at home. Please use the link below to sign up for an hour slot .

<https://volunteersignup.org/YDTHX>

Prayer package link will be provided to all who sign up; copies of this prayer kit will also be left at the church on May 2.

Any questions, please reach out to Tracy at tracy.lockhart@cwlolph.ca or Carolyn at carolyn.fougere@cwlolph.ca .

Thank you so much for your gift of time and prayer!



Lesson 4 (of 5) ~ Discipleship

- Saturday April 27, 8:30 am -10:45 am
- Tuesday April 30, 6:15 pm - 8:30 pm or
- Wednesday May 1, 6:15 pm - 8:30 pm

Always be on time for Mass and bring your workbooks! **Be ready to talk about VOLUNTEER SERVICE.** If you have any questions, to RSVP or change your class date please email Natalie: sacraments@olph.ca



Flight to Interfaith Destination

The JETS Women's group is honoured to be invited to Masjid in the Park this Friday, May 3, for an interfaith tour and *Chai & Chat* morning of community with the women of this mosque.

JETS ladies, please wear modest, loose-fitting clothing covering shoulders and legs and be prepared that shoes will need to be removed. Headscarves are not mandated but could be a gesture of respect.

We will be gathering at 125 Broadview Drive in Sherwood Park at the designated time and to register please contact our Captain of the Day, Roxanne, at raeandrox@hotmail.com. Our in-flight crew will provide complimentary snacks alongside our sisters' aromatic salam tea offering. This beautiful experience will be an opportunity to exchange respect and understanding with our loving neighbours.

Catholic Education Week ~ May 5 - 10

As society becomes increasingly secular and religious values less prevalent, Catholic Education Week stands as a testament to the lasting strength that faith imparts within an ever-changing cultural milieu.

This significant time in the Catholic calendar is for recognizing the importance of Catholic education, reinforcing community bonds, and seeking spiritual guidance and blessings for what lies ahead. It's also a time for prayer, reflection, and unity within the Catholic community, including parents, students, educators, school leaders, trustees, and clergy, to jointly honor the role of Catholic schools in fostering the faith and education of the youth. Moreover, it offers a chance for the Catholic community to unite and reaffirm the value of publicly funded Catholic education in Alberta and elsewhere, acknowledging its influence on the lives of students and the broader society.

The GrACE Summit, which concludes Catholic Education Week, presents the opportunity for us to unite as a Catholic community and demonstrate our steadfast commitment to the tenets of Catholic education.

The Summit will concentrate on unity, dialogue, and renewed commitment as essential elements in advancing Catholic education. Through collective engagement, we seek to strengthen our bonds and reaffirm our commitment to the continuous success and benefits of Catholic education, both within Alberta and beyond.

Your participation and contributions at the GrACE Summit 2024 are crucial in shaping the future of Catholic education and ensuring its role in our society and globally.



Date: Friday, May 10 2024
Time: 8:15 AM - 2:00 PM
Location: Catholic Parish of Corpus Christi
 2707 34 St. NW, Edmonton Alberta



TO REGISTER



WEAR BLUE TO SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION

What's Happening at OLPH

The CWL Strawberry Tea &

FASHION SHOW



Raffle Draws 50/50 Tickets Fashions by UnBoutiqued

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Doors open at 5:30pm Fashion Show starts at 7:00pm

OLPH Church Parish Hall
13 Brower Drive, Sherwood Park

Tickets \$15 each, can reserve a table for 8
email strawberrytea@cwoloph.ca
to purchase tickets
Gluten and dairy free food options available
with advance request.



HELP WANTED

If you have an eye for finishing touches or are able to SET UP / TAKE DOWN TABLES & CHAIRS, we have a spot for you!



We are in need of able-bodies to join our Funeral Luncheon Ministry.

Times will vary (but will not require more than an hour TWICE a month).

Call the parish office 780-467-5470 to inquire how you can share your TIME and TALENT with this rewarding ministry.



Registration now open for OLPH VACATION BIBLE CAMP

At *Splash Canyon* your children will learn **God Keeps His Promises on Life's Wild Ride!** Come along with us as we sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome games and more.

DATE: July 8 -12

TIME: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm daily, downstairs at OLPH Parish

AGES: Children finishing Kindergarten to Grade 5 as of June 2024

COST: is \$70 per child. (Register by June 9 to receive a t-shirt)

Note: We have limited spaces in each group so register early to ensure a space.

Registrations Forms can be picked up at the Parish Office.

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.

What's Happening at OLPH

Congratulations & Welcome to the Children Baptized at OLPH on Sunday April 21, 2024

Remi Leigh Ancheta
Ella-Rose Lorraine Cloutier
William Veijo Wilfred Hanninen
Kalyna Jean Kowall

Samuel Augustine Malin
Maverick Daniel Mueller
Wenzel Salvador



Sign Up to VOLUNTEER in support of our Spring Potluck!

Set Up, Clean Up, Decorating, Kitchen Help, Kids' Crafts, etc.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054CAEA62CA2F85-49001323-spring#/>

Saturday

May 11

OLPH PARISH POTLUCK & FAMILY DANCE

Starting at 6:15 pm, after the evening Mass

LIVE MUSIC BY THE BEACH BUOYS!

Free & Fun Community Event For All Ages.

* Spring Themed Children Activities & Craft *

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Dress up in Bright Spring Colours and bring your favorite food dish to share.



Parish Job Posting: CUSTODIAL STAFF



We are seeking a hard-working, conscientious candidate to assist with providing church members, visitors, and staff with a clean, orderly place to worship and congregate.

Hours of Work: Friday & Saturday mornings, 7:30 am to 10:30 am.

Applicants must be: Observant, respectful, motivated, and committed to work independently or with others. Must be physically able to provide thorough, efficient custodial services to the church. Should also be knowledgeable about safety, proper chemical handling and cleaning techniques, and have the ability to make basic repairs.

Send your application for this paid position to OLPH Business Coordinator, Deacon Arden Playford by email to aplayford@olph.ca with resume, covering letter and two references.



“Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action, (1 Jn. 3, 18).”

It is not my intent to present a homily based on this Sunday’s second reading. It is however, providential that as I was reflecting on what I would write about this week, the above Scripture hit me right square in the lookers.

I had the pleasure once again last Saturday, of participating (in a supporting role only) in the **Sherwood Park Against Hunger** event that we hosted here in the parish hall at OLPH. Why is this noteworthy? We have many activities occurring in our parish community at any given time during the week. The reason for my focus on this particular activity is that it was very much an ecumenical and collaborative initiative. The basic principle of this activity is that a group of people, working together in an assembly line fashion, put together an exceptionally large number of meals in a short period of time. Our goal last weekend was to prepare **100,000 meals** that simply need water and heat added to make a not fancy, but nutritious meal. These meals are shipped, depending on the need, off continent in some cases; to Northern Canada in others and to local charitable service organizations within our greater community in still other scenarios.

What I find incredibly beautiful about this meal packaging event are two things. One: This is a charitable work that is performed purely for the good of the other, for those who have need. Two: There is a wide-ranging collaboration between funders and among the volunteers who make this event an enormous success. This is literally a gathering of the community, working together in a very practical way, simply for the common good. In many ways, I see this as how the early Church began its journey into being what she is today. *“All who believed, were together and had all things in common. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all people. **And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved,** (Acts 2, 44-47).”* This is the genesis of our Catholic Church. It flourished through the good will and generous hearts of those early believers. All under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit of course. They lived their lives joyfully with the good of the other as their focus. Others saw the joy they lived, and they wanted some of what those early Christians had.

The meal packaging event is a collaborative effort that is funded by several stakeholders: the Rotary Club, the Emmanuel Foundation, Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish, the Knights of Columbus, Save On Foods and St. Vincent de Paul Society. It requires about twenty-five thousand dollars to purchase the food stuffs and materials to package one hundred thousand meals. These same groups, out of their combined volunteer bases, and with large additional volunteer assistance from the Latter-Day Saints, provided a total of about two hundred volunteers who filled a morning and afternoon shift putting the meals together. All this happening

in a busy and exuberant atmosphere in our parish hall.

There is much organization required to facilitate a large group of volunteers in an effective, productive manner. There are basically ten separate stations of three tables placed end to end, with about ten volunteers at each set of tables, each with a simple but specific job to complete the packaging of one meal. The simplicity and the beauty, is our diverse greater community, working side by side to fulfill a communal charitable goal. This cross-creed-culture collaboration is what we are called to as Catholic Christians. I wandered from workstation to workstation, encouraging and teasing where required. I was struck by the solidarity of these sometimes quite diverse groups of men, women and youth; working side by side, sharing conversation, a laugh or two, but at all times focused on the common goal of feeding those who are in need.

As a Catholic Church, we do good works for many charitable needs, in many areas. Most often we do this within a specific ministry group within the Church, like Development and Peace, Inner City Pastoral Ministries, The Clothing Nook, St. Vincent De Paul, the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Women’s League, JETS. These are wonderful groups of people working toward a common charitable goal. What is unique and beautiful about the food packaging event is the diversity, and I would say the anonymity, of the groups. We all work as one group toward a common goal, with no concern about creed or culture, or recognition. My friends, my point: This world we live in has become increasingly divisive in the way we interact with one another. I don’t think the pandemic helped anyone. It exacerbated some already existing divides in our society. Last weekend’s Food Packaging Event was a very real and practical lived example of what we are called to, as disciples of Jesus Christ. We will host and participate in this event again. Stay tuned for the opportunity to join in.

Blessings, Fr. Jim

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