

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: April 10

3rd Wednesday hosted by CWL: April 17

4th Wednesday hosted by K of C: April 24



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 7, 2024 ~ Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

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



**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

Please note: The Holy Eucharistic 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.



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



April 8 - 13

Monday ~ Denise Deblois†, Chase Evan Gourlay†, Erlinda Baxter†, Joan Smigiel†, Benilda Ramos, Raymond Artur Gadard, Celine Reghelini's family, The Boisvert Brothers, Enzo & Ruby Fiorini, Bill & Jeannie Jackson

Tuesday ~ Marilyn Castro†, Holy Souls in Purgatory†, Lennard Sebastian†, Stan Wachowicz†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Joan & John Mouflief, Kent & Elaine MacDonald, Mitch Demers

Wednesday ~ Ray Riou†, Ken Heykants†, Maria Elena Corazon Sebastian, Brenda Cumming

Thursday ~ Jorge Acosta Sanchez†, Mervyn Lynch†, Reiko Hashimoto†, Phyllis Barrows†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Maria Carmela Joel, Charli Fitz

Friday ~ Reiko Hashimoto†, Jerry Busch & family

Saturday ~ Leonard Siracky†, Linda & Marcelino de Sousa



Funeral for **Gisele Rousseau** on Thursday April 11, 12:30 pm at OLPH.

Funeral for **Gerry Novakowski** on Friday April 12, 10:30 am 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



Your OLPH Parish Team

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

What's Happening at OLPH

Are you being called to the Catholic Church?



Whether you are just CURIOUS or already feel a deep hunger for communion with our Lord and His church, RCIA is for you!

We have started meeting monthly in a relaxed and informal format.

All inquirers welcome! Contact Billy at bspindle@shaw.ca or call/text 780-990-7981.

Weekly sessions in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will begin Wednesday, September 11, 2024.

Parish Potluck & Family Dance

Saturday May 11

AFTER the 5:00 pm Mass

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!

OLPH Financial Report

Week 14 March 31, 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	\$33,037.65	\$3,153.00	\$1,716.25
This week surplus/shortfall	\$8,037.65	\$673.00	-\$593.75

Year to Date Totals for Special Collections

Good Friday	Development & Peace ~ Share Lent	Easter
\$11,311.25	\$ 3,749.75	\$12,364.10

- 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 - April 20 - 21*

TOFIELD CORNER ~ St. Francis of Assisi Parish ~

Mass every Sunday at 11:00 am

Jesus said to St. Faustina ~ "I desire that the 1st Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday. Whoever approaches the Font of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment."

*Learn more about the Divine Mercy and St. Faustina at: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/>



2nd Sunday of Easter ~ Divine Mercy Sunday "My Lord and my God!" Through believing we may have life in His name. Now we know what Jesus was doing at the Last Supper and why He was washing the feet of the disciples! Now we truly 'Trust in Him'. And we can truly understand the message that Jesus gave to St. Faustina when He asked her to have the Divine Mercy picture painted with the banner at the bottom 'Jesus I Trust In You'. We are sent out just as the apostles were sent out, we are not to worry. We are to have total trust in Him and the Holy Spirit will do the rest! We have so much ahead of us in our own little community to work with - let's get started!

1. **Saturday Easter Vigil** was so beautiful! It started with the holy fire outside to light the Paschal candle, then a candlelight procession, singing, chants and prayers. It culminated with our three catechumens: **Ross Cossey, Ray Cossey and Terry Anderson, being Confirmed and receiving their First Holy Communion.** The church was packed with friends and family. The glow from the candlelight was amazing. So many wonderful parish members helped make it happen. Warm hugs and thank you to ALL of them for making it happen! And a big *THANK YOU* to Fr. Mario for coming all the way to Tofield so we could celebrate this special event as a parish.
2. **Spring-time gardeners!** And 'wanna-bees'! We will be needing helpers to 'spruce' up our outside areas. No experience needed. Just a smile. Please put your name and number on the sheet at the back of the church. No long-term commitment required. Just a bit of help. Thank you!
3. We are now planning some **Fundraisers**. There will be a **Bake Sale** coming up. (We all love bake sales!) More info coming up on the date soon. And we are planning to be in this year's **Tofield Community Garage Sale**. So start gathering all those things that are just taking up space in your basement or garage. We will have the sale at our parish on Saturday May 25. More info to follow.

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.)

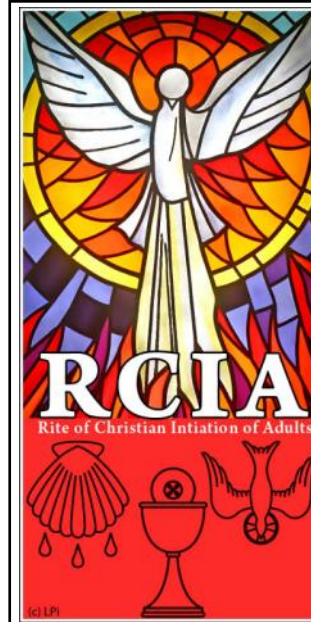


What's Happening at OLPH



Seniors Residences & Care Centers This Week

Tuesday April 9 ~ Sherwood Care 10:30 am
Wednesday April 10 ~ No Mass
Thursday April 11 ~ Silver Birch 10:30 am
Thursday April 11 ~ Aster Gardens 2:00 pm



At the EASTER VIGIL celebration on Saturday March 30, the following people received full initiation into the Holy Catholic Church.

We joyfully welcome:

Li Shan Ayuen, Gregory Fraser, Sarah Hutchinson, Jessica Jutras, Jordan McMillan, Ryana Nandlall, Riley Salewski and Georgia Slaby

who were Baptized, Confirmed & received the Holy Eucharist for the First Time

Robert Claypool, Dylan Nicholson and Laurie Rusnak

who made a Profession of Faith, were Confirmed & received the Holy Eucharist for the First Time.



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 be networking time too! Coffee and treats will be supplied

Cost: No charge to attend

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

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**EMPOWER YOUNG PEOPLE
TO BECOME CATHOLIC LEADERS**

Your **ONE Gift to Together We Serve** helps St. Joseph College provide a strong Catholic presence on the U of A campus and a home for 300 students in its residences.



SCAN HERE TO DONATE
or speak with someone at the parish office.



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.



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

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

What's Happening at OLPH

For the last 3 years, OLPH has been running a catechesis program for 3-6 year olds that was initially developed by Maria Montessori and has since grown into an international ministry.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) was meticulously developed to meet the very real spiritual needs of children in this age group in order to introduce them to Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who loves them and calls them each by name.

For the adults (catechists), who have had the privilege of working with the children, it has been an incredible privilege to observe how God speaks deep truths to these small ones. This last year we had to turn children away because we only had enough trained catechists to work with 20 children per year.

SO, we are looking for parishioners who are interested in learning more about this incredible ministry and potentially receiving the required training. Because of its intentionality, the training requires 2 weeks of training, spaced about a year apart. The nearest training happening next will be in Regina from July 2-7.

If you are interested in possibly attending or just learning more, please contact Veronica at 780-467-8410 or lvisinger@gmail.com or Rebecca rebeccagenuis@gmail.com.

*Catechesis of
the Good
Shepherd*



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



**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



**CWL GENERAL
MEETING**

Monday April 8 at 6:30 pm
in the Meeting Room



Lesson 3 (of 5) ~ Reconciliation

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

**Always be on time for Mass
and bring your workbooks!**

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

sacraments@olph.ca

SHERWOOD PARK AGAINST HUNGER

Meal Packaging Event

Saturday April 20 at OLPH Parish Hall

180 volunteers (Ages 6 and up) are needed to pack up meals in assembly line fashion, to distribute to Edmonton Inner City Soup Kitchens, Northern Canada remote communities and even International Communities in need.



Scan QR code or visit olph.ca to sign up!



Please join us for a
**CLASSICAL CATHOLIC EDUCATION
SYMPOSIUM**

SATURDAY, APRIL 20
8:30 AM - 2:00 PM
AT OLPH PARISH

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
For More Info & To
Register For This Free Event
VISIT
bit.ly/ClassicalEdApril20

Grade 7-12
Catholic, Classical Online Education
Online and In-person Lessons
Publicly-Funded Alberta Diploma
No Tuition
Flexible Learning Environment

SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 20

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



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Catholic Summer Camps



Come join us for a river adventure this summer!

Save the Date for Vacation Bible Camp at OLPH!

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



Our Lady of Victory Camp

WHO WE ARE: Our Lady of Victory Camp is a week-long, overnight summer camp, proudly owned and operated by the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton, on Gull Lake in the County of Lacombe. Our mission is to support families and youth ministry initiatives in the Archdiocese and beyond by creating a place for young people to *Encounter Christ, Encounter Community, and Encounter Creation.*

WHAT WE DO: Camp is a place where young people come to play and pray, and hear the message of the Gospel in the context of God's creation and the gift of a welcoming Christian community. We offer these experiences, a week at a time, where young people will:

- Play epic games & sports
- Eat great food
- Learn about their faith
- Celebrate the Sacraments
- Make new friends
- Enjoy free time outside
- Try your hand at archery
- Swim or canoe in Gull Lake



What's Happening at OLPH

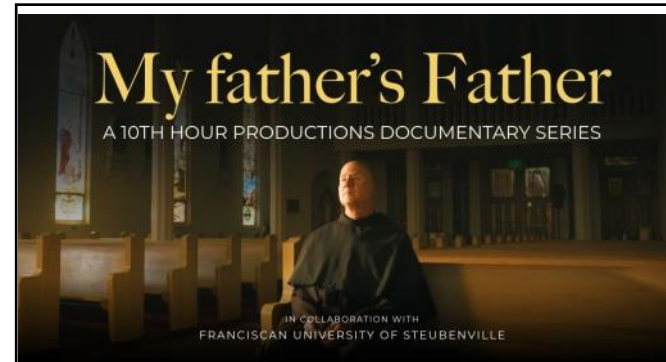


Preparation for Your Child's Sacraments at OLPH

Opening Mass & Introductory Class for Parent & Children (Grade 2 and up)

**Choice of: Monday April 8 or
Thursday April 11 at 6:15 pm**

Email Natalie at sacraments@olph.ca
to RSVP or to Register your Family



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

JETS Supporting Victims and Survivors of Crime Info Session

This Friday April 12, the JETS women's group are privileged to provide an informative and appreciative session regarding Victim Services in Strathcona County. This special service provides immediate assistance and support to victims of crime and trauma, in partnership with Strathcona County RCMP.

Please join us at 9:30am in the Large Meeting Room to settle in and pick up your in-flight snacks and then promptly at 9:45 am, we will learn about this 30+ year service in our community, run by staff and volunteer advocates. More details are available by contacting one of our flight captain's of the day, Paola, at paolinaz.alampi@shaw.ca.

All are invited to attend!





Jesus, the Reason for Our Hope

Many of our faithful have asked me if I am rested after a very busy Holy Week. My response is two-fold: 1. Yes, I am relatively rested after a very busy Holy Week. 2. My happily accepted reality is that I average 12-14 hours a day, seven days a week, engaging in different elements of parish ministry. What can I tell you? I love what I do.

As a result, Holy Week is as busy as is usual for me, but it is a different kind of busy. The kind where I must study up on what we did an entire calendar year ago in a particular celebration. Our Liturgy committee, as a group, went through and dissected our previous Holy Week protocols over a month ago in preparation for this most holy of Holy Weeks. A year is enough time for even the young minds at the table to be a little foggy on “how we did it last year.” I love the process, because it gives us an intentional opportunity to improve the quality and the reverence of our celebrations each year.

Holy Week, beginning with Passion Sunday, never ceases to bring joy into my heart. This, despite the fact that we relive/reimagine the Lord’s Passion and death on the cross twice during the week; including an opportunity to venerate a replica of the cross that Jesus died on, for one and for all. One of the things that gratifies me is the multitude of folks who, during Holy Week, attend Mass and Good Friday Services. From Palm Sunday and forward, there is an extraordinary number of people coming through the doors of our parish Church. It is a joyful experience for me. It seems like my children (if I had any), many who have been away doing other things, have come home for the most momentous time of the year. This, coupled with

the gathering of many family members with their biological families from far and wide, creates a truly joyful, faith-filled family atmosphere. It is part of our baptismal DNA, that no matter what we have been up to during the year, we need to be at the Church during Holy Week. This always fills me with, as stated joy, but also with hope.

I want to comment on, and offer thanks for, the wonderful commitment that so many of our parishioners make during this time. There is a great diligence required to facilitate the many services that occur, that are over and above the mainstream life of our parish community. The splitting of the palms in preparation for Palm Sunday. The preparation of the Church for a literal changing of the seasons in preparation for the Easter Vigil. The excitement of those who are in their final preparations for entry into the Holy Catholic Church. Many of our dear people work behind the scenes for literally days preparing the environment, the readings, the candles, the candidates. There are many moving parts to this wonderful event we call the Triduum.

Another two-fold blessing in the life of our community occurred at our mission parish, St. Francis of Assisi in Tofield. 1. For the first time that anyone can remember we celebrated the entire Triduum at St. Francis. This, because St. Francis is thriving and growing. 2. We welcomed three men from the parish into full communion in the Catholic Church through the RCIA process. This is incredibly significant because St. Francis is a small but zealous community of believers. Thank you dear Jesus.

A good example of many moving parts working in a synchronized way is the Easter Vigil, the biggest celebration in the liturgical year of the Church. This celebration begins with a large fire outside of the Church, symbolising the coming of the light into the world. The *Exsultet* proclamation is a once a year happening, but it is critical that it is proclaimed well, and it is. Within the Vigil Mass itself, there are three distinct components. It opens with the Liturgy of the Word, followed by the Baptismal and Confirmation Liturgy and completed with the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Each of these three parts of the Vigil Mass are distinct and different from what typically transpires, Sunday after Sunday throughout the year. Many of our people expend much time and talent making sure that these unique facets of the celebration go well. I can tell you once again that I am very gratified with how everything went, not just with the Vigil but with the entire Triduum, from Palm/Passion Sunday to Easter Sunday. **Thank you all, for your role in celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus with dignity, reverence, and grace.**

We will complete the Octave of Easter this Sunday with our Eucharistic Liturgies and with our Divine Mercy Chaplet Prayer and Adoration Hour at 3:00 pm on Sunday afternoon. I said recently that I am proud to be the pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish. The love and care with which we celebrated the Triduum, as a community of faith, simply affirmed once again for me, that I am blessed to serve the Lord here at OLPH. Thank you dear Jesus.

“Christ is Risen, Alleluia. Indeed, He is Risen, Alleluia.”

Fr. Jim