

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

Sunday Mass

Saturday vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am, 10:30 am,
12:30 pm and 7:00 pm

Weekday Mass

Mornings: Monday to Saturday 8:30 am
Evenings: Monday to Friday 6:15 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday 9:15 am to 11:00 am

Monday to Friday: ***Immediately Following Morning and Evening Mass***

*****If you wish to celebrate Reconciliation after a weekday Mass, please ensure you are AT THE CONFESSORIAL BY THE TIME MASS ENDS. The priests will not wait if no one is there after Mass, and will only stay for as long as there are people waiting.**

Adoration

Monday to Friday Holy Hour at 5:15 pm prior to the evening Mass

Wednesday Holy Hour “Host Groups”:

1st Wednesday hosted by Mary’s Servants for Christ: December 3, 2025

2nd Wednesday hosted by Society of St. Vincent de Paul: December 10, 2025

3rd Wednesday hosted by CWL: December 17, 2025

*4th Wednesday hosted by K of C: December 25 *NO ADORATION CHRISTMAS DAY*

*5th Wednesday hosted by Clergy: December 31 *NEW YEARS EVE ALL-NIGHT ADORATION*



ALSO: Friday mornings Holy Hour at 7:30 am prior to the daily Mass

AND First Sunday of Every Month FAMILY-FRIENDLY Holy Hour at 2:30 pm

(children of all ages WELCOME, silence is NOT expected in the Church)



Did you know we have 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 are livestreamed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@olphparishsherwoodparkabstreams>



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 November 30, 2025 ~ First Sunday in Advent

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

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



**It’s Almost Time for our Annual
*Advent Reverse Collection!***

How it Works:

NEXT WEEKEND December 6 & 7

“Reverse Collection” – Baskets will be passed at each Mass to distribute slips of paper printed with the non-perishable food items/cash that are needed to help make up Christmas Hampers, as well as assist with lunches and meals provided regularly by these Parishes.

December 13 & 14 – Bring the items printed on your paper slips back to the church! Volunteers will be collecting and sorting food downstairs in the Parish Hall at each Sunday Mass.

December 15 – Loading SSVP truck with food and delivering to Sacred Heart Parish and St. Alphonsus Parish.

If you are able to **VOLUNTEER** on any of these dates, please contact:

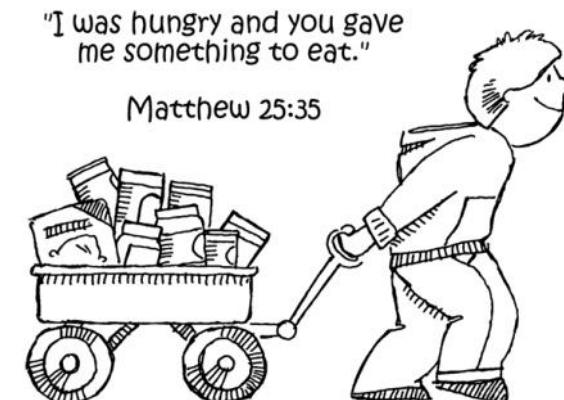
Pauline Degenstein at 780-719-0842 or

Len and Sandra Stang at 780-467-8412 or

OLPH Parish Office at 780-467-5470

If anyone is so inclined to make up a Christmas Hamper themselves, please contact **Pauline Degenstein at 780-719-0842** for a list of contents required for a hamper.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!





December 1- 6

Monday ~ Carolina Devera†, Bruce Donovan†, Karen Blunt†, Rollande Paquette†, Stephen Janz†, Jesus Fuentes & Anne Monks†, Rami Domouni, Terry Dawe Jr., Janet Paul, Chad Starko

Tuesday ~ Berthe Healey†, Holy Souls in the Purgatory†, Josephine Holterman†, Violet Kully, Chris Guse, Albina Cardinal, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Jerome Prince, Madeline Thomaasen, Jace Almeida

Wednesday ~ Rita Plante†, Benny Stein†, Chase Evan Gourlay†, Holy Souls†, Bob Preston†, Raymond Hebert†, Monica Love, Brianna Osio-Mackay, Ann MacLennon

Thursday ~ Deceased Members of the Pelagia Family†, Anita Pownall†, William De Vries†, Richard Prince, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Joanne Wachowicz, Marian & Michael Gidzinski, Rita Sandmaier

Friday ~ Theodore Chmilar†, Violet Healey†, Violet Healey†, Bernadette O'Connor†, Catharina Yoon†, Martin Kennedy†, Prayers in the Foyer, Peace in Tanzania, Mother Catherine Carmelitas Sisters, Jeff Newman, Hannah Delainey

Saturday ~ Luisito Manaog†, Ron King†, Robert Presto†, Terry Dawe Jr., Merle Draganiuk, Marie-Clair Grenier, Dwayne Martens†



Condolences to Marie Gill and family. Marie's sister, **Tina Serviss** died on October 28, 2025 in Morrisburg, ON.



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What's Happening at OLPH

JETS

= java, exercise, talk and service =

Healing the world through thrifting

The JETS Airline is thrilled to be setting our course heading to a brand new destination as part of our Advent service. *MCC Thrift Edmonton* is now up on our departure board for this Friday, December 5, meeting at their location, 10531 51 Avenue NW, at 10:00 am sharp.



We will learn a bit about this international Mennonite charity that began 53 years ago in Altona, Manitoba, to support relief and development and peace in the world through second-hand goods. Then we will get right to work assisting in the back of the thrift store for a morning of service. Please dress casually and comfortably and wear closed-toed shoes for safety. In-flight snacks will be provided directly afterwards. You are also invited to bring along any thrift store donations!

A carpool will be set up from OLPH's Church parking lot, east end by the office, leaving promptly at 9:15 am. Registration is required. Please contact our Flight Captain of the Day, Nancy, at 780-464-5356 to secure your seat.

Come take this beautiful opportunity to provide an act of charity during Advent.

OLPH Financial Report

Week 48 November 23, 2025	Cost of Operating the Parish	Building Fund Target Amount	"Together We Serve" Target Amount
Average weekly amount required	\$26,925.00	\$2,480.00	\$2,545.00
Donations this week	\$26,637.25	\$3,345.75	\$1,143.40
This week surplus/shortfall	-\$287.75	\$865.75	-\$1,401.60

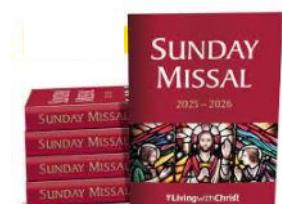
- A humble and heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who supports the financial needs of our parish home with Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD), by bringing your Sunday Giving Envelopes to the church, or donating via INTERAC ETRANSFER to: OLPH.etransfer@caedm.ca
- **Cost of operating the parish "average weekly amount" is 1/52 of the total annual amount of ordinary receipts projected in the 2025 budget**
- Building fund target average weekly amount is based on total donations projected in 2025 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 - December 7, 2025*
- SSVP Poor Box Collection - *Third Sunday of every month - December 21, 2025*

TOFIELD CORNER

~ **St. Francis of Assisi Parish** ~
5523-50 Street, Tofield AB
Mass every Sunday at 11:00 am

First Sunday of Advent ~ Advent...the beginning of our renewal commitment of actively preparing for the coming of our Lord and Saviour. *Let us prepare!*

1. The Bake and Craft Sale was a **huge** success!! St. Francis of Assisi parish members are truly a blessing! Thanks to the generosity of the baking, crafting and purchasing...we raised \$641!! With the matched donation from our Charity Fund account, we will be donating almost \$1,300 to our brothers and sisters at St. Clare Parish! Praise be to our Father! Thank you to all who participated!!
2. Next Sunday, December 7 is **Potluck Sunday**. Let's start our Advent with great joy and camaraderie - preparing our hearts and souls for the coming of our Lord. Bring your 'faves' and share in the love.
3. Our **Prayer Ministry** and **Prayer Shawl Ministry** continues. If you have a special prayer request or know someone in need of a comforting, blessed, hand-crafted shawl - please call Kathy at 780-270-8652. Thank you!
4. *"The harvest is plentiful, but labourers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into the harvest."* We continue to pray one **Our Father** and three **Hail Marys** every day to expedite the arrival of more priests to OLPH parish.
5. **New Sunday Missals** are available at the back of the church for \$5 each. See Victor. First Sunday of Advent starts November 30!



*To post in the 'Tofield Corner' contact Kathy by email Kathleen.Anderson.one@gmail.com or phone 780-270-8652 (New deadline is Monday for the following weekend's bulletin.)

What's Happening at OLPH



Seniors Residences & Care Center Masses This Week

Wednesday December 3

Summerwood 10:30 am

Thursday December 4

Silver Birch 10:30 am

Emerald Hills 1 pm

Friday December 5

Capital Care 10:30 am



Join us at the
Conversation Cafe!
Sunday, November 30, 1:45 pm
Hospitality Area (foyer)

THIS HOLY LIGHT

Sunday November 30
at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Come join members of Music Ministry for an afternoon of **Reflections, Prayers, Song and fellowship** as we prepare for the Advent Season and the Birth of our Lord. **EVERYONE WELCOME!**

Congratulations & Welcome to these children Baptized on November 23, 2025

Ziann Ancheta

Emerson Odette Nicole Barrett

Marie Josephine Brown

Lorelei Olive Irene Holliday

Mateo Nicolas Moreira

Maria Therese Taillon

Natalia Luna Moreira

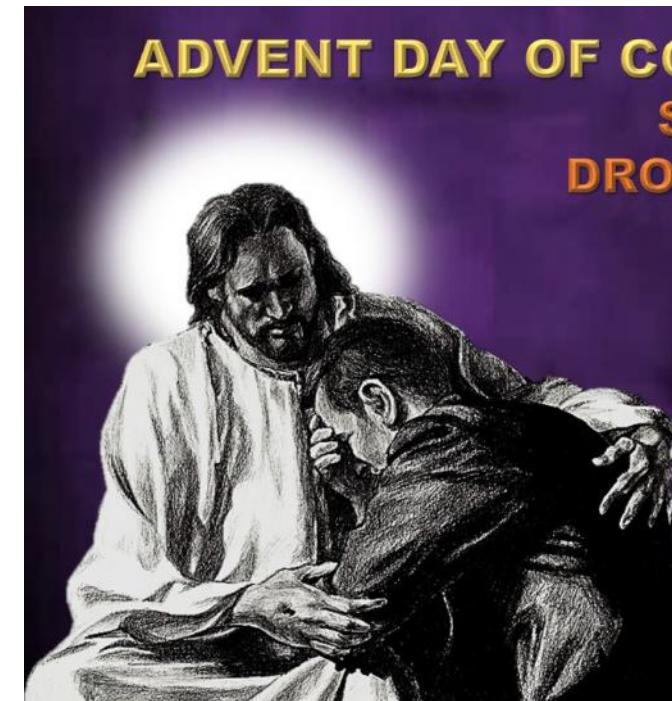


ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSION at OLPH

Saturday, December 20
DROP-IN 9:15 am - 4:30 pm

DROP IN!

Several Priests will be available ALL DAY for the Sacrament of Reconciliation!



What's Happening at OLPH



OLPH CWL Christmas Social

Our yearly CWL Social will be held on **Monday, December 1** in the Parish Hall. Doors open at 6:00 pm. There will be mingling time and food will be served at 6:45 pm. *In thanksgiving to the members for all their efforts and prayer support this year, the meal is being provided.*

We will enjoy fun and fellowship and get to know our seminarian, Mischa Taillon. Please bring your smiles for all, including your (TBA) Prayer Partners.

Donations for Our Lady of Grace (Edmonton Catholic Schools' program for parenting teens) are welcome.



Confirmation Preparation Classes

LESSON 5 (of 5) "Be Sealed with the Spirit"

Choice of: Wednesday December 3, 6:15 pm - 8:30 pm OR Thursday December 4, 6:15 pm - 8:30 pm

Special Reminders: BOTH workbooks must be completed.

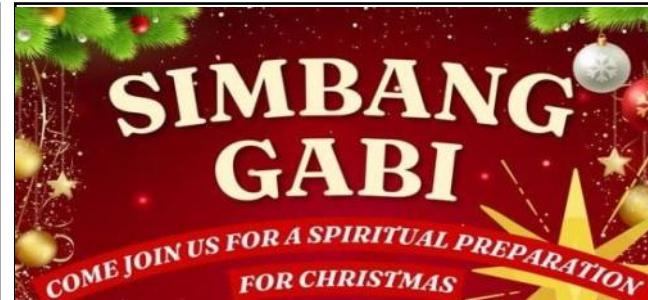
Make sure you have sent your SPONSOR'S confirmation details to Natalie before the class.

This is our LAST CLASS so it will include REHEARSAL for...

~ CONFIRMATION MASS ~

Sunday December 7 at 4:00 pm

*Cake & Punch to follow, Everyone Welcome!
Please keep our Confirmands in your Prayers*



Christmas Novena Mass at 5:30 am DAILY

Tuesday December 16 - Wednesday December 24
EVERYONE WELCOME!

Mass will be in English but the songs are in Filipino. Hospitality in the Foyer following Mass each morning.

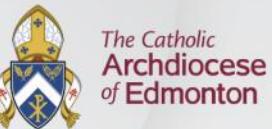
Volunteer for Mass Ministries on the regular SignUp Genius at www.olph.ca

To volunteer with Hospitality after Mass, contact Allan Piedra by email piedra.allanh@gmail.com, text 431-541-8888, or sign up online: <https://ourladyofperpetualhelpsp.flocknote.com/signup/236811>



Your ONE gift supports ELEVEN
vital Catholic organizations

- Catholic Social Services
- Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith
- Evangelization of Nations
- Needs of the Canadian Church
- Needs of the Church in the Holy Land
- Newman Theological College
- Papal Charities (includes Peter's Pence)
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- St. Joseph Seminary
- St. Joseph's Priests Foundation
- St. Joseph's College-University of Alberta



GIVING TUESDAY December 2

Together We Serve is the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton's annual appeal to support Catholic agencies and partner organizations in the Archdiocese, Canada and beyond.

As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we give because we are called to live out the words of Romans 12:12:
"Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer."

Through Together We Serve, we put this call into action—offering hope, supporting those facing hardship, and strengthening the Church's mission.

Please Give Today.



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What's Happening at OLPH



AN EVENING OF
Sacred Music
OLPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
13 BROWER DRIVE, SHERWOOD PARK, AB

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
SACRED MUSIC 4:30 PM
MASS AT 5:45PM



The Clothing Nook is Open for Shopping:

Tuesdays 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
December 2 & 16
Saturdays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
December 6

The Nook Christmas Shop, located downstairs in the St. Jerome room, will be open the same days and times as the Clothing Nook. Those in need are welcome to come **shop for FREE** and have the opportunity to experience the joy of gift-giving.

Please share this invitation!

The Clothing Nook will be closed to the public from December 17 - January 4.



FROM THE DESK OF

FR. JIM



Advent is Upon Us. Are You ready? Would you like to be ready? Ready for what?

The word Advent comes from the Latin word “adventus,” meaning coming or arrival. The advent of spring, the advent of the motor vehicle, the advent of flight...all of these had beginnings or advents.

From a Catholic Christian perspective, advent is a liturgical season of waiting and preparation, that begins four Sundays prior to Christmas. Advent has a dual preparation meaning in the Catholic Church. It is a time each year when we more intentionally prepare for the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is also a time when we are invited to look at the big picture, which is the second coming of Christ; the end times, the final judgement. To be clear, the end times, the final judgement, is not something to be afraid of. It is not an event that should strike fear and trembling, but one that should inspire us with joy and anticipation. God made us to be with Him for eternity, and this time He has given us, is simply a short stop off on the grand plan of eternal life with our Creator. But we need to be prepared, we need to be ready; hence the gift of the Advent season. We prepare joyfully to celebrate the concluding chapter of salvation history in the birth of our Lord; while simultaneously being intentional at viewing the long game of preparing to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Are you ready? Would you like to be ready? I know you would. We have begun a couple of initiatives in our parish. Although they flowed out of other impetuses, they certainly complement our parish pastoral priorities; which are Formation for Eucharistic Worship, Formation for Confident Witness and Formation for Service to Marriage and Family. In the Marion month of October, a faithful group of witnesses led the rosary each morning after the daily Mass. There seemed to be a respectable number of parishioners who stayed after Mass to join in the Rosary, so we agreed to try it for the month of November. It has gone well, and there regularly are a considerable number of parishioners who join in the Rosary following the 8:30 am morning Mass. To give you some context, we average between 50 and 100 hundred parishioners who attend our weekday Masses. Consistently, there has been 20 to 30 who have stayed to pray the Rosary following Mass.

In conversation with those who have faithfully led the rosary for the past two months, we have agreed to continue this devotional practice throughout the Advent season. I invite you to join us in the Rosary following the Holy Mass; either in person, or by way of our livestream opportunities. This can be a wonderful opportunity to prepare for the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord, during the Advent season, with your community of faith. As well, it can allow us time to reflect on that which is to come; and how we will prepare ourselves to live our lives in joyful anticipation of finally meeting the Lord, face to face, for eternity. A pretty exciting thought to meditate on, during the praying of the Holy Rosary.

When the labor dispute began between our educators and the government in late September, we began hosting a Holy Hour every evening at 5:15 pm, Monday to Friday, prior to our 6:15 evening weekday Masses. Though the labor dispute was not resolved in a manner that all were happy with, we decided to continue adoration at 5:15 pm, because the faithful continue to attend. Here we are, now two months later, and a small but very faithful group of parishioners have continued to attend the daily Holy Hour. In consultation with our Pastoral Priorities Team, we have decided to continue adoration before the weekday evening Masses, at least until Christmas. We are going with the age-old but true maxim, “If you build it, they will come.” We have experienced the truth of this wisdom in the offering of the sacrament of Reconciliation after each of our daily Masses. It has taken time, but there are always folks who wish to avail themselves of this beautiful sacrament.

My friends, to spend a few minutes or more in the Lord’s presence will always serve you well. The Lord Jesus wants to be our friend. He loves us. When we come to spend time with Him, we are doing what we can to show Him our desire to be His friends as well. Advent is a time when we prepare, and then we wait. I can not think of more appropriate devotional practices than the Rosary, or a Holy Hour, to prepare for the Nativity of our Lord; and longer term to prepare ourselves for when He comes again, in all His glory.

Advent is upon us. Are you ready? Would you like to be ready?



REMINDER: During the week of December 8–12, Evening Mass will be at 5:45 pm instead of the usual 6:15 pm, to accommodate School Advent Masses & Concerts for our Sherwood Park Family of EICS Catholic Schools. (Adoration at 5:15 pm will be shortened to 30 minutes that week.)

SCHEDULE FOR SCHOOL ADVENT MASSES & CONCERTS AT OLPH CHURCH:

Thursday December 4, 9:30 am ~ Ecole Pere Kenneth Kearns

Friday December 5, 6:15 pm ~ Archbishop Jordan Catholic High School

Monday December 8, 5:45 pm ~ St. Theresa Catholic Middle School

Tuesday December 9, 5:45 pm ~ Chesterton Academy of St. Isidore

Wednesday December 10, 9:30 am ~ Ecole Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday December 10, 5:45 pm ~ St. Luke Catholic School

Thursday December 11, 12:30 pm ~ Holy Spirit Catholic School

Thursday December 11, 5:45 pm ~ Holy Redeemer Catholic School

Monday December 15, 6:15 pm ~ Madonna Catholic School

Thursday December 18, 6:15 pm ~ St. Nicholas Catholic School