

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: January 7, 2025

2nd Wednesday hosted by Society of St. Vincent de Paul: January 14, 2025

3rd Wednesday hosted by CWL: December 17, 2025

4th Wednesday hosted by K of C: December 24 *NO ADORATION CHRISTMAS EVE

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 December 14, 2025 ~ Third Sunday of Advent

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

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

THANK YOU for supporting our Advent Reverse Collection!

If you forgot to bring your items to Mass today, please drop them off ASAP at the Parish Office during regular business hours.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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

To VOLUNTEER with this project, please contact:

Pauline Degenstein at 780-719-0842 or Len and Sandra Stang at 780-467-8412 or the OLPH Parish Office at 780-467-5470.

(If anyone is so inclined to make up a Christmas Hamper themselves, please contact Pauline for a list of contents required.)

“I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.”

Matthew 25:35



HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve ~ December 24

(Special Times)

OLPH 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 10:00 pm
and Midnight Mass (with Incense)

Christmas Day ~ December 25

(Follows Sunday Schedule)

Tofield 11:00 am

OLPH 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm
and 7:00 pm (with Incense)

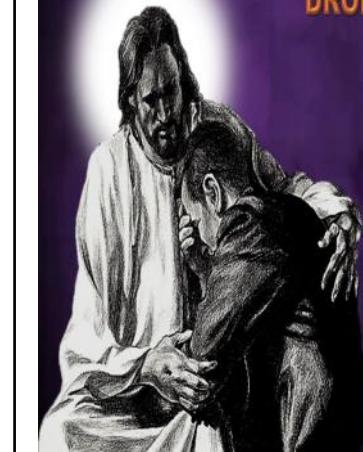


ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSION at OLPH

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!



December 15–20

Monday ~ Aaron John Kuzyk†, Rollande Paquette†, Marcel Gravelle†, Stan Jober†, Monserat Gallenero†, Betty-Lou Lawrence†, Marcellino & Linda De Sousa & Family, Ed & Yvonne Borosevich, Rami Damouni, Chris Guse

Tuesday ~ Bob Preston†, Maureen Flilliam†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Court & Wendy McAulry, Leonardo Sebastian, Fr. Warren Schmidt, Marie Wysocki, Caroline Sylvera, The Paranych Family, Bernice Soroka

Wednesday ~ Andre Guay†, Anita Pownall†, Ken Heykants†, Carmel Lajoie†, Jesara Nichol†, Catholic Women's League, Terry & Larry Kallal, Celine Reghelini, Janice Paranych, Trevor and Zoey Draganiuk

Thursday ~ Olguita Acosta†, Gerry Holzman†, Jojo†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Marcellino & Linda De Sousa & Family, Maria Elena Corazon Sebastian, Piero & Enzo A Fiorini, Rami Damouni, Garth Jesperson, Bernard O'Donnell

Friday ~ Ambrose Sieben†, Martin Kennedy†, Joan Oleksy†, Rosemarie†, John Miranda†, Ruth Trach†, Ruth Trach†, Mary Pinkoski, Victor & Simon Milite, Jeff Newman, Rami Damouni

Saturday ~ Ryan Clement†, Cheryl Robb†, Barbara Hollister†, Holy Souls†, Luis Michaud†, Simone†, Fr. Martin Carroll, Lovely Agrisola, Terry Dawe Jr, Rami and Family, Norma & Rene Morales

Sympathy Our condolences to the family of **Jacques Simard** who passed away on December 3, 2025.

To the family of **Nadia (Nettie) Wasnea** who passed away on December 8, 2025. Funeral Mass on Tuesday, December 16 at 10:30 am at OLPH.

To the family of **Daniel Malone** who passed away on December 8, 2025. Funeral Mass on Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 10:30 am at OLPH.

Funeral Mass for **Robert (Rob) Davies** will be on Friday, December 19, 2025 at 10:30 am at OLPH.



Parish Office 780-467-5470

General Inquiries: info@olph.ca

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In case of Emergency, call or text Fr. Jim at 780-470-2730



The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) issued an open letter on December 4 to

Prime Minister Mark Carney, and other key federal officials, urging the government to halt its plan to remove the long-standing *religious-text exemption* from Canada's hate-speech laws.

Catholic leaders warn that eliminating this protection could place legitimate religious teaching and pastoral ministry at risk.

Read the CCCB's letter here:

<https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/2025-12-04-Letter-to-PM-Religious-Freedom-FN.pdf>



OLPH Financial Report

Week 50 December 7, 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	\$31,782.10	\$2,876.10	\$3,053.40
This week surplus/shortfall	\$4,857.10	\$396.10	\$508.40

- 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 on 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



3rd Sunday of Advent ~ The third Advent Candle is Joy!

A quote from Fr. Padre Pio: “Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter.” Our patron saint, St. Francis of Assisi, believed “joy comes from a heart surrendered to God, finding God in creation, embracing simplicity, humility and poverty, making it a deep enduring peace.”

Our parish may be little, but we show these things in many ways by the kindness and generosity we give to our fellow children of God. We continue to prepare for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ!!

1. Our St. Francis of Assisi Parish, in the month of November, donated a whopping **61.3 lbs of food and \$740.00 in cash!!** Thank you Sandy for your continued work with the **Food Bank!** “They will know we are Christians by our love.”
2. Update on our donation to **St. Clare’s parish: \$1341.00!** Beautiful!
3. **N.B. - Christmas Day Mass, on Thursday December 25th, will be at 11:00am with Fr. Sylvian Casavant presiding.**
4. Advent has arrived. As we prepare for Christmas please consider joining in with our **Christmas Novena**. A great chance for us to pray together as a community and to focus on Christ during this season. There will be a sign up sheet at the back of the church if you are interested in hosting an evening. We can also meet at church (hosting is optional). Novena will start **December 16**.
5. 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!
6. “*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.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Financial Report October 2025	2025 Monthly Budget	Donations this Month	Surplus/Shortfall	TWS October 2025
	\$2,198.00	\$2,291.05	\$93.05	\$95.00

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Financial Report November 2025	2025 Monthly Budget	Donations this Month	Surplus/Shortfall	TWS November 2025
	\$2,198.00	\$2,747.75	\$429.75	\$120.00

*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

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Attention all Parish Groups & Ministries:
To have your News, Events, Recruitment etc.,
featured in the annual **SUPER-SIZED,
FULL-COLOUR CHRISTMAS BULLETIN**,
please submit your notices (with desired
graphics) to Natalie at the Parish Office
BEFORE Thursday December 18.

nlavigne@olph.ca

Any questions, call 780-467-5470 ext. 225



Seniors Residences & Care Center Masses This Week

Wednesday December 17

Summerwood 10:30 am

Thursday December 18

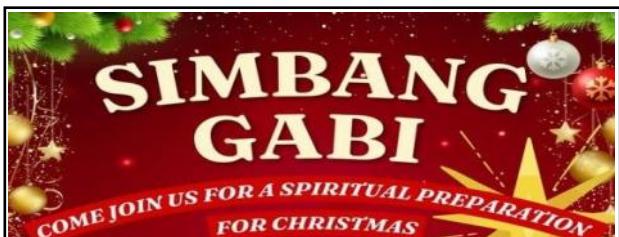
Silver Birch 10:30 am
Emerald Hills 1:00 pm

OLPH CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREE!

Have you noticed the second, **yet-undecorated Christmas tree** in the entrance foyer of our parish church?

This tree is intended for the **CHILDREN & YOUTH** of OLPH Parish to decorate!

We invite all families to **MAKE ORNAMENTS** at home, then hang them on the tree when you come to church for Advent and Christmas Masses.



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 text 431-541-8888, email piedra.allanh@gmail.com, or scan the QR code to sign up online.

<https://alhelpsp.flocknote.com/signup/236811>



What's Happening at OLPH



GR 6-8

ELEVATE CONFERENCE

JANUARY 31

THE ELEVATE CONFERENCE IS A YOUTH CONFERENCE FOR GRADES 6-8
COME TO ENCOUNTER THE LORD, HAVE FUN, AND BE EMPOWERED TO BECOME A SAINT
THE CONFERENCE INCLUDES GAMES, TALKS, MUSIC, ADORATION AND MORE

9:30AM - 4:15PM

EARLY BIRD PRICE \$35
AFTER DECEMBER 14 PRICE \$45

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC PARISH
13 Brower Drive, Sherwood Park AB

LAST CHANCE FOR EARLY BIRD PRICE!

 **FACETOFACE MINISTRIES**

<https://ourladyofperpetualhelpsp.flocknote.com/signup/235557>



PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2026 SUNDAY GIVING ENVELOPES IN THE PARISH FOYER THIS WEEKEND!

**REMINDER All Sunday and Christmas offering (including e-transfers) for the 2025 tax year MUST be received no later than December 31. Donations received after that date will be included in the 2026 taxation year.

- Don't use your new envelopes until January 1st, 2026
- Be aware that some donation numbers have changed.
- Please recycle all unused 2025 envelopes.

If you can't find your donation envelopes in the foyer, stop by the office and request a box.

You can also sign up for (PAD) Pre-Authorized Debit to ensure your regular contributions happen automatically, even when you cannot come to the church in person.

Contact the Parish Office to register 780-467-5470. You can start & stop at anytime.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the financial needs of our parish home!



Last minute gift idea!

When you give to your parish, you are making a Spiritual Investment with Eternal Returns!

All gifts received by **December 31** are eligible for a Canadian tax credit.

If you give...	You get a tax credit of...	The actual cost to you is...
\$20/week or \$1,040/year	\$470	\$11/week or \$570/year
\$40/week or \$2,080/year	\$990	\$21/week or \$1,090/year
\$100/week or \$5,200/year	\$2,550	\$51/week or \$2,650
\$200/week or \$10,400/year	\$5,150	\$101/week or \$5,250/year



LAST DAY of SHOPPING at The Clothing Nook and The Christmas Shop

Tuesday December 16
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Clothing, outerwear, shoes, etc for all ages is ALWAYS available free of charge.

Those in need are also welcome to come **shop for FREE** and have the opportunity to experience the joy of Christmas gift-giving.

Thank you to the parishioners who have donated clothing, gifts, etc. so generously, and to the dedicated Nook Volunteer Team who make this ministry possible.

Please share this invitation!

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



What's Happening at OLPH

SCHEDULE FOR SCHOOL ADVENT MASSES & CONCERTS AT OLPH CHURCH:

Monday December 15
6:15 pm ~ Madonna Catholic School



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

WALK and sign
to cancel unjust debts in the Global South

Development and Peace
CARITAS CANADA

devp.org | 1-888-234-8533

Annual pre-Christmas Potluck Dinner and Social



Knights of Columbus®
Sherwood Park Council 6083

All members & spouses are invited!

Tuesday December 16 at 6:00 pm
RSVP if possible (although not mandatory) or for additional information, call or text Daryl Boyden 780-686-4283

Turn Debt into Hope Development & Peace Advent Campaign

The Jubilee Year draws to a close on January 6, 2026. Development and Peace's "**Turn Debt into Hope**" campaign seeks to influence governments "*to forgive the debts of (Global South) countries that will never be able to repay them.*" ~Pope Francis

D&P took the campaign to the G7 Conference in Alberta in June, and then to COP30 in Brazil in November. OLPH parishioner signatures joined others from across Canada at both conferences. Over 46,800 signatures were presented!

Development and Peace continues to collect signatures, along with Kairos Canada. Please stop at the table in the foyer to sign, or sign online at <https://turndebtintohope.caritas.org/>. Let the Canadian government know our wishes and that we care. Visit devp.org for details.



What's Happening at OLPH

Congratulations to the young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at OLPH on Sunday December 7, 2025.

William James Bennett

Kensie C Blesi

Emily Iva Brkin

Marco Alexander Chiarella

Amelia Gabrielle Clair

Anna Lynn Dorothy Cooke

Janelle Abrugena Dalangin

Mary Jade D. Dalit

Amalea Hope Del Fabbro

Dominic Roger DeMare

Josephine E. Dixon-Hartman

Markus Chasen Dojello

Cristina Aliyah Escalona

Cristina Nicole Bautro Escalona

Francesca Anica Escalona

Chase Richard Fortier

Lincoln Emile Fortier

Ariane Solenne Frossard

Olivia Mikael Junio

Taliah Emelie Kit

Jonah Maurice Anthony Lalonde

Charles Morris Letawsky

Vayda Ann McCartney

Collin Rhys McElwaine

Maxim Alexander Onushko

Kade Vincent Panter

Matthew Neil Pattenden

Isabella Shae Pekar

Gabriella Paige Olivia Phillips

Nathan Ian Potyondi

Princess Valerie Satira

Cecily Bernadette Skuban

Rachel Kathleen Skuban

George Paul St. Jean

Biel Belisario Sumallo

Savannah Patti Wagas

Madilynn Margaret Woolf



~ Family Faith Formation at OLPH ~



**Register Now for 2026
Sacramental
Preparation Classes
Starting in January**

For children in Grade 2 and older

Email Natalie at sacraments@olph.ca
or download registration form:
<https://www.olph.ca/sacraments/first-communion2/>

Confirmation

**2026 Preparation Classes
will begin in February
for youth in Grade 6-8
with a parent/sponsor**

Email Natalie at sacraments@olph.ca to register your family or download registration form: <https://www.olph.ca/sacraments/confirmation-2/>



How is your **ADVENT** going?

My friends, two weekends ago, we witnessed 59 young people receive their First Holy Communion, spread out over four Masses. Last Sunday, we initiated 37 young men and women into full communion in the Catholic Church via the sacrament of Confirmation. On that same weekend, we held our Reverse Collection for the food that will go into making Christmas hampers for the good people in need at St. Alphonsus and Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples. Both these inner-city parishes will benefit from the food hampers that will be made up and delivered from Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish. Please do your best and remember to bring your food item to Mass this weekend. We will be sorting, packaging, and then delivering on Monday or Tuesday of this coming week. Last weekend was also Pastoral Priorities Sunday, so we blessed all couples celebrating wedding anniversaries in December, and hosted lovely hospitality and fellowship events after our five Masses. Yes, it was a full weekend, thank you dear Jesus!

By the time you read this, we will have already hosted almost all of our schools with Masses at the parish, and/or Advent concerts, which began with evening Mass. For me, this is a beautiful collaborative relationship between our schools, our parish, and our families. These are valuable connections for our young people to make during their formative school years. School concerts, in the Church, with family present, beginning with Mass. I am not sure there is anything more memorable we can do for our kids, from a *connecting-Church-to-good-memories* perspective.

As we journey through this Advent season, it is my hope that you are thinking about how or what you might engage in, to make this season a growth opportunity on your faith journey. I do have a couple of suggestions...

When I am speaking with the young ones, I ask them: "If Jesus were coming to your home for a visit, would you make sure your room was clean and your bed was made?" Of course, the response is yes! Well, my friends, we need to make our hearts neat and tidy as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Jesus in the coming days. **On Saturday December 20, we will host a Day of Confessions from 9:15 am to 4:30 pm.** We will have at least four priests available for confessions all day long. This is a fantastic opportunity for everyone. Whether you confess once a month, once a year, or have not been to confession for much longer, WELCOME. This is a wonderful opportunity to shed a few of the pounds, that we all carry around, but do not need to. I go to confession monthly and find it a wonderful freeing experience. Why do I go once a month? Because I need to. And going once a month, I can actually keep track of whether I am making spiritual progress or not. We all fall short of the created goodness that God made us, and confes-

sion is a wonderful place to "take out the garbage," which will assist us in progressing on our individual faith journeys.

The other opportunity that I invite you to challenge yourself with is this: **Simbang Gabi.** This a nine-day series of Masses, a Novena of Masses anticipating and celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus. The Mass is in English and the hymns are in Tagalog. These are joyful celebrations to be part of! There are a number of parishes in the greater Edmonton area who host Simbang Gabi novena Masses. Typically, they are held at 7:00 in the evening for the nine days. We at OLPH have a unique twist to these celebrations. We celebrate them in the early morning at **5:30 am**, beginning Tuesday December 16, with the last novena Mass being celebrated on the morning of December 24. Now before you dismiss this as craziness, I encourage you to attend one of these Masses. Then go back home to bed if you like. Though you really will not want to miss the nice breakfast that will pop up in the foyer right after Mass. 0530 is not for everyone, for sure, but am sure you will not regret joining us for one of these Masses. Trust me, you want to be able to say "Yes, I have been to an early morning Simbang Gabi Mass." (If for no other reason than bragging rights.)

The origins of these novena Masses began in the Philippines, a very Catholic country, and is typically celebrated at about 4:00 am. This time suited the fishermen, who were coming home from a night of fishing, and the farmers who were heading out to their fields to work for the day. Some coming, some going, but all would stop at the church for Mass on their way. A beautiful witness of discipleship in my books.

Finally, as you think about charitable giving and the associated tax benefits, as we come to the close of the fiscal year, please do keep Our Lady of Perpetual Help in mind. **Together We Serve**, the charitable arm of the Edmonton Catholic Archdiocese, would be incredibly happy with any end of the year assistance, to get us over the goal we have set for our parish community.

My friends, by God's good grace and our cooperation with that grace, there are many good things happening here at OLPH. Thank you, dear Jesus. I encourage you to jump on this bus - it is headed in the direction we all want to go.

Blessings, *Fr. Jim*

