

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

* See Christmas Holiday
Hours on Front

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*: January 21, 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.

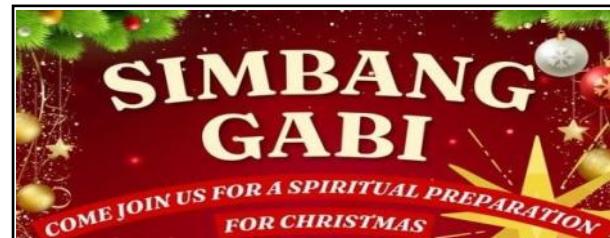


Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish ~ A Roman Catholic Christian Community

Sunday December 21, 2025 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

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



**Christmas Novena Mass continues
at 5:30 am DAILY now through
Christmas Eve December 24!
EVERYONE WELCOME!**

*Mass is in English but the songs are in Filipino. Stay for Hospitality in the Foyer following Mass each morning.



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

**MONTHLY POOR BOX
COLLECTION
THIS WEEKEND**



HELP LINE 780-416-0931

Press 1 to Request HELP

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**Will YOU share your gifts? Many
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Contact Carol at 780-236-3221 or
cmbrassard@shaw.ca

**Thank you for prayerful consideration of
service to assist us in helping those in need.**



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS & MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

Wednesday December 24, 2025

Mass at 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 10:00 pm
and Midnight (incense at Midnight Mass)

Christmas Day / Nativity of the Lord

Thursday December 25, 2025

Mass at 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm and
7:00 pm (incense at 7:00 pm Mass)

New Year's Eve

Wednesday December 31, 2025

Mass at 5:00 pm, followed by Eucharistic
Adoration & Rosary through the night
6:00 pm - 8:00 am

**New Year's Day / Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God**

Thursday January 1, 2026

Mass at 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm, and
7:00 pm (incense at 7:00 pm Mass)

**Please note the OLPH Parish Office will
be CLOSED on Christmas Day, Boxing
Day and New Year's Day.**





December 21-27

Monday ~ David Yakimowich†, Helen & Wilbert Brooks†, Mervyn Lynch†, Andre Cadrin†, Rollande Paquette†, Fr. Gerard Gaunthier, Sim & DeWolfe Families, Eduardo & Patricia Viale, Leonard Sebastian, Aida Damouni, Marian MacDonald

Tuesday ~ Billy Seabrook†, Pierre & Annette Labbe†, Mary McGuigan†, Natividad Nunez†, Fr. Rowland Agomuo, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Jeff Newman, Lisa Berstad, Ben & Carmen Draganiuk, Luke MacDonald

Wednesday ~ Molly Isaiah†, Chase Evan Gourlay†, Anita Pownall†, Fr. Jim, Angie DeWolfe, Asia & Jason Lewis, Joanne Wispinski, Aila Torres, Jackie Marquez

Thursday ~ Christmas Day

Friday ~ Raul & Zuleyma Acosta†, Paul Thottungal†, Angelina de Belen†, Elizabeth Maksymiuk†, Nettie Wasnea†, Dan Malone†, Martin Kennedy†, Joe Duggan†, Fr. Jim Corrigan, Gina Cornello

Saturday ~ Devasia Joseph†, Richard Hoekstra†, Grant Olesky†, Noreen Kneeland†, Deacon Lynn Pion, Terry Dawe Jr, Jessie Polmo, Taylor Berezan, Katherine Allenby, Ethan Yuson



Our condolences the Colichio family. **Paul Colichio** passed away on December 15, 2025 in Edmonton. Funeral will be at 12:00 pm on Tuesday, December 23 at OLPH

To the Isinger family. **Dolly Isinger** passed away on December 15, 2025 in Sherwood Park. Funeral will be at 10:30 am on Tuesday, December 30 at OLPH.



DO YOU NEED SOMEONE TO PRAY FOR YOU?

Contact one of our *Prayer Laudators*,
Doreen 780-467-0597
or Josie 780-467-0197.

Parish Office 780-467-5470

General Inquiries: info@olph.ca

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Archdiocese of Edmonton

Website: www.caedm.ca

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

TOFIELD CORNER ~ St. Francis of Assisi Parish ~

5523-50 Street, Tofield AB Mass every Sunday at 11:00 am



Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ We light the next purple candle - representing Love.

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 - \$1,341.00!** Beautiful!
3. **N.B. - Christmas Day Mass, Dec. 25th, will be at 11am. Fr. Sylvian Casavant will be the presider.**
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 of someone in need of a comforting, blessed hand-crafted shawl - please call Kathy at (780) 270-8652. Thank you! *Luke 10:2 "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.

***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.)**

OLPH Financial Report

Week 51 December 14, 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	\$33,632.10	\$5,826.10	\$1,638.40
This week surplus/shortfall	\$6,707.10	\$3,346.10	-\$906.60

• *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 - January 4, 2026*
- SSVP Poor Box Collection - *Third Sunday of every month - December 21, 2025*

What's Happening at OLPH



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

To register your child, email Natalie at the Parish Office:

sacraments@olph.ca

or download the registration form:
<https://www.olph.ca/sacraments/confirmation-2/>



Register Now for 2026 Sacramental Preparation Classes Starting in January For families with children in Grade 2 and older

To register, email Natalie at the Parish Office:

sacraments@olph.ca

or download the registration form: <https://www.olph.ca/sacraments/first-communion2/>

Having Your Child BAPTIZED

Baptism opens the door to ALL the sacraments! Preparation Class can be taken *before or after* the birth of your baby. Both Mother and Father must attend, and Godparents are also encouraged to attend.



Baptism Preparation Classes are held the 2nd Tuesday evening of every month at 6:15 pm (starting with Mass).

Baptism Celebrations are held at OLPH the 3rd and 4th Sundays every month at 2:30 pm.

To register for Preparation Class OR to schedule your child's Baptism please email Jenny at info@olph.ca

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

REGISTER TODAY!

Facetoface Ministries

<https://ourladyofperpetualhelpsp.rocknote.com/signup/235567>

What's Happening at OLPH



Seniors Residences & Care Center Masses This Week

Tuesday December 23 ~ Sherwood Care 10:30 am



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



Christmas Poinsettias

to decorate the Sanctuary can be dropped off at the Parish Office **ON OR BEFORE December 23**

Congratulations to all the winners of the **GROCERY GIFT CARD RAFFLE**

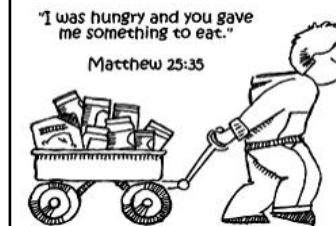
held by our Knights of Columbus
Archbishop MacDonald Council 6083
on December 16, 2025

- 1st Prize: \$1000.00 Christina Stockdale
- 2nd Prize: \$750.00 Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- 3rd Prize: \$550.00 Pauline Burkinshaw
- 4th Prize: \$100.00 Grace Alpa
- 5th Prize: \$100.00 Sidney Plemel
- 6th Prize: \$100.00 Bob Coutu
- 7th Prize: \$100.00 Tom Kinderwtel
- 8th Prize: \$100.00 Norman Viegas
- 9th Prize: \$100.00 Jason Burgardt
- 10th Prize: \$100.00 Herb Godden

THANK YOU
to everyone who
supported this
fundraiser by
Purchasing
raffle tickets.



"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."
Matthew 25:35



Your willingness to help was such a blessing.
May God bless you all!

FROM THE DESK OF
FR. JIM

Are you Ready?

Yes, I mean ready for Christmas. When I speak with the little ones, I ask them, “if Jesus was coming to your house, would you make sure your room was clean?” Suffice to say, the answer is always “yes.”

We need to prepare our hearts for the Nativity of the Lord as well. He comes into our hearts in real time, when we receive the Holy Eucharist. He came to us in real time, over two thousand years ago, as a humble, helpless, human baby; trusting in the love of His parents, Mary and Joseph, for all His needs. Now, He invites us to trust in Him, absolutely, for all our needs. My friends, our Lord Jesus Christ is the one immutable truth that will never, ever let us down or forget us. Thank you, dear Jesus.

So, what's up for Christmas with you and your family? My guess, is that at some point there will be a discussion about which Mass should we attend. Well, we know there are a plethora of options! **Christmas Eve at 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 10:00 pm, and midnight. On Christmas Day at 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm, and 7:00 pm, plus 11:00 am at St. Francis of Assisi in Tofield.**

Did you know that there are only two **holy days of obligation** in the Canadian Catholic Church? Yes: Christmas (Nativity of the Lord) and New Year's Day (Mary, the Mother of God). Oh yeah, there are fifty-two other holy days of obligation, which follow consistently Sunday after Sunday, decade after decade, millennium after millennium.

So, what's up for Christmas with you and your family? Which Mass will you attend? A couple of, what I hope might be, helpful thoughts...

Last week in my homily I suggested that we switch from a “**hurry up and wait**” mentality, to a “**slow down and wait**” mentality. Christmas is a joyful time of gathering the family, sometimes from the far reaches of the world; to gather around the family table, with immense joy and excitement. This is the way it should be. Our families of origin, and the families we marry into, are God's gift to us; as children and as adults. The tendency can be to go forward with the thinking, “Let's hurry up and do what we need do, so we can slow down and do what we want to do.” This is natural, I would say, with the excitement of family being present, perhaps for the first time in many months. We all know we need to get to Mass, so there can be a temptation to want to “get that done and get home” for our social, family, fun, celebrations. I suggest we might slow down and wait.

My friends, the 4:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve, though joyful in and of itself, just because of sheer numbers, is not a lot different than the parking lot at Costco during the week before Christmas. Seating at the 4:00 pm is not a sure thing, because of the crowds. **Why not**

slow down and wait? Have an early family supper or Happy Hour, and come to the 6:00 pm or 8:00 pm Mass instead. We will get you in and out in an hour, and the church parking lot will not be like the southwest leg of the Henday during rush hour.

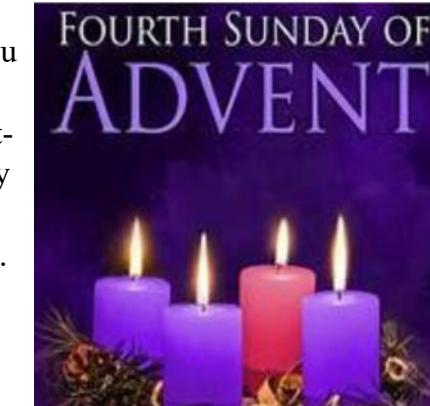
Another thought: Enjoy the afternoon and evening with your family, and then jump in the car and come to the 10:00 pm or midnight Mass; where seating is guaranteed, and where you can give thanks in a quiet atmosphere for all the blessings our Lord has provided you with, including your beautiful family. (Note: Incense will be used at midnight.) Of course, and it is understood, Christmas Day Mass is another great option! The 10:30 am Mass is usually jam-packed, but the 8:30 am, 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm Masses are great options as well.

I am not trying to tell you what time you should attend Mass this Christmas, but if peace and quiet are on your agenda, the 4:00 pm Mass is not for you. It would be good to leave this one for our many families with young ones. You can be sure that the homily will be child-friendly. Regardless of what decisions you make my friends, as we conclude this final short week of Advent, we welcome you wherever and whenever you show up. Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish is dynamic, it is flourishing and it is because you are an active part of our community.

May the Lord continue to bless you and yours, as you enter the final countdown to the Nativity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

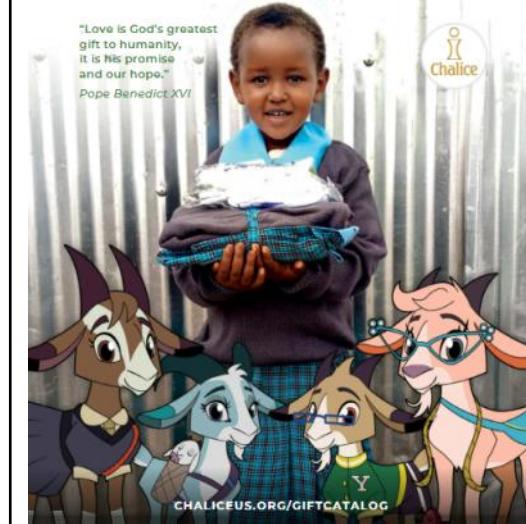
Blessings,

Fr. Jim



Gift Catalog 2025

“Love is God's greatest gift to humanity, it is His promise and our hope.”
Pope Benedict XVI

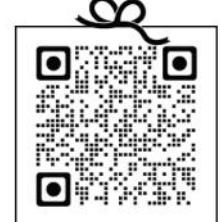


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