

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 inside for schedule changes
during the week of December 8-12

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: December 10, 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 7, 2025 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

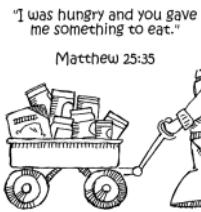
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**The First Sunday of every month is
PASTORAL PRIORITIES SUNDAY at OLPH.**

COFFEE & TREATS in the foyer after every Sunday Mass this weekend, plus our monthly **Collection for Together We Serve** and other special events...

Advent Reverse Collection Begins!



Baskets will be passed at each Mass this weekend to distribute slips of paper printed with the **non-perishable food items/cash** that are needed to help make up Christmas Hampers for people in need.

NEXT WEEKEND: 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. (see inside for more details)

Grocery Gift Card Raffle

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Raffle Tickets in the Foyer after all Masses. \$5.00 per ticket, for a chance to win one of 10 prizes of GROCERY GIFTS CARDS, ranging in value from \$100 to \$1000!

Family-Friendly Eucharistic Adoration

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm ~ All Ages Welcome!

Silence is NOT expected in the church during family-friendly Holy Hour.

Mass for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday December 7 at 4:00 pm

Everyone welcome.

Please keep these young people in your prayers.
Cake and Punch after the Mass.



December 8–13

Monday ~ Roger Amiot†, Rollande Paquette†, Noreen Congram†, Anita Pownall†, Leona Curle†, Simon Clark, Katherine Lucki, Benvindo Palha, Lisa Hollister, Aila Torres

Tuesday ~ Peggy McAvoy†, Jack Santos†, Dominic Mullah†, Fr. Jim, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk, Baptism families, Patrick Villeneuve, Fr. Ben Makkollil, Caroline Sylvera, Aristedes Medrano

Wednesday ~ Teodulo Suarez†, Zenaida Santo Domingo†, Leona Curle†, Dave Borle†, Alex & Connor Nazaruk, Celine Reghelini, January Prysdale, Maria Flor Tapic, Rami Damouni, Jolene Van Den Bruel

Thursday ~ Mervyn Lynch†, John DeLucry†, Warren†, Amber Broadway†, Fr. Len Gartner†, Marvin & Gail Weleschuk & family, Fr. Andrew Szablewski, Garth Jesperson, Lucienne Holzman

Friday ~ Kenneth James†, Alice†, Martin Kennedy†, Rose Manzano†, Janelle Mazur†, Asia and Jason Lewis†, Maggie, Jeff Newman, Paragas Mallari Family, Fr. Kevin Gillis

Saturday ~ Victor Baker†, Steve Weimann†, Mary Westko†, Holy Souls†, Lennard Sebastian†, Ann Menzies†, Ida Gillis, Terry Dawe Jr.



Our condolences to the family of **Rob Davies**, he passed away December 4, 2025.

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)



Parish Office 780-467-5470

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Archdiocese of Edmonton

Website: www.caedm.ca

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



Your **ONE** gift supports **ELEVEN** vital Catholic organizations that serve others at home, in Canada, and beyond!



SCAN to give

caedm.ca/donate-to-tws



OLPH Financial Report

Week 49 November 30, 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	\$25,205.10	\$3,130.10	\$2,633.40
This week surplus/shortfall	-\$1,719.90	\$650.10	\$88.40

- 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*



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Archdiocese
of Edmonton

TOFIELD CORNER

~ St. Francis of Assisi Parish ~

5523-50 Street, Tofield AB

Mass every Sunday at 11:00 am



2nd Sunday of Advent ~ This week we focus on Peace. With Hope in our hearts with the coming of our Savior, we feel the Peace, shalom, a state of well being and harmony, in knowing God's plan - His Divine Will - for *all* souls.

1. 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.

2. A certified Cheque of \$1312.50 has been sent to St. Clare's Parish from our St. Francis of Assisi Parish. You have truly shown that God's love radiates and transcends all. Our patron saint, St. Francis, is often quoted as saying: *"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love".*

3. Sandy will have a total of St. Francis of Assisi's November's donations to the Tofield Food Bank ready for next week's bulletin. Thank you so much for all your kind donations. Our community will feel Christ's love because of you!

4. 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!

5. *"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 another priest 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.)



What's Happening at OLPH



Seniors Residences & Care Center
Masses This Week

Tuesday December 9

Sherwood Care 10:30 am

Wednesday December 10

Country Cottage 10:30 am

Wednesday December 11

Silver Birch 10:30 am

Aster Gardens 2:00 pm



EVENING MASS will be at 5:45 pm this week, December 8 - 12, instead of the usual 6:15 pm, to accommodate *School Advent Masses & Concerts* for our Sherwood Park Family of EICS Catholic Schools.

HOLY HOUR of Adoration will begin at 5:00 pm this week (instead of 5:15 pm) and will be shortened to 30 minutes, with the exception of Tuesday December 9, when it is cancelled due to another event in the Sanctuary.

OLPH Annual Advent Reverse Collection

THIS WEEKEND - "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* that will be delivered downtown to Sacred Heart and St. Alphonsus Parishes of Edmonton.

NEXT WEEKEND - 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 Meeting Room at each Sunday Mass.

December 15 – Loading SSVP truck with food and delivering to the inner city parishes.

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.

MANY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

Can you please lend a hand carrying donations downstairs when you are here for Mass next Sunday?

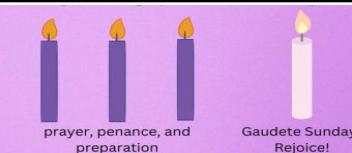
To volunteer, please call:

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

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Why do we use an Advent Wreath?

The advent wreath consists of an evergreen wreath, 3 purple candles, and 1 pink candle. We light 1 candle each Sunday of advent, the pink candle on the third Sunday of advent for Gaudete Sunday, leading up to Christmas day.



"The progressive lighting of the candles represents the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead."
-USCCB on Advent Wreaths



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

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!

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Join us for refreshments in the foyer afterward.

Discover the hidden messages in the miraculous image that still confounds scientists and has transformed the Americas!



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

FACE TO FACE
MINISTRIES



<https://ourladyofperpetualhelpup.rocknote.com/signup/235587>

JETS I'm dreaming of a White Christmas

Picture a winter wonderland of sparkling white trees, magical snowglobes and white linens. Now dream of an exquisite invitation to an Advent Brunch in this very same space. Open your eyes and voila! You are here! The JETS Women's Groups extends a warm request to join us this Friday, December 12, at precisely 10:00 am for a beautiful morning of friendship, celebration and food. Please arrive by 9:45 am to settle in and choose your first-class seat. We also kindly request you bring a winter-crafted dish to share on the brunch table. We will have some frivolity and pick new Secret Prayer Angels. More details available by contacting the Captains of the Day: Natalie at nengler0@gmail.com or Nancy at 780-464-5356.

May your days be merry and bright and may all your Christmases be white.

ALBERTA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Early Bird Draws x3
\$1000 ea
Draw Dates at 1:30 PM:
November 25
December 2
December 9

50-50 CHARITIES APPEAL RAFFLE

In support of:
Educational Institutions, Community Charities, Churches, Youth and Seniors Activities across Alberta

WINNER takes 50% of total sales \$181,000 maximum

BUY TICKETS ONLINE
www.acf5050.com

1 for \$5
10 for \$20
50 for \$50
200 for \$100

Grand Prize Draw December 16, 2025
by AGC-Approved Random Number Generator
AGLC Licence 749893

Ticket sales end at 12 noon on Dec 16, 2025

Please Support Member Council

The Clothing Nook is Open for Shopping:

Saturday December 6
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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

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.



~ 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/>

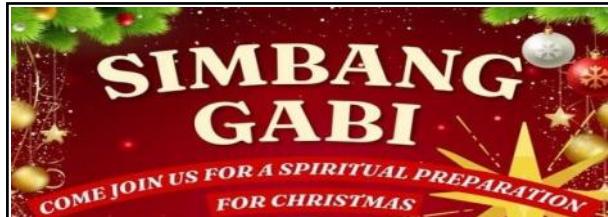
What's Happening at OLPH

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



**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://ourladyofperpetual-helpsp.flocknote.com/signup/236811>



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*



What's Happening at OLPH

Congratulations to the boys and girls who received their FIRST HOLY COMMUNION at OLPH on the First Sunday of Advent 2025



Lieanne R. Abella	Natalia Galvez	Nhat Ha Vy Nguyen
Chandria May Advincula	Vada May Gremm	Brinley Bella Lynn Nordick
Austin Christian Brylan Allard	Frederic Eugene Harasymiw	Andraya Lena Panter
Martin Allen Bernard Andres	Angela Elaine Harcus	Carrie Cassidy Panter
Alexis Vianne Basanes	Ryker Calvin Herauf	Kade Vincent Panter
Athena Riona Esman Bautista	Alain Stefan Joseph Jubinville	Jach Azaiah Pila
Abram Mark Berube	Olivia Mikael Junio	Ben Ian Potyondi
Gaven C. Blesi	Luke Knapik	Daniel Ian Potyondi
Kensie C. Blesi	Jacob Earl Krause	Nathan Ian Potyondi
Amy Helen Blush	Kai Byeong-Woo Kwon	Jon Adrian Resultan
Rickson Michael Cholak	William Lamoureux	Jian Austyn Romero
Hayden James Cordingley	Savannah Elyze Laslo	Rowan Marie Sanchez
Emilia Marie Crowe	Zachary Joseph Letawsky	Percy Prince Perez Satira
Calvin Ruel Dasalla	Emily Maria Lindop	Heidi Becca Nicole Skaronek
Maraleigh H. Bautista Dela Cruz	Jacob Joseph Andrew Love	Felix Edouard Snider
Chloe Grace Ellenwood	Zoie Louise Manding	Dominic Ezra Spindler
Ethan Ellenwood	Hayden Campbell John Maxwell	Dylan George Thomsen
Santiago Francisco Emmanouil	Mason Donald Andrew Maxwell	Savannah Patti Wagas
Nolan William Ferguson	Elias Jordan McGlone	Haidyn Heather Marie Werner
Ariane Solenne Frossard	Keona Jugueta Mina	

SCHEDULE FOR SCHOOL ADVENT MASSES & CONCERTS AT OLPH CHURCH:

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



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Seeing Christ in Everyone

FROM THE DESK OF
FR. JIM

Happy Advent, My Friends!

Often my writing/ramblings refer to the spiritual life of our parish faith community. It has been suggested that I provide an update on the physical facility, and life of our parish, at this time. I agree with this proposal.

What I can say about our clergy personnel situation, is that we are not aware of any solutions in the immediate future. Fr. Paul Kavanagh and I now have a code when we talk about updates to the clergy situation: He says, "Two weeks," then I smile, and say "Okay." We have been saying two weeks for a few months now. This clergy replacement scenario is a wee bit like the second coming (tongue in cheek). We are certain it will happen at one point, but only our "Father in Heaven knows when, (Mt. 24, 36)."

Last year, we faced reality and made the decision to completely replace the vaulted roofing system of our parish. This, after years of blood, sweat, tears, and \$ patching and covering areas we felt were the problem. Eventually we came to understand that the vapor barrier was no longer doing what it needed to do. So, for just less than a million dollars, we have a new roof and thank you dear Jesus, no more leakage.

With the integrity of the building envelope now at a reasonable comfort level, we can move forward with beautifying the interior of our Lord's house, OLPH, here in Sherwood Park. What will this look like? I am hoping that ninety-nine percent of our faithful are happy with the beautiful renovation to the sanctuary flooring. It now no longer looks like your living room but more like the Holy of Holies that it is. Next steps: 1) To overhaul our water-stained lower ceilings in the nave of the Church. 2) To do a repaint of all wall and ceiling areas in the transepts and nave of the Church. 3) To replace the carpet in the east and west transepts of the Church and the carpet under all eight pew sections within the nave of the Church. 4) There is an ongoing plan to overhaul the hardware on our kneelers in the pews to assist in quieting them down when raising and lowering them. 5) All aisles and open areas within the nave of the Church will be replaced with high-quality rubberized flooring. From a hygiene and maintenance perspective this will be a big assist. It is easy to clean and there will be less potential for dust build-up in the flooring, and hence in the air we breathe within the Church. We have seen the benefits of this type of flooring system in a couple of the other larger Churches in South Edmonton. So, all aisles, and open carpeted areas, in front of the pews, and behind them, will be finished with this high-quality rubberized flooring.

So, the two next questions: When will all this take place? How much will it cost? Well, in this situation, thankfully, it is not just our Father in heaven who knows! The flooring will be a two month or so delivery. We ordered it last week. The major concern for our parishioners will be the two months after Christmas. We will overhaul one transept at a time. This will mean hanging a dividing curtain along the north-south main beams in the nave of the Church to separate the

transept from the main body of the Church. It is estimated that it will take just less than a month, for the work on each transept to be completed. The goal is to have this part of the project complete before Holy Week. The flooring and the carpeting under the pews will be done in sections, in complimentary coordination with the transepts project. The symmetry, timing and coordination of these projects is still being discerned. The total cost for this interior upgrade is about three hundred thousand dollars. We have followed a diligent three bidder process, for the distinct phases of this project.

The work will impact our Mass celebrations. There is a good possibility that we may need to move into the parish hall once again for week-day Mass, as at least some of the work will be noisy. We need to give our contractors a decent window of work time during the day to complete their work. Our Sunday Masses will still be in the nave. We will need to shift our folks around somewhat, and make effective use of available space behind the pews and in the transepts. In preparation for this work, **we will need a contingent of volunteers who are prepared to move pews and other duties as delegated at various stages of this project.**

I am incredibly pleased with our volunteer Project/Maintenance team. We have many gifted parishioners who have again stepped up to share their time and talent. This includes one very generous parishioner, who has donated in a very significant financial way to this project, in honor of her late husband. It is a beautiful thing for me to see the way so many gifts and generous hearts come together to share their time, talent, and treasure; giving glory to our Lord, and making His house a beautiful place of worship.

As we prepare our hearts to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord and Savior, it is good that we prepare His house. I hope this update gives you more answers than questions.

Blessings and Happy Advent.

Fr. Jim

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!

