

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

A Roman Catholic Christian Community

We come together at our Lord's invitation to worship God, celebrate the Sacraments, and deepen our faith.

We strive to be thankful, generous and welcoming.

We are sent forth to help advance God's Kingdom on earth by proclaiming the Gospel and serving others.

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these, the least of my brothers and sisters, that you did unto me, (Mt. 25, 40)."

This final judgement quote from Matthew's Gospel is a poignant reminder of what we are to think about, in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a good metric or barometer for when assessing how we are doing as individual children of God, as families, and as a community of faith. As I write these comments, I am reflecting on my journey of nine years that I have been blessed to experience at Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish. The year of 2025, and these first months of 2026, in some ways are a culmination of wonderful activities and initiatives in our parish. Moreso, I would say they are a beginning of formidable things to unfold in our thriving parish community.

St. Vincent de Paul, the Clothing Nook, our Catholic Women's League and our Knights of Columbus, continue to lead the charge around practical "boots on the ground" charitable care; for all creeds and cultures here in Strathcona County and beyond (Saddle Lake, Whitefish Lake, all the way up to Paulatuk in the Great White North). OLPH is always a continuous consistent presence for those who lack much of what we take for granted. The Food Packaging Event (Sherwood Park Against Hunger) is a beautiful collaboration between a diverse group of service groups and faith communities. Our sisters and brothers of the Latter-Day Saints are always present in large numbers on packaging day. For me this is a beautiful sign of the walk of faith all of us are on, with care for the marginalized being our clarion call.

We have entered year two of the implementation of the Pastoral Priorities of the Archdiocese of Edmonton: *Formation for Eucharistic Worship, Formation for Confident Witness, and Formation for Service to Marriage and Family*. We have brought to life some wonderful initiatives with Hospitality (Pastoral Priorities) Sunday, happening on the first Sunday of the month. This hospitality initiative has been a leader that has engaged parish groups, and families, in providing coffee and treats for our parishioners after all Masses. It is critical that we pray together. But it is when you have a cup of coffee with the individual who prayed beside you at Mass, that you really get to know your parish community. This and many other initiatives fall clearly under the umbrella of becoming a "Compassionate Parish." Do not get me wrong, OLPH has always stepped up when needed. The Compassionate Parish banner is the overarching worldview with which we desire to minister from. Within this perspective, there opens a broad number of areas that we have not addressed before: Transportation for seniors, pastoral parishioner visitation programs, Hope and Dignity (end of life issues), small Christian communities, and more. All are part of our open-ended discussions framed within our Pastoral Priorities and our Compassionate Parish worldview.

I daresay with a healthy pride, that our parish's faith formation opportunities, online and in-person, are second-to-none in the Archdiocese of Edmonton. That includes our sacramental programming, from Baptism to Burial (or as one famous priest used to say, "we hatch, batch and dispatch very well"). I am convinced we have many more young families participating in our Sunday celebrations because of the way we offer sacramental preparation in the parish. (This, in combination with our second-to-none relationship with our Catholic School community). We have over thirty men and women who are journeying to full communion in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Wow! Our infrastructure committees, Parish Pastoral Council, Liturgy Committee, Parish Finance Council, Pastoral Priorities Committee, all function at a high level, and with great diligence and effectiveness. We have folks at the table, who truly want to be at these tables. St. Francis of Assisi, our mission parish in Tofield, continues to thrive and is alive with many initiatives that build community and faith.

In 2024, we put a new roof on our forty-five-year-old parish church; the much needed resolution to a decades-old issue. This allowed us to focus our attention on the interior of God's house in 2025; starting with the re-enforcing and tiling of our sanctuary floor. Our church nave's complete repair/refresh (lower ceiling replacement, painting, tiling, carpeting and kneelers) spanned from project planning in fall 2025, implementation right after New Year's through to the time of this writing. I am still in awe of the collaboration, cooperation, and engagement, of so many different faces and groups within our parish community! The cleaning, pew moving, chair set up, and the transition from upstairs Sunday Masses to the parish hall for weekday Masses, over a period spanning 3 months, was an unforgettable community builder at OLPH! Thank you all for each of your beautiful contributions to make this happen. I remember also, with gratitude, those of you who committed to this specific project with your financial resources.

It has been a wonderful year at Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Francis of Assisi parishes. We are incredibly blessed to have a very competent Parish Team. I am so grateful for the commitment of our office team, as we are on the same page and as the expression goes, "rowing in the same direction." From July 2025 to March 2026, we were seriously short of clergy, but I could truly feel your love and prayers for me during this time. Fr. Michael has arrived. He is fitting in very well and will be a great gift to our parish communities. I want to offer my thanks to so many priests who celebrated Masses where needed, when needed. A special note of thanks to Deacon Lynn Pion for his selfless service throughout this time. He carried a far greater ministry load than is expected of our Permanent Deacons, because it needed to be done. I know God supplied me with extra graces during our time of waiting. As I offer these thoughts, I am incredibly grateful to be riding the OLPH wave of growth, faith, and activity. I know there is much more good to come. We simply need to cooperate with His grace. Blessings and thank you to all.

Fr. Jim Corrigan, on behalf of all the generous souls who serve the Lord at OLPH and St. Francis of Assisi Catholic communities.

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ANOTHER FINANCIALLY SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR OLPH!

Many thanks to the dedicated and generous parishioners of OLPH

OLPH ended 2025 with nearly \$900,000 more in surplus revenue which was transferred into our building fund. This is due to a number of factors including:

- An increase of over \$78,000 in revenue from higher weekly donations (ordinary receipts), investment interest, ministry revenue and Estate Donations
- A decrease of over \$135,000 in our operating costs driven by lower salary expenses, and reduced utility, maintenance and general infrastructure costs
- A significant donation directly to the building fund, along with no capital project expenses in 2025

The 2026 budget set by Fr Jim and the Parish Finance Council includes a modest increase in our donations (ordinary receipts) and forecasts total revenue to be slightly less than in 2025. The budget also allows for increased salary costs to cover 2 associate pastors and just over \$400,000 for capital projects to continue needed upgrades.

Overall, the total budget projects expenses to be slightly lower than revenue, which would result in a small increase in the building fund balance at the end of 2026.

Please see the following page for more details:

The diligence and stewardship by our OLPH staff and parishioners continues to contribute to our financial success. Thank you to all.

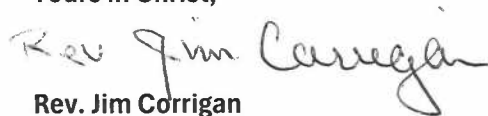
Ron Ross on behalf of Parish Finance Council

SUMMARY OF PAST REVENUE AND EXPENSES					
	Actual 2025	Actual 2024	Actual 2023	Actual 2022	Actual 2021
Revenue before Estate Donations	2,036,958	1,921,880	1,767,169	1,647,537	1,596,461
Estate and Large One-Time Donations	65,000	96,690		35,000	69,025
Total Revenue	2,101,958	2,018,571	1,767,169	1,682,537	1,665,486
Operating Expenses	1,455,530	1,657,370	1,352,474	1,231,131	1,209,260
Retained Earnings Surplus	646,428	361,201	414,695	451,406	456,226
Retained Earnings less Estate Donations	581,428	264,510	414,695	416,406	387,201

SUMMARY OF PARISH STATISTICS					
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
RCIA	19	8	5	3	4
Baptisms	125	135	126	148	104
First Communions	153	158	174	164	174
Confirmations	107	110	197	113	92
Weddings	22	13	17	18	10
Funerals	137	165	49	140	153
Registered Families	6327	6088	6816	6744	6621
Tax Receipts Issued	1503	1500	1460	1436	1211
% of Parishioners with Donation Statistics	23.76%	24.64%	21.42%	21.29%	18.29%

Thank you for your generous contributions that help make this possible and may God bless you.

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Jim Corrigan
Pastor



Ron Ross, Chair
Parish Finance Council



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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
2025 Statement of Financial Stewardship

REVENUE	Budget 2026	Actual 2025	Actual 2024	Actual 2023
Operating revenue				
Ordinary Receipts (a)	\$1,515,000	\$1,443,509	\$1,375,225	\$1,307,626
Hall/Parking Lot Rent (b)	\$53,000	\$55,939	\$50,470	\$54,910
Interest (Variable) (c)	\$180,000	\$182,255	\$163,896	\$129,262
Ministry Revenue (d)	\$150,000	\$187,792	\$137,736	\$113,020
Grants, Trusts	\$30,000	\$16,795	\$49,511	\$16,617
Miscellaneous		\$18,692	\$17,713	\$10,036
Estate and Donations		\$65,000	\$96,690	
Subtotal Operating Revenue	\$1,928,000	\$1,969,982	\$1,891,241	\$1,631,472
Other Revenue				
Together We Serve	\$136,500	\$131,975	\$127,330	\$135,698
Subtotal Other Revenue	\$136,500	\$131,975	\$127,330	\$135,698
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,064,500	\$2,101,958	\$2,018,571	\$1,767,169
EXPENSES				
Operating Expenses				
Advertising	\$840	\$687	\$870	\$1,320
Aumotive/Mileage/Ins	\$12,000	\$8,934	\$11,897	\$9,883
Liturgical Church Supplies	\$23,000	\$16,433	\$22,429	\$16,132
Collection Envelopes	\$3,000	\$2,607	\$2,807	\$3,223
Household/RectoryExp	\$14,000	\$11,889	\$13,543	\$10,968
Insurance	\$84,000	\$74,790	\$81,086	\$85,081
Bank Fees	\$6,300	\$5,301	\$8,919	\$7,504
Janitorial Supplies	\$28,000	\$28,452	\$26,574	\$17,644
Office Supplies	\$35,000	\$28,144	\$31,454	\$29,099
IT Support/Hardware (e)	\$29,400	\$7,808	\$23,327	\$23,266
Property Taxes	\$2,940	\$2,771	\$2,689	\$2,426
Building Repairs and Maintenance (f)	\$78,300	\$67,362	\$90,318	\$39,397
Salaries, Benefits, Stipends (g)	\$590,000	\$466,806	\$502,208	\$430,871
Subscriptions/Software Licences	\$22,000	\$17,534	\$21,710	\$21,279
Telephone	\$7,500	\$6,600	\$6,192	\$7,993
Utilities	\$94,500	\$77,722	\$84,358	\$130,032
Cathedraticum (h)	\$288,702	\$275,045	\$267,916	\$258,535
Professional Fees *(l)			\$28,609	
Ministry Expenses *(d)	\$145,000	\$133,321	\$140,448	\$115,916
Subtotal Operating Expenses	\$1,464,482	\$1,232,207	\$1,367,355	\$1,213,943
Other Expenses				
Parish Sacrificial Giving (i)	\$29,000	\$22,454	\$31,452	\$5,500
Together We Serve (j)	\$136,500	\$131,910	\$126,473	\$134,767
New Equipment, Furniture, Fixtures, Updates (k)	\$110,000	\$68,959	\$132,090	\$1,639
Total Other Expenses	\$275,500	\$223,323	\$290,015	\$138,531
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,739,982	\$1,455,530	\$1,657,370	\$1,352,474
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$324,518	\$646,428	\$361,201	\$414,695
Building Fund				
	Budget 2026	Actual 2025	Actual 2024	Actual 2023
Previous Year End Balance	\$4,693,034	\$3,793,045	\$4,193,827	\$3,637,117
Annual Surplus (Deficit)	\$324,518	\$646,428	\$361,201	\$414,695
Donations/Revenue	\$150,000	\$253,561	\$162,248	\$142,015
Expenses (l)	-\$438,300	\$0	-\$924,230	\$0
BALANCE	\$4,729,252	\$4,693,034	\$3,793,045	\$4,193,827

**Notes on the
Financial Statements**

Revenue:

- (a) Ordinary Receipts** - Sunday Giving / Christmas/ Easter
- Our main source of revenue and essential for the day-to-day expenses of running the parish
- Donations can be made by using Parish Envelopes, by PAD (Pre-Authorized Debit) or Credit Card
- (b) Hall / Parking Lot Revenue** - Revenue is generated through parish hall / meeting room rentals and parking lot rental to Alberta Health Services
- (c) Interest Payments** - Returns paid on our cash deposits
- (d) Ministry Revenue** - Ministry revenues from Funerals, Weddings and registrations for Sacrement programs such as: Confirmation, First Communion / Reconciliation, as well as VBS, Faith Formation, and others

TOTAL REVENUE: 2026 Budget is slightly lower than 2025 Actual as no budget was allocated for Estate Donations

Expenses:

***(d) Ministry Expense** - Expenses consist of all costs associated with Ministry, Sacrament and Faith Formation groups:

- Funeral
- Sacramental Preparation
- Vacation Bible School
- Music (Books, Licensing)
- Christmas Book Program
- Pastoral Priorities

(e) IT Support / Hardware

- 2025 We changed our IT support model which reduced our annual cost
- 2026 Costs are anticipated to rise due to planned hardware upgrades.

(f) Building Repairs and Maintenance, ie:

- incidental plumbing, electrical, structure repairs

(g) Salaries: Salaries, Benefits, Stipends

- 2025 lower expenditures associated with the Associate Pastor vacancies
- 2026 includes allowance for salary increases and 2 Associate Pastors

(h) Cathedraticum / Dues - 20% of ordinary receipts

- cathedraticum assessment is used to pay for the various offices in the Archdiocese that serve the Archbishop and the parishioners.

(i) Parish Sacrificial Giving

- The PPC continues to allocate 2% of ordinary receipts to this fund

(j) Together We Serve

- We exceeded our target in 2025 and anticipate an increase in 2026

(k) New Equipment, Furniture, Fixtures

- 2025 Upgrades
 - Sanctuary Flooring \$ 68,959 (Completed)
- 2026 Proposed Upgrades:
 - BMS Upgrade \$ 60,000
 - Parish Hall Light Replacement \$ 50,000

(l) Capital Expenses

- 2024 Roof Replacement \$ 924,230 (Completed)
- *(l) Professional Fees associated with planning of the Senior Housing Project \$ 28,609

- 2026 Anticipated Capital Projects:

- Nave Upgrade \$ 350,000
- Kitchen Upgrade \$ 20,000
- Office Flooring Replacement \$ 7,000
- Duct Cleaning \$ 20,000
- Upper Window Repair \$ 27,500