

# The Parish Connection

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish**  
13 Brower Drive, Sherwood Park, Alberta T8H 1Y7



November 2015

**Regular Sunday Mass times: Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sundays: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:00 pm.**

## Dates to Watch

- **Nov. 1**– Youth Dinner and “Minute to Win It” following 5:00pm Mass
- **Nov. 4**– Young Disciples All Saints Party beginning at 6:15pm
- **Nov. 5**– Infant Memorial Mass 7:00pm OLPH Parish
- **Nov. 15**–Welcome Breakfast following the 10:30am Mass. All are invited.
- **Nov 19**– Friar Alessandro Concert: Mass at 6:15, Concert at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance \$20 at the door and are available at the Parish Office
- **Nov 21**–Catholic Education Sunday, Madonna and St. Luke attending at 5:00pm
- **Nov. 22**– Catholic Education Sunday 8:30 Mass-Holy Redeemer and Holy Spirit attending 10:30 Mass-OLPH, EPK and JV attending 5:00pm ABJ and St. Theresa attending
- **Nov. 22**– Youth Dinner following the 5:00pm Mass
- **Nov. 28**– First Reconciliation Celebration 9:30 for EPK, JV, St. L and 10:30am for HS, Mad, HR, Home School and Public School Children



## **PLEASE HELP....**

The St. Vincent de Paul Sherwood Park Chapter is in desperate need of clean beds (all sizes), and kitchen tables and chairs. If anyone can help please call 780-416-0931. Thank you.



## **Catechetics (Religious Education) Home Program**

As we begin a new school year, we also think of religious instruction for our children. If you have a child who is not in our Catholic Schools, there is a Home program for Religious Education. Please contact Sr. Gertrude, **780-417-3526**, for information and materials to begin the program. A catechist will journey with you during the year to provide ongoing support. As well we will offer home program families the opportunity to come together three or four times during the year, beginning with a session just before Advent.

### **Catechists for the Home Program**

Would you consider being a catechist for the Home Program? This means connecting with one or more families to support them and help them when needed. Formation and support will be given to these catechists. Please contact **Sr. Gertrude at 780-417-3526** or the **Parish office at 780-467-5470**.



**Altar Server**  
**Maranatha Social**  
**November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from**  
**6:30pm-8:00pm**

*Maranatha* means ‘Come Lord’ or ‘The Lord is coming’.

The *Maranatha* Social gathers us to prepare for Christmas and pray for our Advent and Christmas friend.

You can look forward to:

- 1) Games
- 2) Take home gifts (prayer cards and name of special friend to pray during the month of December and Advent calendars).
- 3) Crafts (Cookie decorating and Ornament making)
- 4) Food (Wraps - turkey, ham, egg salad, and tuna), cheese/crackers, fruit and veggies, cookies, chips and juice.

**On November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015** *Maranatha* Social will be held for Altar Servers from **6:30pm to 8:00p.m.** It will be held in the Meeting Room.

Please RSVP by November 2 (Monday) to Dian by phone 780- 467-8470 or Andrew Kozitzky by e-mail [kozitzky@ualberta.ca](mailto:kozitzky@ualberta.ca)



## **First Reconciliation and First Communion** **2015/2016**



The **First Reconciliation Celebration** will be held on

**Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at**

**9:00am** for EPK, JV, St L and

**10:30am** for HS, Madonna, HR and Home Schooled and Public School Children

If you missed The Parent meeting for First Reconciliation and please contact Raylene at the Parish Office 780-467-5470 or at [ryuzyk@olph.ca](mailto:ryuzyk@olph.ca)

## **Confirmation 2016 (Grade 6 and Older)**

If you missed the registration meeting for Confirmation please contact Raylene at 780-467-5470 or [ryuzyk@olph.ca](mailto:ryuzyk@olph.ca)



**Infants Memorial Mass** at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Parish. You are invited to gather for an Infants Memorial Mass on **Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** in remembrance of all children lost during pregnancy or early infancy. Pat Heck will be our guest speaker. Fellowship and refreshments will be available in the foyer after mass. Everyone welcome. For further information contact Betty Donovan/Sue Boyne, Pastoral Associates, OLPH Parish (780)-467-5470



**ALTAR SERVER**  
A JOB SO BIG ONLY A KID CAN DO IT

## **Altar Servers (Grade 4 and older)**

Are you able to share your time and talents in the service of God and the Church. Please consider volunteering as an altar server. An altar server helps during Mass. There is a training session to teach you what you need to do. If you are interested please contact Father Antony at 780-467-5470 or [acruz@olph.ca](mailto:acruz@olph.ca)



Young Disciples is a children's program that teaches about Jesus and the Catholic Church, while encouraging the development of long-lasting friendships. The JD Youth Group is a recent addition to the program and provides young teens with continued Spiritual growth through various acts of service, activities and fun times. In the 17 years since the group first began the children have prayed, sang songs, performed plays, had countless visits from priests and other guest speakers, watched movies about the saints, participated as a group in the Mass, played games, washed each others' feet, re-enacted the Last Supper and celebrated Seder meals, read the bible and memorized scripture, hosted concerts, drew giant rosaries in the parking lot, gone on field trips, participated in Pro-Life walks, baked cookies, enjoyed All Saints' Day costume parties, eaten snacks, and colored, pasted, painted, cut and hammered their way through hundreds of crafts. The children (AND adults) have learned much, laughed lots, made lasting friendships, gotten dirty, sticky, wet and unmistakably holy!

Young Disciples is an interactive faith program for children and teens that meets each Wednesday night from 6:30 to 8 PM in the church basement. The cost for a whole year of faith, fun and snacks is only \$40 per child, or \$100 for a family with 3 or more children. **Please contact:** Marla W. at 780-464-1256 or email [mwaldner@shaw.ca](mailto:mwaldner@shaw.ca) to learn how you can be involved. Your help is always appreciated and very much needed!

#### O.L.P.H. Children's Choir



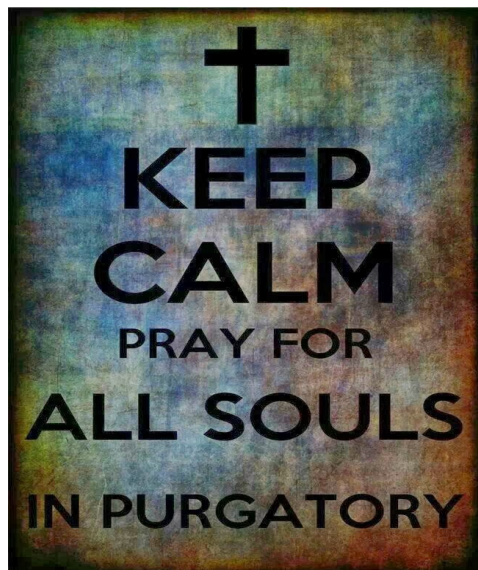
Our children's choir has begun! Anyone wishing to join must be a strong independent reader and love music. Our practices will be on Mondays from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. For more information call 780-640-6841 or 780-267-7529 or email [raylineziegler@gmail.com](mailto:raylineziegler@gmail.com)

#### Senior Youth/Adult Choir



Are you talented at singing or playing an instrument and currently in Junior High, High School? The OLPH Youth Music ministry would like to invite you to join their group. Come and have fun using your talents and meet some great people as well! To get more information please contact **Theodore Ng** [tbng@ualberta.ca](mailto:tbng@ualberta.ca) or **Billy Spindler** at [bspindle@shaw.ca](mailto:bspindle@shaw.ca) or call 780-467-1754. We look forward to meeting you!

## Q & A with Father Antony



### Why is November called "All Souls Month?"

Since, about the 900's, the Church has dedicated the month of November as a month in which to pray for those who have gone before us, especially focusing on those souls who are in Purgatory.

While we believe in Heaven and Hell, we also know that in order to enter Heaven it is necessary to be purified of all of those things that may keep us from loving God as completely and as fully as we are called to love Him.

Purgatory it is not as some think a "second chance" after death, but, rather, a process of purification for those who have died, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church says in "God's grace and friendship, but are still imperfectly purified." (CCC 1030) It is, as the Baltimore Catechism calls it: "God's Hospital."

It is dedicated for souls who will eventually go to Heaven but have not yet reached its heights and, as a result, are unable to pray for themselves. The Church, therefore, reminds us of the importance of praying for these souls, so that, indeed, we can assist them to their and our Heavenly homeland.

By praying for these souls, we are fulfilling one of the spiritual works of mercy, that is, praying for those who are part of the Mystical Body of Christ, a Body that extends beyond life and death, a Body that was made whole by the Resurrection of Christ, a Body that benefits from every single prayer we utter to every single Mass we have offered on their behalf.

That is why St. Gertrude the Great, a saint and mystic of the 13th century, spent the majority of her life in prayer and study, something that happened after she began to have a series of visions. It is said, that as a result of those visions she began to also have a greater devotion to praying for the souls in Purgatory. In fact, one time when Jesus appeared to her, He told her that each time she said a certain prayer that He revealed to her, 1,000 souls would be freed from Purgatory and that the prayer could even be used for the most hardened of sinners.

The following is that prayer, a prayer that I would invite all of us to say often throughout this month and beyond, knowing how many souls are in need of our prayers, and knowing that God has given us the ability to help them in their need.

"Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."

\*Catholic Questions in a Secular World Blog\*



# Sunday Youth Night

## Youth Nights

For Junior Youth Gr 7 &  
For Senior Youth Gr 9-12

Youth Dinners will be held the  
1st and 3rd Sunday of the month  
where possible.

Watch for future dates  
For more info contact  
Sharon Darbyshire at  
sdarbyshire@olph.ca



A great way to meet new  
friends  
and connect with old ones.



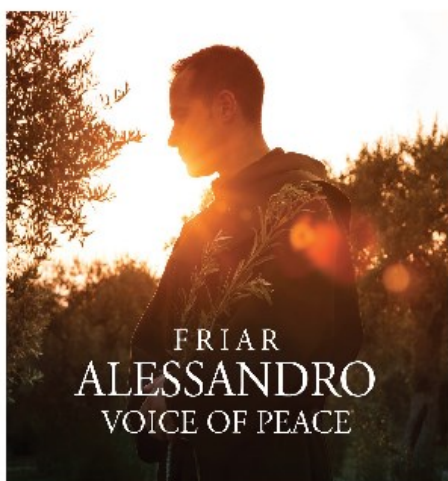
The OLPH Youth team is  
excited to meet you!  
'Come out and meet the Youth team.

Sunday, November 1st  
For "Minute to Win It"

Sunday, November 22  
For ADVENTure

Join us for Sunday night Mass at 5:00p.m.  
Followed by a Youth Dinner and fun  
activities from 6:00-8:30p.m.

In the Church Basement.  
pickup is at the back of the Parish Hall



Thursday, November 19th  
Mass at 6:15pm Concert at 7:00pm  
OLPH Parish  
13 Brower Drive  
Sherwood Park, AB 780-467-5470

Tickets: \$15 in advance \$20 at the door  
Tickets can be purchased at OLPH Parish Office

## Wake up the World

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## Friar Alessandro

with Guest

Archbishop Jordan Catholic  
High School Choir

