

The Parish Connection

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

13 Brower Drive, Sherwood Park, Alberta T8H 1Y7



September-November
2016 Ordinary Time

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

Dates to Watch

- **Sept. 14**— 9:00am Mass at OLPH Parish, Holy Redeemer School attending
- **Sept. 18**— Pancake breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus following the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- **Sept. 23**— 9:30am Mass at OLPH Parish, EPKK attending
- **Sept. 26**— 7:00pm Parent Registration Meeting for First Communion and First Reconciliation at OLPH Parish
- **Sept. 28**— Registration for Young Disciples 7:00pm OLPH Parish
- **Sept. 29**— Mass at Archbishop Jordan Catholic High School 9:30am
- **Sept. 30**— 9:30am Mass at OLPH Parish, EPKK attending
- **Oct. 2**— 2:00pm Blessing of the Animals at OLPH Parish
- **Oct. 2-5**— Ecumenical Mission
- **Oct. 15**— Madonna School providing ministries at 5:00pm Mass
- **Oct. 16**— Pancake breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus following the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- **Oct. 17**— Confirmation Registration Parent meeting 7:00pm OLPH Parish
- **Oct. 29**— First Reconciliation Retreat 1-3pm OLPH Parish
- **Nov. 3**— Infant Memorial Mass
- **Nov. 5**— CWL Fall Market
- **Nov. 5-6**— Catholic Education Sunday
- **Nov. 6**— First Reconciliation Retreat 1-3pm OLPH Parish
- **Nov. 20**— Pancake breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus following the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- **Nov. 26**— 9:00am and 10:30am First Reconciliation Celebration at OLPH Parish

CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAMS

"The Children's Liturgy Program will start up again September 11th, at the 10:30 Mass on Sundays. The program is aimed at children ages 4-6. Please sign up in the foyer before Mass. If you are interested in volunteering with this rewarding ministry, please email **Heidi Nelsen** at bhnelsen@shaw.ca



First Reconciliation and First Communion 2015/2016



The Parent meeting for First Reconciliation and First Communion 2016/2017 will be held on September 26, 2016 at 7:00pm at OLPH Parish.

Please bring your completed registration form, a copy of your child's baptism certificate and \$40 cash to cover the cost of books and materials

If you have any questions please contact Raylene at the Parish Office 780-467-5470

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**.



Confirmation 2016 (Grade 6 and Older)

The Parent meeting for Confirmation 2017 will be held at OLPH Parish on Monday, October 17, 2016 at 7:00pm

If you have any questions please contact Raylene at the Parish Office 780-467-5470 or at ryuzyk@olph.ca



Youth Alpha @ ABJ Needs YOU! Did you know...

67% of youth who participated in Youth Alpha @ ABJ identified as "Christians" AFTER Youth Alpha compared to just 23% BEFORE?

These are amazing results! If you would like to be part of something amazing, consider becoming a Youth Alpha host. Training is provided. All you need is a heart for youth and a desire to make a difference. To volunteer or to find out more, contact Alana at 780-922-8081 or alaperle@telus.net.



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, reenacted 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. Mark your calendars; we will be holding a registration night on **Wednesday, Sept 28 at 7:00** in the basement of the church. Classes will begin on Wednesday, Oct. 12. Please watch the bulletin for more information email olph.youngdisciples@gmail.com to learn how you can be involved. Your help is always appreciated and very much needed!



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

Please come out and join us! All elementary age school children are welcome to join. Watch the bulletin for more details. For more information, contact Elizabeth at olphchildrenschoir@gmail.com



Senior Youth/Adult Choir is looking for you! Yes! You!

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 register and/or get more information please contact **Samantha** at diocson@ualberta.ca or **Billy Spindler** at bspindle@shaw.ca or call **780-467-1754**. We look forward to meeting you!



What is Ordinary Time?

Christmas Time and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery, namely, the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ.

Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.



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 the Parish at 780-467-5470.



BAPTISMS

If for any reason your school aged child is not yet baptized and you would like to look into baptism for your child please do not hesitate to contact the church at 780-467-5470 or pastoralcare@olph.ca We would be most happy to help.

A Fond Farewell and a Warm Welcome



On August 16th we bade a fond farewell to Father Antony who is leaving us to be the Pastor at St. Anthony's Parish in Lloydminster, AB. Thank you for everything Fr. Antony. We will miss you!

"May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again, May God hold you in the hollow of his hand. "

On August 18th Father Rajappa Savariappan joined us here at OLPH from St. Anthony's Parish in Lloydminster. Welcome Father Raj!



Please bless all children in this new school year. Give them strength to learn, concentrate and act in love towards their class-

mates. Watch over them at home and at school. When days become challenging, grant them peace and relaxation, knowing that Your patience, wisdom and courage is excellent in every way. Guide them in their mind, thoughts and body so they may use the knowledge gained to build your kingdom. We thank you for this new school year and ask that you bless the students, families and faculty that make school such a wonderful place.

For this we pray!
Amen