

The Parish Connection

The Parish Connection is now
available on your school's website
and at www.olph.ca



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

November 2014

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. 5-** EPPK attending Mass at 9:30am at OLPH Parish
- **Nov. 19-** St. Theresa Grade 8's attending Mass at 9:30am at OLPH Parish
- **Nov. 22-** First Reconciliation at OLPH Parish 9:00am or 10:30am.
- **Nov. 22 & 23-** Catholic Education Sunday
- **Nov. 26 -** OLPH School attending Mass at 9:30am at OLPH Parish
- **Dec 9-** Advent Penitential 7:00pm
- **Dec 10-** ABJ Choir Concert 7:00pm OLPH Parish

First Reconciliation and First Communion 2014-2015

**If you have not yet registered for
First Reconciliation and
First Communion please contact
Monna at the
Parish Office 780-467-5470**

First Reconciliation:

There is a **Reconciliation** retreat for the parent and child:

**Sunday, November 2, 2014
1:00 – 3:00 pm**



**Reconciliation will be
celebrated on
November 22, 2014
at 9:00am or 10:30am**

First Eucharist (Communion):

In addition to the parent meeting there is Communion retreat for the parent and child. You may choose either:



**Saturday, January 17, 2015 at 1:00 – 3:00 pm
OR
Sunday, January 25, 2015 at 1:00-3:00pm**

These retreats will take place at OLPH Church.



Confirmation 2015 (Grade 6 and Older)

If you missed the registration meeting and/ or the first session please stop by the Parish to register your child for Confirmation ASAP and to pick up the Session 1 make-up. Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate and \$20 for the registration fee.

Confirmation 2015

(Grade 6 and Older)

Session Dates and Times

	Thursday 7:00 – 8:30 pm	Monday 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Session 2	Nov. 27	Nov. 24
Session 3	Jan. 22	Jan. 26
Session 4	Feb. 19	Feb. 23
Session 5	Mar. 19	Mar. 23

A retreat day will be scheduled for the confirmation candidates at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on:

Saturday, December 6th from 10:00am-12:00pm OR
1:00pm-3:00pm

AND

April TBA from 9:00am-11:00am OR 1:00pm-3:00pm.

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

**(You will choose one of these dates at the time of
registration)**

Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 7:30 pm -Children from
Holy Spirit, Holy Redeemer, OLPH

Thursday April 30, 2015 at 7:30 pm -Children
from St. Luke, St. Theresa schools and Public
& Home schooled.

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. If you are interested please contact Father Antony at 780-467-5470 or Diane Varga at 781-467-8470.



Infants Memorial Mass Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Parish 13 Brower Drive Sherwood Park, Alberta

You are invited to gather for an Infants Memorial Mass on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in remembrance of all children lost during pregnancy or early infancy. 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 at (780) 467-5470.



Young Disciples is an interactive faith program for children and teens, Grades 1-9, who 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. Classes will begin in October. Please contact Marla W. at 780-464-1256 or email olph.youngdisciples@gmail.com to register your child or to learn how you can be involved.

Your help is always appreciated and very much needed!



Young Disciples at OLPH is excited to invite you to our Junior High youth group for grades 6-9. We meet Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 and have fun hanging out, playing games, discussing important topics, praying for those in need and helping with service projects throughout the parish.



Sometimes we go out of the church and sometimes we stay inside doing a lot of fun things. If you enjoy games, music, fellowship, snacks, helping others, and just hanging out with friends, then this is the place for you! For more information or to register please call Kelley at 780-922-0343

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 Thursdays from 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Our first practice is on September 25th. For more information call 780-640-6841 or 780-267-7529 or email raylineziegler@gmail.com



First Sunday of Advent November 30

What does the circle of the Advent wreath represent?

A circle has no beginning or an end. The circle of the Advent wreath represents that God is so great that God never had a beginning and will never have an end. The wreath is a circle, causing us to remember the eternity of God's love for us and for all humanity.

What do the evergreens tell us? Evergreens stay green all year. The evergreens tell us that God never changes. It is decked with green boughs, causing us to remember the newness of life we have in Christ Jesus.

How many candles are on the outside of the Advent wreath? 4. Each candle represents one week
Traditionally: Three candles are Violet
One candle is Rose



First Sunday-Violet Candle. Represents the hope of the people of Israel that someone would come save them and the period of waiting for the birth of Christ. The first candle reminds us of the prophets' hope for God's salvation to come, as Isaiah prophesied.



Second Sunday- Violet Candle. Represents the peace that God has given through His son Jesus Christ and the preparation for the Christ Child.



Third Sunday-Rose Candle. Represents the joy of sharing Christ. The third candle reminds us of the joy of the shepherds as they heard the good news of Jesus' arrival.



Fourth Sunday-Violet Candle. Represents love sent from God through His son, Jesus Christ.

A way of teaching children the meaning of Advent is by setting up the family's nativity scene, or crèche, with an empty manger. The infant Jesus can then be placed in the manger on Christmas morning or on Christmas Eve. In the meantime, one can adapt the popular French custom of preparing the manger. Each day of Advent children are allowed to place a wisp of straw in the manger for each good deed done that day. Thus the Christ Child, when He comes on Christmas Day, will find a soft bed of straw to protect Him from the hard boards of the manger. This simple custom teaches children that the acquisition of virtue is the best way to prepare for the Lord's coming.



ELK ISLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
Seeing Christ in Everyone

Catholic Education Sunday

Catholic Education Sunday is celebrated each year. This year it will be on November 22 & 23. The theme this year is "Sharing the Good News about our Human Nature". As we gather for Sunday Liturgy, we give thanks to God for the gift of Catholic Education, asking God's blessings on all students, school staff and Administrators. We also ask God's blessing on all parents and others who have supported our schools and the children over the years.



Lest We Forget



Saint George
Patron Saint of Soldiers

A Prayer for Soldiers

Jesus, Prince of Peace, we humbly ask your protection for all our men and women in military service.

Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity and devotion, the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil.

Be their rock, their shield, and their stronghold let them draw their strength from you. For you are God, for ever and ever. Amen