

# The Parish Connection

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

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available on your school's website  
and at [www.olph.ca](http://www.olph.ca)



LENT 2017

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

## Dates to Watch

- **March 13**-Mass and Adoration Holy Spirit School 9:15am
- **March 15**- 9:15am JV Grade 3 attending Mass at OLPH Parish
- **March 17**- Soup and Bread Parish Hall 5:45pm  
See back of page for dates and details of the "Parish Soup & Bread Lenten Series"
- **March 18**-Confirmation Preparation Day at OLPH Parish 12:30pm-6:00pm
- **March 19**-Parish Welcome Breakfast following 10:30am Mass-everyone is invited
- **March 22**-Mass and Adoration at Madonna School 9:30am
- **March 24**-Soup and Bread Parish Hall 5:45pm
- **March 28**-Lenten Penitential Service at OLPH at 7:00pm
- **March 31**-Soup and Bread Parish Hall 5:45pm
- **April 7**-Soup and Bread Parish Hall 5:45pm
- **April 9**-Palm Sunday
- **April 14**-Good Friday Services at 10:30am (ABJ provides ministries) and 3:00pm
- **April 14**-Tenebrae 8:00pm OLPH Parish
- **April 15**-Blessing of the Easter Food 12:00pm OLPH Parish
- **April 15**-Easter Vigil 9:00pm
- **April 16**-Easter Sunday Masses at 8:30am and 10:30am Upstairs and in the Parish hall



## Confirmation 2017 (Grade 6 and Older)

**Confirmation Preparation Day**  
**Saturday, March 18th** at OLPH Parish from  
**12:30pm-6:00pm**

**CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION**  
**Monday, May 8** at OLPH Parish at  
**7:00pm** (HR, HS, OLPH and Public and Home Schooled)  
and  
**Sunday, May 14** at **2:00pm** at OLPH Parish at  
**2:00pm** (St. L & St. T)

If you have any questions or concerns please contact  
Raylene at [ryuzyk@olph.ca](mailto:ryuzyk@olph.ca) or 780-467-5470

## A LENTEN JOURNEY CELEBRATING GOD'S MERCY

**Lenten Mission 2017**  
With Bishop Emeritus Gerald Wiesner  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish  
April 3-6, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Monday, April 3: "God's Definition of Mercy"  
Liturgy of the Word and Talk – Parish Hall

Tuesday, April 4: "Jesus, the Face of the Father's Mercy"  
Liturgy of the Word and Talk – Parish Hall

Wednesday, April 5: "Mary, Mother of Mercy"  
Liturgy of the Word and Talk – Parish Hall

Thursday, April 6: "Called to be Merciful"  
Mass and Talk - Sanctuary

**Bishop Gerry Wiesner** has been a longstanding supporter of adult faith education and has offered numerous opportunities for the faithful to grow in their knowledge of the theology, liturgy and practice of the faith. Bishop Wiesner retired in January 2013 and continues to teach and give retreats across Canada.

There is no charge for the Lenten Mission  
but a free will offering will be taken.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

For more information, contact the parish office at  
780-467-5470 or the GiFT team at [gift@olph.ca](mailto:gift@olph.ca)



## First Reconciliation and First Communion (Grade 2 and older)



First communion dates can be  
booked at any of our weekend  
mass times  
(Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday  
8:30am, 10:30am or 5:00pm)

### **EXCEPT for:**

April 23 at 5:00pm mass  
May 27 at 5:00pm mass

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## Formed: The Catholic Faith On Demand

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"Register." When prompted, complete your registration.  
Once registered, you can return to Formed again and again,  
using the password you set up. Enjoy!



## Parish Soup & Bread Lenten Series for 2017

Once again during Lent, the Parish is hosting the Lenten Series in support of Development and Peace.



Format of the evening held in the Parish Hall:

**5:45 – 6:30p.m.** Grace begins our delicious, but simple supper of homemade soup and fresh bread, which also supports our Lenten fasting. A suggested donation of what it costs for your own supper goes to the Share Lent program of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. (Highchairs are available for the younger ones.)

**6:30 – 7:00p.m.** Each week features a guest speaker on a variety of topics concerning Social Justice in our community and our world. (Please Note: Supervision will not be provided for the children).

**7:15 – 7:45p.m.** (approx) Stations of the Cross led by parish ministries and groups. Reconciliation to follow.

### Guest Speakers:

**March 10 Speakers:** Theodore & Jonhansel Ng - parishioners and participants in World Youth Day 2016

**Soup provided by:** Junior Young Disciples

**Stations of the Cross:** Junior Young Disciples

**March 17 Speaker:** Kelci Tookey, Team Leader of Building Dreams 2011-present. She will be sharing her experience finding joy in the depths of Dominican poverty over the past 6 years and stories of the most incredible people she met in the most terrible conditions.

**Soup provided by:** JETS

**Stations of the Cross:** JETS

**March 24 Speaker:** Brother Joe Glaab, OFM, Pastoral Assistant at OLPH, will speak on his recent pilgrimage to Assisi, Italy and the life of St. Francis.

**Soup provided by:** People of Thanks/Alpha

**Stations of the Cross:** People of Thanks/Alpha

**March 31 Speaker:** Father Jim Holland, pastor of Sacred Heart Church of the First People.

**Soup provided by:** Knights of Columbus

**Stations of the Cross:** Secular Franciscans

**April 7 Speaker:** Stef Michniewski, parishioner, former teacher and Executive Director of Alberta Catholic Schools Trustees Association, speaking on his SSVP trips to the Arctic-Gjoa Haven, Taloyoak.

**Soup provided by:** RCIA

**Stations of the Cross:** Altar Servers



### POPE FRANCIS' WORDS

#### Do you want to fast this Lent?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with

gratitude.

- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen



### Vacation Bible Camp VBS 2017

Come join our team of volunteers share stories, crafts, food, share our faith and loads of fun with the children at Vacation Bible Camp this summer

#### Dates of Camp

**July 10th-14th**

**9:30-12:30 p.m.**

For more details on volunteering and on registering for the camp please see the Parish bulletin.



### Lent – Easter - Pentecost

Each year, at this time we are invited to embark on a journey ... a journey in faith ... the season of Lent - Easter – Pentecost. The word **Lent** means “springtime” or “change.” In the early days of the Church, Lent had a baptismal focus. It was that special time of prayer and fasting for those preparing for baptism at Easter (catechumens). For all of us Lent is a time to prepare

for Easter, a time to examine our lives to see if we have lived up to our baptismal commitment, a time to look inside and change our hearts. Lent is a 40-day retreat to help prepare us to celebrate the Easter Triduum, the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

We begin the season of Lent with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. As our foreheads are marked with ashes we are commissioned, “Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.” Though there isn’t an explicit mention of Baptism, we are reminded of our baptismal promises to reject sin and profess our faith. This is a clear call to conversion, to the movement away from sin and toward Christ.