

September 2013

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

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

Dates to Watch

- Oct 1 -2:00pm Mass at St. Theresa School
- Oct 2 -7:00pm Parent Registration Meeting for First Reconciliation and First Communion
- Oct 9 -9:30am Mass at OLPH Parish with Holy Spirit School
- Oct 10 -9:30am Mass at St Luke School
- Oct 11 -9:00am Mass at ABJ School
- Oct 11 -9:30am Mass at OLPH Parish with Madonna School
- Oct 17 -7:30pm Confirmation Session #1
- Oct 18 -10:30am Mass at St Luke's
- Oct 21 -7:30pm Confirmation Session #1
- Oct 27 -1:00pm First Reconciliation Retreat
- Nov 2 -1:00 First Reconciliation Retreat
- Nov 23 -9:00am & 10:30am First Reconciliation
- Dec 8th -7:00pm Advent Night of Song and Reflection

First Reconciliation & First Communion

(Grade 2 and older)

The Parent Registration/Orientation for First Communion and First Reconciliation will be held on Wednesday **October 2, at 7:00pm**. Please note that this meeting is for **parents only**. Please bring a **copy** of your child's baptism certificate and either a \$30 cheque or cash for the preparation books and materials.

The First Reconciliation Retreat (choose one) will be

Sunday, October 27, 2013 from 1:00-3:00
OR

Saturday, November 2, 2013 from 1:00-3:00

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated on **November 23 2013**

9:00am for children who attend FKK, JV, OLPH
10:30 am for children who attend HS, MAD, ST. L, HR
Homeschooled and Public School Children may attend either celebration

The First Communion Retreat (choose one) will be

Sunday, January 19, 2014 from 1:00-3:30
OR

Saturday, Jan 25 2014 from 1:00-3:00

For more info contact Monna Senez at the Parish or msenez@olph.ca



CONFIRMATION 2014 (Grade 6 and Older)

Sept 16th, 2013

Parent Registration meeting
7:00p.m. at OLPH Parish
(children are not required to attend)

Please bring a copy of your Baptismal certificate (even if your child was baptized at OLPH to this meeting. The registration fee is \$15.00

Session Dates

Please commit to the weekday that works best for your family

	Monday 7:30-9:00 pm	Thursday 7:30- 9:00 pm
Session 1	Oct. 21	Oct. 17
Session 2	Nov. 18	Nov. 21
Session 3	Jan. 16	Jan. 20
Session 4	Feb 24	Feb. 20
Session 5	Mar. 17	Mar. 13

Parent-Child Retreats

Retreats dates yet to be announced

Confirmation Celebrations

Tuesday, May 6, 7:30 pm - for the following schools:
HR, HS, OLPH, Public & Home-schooled children

Thursday, May 8, 7:30 pm- for the following schools:

St. Luke and St Theresa

Please note Confirmation Registration Deadline is Oct 13th, 2013

For more info contact Sharon Darbyshire at the Parish or sdarbyshire@olph.ca

FAMILIES CELEBRATING BAPTISM

Information for families who wish to celebrate infant baptism is posted on the parish website: www.olph.ca; Sacraments; Baptism.

Dates for Baptism Preparation and all Baptism celebrations for the 2013-2014 year are listed. For further information, or to register, please call

Sue Boyne or Betty Donovan at the parish office 780-467-5470.



We Belong to God – Come and See

Religious Instruction for Young Children

There has been some interest in the parish in setting up religious instruction for young children. It would be directed toward families whose children attend public school or are home schooled, but everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Parents are seeking help for themselves and their children as they prepare them for sacraments and for living their Christian life. Those attending our Catholic schools receive ongoing faith formation but sometimes would like more support. The aim of this program would be to provide that help.

The program will be based on Canadian Catechism Resource, the Born of the Spirit Series, will be age-appropriate, and will follow the Liturgical year. Throughout the year children will be taught about God, the Mass, sacraments, Church and other aspects of our Catholic faith community. The program will begin on September 29, 2013 and will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. in the Church basement. Then, after a short break, the children and their parents can attend Mass at 10:30 a.m. Registration will take place on Sunday, September 15 and Sunday, September 22 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at OLPH Church. To cover the cost of materials used there will be a fee of \$25 per child.

The program would be primarily for school age children but younger children are invited to attend. Parents are asked to remain with their children as one of the aim of this program would be to have the family participate in the learning process, and be able to follow through at home.

DAN SCHUTTE

ARTIST AND SONG WRITER
CONCERT/WORSHOP -
Hosted by OLPH Parish

“MINISTERING TO MINISTERS”

CONCERT: September 20th at 7:00 pm at OLPH Parish.

WORKSHOP: September 21st - Saturday morning
COST: Concert: \$20.00 Workshop: \$30.00

Dan Schutte comes to us from Oregon Catholic Press where he has composed music for worship for more than 30 years. (eg: “Here I Am Lord;” and “River of Glory”) Dan’s more recent pieces exhibit an enduring ability to reach into people’s hearts and draw them into prayer. He is one of the best known, prolific and influential composers of music for the liturgy today.

For more information contact Dina Cutting at
dcutting@telus.net
or Len Stang at 780-467-8412.

TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER WEEKEND MASSES
September 7th and 8th.

Young Disciples and Junior Disciples (JDs)

Young Disciples is a program designed to enrich the faith life of children in Grades 1 to 9. Nightly topics are adapted from the Bible, as well as the many themes, feast days and celebrations of the Church. The lives of the Saints are frequently highlighted and celebrated at our annual “All Saints Day” costume party. Through fun activities such as games, crafts, drama, videos, music, guest-speakers and prayer, children are encouraged to develop a closer relationship with Jesus and a fuller understanding of the teachings of His church. Snacks each night add to the fun. Our newly expanded JD Youth Group (Grades 7 to 9) meets at the same time and place but enjoys a more interactive style of teaching with fieldtrips and lots of hands-on service. There will be many weekend events for this group. This year the Young Disciple team will take the month of September to plan and prepare for the year ahead. **Classes will begin in October.** After 14 years, the Cost is still only \$40 per child or \$100 for a family of 3 or more. Young Disciples meet each **Wednesday night from 6:30 – 8 PM in our parish basement, October to April.** **Registrations Night will be Sept. 25th.**

We are always in need of team members to serve snacks, assist in the nursery, teach or coordinate crafts. Come join our planning sessions each Wednesday in September (7- 9 PM) especially if you have ideas for the group.

Contact Sharon Wanke shwanke@live.ca for more information about the program and how you can be involved.

No Stone
Unturned.



ALPHA

Alpha invites you to Question Everything!

Alpha is a 10-week practical exploration of the Christian faith that asks questions like: Who is Jesus and why did he die? How does God guide us? How can I make the most of the rest of my life? If you have questions like these (even if you attend Mass every week), Alpha is for you! Every Alpha session starts with a simple meal followed by a presentation and a chance to discuss what you've heard, in a small group with a facilitator to keep the discussion on track. Alpha begins **Sep 23** and ends **Dec 9** (*No Alpha during the weeks of Oct 7 and Nov 11*) Most sessions will be held on Monday evenings, although three sessions have been moved to Tuesday (**Oct 15, 22 and Nov 19**) due to scheduling conflicts in the parish. The Alpha course is absolutely free but registration is encouraged to help us plan for meals and set-up. **Course schedule and registration information** are available in the church foyer, at the parish office and on the parish website. For more information, please contact **Alana** at 780-922-8081 or alaperle@telus.net.

