

The Parish Connection

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



December 2013

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

Dates to Watch

- **Dec 8**– Advent Evening of Song and Reflection 7:00pm
- **Dec 10**– Advent Penitential 7:00pm
- **Dec 11**– St. Theresa Grade 7 attending Mass at 9:30am
- **Dec 13**– St. Theresa Grade 7 attending Mass at 9:30am
- **Dec 13**– Youth Group, grades 9-12, 6:30-8:00.
- **Dec 18**– OLPH School attending Mass at 9:30am
- **Dec 19**– Mass at Archbishop Jordan Catholic High School, 9:15am
- **Jan 8**– St. Theresa Grade 8 attending Mass at 9:30am
- **Jan 10**– St. Theresa Grade 8 attending Mass at 9:30am
- **Jan 15**– St. Theresa Grade 5 attending Mass at 9:30am
- **Jan 17**– St. Theresa Grade 6 attending Mass at 9:30am
- **January 19**– First Communion Retreat 1:00pm-3:00pm
- **Jan 22**– St. Theresa Grade 6 attending Mass at 9:30am
- **Jan 24**– Madonna Grade 2 attending Mass at 9:30am
- **January 25**– First Communion Retreat 1:00pm-3:00pm
- **Jan 29**– St. Theresa Grade 5 attending Mass at 9:30am
- **Jan 31**– Madonna Grade 1 attending Mass at 9:30am



Confirmation 2014 (Grade 6 and Older)

Session Dates and Times

	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. 20	Jan. 16
Session 4	Feb 24	Feb. 20
Session 5	Mar. 17	Mar. 13

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

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

Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 7:30pm (HR, HS, OLPH and Public and Home Schooled)

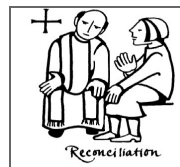
and

Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 7:30pm (St. L & St. T)

First Reconciliation and First Communion (Grade 2 and older)

Congratulations to all those who celebrated the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on November 23, 2013.

If you were unable to attend please contact Monna at the Parish office 780-467-5470 or msenez@olph.ca



The **First Communion Retreat** (choose one)

Sunday, **January 19, 2014**
from 1:00-3:00

OR

Saturday, **January 25, 2014**
from 1:00-3:00

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:

Lent (March 5 till Easter on April 20)

April 26 at 5:00pm mass

May 24 at 5:00pm mass

Please contact Monna at the Parish Office 780-467-5470



Do you require gluten free hosts? If so, please contact Monna at the Parish office 780-467-5470

ADVENT



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.



A man once had a conversation with God. He asked, "Lord, I have always wondered about time. What is a thousand years like for you?" God answered, "For me a thousand years is like a second."

The man then asked, "What about money? What is a million dollars like for you?" And God answered, "For me a million dollars is like a penny."

The man became eager and said, "Lord, could you give me one of those pennies?" God answered, "No problem, but you will have to wait one second."



It is the beginning of Advent. In preparation for Christmas our hearts and minds often turn to helping those in our community who are less fortunate.

This year OLPH Parish has paired with the Strathcona Christmas Bureau to help to provide Christmas hampers in our community. The weekend of December 1 we will be doing the first part of our reverse collection. In cooperation with the Christmas Bureau a list of required staples has been composed. Following Communion, at all Masses, the ushers will pass around the collection basket which will contain slips of paper. Please take a slip of paper and bring the item written on it with you when you return to Mass the weekend of December 8. Please only bring in donations on the weekend of December 8.

After all Masses on December 8 we will need volunteers to help organize donations to deliver to the Christmas Bureau. We also will require drivers to deliver donations to the Strathcona Christmas Bureau on the morning of Monday, December 9. If you are able to help with this please contact Loran Dietrich at

kldietrich@hotmail.com

We ask that if you know anyone, or if you yourself require assistance this Christmas, to contact the Strathcona Christmas Bureau at 780-449-5353.

Our OLPH community has always been an extremely generous one. We ask that you continue this tradition as we help our local Christmas Bureau this Christmas season.



Ad-vent n. 1 season before Christmas. 2 coming of Christ. 3 important arrival.

What does Advent mean to you?

If you're looking for a way to make Advent more meaning-full for you and your family, join the OLPH Music Ministry for:



This Holy Light: 11th Annual Evening Of Advent Song & Reflection

Sunday, December 8, 7:00 pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church
13 Brower Drive

An ecumenical event for the whole family. Bring your friends and neighbors, too!
Donations for the Strathcona Food Bank will be gratefully accepted.



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.
For more information call 780-640-6841 or 780-267-7529 or send an email at: raylineziegler@gmail.com

