

**OLPH**  
**Sherwood Park**

**Online via Zoom**

**Monday's January 8 –**  
**March 11, 2024**

**6:45-8:30pm**

What is the Catholic Church all about? What does it mean to be Catholic? What do Catholics actually believe.

Maybe you've been Catholic your entire life. Maybe you're just beginning to explore the Catholic Faith. Wherever you may be in your journey, you will be profoundly moved by the beauty and the richness of the Catholic Church. Join GIFT –Our Lady of Perpetual Help for this 10 session, video-based course from the creators of *The Bible Timeline*.

The course is FREE. Participants are encouraged to purchase the study set, which includes workbook, book, and online access to the videos.

**Cost of study set:** - \$35 (more information when you register)

**To register**, contact Alana at [alaperle@telus.net](mailto:alaperle@telus.net) or 780-446-9099

**2024 Donation Envelopes**

- Donation envelopes are now available for pick up at the back of both parishes.
- **Do not use your new envelopes until January 1st, 2024.**
  - **Please note that some numbers have changed.**
  - **Please recycle all unused 2023 envelopes.**

**Regular tax donations**

If you wish to receive a tax donation for 2023 the last date for this year will be December 31st. Any donations received after December 31st, 2023 will be recorded in 2024.




**SAVE THE DATE**

**Chili cook-off, Feb 24/24**

**Parish Social and Fundraiser**

**Start cooking up your prizewinning dish now!!**

**Details to follow in the New Year**



**Please note a price change**

Beginning January 1st, 2024, due to an increase in costs, the Living with Christ Daily Missals will now cost **\$3.00** per month.




<https://caedm.ca/upfront/>



<https://caedm.ca/window/>



Our campaign this year is in support of **A Safe Place**. A Safe Place is a residential facility opened in 1984 for those who are escaping intimate or family violence, in Sherwood Park. A recent review of their facility found major and unexpected issues with the roof. As they say in the brochure, No Room In the Inn campaign will literally put a roof over their heads.

**HOW TO DONATE**

Make cheque payable to your church, place in envelope provided at the back of your church and drop in the collection box **or** make cheque payable to Canadian Mental Health Association- Edmonton Region, again enter "No room in the Inn" in the memo line. Mail cheque to CMHA Edmonton, #300, 10010 – 105 St. Edmonton, AB T5J 1C4

Donate online: <https://edmonton.cmha.ca/get-involved/donate>

**ASSUMPTION PARISH**

9034—95 Avenue NW

Edmonton, AB

T6C 1Z3



**RESURRECTION PARISH**

10555—50 A Street

Edmonton, AB

T6A 2C8

**Bulletin for December 16—December 23, 2023**

If you wish to receive this bulletin by email, please contact the parish at [ar.edm@caedm.ca](mailto:ar.edm@caedm.ca)

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**Office Hours**

Monday to Friday 9:30—4:00pm

**The office is closed** Saturday and Sunday and statutory holidays.

**REGULAR MASS TIMES**

**Assumption**

**Tuesday & Wednesday:** 9:00am **Saturday:** 5:30pm **Sunday:** 9:30am

**Resurrection**

**Thursday & Friday:** 9:00am **Saturday:** 4:00pm **Sunday:** 11:00am

Rosary at Resurrection at 8:30am on Friday mornings before Mass

**CHECK MASS INTENTIONS FOR ANY CHANGES TO MASS TIMES**

**Latin Mass** (Assumption Parish)

**Sunday:** 7:30am (Low Mass) & 12:30pm (High Mass)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - CONFESSION** by appointment or a half hour before Mass

**If you are aware of anyone in our parishes who is unable to attend Masses and would like to receive a visit, the Eucharist at home or even a phone call, please call the parish office: 780 468-4071.**

PARISH STAFF		PARISH CONTACTS	
Business Manager/ Pastoral Assistant:	Trish Underwood	Parish Council:	Rob Taylor
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Admin Assistant:	Josee Marr	CWL:	Lorrie Deutscher
		St. Vincent de Paul:	Nora Parker

**PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE**

- Sacrament of the Sick**
- Marriages**
- Schedule an appointment to discuss your forthcoming marriage
  - No wedding dates can be scheduled until after a meeting with the Pastor
  - An approved pre-marriage course is obligatory

- Baptism**
- First Communion**
- Confirmation**
- Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults—RCIA**
- RCIA** (adapted for children) 7 years and older

**Bulletins are bi-weekly. Deadlines for submissions to the bulletin must be received at [ar.edm@caedm.ca](mailto:ar.edm@caedm.ca) by Wednesday at noon on the week a new bulletin will be issued. Thank you.**

## Third Sunday in Advent (Gaudete Sunday) December 17th, 2023



During the season of Advent, we await the celebration of Christ's birth and His coming again at the end of time. Over four weeks, we prepare our hearts for Christmas in penitential reflection. But in the middle of the season, Gaudete Sunday calls us to rejoice in hope!

**What does Gaudete mean?** Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin.

**Why do we light a pink candle on Gaudete Sunday?**

The Catholic Church uses the color rose to indicate a joyful feast day or holiday. Gaudete Sunday's counterpart in Lent is Laetare Sunday, another break in penance to rejoice in hope as we approach Easter. During both days, a priest will usually wear rose coloured vestments.

### Mass Readings for the 3rd Sunday of Advent

**First Reading - [Isaiah 61:1-2A, 10-11](#):** Anointed by God, I am sent to bring hope to the poor, heal the brokenhearted, and proclaim freedom. Clothed in salvation, I joyfully await God's justice to flourish globally.

**Responsorial Psalm - [Luke 1](#):** My soul magnifies the Lord, rejoicing in God my Savior. He has blessed me, His humble servant, and shown mercy across generations, fulfilling His promise with compassion.

**Second Reading - [1 Thessalonians 5:16-24](#):** Rejoice always, pray ceaselessly, and give thanks in all situations. Embrace the Spirit, discern truth, and avoid evil. May God sanctify you wholly for Christ's return, fulfilling His promise.

**Gospel - [John 1:6-8, 19-28](#):** Sent by God, John the Baptist testified to the coming Light, making clear he was not the Christ, Elijah, nor the Prophet. Questioned by Jewish leaders, he identified himself as the voice prophesied by Isaiah, preparing the way for the Lord. Despite his significant role, John humbly acknowledged the greater one to follow, whose sandals he felt unworthy to untie.

**FORMED**

Advent is now upon us. Now is the time to *prepare our hearts*

and *minds* for the coming of the Messiah. Formed has many wonderful reflections, videos, activities for the whole family to enjoy and help us meditate at this time.

Click on the following link:

<https://daily.formed.org/advent>

ADVENTUS

<https://watch.formed.org/advent-week-1/videos/adventus>



A Spiritual Pilgrimage to everyone this Advent and Christmas Season. In light of the separation we face as communities, this special documentary allows Catholics all around the world to unite and make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land to see the places associated with Christ's Birth.

**"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16**



### Mass Intentions—Assumption Parish

**Sat** Dec 16 5:30pm Ray Pinkoski+  
**Sun** Dec 17 9:30am All Parishioners  
**Tue** Dec 19 9:00am Camille Piche  
**Wed** Dec 20 9:00am Ray Pinkoski+  
**Sat** Dec 23 5:30 pm Ray Pinkoski+

### Mass Intentions Resurrection Parish

**Sat** Dec 16 4:00pm Frank Devlin+  
**Sun** Dec 17 11:00am All Parishioners  
**Thu** Dec 21 9:00am Mark Razniak  
**Fri** Dec 22 9:00am Janette Kondra  
**Sat** Dec 23 4:00pm Georgina Macallan

### Advent Penitential Services still available before Christmas.

**December 20**

**St. John Bosco, Edmonton:**  
13503—40 St 7 - 8:00 PM

**St. Matthew, Edmonton:**  
13131—86 Street 7 - 8:30 PM

**December 22**

**Santa Maria Goretti, Edmonton:**  
9110 -110 Ave 5 - 6:30 PM

**2 Corinthians 5:17-20 – And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation.**

### Parish Bookkeeper (part-time) Assumption-Resurrection (twinned) Parishes

We are currently looking for a bookkeeper for our twinned parishes office located in the Resurrection Parish Church.

Those interested in this position should have experience in the use of **SAGE Accounting Software**, be proficient in the use of **Microsoft Excel and Word** and have a moderate understanding of website maintenance and **Microsoft Publisher**.

On a regular monthly basis, the qualified candidate will perform the following duties: **AP/AR, GL** functions, bank reconciliations. Complete reports for the PAO and the twinned parishes. Other duties as assigned.

Other software used: **Parish Friendly; RBC Express; Canada Helps.**

This is a part-time position of 21 hours/week and the hours are flexible. Salary to commensurate with experience.

All employees are required to undergo a Police Records Check including the Vulnerable Sector Information Check and Intervention Records Check.

Please submit a resume and references either in person at the Resurrection Parish Office or by email to [trish.underwood@caedm.ca](mailto:trish.underwood@caedm.ca)

### Christmas and New Year Masses

**Just as little reminder to all parishioners.**

Holy Days of Obligation are days Catholics should attend Mass and do their best to avoid unnecessary work. All Sundays and other important feast days, like Christmas, are Holy Days of Obligation. To fulfill this requirement Catholics can attend a vigil on the evening before or Mass on the day of obligation.

Christmas falls on a Monday in 2023. This means that a vigil Mass on Saturday, December 23 or a morning Mass on Sunday, December 24 fulfills the Fourth Sunday of Advent obligation. A vigil Mass on Sunday, December 24 or Mass on Christmas Day fulfills the Holy Day obligation.

#### Resurrection Masses

(Sun) Dec 24—Christmas Day Vigil 6:00pm

(Sun) Dec 24—Midnight Mass 11:55pm

(Mon) Dec 25—Christmas Day 11:00am

#### Assumption Masses

(Sun) Dec 24—Christmas Day Vigil 8:00pm

(Mon) Dec 25—Christmas Day 9:30am

#### New Years Day

(Holy Mother of God. Holy Day of Obligation)  
There is only one Mass at Resurrection on this day for both parishes

(Mon) Jan 1—New Years Day 11:00am

**Rejoice! The Lord is near.**

The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Assumption wish you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas and New Year.

We are deeply grateful for your generosity: financial donations, gifts of food and toiletries for our pantry. By working together, we offer these gifts to people in need.

