

OLPH YOUTH ROAD TRIP

Icon of Love Scholarship Students hit the road!

Two of OLPH's Icon of Love Music Scholarship students were on this road trip with us. Chloe Wong was the pianist and Morgan Nunez was on clarinet. Both received the scholarship last year and played important roles in making the Hearts on Fire Concert a success! Thank you Chloe and Morgan for sharing your talent as part of the Youth Ministry!!



My highlight in Grande Prairie was definitely exploring the town with our host family. Although we were quite exhausted after performing, we were still eager to see everything Grande Prairie had to offer, and it certainly didn't disappoint.

As for Saskatoon, I particularly enjoyed volunteering at the Friendship Inn. I found it to be an excellent opportunity to give back to a community that had welcomed us so generously over the few days that we had spent there.

- Chloe Wong



Being part of this outreach mission not only allowed me to explore other parts of Canada, but gave me the opportunity to spend time with communities from different parishes. Parishioners from St. Joseph in Grande Prairie couldn't have been more hospitable. I appreciated spending time with my host family and listening to stories about their life in Grande Prairie.

As a group, we explored the bee conservation facility and learnt about some of their current projects; we each took home a container of pure Canadian honey, which was definitely an added bonus! After arriving in Saskatoon, the scheduling allowed us to spend more time doing planned activities. We listened to an enlightening presentation from Gail, currently an Elder whose origins come from the Cree people. Learning the way her parish community has intertwined parts of their culture into the Mass was very interesting.

- Morgan Nunez



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(Anticipated Mass)
Sunday: 9am, 11am & 5pm
Monday – Wednesday 8am
Thursday Mass/Novena:
8am & 7pm
Friday, Saturday, Holidays: 9am
(Fridays in July & August: 8am)
Reconciliation
Saturday: 4-4:45pm
Adoration
Saturday 9:30-10am
Library Hours
Sunday: 10-10:45am, 4:30-5pm

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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

September 17, 2017

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Musical Tribute to St. Alphonsus By Our Youth

Dear Friends & Parishioners,

You heard me mention the week before that the Youth Trip to Grande Prairie and Saskatoon went very well. A lot of work went into the preparation for the performance of this unique little telling of the story of the life of St. Alphonsus through the use of contemporary praise and worship music. The drive was long but there was never a dull moment.

We had a packed schedule planned by my Redemptorist confreres at St. Joseph in Grande Prairie and St. Mary's in Saskatoon. We brought the relic of St. Alphonsus with us and held prayer services at both parishes before the concerts began. I was very pleased with the turnout at both places, even young families bringing their little children forward to get as close as possible to St. Alphonsus. Archbishop Pettipas was also present at the concert. The youth did an amazing job. I've received excellent feedback about them from parishioners who contacted me after my return telling me how much they enjoyed it. The youth also had the opportunity to serve at a homeless shelter, spend time with the youth group in Saskatoon as well as enjoy some educational talks and sightseeing trips as part of their experience. I will let the youth and their photos tell the rest of the story.

OLPH Youth Ministry will be putting on the Hearts on Fire Concert at the School Gym on Saturday Nov 4 at 7pm. I hope you will join us in this joyful tribute to St. Alphonsus. At today's School Staff Commissioning let us pray for our teachers who do such a great job of teaching and mentoring our young people.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Babu Mathew, C.Ss.R



The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. - Psalm 103

NEWS & NOTICES

PREP Registration: PREP is the religious education program for elementary-aged children attending public school. Classes begin on Tuesday Sept 19. Meet at OLPH School Gym at 6:30pm to register. For more info contact Elizabeth Towers at 604-440-8809 or email prep@olphbc.ca.

Food Bank: The next Food Bank Collection is for baby food. It will be held on Sept 23/24. Thank you for supporting this appeal.

With Appreciation: Thank you Rosanna Falbo for your years of service as Coordinator of Children's Liturgy. You made Sunday liturgy a fun, learning experience for the children of our parish.

Bridge Getaway: The OLPH Parish bridge group getaway to Harrison Hot Springs is Oct 24-26. We are inviting bridge players for fun bridge. Singles are welcome, as well as couples. If you don't play bridge you can come for a relaxing time. Contact Joan Stewart at mjoanstewart@gmail.com or call 604-228-1293 for more info.

Children's Mass: The first monthly 9am Children's Mass will start on Sunday October 1. We look forward to seeing families with young children there.

Join the Music Ministry: If you have a love for music and have some experience singing with a choir, please consider sharing your talents with us. We rehearse on Mondays 7-8pm. For more info please contact Catherine Walsh Email: catherine.organist@gmail.com.

Children's Liturgy: This Catechism for children under 8 who have not received First Communion will now take place every Sunday during the 11am Mass except those Sundays when we have the 9am Children's Mass (usually the first Sunday of the month.) Children will be invited to go downstairs to the Madonna Room before the Mass readings.

Fr. Mark Hagemoen, New Bishop of Saskatoon: His Holiness Pope Francis has named the Most Reverend Mark A. Hagemoen as Bishop of the Diocese of Saskatoon. At the time of his appointment, he was Bishop of the Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith. Go to bccatholic.ca to read more about the announcement.

2017 Kerygma Grand Feast Vancouver "Forward": A night of powerful worship, inspiring talks, and fellowship featuring best-selling author and renowned speaker Bo Sanchez and Archbishop Michael Miller will be happening at Broadway Church on Sunday, Sept. 30, at 6 p.m. More information at rcav.org/event/2017-kerygma-grand-feast-vancouver-forward/

2017 National Liturgy Conference: This year's National Liturgy Conference, hosted by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, will take place Monday, Nov. 6, from 7-9 p.m., through Tuesday, Nov. 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is a special rate of \$159 which will end on Oct. 6. Register at rcav.org/event/national-liturgical-conference.

Infant Loss Awareness Mass with Archbishop Miller: October 15 is National Infant Loss Awareness Day. On that day, we remember our little ones who have gone too soon. To honour them, Archbishop Miller will be celebrating Mass at the Evangelist Chapel at the Gardens of Gethsemani. This is our second annual Infant Loss Awareness Day event. We will light up the cemetery in their honour, so please come and join us for this special Mass. Register at rcav.org/events/128.

St. Mark's Fundraising Breakfast: OLPH Parish has reserved a table for 10 to attend St Mark's College's Fundraising Breakfast. Please contact our parish office if you would like to support Catholic higher education. St Mark's receives no government funding whatsoever while striving to meet our young people "where they are" on their life and faith journeys. Funds raised will provide support for student scholarship and financial assistance programs. Please call the Parish Office to support this fundraiser 9:30am Saturday Sept 23, Vancouver College, 5400 Cartier Street.

Stewardship Reflection

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's" - ROMANS 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He wants you to use the gifts He has given you.

Stewardship Office, Archdiocese of St. Louis

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Commissioning Mass & BBQ

Staff of OLPH School will be commissioned for the new school year today Sept 17 at the 11am Mass. Please join us in praying for our teachers and children at the school. Mass will be followed by a BBQ in the school courtyard.

Talk on Palliative Care

Dr. Catriona Aparicio, a member of our parish, is giving a talk on Palliative Care: What Everyone Should Know at 7:30pm on Wednesday Sept 20 in the hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend. This talk is organized by the Catholic Women's League of OLPH.

Becoming Catholic



If you are interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith or if you have not been fully initiated into the Church with the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation, please join us in RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). Our journey begins on Sunday Sept 17 at 9am. Pick up an application form in the church or at the parish office. The commitment to RCIA is from September 2017 to June 2018.

OCTOBER

Door Is Open

The next Door is Open outreach effort is on Tuesday October 3. This wonderful outreach opportunity involves preparing lunch for the poor and homeless in Eastside Vancouver. We start at about 8am and finish at about 2:30pm. If you would like to help, please put your name down on the sign-up sheets in the church foyer. We need about 25 volunteers.

HEARTS ON FIRE: A MUSICAL JOURNEY WITH ST. ALPHONSUS



The youth road trip was an enriching experience for us all. It allowed us to appreciate and thank God for the beauty of all His creation in nature and reminded us to pause for a bit and take time to thank our Lord for the gift of life, our families, friends and loved ones. It taught us patience, humility, and brotherly & sisterly love for one another. We were also glad we could share the story of the life of St. Alphonsus through music.

For me, the highlight of our trip was when we stopped for a bit at Mount Robson Provincial Park to take in the view. We were on our way to Grande Prairie at that point but we parked for a short time to take pictures of the majestic mountains all around us. Little did we know that a double rainbow would appear. That was an added bonus! At that point, I knew God was blessing us, with the protection of all the angels and saints – I knew in my heart we would all be ok as we continued to drive on for long hours to reach our destination.

My reflective moment was interrupted when a passing van on the highway honked at us. It was Father Babu, urging us to stop taking pictures already because we had to stick to our time schedule! Oh well, time to hit the road again!

It truly is a blessing to have travelled with the group of people who made the trip so memorable. It was all about the journey. And together, we laughed, ate, worked, served, sang, played music, and looked after one another, despite our exhaustion and lack of sufficient sleep! Praise God for this trip! All glory and honour belong to Him.

- Theresa Barao, Youth Ministry Coordinator



In Grande Prairie, I enjoyed meeting the vibrant, faith-filled people of St. Joseph's parish. They were so welcoming and hospitable. From the moment we arrived, weary from our long drive, they made us feel at home. And, of course, the food was great! My most memorable experience in Saskatoon was visiting the cathedral. The architecture is a beautiful modern design, with a circular sanctuary surrounded by breath-taking stained glass windows. I'm so glad that we had the opportunity to see it.

- Jackie Cowley

