



## February 2nd, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

We are incredibly pleased and grateful for the experience of Alpha in our Parish. The journey of Alpha began in mid October 2024. **Alpha continues** because great friendships were made, and parishioners got to know one another in new and deeper ways.

Alpha would not have been possible with the leadership of Ron and Corinna Siy. Kudos to you both. They brought prayerful and committed experiences of Alpha into our community. Working with Ron and Corinna were a resolute team of volunteers who worked behind the scenes as helpers, facilitators, and offered all kinds of support. Again, I am so proud of the Parish and School Spirit that is so very evident. Alpha is all about relationship-relationship with the person of Jesus and with others wherever they are on life's journey.

A huge shout out to Jamie Clarkson and Alicia Shigehiro, school parents who were engaged from the very beginning on an organizational level. Jamie is a professional chef, and he brought all his skill into the Parish Hall Kitchen. We had fantastic meals for the duration of Alpha.

Alicia oversees the Parent Participation portal at the School. Each school family must complete 40 hours of volunteer service to the school. With Alicia's help and the endorsement of the Parish Education Council, parents volunteered and received service hours for meal preparation, hall set up, breakdown and clean up. We even reached out to grade seven students and OLPH School Alumni --- no stone unturned! It was a genuinely wonderful experience of forging stronger links between our Parish and School communities.

Finally to all those who participated in the Alpha program itself -a huge thank you for your enthusiasm and fidelity to the journey. Indeed, together we are Pilgrims of Hope. ~Fr. Leo and Fr. Alfredo







## 🌿 SAVE THE DATE 🌿

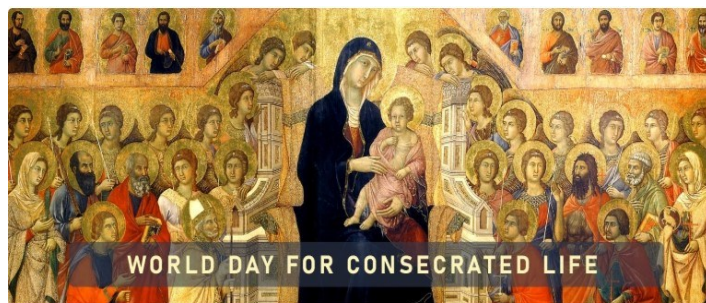
**Sunday February 9, 2025 -12:30 pm OLPH Parish Hall**

Join with Fr. Mark Miller C.Ss.R. and Francis Maza of Providence Health Care for a conversation around “The art of dying well from a Catholic Perspective.” We struggle to promote a greater understanding of the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. Both Fr. Mark and Francis are enthusiastic about human dignity and are eager to share their professional and their personal experiences in this area. No need to register. “Come on Down”



## 🌿 WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE 🌿

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life.



This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day, when candles may be blessed, symbolizing Christ, who is the light of the world. So, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. In our archdiocese, we have been blessed with religious communities who have dedicated their lives in ministry to the Church and have been part of our archdiocese. Please pray for all those who have made commitments to the consecrated life and thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God’s gift of their vocation.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: MEAL PREPARATION FOR THE HUNGRY –FEBRUARY 8th**

Our next Meal Preparation for the needy will be held in the hall kitchen on Feb. 8th. If you can help, please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4BAFAA2DA1FB6-46459533-inner#/>



## **SUNDAY COFFEE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

If you can help with setting up and taking down our Sunday morning coffee after 9 AM Mass please, scan the QR code to sign up. Your help is greatly appreciated.



## 🌿 NONPERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS 🌿

We continue to support those who have less. Please remember to bring nonperishable food items when you come to church.



Pope Francis  
Monthly Intention  
**FEBRUARY 2025**

*For vocations to the priesthood  
and religious life*

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



## NOTE FROM PASTORAL CARE

If you know of someone who is housebound or in hospital and would appreciate a visit from our Parish Community, please call the Parish Office and let us know. If you or someone you know is about to undergo surgery or another medical procedure and would like to celebrate the sacrament of the sick, please contact Fr. Leo or Fr. Alfredo.

### Upcoming –Save the dates

In September of 2025 we hope to offer both Alpha and the RCIA process. Our plan is to offer the Alpha course on Tuesday mornings 9:00 am -10:30 am in the Parish Hall. With a strong desire to engage School parents; our reasoning for this change in time is as follows: Monday morning at 9:00 am there is a school assembly, Wednesday is already a shortened day with early dismissal, Thursday morning the Parish offers a coffee club and Friday mornings there is a School mass at 9:00 am. Concisely – we will offer tea, coffee, fruit, muffins and the like, watch a video, and have small group discussion.

### ALPHA –Tuesday mornings in the Fall of 2025

RCIA and Sacramental Preparation will run concurrently on Tuesday night. RCIA will not be offered on Sunday morning- all candidates for RCIA will be asked to attend on Tuesday evening and attend mass on Sunday.

We decided to not run the Rite of Christian Initiation for the year 2024-2025. Our goal was to ask potential candidates to complete the Alpha program with us and then if they so desired to continue their initiation into the Catholic Church.

Alpha is open to all people, non baptised, every denomination etc. –it provides a safe comfortable place to share with others, questions, and thoughts that we all have in our search to love Jesus more. It is a terrific opportunity especially for school parents to learn more about Jesus and to share the experience with their children.

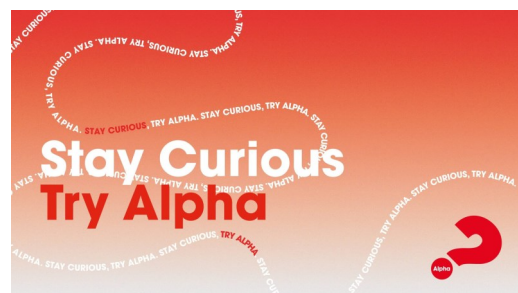
**Save these dates: -Tuesday 9:00 am -10:30 am Fall 2025**

Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>.

Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>,

Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup>,

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>



If you are interested in learning more about Alpha or RCIA , to offer support in any way or would like to register please contact the Parish office 604-224-4344 or email [parish.olph@rcav.org](mailto:parish.olph@rcav.org)





# OLPH CATHOLIC Book Fair

Wednesday, February 19th, 2025  
Parish Hall (OLPH Church Basement)



Our Lady's School will be hosting a Catholic Book Fair with the *Daughters of St. Paul*. The Catholic Book Fair is a wonderful opportunity to provide your family with quality books, find gifts, and support your school. It also creates excitement around reading Catholic content and emphasizes the importance of books to help us to know, love, and serve God.

For PRIMARY students, if you are sending money to school with your child please make sure it is marked clearly with your child's name, and their teacher will hold on to it for them until it is their turn to go to the Book Fair.

WHEN	Wed., Feb. 19th, 2025
WHERE	<b>OLPH PARISH</b> <b>(*church basement)</b>
TIME	<b>8:30 am - 1:30 pm Parish Hall*</b> <b>1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Madonna Room*</b>

A percentage of the proceeds go directly to Our Lady's School library to purchase **NEW** books!

The *Daughters of St. Paul* also accept Visa, Mastercard, and debit cards.

You can check out the books on their website (<https://paulinestore.ca/>).

**OLPH PARENTS & PARISHIONERS WELCOME ALL DAY (8:30 am - 3:00 pm)**

*We look forward to seeing you there to support The Daughters of St. Paul and Our Lady's School!*



**Happy Lunar New Year**  
**to our brothers and sisters in Christ!**

**May you be blessed with a year filled with**  
**God's grace, peace and abundant love.**

**May this New Year bring health and prosperity**  
**to you and your loved ones.**

## **MASSES & SERVICES**

Saturday Anticipated Mass: 5pm

Sunday Masses: 9am, 11am, 5pm

Daily Mass :

Mon – Fri 8am

Thurs OLPH Novena: After 8am Mass

Sat & Holidays: 9am Mass

Sat Adoration: 9:30am – 10am

Reconciliation: Sat 4pm – 4:45pm

## **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Friday 9:30am-4pm

Stat Holiday, Sat & Sun: Closed

Pastor: Fr. Leo English, CSsR

Associate Pastor: Fr. Alfredo Medina Ramos, CSsR

## **CONTACT**

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