

**ROSE CITY CENTRAL CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES**  
**IMMACULATE HEART, OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP & ST. MICHAEL'S**  
**& Holy Trinity & St. Francis of Assisi**

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## **First Week of Advent** **November 30, 2025**

### **SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION**

**Baptism:** Register Online  
**First Communion & First Reconciliation:**  
Registration is open.

**Confirmation** - Registration is open..

### **SACRAMENTS OF HEALING**

**Reconciliation:** at St. Michael's on Sat.'s from 2- 3:00 pm.  
2153 Parkwood Ave.

**Reconciliation:** at OLPH on Tuesday's from 5-5:45 pm.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Please call the office

### **SACRAMENTS OF SERVICE**

**Marriage:** Call the office at least six months in advance

**Holy Orders:** Contact the office

### **WEEKDAY (DAILY) MASS SCHEDULE FOR** **HOLY TRINITY & ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

Holy Trinity- 1035 Ellis Street East, : Monday to Friday at 7:00 pm. in Polish & Saturday at 8:00 am. in English  
St. Francis of Assisi—1701 Turner Road : Tuesday to Friday at 6:00 pm. in Croatian

### **'ROSE CITY CENTRAL' CATHOLIC** **FAMILY OF PARISHES PRAYER**

Lord, please console and protect our 'Rose City Central' family of parishes. May we become a true Catholic family.

We come to You Holy Trinity and ask You to guide our path as we become witnesses of our faith.

To Immaculate Mary our Mother, we ask for your perpetual help; and we ask Saint Francis for peace and Saint Michael for protection.  
Amen.

### **PASTORAL TEAM FOR ROSE CITY CENTRAL** **CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES**

**Pastor:** Rev. Glen Ball 519-258-0910 Ext. 222  
*gball@dol.ca*

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Stanislaw Izdebski  
*sizdebski@dol.ca*

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Miro Grubišić

**Priest in Residence:** Rev. Bill Kornacker

**Pastoral Minister:** Sr. Elzbieta Mruczek  
*emruczek@dol.ca*

**Pastoral Minister:** Christine Toffolon, 519-966-1953  
Ext. 226 (new Ext.) *ctoffolon@dol.ca*

### **ROSE CITY CENTRAL CATHOLIC** **FAMILY OF PARISHES STAFF** **IMMACULATE HEART, ST. MICHAEL & OLPH**

**Main Office:** 519-258-0910 - *shewindsor@dol.ca* or  
*olph@dol.ca*

**Secretary/Bookkeeper:** Shirl Masse Ext 200 *smasse@dol.ca*

**Secretary:** Miroslawa "Mirka" Rodzinka IH & OLPH

**Musicians:** Jim Dittmer (St. Michael & IH)  
John Salalila (OLPH)  
Jeff Gendron (OLPH)

**Maintenance:** Victor Piccolo (IH)  
Paul Smith (OLPH)

### **MASS TIMES FOR OUR ROSE CITY CENTRAL** **CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES**

#### **SATURDAY EVENING:**

5:00 pm. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH)

5:00 pm. at Immaculate Heart in St. Michael's

5:00 pm. at St. Francis of Assisi (in Croatian)

#### **SUNDAY:**

9:00 am. at Holy Trinity (in English)

9:00 am. at St. Francis (in English)

10:30 am. at OLPH

10:30 am. at Holy Trinity (in Polish)

11:00 am. at St. Francis (in Croatian)

12:30 pm. at Immaculate Heart in St. Michael's

12:30 pm. at Holy Trinity (in Polish)

**Mass schedule for St. Michael's—**

**Thursday, December 25 at 9:00 am.**

**"BEING A MISSION-ORIENTED CHURCH THAT**  
**FORMS DISCIPLES OF JESUS."**

**MAIN FAMILY OF PARISHES' OFFICE HOURS:** Immaculate Heart at St. Michael's Church—2153 Parkwood Avenue  
Tues. to Fri. 9 am.—2 pm. Please call Shirl at 519-258-0910 Ext. 200  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church—804 Grand Marais Rd. East



## **BAPTISM FOR OLPH & IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH**

Once you have filled out the online baptism registration form from our website, Christine will email you with the available dates. Baptisms for OLPH and Immaculate Heart take place during our weekend Masses. Saturday evening at 5:00 pm. or Sunday morning at 10:30 am. at OLPH or at Immaculate Heart at 12:30 pm. Information about the one required baptismal prep night will be sent to you once the registration form has been received by Christine. Further information is found on our website. Please direct questions to Christine at 519-966-1953, Ext:226 or email her [cstoffolon@dol.ca](mailto:cstoffolon@dol.ca)



*To Everything there is a season... "a time to be healed..."*

For our parishioners who are sick, in the hospital or awaiting surgery.

*There is "a time for everything under Heaven...."*

For those who have died from our families and from our Rose City Central Catholic Family of Parishes.

**Pope's Prayer Intentions for December:** For Christians in areas of conflict: Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

**Gospel Background: Matthew 24:37-44**

**Jesus tells his disciples that the coming of the Son of Man will catch many people unprepared. Jesus tells his disciples that they are to always be ready for the day of the Lord.**

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man. Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory. The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be. The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know that our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared. \*from <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/>



## **ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR IMMACULATE HEART/ST. MICHAEL & OLPH CHURCHES**



### **Tues. Dec. 2 at 6:00 pm. at OLPH**

- + **Renita Martins...** *by Maria Bartolo*
- + **Antonio Cacilhas Jr....** *by Lucinda & Family*
- + **Antonio Sr. & Maria Cacilhas ...** *by Family*
- + **Paul Cacilhas...** *by Family*
- + **Maria Filipina S. Mantala ...** *by Family*

### **Wed. Dec. 3 at 12:00 pm. at Immaculate Heart/St. Michael**

- Intentions of John Nabben ...** *by Family*
- Intentions of Annibale Biasutto ...** *by Family*
- + **Joanne Kiewiet ...** *by Nabben Family*
- + **Arthur Sharma ...** *by Family*
- + **Theresa Hamel ...** *by CWL IH*
- + **Janet Clayden ...** *by CWL IH*

### **Thurs. Dec. 4 at 6:00 pm. at OLPH**

- + **Caridad McKay, Rodrigo & Rufo Baldovino ...** *by Mel Almeida & Family*
- + **Luigi & Settima Cocco & Deceased Family...** *by Giovanna Pagliarella*
- + **Maria Filipina S. Mantal ...** *by Family*
- + **Francesco & Erica Minutillo & Family ...** *by Giovanna Pagliarella*

### **Fri. Dec. 5 at 8:00 am. at Immaculate Heart/St. Michael**

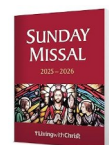
- Intentions of the Biasutto Family ...** *Family*
- In Thanksgiving ...** *by Theresa Lazarus*
- Intentions of Bishop Fabbro ...** *by CWL IH*
- Special intention ...** *by Tony Barbic*
- + **Michael Hardstone ...** *by Parents*
- + **Leo Cartier ...** *by Family*

The CCCB has released the video the first Sunday of Advent in **THE JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT** video series. The videos are available in English and French and feature reflections by Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Auxilliary Bishop of Hamilton (EN) and Most Rev. Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Moncton (FR). <https://www.cccb.ca/>



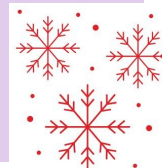
## **LIVING WITH CHRIST SUNDAY MISSALS**

The new Missals for 2025-2026 are available for purchase at both Churches. At OLPH they are at the Welcome Desk. Please leave the \$5.00 in the envelope provided and put the envelope in the Collection basket. At Immaculate Heart the Missals are \$5.00. There is a jar at the back of the church on the usher's counter with a sign.



## **MISSION BAZAAR AT HOLY TRINITY**

The Holy Trinity Mission Bazaar will take place on **Sunday, December 7** after the 9 am. and 10:30 am Masses—there will be a take-out lunch and lottery at that time. After the 12:30 pm Mass there will be a lunch. All are invited to attend, join us for lunch and do some shopping!





# SSVP GIVING TREE

Gift Cards from Walmart  
**\$10.00 or \$20.00**  
**denomination**

Please mark the amount on the card.  
*No little envelopes are needed.*

**Return by Dec. 14**  
**in the Collection Basket**  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Church Conference



Although, tags are no longer hung on a Christmas tree at **OLPH Church**, the tradition of the **GIVING TREE** still continues. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at OLPH, we are asking for donations of gift cards in increments of \$10.00 and \$20.00 from Walmart. *(please mark the amount on the gift cards. The little envelopes are not required)* The gift cards will be distributed to local families who are in need to assist them in Christmas shopping for their own children.

## ADVENT REFLECTION MATERIALS

Today on the First Sunday of Advent we have some Advent reflection materials FREE for our parishioners at Immaculate Heart/St. Michael's & OLPH Church. We invite you to take one home and use it during the four weeks of Advent. We have Waiting in Joyful Hope daily devotions - Prepare Him Room, Gospel Crafts for children & more. There are resources online as well. You can get a direct link to some of the resources from our website at [olph.dionet.org](http://olph.dionet.org) including Dynamic Catholic, Bishop Barron, Ascension & the Amen app



## Confirmation Registration

Register today on our website at [olph.dionet.org](http://olph.dionet.org) for the 2026 preparation classes. They will begin in Jan. 2026.

**Registration will close on**  
**Dec. 14, 2025**

Email Christine with questions or concerns - [ctoffolon@dol.ca](mailto:ctoffolon@dol.ca)



## OLPH SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

For the month of November our conference made 20 deliveries which consisted of 57 adults & 22 children. We had 4 new clients and 1 single client. (No children) We gave out \$630.00 in Vouchers, that can used at the SSVP stores for clothing, furniture and household goods. If you would like to make a monetary donation to the SSVP we offer the option for you to make an e-transfer to [ssvpolph@hotmail.com](mailto:ssvpolph@hotmail.com) in the memo line please put your name & address. The answer to the question is : SSVPOLPH or you may leave a donation in the offertory basket. The SSVP green envelopes are found next to the offertory basket. Calls to the SSVP can be reached at 519-966-1953 EXT. 236



YOU ARE INVITED TO

# Christmas Party

On Sunday, December 21, following the 12:30 PM Mass, St. Michael's German parishioners are hosting their annual Christmas party with traditional Glühwein and are inviting all Immaculate Heart parishioners

Tickets are \$10 per person and they will be available for purchase at the back of the church after the 5 PM Saturday Mass and the 12:30 PM Sunday Mass until Sunday, December 7.

**No tickets sold at the door.**

## GIVING TREE

## IMMACULATE HEART



**1**

CHOOSE A TAG FROM THE TREE

**2**

SHOP FOR THE CHILD ON THE TAG

**3**

DO NOT WRAP THE GIFT

**4**

KEEP THE TAG AND ATTACH TO THE GIFT

**5**

RETURN GIFT AND TAG TO THE CHURCH BY DEC. 14



## IMMACULATE HEART GIVING TREE

Did you know that the request for baskets and children's gifts are sent to us by our feeder schools? This allows us to ask for a gift for a particular age and gender. The total number of tags out on the tree is based on the total number of children in our program.

- Only new unwrapped gifts
  - No clothing
  - Please consider supplying batteries if the gift requires them
  - While it is thoughtful and generous to include some sort of candy or treat, we ask that you refrain as some children have food allergies
  - If donating a "gift card" please leave it on the usher's bench in a sealed envelope with the tag inside, and mark it giving tree
- Returning the gift with the tag attached and by the return date as specified, are the most important parts of the program. We hope these guidelines have answered some of your questions. The Immaculate Heart CWL members thank you in advance for all your support this Christmas. God Bless all of you.







### **BINGO & GAMING—OLPH CHURCH**

Our next assigned session at the **All Star Gaming Centre** on Walker Rd. is on **Sunday, December 7 from 10:00 pm—12:00 am..** We purchased the Sunday Missal for Young Catholics from our cbingo bank account.

### **OLPH MEMORIAL FLOWERS**

There is a Christmas Flower Donation Envelope in your offertory envelope boxes. If you would like to donate towards the Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one, just fill out the front of the envelope and enclose your donation. You can put your envelope in the collection basket.



If you do not have offertory envelopes, please put your donation in the Christmas Memorial envelopes on the Welcome Desk.

Please return the envelope by Sun. Dec. 14 (no later), in order for us to include your loved ones' name in our Christmas Booklet.

Do you want to volunteer with packing the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Boxes at OLPH Church? Come join us on **Tues. Dec. 16 from 9 am. to 12—noon.** This includes pizza for lunch. Meet us in the hall.



### **OLPH CWL PADDLE AUCTION**

Join in the fun with the OLPH CWL Paddle Auction on Fri. Dec. 5. The paddle auction will take place during our Pasta Dinner. Bring your quarters for a friendly bidding competition against others for your desired prize. Paddles are \$10.00 each with \$2.00 in quarters given to you to begin your fun.



### **PASTA SAUCE CONTEST—**

#### **PASTA DINNER**

We are inviting parishioners to enter into the CWL Pasta Sauce Contest on Fri. Dec. 5. Make a batch of your favourite sauce and you could win a William's Food Gift Certificate and bragging rights for the best pasta sauce in the parish! Sign up sheet at the Welcome Desk. (Immaculate Heart/St. Michael's chefs are invited to enter the contest as well)



### **IMMACULATE HEART PARISH CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL BOOKLET**

We will remember at all our Christmas Masses all of our beloved deceased. If you would like your loved one to be remembered in our Memorial Booklet, please PRINT the names of your loved ones whom you wish to include and as you want them to appear in the booklet on the special envelopes found at the back of the church. Donations will be used for Christmas flowers and decorations. Place this envelope in the Collection basket or deliver it to the office. The deadline to submit the envelope is December 14.



### **BINGO COMMITTEE AT IMMACULATE HEART**

Please do not forget to support our Church Bingo's from Immaculate Heart Church. They are held at **All Star Gaming Centre** on Walker Rd. The Bingos are very important to Immaculate Heart parish. A big thank you to all the volunteers and participants who continually make the effort to support Immaculate Heart parish. Our next assigned date is **Wednesday December 17 from 2—4:00 pm..**



### **SSVP AT IMMACULATE HEART**

Tuesday December 2nd has been proclaimed **"GIVING TUESDAY"**. If you are able please consider making a non perishable food donation or a monetary donation to help feed those in need. St. Vincent de Paul food calls: **519-258-0910 Ext. 235** God Bless all of you.



### **MOTHER TERESA K OF C POTLUCK**

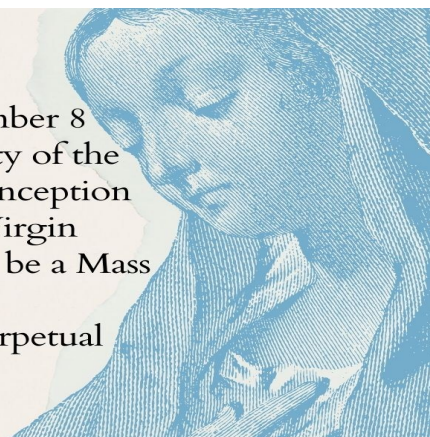
On **Tuesday December 2 at 7:00 pm.** in the hall at OLPH Church—the K of C will be hosting a Christmas Potluck and Fraternal Benefit Night. There will be an Insurance Agent presentation at the potluck. The K of C are inviting all parishioners to attend from our Family of Parishes. **ALL ARE WELCOME.** We hope to see you there.



### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

The Central Essex Catholic Family of Parishes is hiring for two positions: a Parish & Family Minister and a Youth Minister. More information can be found at this link <https://dol.ca/youth-minister-central-essex>

Monday December 8 on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary there will be a Mass at 6:00 pm. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church



## **YOU ARE INVITED TO A Christmas TURKEY LUNCH**

Sun, December 14 at 1:30 pm.  
IMMACULATE HEART/ST. MICHAEL'S HALL  
TICKETS ON SALE BEGINNING NOV.29 AT BOTH CHURCHES.  
\$15.00/PERSON, \$5/KIDS UNDER 13 OR \$40/FAMILY OF FOUR.  
PROCEEDS TO SVDP.  
ENJOY TURKEY, DRESSING, VEGETABLES, SALAD AND DESSERT.





### FEAST & MEMORIAL DAYS

December 3—St. Francis of Xavier  
December 4—St. John Damascene  
December 6—St. Nicholas



### READINGS OF THE WEEK



**Monday**—Isaiah 4:2-6; Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 122: Gospel, Matthew 8:5-11  
**Tuesday**—Isaiah 11:1-10; Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 72: Gospel, Luke 10:21-24  
**Wednesday**—Isaiah 25:6-10; Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 23: Gospel, Matthew 15:29-37  
**Thursday**—Isaiah 26:1-6; Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 118: Gospel, Matthew 7:21, 24-27  
**Friday**—Isaiah 29:17-24; Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 27: Gospel, Matthew 9:27-31  
**Saturday**—Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 147: Gospel, Matthew 9:35-10:1, 6-8  
**Sunday**—First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10; Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 72: Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9 ; Gospel, Matthew 3:1-12



Immaculate Heart/  
St. Michael's Church

**Friday, Dec. 5**  
8:30 am. - 5:00 pm.

## *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*



2153 Parkwood Ave.



### IMMACULATE HEART CWL

Members your dues are being collected now for the 2026 year. They are \$35.00. You can put them in an envelope with your name on it and give the dues to Mary, put them into the Collection basket or drop them off to the office.



### IMMACULATE HEART CWL

Members of the Immaculate Heart CWL—this is a reminder that on **Sun. Nov. 30** we be having our Christmas Potluck Lunch at **1:30 pm.** in the hall at St. Michael's/Immaculate Heart.



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND



## **OLPH CWL** PASTA DINNER & PADDLE AUCTION



**FRIDAY DEC. 5**

**At 6.00 pm. OLPH Church hall**  
**Adults - \$15.00**

**Child - 5- 11 yrs. - \$7.00**

**Tickets on sale Nov. 29/30**

**Email Christine to reserve your tickets  
after Nov. 30. No tickets sold at the door**

To etransfer your **GIVING TUESDAY DONATIONS** to our parishes use the following email addresses—  
to Immaculate Heart send to [schwindsor@dol.ca](mailto:schwindsor@dol.ca)  
To etransfer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help send to [olph@dol.ca](mailto:olph@dol.ca)



## **Together We Give, Together We Share, Give Catholic**

**December 2, 2025**

**GIVING  
TUESDAY**

Join us this **Giving Tuesday** to support the ministries and parishes that shape our faith and serve our communities. Together, we can make a lasting impact.  
**Give Catholic** on December 2, 2025!



**PARISH COMMITTEES & GROUPS at**

**IMMACULATE HEART**

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

Anna St. Antoine; President

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Pat Rondot; President

**SACRISTAN**

Vicky Masotti

**HOMEBOUND**

Paulette DesRosiers

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

Pat & Michelle Rondot

**DECORATOR**

Maricar Nicolas

**PARISH COMMITTEES & GROUPS at OLPH**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

Pat Power, Grand Knight

Steven Pellarin, Deputy Grand Knight

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:**

Janis McIsaac; President

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:**

Phil Anderson; President

**PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY**

Dory Jimenez

**SOCIAL JUSTICE**



Welcome! We are glad you joined us! Registration forms are available online— on our website or in the narthex or back of the Church. If you need to update your information on record, please email or call the office .



**\*\*Mass Intentions at OLPH can be made with Christine by emailing her, or leaving an envelope in the offertory basket. Mass Intentions for Immaculate Heart or St. Michael's can be made by leaving an envelope in the offertory basket or calling Shirl at 519-258-0910 or by emailing her.**

**.Mass Intentions are \$10.00 each.**

**\*\* Please note that if you are asking for a certain date please send in your request at least three weeks in advance. Thank you.**

**Pastoral Family of Parishes Council**

Father Glen Ball \* Father Stanislaw Izdebski Holy Trinity \* Father Miro St. Francis of Assisi \* Sister Elzbieta Mruczek Holy Trinity \* Christine Toffolon Our Lady of Perpetual Help \* Chris Sak (Chair) Our Lady of Perpetual Help \* Tony Blak Holy Trinity \* Angie Mora St. Michael \* Tina Papac St. Francis of Assisi \* Steve Pellarin Our Lady of Perpetual Help \* Michelle Rondot Immaculate Heart \* Victor Wolanski Holy Trinity \* Nancy Charron (recording secretary) Our Lady of Perpetual Help

AA meetings are held every Tuesday at 10:00 am. in the small hall at Immaculate Heart Church.

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Rose City Central Catholic Family of Parishes**



All families from  
Immaculate Heart & OLPH  
are invited

**TO OUR  
Nativity Party**

RSVP on our website if your family will be  
joining us for this FREE event  
**DEC. 14 | 2:00 PM**  
at Our Lady of Perpetual  
Help Church - in the hall



Your family must be registered  
to attend [olph.dionet.org](http://olph.dionet.org)



**Immaculate Heart/St. Michael's**

**DEC. 24 - 5:00 PM. MASS**  
**DEC. 25 - 12:00 AM. (MIDNIGHT MASS)**  
**9:00 AM. (BILINGUAL MASS - GERMAN & ENGLISH)**  
**11:00 AM.**


**Rose City Central  
Catholic Family  
of Parishes**

**First Reconciliation  
& First Communion**

**Register now for the preparation  
classes for Immaculate Heart & OLPH  
Church. Go to our website  
[olph.dionet.org](http://olph.dionet.org) .**

**Registration closes  
Dec. 14 2025.**

**Questions or concerns  
email Christine at  
[ctoffolonedol.ca](mailto:ctoffolonedol.ca)**



**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH**

**Dec. 24 - 5:00 pm. & 7:00 pm.**  
**Dec. 25 - 10:30 am.**