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## What is the Archbishop thinking this week?

Find out by following his blog, [The Reason for Our Hope](#).

Or follow him on Twitter [@archbsmith](#).

## Human Resources

### Pastoral Associate

St. John the Evangelist Parish in Edmonton is looking for a **Pastoral Associate** to support the pastor in the serving the overall pastoral needs of the parish.

Read the full posting at [www.caedm.ca/careers](http://www.caedm.ca/careers)

### Our Lady of Victory Camp Seasonal Employment

Our Lady of Victory Camp is looking for an **Assistant Cook** and **Maintenance Assistant/Groundskeeper**.

Read the full postings at [www.caedm.ca/careers](http://www.caedm.ca/careers)

## Mark your Calendar

### Anthony Jordan Lectures

St. Joseph Seminary  
March 4-5

### Faith, Fitness Fun Run/Walk

Saturday  
May 28  
Newman Theological College

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Hello again, Friend in Christ

Today our priests across the Archdiocese devoted themselves to celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation during our annual Day of Confessions. For many, this mission of mercy has entailed long hours with few breaks. Let's keep them in our prayers!

God bless,

Lorraine

## Historic Moment



On February 12, for the first time in history, a Roman Catholic pope met face to face with the leader of the Russian Orthodox Church. Pope Francis and Patriarch



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Kirill concluded their meeting in Cuba by signing a joint declaration that covers persecution, religious freedom, poverty, the family, and much more.

At the Pastoral and Administration Offices, Bishop Gregory Bittman and Ecumenical Officer Julien Hammond were honoured to host Father Sergey Kipriyanovich, Rector of St. Barbara Russian Orthodox Cathedral (centre), and Father Danylo Kuc of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy (right) to watch live coverage of the historic meeting. May God bless us, everyone.

[Read the full text of the joint declaration »](#)

## Office of the Archbishop

### Speaking out against Assisted Suicide

Alberta's Catholic Bishops marked World Day of the Sick on February 11 with a statement of grave concern about the proposed legalization of assisted suicide and euthanasia. The statement warns that such a change could place disabled and mentally ill people at particular risk, defends the rights of healthcare professionals not to participate, and calls for extensive consultation before the province proceeds to allow the practice in its healthcare facilities. The concerns were also conveyed in a letter to the Alberta Premier and Minister of Health.

The debate over doctor-assisted death began in February of 2015, when the Supreme Court of Canada struck down Canada's existing laws prohibiting assisted suicide. New federal legislation is expected this year, and provinces are already developing regulatory guidelines.

"The decision of the Supreme Court of Canada makes legally permissible in some circumstances what is morally wrong in every circumstance: the taking of innocent human life. This is unacceptable in a truly just and ethical society," the bishops wrote.



At a news conference, Archbishop Smith told journalists that the court decision "represents a societal revolution, because it takes the step of no longer walking with those who suffer and seeking to alleviate the suffering. It moves from that to a decision to eliminate the one who suffers."

He was joined at the news conference by two doctors, a disability rights activist, and an advocate for mentally ill people, all of whom spoke about the dangers of legalizing assisted suicide.

[Click here for the full text of the Bishops' statement](#)

[Click to view Edmonton Journal video and story](#)

[Click here for Archbishop's blog post about the courageous witness of news conference guests](#)

## Catechesis

### Weekly Discipleship Reflections



**February 21 - Second Sunday of Lent**  
**The Road to Discipleship: Mountaintop Metamorphoses**

A common feature of Israel's landscape, mountains are significant in Scripture. Spiritually symbolic, mountains brought people "closer to God" who was thought to dwell in the heavens. Very key events in Jesus' life and ministry took place on mountains: his temptation in the desert, his Sermon on the Mount, his prayer on the Mount of Olives before his arrest and crucifixion, his death on Mount Calvary, and his ascension to his Father. When Peter, John, and James saw a transfigured, glorified Jesus with Moses (the Law) and Elijah (the Prophets), their lives were transformed, although it took time. From the cloud, the voice told them again to listen to Jesus. How will seeing and hearing Jesus transform you this Lent?

These reflections on the Sunday readings, through the lens of discipleship, are prepared by the Office of Catechesis. You are welcome to share freely. They are also posted at [www.caedm.ca/reflections](http://www.caedm.ca/reflections).

[More Discipleship reflections »](#)

## Development Office



### Together We Serve

Pope Francis has proclaimed this year to be an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. It is to be a “year steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God!” (cf. *Misericordiae Vultus* 5) *Together We Serve* offers us a concrete way to live out the Year of Mercy.

We welcome a new partner to our appeal – our northern twin diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith. Let us, together as one family in Christ, become effective signs of the Father’s mercy in our lives as we serve our brothers and sisters of the North. For more information about Together We Serve, please visit [www.caedm.ca/WeServe](http://www.caedm.ca/WeServe).

## Fun Run 2016

It's not too early to start dreaming about a spring run along the river valley! The 11th Annual Faith, Fitness & Fun Run/Walk takes place **Saturday, May 28**, starting on the grounds of St. Joseph Seminary and Newman Theological College, at 10012 - 84 Street, Edmonton. To register, please visit [www.events.runningroom.com](http://www.events.runningroom.com). Registration fee includes T-shirt, hospitality, prizes & fun, and there's a discount for registering early. For more information, email [FunRun@caedm.ca](mailto:FunRun@caedm.ca) or call Joan at 780-469-1010 ext. 2136.



## Divine Worship

### Learn About the Mass

Elements of the Catholic Mass is a video series designed to help the faithful better appreciate the beauty of the Mass. Featuring experts from the Liturgical Institute in Mundelein, Illinois, the program consists of beautifully produced weekly short videos of 2-5 minutes. These free videos will be available online and on demand, with a new episode posted each Sunday. Because they will be released with a discussion guide with references, they are ideal for personal faith formation or group discussion. We encourage you to take a look!

#### Season 1 - Episode 5 Processions

A procession is an assembly on the move. It symbolizes, in every instance, our pilgrimage through this world to our true homeland; we are citizens of heaven. There is a difference between “gathering” and “assembly.” A gathering can be any group. An assembly, on the other hand, is a group called together, formed into a body, united in their purpose and in their destination.

[Download the Study Guide](#)



To view more episodes or to subscribe to the series via email, visit <http://www.elementsofthecatholicmass.com>.

## Reflections for the Year of Mercy

The Office of Divine Worship is pleased to share these reflections from the book *Week by Week through the Year of Mercy* by Peter Scagnelli. They may be published by parishes in the Sunday bulletin or website, but not in any publication that is sold.

### February 21, 2016 Second Sunday of Lent



Many icons depicting Jesus' transfiguration bear the Greek title *Metamorphosis*, a technical term also for nature's springtime transformation. Fittingly, this Jubilee Year of Mercy coincides with the Lectionary's Year of Luke, for only Luke specifies Moses and Elijah speaking about Jesus' "exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem" (Luke 9:31). Israel's exodus liberated from slavery; Jesus' exodus liberates from sin's living death of selfishness. Pope Francis suggests that Lent's prayer, fasting, and works of charity can transfigure the world, if Christians translate Isaiah's challenge into our daily lived experience of Jesus' life-giving exodus by releasing those bound unjustly, setting free the oppressed, sharing your bread with the hungry, bringing the afflicted and homeless into your house, clothing the naked, not turning your back on your own. "If you remove from your midst oppression, and

malicious speech . . . then light shall rise for you in the darkness . . . you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring whose water never fails" (Isaiah 58:9, 10, 11).

[Click for more reflections on Mercy »](#)

## Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

### World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement which brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer each year. In Canada it is coordinated by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada. The women of Cuba have written this year's service and the theme is "Receive Children, Receive Me". Everyone is welcome to join either of the following parishes for this year's World Day of Prayer ecumenical service on **Friday, March 4:**

- **St. Thomas More Catholic Parish**, 210 Haddow Close, Edmonton, at 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Jan at 780-434-1576.
- **St. Albert Catholic Parish**, 7 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, at 7 p.m. For more information, call 780-459-6691 or visit [www.stalbertparish.com](http://www.stalbertparish.com).

### A Taste of Taizé Lenten Retreat

Modelled on a day with brothers from Taizé, France, this will be an ecumenical day of prayer and reflection to enhance your Lenten experience, on **Saturday, February 27, 9**

a.m.-4 p.m., at Providence Renewal Centre. Theresa Robinson is a mother of four and Campus Minister at St. Joseph's College at the University of Alberta. Theresa received her Master of Divinity from Newman Theological College and has a great love of Taizé. Maureen Crerar is on the Interim Ministry Team for the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton, serving as a priest at St. Timothy's Anglican Church. She is a certified spiritual director and experienced leader of spiritual retreats, interested in pilgrimage and the spiritual journey. She visited Taizé with a group of young adults. Cost \$35 (includes buffet lunch). To register, call Kathy Budgell at 780-701-1854, or visit [www.providencerenewal.ca](http://www.providencerenewal.ca). For more information about Taizé, see [www.taize.fr](http://www.taize.fr).

## Life and Family

### Couples for Christ

**CFC Kids for Christ (KFC)** provides a Christian environment for children (4-12 years old). Built on four pillars, fun, friendship, faith and freedom KFC is exciting, educational and supportive. For more information please visit <http://cfckidsforchrist.com>.

**CFC Youth for Christ (YFC)** provides a Christian environment for teenagers and young adults (13-21 years old). The program gives young people a sense of belonging, motivation and mentorship as Christian witnesses. It gives teenagers and young adults the opportunity to see their world through the lens of faith; an opportunity to learn, live and celebrate the Church's Social Teachings from the environment to the plight of the poor. For more information please visit <http://cfcyouthforchrist.net>.

**CFC Singles for Christ (SFC)** provides a Christian environment for single men and women as they discern a vocation to marriage, priestly or religious life, or life as a single person. SFC involves many activities to help single people serve Jesus Christ, to discover themselves and their vocation in the service of others, and learn to live the teachings of the Church as young adults. More information can be found at <http://sfcglobal.org>.

## Planning Ahead

### A Catholic Perspective on Funerals, Burials, and Estate Planning

Gain peace of mind for yourself and your loved ones. Please join a parish pastor along with Deacon Paul Croteau, Edmonton Catholic Cemeteries Director, and Carla Smiley, archdiocesan Planned Giving Coordinator, for an evening that will engage and inform you on these important topics.

#### Upcoming Seminars

##### Wednesday February 24

Time: 7-9 p.m.

Location: St. Matthew Parish, 13131 - 86 Street, Edmonton

To register, contact the parish office at 780-475-2888

##### Wednesday April 27

Time: 7-9 p.m.

Location: St. Charles Parish, 17511 - 112 Street, Edmonton

To register, contact the parish office at 780-456-5399

These seminars are jointly sponsored by the Office of Development and Edmonton Catholic Cemeteries. All are welcome.

## Social Justice

### Care for our Common Home

Save the date -- Edmonton Social Justice Institute Invites you to join us for Care for our Common Home, featuring keynote speaker Jennifer Henry, Executive Director of KAIROS. Sessions run **Friday April 8**, 7-9 p.m., and **Saturday April 9**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.,

at The King's University, 9125 - 50 Street, Edmonton.  
For more information please visit [sjedmonton.wordpress.com](http://sjedmonton.wordpress.com).

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## Newman Theological College

### Anthony Jordan Lectures

Newman Theological College is pleased to present the 2016 Anthony Jordan Lecture Series, co-sponsored by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, on **Friday-Saturday, March 4-5**. This year's presenter is Dr. Mary Healy, associate professor of Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, on the theme "Turning the World Upside-Down and the Church Inside Out: Scripture and the New Evangelization."

All are welcome to any or all sessions. Lectures take place at St. Joseph Seminary, 9828 - 84 Street:

#### Friday, March 4

The Mission, 7 p.m.

#### Saturday, March 5:

The Message, 10 a.m.

Mass, 11:30 a.m.

The Means, 2 p.m.

Cost: free will offering

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### Vocatus



Vocatus is an initiative of the New Evangelization designed specifically to engage and promote the lay apostolate in the marketplace. Join Father Stefano Penna for reflection and prayer at our monthly gatherings for business and professional leaders!

Choose between Tuesday's breakfast or lunch meetings once a month at Newman Theological College: Lunch - 12 noon (February 9, March 8, April 12, May 10) or Breakfast - 7 a.m. (February 16, March 15, April 19, May 17). For more information please visit [www.newman.edu/vocatus](http://www.newman.edu/vocatus) or contact Anna Jaremko at [ajaremko@caedm.ca](mailto:ajaremko@caedm.ca) or 780-469-1010.

### Lenten Events

#### Penitential Services

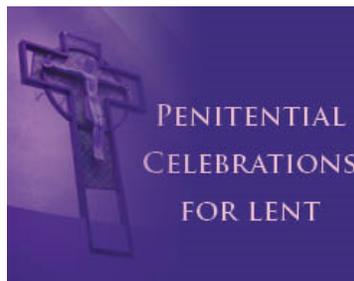
Dates and times of penitential services in the Archdiocese are now posted on the website at

<http://caedm.ca/ParishesMassTimes/LentPenitentialCelebrations2016>.

#### “Agents of Mercy”

Our Lenten Mission at Holy Family Parish in St. Albert runs **March 13-16** at 7 p.m. each night, closing with a Penitential Service on March 16. Father Kris Schmidt, assistant pastor at St. Joseph's Basilica, will be speaking on being “Agents of Mercy.” Why

Mercy? What is Mercy? And How do we live with Mercy daily? Father Kris was a parishioner at Holy Family before his ordination, and we are excited to welcome him back to lead us in this mission. Please join us in this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy in learning how we can be an “Agent of Mercy” in daily life. Everyone is welcome, families and children included.



#### Celebrating the Mercy of God

Our Lenten Mission at Assumption-Resurrection Parishes will be led by Most Rev. Sylvain Lavoie, OMI, Archbishop Emeritus of Keewatin-Le Pas. Join us as he leads us on a journey through the Great Triduum, from **Sunday, March 6**, through **Tuesday, March 8**. Schedule:

Sunday, 7 p.m., Session at Assumption Church  
 Monday, 9 a.m., Mass at Resurrection Church 7 p.m., Session at Assumption Church  
 Tuesday, 9 a.m., Mass at Assumption Church 7 p.m., Session at Assumption Church followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation

All are welcome. Refreshments and fellowship after each session. For more information, contact parish office at 780-468-4071 or [arparish@caedm.ca](mailto:arparish@caedm.ca)

## Lenten Mission with Father Michael Coutts SJ

St. John the Evangelist Parish invites you to join us for a Lenten Mission as part of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. Father Michael Coutts is a Jesuit priest serving in the Archdiocese of Toronto at the Jesuit Renewal Retreat Centre in Pickering, and one of the priests who celebrates Daily Mass on Salt and Light Television and Vision TV. A gifted preacher, he is well known to people across Canada. Father Coutts will preach at the weekend masses on **Saturday, March 5**, at 7 p.m. and **Sunday, March 6**, at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon. He will preach the Mission, dedicated to the Mercy of God, on **Sunday, March 6**, at 7 p.m. and **Monday** at 7 p.m. St. John the Evangelist is located at 9830 – 148 Street, Edmonton. We welcome parishioners from neighbouring parishes to join us.

## St. Charles Lenten Retreat

St. Charles Parish invites you to join us for our Lenten retreat, "Love Outpoured: Seeing through the Cross to God's Heart," on the **February 27/28 weekend, February 29 & March 1 & 2**. Our facilitator is Sandra Prather.

## Listening to your Lenten Landscape

This retreat is an opportunity for single, young adults to take a day, away from their busy lives for reflection, retreat and renewal, which are important Lenten themes. There will be input, time for personal prayer and reflection, and group sharing as participants are invited to discover their own "inner landscape." **Saturday, February 20**, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at Providence Centre, 3005 - 119 Street, Edmonton. Limited space only, 20 maximum. Donations accepted. RSVP by February 16 to Sister Mae Valdez SP at [vocdir@sistersofprovidence.ca](mailto:vocdir@sistersofprovidence.ca) or call Sister Isabel Cid SP, 780-701-1801.

## Parish & Community News



On Wednesday, staff at the Pastoral and Administration Offices enjoyed a special treat. Students from Monsignor Fee Otterson School added their angelic voices to our Mass with Bishop Bittman, and also brought cookies for the enjoyment of all. Thank you from all of us!

## Black Nazarene in Wetaskiwin

Until the end of March, Sacred Heart Church in Wetaskiwin will be hosting a replica of the Black Nazarene, a life-sized iconic statue of Jesus Christ enshrined in the Quiapo Church in Manila, Philippines. The image, which has been in the Philippines for a little

over 400 years, depicts Jesus bearing the Cross en route to His Crucifixion. The statue is renowned in the Philippines and considered miraculous by many Filipino Catholics. All are welcome to come and venerate this icon of Jesus. Two nine-day day novenas will be incorporated into daily masses at Sacred Heart Church, February 16-24 & March 8-16. On the Mondays there are no masses, but you are invited to come at 7 p.m. to pray the Novena, and stay for Father Nilo's Bible Study. Sacred Heart Church is located at 5113 - 49 Avenue, Wetaskiwin. For more information, please phone 780-352-2365.

## Wine, Cheese & Agape

Have you ever wondered how faith fits in to conversations around love, sex and relationships? On **Thursday, February 25**, from 7 to 9 p.m., join other young adults at the Newman Centre at St. Joseph's College to learn and talk about the many views and teachings that stem from different denominations and faiths on how to be in right relationship with each other. We will all be involved in some kind of relationship with a person who has a different background than us at some point, so join us for an opportunity to broaden your understanding! Presented by the Chaplaincy at St. Joseph's College and students from The King's University. RSVP to [cakrusze@ualberta.ca](mailto:cakrusze@ualberta.ca).

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