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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

Read all these postings at www.caedm.ca/careers

The Communications Office is looking for an energetic & creative person to provide **Advertising & Graphic Design** services to the WCR.

St. John the Evangelist Parish in Edmonton is looking for a **Pastoral Associate**.

St. Joseph Basilica Parish has an excellent opportunity for a full-time **Custodian**.

St. Joseph Basilica Parish is seeking a part-time **Administrative Assistant**.

Our Lady of Victory Camp is looking for an **Assistant Cook** and

Maintenance Assistant/Groundskeeper.

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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Good morning, Friend in Christ

Sending this week's news a little early because we will be at our annual archdiocesan staff retreat all day today (Wednesday). If you have any prayers to spare, think of us!

Please note, Reception at the Pastoral & Administration Offices will be staffed to accept telephone calls, but most staff will not be able to follow up on any requests until Thursday.

God bless,

Lorraine Turchansky

Every Life Matters



#ELM

In the midst of the political debate around assisted suicide and euthanasia, we must never forget the beauty of the Christian view of life and death. **Every Life Matters (ELM)** is a campaign sponsored by the Archdiocese of Edmonton to promote the true dignity of life and death. It focuses particularly on prevention of any form of suicide. It offers a positive alternative to the pro-suicide messages we hear through the media and even from our highest court.

Every Life Matters was launched by Archbishop Richard Smith in support of the Canadian Bishops' [Life-Giving Love](#) national campaign for palliative and home care and against euthanasia and assisted suicide. It follows a series of listening sessions in 2015, where the Archbishop heard questions and concerns on these issues from hundreds of people. For more information

on Every Life Matters, and to see some of these questions and answers, visit our Every Life Matters webpage <http://caedm.ca/ELM>.

Tell Your Story

Have you had an experience of suffering, or watching someone you love suffer? How have you managed to maintain hope instead of despair? We'd love to share your story, either written or on video, to help inspire others. Join the online conversation at <http://www.commitlife.com>.

ELM Easter Series

In the 2016 Easter season, Archbishop Smith will be hosting a series of special presentations on the subject of physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia. Sessions will be held at five different parishes across the Archdiocese, each dealing with a different aspect of this important topic. They will include prayer, personal witness, teaching from the Archbishop, and time for questions and answers. For dates, times and places, visit our [ELM-Easter Series page](#).

Corpus Christi dedication - Invitation to Clergy

Dear Reverend Presbyters and Deacons:

On behalf of Fr Joseph Vadassery, pastor of Corpus Christi Parish, I am happy to announce that the Dedication of the Altar and the Church of Corpus Christi will be held on the Solemnity of St Joseph, Saturday, March 19, at 10 a.m., with fellowship and hospitality following.

You are most welcome and heartily encouraged to concelebrate the liturgy with us. To ensure sufficient seating space for the clergy, we ask that you please submit your RSVP to Mrs Ingrid van Dolder-Frigon at CorpusChristi.Edm@caedm.ca no later than **Friday, March 11**.

Concelebrating clergy, please bring your white stoles.

Fraternally in Christ,
Fr Matthew Hysell
Parochial Vicar, Corpus Christi Parish

Catechesis

Discipleship Reflections

March 13 - Fifth Sunday of Lent
The Road to Discipleship: Unlock another's prison

God is always more interested in our futures than in our pasts. God does not want people in permanent exile from him. God doesn't want us stuck in our sinfulness; instead God wants to free us so we can help God bring about a kingdom of peace and justice. Yet many 'religious' people want to trap others in the prisons of their past and to pound people with the penalties for their sins. As Jesus clearly shows that is not how God works, however. "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Are we merciful with those who we have judged unworthy, or are we lined up with stones in hand?

Development Office



Together We Serve

A Bulletin Announcement for this week:

Thank you for your generous support of Together We Serve to date. Our parish's target for 2016 is \$_____. This target represents our parish's average giving to special collections over the past 7 years. To date our parish has collected _____% of its target. Watch the Together We

Serve progress poster to see where we are in our journey to reach our parish target. Let us, together as one family in Christ, bring the mercy of God, the very heart of the Gospel, to all we support through *Together We Serve*.

For more information, please visit www.caedm.ca/WeServe.

Divine Worship

Copyright questions?

Are you unsure about the rules regarding photocopying music to be used in liturgies? Is there a difference between making printed copies and projecting the music on a screen? Do we have to credit the composer? You may find this recorded webinar from Licensingonline.org helpful. It's easy to understand, and the questions at the end are typical of those we receive from parish staff. View the webinar on Navigating the World of Copyright at <https://www.licensingonline.org/en-us/page/329>. (43 minutes)

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 8 The Purpose of the Mass

In everything we do in life, it is essential to understand the goal or purpose, if we want to participate in a fruitful manner. In the Catholic Mass, the goal of our worship is quite clearly directed at the praise of God and the sanctification of the world. In fact, the Church puts these very words on the lips of her ministers and faithful at every celebration of the Eucharist.

[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.

March 13, 2016 Fifth Sunday of Lent

How fitting that the first Sunday Angelus of Pope Francis, who has made mercy his papacy's theme, took place the last time today's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the adulterous woman was proclaimed. "Jesus' attitude is striking," Francis declared.



“We do not hear words of scorn or condemnation, only words of love, of mercy, an invitation to conversion: ‘Neither do I condemn you’ ” (John 8:11). Francis continued: “God’s face is the face of a merciful father who is always patient. Have you thought about God’s patience, the patience [God] has with each one of us? That is [God’s] mercy. [God] always has patience, patience with us . . . understands us . . . waits for us . . . does not tire of forgiving us” if we return ‘with a contrite heart’ (Pope Francis, Angelus address, March 17, 2013). Parishes preparing catechumens may proclaim Jesus’ raising of Lazarus. Referring to Lazarus, and all those “raised” from the “death” of sin, Jesus defines the community’s “mission of mercy”— “Untie him and let him go” (John 11:44).

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

Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

Good Friday Activities

Many parishes organize ecumenical activities during Holy Week and especially on Good Friday. The Office of Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations (CAEDM Unity) supports two such activities in particular:

Edmonton Outdoor Way of the Cross: 10 a.m.-12 noon

The theme this year is “Transformation – of Ourselves and Our World!” based on Luke 4.18-19.

The walk begins this year at the Marian Centre, 10528 – 98 Street, Edmonton. Everyone is welcome. Please dress for the weather. Participants are asked to bring a donation of non-perishable food for the Food Bank.

Taizé Prayer Around the Cross: 7-9 p.m.

This service takes place in the main chapel at the Providence Renewal Centre in Edmonton. Everyone is welcome.

Note: If you are hosting an ecumenical activity in your parish during Holy Week, please let Julien know and we will promote it on the CAEDM Unity webpage and on Facebook.

Facilities Office

Does your parish need some furniture? The Archdiocese has surplus desks and steno or task chairs (armless) that we would like to offer to parishes free of charge, on a first-come, first-served basis. See the photos below. If you're interested, please contact Facilities Manager Rob Croteau at rcroteau@caedm.ca or 780-392-2453.



We also have **for sale** an electric wheelchair in good operating condition. If you know of someone in the parish who might be able to use it, contact Rob for details.

Life and Family

Marriage Encounter

Jesus has such compassion on the woman in the Gospel reading today as he forgives her and gives her mercy and grace instead of judgment and condemnation. We are in turn called to extend that same love and compassion, especially in our marriage relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is **April 22-24**. To register, please contact Gavin and Nicole at 780-464-2874 or gvankup@telus.net or visit our website at www.wwme.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 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.

Safe Environments & Abuse Prevention

When it comes to creating safer environments in our parishes and institutions, archdiocesan policies ensure that we all know the rules and expectations.

- Policies define the range of acceptable behaviours and actions in ministry -- for clergy, staff, and volunteers.
- Offenders often violate policies to gain access to minors and vulnerable adults.
- It is important for all archdiocesan staff to know and understand policies.

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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 sji.edmonton.wordpress.com.

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Youth & Young Adult Ministry - an Invitation

Dear Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinators,

Greetings. As a leader of youth and/or young adult ministry, you are invited to a day of information sharing and discussion with youth and young adult ministry coordinators at the Pastoral and Administration Offices, 8421 -101 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T6A 0L1.

This will give you an opportunity to know each other and connect with the Office of

Youth Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Edmonton. The gathering is planned to take place on **Saturday, March 12**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Details of the agenda will be forwarded to you shortly.

Please confirm your attendance as soon as possible by emailing youth@caedm.ca or by contacting Lisa MacQuarrie by phone (a message is fine) at 780-306-7521 to enable us plan for the event.

If you are not able to attend but would like to be added to the contact list for future gatherings and to receive important information from the Coordinator of Youth Evangelization, please call or email your contact information to lisa.macquarrie@caedm.ca. Also, if you know someone who should be receiving this information but currently is not, please encourage them to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you!

God bless,

Lisa MacQuarrie

World Youth Day

WYD Days in the Diocese Wroclaw, July 20 - 25



Calling all WYD Pilgrims! We invite you to participate in Days in the Diocese, an opportunity to explore the Church in Poland and to strengthen the faith we will be sharing together in Krakow.

For \$100 per Pilgrim, you will receive simple accommodations, meals and travel to Krakow. Online registration is now open for pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Edmonton; please visit

<http://caedm.ca/calendar/ctl/viewdetail/mid/727/itemid/929/d/20160330.aspx>

Any questions can be directed to Symon Bamburak at wyd2016@caedm.ca.

Lenten Events

Good Friday Outdoor Way of the Cross - Leduc

St. Michael Parish in Leduc invites you to join us for our 3rd annual public Way of the Cross on **Good Friday, March 25**. The walk starts at 5:30 p.m. in front of the Leduc Civic Center, and we walk through the streets with a large cross, stopping at various social service agencies located throughout the community. All are welcome! For more information, phone or text David Rantucci at 780 599 2665 or email davidr@thermo-design.com.

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National Catholic Mission 2016

This year the National Catholic Mission will feature Father Thomas Rosica CSB, CEO of Salt+Light Catholic Media Foundation. Our theme this year will be "Merciful Like the Father." The Mission will be broadcast over two nights across Canada during Holy Week, on two different TV channels. Watch the televised Mission on Vision TV, at 4 p.m. or 8 p.m. on **Monday and Tuesday, March 21 and 22**, or on Salt+Light TV at 6 p.m. or 10 p.m. on **Tuesday and Wednesday, March 22 and 23**.

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"Pabasa and Salubong" - Filipino Lenten & Easter Traditions

The Knights of Columbus Nazareno Council invites you to join us in the chanting of the Passion of Christ, in the Filipino tradition, on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. The *Pabasa*, a verse narrative about the life and suffering of Jesus, begins at 4:30 p.m. on **Thursday, March 24**, at Lynnwood Community Hall 15525 - 84 Ave. Edmonton, and ends at 12 noon on Good Friday. The Statue of Jesus the Black Nazarene will be present.

On **Easter Sunday, March 27**, join us for the *Salubong*, a ritual that re-enacts the Risen Christ's meeting with His mother, at 2:30 p.m. at Corpus Christi Church, 2707 34 St, Edmonton

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“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.

Good Friday at the Winspear

An Edmonton tradition for nearly two decades, Pro Coro Canada's “Good Friday at the Winspear” focuses on the musical drama conceived by the master, Johann Sebastian Bach. The beloved St. John Passion celebrates the Easter season with international tenor, Lawrence Williford, as the Evangelist. Also on the program is Gladsome Light by Canadian Roman Hurko. **Friday, March 25**, at 7:30 p.m. For tickets, visit <http://www.winspearcentre.com>.

Parish & Community News

St. Joseph's Dinner and Dance Gala

You are invited to join us in celebrating the feast day of our patron saint at a gala dinner and dance on **Saturday, March 19**, at St. Joseph Basilica, O'Leary Hall. Cocktails 5 p.m., followed by Prime Rib Dinner, Live Big Band Dance, and Silent Auction throughout the evening. Tickets: \$50, available by contacting the St. Joseph Basilica Parish Office at 780-488-7295. Net proceeds go toward the Basilica World Youth Day Pilgrims.

Divine Mercy Celebration

You are invited to join us for a Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration on **April 3**, at 3-4 p.m. at Holy Family Parish, 75 Poirier Street, St. Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Praise and Worship. Divine Mercy Novena starts Good Friday, March 25. Novena prayers available in the church and also at www.thedivinemercy.org.

Edmonton Prayer Breakfast

The Edmonton Prayer Breakfast is a non-political event that allows participating churches, ministries and individuals the opportunity to show visible prayer support and appreciation for our mayor and other civic leaders. You are invited to join us on **Wednesday, April 27**, at 7:25 a.m. in the Shaw Conference Centre Hall D, to pray, hear inspiring speakers and enjoy a delicious breakfast. Tickets are \$50 each or \$450 for a table of 10. For more information, visit www.edmontonprayerbreakfast.ca or call 780-328-7882.

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