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Annunciation Parish is looking for a business administrator to start immediately.

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Spring Memorial Mass

Edmonton Catholic Cemeteries invites you to pray with us and remember your loved ones on **Saturday, April 25**, 9:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery, 4814 Meridian Street, Edmonton. Ph. 780-454-4453.

Faith, Fitness & Fun



Join us on

Saturday, May 23

At our new location on the grounds of St. Joseph Seminary & Newman Theological College!

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Happy Easter, %%firstname%%!

He is Risen! And I am pleased to share with you this week's news from the Archdiocese. We continue to receive comments on the new format. Some readers have noted that they'd prefer to see all the content at once. Of course, every format has its limitations, but one way to see all the content at a glance (except attachments such as posters) is to click on the Printable Version link that you see on the blue bar just below the top banner.

And a reminder - Quid Novum will be taking a two-week break before returning to your inbox on April 28.

God bless,

Lorraine Turchansky,
Editor

Office of the Archbishop - Holy Land Pilgrimage

In the Footsteps of Jesus



Have you always wanted to walk in the very places that Jesus did? Archbishop Smith is leading a 14-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land beginning on **November 21, 2015**. (He is pictured above delivering homily during a Mass at Capernaum during his 2013 pilgrimage.)

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has declared a Holy Year of Mercy. Extending from the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception this year (December 8) to the Feast of Christ the King in 2016 (November 20), this time of grace will direct the attention of the world to the very heart of the Gospel: mercy.

I invite you to join me and fellow pilgrims for a journey to the place rendered holy by the very presence of Jesus himself. It will be a wonderful way to grow in faith and to open our hearts to the new outpouring of grace that awaits us in the Year of Mercy.

†Richard W. Smith
Archbishop of Edmonton

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The Crises in Syria and Iraq

Church leaders from the [Canadian Council of Churches](#), including Archbishop Paul-André Durocher, President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, have signed a joint letter to Prime Minister Stephen Harper concerning Canada's military and humanitarian mission in Iraq and Syria. In it, they express their concerns about the humanitarian crises in both countries, "including the displacement and murder of historic Christian communities and the targeting of other religious minorities." The Church leaders state that military efforts alone will not bring peace to the region, but a broader international strategy for peace is required.

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Life-Giving Love

The Edmonton Archdiocese Committee on the Life-Giving Love Initiative presents "A Conversation: Understanding a Good Death in the Catholic Context."

Many of us are experiencing a crisis of understanding related to assisted suicide and euthanasia. We hear arguments about the need for self-determination at end of life to ensure a dignified death free of suffering, and stories of both extreme life-prolonging measures and of alternative methods of hastening death. How do we respond to arguments that compassion lies in legislation allowing for a hastened death? Join us for this important conversation on **Sunday, April 12**, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 13 Brower Drive, Sherwood Park. The session, hosted by Archbishop Smith, will include personal testimony as well as expert perspectives.

Catechesis - Weekly Discipleship Reflections

Sunday, April 12 – Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday
The Road to Discipleship: From skeptic to saint

“Prove it to me!” We too stand in Thomas’ sandals. We yearn for God love and delight in us—right now—but we are skeptical due to the many broken promises from others that litter our paths. Jesus understands we need proof. He was frightened when he cried out, “My God, why have you forsaken me?” Still he gave himself up to death trusting in the relationship he already had with his Father. From our human perspective, trusting God carries risk: “Perhaps God has forgotten me since I am so unworthy.” Proof comes in our deep, intimate relationship with Jesus. We know him because he speaks with us directly. Only then can we follow him to the Cross.

[More Discipleship Reflections »](#)

Communications

Religion In Canada Isn't Dying. It May Be Rising From The Grave.

When his book *Unknown Gods* was published 22 years ago, University of Lethbridge sociologist and pollster Reginald Bibby painted a rather dreary picture of where Canada’s churches would be by about 2015. It was a linear decline, plain and simple. The writing was on the wall. When 2015 finally came around, Bibby decided to revisit his book and check on his predictions. He discovered that for many religious groups, he was quite off-target.

[To find out why, read the Macleans article »](#)

Anthony Jordan Lectures on Video

If you missed this year's Anthony Jordan Lecture series, you can still enjoy Dr. Massimo Faggioli's presentations on the legacy of the Second Vatican Council. All three lectures are now posted on the Newman Theological College website at <http://newman.edu/NewsEvents/AnthonyJordanLectureSeries>.

Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

Greetings to Jains

Archbishop Smith has written a letter of greeting to the Jain Society of Alberta, on the occasion of the feast of Mahavir Jayanti, celebrated on April 2. The letter was accompanied by a copy of the message issued by the [Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue for the Feast of Mahavir Jayanti](#), titled "Christians and Jains: Together to Promote Care for the Elderly." Archbishop Smith writes: "This year's message calls us to reflect upon our shared responsibility to care for elderly persons, especially the sick and lonely, and those who may be abandoned by their families and relatives. We are encouraged to cultivate together 'a sense of gratitude, affection and responsibility towards our parents, grandparents and other elderly people,' and to uphold together 'the dignity of every person and all that it entails.'"

[Read the full letter »](#)

Social Justice - Justice Tour 2015

Justice Tour 2015 is a series of faithful gatherings of concerned Christians in cities across Canada, coordinated by the Canadian Council of Churches and Citizens for Public Justice. Come to pray, engage and learn what faith communities are saying and doing about climate change and poverty. Find out how your voice can help! Two sessions are set for Edmonton on **Tuesday, April 14:**

2-4 p.m. - Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples, 10821 - 96 Street

7-9:30 p.m. - All Saints Anglican Cathedral, 10035 - 103 Street

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Reflections on Reconciliation

The Oblates of Mary Immaculate, with help from the University of St. Paul and a committee of First Nations people, have prepared a series of seven weekly Sunday reflections on scripture readings on hope and reconciliation. The Oblates invite all parishes, schools and communities to share these reflections, which have been written for Sundays starting April 12 to Pentecost.

[Download the reflections »](#)

Edmonton Catholic Cemeteries - Planning Ahead

A Catholic's Guide to Prearrangements, Funeral Rites and Burial Options



The Catholic
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We invite you to join us in a discussion addressing questions and misconceptions around preplanning for end of life, from a Catholic perspective. Seminars will include a panel of experts in issues around funerals, cemeteries & preplanning.

All are welcome to attend these valuable educational discussions.

[Upcoming sessions »](#)

Parish & Community News

Shroud of Turin

The Official Replica of the Shroud of Turin is returning to Saint Josaphat's Cathedral for Soleman Exposition from **April 19 to May 3**.

Sunday, April 19, 2-4 p.m. - Shroud presentation which includes the film, "The Silent Witness."

Sunday, April 26, 2-4 p.m. - Shroud presentation which includes the film, "Shroud."

Sunday, May 3, 2-4 p.m. - Shroud presentation which includes the film, "The Holy Face," a film on the Cloth of Manopello.

For more information, contact Saint Josaphat Cathedral at stjosaphat.ab.ca or 780-422-3181. Admission is by donation of a food item to the Food Bank. The Exposition is sponsored by the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton as part of its 25 Year Pastoral Plan in spiritual renewal.

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