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Human Resources

Custodian

Edmonton Catholic Cemeteries is looking for a custodian.

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Kitchen Coordinator

Camp Encounter is looking for a Kitchen Coordinator for the upcoming camping season.

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Mother's Day Services

Are you missing Mom this year? Edmonton Catholic Cemeteries invites you to join us at one of two special services on Mothers Day, **May 10**.

[Read the details »](#)

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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Hello, %%firstname%%!

We're back, and we have a lot of news for you this week. I hope you enjoy the gift of spring weather and the sprouting green as much as I do. We are a people of hope, and God never lets us down!

God bless,

Lorraine Turchansky,
Editor



[Development and Peace](#) is assisting earthquake victims in Nepal through its partners in Caritas International, and has issued an urgent appeal for donations. (*Photo dated April 27, courtesy of D&P*)

Office of the Archbishop

Help for Nepal earthquake victims

In light of the immense tragedy of the April 24th earthquake in Nepal, the [Canadian Bishops](#) and the [Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace](#) are cooperating in a joint campaign to raise funds for the victims. Archbishop Smith is encouraging all parishes, schools and communities in the Archdiocese to organize special collections for Nepal, as one way to reach out to our suffering brothers and sisters. He asks as well that we remember the victims in our prayer intentions at all masses this weekend.

The funds collected must be received by Development and Peace **before May 25**, in order to qualify for matching donations from the federal government. Donations made directly to Development and Peace should be marked "Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund."

For your information, Development and Peace has provided an outline on the situation in Nepal, how its fundraising is being organized, and how donations can be sent. Development and Peace is working in collaboration with the Caritas members in the region, including Caritas Nepal, Caritas India, and the Catholic Relief Services office in India.

[Detailed Outline in English](#)

[Detailed Outline in French](#)

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Letter to Ethiopian Orthodox

Archbishop Richard Smith has written a letter of sympathy and solidarity to the Head Priest of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church in Edmonton following the murders of 30 Ethiopian Christians in Libya.

"I want to assure you of my personal prayers and those of all the Catholic community of our Archdiocese, who join with me in expressing deep, deep sadness for the events that have taken place," the Archbishop wrote on April 21.

"No one should experience the kind of fear, intimidation and violence that your community experienced by this terrible act. The mind can scarcely grasp, and the heart cannot fathom, the utter destruction that has befallen the families of these new martyrs of our faith, killed for the sole reason of their belief in Jesus Christ."

[Read the full letter »](#)

Mass for Life | Praying with Armenians

On **Sunday, May 10**, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, Archbishop Smith will welcome to St. Joseph Basilica the Armenian Primate of Canada, Bishop Abgar Hovakimian, along with members of Edmonton's Armenian community. Armenian people around the world are commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Armenian genocide, and the Bishop has been invited to share a short reflection after Communion. Archbishop Smith has chosen this date also to celebrated a Mass for Life, as he will be unable to attend the March for Life on May 14. All are welcome to attend.

Catechesis - Weekly Discipleship Reflections

Sunday, May 3 – Fifth Sunday of Easter
The Road to Discipleship: The True Vine

“Abide in me as I abide in you.” Eight times the word “abide” appears in today’s Gospel. This small word means to tolerate, to endure, to act in accordance with, to remain faithful to and, in older usage, it means to dwell, continue, or remain. With the metaphor of the vine, to abide means to remain connected to Jesus—our source of life and nourishment. In a vineyard, the branches grafted on to the rootstock have qualities that the vine-grower wants above ground. You have been grafted onto Christ because you have gifts to use for God’s Kingdom. Are all your gifts being nourished by the vine, or have they withered and need to be pruned away?

[More Discipleship Reflections »](#)

Alberta March for Life

(corrected rally location)

Bring your friends and family - all are invited to join this year's Alberta March for Life on **Thursday, May 14**. Bishop Fred Henry of Calgary will preside at Mass at St. Joseph Basilica at 10 a.m. The rally begins at 11:45 a.m. at Churchill Square. The march proceeds to the Legislature grounds and returns to Churchill Square around 3:30 p.m. This event is supported by the Alberta Bishops, and coincides with similar marches across Canada that day.

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Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

Vigil for Peace this Thursday

Edmonton’s interfaith community will join in prayer and solidarity for peace in our communities and in the world. An Interfaith Vigil for Peace will be held on **Thursday, April 30** at Edmonton City Hall. Faith communities will gather at their place of worship and make their way to the City Hall Plaza. At 8 p.m. each faith community will be invited to offer prayers and declare their support for a joint statement for peace.

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Pastoral Care - Certificate Program for Volunteers

This comprehensive 10-hour program offers participants a better understanding of pastoral care given to hospital patients, continuing care and assisted living residents, community shut-ins and congregation members. Topics include the foundations of Pastoral Care and Sacramental Ministry, Types of Ministry Visits, Dealing with Grief, Caring for the Volunteer, and the program finishes with a certificate ceremony. The next session is being offered on **Friday evening and Saturday, June 26-27**, at Good Shepherd Parish, 18407-60 Avenue, Edmonton. Participation is limited to 25. Registration cost is \$75. A pastor’s reference letter and current PIC is required. Registration forms are available from your parish office. For more information, contact Natalie Rose 780-469-1010 ext. 2248 or nrose@caedm.ca.

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Newman Theological College - Online Faith Formation

Registration now is open for the next cycle of online faith formation courses offered through the [Benedict XVI Institute for New Evangelization at Newman Theological College](#). All are offered online, so you can study from the comfort of home and work around your personal schedule. Each course runs five weeks and costs just \$70. Take an individual course for interest, or work toward one of the 12 specialized Certificates in Catholic Studies. The following courses begin on **May 11**: Sacraments, Catechesis, Church History II, Practice of Youth Ministry, Practice of Pastoral Care, Vatican II, Johannine Literature.

This program is open to adults and youth of all backgrounds and education levels. Students may register completely online at www.newman.edu/CCS. Visit our website

for further details or contact Sandra Talarico at 780-392-2450 Ext. 5239 or toll free 1-844-392-2450.

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Edmonton Catholic Cemeteries - Planning Ahead



The Catholic
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of **Edmonton**
Catholic Cemeteries

A Catholic's Guide to Funeral Rites, Burial Options & Prearrangement

Have you ever wondered about preplanning funeral arrangements? Whether cremation or scattering of ashes is allowed? How much does a funeral cost? Deacon Paul Croteau, Director of Edmonton Catholic Cemeteries, invites you to join him for an evening that will inform you on these important topics. Also in attendance to answer your questions will be Aimee Anderson, Catholic Funeral Director. Join us at 7:30 p.m. (following Mass) on **Tuesday, May 5**, at St. Theresa Parish, 7508-29 Avenue, Edmonton. To register, please contact the parish office at 780-463-8646 ext. 2221.

Youth & Young Adults

Theology on Tap: Katniss or Christ?

How can Christian hope dialogue with dystopian novels such as Hunger Games or Divergent and other young adult works of fiction? Join us for the discussion with Father Stefano Penna at [Newman Theological College](#) on **Thursday, May 7**. Free beer and chicken wings!

One Rock - Will you be there?



The One Rock Festival of Faith is an annual festival for young adults and their families held in the Diocese of Calgary, and supported by the dioceses of Alberta and NWT. This is the 6th year of the festival, and it will be held on the Redwood Meadows Fair Grounds near Bragg Creek on **August 14-16**. Save the dates!

[For more information »](#)

Parish & Community News

Mother's Day Rose Sale

You are invited to buy a rose for Mom in support of the Edmonton Pregnancy Crisis Centre, a non-judgmental resource for those in crisis pregnancy situations. Roses will be on sale after all masses on the Mother's Day weekend, **May 9-10**, at 32 parishes in the Edmonton area. Please support this important ministry.

Marian Retreat - Come journey with us

Join us at St. Albert Parish on a six-session group Marian retreat. This is a wonderful opportunity during the Marian month of May to explore and deepen your devotion to the Lord through Mary, the mother of God

The retreat invites you to read the book *33 Days to Morning Glory* individually each week, to pray the meditations, and then to meet each week for discussion. We will meet Tuesday evenings from 6:45-8:30 p.m. beginning **May 12**. For more information, please contact mark.guevarra@caedm.ca or Elaine MacMillan remacmil@gmail.com or 780-719-3841 by Monday, May 4.

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Pentecost Vigil

Catholic Renewal Services invites you to join us at St. Joseph Basilica on **Saturday, May 23** for a Vigil of the Solemnity of Pentecost. The evening begins with a Festival of Praise and Witness Talk led by Janelle and Jason Reinhart, followed by Pentecost Vigil Mass with Archbishop Smith at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome; bring a friend! For more information, please contact Father Andrew Bogdanowicz at 780-434-6313 or CRS at 587-989-0483.

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3 km Corpus Christi Outdoor Procession

The Twin Parishes of St. Agnes and St. Anthony invite you to join a 3km Corpus Christi Outdoor Procession during the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus on **Sunday, June 7**. Procession starts at St. Agnes Church, 10826 – 62 Avenue (after the noon Mass), and proceeds to two stations en route to St. Anthony Church, 10661 – 82 Avenue. Social gathering sponsored by the Knights of Columbus follows. In preparation for this great Solemnity, there is also Eucharistic Adoration for 33 consecutive hours in St. Anthony Church on June 5-6. All are invited. For details please call 780-432-0611 or email stanthony.edm@caedm.ca.

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Shalom Festival

St. Theresa's Parish invites you to join us at Shalom Festival 2015, an all-day event on **Saturday, May 30**, that includes Mass, spirit-reviving talks and prayer sessions, and soul-stirring music. Featuring Father Jim Corrigan, Father George Kumbloomoottil, OP, and Robert Valiente. Registration fee is \$10 or free for children under 10, and includes lunch. For more information contact Shalom Media 780-851-4180.

[More Parish & Community News »](#)

Let Us Remember

Father Denis Hébert

Father Denis Hébert passed away peacefully on April 14 in Nicaragua. He was 84.

Born July 21, 1930, in Villeneuve, Alberta, Father Denis studied at St. Joseph Seminary and was ordained on March 22, 1958, for the Archdiocese of Edmonton. After more than 10 years in parish ministry throughout the Archdiocese, Father Denis responded to the call to serve as a missionary in Latin America, especially Managua in Nicaragua. His legacy of generous service to the poor of Nicaragua lives on through the Roots of Change Foundation, which has posted [a tribute to Father Denis on their website](#).

He was fondly remembered and prayer for by many Canadian friends at a memorial Mass on April 22, celebrated by Archbishop Smith at St.

Joseph Basilica.

To his family, to his numerous friends both in Canada and in Nicaragua, and to the many supporters of Roots of Change, we extend our sincere sympathy and assurance of prayers. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

We also remember

... in our prayers, our priests who have died during the month of May.

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