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Human Resources

God loves administrative assistants! We currently have an opening at Newman Theological College ...

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Housing Ambassador

The Capital Region Interfaith Housing Initiative is seeking to hire a full-time Housing Ambassador. The main role to facilitate and assist the Interfaith Community across Edmonton in hosting community conversations about permanent supportive and affordable housing for the homeless residents of our city.

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What is the Archbishop thinking this week?

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

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Hello Friend in Christ ,

Hope you enjoy today's news offerings,

Lorraine

Autumn Peace



Our Edmonton Catholic Cemeteries are particularly beautiful amid the changing colours of fall. Pictured is a tranquil spot at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery in southeast Edmonton. If you would like to visit in person, why not join us for a Fall Memorial Mass with Father Jim Corrigan, on **Saturday, November 7**, at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. OLP Cemetery is located at 4814 Meridian Street, Edmonton. For more information, call 780-454-4453 or visit <http://www.ecc.caedm.ca>.

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Day of Confessions

Mark your calendar!

Our annual Day of Confessions in Lent 2016 is set for

Wednesday, February 17.

Bishops urge action on Refugees

In a letter to Canada's national political leaders, Bishop Douglas Crosby of Hamilton, President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, asks them to collaborate in better assisting refugees. The President cites the resolution by the recent 2015 CCCB Plenary Assembly which "calls on the Government of Canada to expand, accelerate, and facilitate the private sponsorship of refugees during this time of urgent need." Bishop Crosby explains that "Our discussion made it clear that this resolution is intended not only to encourage the present government in its ongoing efforts, but also to urge that such measures be continued and expanded by the next government with the collaboration of all the parties represented in the House of Commons."

[Read more »](#)

Communications

Following the Synod of Bishops

Looking to find out what's going on at the Synod of Bishops now underway at the Vatican? Here are some links to pages on the Vatican website and on the Salt and Light Television website, courtesy of Father Thomas Rosica CSB, English language media attaché for the Holy See:

Daily Briefings from the Vatican at 1 p.m. Rome Time

<https://www.youtube.com/user/vatican>

Official news from the Vatican

www.news.va Includes news, live streaming and coverage of Vatican events in real-time, 24/7.

"The Pope App" (www.news.va/thepopeapp) is the mobile version of news.va. It can be downloaded from the iTunes and GooglePlay stores.

Vatican Radio App

for Android – iPhone – Windowsphone
May be downloaded from www.radiovaticana.va

S+L coverage of 2015 Synod of Bishops

English: <http://saltandlighttv.org/synod/>

French: <http://selelumieretv.org/synode/>

Chinese: <http://saltandlighttv.org/chinese/synod-2015/>

"We have nothing to fear from the family synod" by Father Rosica:

<http://bit.ly/1gQhyL3>

Matters of Life and Death

I was sick and you took care of me... (Matthew 31.36)

A Catholic Response to Euthanasia and Physician Assisted Suicide



The federal government is currently conducting public consultations and is receiving online submissions before preparing and submitting legislative options later this fall for Physician Assisted Suicide (PAS) and Euthanasia. Archbishop Smith invites all of you to submit your views as faithful Catholics by completing the "Issues Book" and answering the survey questionnaire at ep-ce.ca/en/consultation. It is very important that we

communicate at every opportunity our absolute opposition to physician assisted suicide and euthanasia.

We encourage all parishes to publish this notice in the bulletin. Note that the "Issues Book" closes on October 31. Thank you.

[More Upcoming Events »](#)

Catechesis

Weekly Discipleship Reflections



sandals..." (Mt. 10:4).

October 11 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Road to Discipleship:

Sell what you own; give the money to the poor

Chapter 10 of Mark's Gospel has Jesus outlining God's intended destiny for human beings. Jesus tries to teach his disciples how to return to that simplicity. Imagine how your life would change if you sold all you own and gave the money to the poor! We belong to one human family in which we are each other's sisters and brothers. In baptism, we enter God's family with Jesus Christ as brother. No one would be poor if we all shared what we had with one another. How attached we become to our possessions... and how trapped by them. Jesus wants us to be free of all that keeps us bound. So "carry no purse, no bag, no

These weekly reflections are provided by the Office of Catechesis. You are welcome to use in your personal prayer life, or to publish in parish bulletins or community newsletters.

[More Sunday reflections »](#)

Breaking open the Encyclical

Laudato Si'

On Care for our Common Home

Today we present the first in a series of short reflections based on the seven parts of the Pope's latest encyclical, beginning with the Introduction.

What's in the Introduction? What are the basic themes in the encyclical?

The encyclical takes its name from the invocation of St. Francis, "Praise be to you, my Lord", in his Canticle of the Creatures. It reminds us that the earth is our common home. *Laudato si'* is Latin for "Praise be to you." The numbers in parentheses below refer to the paragraphs in the encyclical.

The introduction of the encyclical reviews how all popes since St. John XXIII have been concerned about how our planet is affected by human activity, whether it's teetering on the brink of a nuclear crisis or of ecological catastrophe.

St. John Paul II became more and more concerned about the ill-considered exploitation of nature, and humanity's increasing obsession with consumption and immediate gratification and wasteful use of resources. He called attention to the state of our common home and named it as a moral issue.



[Read more »](#)

Learn to pass on our faith to others

Are you involved in sacramental preparation, RCIA, or adult faith formation in the parish? Are you a parent or grandparent who wants to talk about your faith more easily with your children or grandchildren? Or would you just like to learn more about the faith? The Office of Catechesis is pleased to offer fall workshops in the art of passing on our faith to others. These sessions will enrich your own faith and equip you to share it more effectively.

Edmonton East Deanery

Saturday, October 17, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., St. Clare Parish

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Planning Ahead Seminars

A Catholic Perspective on Funerals, Burials, and Estate Planning

Gain peace of mind for yourself and your loved ones. Join your 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. Also in attendance will be a Catholic funeral director to answer questions about funeral planning. Planning Ahead seminars are a joint ministry of the Development Office & Edmonton Catholic Cemeteries.

[Click here for upcoming seminar dates »](#)

Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

Ecological Justice in Action – Interfaith and Ecumenical Taizé Vigil

Are you concerned about our human family and future generations impacted by the calamities of climate change? We invite you to join the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, Concordia's Institute of Christian Studies and Society, and the Micah Centre for an evening of reflection and advocacy. Let us raise our voices as one and take action for ecological justice! This event will take place on **Sunday, October 25**, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Concordia University, 7128 Ada Boulevard, Edmonton. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Christina at ckruszewski@devp.org.

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Strathcona Ecumenical Mission

The Ecumenical Mission of Strathcona County is now in its 26th year, bringing Christians from across the Sherwood Park area together for prayer, reflection and friendship. This year's mission is led by Bishop Jane Alexander of the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton, on the theme "Reimagining the World: Loving our Neighbours as Ourselves." The mission begins with a potluck supper and opening service at Sherwood Park United Church, beginning at 6 p.m. on **Sunday, October 25**, and wraps up with an evening service at 7:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 28**, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Parish.

[Download calendar of events](#)

[More Ecumenical & Interreligious News »](#)

Year of Consecrated Life

The Voice from Assisi

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Sherwood Park is pleased to present an evening of music and song featuring the internationally acclaimed [Friar Alessandro](#) along with the Archbishop Jordan Catholic High School Choir. Join us at the church, 13 Brower Drive, on **Thursday, November 19**, for Mass at 6:15 p.m., followed by the concert at 7. Tickets are \$15 in advance through the parish office, or \$20 at the door. For more information, call 780-467-5470.

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St. Joseph Seminary

Jazz Night at SJS



The Ad Gentes Committee at St Joseph Seminary requests your support! Join us for Jazz Night on **Friday, October 16**, at Newman Theological College. doors open at 6:30 p.m. Come meet the seminarians, enjoy a live band, silent auction, and great company while supporting our missionary activities. Tickets are \$15, available at reception areas of the Seminary, College, or Pastoral & Administration Offices, and also from any seminarian. Proceeds will help our continued sponsorship of four people from developing nations through Chalice, a Catholic charity: Mykola from the Ukraine, Belen and Helena from Chile, and Joel from the Philippines. For more information, contact Jessie at sjsadgentes@gmail.com or Yvonne at 780-392-2445.

Silent auction items are gratefully accepted & appreciated! They can be dropped off at any of the reception areas or given to a seminarian.

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Parish & Community News

Need Hymnals?

The Assumption Parish still has 250 *Glory and Praise II* hymnals to pass along a parish that can use them. If you are interested, call Veronica at 780-468-4071.

Festival of Praise

Simplicity: How to Embrace it in a Complicated World

Come hear Peter van Kampen, a gifted young man from Red Deer, passionate about living out solidarity with the poor. He will be sharing with us about how we in Canada can embrace simplicity and a merciful outlook in deed with those we so often shun.

Join us on Saturday October 17, at 7 p.m. at St Anthony's Catholic Church in Lloydminster. Bring the kids! We have ministries specifically targeted to ages 3-6 and

7-11. Check out www.foprevolution.com or email Janelle at admin@foprevolution.com for more info. We have free accommodations for out of town guests.

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