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What is the Archbishop thinking this week?

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Looking for work? Why not consider serving our Catholic community in one of these jobs?

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

Our youth camps are looking for **Spring School Promoters**

Camp Encounter is looking for a **Kitchen Coordinator** and **Assistant Cook**.

Our Lady of Victory Camp is looking for a **Lifeguard/Office Assistant**

Star of the North retreat centre is looking for a **Part-time/Casual Assistant Cook**

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Good day, Friend in Christ

How exciting to see the beautiful new church of Corpus Christi Parish! In this season, it's a fitting symbol of sacrifice, faith, and new life. Please pray in a special way for this parish community on Saturday, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, patron saint of the Archdiocese.

God bless,

Lorraine Turchansky

Celebrating our Newest Church



It has been a long journey since that summer day in 2006, when then-Archbishop Thomas Collins blessed the property and announced that the name of our newest parish would be Corpus Christi. Today the parish has a beautiful new church, which will be formally dedicated by Archbishop Smith on **Saturday, March 19**, at 10 a.m. All are invited to join Rev. Joseph Vadassery, Pastor, and the parish communities of Corpus Christi and St. Theresa in this joyous celebration. Corpus Christi is located at 2707 – 34 Street NW, Edmonton.



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Every Life Matters



ELM Easter Series

In the 2016 Easter season, from **April 3 through 13**, Archbishop Smith will be hosting a special series of presentations on the subject of physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia, titled Every Life Matters. These "conversations with the Archbishop" 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 <http://caedm.ca/ELM-EasterSeries>.

Sessions will also be livestreamed and rebroadcast on Salt+Light TV - watch www.caedm.ca for details.

We will also be posting a video and audio version of the Archbishop's invitation on the website Thursday, intended for sharing at masses this weekend.

[Click to read the Archbishop's Letter of Invitation »](#)

Catechesis

Discipleship Reflections

March 20 - Passion (Palm) Sunday

The Road to Discipleship: Who is the greatest?

Our world is built on competition, not cooperation. Even the disciples jockeyed for position and favour. Jesus chides them that they must be the ones who serve, like he is. He tells Simon Peter, "Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail." Luke talks a lot about discipleship, and that being a disciple means following after the master, the King, and learning to think, act, love, and forgive like he does. In today's Gospel, Simon Peter denies Jesus and runs away. Simon of Cyrene is conscripted to take up the Cross and follow Jesus. Which one really serves? And which Simon are you?



Development Office



Together We Serve

A Bulletin Announcement for this week:

Thank you for your generous support of *Together We Serve*. Please note that your collection envelope box contains a *Together We Serve* envelope for Good Friday. The Good Friday collection goes to our

Together We Serve appeal, which helps support the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land. The Holy Land Commissariat uses our donations for the protection and upkeep of holy places and shrines, and to support the shrinking number of Christians in the Holy Land through pastoral work, Catholic schools, housing, health care, and social assistance. This Good Friday, let us as one family in Christ, support the needs of the Church in the Holy Land through *Together We Serve*. For more information, please visit www.caedm.ca/WeServe.

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 9 Active Participation

The Church weaves the notion of active participation, together with full and conscious into her understanding. We should be engaged fully, conscious of what we are doing, aware of the liturgy's beauty and richness. This participation is first and foremost interior. Like Christ, we offer ourselves from our hearts, completely to the Father. Only then can our participation be full.

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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 20, 2016 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Misericordiae Vultus: The Face of Mercy is Pope Francis' official decree announcing this Jubilee Year of Mercy. But Francis had already declared that Jesus "has shown the face of God's mercy" back in 2013 on his first Palm Sunday as pope. Francis described Luke's account of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem: "Crowds, celebrating, praise, blessing, peace: joy fills the air. Jesus has awakened great hopes, especially in the hearts of the simple, the humble, the poor, the forgotten, those who do not matter in the eyes of the world. He understands human sufferings . . . has bent down to heal body and soul." Entering Jerusalem,

Jesus looks at all of us with love, Francis continued, at our sicknesses and sins. "A beautiful scene, full of light—the light of the love of Jesus" (*Pope Francis, Palm Sunday homily*, March 24, 2013). May this Jubilee Year's Holy Week and Triduum make us Jesus' own light-bearers and love-givers to all who long to see the Face of Mercy.

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Edmonton Catholic Cemeteries

Edmonton Catholic Cemeteries invite you to attend our Spring Memorial Mass at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery on **Saturday, April 9**, at 9:30 a.m., to worship and receive God's Grace. Father Antony Cruz will preside. We are located at 4814 Meridian Street, Edmonton. For more information, call 780-454-4453.

Planning Ahead

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 Connie Lunde, Director, Archdiocesan Development Office, for an evening that will engage and inform you on these important topics.

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 Centeries. All are welcome.

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.

Pastoral Care

Ministry of Pastoral Care: Certificate Program for Volunteers

This 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. The comprehensive 10 hour program will outline the foundations of Pastoral Care and Sacramental Ministry, cover Types of Ministry Visits, Dealing with Grief, and Caring for the Volunteer, finishing with a certificate ceremony.

The next course will be offered over two days on **Friday, April 22, 2016**, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., and **Saturday, April 23**, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., at Newman Theological College, 10012 - 84 Street, Edmonton.

There is a limit of 20 participants for the program. Registration cost is \$75.00. A pastor's reference letter and current Police Information Check (PIC) including the Vulnerable Sector Check is required.

For information brochure and pastor's letter form, please visit <http://www.caedm.ca/pcvisitor>.

Safe Environments & Abuse Prevention

Volunteer Management

Step 2 - Screening and Selection

Screening is your first opportunity to protect vulnerable persons. It lets offenders know that we take the safety of children and vulnerable people very seriously. Faith communities and other Church institutions must do everything possible to avoid giving access to anyone who should not be in a position of trust.

Tips:

- Have you identified the high risk programs?
- Have the volunteers in high risk positions completed police screening?

To learn more about our Volunteer Management policies, visit <http://www.caedm.ca/VolunteerManagement.aspx>

Social Justice

Earth Hour

Earth Hour this year falls on **Saturday, March 19**, at 8.30 pm. The purpose of marking this time is to encourage people around the world to switch off their non-essential light

and electronic items for one hour to show the need for urgent action and support for climate change initiatives. It is also a good time to reflect deeply on the encyclical *Laudato Si'* and its call to ecological conversion. Consider switching off your lights at home, as well as praying the Development and Peace Lent campaign "Psalm of Humanity for Creation" during this year's Earth Hour.

[Click here for the prayer »](#)

Good Friday Events

Good Friday Outdoor Way of the Cross - Leduc 5:30 p.m.

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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Outdoor Way of the Cross - Edmonton 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 George Spady Centre, 10015 - 105A Avenue. 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.

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 Wiliford, 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> or call the box office at 780-428-1414.

Lenten Events

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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Parish & Community News

House of Ephesus

Our inaugural session for the House of Ephesus monthly recollections on the interior life will take place on **Holy Saturday, March 26**, at the Catholic Parish of Corpus Christi (2702 - 34 Street, Edmonton). Our first topic will be "The Marian Dogmas and the Interior Life." We will begin at 10 a.m. in the Fr Michael Troy Room on the second floor (accessible by stairs or elevator). Participants are welcome to bring their copy of *(Shorter) Christian Prayer* or *The Liturgy of the Hours*; please also bring a lunch, as coffee and tea will be provided. For more information or to RSVP (encouraged, though not obligatory) to Fr Matthew at Matthew.Hysell@caedm.ca.

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Breaking New Ground Together

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission issued to all Canadians 95 calls to action. In light of this shared responsibility, join us at the Star of the North on **Saturday, March 19**, for a day of exploration of the history and implications of colonization and the doctrine of discovery. Our day will include presentations, lunch, dialogue and sharing. Guest presenters are Diana Steinhauer and Bob McKeon. Please register by calling 780-459-5511. Drop-ins welcome.

Euthanasia and Physician Assisted Suicide

You are invited to join us at Holy Family Parish, 75 Poirier Avenue, St. Albert, for informative and interactive sessions on the above topics on two Sundays, **April 10 & April 17**, from 12:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. The guest speaker will be Dr. Arnold Voth, a physician from the Royal Alex Hospital in Edmonton, who has done 20 years of research on this subject. Topics to be included are:

- The meaning of life and death for the Christian and non-Christian
- A brief overview of the history of euthanasia
- The Supreme Court's Decision - what is wrong with this decision?
- What does this new 'law' mean and why should we care?
- Critical care and end of life care
- What can we do and/or what should we do in the future in a nation that allows euthanasia?

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.

Divine Mercy Celebration & Family Potluck

Sacred Heart Parish in Wetaskiwin invites you to join us on **April 3**, Divine Mercy Sunday, for Eucharistic Adoration with Divine Mercy Prayer in Song, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., followed by a family potluck supper. Sacred Heart is located at 5113 - 49 Avenue, Wetaskiwin.

SSVP Charity Sale

Saint Vincent de Paul Charity Sale will be held at St. Andrew Centre Auditorium, 12720 - 111 Avenue, Edmonton, **Thursday-Saturday, April 7-9**. Sale hours Thursday & Friday 12 noon - 7 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Come browse for antiques, collectibles, housewares, furniture. Proceeds help support the Society's work with those living in poverty.

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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Feast of St. Pedro



Please join us in our celebration of the feast of St. Pedro Calungsud on **Saturday, April 2**, at St John the Evangelist church at 1:30 p.m. St Pedro is a Filipino Roman Catholic martyr who was killed while doing missionary work in Guam in 1672. He was canonized on October 21, 2012, by Pope Benedict XVI.

CWL Edmonton Diocesan Convention

Calling all CWL members - our diocesan convention will be held **April 22-24** at Holy Family Parish in St. Albert.

Speakers include Archbishop Richard Smith and Bishop Sylvain Lavoie, Dr. Gordon Self (Covenant Health), Debra Birkett (Pilgrim's Hospice), Fr. Marc Cramer (Archdiocesan Vocations Director), ABMK Provincial President Cathy Bouchard, and National Communications Chair Fran Lucas. It promises to be a great opportunity for faith, fun & fulfillment. For information and to register, please contact Mariette Huot at 780-962-4599.

New Festival of Sacred Music

St. Joseph Basilica is hosting a series of four fantastic concerts as part of our new Springtime Festival of Sacred Music. These concerts are designed to open the doors of our cathedral church to the whole of the Edmonton community, letting visitors who have never before set foot in our beautiful sacred space to experience the Holy through divine sacred music. Our four inaugural concerts bring together a treasure trove of music from the fourteenth century to the present day, and feature some of the top professional musicians from Alberta and beyond:

Saturday April 2, 7:30 p.m.

Resurrectional Music from the Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Traditions
Special All-Male chorus of over 50 singers from Ukraine and Canada; Michael Zaugg, director

FOR ALL TICKETS go to www.tixonthesquare.ca or call 780-420-1757. Tickets will also be available at the door on the night.

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