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Wednesday, March 30, 2016

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

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

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Happy Easter, Friend in Christ !

We're looking forward to visiting St. Anthony Parish in Lloydminster this weekend for the first session in the Archbishop's Every Life Matters series. If you can't join us in person, please check in online for the live webcast -- all the details below.

God bless,

Lorraine Turchansky

Office of the Archbishop

ELM Easter Series

Every Life Matters, Archbishop Smith's Easter series of conversations about physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia, opens at **2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 3**, at St. Anthony's Parish in Lloydminster. The topic for this first session is "What's it all about?" a focus on the current legal situation now facing our country. Special guests are Kate Faught, an Edmonton lawyer specializing in estate law, and Dr. Anna Voek, a palliative care specialist who will explain the medical terminology used in discussing end-of-life issues. If you can't attend in person, please join us online at www.caedm.ca for the live webcast beginning at 2:15 p.m. You are invited to submit questions and comments about any end-of-life issues to us via Twitter [@CAEDM](#) or [Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton](#) on Facebook.

A total of five "conversations with the Archbishop" will be held at different parishes across the Archdiocese from **April 3 - 13**, 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>.

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[Click here for the Archbishop's invitation on video](#)

Homilies

The Archbishop's homilies for major celebrations are posted on the archdiocesan website. View these recent ones at the links below:

[Homily for Chrism Mass](#)

[Homily for Dedication of the Corpus Christi Church](#)

Every Life Matters



#ELM

Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia Think About It

(One of a series of short educational pieces suitable for the Sunday bulletin: thanks to Diocese of Saskatoon)

One of the most important principles of palliative care is to manage the pain and symptoms of a disease or illness while neither hastening death nor prolonging the dying process. With proper palliative care, almost all requests for euthanasia would disappear.

Add Your Voice

The deadline is **Thursday, March 31**, to respond to the Alberta government consultation survey on physician assisted suicide. (at <http://www.health.alberta.ca/initiatives/physician-assisted-death.html>). We all have an important part to play in lending our voice to this process. Responding to the survey may present challenges, but there is space in two places to use your own words to share your values and to highlight the importance of creating legislation that protects both our most vulnerable people and the conscience rights of all.

Bishops file their Submission

The Catholic Bishops of Alberta have filed a written submission to the Alberta government's public consultation on "Physician Assisted Death," saying the Church and its institutions remain committed to serving the vulnerable and suffering, but cannot participate in, condone, or advocate for physician assisted suicide or euthanasia.

In the four-page submission to Associate Health Minister Brandy Payne, the bishops state that "Catholic health care neither prolongs dying nor hastens death out of a deep respect for the sanctity of all human life." They address the need for excellence in palliative care, for protection of the vulnerable such as aged, disabled or mentally ill people, and defend the rights of all healthcare professionals to refuse to participate in assisted suicide or euthanasia. They explain why it's impossible to propose any "safeguards" that would provide these protections.

[Click to read the Alberta Bishops' submission »](#)

Catechesis

Discipleship Reflections

**April 3 - Second Sunday of Easter: Divine Mercy Sunday
The Road to Discipleship: Thomas the Realist**

People have differing needs and find various paths to faith. Thomas was absent when Jesus first appeared in the locked room on Easter Sunday evening. Thomas probably felt a bit jealous and very skeptical. Thomas refused to believe on the other disciples' testimony alone. Jesus knows that faith comes to people in diverse ways and with



differing intensities. Mary believed when the Lord called her by name; Peter believed upon seeing the empty tomb; most disciples believed after seeing the risen Lord. Thomas wanted to touch Jesus' wounds before believing. Thomas' initial doubt, though, led him to make the most profound statement in John's Gospel: "My Lord and my God!" Will you say the same when you meet Jesus?

Spring 2016 Catechist In-service

Saturday, April 23, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Pastoral and Administration Offices
8421 - 101 Avenue NW, Edmonton

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, and in obedience to Archbishop Smith's call to make adult formation a priority in Edmonton, we invite catechists and pastoral assistants to participate in our spring in-service workshop.

- Learn how your parish can make the sacraments more meaningful for the recipients.
- Eliminate barriers that make people's access to the sacraments more difficult than necessary.
- Help parents feel confident and knowledgeable enough to be the primary faith teachers of their children.
- Inspire young couples to begin married life through taking seriously the call to make their marriage a sacrament and lay the foundation for life-giving family relationships.

There is no registration fee, and a light lunch will be provided. Please bring one of your parish copies of the *Standards for Preparing Children and Youth for the Sacraments* with you.

Register online at <http://caedm.ca/workshops>, or call Suzanne Brohier at 780-469-1010 for more information.

[Click here for all the Details »](#)

Sacramental Education Initiative

As the new *Standards for Preparing Children and Youth for the Sacraments* is about to become promulgated (made official), you can give important feedback into the process of creating the Standards.

Pastors, pastoral assistants, catechists, principals, teachers, superintendents, trustees, and others have played a vital role in improving the way we prepare children for the sacraments in the Archdiocese of Edmonton. Whether or not you piloted the new Standards in the 2015-2016 year, your feedback is crucial to finalizing the document.

Please complete the short survey on your experience of the Sacramental Education Initiative pilot at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BHK2HH7>. It should take you no longer than 15 minutes.

Your voice is important. Please complete the survey as soon as you can, but definitely before **Friday, April 8**.

Kathleen Nguyen, Coordinator
 Sacramental Education Initiative

Save the date

The official launch of the *Standards for Preparing Children and Youth for the Sacraments* will be on **Thursday, June 2**, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Pastoral and Administrative Offices, 8421 - 101 Avenue.

We invite you to celebrate the new Standards. Come and hear Archbishop Smith speak, hear about what we've learned from the three years of piloting, and see the final version of the Standards.

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 11 Unity and Diversity in the Mass

The Church's most fundamental principle in the celebration of Mass is that of unity. She has no greater interest than to foster unity when remembering the great sacrifice of Christ for love of us. Our harmony with one another sacramentalizes our unity with him. Catholics express this unity by participating in the common texts, postures and gestures.

[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.



April 3, 2016 Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday

Last year on this Sunday, Pope Francis declared this year a Jubilee Year of Mercy. Saint John Paul II named the Second Sunday of Easter "Sunday of Divine Mercy" in response to Saint Faustina Kowalska's Divine Mercy devotion, which offered spiritual comfort to hearts worldwide. But Francis challenges us to make that comfort we receive a gift we gladly share: "We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us." The clearest expression of merciful love, says Francis, is pardoning others. "At times how hard it seems to forgive!" he acknowledges. "And yet pardon is the instrument placed

into our fragile hands to attain serenity of heart" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 9). The

necessary condition for living joyfully? "To let go of anger, wrath, violence, and revenge." May Divine Mercy Sunday in this Jubilee Year of Mercy remind us that Jesus made mercy our life's ideal and a criterion for our faith's credibility: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy" (Matthew 5:7).

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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 tickets go to www.tixonthesquare.ca or call 780-420-1757. Tickets will also be available at the door before the concert. Adults \$30/Students & Seniors \$20 /under 16s FREE.

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Edmonton Catholic Cemeteries

New Central Office & Extended Hours



The Catholic
**Archdiocese
of Edmonton**
Catholic Cemeteries

The Archdiocese of Edmonton Catholic Cemeteries is pleased to announce, effective **April 11, 2016**, the merger of our North and South Cemeteries' family services offices to our Holy Cross Mausoleum location.

With this move comes one number to call and extended hours to better serve the busy schedules of our families.

Edmonton Catholic Cemeteries

Family Services Office
14611 Mark Messier Trail NW
780-447-2921

Open Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
and Saturdays – 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Holy Cross Mausoleum & Cemetery * Our Lady of Peace Columbarium & Cemetery *
St. Joachim Cemetery * St. Anthony Cemetery * St. Albert Cemetery

If required, family meetings can be held at Our Lady of Peace Columbarium by appointment.

www.ecc.caedm.ca

Spring Memorial Mass

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 Cemeteries. All are welcome.

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

Volunteer Management Process: Training

Effective training provides everyone with the tools they need to protect themselves and others. *Called to Protect* is an abuse prevention training program offered by the Archdiocese that gives useful knowledge of signs to look out for, how to act when you see the signs, and skills to teach young ones how to protect themselves. It also teaches volunteers how offenders operate; how to recognize suspicious or inappropriate interactions, policy violations, and suspected abuse; and how to respond both ethically and legally.

Tips:

- Ask questions and talk to your supervisor if you notice something suspicious
- Respond quickly if you see things that concern you

Social Justice

Care for our Common Home

Edmonton Social Justice Institute Invites you to join us for Care for our Common Home: A Faithful Response to Today's Ecological and Social Crisis. Keynote speaker is 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 sijedmonton.wordpress.com.

[Click to download the Poster »](#)

Youth and Young Adults

Wild West Catholic Youth Conference

Registration is now open for the Wild West Catholic Youth Conference, set for **September 30 – October 2, 2016** in Red Deer. This conference is open to youth in Grades 9-12 from Alberta, B.C., Saskatchewan, and Manitoba. Join keynote speaker Father Tony Ricard and special guests Panic Squad for great music & food, inspiring sessions, meaningful prayer and spiritual development. Our theme is "Come! In! Stay!" We invite teachers and youth ministry leaders to consider bringing a group to this first event of its kind in Western Canada. For more info and to register your group, visit

<http://caedm.ca/PastoralParishServices/YouthEvangelization/NewsEvents>

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Parish & Community News

Archbishop Lavoie Book Launch

Novalis has published *Walk a New Path*, a third book by Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie OMI that is a culmination of over 40 years of work in the area of recovery from addictions. At 4 p.m. on **Saturday, April 2**, the Star of the North Retreat Centre in St. Albert will host a launch of this new book. Join us for some entertainment, a reading by the author, book signing and social. For more info, call the Star at 780-459-5511 or visit www.starofthenorth.ca.

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

Edmonton Archdiocesan CWL Convention

All CWL members are invited to join us at Holy Family Parish on **Friday, April 22**, and **Saturday, April 23**, for this year's Diocesan Convention. Convention information including registration forms are available on our website <http://www.edmontoncwl.org>. Registration deadline is April 8. For information and to register, please contact Mariette Huot at 780-962-4599.

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