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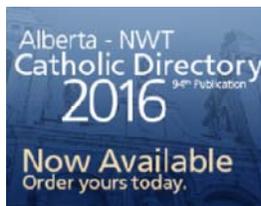
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What is the Archbishop thinking this week?

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

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Good Morning, Friend in Christ ,

The frost is on the pumpkin -- at least in my neighbourhood -- but my thoughts for you are warm. May you have a grace-filled week!

Lorraine

Office of the Archbishop

Pastors and Bulletin Editors: please consider adding this news to your announcements after Mass or to the Sunday bulletin.

New Vision for Archdiocesan Communications

Archbishop Smith has announced that the Communications Office will be reorganized with a new vision, a new mandate, and a new structure. A major change is that the Western Catholic Reporter newspaper will publish its last issue on **September 26**, and its current print and digital presence will transition to a daily online news portal, which will be developed in the coming months. If you are a subscriber to the print and/or digital editions of the WCR, or an advertiser, you will be contacted soon regarding the status of your account. For more details about the new vision for archdiocesan communications, please visit <http://caedm.ca>. You can also subscribe to the weekly email bulletin from the Archdiocese at <http://caedm.ca/quid-novum>.

Alta-NWT Bishops issue new Guidelines



The Roman Catholic Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories have issued some new guidance for priests, deacons, and pastoral workers in caring for individuals and families in difficult contemporary situations.

One document aims to answer the call of Pope Francis in his Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, particularly to assist priests in their duty to accompany those Catholics who are divorced and remarried without having received a decree of nullity.

The other follows the legalization in Canada of assisted suicide and euthanasia (“Medical Assistance In Dying”), and focuses on spiritual and sacramental considerations in caring for individuals and families who may be considering death by these means.

“The ultimate aim of these guidelines is to help the faithful understand the beautiful teachings of the Church on sacramental marriage, the dignity of the human person, and the inviolable sanctity of human life,” said Archbishop Richard Smith of Edmonton, who serves as president of the Alberta-NWT Bishops.

[Read more »](#)

Jubilee of Mercy

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 freely by parishes in the Sunday bulletin or website, but not in any publication that is sold.

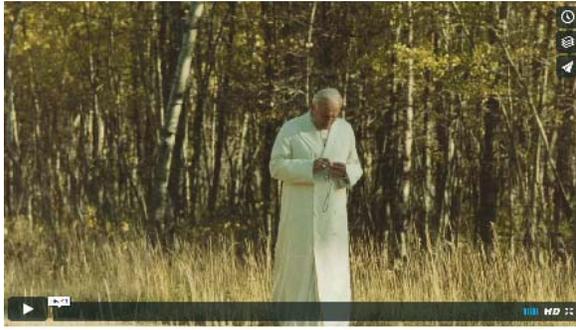
September 25, 2016 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos castigates religious people who, “comfortably complacent” (6:1, 5), ignore the unfolding collapse of culture, nation, religion (6:6). In Jesus’ parable, such complacency becomes the rich man’s undoing. He neither hurt nor harmed Lazarus, neither denied him leftovers nor ordered him removed. That is Jesus’ devastating point.

The rich man did nothing wrong to Lazarus; he just did nothing at all good for him. Only in death, separated by “a great chasm” (Luke 16:26), could the rich man finally see Lazarus, whom he had failed to see in life, right before his eyes. Like the rich man’s “five brothers still in my father’s house” (16:27–28), we who are alive in the Church still have time to see that same Someone, Jesus, lying neglected right at our door—and time to do something. Who, specifically, concretely, practically, is Lazarus in my life? What can I do for that Jesus-in-the-flesh during this Jubilee Year of Mercy?

[Click for more Reflections »](#)

Remembering St. John Paul II



Looking for a great reason to visit Elk Island National Park before the snow flies? Come see where St. John Paul II walked and prayed in the park in 1984. A new interpretive display and bench has opened at the Tawayik Day Use Area. But the Holy Father's visit was not on the official itinerary, so how did he end up there? Find out from the one who helped make it happen, our Archbishop Emeritus, Joseph MacNeil, in this video [A Saint Among Us: a Walk in the Park](#).

Every Life Matters

Think About It



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

Giving patients enough medication to provide pain relief is not euthanasia, even if the higher dose might unintentionally shorten the patient's life. The intent is to reduce suffering, unlike euthanasia, whose intent is to cause death.

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 Carla Smiley, Archdiocesan Planned Giving Coordinator, for a seminar that will engage and inform you on these important topics. To book a Planning Ahead seminar for your parish, contact Carla at 780-469-1010 or csmiley@caedm.ca.

Upcoming Seminar Saturday, October 1

10 a.m. - 12 noon

St. Mary Parish, Red Deer

To register, contact the Parish Office 403 347-3114.

Planning Ahead seminars are presented by Edmonton Catholic Cemeteries and the Development Office.

[Download the poster »](#)

Divine Worship

Western Conference for Liturgy 2016

The [Western Conference for Liturgy \(WCL\)](#) will hold their annual conference in Edmonton this year, on **Friday-Saturday, October 21-22** at Corpus Christi Parish, under the theme "Those Who Sing Pray Twice: A Second Glance at Chant in the Liturgy." We invite all pastors, liturgy committee members, and music directors for parishes and schools to come hear and sing the new English chants and timeless Latin classics. For more information about the conference, please contact Judy

Darbyson, WCL Executive Secretary, at 780-476-2457 or visit the website at <https://wclcanada.wordpress.com>, or call Mona in the Office of Divine Worship at 780-469-1010 ext 2151.

[Click here for Conference Details »](#)

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!

Episode 30 The Liturgical Movement

In essence, the liturgical movement is the effort on the part of the Church to help the faithful participate better at Mass. This meant, initially, that the people would participate in the singing and in giving the responses. Over the course of time, the Church realized that it is important that the people be able to enter deeply into the mystery by understanding what's going on during Mass.



[Download the Study Guide](#)

To view more episodes or to subscribe to the series via email, visit <http://www.elementsofthecatholicmass.com>.

Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

Strathcona Ecumenical Mission

The 27th Annual Ecumenical Mission of Strathcona County takes place **Sunday-Wednesday, October 2-5**, and you are invited. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Sherwood Park is the Catholic partner in this unique mission, and will be hosting the closing service at 7:30 p.m. on **October 5**. The 2016 mission will be led by Dr. Dittmar Mundel, for many years Professor of Religious Studies at the U of A Augustana campus. The mission theme this year is "Caring for all Creation." Everyone is welcome to attend any or all of the events. For the full schedule, visit www.ecumenicalmission.wordpress.com.

[Download the Poster](#)

Honour for Bob McKeon



The Edmonton chapter of Project Ploughshares, an organization dedicated to building peace and preventing war, is honouring **Bob McKeon** with the Polovnikoff-Mokry Lifetime Service Award. Bob is a former coordinator of the archdiocesan Office for Social Justice and a Professor Emeritus of Newman Theological College. The awards evening will be held on **Thursday, September 29**, 7-8:30 p.m., at Edmonton City Hall,



followed by a reception, all are invited to attend and congratulate the deserving recipient!

500 Years of Reformation: From Conflict to Communion

In 2017, Christians will commemorate the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. This significant anniversary challenges all Christians to discuss in dialogue the issues and consequences of the Reformation and to develop perspectives for the remembrance and appropriation of the Reformation today.

We invite you to four sessions exploring these themes with Sister Donna Geernaert (former Ecumenical Officer of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops) and Rev. Dr. Kayko Driedger Hesslein (Pastor, St. John's Lutheran Church, Calgary) Join us at Trinity Lutheran Church, 10014 - 81 Avenue, Edmonton, on **Thursday, November 3**, at 7: p.m. and **Friday November 4**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more details or to purchase tickets, please visit:

<https://reformation500.eventbrite.com>.

Christian/Muslim Dialogue: Living Mercifully Together

You are invited to join us for the 4th Annual Christian/Muslim Dialogue, sponsored by A Common Word Alberta, on **Saturday, October 15**, at the Al Rashid Mosque, 13070 - 113 Street. This year's event will focus on the influx of refugees and absorbing the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

How can we reconcile these recent events from within our various religious frameworks?

Tickets are \$14 including lunch; all are welcome. Register through [Eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca). For more information, contact 780-451-6694.

Life and Family

40 Days for Life (September 28-November 6)



Each day during 40 Days for Life, individuals, churches, families and groups are invited to join together in prayer for a specific request so that the entire Body of Christ can unite around a common focus. These specific prayer requests will seek God's help for: women who are at risk, their children, men and women who carry the pain of a past abortion, those who work in abortion centers, local, regional, and national leaders, revival and renewal in our churches, and repentance and healing throughout our world. For more information in Edmonton see <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/edmonton>.

Marriage Enrichment . . . for all our Years!



Worldwide Marriage Encounter is the largest pro-marriage organization in the world. Through a weekend experience, couples learn how to make their good marriage even better. They learn practical communication techniques and have an opportunity to rediscover their hopes and dreams for their marriage. Weekends are for Catholic priests and religious too -- your commitment to serve your people is similar to the commitment of a husband and wife in marriage. Weekend tools can help you see your ministry in a whole new light and

connect more meaningfully with those you serve. The next Edmonton weekend is **November 18-20**.

Register early – space is limited. For more information, visit www.wwme.org or contact Gavin & Nicole at 780-464-2874 or gvankup@telus.net.

Newman Theological College



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Treasures of the Faith Seminar Series

Free lunch-hour seminars in the popular "Treasures of the Faith" series have begun at Newman Theological College. Each series focuses either on a particular period of Church history, a particular theological theme, or a particular Catholic figure. These seminars are not for credit and are open to all -- no homework and no prior knowledge necessary! Register by contacting Reception at 780-392-2450 or reception@newman.edu.

For details [Download the Poster \(revised\)](#)

Online Faith Formation

Registration is now open for the next cycle of classes in the the Certificate in Catholic Studies (CCS), offered by the Benedict XVI Institute for New Evangelization through Newman Theological College. Fifteen different courses will begin on **Monday, September 26**. 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 \$85. This program is open to adults and youth of all backgrounds and education levels. Register online at www.newman.edu/CCS. For more information, contact Sandra Talarico at 780-392-2455 or sandra.talarico@newman.edu.

Kevin Carr Award



Do you have your tickets yet? Joyce Tutt is being honoured by Newman Theological College as this year's recipient of the Kevin Carr Christian Leadership Award. Joyce is well known as a tireless supporter of Catholic charitable causes and a passionate volunteer in her parish and community.

She will receive the award at the 13th Annual Kevin Carr Christian Leadership Award Luncheon on **Wednesday, October 5**, at Santa Maria Goretti Community Centre. Purchase tickets online at <http://newman.edu>.

[Read the full news release »](#)

Together in Ministry

PPC Information Workshop

All Parish Pastoral Council members are invited to attend an information workshop as we begin the new pastoral year. We will review the revised PPC Handbook and TIM manual, and get to know and learn from other PPC members from across the Archdiocese. Join us on **Saturday, October 15**, at the Pastoral and Administration Offices, 8421 - 101 Avenue, Edmonton, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. To register, please contact Barbara Cartwright at 780-469-1010 ext. 2139, by October 5.

Development & Peace

Open Bethlehem

We encounter Bethlehem every year in the Christmas story as we reflect on the birth and the promise of the Christ child. Yet, how much do we know about contemporary Bethlehem? Come join us on **Tuesday, September 27**, for a screening of Open Bethlehem to learn a little more of the current story of the town of our Saviour's

birth. Director and Bethlehemite Leila Sansour and Executive Producer Wael Kabbani will be in attendance and participating in a Q & A and discussion post-screening. Time: 7 p.m. Location: Room 1 – 129 Education Building South, University of Alberta (87 Avenue and 113 Street). Event is free. Donations are most welcome. Watch the trailer: <http://www.openbethlehem.org/the-film.html>.

Safe Environments & Abuse Prevention

Called to Protect is the abuse prevention training program required for all staff, clergy, and volunteers in the Archdiocese of Edmonton. Through videos and group discussion, participants in a Called to Protect training session learn tools to identify inappropriate behaviours, methods to report potential abuse, and best practices in ministering safely to the young and vulnerable. The Called to Protect training program for volunteers is available at several parishes in the coming months. Please check the online calendar at www.caedm.ca/CalledToProtectCalendar and register with the hosting parish.

Youth and Young Adults

Art, Essay & Short Movie Contest

The Capital Region Interfaith Housing Initiative in partnership with the Intercultural Dialogue Institute is holding its 1st Annual Art, Essay & Short Movie Contest, for secondary school students affiliated with the school boards. This year's theme is "Art of Living Together" and submissions will be accepted in three categories: art, essay and short video. Prizes include a laptop and a video camera. Deadline for submissions is **October 1**. Be sure to pass this along to a young person or youth group near you! Find more information at: <http://artessay.ca/edmonton>.

Wild West Catholic Youth Conference

Registration is still 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/workshops>.

Parish & Community News

Newest Trustee

Congratulations to **Joe Bécigneul**, the newest Catholic school trustee in the Archdiocese. He was elected in a September 19th by-election in Ward 1 of the Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools District. (Results will be official at noon on Friday, September 23). Mr. Bécigneul is scheduled to take the Oath of Office at the Organizational Meeting of the board, which takes place **Monday, September 26**, at 7 p.m. in the District Office at 6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert.

CSS Fall Celebration

You're invited to attend Catholic Social Services' Fall Celebration on **Thursday, September 22**, at the Winspear Centre. This event is the start of our annual Sign of Hope campaign, and will include a reception that starts at 3 p.m., with the main program starting at 5 p.m. With ministries that reach out to the poor, vulnerable, addicted, and hurt, we have served Central Alberta for 55 years. Guided by faith, our caring staff and volunteers provide hope, healing, and love. Fall Celebration tickets are two for \$15, so please invite a family member, friend, or colleague to join you. You can register at cssalberta.ca, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Free English Classes at St. Alphonsus

Temporary Foreign Workers and other immigrants are invited to attend Free English Classes (beginner, intermediate and advanced levels/CELPPIP preparation) at St. Alphonsus Church, 11828 - 85 Street, Edmonton. The classes will be held on Saturday mornings, 9:30 a.m. -12 noon, from **October 8 to December 3**. We ask that you preregister by email to StAlphonsus.Edm@caedm.ca (contact person is Carol). Please provide your full name, phone number and email address.

Gala Dinner at Olds

You are invited to a Gala Dinner and Silent Auction fundraiser in support of sponsoring a Christian refugee family from Syria. Join us at 6 p.m. on **Friday, October 7**, at St. Stephen's Church Hall, 4302 - 57 Avenue, Olds, AB. Tickets \$60 each, call 403-556-3084 to reserve your place.

Alpha Course at Lloydminster

Looking for an opportunity to grow in your faith?? Then Alpha is for you! The evening includes a free meal, a professional Alpha video teaching, followed by an open discussion. Alpha is for anyone who is curious. The talks are designed to encourage conversation and explore basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open & informal environment. Offered Wednesday evenings, **September 28-December 7**, at 6-8 p.m. in St Anthony's Parish Hall. Format: 6 p.m. Supper provided by the Parish; 6:30 p.m. video training; 7 p.m.: open discussion. Kindly RSVP to Tom & Eileen Cavanagh @ 780-875-3561 or Christine Aalbers @ 780-872-5831.

House of Ephesus

Corpus Christi Parish's first House of Ephesus day of recollection will be hosted this coming **Saturday, September 24**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Our topic for this month will be Interiorizing the Gospel, in which we will look at the precis of the Gospel through the lens of the spiritual life. Later that evening, the Holy Spirit Rally will also provide a teaching which will dovetail with the recollection's topic. Participants, please bring your own packed lunches; coffee and tea will be provided. For more information, please contact Fr Hysell at Matthew.Hysell@caedm.ca.

Bible Study at Corpus Christi

Due to scheduling changes at Corpus Christi Parish (2702 - 34 Street), our Bible study has been moved to the **second and fourth Thursdays of the month**, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This year we will focus on the Gospel According to John. All are welcome to attend as we wade through the waters of St John the Evangelist's narrative of Jesus and His teachings, hosted by Father Matthew Hysell.

Reboot! Live!



visit www.reallifecatholic.com/reboot or call the parish at 780-487-7765.

Good Shepherd Parish invites you to rediscover God and rediscover the life you were made for, at an evening with internationally renowned speaker and author **Chris Stefanick**, and Catholic recording artist **Jon Niven**. Reboot! Live! is the fun, inspiring and practical experience for all (ages 12 and up), of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life, from prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more! It's time to start living the Life you were made for. Join us on **Thursday, December 8**, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd, 18407 - 60 Avenue, Edmonton. Tickets are \$25, **on sale now**. For more information or to purchase,

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Ecology, Economy & Laudato Si



Mark Your Calendars! Join us for a one-day symposium on Ecology, the Current Economy & Laudato Si (Pope Francis' encyclical on ecology) on **Saturday, October**



29, at St. Albert Parish Hall. Presented by OMI Lacombe Canada, Br. Anthony District, and St. Paul's University, featuring guests and presenters from the worlds of faith, culture, environment, government, and industry. Pre-register by calling Star of the North Retreat Centre at 780-459-5511 [📞](#).

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