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Human Resources

Are you looking for a job? Maybe you are being called to serve the Catholic community?

St Albert Catholic Parish is looking for a part-time **Office/Administrative Assistant** to provide reception and secretarial services for the pastor and other team members. This role includes data entry, preparation of sacramental forms, and certificates.

A qualified candidate would be an active, practicing Catholic with a pleasant and welcoming personality; computer skills (Windows, Microsoft Word, Access, Excel);

Dear [Contact.First Name],



We celebrated Shrove Tuesday at the Catholic Campus in high style, thanks to the awesome kitchen staff at St. Joseph Seminary, who prepared a beautiful feast of pancakes with all the trimmings. (Some happy colleagues pictured enjoying it!)

Have you wondered, as I have, why we call it Shrove Tuesday? Apparently the word "shrove" is a form of the old English word "shrive," which means to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of Confession and doing penance. So this day gets its name from the custom for Christians to be "shriven" before the start of Lent.

Whether or not you are yet shriven, I wish you a grace-filled season of Lent!

Lorraine

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Office of the Archbishop

A Message for Lent

In his message for Lent 2017, Archbishop Smith makes a "simple yet challenging request" of us:

"Spend time with the Word of God. In our considerations of what we shall 'give up' during these forty days, let us also determine to 'take up' the Bible and thus seek to be taught, nourished and challenged by God's sacred teachings. He offers us his Word as a gift of love. Together with the grace He pours out in the sacraments, His Word shapes, guides and transforms our lives along our pilgrim journey toward the eternal life God

excellent organizational and accuracy skills; bookkeeping background an asset; the ability to take initiative and to work as a part of the parish team; and ability to maintain confidentiality is essential.

For more information and application instructions, check out <http://caedm.ca/careers> for the latest job postings in the Archdiocese.

What is the Archbishop thinking this week?

Find out by following his blog, [The Reason for Our Hope](#). Or follow him on Twitter [@archbsmith](#).

wills for each of us."

[Click here to download the Archbishop's full message](#) (PDF, 1 page)

Grace This Week



As part of his Every Life Matters initiative, Archbishop Smith asks us all to heed the invitation of our Holy Father and embrace the custom of praying at mealtime, and to add to the usual Grace before meals one line from the Scripture and one line of prayerful response to it.

Grace with lines from the from the Readings for February 26

Leader: Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word. You call us to stop worrying and to place our trust in the love of our Heavenly Father (cf. *Matthew 6:24-34*).

All: Grant us, Lord Jesus, the gift of deep faith in the goodness of God.

OR

Leader: Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word. You teach us to seek first the Kingdom of God (cf. *Matthew 6:24-34*).

All: Help us each day, Lord Jesus, to surrender in trust to the rule of God in our lives.

Communications

Day of Confessions a Chance to Reconcile



Confession. It's often seen as the most nerve-wracking of the sacraments.

"I think when it comes to celebration of the sacraments it probably is one which people may find the most difficult because in a sense, we're giving to God some of those dark parts that no one ever knows about," says Father Paul Kavanagh, who has been hearing confessions for nearly 15 years.

“But we offer them to God and know that God will forgive us if we’re sorry, if we’re contrite.”

[Click here to read Thandiwe Konquavi's story.](#)

Looking for an Ash Wednesday Mass?

If you are looking for an Ash Wednesday Mass in the Archdiocese, check out the schedule on www.caedm.ca/AshWednesday.

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Divine Worship

Day of Confessions



It doesn't matter if you've been away for a while, it doesn't matter what you have to confess. Drop by the closest Catholic church and experience the grace of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Priests across the Archdiocese are devoting themselves to hearing confessions on **Wednesday, March 8**, the 5th annual archdiocesan Day of Confessions. To help prepare, visit

<http://caedm.ca/confessions> for

instructions, prayers, resources, and video links.

Note to Parishes: Since some churches may not be open for confessions for the entire day on March 8, this year we are posting a schedule of times on the archdiocesan website. If your parish is not listed on the [Day of Confessions - Hours by Parish](#) page, send your times along to communications@caedm.ca and we'll add them.

Prayers, Reflections & Activities for Lent

We are pleased to share some resources from Liturgy Training Publications that parishes may find helpful in celebrating each week in the season of Lent. They are presented in the form of a double-sided PDF handout which can be printed and distributed. (Please contact us if you need a Word version for copy & paste.) Included this week is the following prayer for the First Sunday of Lent:

Lead Us from Temptation

Creator God,
 you formed us in your image
 and breathed your life into us,
 filling us with your spirit;
 Yet we turn our backs to you
 and respond to the temptations of wisdom beyond our grasp
 and the possibilities of power and gain.
 Be merciful to us, O Lord,
 for we have sinned with open eyes and selfish hearts.
 Be merciful, O Lord,

for we know not what we do.
May your mercy fall on us, O Lord,
as we seek to do your will,
for you live and reign united as Father, Son, and Spirit,
for ever and ever. Amen.

[Download the handout for the First Sunday of Lent](#)

Readings for March

Wondering what this month holds in store for readings for Mass?

[Click here to download the Liturgical Readings for March](#) (PDF, 1 page)

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Ecumenical & Interreligious Relations

World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer is coming up on **Friday, March 3**, and we invite you to attend a World Day of Prayer service near your home, and invite your friends and family as well.

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement that brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday of March.

The day has its origins in the 19th century, when Christian women in North America started to be involved in missions at home and in other parts of the world. Today in Canada, the World Day of Prayer is coordinated by the [Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada](#).

See [World Day of Prayer Events in the Archdiocese of Edmonton](#).

Together in Christ Lenten Series

The Ecumenical Office of the Archdiocese is partnering with Ascension Lutheran Church in Edmonton to offer an ecumenical Lenten study series called *Together in Christ: Lutherans and Catholics Commemorating the Reformation*.

Sessions will be held on five consecutive **Wednesdays: March 8, 15, 22, and 29, and April 5**, at 7 p.m., at Ascension Lutheran Church, 8405 – 83 Street, Edmonton.

There is no cost for attending these sessions and everyone is invited.

[See the poster](#) for details or visit us on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/caedmunty

Inner City Pastoral Ministry AGM

You are warmly invited to the Inner City Pastoral Ministry's annual general meeting on **Thursday, March 16**. The meeting will be held at St Faith's Anglican Church – Prayer Commons, 11725 - 93 St., Edmonton, at 6:30 p.m.

Julien Hammond, Coordinator of the Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations, will deliver the keynote address.

Earth Hour Vigil

Parish communities and other Catholic groups observing International Earth Hour with local ecumenical partners are invited to use an ecumenical prayer service prepared by The Roman Catholic – United Church Dialogue. The 10th annual International Earth Hour will take place on **Saturday, March 25, at 8:30 p.m.** The Roman Catholic – United Church Dialogue is sponsored by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and The United Church of Canada.

[Link to the Ecumenical Prayer Vigil.](#)

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Every Life Matters

Think About It

The last weeks and days of a dying person's life are often a time of spiritual journey and a time of reconciliation with family, friends, and God. Choosing to end life prematurely may prevent the person from living those profound human experiences, and can rob his or her family members of them too.

Doctors Backing Out of Assisted Death

Did you see this?

Some doctors who have helped their patients end their lives are refusing to perform any more assisted deaths because of emotional distress and fear of being prosecuted.

[See the article in the Edmonton Journal.](#)

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Let Us Remember

... in prayer, our priests who have died during the month of March.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Most Rev. Anthony JORDAN, OMI Mar. 4, 1982
 Most Rev. Henry Joseph O'LEARY Mar. 5, 1938
 Rev. Thaddeus RATAJ Mar. 8, 1993
 Rev. M. Gerard DOYLE Mar. 9, 1977
 Rev. Michael C. HEFFERNAN Mar. 9, 1989
 Most Rev. Emile LEGAL, OMI Mar. 10, 1920
 Rev. Gordon ROEBUCK Mar. 10, 2006
 Rev. Paul J. CONNELLY Mar. 14, 1988
 Rev. Ernest R. DORAIS Mar. 16, 1908
 Rev. Joseph Owen SULLIVAN Mar. 17, 1967
 Rev. Hippolyte BEILLEVAIRE Mar. 18, 1937
 Rt. Rev. Emile TESSIER Mar. 19, 1964
 Rev. Victor PERRON Mar. 19, 2013
 Rev. Michael Philip ROONEY Mar. 21, 1953
 Rev. Cornelius LANDRIGAN Mar. 22, 2000
 Rev. Patrick O'NEILL Mar. 23, 2014

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Life and Family

40 Days for Life



From **March 1 to April 9**, our community in Edmonton will take part in the 40 Days for Life.

Join us by signing up for an hour (or more) to pray, fast and witness for life across from the Morgentaler Clinic of Edmonton. For more information, please contact the Edmonton Coordinator for 40 Days for Life, Melody Berscheid at 780-710-5188. Please join us with your Lenten prayers so that with God's help we can save lives by ending abortion.

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Homily & Prayer Suggestions for March

With the beginning of the Lenten season, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) has posted possible homily ideas and prayers of the faithful to help link the Sunday liturgy with the national pastoral initiative for life and family. The proposed texts for the month of March 2017 can be easily adapted for family prayer, as well as for personal prayer or for use with other groups or organizations.

[Download the texts for March](#) (PDF, 3 pages)[back to top](#)

Aboriginal Relations

St. Kateri Celebration

Everyone is welcome to join us for a day of celebrating our first Native American Saint, Kateri Tekakwitha, the "Lily of the Mohawks," on **Saturday, April 22**, at Lac Ste. Anne. The program includes a Living Rosary accompanied by drummers, Mass with Archbishop Richard Smith presiding, and lunch (including bannock). There will also be activities for children and youth. MC for the event is Gary Gagnon, Coordinator of the new Office of Aboriginal Relations.

For more information, [download the poster](#)

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Planning Ahead

A Catholic Perspective on Funerals, Burials & Estate Planning

Gain peace of mind for yourself and your loved ones. Join Father Miguel Irizar 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.

Upcoming Seminar:

Tuesday, March 14, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
 St. Emerence Parish Hall, Riviere Qui Barre
 To register, contact the Parish Office at 780-458-0722

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Youth and Young Adults

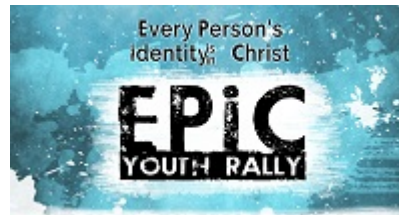
Day of Information Sharing

Calling all youth and young adult ministry coordinators! You are invited to a day of information sharing and discussion with your fellow youth and young adult ministry coordinators at the Pastoral and Administration Offices, 8421 - 101 Avenue, on **Saturday, March 11**, at 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event will give you an opportunity to know each other and connect with the Office of Youth Evangelization for the Archdiocese.

Please confirm your attendance as soon as possible by emailing youth@caedm.ca or by contacting Lisa MacQuarrie by phone (a message or text is fine) at 403-392-2409.

If you are not able to attend but would like to be added to the contact list for future gatherings and to receive important information from the Coordinator of Youth Evangelization, please call or email your contact information to lisa.macquarrie@caedm.ca. We look forward to hearing from you!

EPIC Youth Rally



Youth in Grades 7-12 are invited to attend Holy Trinity Parish's annual youth rally on **Saturday, March 18**. The EPIC Youth Rally is a day of music, games, presentations, skits, Mass, Reconciliation, and Adoration. Pure Witness Ministries will be leading this EPIC, Christ-centered

day.

Registration forms are available on the Holy Trinity Parish youth website www.htyouth.ws, under the EPIC Youth Rally tab.

Retreat for Young Adults

Come Sit With Me is a retreat day for single young adults aged 18-40 taking place on **Saturday, March 18**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Providence Centre, 3005 - 119 St., Edmonton. This is the second of a series of six retreats to be held throughout the year.

To register, contact Sister Isabel Cid, SP at 780-720-6020 or icid@sistersofprovidence.ca.

[Please share the poster.](#)

NET Canada Host Homes Needed

(Note change in contact information)

NET Canada is a Catholic organization that has young adults as missionaries who travel across the country to evangelize to other young



people on the importance of the Gospel. NET will have a team of 11 in the Edmonton Archdiocese in March, and they need accommodations -- a home, school, retreat centre, camp, convent,

school gym, or rectory.

If you are willing to host these young adults, please fill out this [Google Forum](#) with your information; this information will remain confidential.

For more information contact Corina Santaera at stalbertyouth.ab@gmail.com.

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Vocations

"Samuel" Group

The Lord God came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, Lord God, for your servant is listening.' (1Sam. 3:10)

The "Samuel" Group is about discernment; i.e., exploring one's unique place before God, or one's vocation. The Ursulines of Jesus extend a special invitation to Catholic young adults, ages 20-40, who are seeking to know and respond to God's call in their lives.

The Samuel Group meets on the 3rd Friday of every month through June, at 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the Ursulines home at, 9008 - 143 Street, Edmonton. The evenings include sharing by witnesses of their vocational journey, prayer with Sacred Scripture, and socializing. For more information, contact Sister Mary Clare at mctstack@gmail.com or 780-863-1597.

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Newman Theological College

Anthony Jordan Lectures

Newman Theological College is pleased to present the 2017 Anthony Jordan Lecture Series, co-sponsored by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, on **Friday-Saturday, March 3-4**.

This year's presenter is Dr. Hans Boersma, who will be speaking on the theme "Real Presence: An Ecumenical Perspective."

All are welcome to any or all sessions. Lectures take place at St. Joseph Seminary, 9828 - 84 Street:

Friday, March 3

Christ in Scripture, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 4

Christ in the Eucharist, 10 a.m.

Mass, 11:30 a.m.

Christ in the Church, 2 p.m.

Cost: free will offering

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Parish and Community News

Marian Lenten Mission

Everyone is invited to St. Francis Xavier Parish's Lenten Mission from **Sunday, March 5, to Wednesday, March 8** in Camrose. Our theme, *Why Everyone Needs Mary*, will be presented by mission preacher Rev. Joseph R. Jacobson.

[See more information.](#)

Live-In Retreat

The St. Andrew Live-In Society is pleased to announce that there will be a Live-In retreat on **Friday-Sunday, April 21-23** in Leduc. To receive a newsletter about this Live-In as well as information about others, please email SALIS_EInfo@gmail.com with your contact information or call Ron at 403-749-2418.

Last Call for Bursary

After many years of assisting lay persons preparing for ministry through the provision of educational bursaries, the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada are discontinuing their educational bursary program at the end of April.

All applications for educational bursaries received by **Saturday, April 15**, will be eligible for consideration by the Educational Bursary Committee.

[Please share the application.](#)

Creation: a Lenten Video Presentation

Why should we care for the environment? St. Alphonsus Parish invites you to a Lenten video presentation and discussion series called *Creation*.

Produced by Salt and Light TV, this program takes us on a quest to answer the deeper questions about ecology and the environment within God's revelation as found in his creation and the teaching of the Catholic Church.

The series kicks off on **Friday, March 3**, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, 11828 - 85 Street, Edmonton. It runs over six Friday evenings during Lent 2017, ending April 7.

Men's Prayer Warriors Retreat

Pack your sleeping bag, Bible and your Rosary for the Men's Prayer Warriors Retreat. All men are invited to the weekend event **Friday-Sunday, March 17-19** at St. Maria Goretti Church in Devon. The event, sponsored by the Apostolate of St. Joseph, will feature speakers including Rev. Paul Moret. For more information or to register, contact Lyle Thorne at 780-915-6091.

[See the poster](#)

Crucifix Wanted

Does your parish have a large crucifix to spare? St Anthony's Church in Lloydminster has built a new parish hall and is looking for a large crucifix to adorn the front wall. Preferably, the vertical part of the cross would be at least three feet high.

If anyone can help, please contact the parish office at 780-875-2883.

Friars Ball

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend this formal event in support of the education, training and formation of seminarians, religious, and lay leaders for the Ukrainian Eparchy and the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton. The 48th Annual Friars Ball takes place on **Friday, May 5**, at The Westin hotel. Tickets are \$250 each (\$150 for 25 and younger). For further information, please contact Anna at 780-469-1010 or check out our new website at www.friarsball.com.

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