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Mass Readings for April

Click on the link to download and print the [Liturgical Calendar for the month of April](#). (PDF, 1 page)

A Pilgrimage with the Archbishop

You are invited to take the journey of a lifetime with Archbishop Richard Smith on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from **November 29 to December 10, 2017**. "Walk where Jesus taught, healed, and gave His life for our salvation." Space is limited -- for more information or to reserve your spot, contact Jackie Abello at 780-229-4171 or 1-800-661-2454 ext. 4171 or JackieA@UniglobeOne.com. [Download the poster/flyer for more details](#) (PDF, 2 pages)

Dear [Contact.First Name],

We look forward to welcoming priests and representatives of parishes throughout the Archdiocese to St. Joseph Basilica for the annual Chrism Mass on Monday, April 10.

At this Mass, traditionally celebrated during Holy Week, the Archbishop blesses the oils that will be used throughout the year for anointing in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders.

In Archbishop Smith's words, "In these sacraments the Lord consecrates us, sets us permanently apart, for the mission of the Church, and what is more, he offers himself as the basis of our permanent fidelity to that call."

May God bless in a special way all those who will be travelling to attend the Chrism Mass next week.

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Office of the Archbishop

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 Scripture and one line of prayerful response to it. New lines are posted each week at www.caedm.ca/grace.

What is the Archbishop thinking this week?

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



Grace with lines from the Readings from April 2

Leader: Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word. You told Martha that you are the resurrection and the life.

All: Help us, Lord, to live and believe in you and your promise of everlasting life.

OR

Leader: Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word. You raised your friend Lazarus from the dead.

All: Help us, Lord, to see the glory of God through our faith in you as His Son.

A Chance Meeting in Rome



During their *Ad Limina* visit to Rome, our Bishops were delighted to meet a group of students from Austin O'Brien Catholic School in Edmonton, who were visiting the Eternal City as part of a European tour. (pictured below at St. Peter's Basilica)

Later the Bishops met with the Congregation for Catholic Education. In a blog post, Archbishop Smith described it as "an opportunity to affirm the great gift we have in Catholic schools and the joint responsibility shared by all believers to strengthen their identity and mission, especially in the face of the many pressures prevalent in the world today to insert into our classrooms ideologies contrary to the faith or to work against the very existence of Catholic schools."

It was one of many meetings with Vatican departments that the Western Canadian Bishops had during their week-long visit. We are happy to report that Archbishop Smith and Bishop Bittman have returned safely and are now back among us.

Together We Serve

Making a Difference in the North



Our twin diocese in the North is one of the world's largest in geographical area, and is home to about 28,000 Catholics – more than half the NWT population, primarily Dene, Metis, and Inuvialuit peoples.

"We are blessed and grateful to be part of the *Together We Serve* appeal. Your support will help us in the

Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith to fund the critical Church ministries that encourage prayer, service, healing & growth. Your gifts will make a difference as

we build together a community of hope in Christ's vision for His people."

Most Rev. Mark Hagemoen
Bishop of Mackenzie-Fort Smith

Development Office

Faith, Fitness & Fun Run/Walk



Join us for the 12th Annual Faith, Fitness & Fun Run/Walk on **Saturday, May 27**, on the grounds of St. Joseph Seminary and Newman Theological College, 10012 - 84 Street. Enjoy scenic views of our river valley on your chip-timed 10K run, 5K run or 3K walk -- and support the seminary and college at the same time. Register at events.runningroom.com.

Fee includes T-shirt, hospitality, prizes & fun, plus games and activities for children. For more information, visit <http://caedm.ca/funrun> or email FunRun@caedm.ca.

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Newman Golf Classic

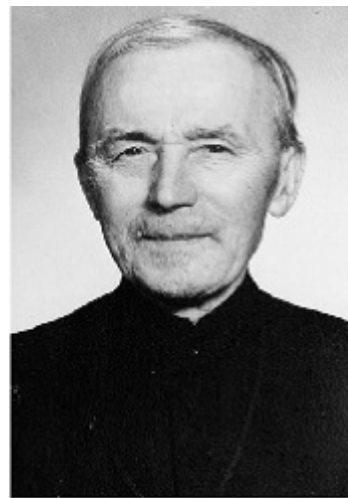
It's not too early to think about golf! Registration is now open for the 25th Annual Newman Golf Classic on **Monday, July 10**. When you join us at the beautiful Blackhawk Golf Club, you will become part of a mission to educate future priests, Catholic school teachers, youth ministers, parish workers, and chaplains – the people who will go on to serve our families and communities. Visit <http://caedm.ca/golf> for all the details.

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.

Communications

Venerable Men



Two giants of Catholic history in Alberta continue to be considered for possible sainthood by Pope Francis.

Most Rev. Vital Grandin (left) was the first bishop of St. Albert when the diocese was erected in 1871 and was instrumental in the establishment of the Catholic Church in Western Canada. Brother Anthony Kowalczyk worked with indigenous and Métis people in Alberta and later served served as a beloved custodian and handyman at College St. Jean in Edmonton. Both were members of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

“Let’s continue to promote the advancement of these causes by our prayers,” Archbishop Richard Smith wrote in his blog Wednesday, after meeting with the head of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints at the Vatican.

Both Bishop Grandin and Brother Anthony are considered venerable, meaning they have lived heroic virtues. Candidates are required to have two miracles attributed to them before being declared a saint.

[Read more](#)

Holy Week and Easter Mass Times



Service times for Holy Week and Easter are now posted on the archdiocesan website at www.caedm.ca/Easter.

If you will be attending a different parish during this time, or have visitors inquiring about where they can attend, please refer them to this page.

Divine Worship

Spring Cleaning!

If you are cleaning up your parish’s sacristy and are wondering what to do with old, out-of-date lectionaries, sacramentary, and ritual books – wonder no more. They can be dropped off at the Office of Divine Worship or Archives in the Pastoral and Administration Offices building. We have a process in place for disposing of printed liturgical resources.

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 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.

Singing Hosanna

Lord our God,
King of the Universe,
bless our branches and make them holy.
You who have blessed our lives
by your goodness in the world,
so bless us today as we proclaim Christ our King.
May we proclaim your majesty anew
and welcome you into our cities and homes
as ruler, as prophet, and as our Messiah.
Strengthen our hearts to be with you
in the coming days;
May we not abandon you, but continue to praise you
with our Hosannas.
Through Christ our Savior and Lord,
for ever and ever. Amen.

[Download the handout for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord \(PDF, 2 pages\)](#)

Aboriginal Relations



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. Dress warmly and bring lawn chairs!

[Please share the new poster \(PDF, 8 1/2 x 14"\)](#)

Every Life Matters

12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is inviting all people of faith to join nationwide in 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care on **Thursday, May 4**. This day is designed to lead into National Hospice Palliative Care Week, **May 7-13**, as a profound witness to the sanctity of human life. The prayer can take place within a church, home, or elsewhere, with a large congregation, a few friends, or alone at home. For more information about the need for palliative care and resources, visit www.cwl.ca.

You are invited to join in this initiative and share your plans with others across Canada by using the hashtag **#12hoursofprayer**.

Lay Apostolate

Stewardship and the Poor

Stewardship pleases God because the good steward is careful of creation, is respectful of justice and charity, and is prayerful at all times. "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."
(Luke 12:48)

"Embrace with tender affection the whole of humanity, especially the poorest, the weakest, the least important..." (*Pope Francis, 2013*)

[Read more reflections on Stewardship & the Poor](#)

Let Us Remember

Rev. Alphonse Roy OMI



Father Alphonse Roy OMI passed away on **Saturday, April 1, 2017**, at the age of 82 at his residence in Foyer Lacombe, St. Albert.

Funeral Mass is scheduled for **Friday, April 7**, at 11 a.m. at St. Albert Catholic Parish in St. Albert. Interment (at a later date) will be at St. Albert Catholic Cemetery, Oblate Plot.

*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.*

Missions

Holy Childhood Mass

The annual archdiocesan Holy Childhood Association Mission Day Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Richard Smith on **Wednesday, May 3**, at 11 a.m. This year's celebration is hosted by Edmonton Catholic Schools at Corpus Christi Parish, 2707 - 34 Street, Edmonton. Students and teachers from all school districts are welcome.

Teachers are reminded to send in the Mass Registration before the April 28th deadline to ensure there is adequate seating for your class.

[Download the Mass Registration Sheet](#)

[Download Guidelines for Participants](#)

Lent & Easter

Musical Lenten Reflection

Sacred Heart Parish in Wetaskiwin invites you to join us for a special Musical Lenten Reflection on **Palm Sunday, April 9**, at 4 p.m. Enjoy inspirational music and reflective readings on the theme of peace. Music by the St. Nicholas Mandolin Ensemble and Guest Choir of Edmonton. Sacred Heart Church is located at 5113 - 49 Avenue, Wetaskiwin. Everyone is welcome; food bank donations gratefully accepted.

[Download the poster](#) (PDF, legal size)

Leduc Public Walk with the Cross

St. Michael's Parish invites you to join us at the 4th Annual Good Friday Carrying of the Cross through the streets of Leduc. The procession will start at 5:30 p.m. on **April 14** at the front entrance of the Leduc Civic Centre. We will be journeying to the various social service agencies throughout our community while singing, praying and meditating on the Passion of Jesus Christ. The distance totals about 1.6 km. We invite all children to bring along their own crosses to carrying during the walk.

For more information, contact David Rantucci at 780-599-2665 or davidr@thermo-design.com.

[Download the Poster](#)

Edmonton Outdoor Way of the Cross



You are invited to join in the 37th annual Outdoor Way of the Cross through inner-city Edmonton on **Good Friday, April 14**. The annual prayer walk begins at 10 a.m. at Immigration Hall (100th Street and 105th Avenue), in Edmonton. This year's theme is "The cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor are one."

This year's walk will be into an area not walked before, north of the new Rogers Place complex.

Everyone is welcome at this event. For more information, contact Linda at 780-466-6327 or Jim at 780-218-6989.

[Download the flyer](#)

Life and Family

40 Days for Life Saves Lives!



On the first Monday of this year's Lenten campaign, two 40 Days for Life volunteers encountered a mom and dad. With their signs out, committed to peaceful prayer for life, they saw this couple as they walked back and forth, up and down the street in front of the Morgentaler Clinic of Edmonton. In a world that all too often presents abortion as the only option, this couple seemed unsure (as are many other mothers and fathers).

As an answer to their prayer, the couple left the clinic shortly after it opened, crossed the street and shared their story with the 40 Days for Life volunteers. While abortion seemed to be an answer to their "problem," they wanted a better alternative, real choices – life and adoption. Between the peaceful witness, prayers and ministry of 40 Days for Life and their collaboration with the Back Porch, this couple now has real, truthful and beautiful options for their child and their family.

Please keep our volunteers in your prayers, and please join us in prayer to end abortion in our city, country and world. For more information, please contact the Edmonton Coordinator for 40 Days for Life, Melody Berscheid at 780-710-5188.

Theology of the Body Conference

St. Therese Institute in Bruno, Saskatchewan, is hosting a Theology of the Body conference led by internationally renowned speaker and author Christopher West. The conference takes place **Sunday-Thursday, April 30-May 4**. This unique approach to John Paul II's teaching includes reflections on St. Thérèse of Lisieux that Christopher West only teaches at St. Therese Institute. Early bird rate is \$445. Visit www.St-T.ca/TOB or call 306-369-2555 for more details.

Benefit for Life

Registration is open for Alberta's Benefit for Life Banquet, taking place on **Saturday, April 22**, at Kingsway Ramada Hotel in Edmonton. Alberta Pro-Life (The Wilberforce Project) invites you to attend this annual fundraising banquet. Admission is free; however, seating is limited, so you must register at <https://banquet-thewilberforceproject.nationbuilder.com>.

Fertility Education Training

Are you interested in providing fertility education to couples? Billings Life is seeking organized and compassionate individuals to become Accredited Teachers of the Billings Ovulation Method®. *The Billings Ovulation Method: Basic Teacher Training Workshop* (Part 1) is taking place **Friday-Sunday, April 21-23**, at Misericordia Hospital in Edmonton.

Please call 403-320-1489 if you have questions and register online at billingslife.ca/get-involved/become-a-teacher.

Pastoral Care

Certificate Program for Volunteers

The Ministry of Pastoral Care: Certificate Program for Volunteers 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, Types of Ministry Visits, Dealing with Grief, Caring for the Volunteer and finishes with a Certificate ceremony.

All volunteers involved in Pastoral Care are required to have the certificate in order to effectively serve in this ministry.

The next program is being offered **Friday-Saturday, April 21-22**.

Registration information can be found at:

<http://newman.edu/BenedictXVIIInstitute/MinistryofPastoralCareCertificateProgram>.

Parish and Community News

Shroud of Turin

You are Invited to attend a presentation on the Shroud of Turin, the most studied artifact in Christendom. Discover the facts about this amazing cloth on **Sunday, April 30**, from 2 to 4 p.m., at St. Josaphat's Ukrainian Catholic Church, 10825 – 97 Street, Edmonton. Presentation will feature the exposition of an official, full-size photographic replica on cotton cloth, one of 10 official copies in North

America. For further information or to book a presentation for your group, students or church, please contact Ed Hecker at 780-483-4707.