

**TWINNED PARISHES OF
ASSUMPTION AND RESURRECTION**

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Reduced Office Hours:

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**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2020**

REGULAR MASS TIMES

The public celebration of Masses, including Sunday Masses, is not permitted at this time due to restrictions on public gatherings.

Please consider making a spiritual communion (see inside).

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

Sacrament of the Sick

- Available upon request

Pastoral Care

- If you or a loved one is admitted to the hospital contact us and also pastoral care at the hospital
- To arrange for pastoral visits for the sick and homebound. This may include prayer and reception of the Eucharist

Marriages

- Schedule an appointment to discuss your forthcoming marriage
- No wedding dates can be scheduled until after a meeting with the Pastor
- An approved pre-marriage course is obligatory

Baptism

- Parents participate in a Baptism Preparation Class

First Reconciliation (April 25, 2020) &

First Communion (April 26, 2020)

- Baptized children who are 7 years of age or older
- Preparation classes have begun

Confirmation: Sunday, June 7, 2020

- Baptized persons in grade 6 and older who have received the sacraments of First Communion and Reconciliation
- Preparation classes have begun.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults - RCIA

- To learn more about the Catholic Faith or to become a Catholic. Begins each fall.

Gospel of the Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year A)

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. [H]e spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

CHURCH LOCATIONS

Assumption Church is located at 9034 - 95 Avenue, Edmonton

Resurrection Church is located at 10555 - 50A Street, Edmonton

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - CONFESSION - 30 minutes before weekday Masses

Saturday 3:30 p.m.- 3:55 at Resurrection

Sunday 9:00 a.m.- 9:25 at Assumption

Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before Masses Tuesday through Thursday

Adoration each Friday: 8:00 a.m. at Resurrection

Stations of the Cross most Fridays in Lent: 6 pm at Assumption, 7 pm at Resurrection

PARISH STAFF

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Due to restrictions on assemblies as a result of efforts to contain the COVID-19 pandemic, Masses are only offered privately, i.e. in the absence of any parishioners. I continue to offer Masses for intentions requested, and generally for the spiritual and physical health of us all during these trying times.

Fr. Philip Creurer, Pastor

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Pope Francis

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

At the center of the Gospel, this Fourth Sunday of Lent, are Jesus and a man blind from birth (Jn 9: 1-41). Christ restores his sight and works this miracle with a kind of symbolic ritual: first, he mixes the earth with saliva and rubs it on his eyes; then, orders him to go and wash himself in the Pool of Siloam. The man goes, washes, and regains his sight. With this miracle, Jesus reveals himself as light of the world; and blind from birth is each of us, that we were created to know God, but because of sin, [we] are like the blind, we need a new light, that of faith, that Jesus has given us. In fact, the blind man of the Gospel regaining his vision opens to the mystery of Christ. "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

This episode causes us to reflect on our faith in Christ, the Son of God, and at the same time, also refers to Baptism, which is the first sacrament of the faith, the sacrament that makes us "come to light" by the rebirth from 'water and the Holy Spirit; as it happened to the man born blind, who opened his eyes after being washed in the Pool of Siloam. The man born blind and cured is when we do not realize that Jesus is "the light of the world," when we look elsewhere when we prefer to rely on small lights when fumbling in the dark. We too

have been "enlightened" to Christ in Baptism, and then we are called to behave as children of light. This requires a radical change in thinking, an ability to judge men and things according to a new scale of values, which comes from God. The sacrament of Baptism, in fact, demands a choice, firm and decided, to live as children of light, and to walk in the light.

What does it mean to walk in the light? It means first of all abandon the false 'lights': the cold and foolish light of prejudice against others, because the prejudice distorts reality and loads us with aversion towards those who we judge without mercy and condemn without cause. This is everyday life! When we talk of others, we don't walk in the light, but walk in the shadows. Another false 'light,' so seductive and unclear, is self-interest: if we evaluate people and things based on the criterion of how they are useful to, our pleasure, our prestige, we make the truth in relationships and situations. If we walk this path of searching only personal interests, we walk in the shadow...

May the Blessed Virgin, who first welcomed Jesus, light of the world, grant us the grace to welcome again this Lent the light of faith and rediscover the inestimable gift of Baptism. And that this new enlightenment may transform us, in attitudes and actions, starting from our poverty and littleness, to be bearers of a ray of Christ's light.

Mass Intentions

Sun. Mar 22	All Parishioners
Tues. Mar 24	+ Gertrude Parenteau
Wed. Mar 25	Pamela Turner
Thurs Mar 26	+Nora Lavery
Fri. Mar 27	+Mary McElhatton
Sat. Mar 28	+Emmanuel Felician Sr.

Mass Intentions

Sun. Mar 29	All Parishioners
Tues. Mar 31	Nora Parker
Wed. Apr 1	+Edward Hummel
Thurs Apr 2	Rev. Dr. David Norman
Fri. April 3	Patricia Boyko
Sat. April 4	+Mary McElhatton

2019 PARISH REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

Copies of the 2019 Annual Report are available online. Once restrictions regarding meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic are lifted, a meeting will be arranged to address any questions you may have.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Depending on the prevailing restrictions for gatherings, the dates of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation may have to be postponed. Details will be provided as we receive them.

HOLY WEEK

We are awaiting directives from the Archdiocese regarding Holy Week Liturgies.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

When unable to receive Holy Communion, one can make a Spiritual Communion. This is an act expressing what was described by St. Thomas Aquinas as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and in lovingly embracing Him." In a Spiritual Communion we ask our Lord to come to us in the same way He would if we were able to receive the Sacrament:

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

*Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace You as if You were already there,
and unite myself wholly to You.*

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

St. Alphonsus Liguori (A.D. 1696-1787)