

**TWINNED PARISHES OF  
ASSUMPTION AND RESURRECTION**

ARCHDIOCESE OF EDMONTON

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**Reduced Office Hours:**

Monday to Friday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**March 29, 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.

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**Prayers for the Sick**

Amongst the riches of the Church's treasury of prayers are prayers that form part of special Masses which may be offered on particular occasions, like a Mass for Peace or after an earthquake. There is one such Mass for all the sick, and the Collect (opening prayer) summarizes our understanding that our suffering is never in vain when it is joined to the merits of Christ, who suffered death out of love for us:

*O God, who willed that our infirmities be borne by your Only-Begotten Son to show the value of human suffering, listen in kindness to our prayers for our brothers and sisters who are sick; grant that all who are oppressed by pain, distress or other afflictions may know that they are chosen among those proclaimed blessed and are united to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world; Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen!*

**Readings for the Mass this Sunday**

**First Reading:** Ezechiel 37:12-14—"I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live...."

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 130—With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:8-11—"if the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to [you] through his Spirit that dwells in you."

**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

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**PARISH STAFF**

Business Manager/Pastoral Assistant:

Trish Underwood

Pastoral Assistant: Nora Parker

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Maura Usher

Accountant: Janette Kondra

**PARISH CONTACTS**

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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*

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

*Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In our Lenten journey we have reached the Fifth Sunday, characterized by the Gospel of the resurrection of Lazarus (Jn 11: 1-45). It concerns the last "sign" fulfilled by Jesus, after which the chief priests convened the Sanhedrin and deliberated killing him, and decided to kill the same Lazarus who was living proof of the divinity of Christ, the Lord of life and death. Actually, this Gospel passage shows Jesus as true Man and true God. First of all, the Evangelist insists on his friendship with Lazarus and his sisters, Martha and Mary. He emphasizes that "Jesus loved" them (Jn 11: 5), and this is why he wanted to accomplish the great wonder. "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him out of sleep" (Jn 11: 11), he tells his disciples, expressing God's viewpoint on physical death with the metaphor of sleep. God sees it exactly as sleep, from which he can awaken us. Jesus has shown an absolute power regarding this death, seen when he gives life back to the widow of Nain's young son (cf. Lk 7: 11-17) and to the 12 year-old girl (cf. Mk 5: 35-43). Precisely concerning her he said: "The child is not dead but sleeping" (Mk 5: 39), attracting the derision of those present. But in truth it is exactly like this: bodily death is a sleep from which God can awaken us at any moment.

This lordship over death does not impede Jesus from feeling sincere "com-passion" for the sorrow of detachment. Seeing Mar-

tha and Mary and those who had come to console them weeping, Jesus "was deeply moved in spirit and troubled", and lastly, "wept" (Jn 11: 33, 35). Christ's heart is divine-human: in him God and man meet perfectly, without separation and without confusion. He is the image, or rather, the incarnation of God who is love, mercy, paternal and maternal tenderness, of God who is Life. Therefore, he solemnly declared to Martha: "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die". And he adds, "Do you believe this?" (Jn 11: 25-26). It is a question that Jesus addresses to each one of us: a question that certainly rises above us, rises above our capacity to understand, and it asks us to entrust ourselves to him as he entrusted himself to the Father. Martha's response is exemplary: "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who is coming into the world" (Jn 11: 27). Yes, O Lord! We also believe, notwithstanding our doubts and darkness; we believe in you because you have the words of eternal life. We want to believe in you, who give us a trustworthy hope of life beyond life, of authentic and full life in your Kingdom of light and peace.

We entrust this prayer to Mary Most Holy. May her intercession strengthen our faith and hope in Jesus, especially in moments of greater trial and difficulty.

### Mass Intentions

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| Sun. Mar 29  | All Parishioners      |
| Tues. Mar 30 | Nora Parker           |
| Wed. Apr 1   | +Edward Hummel        |
| Thurs Apr 2  | Rev. Dr. David Norman |
| Fri. Apr 3   | Patricia Boyko        |
| Sat. Apr 4   | +Mary McElhatton      |

### Mass Intentions

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| Sun. Apr 5    | Palm Sunday—All Parishioners |
| Tues. Apr 6   | All Parishioners             |
| Wed. Apr 7    | All Parishioners             |
| Thurs Apr 8   | Holy Thursday                |
| Fri. April 9  | Good Friday                  |
| Sat. April 10 | Vigil of Easter              |

### 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

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic no parish public Masses—See Archdiocesan webcasts: [www.caedm.ca](http://www.caedm.ca)

### 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)*