

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

God of everlasting glory and eternal love,
From west and east you gather the humble,
Leading them with joy to the glorious light of your kingdom.
Make straight your path in our hearts;
Bring low the heights of our pride and selfishness
and prepare us to celebrate with ardent faith
the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.



Parish Announcements

We welcome into our parish family
Simon Russill Bradley and Allison Patricia Bradley
Who will be baptized this weekend at Assumption Church.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Masses on Monday, December 24

Assumption: 5:00 pm **AND** Resurrection: 5:00 pm
Assumption: 8:00 pm Resurrection: 9:00 pm

Resurrection: **Midnight Mass** (Latin Mass community)
Carolling at 11:25 pm and Mass at Midnight

Christmas Day Masses on Tuesday, December 25 NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Assumption: 9:30 am Resurrection: 11:00 am

New Year's Eve Masses on Monday, December 31

For Assumption and Resurrection will take place at Resurrection Church at 4:00 p.m.

New Year's Day Mass: Tuesday, January 1 MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (Holy Day of Obligation)

Assumption: 9:30 a.m. Resurrection: 11:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FOR OUR CHURCHES

Christmas flowers for our churches have been ordered through a wholesaler. This ensures that we have the number and



colour of plants that we need to beautify the sanctuary. Most importantly, it protects the flowers from the cold so that we have top quality flowers that will last until February. If you would like to help defray the cost of these Christmas flowers, special envelopes are available at the entry of the churches.

If you would like to help to decorate either of the churches, please leave your name, phone number and email at the parish office.

CELEBRATING ADVENT IN OUR PARISHES

ADVENT RESOURCES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

Advent is a time of prayerful preparation. At the entrance of our churches you will find booklets to help you enter into prayer and reflection during the Season of Advent. A small donation to help defray the costs of purchasing these materials is appreciated.

2018 NO ROOM IN THE INN CAMPAIGN

Since 1999, *No Room in the Inn* has led a cross-denominational Christmas campaign to raise money for housing and housing improvements for those in need. Donations to the 2018 *No Room in the Inn* campaign will support the YESS emergency shelter. Youth Empowerment & Support Service (YESS) provide shelter, healing and resources for youth experiencing homelessness in Edmonton. Envelopes specifically designated "No Room in the Inn" can be found at our church entrances.

ADVENT TAIZÉ PRAYER

We wish to invite you to join in the spirit of Advent with scripture, silence and the songs of Taizé at our special ecumenical prayer on **Sunday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. at Ascension Lutheran church** (8405-83 Street). All are welcome – why not consider introducing a friend to musical, meditative prayer?

L'ARCHE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

L'Arche Edmonton is holding its Annual Christmas pageant on **Monday, December 10 at 7 p.m. at St. Thomas d'Aquin Parish**, 8410-89 Street, Edmonton. We invite you to bring a non-perishable item for the Edmonton food bank. After the pageant, please join us for refreshments and a craft sale. Donations will be gratefully accepted.



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Our Advent Penitential Service for both parishes will be held on **Wednesday, December 12 at Resurrection Church at 7:00 p.m.** Several visiting priests will be in attendance. What better Christmas gift can you give the Lord than a repentant spirit and a clean heart? We spend so much time in temporal preparation for Christmas; please take a little time to prepare spiritually as well. Confessions are available before all weekday and weekend Masses. Check www.caedm.ca for other penitential services

Mass Intentions - Assumption Parish

Sat.	Dec 08	5:30 pm	+ Stella Novak
Sun.	Dec 09	9:30 am	All parishioners
Tues.	Dec 11	9:00 am	Fran & Norm Purschke
Wed.	Dec 12	9:00 am	Luke Marple
Fri.	Dec 14	7:00 pm	Families in crisis

Mass Intentions - Resurrection Parish

Sat.	Dec 08	4:00pm	+ Emmy Rakochev
Sun.	Dec 09	11:00am	All parishioners
Mon.	Dec 10	9:00am	+ Alfred Huculak
Thurs.	Dec 13	9:00am	Kasia Cynar
Fri.	Dec 14	9:00am	+ Andrew Ilnicki

ADVENT COLLECTIONS FOR THE POOR

The Marian Centre and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are in need of the following clothing that may be new or gently used and clean. Only NEW underwear please. Jackets and jeans must have working zippers.

- **The Marian Centre Edmonton** – operates a **Men's Clothing** room. Needed items: thermal underwear (M, L), underwear (M, L) jeans (waist 30 – 34"), sweat pants, hoodies, winter coats, winter boots, gloves and toques. Items for Christmas: men's deodorant, small toothpaste, soap and shampoo, \$15 gift cards for Tim Horton's or McDonald's.
- **The Society of St. Vincent de Paul** – is in need of clothing for men and teen-aged boys: winter jackets, winter boots, sneakers, gloves, socks, long underwear, men's underwear (S, M), jeans, sweat pants, t-shirts and hoodies. They also need tooth brushes and toothpaste.

AT ASSUMPTION: Wicker baskets are set up on either side of the sanctuary.

AT RESURRECTION: A GIVING TREE has been set up in the foyer.

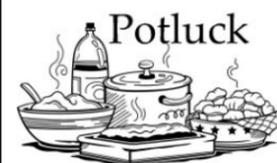
Donations may be brought to church throughout Advent.

FAIR TRADE CHRISTMAS SALE: "JUST IN TIME!"

Do you want to make your Christmas gift-giving more meaningful? Come check out the beautiful and unique fair trade Christmas decorations, handmade crafts, jewelry, coffee and other gift items from around the world. **Sunday, December 9, 10:00 am to 2:30 p.m.** Soup and lunch is available for \$10.00 from 11-1:30 at Star of the North Retreat Centre, 3A St. Vital Ave. St. Albert.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK LUNCH

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish CWL invites all ladies to our Annual Christmas Potluck Lunch, Sunday, December 9. We will gather at 12:30 pm followed by lunch at 1 pm in the



Assumption Parish Hall. Bring a friend and your favourite casserole, salad or dessert to share. Ham will be provided. Please bring a food item for our St. Vincent de Paul Pantry. There will be a 50/50 draw and membership renewals (\$30).

DID WE MISS YOU? CWL 2019 MEMBERSHIPS

If we missed you during our November membership drive you can still buy your 2019 membership** in several ways: Place your membership fee in one of the specially marked envelopes found in the red baskets marked CWL MEMBERSHIP 2019 and which are located at the main entrance of both parishes.

** Memberships are \$30. Please make cheques payable to: Assumption Parish CWL

HELPERS NEEDED FOR JANUARY COFFEE SUNDAY

Thank you to all who came forward to help with Coffee Sunday in December. More helpers are needed for January and February. Sign-up sheets are by the library or contact Ashley: asheygrace3@gmail.com.



TOGETHER WE SERVE – YEAR END UPDATE

"Together as Catholics, we can make a difference!"

As we enter the final month of the fiscal year, we are coming to the end of our fundraising for "Together We Serve" for 2018. As of November 30 we have raised \$57,518.85 of our target of \$68,500.00. **We are now at 84% to achieving our goal for 2018 with one month to go!**

Through your donations, you may be helping a terminally ill homeless man live his final days surrounded in comfort and friendship through **Catholic Social Services**. You may be addressing the root causes of poverty and conflict in the Global South through **Caritas Canada – Development and Peace**. You may be helping the Holy Father respond to global emergencies through the **Pope's Pastoral Works**. You may be helping a young man discern his priestly vocation through **St. Joseph Seminary**. You may be helping to ensure a dignified retirement for the priests who have devoted their lives to our service through **St. Joseph's Priests' Foundation**. These are just 5 of the 11 charities supported by our "Together We Serve" monies.

You may never know the precise difference you have made, but you will know that it mattered to someone. Let us together, as one family in Christ, share the abundant gifts we have been given.

May God continue to bless you with his abundant mercy!

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

A National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples has been celebrated by the Catholic Church in Canada since 2002 on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – the Patroness of the Americas. You are invited to join Archbishop Smith and members of the First Nations, Metis and Inuit communities in celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on **Wednesday, December 12**, at St. Joseph's Basilica. The Rosary will be prayed in five languages beginning at 6 p.m., followed by a procession of Chiefs and Elders at 6:45 p.m. and Mass at 7. All are welcome.

