

Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

"Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, Rejoice."

We approach Christmas Day. Instead of scurrying about trying to buy, bake and decorate, consider the words of St. Paul to the Philippians 4.4-7:

Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything let your requests be made known to God

by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds

in Christ Jesus.



Mass Intentions - Assumption Parish

Sat.	Dec 15	5:30 pm	Walter Schroh
Sun.	Dec 16	9:30 am	All Parishioners
Tues.	Dec 18	9:00 am	Sheila Fischer
Wed.	Dec 18	9:00 am	+ David Ward
Fri.	Dec 21	7:00 pm	+ Helen & Bill McCoy

Mass Intentions - Resurrection Parish

Sat.	Dec 15	4:00pm	+ Elsito & Elizabeth De Leon
Sun.	Dec 16	11:00am	+ Ivan Kolic
Mon.	Dec 17	9:00am	Mike & Shirley
Thurs.	Dec 20	9:00am	Georgina Macallan
Fri.	Dec 21	9:00am	+ Stephanie Sprysak

TOGETHER WE SERVE – YEAR END UPDATE

Together We Serve Funds will again flow to Development & Peace

This week the Alberta Bishops have released a letter announcing that all monies collected for Development & Peace during 2018 will now be sent to D&P. Copies are available at the front entrance of our churches. 100% of the 200 projects supported by D&P in the global south are in compliance with the teachings of the Catholic Church. The detailed review of some of the partners of Development & Peace continues, and no funds will be given to those under scrutiny. Be assured that your donations are being used responsibly. Examples are community gardens, sustainable agricultural practices, water conservation and support for families experiencing domestic violence and environmental contamination.

As of December 9, our parishes have raised \$60,760 of our target of \$68,500 for Together We Serve. Thanks to our parishioners generosity we have collected **89%** of our goal for 2018 with a few weeks to go! The fiscal year ends on December 31.

May God continue to bless you with his abundant mercy!



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA FOR MARRIED COUPLES

It has been said that the greatest gift we can give our children is two parents very much in love with each other. Think of making this retreat a gift to each other and your family. for more

information about the April 27 and 28, 2019 weekend in Edmonton, please contact Nicole and Gavin Van Kuppeveld at gvankup@telus.net or call 780-932-2874. Please check out www.wwme.org.

DID WE MISS YOU? CWL 2019 MEMBERSHIPS

If you missed the November membership drive you can still buy your 2019 membership by placing your membership fee in one of the specially marked envelopes found in the red baskets marked CWL MEMBERSHIP 2019 which are located at the main entrance of both parishes.

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

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI MOVIE: SIGN OF CONTRADICTION

On **Sunday, January 13**, the movie *St. Francis of Assisi: Sign of Contradiction* will be shown at 3:30 p.m. at The Princess Theatre, 10337 - 82 Avenue, Edmonton. This feature length documentary film presents St. Francis as a real person, not a characterization of an animal-loving saint from a distant time. It includes interviews about and re-enactments of significant moments in the life of St. Francis.

Tickets are \$10 each. Advance tickets only are available from Brother Michael Perras OFM at pdigrm@hotmail.com.

VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT IN OUR PARISHES KEEPING YOU INFORMED

For the last six years the Archdiocese of Edmonton has engaged the services of Praesidium Inc. This is a firm that specializes in helping churches and other organizations create safe environments. The Archdiocese is committed to ensuring that any archdiocesan employee, priest or lay volunteer who offends against children or other vulnerable persons is promptly removed from ministry, that any offences are immediately reported to civil authorities, and that victims receive compassionate treatment and assistance in recovering from any harm they have suffered, including compensation where appropriate.

We are also called to take pro-active measures to prevent abuse of any kind in the future. We must ensure to the best of our ability that our parishes and ministries offer a safe environment to ALL, particularly to children and vulnerable adults such as the sick, elderly and disabled.

We at Assumption and Resurrection Parishes in partnership with the Archdiocese will continue to work hard at also ensuring a safe environment for all. The mistakes of the past must not be allowed to occur again! Over the next several bulletins, we will outline the active measures and best practices we are using to keep our parishes SAFE.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FOR OUR CHURCHES

Christmas flowers for our churches have been ordered through a wholesaler. If you would like to help defray the cost of these Christmas flowers, special envelopes are available at the entry of the churches. Those wishing to help to decorate either of our churches, please leave your name, phone number and email at the parish office.



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)

Carols at 11:25 pm and Mass at Midnight (incense will be used)

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

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

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (Holy Day of Obligation)

New Year's Eve Mass on Monday, December 31

For Assumption and Resurrection will take place at

Resurrection Church at 4:00 p.m.

New Year's Day Masses: Tuesday, January 1

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

Celebrating Advent in our Parishes

PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING A GIFT TO THE NEEDY THIS ADVENT

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.

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.

2018 NO ROOM IN THE INN CAMPAIGN FOR YESS EMERGENCY SHELTER

Please support Youth Empowerment and Support Services

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 Services (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.

THANK YOU FROM SACRED HEART PARISH



We give thanks to all the parishioners of Resurrection and Assumption parishes for being the hands and feet of Jesus during this Advent season. We are grateful for all your kindness and generosity. The amount of food collected for Sacred Heart Christmas food hampers will benefit many of the poor and underprivileged in the inner city. Thank you for keeping Christ in Christmas!

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

To find information regarding Advent Penitential Services and Christmas Mass times in other parishes, please go to:

<https://caedm.ca/Advent>

<https://caedm.ca/Christmas>

REGULAR SUNDAY GIVING

For the month of November (donations via envelopes, cash and direct deposit)

Assumption: \$12,453.85

Resurrection: \$20,329.03

For December 1, 2, and December 8, 9 (envelopes, cash and direct deposit)

Assumption: \$5,937.00

Resurrection: \$10,575.60