

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 23, 2018

"Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb."

Today's Gospel shows us the wonderful scene of The Visitation. Elizabeth, who had suffered humiliation over her inability to bear a child has been given new hope in the form of her yet to be born son, John. Mary has accepted God's call to be the mother of our Lord. Both women are open to and filled with the Holy Spirit. Lord, help us to prepare room in our hearts to receive your Son, our Savior.



The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

"And the angel said unto them;

Fear Not: for behold, I bring you tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior which is Christ the Lord."

O come, let us adore him.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Masses on Monday, December 24

Assumption: 5:00 p.m. AND Resurrection: 5:00 p.m.

Assumption: 8:00 p.m.

Resurrection: 9:00 p.m.

Resurrection: 12:00 midnight (Latin Community)

Christmas Day Masses on Tuesday, December 25

Assumption: 9:30 a.m.

Resurrection: 11:00 a.m.

NO MORNING MASS WEDNESDAY, DEC 26, & THURSDAY, DEC 27



Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday, December 30, 2018

"Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts."



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is a model for all human families. Pope John Paul II asserted that marriage and family life are windows into the divine world, as the self-

giving love found in families reflects that of the Holy Trinity. Every family has hidden within it the seeds of holiness. Let us take to heart St. Paul's message to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience and forgiveness, for we are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved.

Mary, the Holy Mother of God (New Year's Day)

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you and give you peace."

We begin the New Year with God's blessing. Today we honour Mary, the Mother of God and World Day of Peace. Mary treasured the words of the shepherds and pondered them in her heart. Consider how you might make time this year to treasure the Word of God and cultivate peace. Prayerfully reading and pondering God's Word will enrich our faith and help us to slow down and appreciate our many blessings.

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King who rules heaven and earth forever

**NEW YEAR'S MASSES
MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
(Holy Day Of Obligation)**

New Year's Eve Mass for both parishes on Monday, December 31

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.



Parish Announcements

We welcome into our parish family

Emmett Linden Barber who will be baptized on December 30, 2019 at Assumption Church.

- **THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE BULLETIN FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKENDS.** Regular weekly bulletins will resume Sunday, January 5.
- **THE OFFICE IS CLOSED** from Monday, December 24 to Tuesday, January 1 (inclusive). The office reopens on Wednesday, January 2.
- **IN CASE OF EMERGENCY** please leave a message on the office answering machine (780-468-4071) as it will be checked regularly OR phone the rectory at (780-462-6109).
- **THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS ARE CANCELLED THIS WEEK** – Coffee Wednesday at Assumption and Scripture Reflection at both our parishes.
- **COFFEE FRIDAY WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28 AT RESURRECTION** after morning Mass.
- **DAILY MASSES ARE CANCELLED ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26 AND THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27.** Regular daily Masses (and Adoration) at Assumption and Resurrection will be held Friday, December 28.
- **INCENSE MAY BE USED AT CHRISTMAS MASSES.**

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

The Christmas Season celebrates the birth of the Lord Jesus and the ways he manifested the presence of God among us. For the Church, only the Easter celebration of the Lord's death and resurrection is more important than the Season of Christmas.

Mass Intentions - Assumption Parish

Sat.	Dec 22	5:30 pm	Bernadette & Max
Sun.	Dec 23	9:30 am	All parishioners
Wed.	Dec 26	9:00 am	NO Morning Mass
Fri.	Dec 28	7:00 pm	+ Helmut Eppel

Mass Intentions - Resurrection Parish

Sat.	Dec 22	4:00pm	+ Alfred Huculak
Sun.	Dec 23	11:00am	All parishioners
Mon.	Dec 24	9:00am	NO Morning Mass
Thurs.	Dec 27	9:00am	NO Morning Mass
Fri.	Dec 28	9:00am	+ Emmy Rakochey

**SUPPORT THE 2018 "NO ROOM IN THE INN" CAMPAIGN
LAST WEEKEND!**

You have only a few more days to support the Youth Empowerment and Support Services (YESS) as part of this year's No Room in the Inn Campaign. YESS is an emergency shelter which provides a safe place for healing and accessing resources for youth experiencing homelessness in Edmonton. Envelopes are available at our church entrances.

**SUPPORTING TOGETHER WE SERVE
Last call for 2018!**

Your donations to *Together We Serve* supports: Catholic Social Services, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith, Evangelization of Nations, Needs of the Canadian Church, Needs in the Holy Land, Newman Theological College, Pope's Pastoral Works, St. Joseph Priests' Foundation, St. Joseph Seminary and St. Joseph College. By supporting TWS we collectively, as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Edmonton, make a difference in the lives of those in need here at home, in Canada and abroad.

**WORLD DAY OF PEACE
JANUARY 1**

The World Day of Peace was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968 who asked that "every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar year."

The theme of the 52nd World Day of Peace is **political responsibility belongs to every citizen**. Pope Francis encourages everyone to become engaged in politics. "It's important to be involved in politics" and it is difficult to "do good" unless YOU ACT! Pope Francis declares: "Do not become discouraged but continue to fight for a more just society. Do not allow a culture of hate and fear to direct us. Reject this culture! Do not forget the words of Blessed Paul VI: politics can be one of the highest forms of charity"

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

The following agencies have benefitted from your generous donations and wish to extend their heartfelt thanks:

The Marian Centre and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Sacred Heart Church: greetings and best wishes from Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples. It is with sincerest gratitude that we accept the financial donation from Assumption and Resurrection Parishes of \$1,345.00. Also, your support in our Food Hamper Drive will enable many people and their families this Christmas to enjoy a good meal. Thank you so much and God's Blessings on you all for your wonderful generosity. *Father Susai Jesu (Pastor)*

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

On this Holy Night, God himself became man; as Isaiah prophesied, the child born here is "Emmanuel", God with us (Is 7:14). And down the centuries, while there has been misuse of religion, it is also true that forces of reconciliation and goodness have constantly sprung up from faith in the God who became man. Into the darkness of sin and violence, this faith has shone a bright ray of peace and goodness, which continues to shine. So Christ is our peace, and he proclaimed peace to those far away and to those near at hand (cf. Eph 2:14, 17). How could we not pray to him: Yes, Lord, proclaim peace today to us too, whether we are far away or near at hand. Grant us also today that swords may be turned into ploughshares (Is 2:4). Help us to become people "with whom you are pleased" – people according to your image and thus people of peace.

"Peace on earth to men of good will." God does not cease to search for us, to raise us up as often as we might need. He does not abandon the lost sheep in the wilderness into which it had strayed. God does not allow himself to be confounded by our sin. Again and again he begins afresh with us. He is still waiting for us to join him in love. He loves us, so that we too may become people who love, so that there may be peace on earth.

Benedict XVI (from Christmas homilies 2010, 2012)

May the Christ-child fill you and your families with his grace and peace this Christmas.

From all the staff and volunteers, we wish you a Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year.

Fr. Philip Creurer

