

## 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 24, 2019

**“Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,  
bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.”**

Jesus' command seems impossible and unreasonable, yet this is what David did in the first reading. When given the opportunity to kill Saul, (the king who wanted David dead) David spared his life because he saw that Saul's life was precious. This act of mercy completely changed their relationship.

Many people in Canada face discrimination and hatred every day because of the colour of their skin. Others are despised because they are poor or descendants of the First Peoples. Are not all lives precious? How then can we behave as if some lives are worthless?

Jesus calls us in the Gospel to a radical way of life; we are given the commandment to love one another. Jesus says it isn't enough to love and do good to those who love us. God loves every person and so must we. "Do not judge and you will not be judged; forgive and you will be forgiven." It is love that transforms and gives life. Pray for someone you dislike today.

### Parish Announcements

Please welcome *Trish Underwood*, our new Business Manager and Pastoral Assistant for Assumption Resurrection parish.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of

**Anthony Huculak**

whose funeral Mass will be held this week.

*May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

### PARISH LENTEN MISSION STARTS NEXT SUNDAY

**Theme: From Death To Life**

All are encouraged to attend our Parish Mission March 3, 4, 5 at Assumption Church. In preparation for Lent and Easter, Fr. Philip will lead a meditation on scenes from Holy Week:

Sunday, March 3: 7-8 pm Meditation on **The Garden of Gethsemane**, followed by Benediction  
Monday, March 4: 7-8 pm Meditation on **The Passion and Death of Our Lord**, followed by Mass  
Tuesday, March 5: 7-8 pm Meditation on **The Empty Tomb**, followed by Mass



### DESSERT SOCIAL TO CONCLUDE PARISH MISSION

In the tradition of Mardi Gras we invite parishioners to bring a decadent dessert to share before we begin the disciplines of Lent, Tuesday, March 5 at 8 pm in the Assumption hall. This will replace March Coffee Sunday.

Volunteers are needed to bring food, set up and clean up for the Dessert Party. Please sign up to help.

### MORNING MASS CANCELLATIONS

As Mass will be celebrated in the evening as part of the Parish Mission, morning Masses will be cancelled Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at Resurrection church and Tuesday, March 5 at Assumption church.

### ARCHBISHOP RICHARD SMITH'S PASTORAL VISIT

Sunday, March 17 Archbishop Smith will celebrate the 9:30 Mass at Assumption Church and the 11 am Mass at Resurrection Church.

A reception will be held at Resurrection church following the 11 am Mass.

A 'Town Hall' style meeting with an open mic will be held from 12:30 to 1 pm.



Please welcome our Archbishop March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2019, NEXT  
FRIDAY, MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> 7:00pm**

**“Come, everything is ready!”**

The service for World Day of Prayer in our area will take place at Assumption Church, 9034 -95 Ave.

This year's service has been written by women of Slovenia. Refreshments and fellowship will follow in the church hall.

**NOTE: Evening Adoration and Mass will be cancelled at Assumption Friday, March 1.**

### CONSECRATION OF FAMILIES TO THE HOLY FAMILY

The Knights of Columbus invite each family in our parish to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family and to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph this weekend at Resurrection church. Place your trust in the Lord to guide your family. (Consecration to the Holy Family took place at Assumption church last weekend.)  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for our families.

**ASSUMPTION AND RESURRECTION LITURGICAL  
MINISTRY SCHEDULES  
ARE READY TO BE PICKED UP**

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

**Begin Lent with Mass and Ashes**

Wednesday March 6: 9 am at Assumption  
7 pm at Resurrection



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH FUNERAL LUNCHES

Assisting families with funeral lunches is an important parish ministry.

Coordinators and Helpers are needed to serve and clean up after funeral lunches at Resurrection Church.

Coordinators are responsible for organizing and overseeing the helpers. Please contact the parish office at 780-468-4071 for more information or to sign up.

### 90<sup>th</sup> Street at 95 Avenue CLOSED FOR THREE WEEKS

91<sup>st</sup> Street will be open to access the Assumption parking lot from 95 Ave. Parishioners may find it easier to drive to Assumption Church from the north via Strathearn Dr.  
*Blessed are they who persevere through potholes and detours to get to Mass.*

### Mass Intentions - Assumption Parish

Sat.	Feb 23	5:30 pm	+ Karen Seniuk Roier
Sun.	Feb 24	9:30 am	All Parishioners
Tues.	Feb 26	9:00 am	+ Janette Hagan
Wed.	Feb 27	9:00 am	+ Ivan Kolic
Fri.	Mar 1	7:00 pm	Mass cancelled for World Day of Prayer

### Mass Intentions - Resurrection Parish

Sat.	Feb 23	4:00 pm	+ Redmond Gosse
Sun.	Feb 24	11:00 am	All Parishioners
Mon.	Feb 25	9:00 am	Mike & Shirley
Thurs.	Feb 28	9:00 am	+ Alexandra Bizon
Fri.	Mar 1	9:00 am	+ Gloria Kuntz

### WHY DO WE USE ASHES TO BEGIN LENT?

Ashes are a symbol of our mortality; we have been formed from dust and to dust we will return. Ashes are also an ancient sign of repentance. There are many references in the Old Testament of people wearing sack cloth and ashes as an outward sign of turning away from sin and entering an intense period of prayer. With God's grace we hope to change our hearts during Lent so as to arrive at Easter brimming with new life. When we attend Mass on Ash Wednesday and receive ashes on our foreheads, we gather as a family to acknowledge our collective need to turn back to God, to repent for our sins and to pray.

### FASTING AND ABSTINENCE ON ASH WEDNESDAY

Fasting is an ancient penitential practice that helps us to maintain a state of spiritual alertness, and to imitate Christ who denied himself out of love for us. Hunger pains remind us that we begin Lent by denying ourselves, praying for those in need and for God's mercy to help us to be more faithful and loving. The Church requires the baptized aged 18 to 60 to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday. Those with medical conditions such as Diabetes, and those expecting a child are not bound by the Church's norms on fasting and abstinence. Fasting is eating only one full meal during the day, and other lesser meals that do not, together, constitute a second meal. In Canada, Fridays in Lent are also days of fasting (but not abstinence).

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Fr. Philip is bringing a German tradition to Resurrection Church the first Friday of Lent.

Friday, March 8 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. This evening of prayer is for all members of our parish community.

We especially encourage our children and youth preparing for First Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation to attend.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Enter into the spirit of Lent by praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday.

Assumption: Fridays at 6:30 pm followed by Mass, March 15 to April 12

Resurrection: Fridays at 7:00 pm, March 15 to April 12



### COME AND SEE WEEKEND AT ST. JOSEPH SEMINARY

Twice a year, St. Joseph Seminary offers a weekend live-in experience for men who are discerning a call to the priesthood. We call them "Come and See Weekends." If you've been thinking and talking about the priesthood, now's the time for action: come and see for yourself, ask your questions, express your concerns, meet other seminarians and pray for God's will. The next "Come and See" is set for **March 8-10**. Interested men are invited to contact Father Marc Cramer at [vocations@caedm.ca](mailto:vocations@caedm.ca).

### DISCERNMENT EVENTS

Edmonton's Vocations Awareness Committee have two upcoming events planned in March. Young adults are invited to join religious sisters for Encounter Cafe on **Friday, March 1**, at 7 p.m. Come for a chat over coffee at Good Earth Cafe, 8623 - 112 Street, Edmonton. The following day, **March 2**, there will be a Retreat on Discernment at St. Joseph's College. To register, contact Sister Michelle at [m-langlois0501@gmail.com](mailto:m-langlois0501@gmail.com) or 780-221-2553.

### DAY OF CONFESSIONS: TUESDAY, MARCH 12

Day of Confessions is one day a year when priests across the Archdiocese devote themselves to celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In our parishes, confession is available before each Mass.

If it's been a while since you have experienced the grace that comes with the sacrament, visit <https://caedm.ca/confessions> for some helpful information.

In the Greater Edmonton Area, the Day of Confessions will be hosted at the following 'hub parishes,' rather than at each individual parish. This will allow confessions to be heard from 9 am to 9 pm., with a larger number of priests available at each site:

- \* St. Joseph Basilica
- \* Corpus Christi
- \* Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Sherwood Park
- \* St. Albert Parish
- \* St. Thomas More

As Pope Francis tells us, we may tire of forgiving -- but God never does.

### PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Assumption Resurrection Parish Penitential Service will be held Wednesday, April 3 at Assumption church beginning at 7 pm.



### CALLED TO PROTECT SESSIONS THIS WEEK

**Called to Protect** is an abuse prevention training program designed for all clergy, staff and lay volunteers within our Archdiocese. Through two videos and group discussion, participants learn tools to identify inappropriate behaviors, methods to report potential abuse and best practices in ministering safely to the young and vulnerable.

Everyone involved in any type of ministry within our parishes are asked to attend this 2.5 hour session. Please feel free to attend any session offered throughout the Archdiocese.

### Upcoming sessions are:

Tuesday, Feb. 26 at St. Joseph Basilica from 7:00 - 9:30 pm.

**Wednesday, February 27 from 7:00 to 9:30 pm at Resurrection Church Hall**

NOTE: If you attend a session at another parish, please call the office and let us know the date and location of the session you attended.