

Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 6, 2019

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!"

Epiphany Blessing:

May God, who has called you out of darkness into his wonderful light, pour out in kindness his blessing upon you and make your hearts firm in faith, hope and charity. Amen

And since in all confidence you follow Christ, who today appeared in the world as a light shining in darkness, may God make you, too, a light for your brothers and sisters. Amen

And so when your pilgrimage is ended, may you come to him whom the Magi sought as they followed the star and whom they found with great joy, the Light from Light, who is Christ the Lord. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you forever. Amen.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek verb that means "to shine upon," "to manifest," or "to make known." Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: **the visit of the Magi** (Matthew 2 1-12), **the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist** (Luke 3.15-16, 21-22), and **Christ's first miracle at Cana** (John 2: 1-12). The Gospel account of the visit of the Magi is read on Epiphany (Sunday, January 6) and Christ's baptism and Christ's first miracle are celebrated over the following two weekends.

NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

As the New Year begins, I wish to thank all of you for your warm welcome over the last few months while I have taken up my duties at our twinned parishes. It has truly been a blessing to meet all of you and work together. May God bless you and grant you peace, health and friendship this year! *Fr. Philip*

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH OUR CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

Thank you to the many people who helped make our Christmas and New Year's Masses so meaningful and rich. We are grateful to all those who helped in any kind of ministry – readers, altar servers, hospitality, music, Communion ministers, decorating, tidying. It takes many people to fulfill these roles. Your time and hard work is greatly appreciated.

DAILY MASSES CANCELLED THIS WEEK

There will be NO daily Mass celebrated at Resurrection or Assumption the week of Monday, January 7 to Friday, January 11 inclusive. Adoration on Friday the 11th is also cancelled.



NEW PARISH EMAILS!

Please be aware that all our email addresses in the office have been updated to the following:

Parish Office: ar.edm@caedm.ca

Pastor: Philip.Creurer@caedm.ca

Pastoral Assistants: Janet.Campbell@caedm.ca and Nora.Parker@caedm.ca

All previous email addresses are no longer in use and we apologize if you have been trying to contact the office with the old addresses.



PLEASE REFRAIN FROM WEARING STRONG SCENTS!

We regularly receive comments about people who wear strong scents to church (this includes perfumes, after-shave and some hair products). Please refrain from wearing these strong scents as many people cannot tolerate them.

COFFEE SUNDAY AT ASSUMPTION

Please join us for Coffee Sunday after Mass next Sunday, January 13 in Assumption Hall.

If you are able to help with set-up, clean up or baking the first Sunday of the month please contact Ashley at ashleygrace3@gmail.com. Helpers are needed for February through June.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Everyone is welcome to enjoy the Knights of Columbus' pancake breakfast at Assumption after Mass on Sunday, January 20.

NEXT CWL MEETING: JANUARY 9

The first Catholic Women's League meeting for 2019 will be held Wednesday, January 9th at 1 pm in the Assumption board room. All ladies are welcome.

NEWS FROM OUR PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY BECAUSE WE CARE

What does the Ministry of Pastoral Care at Assumption and Resurrection Parishes do?

- Connects trained lay ministers with parishioners unable to participate in the community worship and gatherings through visits, conversation, prayer and the provision of Holy Communion.
- Provides parish presence and support to persons and their families who are isolated or ill.
- Offers sessions on topics related to aging, caring, grieving and spirituality.

OUR UPCOMING SESSION: PASTORAL CARE SPEAKER SERIES

Saturday, February 10, 2019 from 10:00 to noon

Location: Assumption Hall

Topic: My Journey Through Illness (individuals from our faith communities will share their personal stories). More information will be available in our next bulletin.

A light lunch will be provided, so please RSVP to 780-468-4071.

MASSES AND COMMUNION SERVICES IN OUR COMMUNITY ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

- **Hardisty Care Centre** (6420-101 Ave.): Mass at 10:00 am on the 4th Tuesday of each month.
- **Jubilee Lodge Nursing Home** (10333-76 St.): Communion Service at 11:00 am on the 2nd Thursday of each month and Mass at 11:00 am on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.
- **Ottewell Place Seniors Housing** (6207-92 Ave.): Sunday Communion Service, Mass at 10:00 am on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (beginning on February 20).
- **Holyrood Extendicare** (8008-95 Ave.): Sunday Communion Service, Communion Service with music at 10:30 am on the 2nd Friday of each month.
- **NOTE:** Communion is also provided on a regular basis to parishioners living nearby who are unable to attend Mass, provided we have sufficient volunteers.

PLANNING AHEAD FOR YOUR CATHOLIC FUNERAL MASS

A number of parishioners from our parishes have shown interest in pre-planning their own funeral Mass. By planning ahead, you can have peace of mind knowing that your funeral will be celebrated according to your wishes and desires as a faithful Catholic. We strongly encourage you to speak to your family about your funeral plans. Most importantly, **write them down**, making sure that a close relative or friend knows your wishes and has received a copy. **Your Pastoral Assistants: Nora Parker and Janet Campbell are happy to help you with this process.** We will sit down and help you to pre-plan your funeral Mass. Please contact the office at 780-468-4071 and ask for Nora or Janet.

FIRST COMMUNION, RECONCILIATION AND CONFIRMATION IN 2019

If you wish your child to receive these Sacraments please call the parish office to register immediately. Registration packages may be found at the entrance of our churches.

First Communion/Reconciliation Session 2:

Saturday, January 12 from 10:30 am-Noon in Assumption Hall.

Confirmation Class Session 2: Sunday, January 27 from 7-8:30 pm in Assumption Hall.

Please contact Janet at Janet.Campbell@caedm.ca for more information



DEAR PARENTS: Have circumstances prevented your child from celebrating the sacraments? Are you concerned that it is "too late" or your child is too old to celebrate the sacraments? We welcome all children to prepare and celebrate the sacraments of baptism, first reconciliation, first communion and confirmation. Contact Janet NOW at Janet.Campbell@caedm.ca and register your child. We will work with you and your child to receive the gift and the grace of our Catholic sacraments.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Assumption: after morning Mass and Coffee Wednesdays (cancelled Jan 9)

Resurrection: after morning Mass and Coffee each Friday.

PROVIDING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT IN OUR PARISHES KEEPING YOU INFORMED

The Archdiocese of Edmonton has engaged the services of Praesidium Inc. a firm that specializes in helping churches and other organizations create safe environments. Over the past six years all parishes within the Archdiocese have developed several "best practices" for all employees, priests and lay volunteers. We seek, to the best of our ability, to ensure that our parishes and ministries offer a safe environment to ALL, particularly to children and vulnerable adults such as the sick, elderly and disabled.

This Volunteer Management Program has **two** important components:

1. **Paperwork** for everyone involved in ministry -- which includes registration forms and the signing of a Covenant of Care document. For those who work in higher risk ministries (such as key holders, counters, children's liturgy, Communion to the sick, liturgical coordinators, RCIA and Sacramental Preparation teachers, Parish

Council and Finance Committee members ...) the paperwork includes a Police Check. For those who work directly with youth and the elderly a Vulnerable Person's Check also needs to be completed.

By late Spring 2019, we will be contacting everyone involved in ministry to ensure that all paperwork is completed and/or updated.

NOTE: Police Checks need to be redone every four years.

2. **Education and raising our awareness** – everyone who works in any form of ministry in our churches, all employees and all pastors are **REQUIRED** to attend an educational session entitled: **Called to Protect**. This 2.5 hour video/discussion workshop is coordinated by the Archdiocese. **Called to Protect** sessions are offered throughout the Archdiocese on a regular basis. People can also go to sessions organized at other parishes ... **NOTE: if you attend a session at another parish, please contact our office at 780-468-4071 and provide us with the date and location of the session that you attended.**

UPCOMING CALLED TO PROTECT SESSIONS

- Saturday, January 19 from 9:30 am to noon at St. John the Evangelist
- Saturday, January 26 from 9:30 am to noon at St. John Bosco
- Saturday, February 9 from 9:30 am to noon at St. Dominic Savio Parish
- Wednesday, February 20 from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm at Annunciation
- **Wednesday, February 27 from 7 – 9:30 pm at Resurrection**

TOGETHER WE SERVE YEAR END REPORT

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.

Our combined target amount determined by the Archdiocese of Edmonton for 2018 was \$68,500.00. As of December 28, 2018 Assumption and Resurrection Parishes has collected **\$61,845.25** which is **90%** of our target amount. We now begin our new fiscal year for collecting for Together We Serve. We wish to thank our parishioners for their kind generosity. Together we seek to serve those in need!

CRAFT CLUB AT RESURRECTION RESUMES

Anyone interested in working together as a group to produce hand-crafted articles for the needy (for example: knitted or crocheted afghans, hats, scarves, mittens, etc.) are invited to Resurrection Parish basement beginning this **Tuesday, January 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** No experience is necessary. We have an instructor who will teach you the skills. Please call Donna at 587-710-7442 or email: donnagraveline@gmail.com.