

The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 13, 2019

**"The Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove.
And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved.'"**

St. Luke's account of the Baptism of Jesus manifests the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, a mystery not previously revealed in scripture. Jesus has taken on a human nature in order to draw all humanity to the divine. Here he is revealed as the Son of God. Through our own Baptism we become daughters and sons of God and members of his mystical Body, the Church.

Jesus repeatedly shows us that his strength and commitment to doing the will of the Father is rooted in prayer, in communion with God. This applies to us as well. Only with God's help and our humble efforts are we able to 'live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly'.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD THE CHRISTMAS SEASON ENDS

The official end of the Christmas season in the liturgical calendar is the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, after which Ordinary Time begins. In some homes, people keep their nativity scene displayed until the Presentation of the Lord on February 2 (which is a feast of the Baby Jesus).

ORDINARY TIME

By a tradition handed down from the apostles, the Church celebrates the Paschal mystery every Sunday, the Lord's Day, the day of Resurrection. Ordinary Time is so named because the weeks are numbered (ordered). Ordinary Time represents the ordered life of the church – when we are neither feasting nor fasting. During Mass we learn about the public ministry of Jesus beginning with his first miracle in Cana. In Ordinary Time Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives.

NEW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESSES AND COMPUTER UPGRADES

All the email addresses and computer programs in the office have been updated. Our new emails are:

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 related to Assumption and Resurrection parishes are **no longer in use**. We apologize for any difficulties you have experienced during this transition period. Feel free to phone the parish office at 780-468-4071

TAKING DOWN OUR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Helpers are needed after our Sunday, January 13 Masses at both churches. We need help to pack away our Christmas decorations and to set up for Ordinary Time.

THANK YOU, JANET CAMPBELL

Janet Campbell has been our pastoral assistant extraordinaire over the past six years. From organizing sacramental preparation classes to pilgrimage tours, Janet has been involved in all aspects of parish life. Janet was particularly adept at helping our two parishes come together as one twinned parish. Janet retires at the end of January. God Bless you Janet for giving so completely of yourself. May you have a happy and healthy retirement.

JOB POSTING

A full time blended position of Pastoral Assistant and Business Manager for the twinned parishes of Assumption and Resurrection has been posted on the diocesan website. Please see www.caedm.ca/CareerOpportunities for details. Application deadline is January 31, 2019.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY

The KofC invite all to enjoy a pancake breakfast following the 9:30 am Mass at Assumption, January 20.

POT LUCK SUPPER AT ASSUMPTION SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

Drive away the January chill by gathering with fellow parishioners the last Saturday of January following 5:30 pm Mass in the Assumption Hall. Please bring a main course dish, salad or dessert to share. If you are able to help with set up or clean up, please contact the parish office at 780-468-4071.

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

PASTORAL CARE SPEAKER SERIES: Journeying Through Illness

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

Location: Assumption Hall

Topic: Journeying Through Illness We invite you to hear three individuals from our faith communities share their personal stories and two others share their experience of caring for a dying parent.

A light lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to 780-468-4071.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR 2019

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



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

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

PARTICIPATE IN SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Assumption:
after morning Mass and Coffee each
Wednesday.

Resurrection:
after morning Mass and Coffee each
Friday.



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 in the Archdiocese of Edmonton, in Canada and abroad. Our **combined** target amount determined by the Archdiocese of Edmonton for 2018 was \$68,500.00. As of December 2, 2018 Assumption and Resurrection Parishes had collected **\$57,518.85** which is **84%** 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

PROVIDING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT IN OUR PARISHES Best Practices

Over the past six years all parishes within the Archdiocese have developed several "best practices" for all employees, priests and lay volunteers.

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 at both parishes to ensure that all paperwork is completed and/or updated. NOTE: Police Checks and personal information needs to be updated every four years.
NOTE: if you are involved in multiple ministries only ONE set of paperwork is required.
2. **Education, Awareness and Prevention of Sexual Abuse** – all adults who work in any form of ministry in our churches, all employees and all pastors, are **REQUIRED** to attend a 2.5 hour video/discussion session entitled: **Called to Protect**. You may attend these sessions at another parish. **NOTE:** if you attend a session at another parish, please contact our office at 780-468-4071 and provide 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, Feb. 9 from 9:30 am to noon at St. Dominic Savio Parish.**
- **Wednesday, February 27 from 7 – 9:30 pm at Resurrection**

HANDICAPPED PARKING STALLS

At all weekend Masses, please respect the designated handicapped parking stalls. Only those individuals with handicapped parking permits clearly displayed in their vehicles should be using these stalls.



LIMITING MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

Due to the numerous Mass intention requests we have received we have found it necessary to impose limits. We ask that each parishioner limit their requests to five Masses per year. Please note that all Sunday Masses are offered for our parishioners and are not available for personal intentions.

