

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 20, 2019

**"There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.  
To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. "**

Just a few weeks ago we celebrated the birth of Jesus, the word made flesh. How wondrous that God has come from heaven to be with us. His birth was made known to simple shepherds and wise king, that all should come and adore the Son of God.

God's love for humanity is as tender and intense as the love between a bridegroom and a bride. In the first reading Isaiah brings hope to the Israelites who have returned from exile to Jerusalem and now face the daunting task of rebuilding all that has been destroyed. God has not forsaken them, God is always faithful, always near.

The Gospel story of Jesus' first miracle gives us insight into both Jesus and Mary. Mary is sensitive to the needs of the moment and orchestrates Jesus' involvement by saying to the servants, "Do whatever he tell you". We are encouraged to bring our needs to the Mother of God and seek to discern what our Lord asks of each of us.

St. Paul is responding to competition, jealousy and infighting in the Christian community in Corinth. He reminds us that all gifts come from God and are intended for the benefit of all. May we recognize and celebrate the variety of gifts given by God to the people of the world, and use our gifts to build up His Kingdom.

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on January 18-25.

In the Gospel of John, Christ prays for his disciples before going to the cross. He asks that his followers "may all be one," as he and the Father are one, "so that the world may believe" and have life in his name (John 17). Christian unity is central to the very being of the church and to its mission and witness.

Today, we live with divisions even as we yearn for the unity promised and commissioned by Christ. The long and often painful history of Christianity has sundered our churches for theological, liturgical, and political reasons. Many Christians now strive to heal these divisions, yet honour our diversity, through ecumenical dialogue, common action, and relationship-building. The worldwide celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity invites Christians of different traditions to deepen our relationships and to live and witness together throughout the year.

### PRAYER SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE

All are invited to attend an ecumenical worship service on Sunday, January 20 from 7:00-9:00 pm at St. John Bosco church (13503-40 Street). This year's theme "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue" (Deut. 16. 18-20) calls us to move from shared prayer to shared actions. Indonesian Christians, who developed this year's theme, invite us to be a united witness and an agent of Christ's healing grace in our broken world.

### WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES JANUARY 20

A World Day of Migrants and Refugees is observed in many places in solidarity with the World Refugee Day promoted by the United Nations. This January observance was instituted by Saint Pius X in 1914.

*"For all immigrants and refugees, searching for welcome, peace and security in their new homeland, we pray to the Lord."*

### 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](mailto:ar.edm@caedm.ca)

Pastor: [Philip.Creurer@caedm.ca](mailto:Philip.Creurer@caedm.ca)

Pastoral Assistants: [Janet.Campbell@caedm.ca](mailto:Janet.Campbell@caedm.ca) and  
[Nora.Parker@caedm.ca](mailto: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.

### PUBLIC MEETING - POSSIBLE SCHOOL CLOSURE ST. GABRIEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Edmonton Catholic Schools invites you to share your views regarding the potential closure of St. Gabriel School at this important public meeting.

Public Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 30. Time: 6:30 pm  
Location: St. Gabriel School Gymnasium 5540-106 Ave.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE BAKE SALE AT ASSUMPTION

The CWL will have baking and soup for sale in the hall after both Masses this weekend.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS 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. Helpers are needed to set up or clean up, please sign up today or contact the parish office at 780-468-4071.

### PASTORAL CARE SPEAKER SERIES: *A Journey Through Illness* Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 10:00 to noon Location: Assumption Hall

Come open your minds and hearts and listen to members of our faith community share their personal journey through illness. A light lunch will be provided so please let us know if you will be in attendance.

Sign-up sheets are available at our church entrances or contact the parish office at 780-468-4071, email: [ar.edm@caedm.ca](mailto:ar.edm@caedm.ca). Admission is free but a "freewill offering" will be taken to help defray the cost of the lunch.

### 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](mailto:Janet.Campbell@caedm.ca) for more information.



### CRAFT CLUB AT RESURRECTION RESUMES

The Craft Club resumes every Wednesday evening from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Resurrection parish basement. No skills are required. Knit or crochet. As a group we are making an afghan for those who may be in need. We gladly accept donations of yarn (leftover or new). Please contact Donna at 587-710-7442 or email: [donnagraveline@gmail.com](mailto:donnagraveline@gmail.com). Everyone is welcome!



### MEN OF INTEGRITY CONFERENCE

Catholic Family Ministries invite men to their annual conference in Spruce Grove, Feb 1, 2.

See poster and brochures in our church entrances.  
[www.catholicfamilyministries.com](http://www.catholicfamilyministries.com)

### PARTICIPATE IN SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

#### Assumption:

after morning Mass and Coffee each Wednesday.

#### Resurrection:

after morning Mass and Coffee each Friday.



### ACCESSIBLE PARKING ZONES



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.

### 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](http://www.caedm.ca/CareerOpportunities) for details. Application deadline is January 31, 2019.

### RESURRECTION LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES For February, March, April, May ARE READY TO BE PICKED UP!

### INVITATION FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TO ATTEND A BLANKET EXERCISE

On Sunday, February 3 at 2:00 pm, you are invited to join St. Vincent de Paul volunteers in the basement at Assumption Church for a "Blanket Exercise" facilitated by Reconciliation in Solidarity Edmonton (RiSE). Part history lesson, part sharing circle, it will be a powerful opportunity to understand the experiences of our Indigenous sisters and brothers in Canada. The Exercise is suitable for ages +12 and each participant is asked to bring a new or gently used blanket that will be donated to inner city agencies after the event. Sign up after all Masses this weekend, or call Maria at 780-440-6711 for more information.

### PROVIDING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT IN OUR PARISHES *Best Practices*

The Archdiocese has 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

**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:** 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 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