

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, March 3, 2019

"Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?"

Today's Gospel continues the Sermon on the Plain. These are challenging readings that bring us to the heart of the Gospel message. Jesus exhorts his disciples to place their trust in Him, to love our brothers and sisters as God loves us, and not to judge others.

How easy it is to notice the failings of others, but not to be aware of our own. As we enter the season of Lent, we are called to examine ourselves thoroughly in light of Jesus' teachings. Do we trust in our own strength, intelligence and resources or do we place our trust in God and follow Him? Do we retaliate when we are wronged or are we able to turn the other cheek and pray for our enemy? Do we reject those who are different or do we welcome the stranger?

The readings today call us to look at the words that we speak. Sirach says that one's faults appear when one speaks. Our words are a measure of our character. Do we use our words to build up or to tear down, to comfort or to criticize? Create in us, O God, a clean heart so that we may produce and speak goodness.

Parish Announcements

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the families of:

Velma Lancaster

whose funeral was held Friday, March 1, and

Armand Labossiere, (funeral Mass Thursday,

March 7, 10:30 am at Resurrection).

May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION STARTS SUNDAY at 7 pm in the Assumption Hall

Mission Theme: From Death To Life

Each session will be about 1 hour. Come and prepare for Lent and Easter.



Sunday night (March 3): **Meditation on The Garden of Gethsemane** followed by Benediction in the church.

Monday night (March 4): 7 pm in the hall: **Meditation on The Passion and Death**

of Our Lord followed by Mass in the church.

Tuesday night (March 5): 7 pm in the hall: **Meditation on The Empty Tomb** followed by Mass in the church.

DESSERT SOCIAL TO CONCLUDE PARISH MISSION Tuesday March 5

In the tradition of Mardi Gras we invite parishioners to bring a dessert to share in the hall after Mass before we begin the disciplines of Lent. **This will replace March Coffee Sunday.** Volunteers are needed to bring food, set up and clean up for the Dessert Social. Sign up today.

MORNING MASS CANCELLED MONDAY & TUESDAY Mass will be celebrated Monday and Tuesday evening at 7:30 pm at Assumption church as part of our parish mission.



REMEMBER TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS!

Daylight Savings time begins Sunday, March 10. Remember to put your clocks ahead one hour next Saturday night.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES IN OUR PARISH

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

For Ash Wednesday Mass times in other parishes, check the Archdiocesan website at: www.caedm.ca/AshWednesday



WHY DO WE BEGIN LENT WITH ASHES?

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 to people wearing sack cloth and ashes as an outward sign of turning away from sin and entering an intense period of prayer. We pray that God will create clean hearts and new spirits within us during our Lenten journey.

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. We begin Lent by denying ourselves. We pray 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 abstinence (and optional fasting).

CHILDREN'S WAY OF THE CROSS

First Friday in Lent, March 8 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Everyone is invited to join children and families this Friday at Resurrection Church to pray the Stations of the Cross. The Lex Orandi Children's Choir will lead us in song and children will lead the reflections.

We especially encourage 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 **6:15 pm** followed by Mass, March 15 to April 12

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



Mass Intentions - Assumption Parish

Sat. Mar 02	5:30 pm	+ Viola Schulte
Sun. Mar 03	9:30 am	All Parishioners
Mon. Mar 04	Parish Mission 7:30pm	Kazimierz Bizon
Tues. Mar 05	Parish Mission 7:30pm	Joseph Bisaga
Wed. Mar 06	9:00 am	+ Sabrina Lauman
Fri. Mar 08	7:00 pm	ADORATION AND MASS IS CANCELLED

Mass Intentions - Resurrection Parish

Sat. Mar 02	4:00 pm	+ Arsenio Galope
Sun. Mar 03	11:00 am	All Parishioners
Wed. Mar 06	7:00 pm	+ Bruce Fielder
Thurs. Mar 07	9:00 am	+ Jim Turner
Fri. Mar 08	9:00 am	Anna & Max Muzzolini

ST. ALPHONSUS LENTEN MISSION

Holy Spirit Sanctify Us

Let the Holy Spirit prepare you for the gift of the Resurrection.

Fr. Glenn McDonald will lead this mission each Thursday in Lent (March 7 to April 11) for one hour starting at 7 pm. Each week there will be a teaching about the Holy Spirit, a witness talk and adoration, followed by fellowship. St. Alphonsus Church 11828 - 85 St. Edmonton. Kindly RSVP to 780 474 5434 or St.Alphonsus.Edm@caedm.ca

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 a.m. to 9 p.m. 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



PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE

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

ITEMS NEEDED AT THE MARIAN CENTRE

With the extreme cold, inner city residents continue to need long underwear (men's M, L), warm winter gloves, warm coats and shoe inserts. Disposable razors, deodorant and men's underwear (M, L) are also needed. Please bring your donations to Assumption or Resurrection church.

CAN YOU HELP WITH FUNERAL LUNCHES DURING LENT?

When funerals are held in our churches, volunteers assist the families by setting up, serving the lunch and cleaning up afterwards. This is an important ministry of service. 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.

CALLED TO PROTECT SESSIONS IN MARCH

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 is asked to attend this 2.5 hour session. You may attend any session offered throughout the Archdiocese, but ensure that you register the day you attend and contact our parish office to inform us of the date and location that you took the course.

Upcoming sessions are:

Thursday, March 7 at St. Agnes Church: 7-9:30 pm
Saturday, March 9 at OLPH, Sherwood Park: 9:30 am to noon
Thursday, March 14 at St. Theresa Church: 7-9:30 pm
Monday, March 25 at OLPH, Sherwood Park: 7-9:30 pm

Carmel Hunt and Greg Alcorn are the Volunteer Management Coordinators for Assumption Resurrection parish. They may be reached at ar.volunteer@caedm.ca Opportunities to update your paperwork will be announced soon.

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.

ARCHBISHOP WILL VISIT OUR CHURCHES MARCH 17

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

A reception will be held at Resurrection following Mass. From 12:30 to 1 pm parishioners are invited to participate in a 'Town Hall' style meeting. Please welcome our Archbishop during his pastoral visit.

