

First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 10, 2019

"Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."

The first reading from Deuteronomy speaks of the annual obligation of offering the first fruits of the harvest to God, in thanksgiving for bringing the Israelites out of slavery into the promised land. God heard the cries of his people and delivered them.



We sing in the psalm, "Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble". The Lord is our refuge in times of distress. God's help is only a prayer away.

In the Gospel, Jesus full of the Holy Spirit is led by the Spirit into the wilderness for forty days in preparation for his public ministry. We, too, have begun our forty day Lenten journey. Let us look to Jesus' example for how to resist evil.

Jesus is filled with the Holy Spirit. We must call on the Holy Spirit to help us to pray, to deny ourselves and to respond to the needs around us. Jesus never engages with the evil one, he responds only with Scripture. Through the Word of God, we will find the strength to stand firm. Like the Israelites in Egypt we are enslaved by our sin. Only God can deliver us from evil.

Prayer of St. Anselm: O Lord my God, teach my heart this day where and how to find you.

Parish Announcements

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of:

Casimir Lukay

whose funeral was held Saturday, March 9.

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

LENT 2019

Message from Pope Francis for Lent

The celebration of the Paschal Triduum of Christ's passion, death and resurrection, calls us yearly to undertake a journey of preparation, in the knowledge that our being conformed to Christ is a priceless gift of God's mercy.

Lent invites Christians to embody the paschal mystery more deeply and concretely in their personal, family and social lives, above all by fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

Fasting is learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to 'devour' everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts.

Prayer teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego, and to acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy.

In Almsgiving we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us.

Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain!

LENTEN RESOURCES

Daily reflections for Lent are available at the church entrance. We ask for a small donation to help defray the costs. Family Lenten Calendars for Together We Serve (with activities on-line) are also available.

TAIZÉ LENTEN PRAYER

Enjoy musical, meditative prayer with the songs of Taizé, scripture and silence. Sunday, March 10 at St. Thomas D'Aquin church, in Bonnie Doon (8410 89 St) 7-8 pm.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

The Stations of the Cross are prayed each Friday evening in Lent in our churches. Come and meditate on the Passion and Death of Jesus.

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



JOIN US FOR DAILY MASS

During Lent consider joining the 50-60 people who gather for daily Mass.

By taking part in daily Mass you will grow in faith and love of God.

Assumption: Tuesday and Wednesday at 9 am, Friday at 7 pm
Resurrection: Monday (cancelled March 11, 18), Thursday and Friday at 9 am.

REVERENT BEHAVIOR IN OUR CHURCHES

Catholic Churches are blessed by the presence of Jesus Christ in the Tabernacle.

Please help maintain a prayerful silence when you are in the church.



PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE

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

PASTORAL CARE SPEAKER SERIES: DR. ARNOLD VOTH God's People Living in the Context of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID)

Join us Saturday, March 23 from 10 to noon in the Assumption Hall. Dr. Voth will discuss what has happened in the last two years, what the future looks like and what we are called to do as God's people.

A light lunch will be served following the seminar.

Please sign up today or call the parish office: 780-468-4071

MONDAY MORNING MASS CANCELLED AT RESURRECTION MARCH 11 AND 18

Mass Intentions - Assumption Parish

Sat.	Mar 09	5:30 pm	+ Bernice Hank
Sun.	Mar 10	9:30 am	All Parishioners
Tues.	Mar 12	9:00 am	Ernestine Sterr
Wed.	Mar 13	9:00 am	+ Roberto Nalin
Fri.	Mar 15	7:00 pm	+ Ivor Parker

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

CWL MEETING MARCH 13, 7 pm

All ladies are invited to attend the March Catholic Women's League Meeting in the Assumption hall Wednesday evening.

ITEMS NEEDED AT THE MARIAN CENTRE

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FUNERAL LUNCHESES

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.

Assumption Church also welcomes volunteers to help with funeral lunches.

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.

Upcoming sessions are:

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.

Mass Intentions - Resurrection Parish

Sat.	Mar 09	4:00 pm	+ Virginia J. Yankowski
Sun.	Mar 10	11:00 am	All Parishioners
Mon.	Mar 11	9:00 am	MASS IS CANCELLED
Thur.	Mar 14	9:00 am	+ Arun Chandra
Fri.	Mar 15	9:00 am	Janette Kondra

ARCHBISHOP SMITH VISITS NEXT SUNDAY

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.

Come join us!

TOGETHER WE SERVE

The theme for Together We Serve 2019 is "Baptized and Sent", a reminder that with Baptism, each of us is given a mission to serve others. In this week's bulletin you will see how the funds raised in last year's campaign have been distributed and a letter from Archbishop Smith.

Your generosity in supporting Catholic Social Services, Development & Peace – Caritas Canada, The Diocese of Mackenzie – Fort Smith, Evangelization of Nations, the Needs of the Church in Canada and the Holy Land, Newman Theological College, St. Joseph Seminary, The Pope's Pastoral Works, St. Joseph's College Campus Ministry and the St. Joseph Priests' Foundation of Edmonton is greatly appreciated.

It is now possible to make a donation on-line using your credit card at www.caedm.ca. Please direct your donations to Assumption Resurrection Parish.

OLPH Lenten Mission:

Then Shall we Know the Joy of Living as His Brothers and Sisters

You are invited to join us at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Sherwood Park, for a Lenten mission **Monday-Wednesday, March 11-13**, at 7 p.m.- 8:15 p.m. Prepare for Lent with Father Terry Kersch, President of St. Joseph's College (University of Alberta), as he shares his insights on scripture and joy. What does it mean to be joyful? How is being joyful related to our personal engagement with God's Word? All are welcome! For more information contact pat.lemire@caedm.ca.

St Joseph Lenten Novena March 11-19

A novena is a prayer to a particular saint, prayed for nine days, often before the saint's feast day.

(The feast of St. Joseph is March 19)

St Joseph,

Patron of the Archdiocese of Edmonton and model of justice, gentleness and humility,

accompany us as we walk the journey of Lent.

Help us to trust when our path becomes mysterious,

to stop when we encounter the poor and vulnerable,

and to recognize the one you so dearly loved,

our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

