

SACRED HEART PARISH

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Weekend Mass Times: Saturday – 7 pm
Sunday – 9 am, 11 am, 7 pm

Confessions: Saturday – 11:00 am to noon

Office Hours:
Monday to Thursday: 8:30 am – noon & 1 – 4 pm
Friday: 8:30 am – noon

Parish Team

Pastor: Father Jozef Wroblewski
Office Administrator: Angela Morrison
Receptionist/Secretary: Carolyn Brown
Pastoral Assistant: Lydie Delli Santi
RCIA Coordinator: David Bouchard
Custodian: Brian Yeo

We are a welcoming community of believers guided by the light of the Holy Spirit to live Christ's love through the sharing of our gifts.

Sunday, March 19, 2017 *3rd Sunday of Lent*

Readings: Year A
Exodus 17.3-7
Romans 5.1-2, 5-8
John 4.5-42

Weekday Masses March 20 - 25

Monday	9:00 am Mass
Tuesday	9:00 am Mass
Wednesday	9:00 am Mass
Thursday	9:30 am Mass with Camille School
Friday	9:00 am Mass

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES

All services begin at 7:00 pm

Monday, March 20	Rimbey (St. Margaret's)
Wednesday, March 22	Lacombe (St. Stephen's)
Thursday, March 23	Ponoka (St. Augustine)
Monday, March 27	Sylvan L. (Our Lady of Assumption)
Tuesday, March 28	Olds (St. Stephen's)
Wednesday, March 29	Trochu (St. Anne of the Prairie)
Wednesday, March 29	Innisfail (Our Lady of Peace)
Thursday, March 30	Red Deer (Sacred Heart)
Tuesday, April 4	Red Deer (St. Mary's)
Wednesday, April 5	Rocky Mountain House (St. Matthew)



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Tuesday	10:00 am	Seniors Exercises
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Youth Edge 007 Night Legion of Mary Choir Practice
Thursday	10:00 am	Seniors Exercises
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice (9am group)
	7:30 pm	RCIA (Can You Drink This Cup)
Friday	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross (K of C)
Saturday	10:30 am	1 st Eucharist Session B (3)
	5:00 pm	Spanish Group
Sunday	11:30 am	Friendship Meal (CWL)

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:00 pm during Lent

Led by the Knights of Columbus this week.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is in dire need of good used furniture, in particular: loveseats, easy chairs, coffee tables, end tables, kitchen tables, chairs, mattresses (must be clean), box springs, dressers, clean bedding and blankets. If you can donate items, please call 403-597-3030. Thank you!

Food Pantry

We are in need of tinned meat, veggies, fruit, pasta, small jams, small cheez whiz, soup crackers, single sized oatmeal, kraft dinner. Thank you for your generous contributions.



007 Edge Middle School Youth Group Night!

If you are Grade 6-9, all are welcome to attend on-Wednesday **March 22nd** -7-8: in the Church Hall! Enjoy Food! 007 Game and more!
Contact Jeannette or Brad at (403) 342-4800

Father Henri Voisin Exhibition of Learning

Wednesday, **March 22** at 5:30pm.

Father Henri Voisin School, 60 Clearview Drive
Check out the amazing projects that our students have created this year! Listen to them share their learning journey and talk about the project process. Phone 403-341-4548 for more info.

Baptismal Baby Quilt Project

Wanted: ladies of the parish to take quilt kits and sew them into beautiful little quilts to be donated to mothers at the Pregnancy Care Centre. Kits are in drawer in south foyer. To learn more about this project, contact Carolyn at 403-343-2996 or Katherine at missbrownkat@gmail.com.



Baptism

Contact Lydie at the parish office to register for Baptism preparation and pick up a Baptism Application Form and information package. Please bring your child's Birth Certificate. Next session is Wednesday, April 26, 6 – 9 pm.

First Eucharist

Next session B: March 25, 29, April 1 or 5 (choose 1).
The retreat is **on April 8** from 10:00 am -12 noon. All students to attend. Please contact Lydie to volunteer to help: lydie.dellisanti@rdcrs.ca.

Confirmation

Session 4 – *Enlightened by Christ* will be on Saturday, **April 22 at 10:00 am**. All candidates to attend.

The Retreat will be held on Saturday, May 27.

The Rehearsal is Friday, June 2 at 6 pm (students to attend with parents and sponsors).

Confirmation Celebration - Saturday, June 3 at 4 pm (students must arrive at 3 pm for sign-in & pictures. Contact Lydie to volunteer to help.

Marriage Preparation



Couples are asked to meet with Fr. Jozef six months prior to their wedding so that all paperwork can be completed. Please bring an updated copy of your Baptismal Certificates.

Convalidation (Blessing) of Marriages

We are always open to help those who have for one reason or another omitted the Catholic Form of Marriage. If you would like to have your marriage convalidated or have questions, please contact Fr. Jozef Wroblewski at the parish office.

Engaged Encounter

An Engaged Encounter Weekend, challenges couples to explore many aspects of their relationship, spiritual life and expectations of marriage, in a deeper, more profound way than ever before. The next encounter weekend will be on the weekend of April 29/30. Contact Deacon Claude or Margaret Baril at 403-347-2455 for more information or visit reddeercee@gmail.com.

Thinkfast - Lenten Youth Retreat

March 25-26 at Our Lady of Victory Camp

This is a Lenten retreat for grade 6 and up. Participants fast for 25 hours raising funds for Development and Peace. Activities, games, prayer and fun while helping raise money for an important cause. At the end... Pizza!

Cost: \$35. (\$45 after March 17, 2017)

Register online at www.olvc.ab.ca

Fish Fry -St. Stephen's Catholic Parish Lacombe

Fridays during Lent, March 24 ,31, April 7

5:30 - 7pm - Kozy Korner, 5024-53rd St Lacombe

Sponsored by Lacombe Knights of Columbus

Cost is by Donation

IN THE COMMUNITY

GrammaLink-Africa Fabric Sale

Wanted: Fabric donations, yarn and notions for sale April 22 at Gaetz United Church. Call Gloria 403-342-6482 or Jane 403-343-1073 no later than April 11 for donation pick-up or information. All proceeds go to the Grandmother Campaign, Stephen Lewis Foundation.

IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

The Way: A Lenten Pilgrimage

March 23, 30, and April 6 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Rovidence Centre, 3005 – 119 Street, Edmonton
Debbie Doornbos will facilitate exploration of one aspect of "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." (John 14:6) each week inviting a deeper understanding of what it means to walk in the way of Jesus. Debbie has experience of pilgrimage to the Holy Land and the Camino. \$40.00 for 3 weeks. For more information /to register, call Kathy at 780-701-1854 or visit www.providencerenewal.ca.

Toward Mideast Peace



Did you know that your gift to *Together We Serve* can help promote peace in the Middle East? The Adyan foundation in Lebanon works on fostering peace, social cohesion and spiritual solidarity between individuals

and communities in Lebanon and the Middle East. The foundation's work is supported by Development and Peace - Caritas Canada, one of 11 charitable partners we help through our gifts to *Together We Serve*.

Hussein Itani is involved with Adyan's Citizens for Unity and Peace Project, and spoke about it recently when he visited Alberta as a Solidarity Visitor sponsored by

Development and Peace. To learn more about his work with young people, visit www.caedm.ca.

Journey Through Lent with Salt & Light TV

The Lenten season is one of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. This Lent, Salt and Light TV invites you to journey through Lent with us towards Easter. All programming can be viewed either through a cable TV subscription or online: www.saltandlighttv.org.

Palliative Care: Celebrating Life Not Death



Palliative care is about living and celebrating life, and it should begin much earlier than during a patient's last days and weeks of life, says palliative care physician Dr. Jose Pereira.

"We need to change a culture . . . that palliative care has to do with death and dying," Pereira told a recent information session in Ottawa.

Rather, palliative care is about living, compassion, dignity and person-centred care.

Dr. Pereira spoke passionately about his work during the *Nothing More Beautiful* series at St. Joseph Basilica in 2012. It's worth taking another look at his text, in which he says we need to learn to accompany the suffering and the dying, "sometimes quietly without saying anything (particularly when we do not have the answers), and sometimes bringing to bear all the knowledge and expertise that we have to alleviate pain and other symptoms as well as other sources of suffering." www.prairiemessenger.ca/17_03_01/cnews_17_03_01_6.html

An Encounter with Christ in the Land where he Lived **November 29 to December 10, 2017**

Take the journey of a lifetime with Archbishop Richard Smith on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. "The Holy Land offers pilgrims the opportunity to walk where Jesus taught, healed, and gave His life for our salvation," says Archbishop Smith. "It offers the possibility of an encounter with Christ in the land where He lived. I invite you to join me and fellow pilgrims for a journey to the place rendered holy by the very presence of Jesus Himself."

The pilgrimage includes daily mass at pilgrimage churches and shrine. Price of \$4,799 per person (based on double occupancy) includes return airfare from Edmonton, 10 nights at 4&5-star hotels, daily breakfasts and dinners, most lunches, guide and entrance fees, sightseeing, transportation, gratuities and all taxes.

For more information or to reserve your spot, contact Jackie Abello at 780-229-4171 or 1-800-661-2454 ext. 4171 or JackieA@UniglobeOne.com.

Stewardship Reminders

The commitment to be a follower of Jesus Christ is expressed not in a single action, or even in a number of actions over a period of time, but in an entire way of life. (From Introduction to the pastoral letter Stewardship: A Disciple's Response)

- Stewardship reminds us to count our blessings, acknowledge God's gifts to us and express thanks to him by a proportionate giving of our time, talent and treasure.
- The heart grateful to God, needs to find a way to express that gratitude. Some important ways to do that are through prayer, through service and through giving of one's resources.
- In a life committed to stewardship, we are called to "possess lightly." Jesus taught about the danger of clutching to material possessions and pointed to the real treasures available to us in life.
- Stewardship is what is in our hearts and minds coming out in our hands and feet.

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.
(1 Peter 4:10)

Prime Minister hears from the Bishops

Canada's bishops have denounced a federal government decision to spend \$650 million over three years for international projects that promote "sexual and reproductive health and rights." According to the government, Canada's support will focus on providing "comprehensive sexuality education, strengthening reproductive health services, and investing in family planning and contraceptives." Programs that will be helped include some that promote the "right to choose safe and legal abortion."

In a letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Bishop Douglas Crosby, president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, said "such a policy is a reprehensible example of Western cultural imperialism and an attempt to impose misplaced but so-called Canadian 'values' on other nations and people."

Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, also wrote to the Prime Minister, stating "that we have no rights at all unless we are afforded the right to life. That decision was made for you and for each one of us by a woman, determined and committed to bring a new life into this world."

Lenten Reflections

During Lent, the Social Justice Committee wants to share some short reflections in our bulletin from "On Care for our Common Home" by Pope Francis.

Pope Francis is passionate about global inequality. His anger at the behavior of some northern based governments and multinational corporations in poor countries puts us in the north in touch with the judgments being made by many people in the global south. During this season of Lent let us pray for a change of heart among multinationals to put people before profit.

Our Hearts Are Ready

God our Father and Creator,
of Abraham and Jacob,
and all of our ancestors of faith;
bless us in our daily lives of work and prayer,
as we find you in Word and bread and water;
Harden not our hearts when we are confronted with Truth,
nor when we are lost in confusion or despair;
For we know you are with us,
as you were with Moses and the people of Israel,
and as you were with the Samaritan woman.
May our hearts be open to accept your Word,
and our spirits be ready to proclaim your Truth.
May our work reflect your grace
and the fruits of our work be shared with all.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Please be respectful of the safety of all who come to Mass and **do not park** in the fire lanes. Emergency access must be maintained. Failure to comply could result in your vehicle being towed.

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If everything is coming your way, then you're in the wrong lane.