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Temporary Mass Schedule: Tuesday to Friday - 7:00 p.m.

Weekend: Saturday at 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 11:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. before Mass or by appointment

Rosary every evening: 6:30 pm. **Adoration:** Every Thursday at 6.30 pm. **Via Crucis every Friday at 7:35 pm.**

Baptism: Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 11:00 a.m. Please contact parish office for scheduling Baptism in a week day.

Marriage: Contact the Priest at least 6 months prior to the Wedding.

(A Catholic Marriage Preparation Course is a requirement.)

Mezz'ora Con Voi (Italian Radio Program): Sunday at: 8:30 a.m. on 101.7 FM

21 FEBBARIO 2021

I DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA / B

LOTTARE CON GESÙ IL «GIUSTO» PER SMASCHERARE IL MALE



Per 40 giorni Gesù fu solo nel deserto, lontano da tutti, privo di tutto, sottoposto alla tentazione. Lì, Satana fece di tutto per farlo deviare, per allontanarlo dalla via della Croce, dalla sapienza della Croce. Fu una lotta immane dalla quale però Satana è uscito sconfitto. Gesù, infatti, scelse la fedeltà alla volontà del Padre. Scelse di andare fino in fondo, accettandone tutte le conseguenze, nella propria missione: morire per noi, lui *il Giusto per gli ingiusti, per ricondurci al Padre*. In lui ci viene offerta un'alleanza nuova che non è soltanto la garanzia che non ci sarà più il diluvio, quando il peccato avvolgerà l'umanità, ma è il dono di *una terra nuova e di un cielo nuovo*; di questo Gesù fece una breve esperienza al termine dei 40 giorni del deserto, stando con le bestie selvatiche e servito dagli angeli. E noi? Anche noi dovremo lottare in questa Quaresima! Se la vivremo veramente, lo spirito del male sarà smascherato, e la vittoria di Gesù sarà evidente dentro di noi e tra di noi. E porteremo così, insieme ai fratelli, un po' di Paradiso sulla terra.

Fr. Antoine-Emmanuel.

1st SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's first reading reminds us of the Noahic covenant of love God made with all creation – a covenant which, in the second reading, Peter tells us prefigures our baptism and is sealed for all eternity by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. On our wedding day we vowed to be true to each other, to love and honour each other all the days of our lives. This amazing promise gives us a small glimpse into the covenant God has made with his people. Our marriage covenant blesses us with extraordinary joy and the challenge of self-emptying love. Likewise, God's love is both a gift and an invitation. Immediately after receiving his Father's blessing and promise of steadfast love at his baptism, Jesus was sent into the wilderness. As we enter the Lenten season, we too are called to deepen our covenant with God by entering our own wilderness. Through fasting, prayer and giving this Lenten season, we deepen our relationship with God and neighbour, which in turn prepares our hearts for the extraordinary joy of Easter. God patiently waits for us to ask, "Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths." His covenant with us is a promise to be with us always, even in the desert. Like Jesus, may we emerge from the desert ready to proclaim the good news.

Michael & Vanessa Nicholas-Schmidst.

INTENZIONI DELLE SANTE MESSE
Mass Intentions

SABATO/ SATURDAY 20 FEBBRAIO: 5:00 PM

✠ Giuseppina, Bruno e Domenico Romano e Bruno Tassone, dal fratello Antonio Tassone e famiglia.
> For the intention of Makino family.

DOMENICA /SUNDAY 21 FEBBRAIO: 11:00AM

✠ Christina Tomat, from family.
✠ Giuseppina Vecchio, dal marito Fiore Vecchio.
✠ Ryan James Mitchell, from John Carlo Del Piccolo.
✠ Carmelina Durante, dai genitori.
✠ Alberto e Eugenia Pagnotta, dal nipote Ida Pagnotta e famiglia.
✠ Guarino DiMarcello, dalla moglie Maria e famiglia.
✠ Salvatore Pagliuso (14 years), from wife and daughters: Maria, Michelina and Daniela.
✠ Carmelina Durante, from Sister Maria Antonucci e nipoti.
✠ Carmela D'Andrea, dalla famiglia.
✠ Peppino Soria, from Parish Council.
✠ Tamara Favaro, from Arthur and Francesca Lachance.
✠ Michelina Nardi, dai fratelli Franco e Louis Nardi e famiglie.
✠ Antonio Nardi, dai figli Franco e Louis Nardi e famiglie.
✠ Prudenza, Angelo e Francesco Sansano, dalla sorella Carmela e cognato Domenico Andreano e famiglia.
✠ Gaetano Andreano, dal fratello Domenico e cognata Carmela e famiglia.
✠ Giuseppe Anghelone, dalla figlia Carmela Benedetto e famiglia.
✠ Antonio Anghelone, dalla sorella Carmela Benedetto e famiglia.
✠ Mario DeRosa, from daughter Linda.
✠ Antonio Sansano e Olivia Ignogni, da Giuseppe e Maria Arnieri.
✠ Peppino Soria, from wife Immacolata, children and grandchildren.
✠ Cosimo Zaffino, dalla sorella Maria Galle, nipote Caterina Gemma Pagliuso e famiglia.
✠ Pierino Torosani (deceduto in Italia), dalle cognate Linda Panicia e Elia Tamburo.
✠ Franco Roccia, dalla moglie Carmela Roccia.
✠ Per tutti i defunti della famiglia di Carmela Roccia.

Martedì 23 Febbraio: 7:00 pm S. Messa.

✠ Nick DeCicco, dal nonno e nonna.

Mercoledì 24 Febbraio: 7:00 pm S. Messa. - No Mass Intention.

Giovedì 25 Febbraio: 7:00 pm S. Messa. - No Mass Intention.

Venerdì 26 Febbraio: 7:00 pm S. Messa. - No Mass Intention.

'Hear the Word of God and Do It': Living in the Word-

There are many ways we can put the Word of God into practice through the act of witnessing to Christ. The most effective is by the way we live our lives. People pay more attention to what we do than to what we say. Yet, there are times when we are called upon to speak on the basis of our belief, particularly in those moments when people close to us, co-workers or society in general take directions contrary to the teachings of our Lord. (Archbishop Smith, Pastoral Letter, September 14, 2017).

AVVISO/NOTICE

Adorazione:

Ogni Giovedì della Quaresima alle ore 6:30 – 7:00 pm.

Via Crucis:

Ogni Venerdì della Quaresima alle ore 7:35 pm.

Adoration: Every Thursday of Lent at 6:30-7:00 pm.

Way of the Cross: Every Friday of Lent at 7:35 pm.

Online Marriage Preparation

Engaged couples, register now for ONLINE MARRIAGE PREPARATION in 2021.

Coordinated through Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Sherwood Park, it includes a Virtual Weekend Course:

- April 23-25, 2021

The \$ 150 registration fee includes all course materials.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish phone 780 467 5470

Register by emailing Mona: marriage.preparation@caedm.ca



Riposino in pace!

May they rest in peace.

PARISH NEWS



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www.smgoretti.org

Archdiocese Link: caedm.ca

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Preghiera nel tempo della Pandemia

Dio Padre, Tu che crei la vita e non la morte, ascolta la supplica accorata e fiduciosa che, insieme, rivolgiamo a Te. Libera le nostre famiglie, l'Italia, il mondo intero, dalla terribile pandemia che ci ha colpito e unisce l'umanità in un unico grido di dolore. Proteggi tutti i militari che sono a nostro servizio negli ospedali, nelle strade, nei mezzi di trasporto, nelle centrali operative, nelle missioni di pace, nei luoghi dove si studia e si decide. Cristo Gesù, Tu che sei la Vita, scendi dalla Croce sulla quale ti sei donato per noi, e poggiate sulle croci di tanti fratelli e sorelle, disseminate sulla via del Calvario, e illuminate con la speranza della Pasqua. Spirito Santo, che infondi vita in chi tocchi, sii, per ciascuno, una carezza d'amore: che non lascia fino alla fine chi muore da solo e consola chi rimane solo senza i propri cari; che illumina l'intelletto di chi ricercar e assicura il consiglio a chi governa; che infonde forza a chi è nella malattia e invade di pietà chi cura e assiste; che dilata con la scienza d'amore il cuore dei pastori e dona a noi la sapienza di riscoprire l'essenziale, per saper chinarci sul prossimo e volgere lo sguardo a Dio. E Tu, Maria, Madre della Vita, assieme a Giuseppe e ai nostri Santi Patroni, custodisci tutti sotto il Tuo Manto, finché sia passato il pericolo e possiamo cantare, con Te e come Te, il Magnificat della gratitudine, della gioia, della lode. Amen.

Please buy your Grocery Cards..... help your parish.

It is a gentle reminder to our community to purchase your grocery / gift cards from parish for you and as gifts for your family, thus you can help your parish. Thank you.



✠ **Richard W. Smith**
Archbishop of Edmonton

Mission Leadership – Divine Worship

February 16, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

In his Message for Lent 2021, Pope Francis writes: “During this season of conversion, let us renew our *faith*, draw from the “living water” of *hope*, and receive with open hearts the *love* of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ.”¹ In the days of Lent, a very important traditional practice, by which we are renewed in faith, hope and love, is frequent participation in the mass. The Archdiocese of Edmonton offers the following points for our reflection to encourage and guide our active participation in the sacred liturgy during these pandemic times.

- Parishes are taking all necessary precautions to keep everyone safe. If you are healthy and able, and if your home parish has space for you, it is best to attend mass in person.
- If you cannot attend mass in person, choose to watch a live-streamed celebration rather than a recorded one whenever possible. Live-streamed liturgies unfold in the present moment, and thus afford the opportunity for those participating virtually to join in real time with the Church at prayer.
- Create an appropriate atmosphere in your home to follow the live-streamed mass. For example, fashion a sense of sacred space by displaying the Bible, a crucifix, candles, or an image of Our Lord and Our Lady.
- Turn off all distractions, including the phone. Do not try to multitask by participating in the celebration while doing other things around the home.
- While not necessary for participation in a live-streamed mass, you could nevertheless choose to prepare spiritually by honouring the one-hour Eucharistic fast prior to the beginning of the liturgy. Reverence would also keep us from consuming food or drink during the liturgy unless required for medical reasons.
- Take some time for prayer before mass. Read prayerfully beforehand the Scriptural readings assigned for the mass in order to be fully attentive to the Word of God when it is proclaimed.
- Tune in on time. Make the sacred liturgy the first priority of your day.
- Dress appropriately, as you would for in-person participation at church.
- Be conscious of assuming an attentive posture. Choosing to follow mass from a chair rather than a sofa or recliner, for example, may help in this regard.

If others at home join you, create an atmosphere of reverence and attentiveness throughout the celebration.

- Actively respond at the appropriate times as you would if present in the church.
- Assume the appropriate liturgical postures throughout mass by standing for the introductory rites, sitting for the readings, standing for the Gospel, kneeling for consecration, etc.
- Make an act of spiritual communion during the Communion Rite, thereby uniting yourself to Jesus Christ spiritually even if you cannot do so sacramentally at this time.
- Continue to support your parish financially through pre-authorized withdrawal or by sending in your donation by mail. If you need assistance in this regard, contact your home parish.

Pope says “Lent is a time to grow and share - Faith, Hope and Love”

As Christians pray, fast and give alms during Lent, they also should consider giving a smile and offering a kind word to people feeling alone or frightened because of the coronavirus pandemic, Pope Francis said. “Love rejoices in seeing others grow. Hence it suffers when others are anguished, lonely, sick, homeless, despised or in need,” the pope wrote in his message for Lent 2021.

Il Papa dice: "La Quaresima è un tempo per crescere e condividere - Fede, Speranza e Amore"

Mentre i cristiani pregano, digiunano e fanno l'elemosina durante la Quaresima, dovrebbero anche considerare di sorridere e offrire una parola gentile alle persone che si sentono sole o spaventate a causa della pandemia di coronavirus, ha detto Papa Francesco. "L'amore si rallegra nel vedere gli altri crescere. Quindi soffre quando gli altri sono angosciati, soli, malati, senz'altro, disprezzati o bisognosi", ha scritto il papa nel suo messaggio per la Quaresima 2021.

Video series: Stop, Look and Listen on your Journey through Lent

Beginning today, Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, the Journey through Lent offers an introduction to the season and reflections on Gospel readings of each Sunday in Lent. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has produced this new series for **Lent 2021**. The links to the videos, in French and English, will also be available on the **CCCB website**. Each Monday, the link for the upcoming Sunday celebration will be released. Please visit **grandinmedia.ca**

HAPPY NEWS FROM OUR SMG CENTRE

SMG Centre has a New Initiative: “TAKE AWAY MENU”, please help our center.

SMG CENTRE NEWS: Hello from your Centre! It has been a while since we posted in the bulletin. There have been so many challenges in these past months. We have to thank Our Lord for giving us strength in faith and in our parish community, led by Father George. Your Centre has also been beset by challenges as banquet functions, meetings and meal gatherings have essentially been stopped due to COVID. But we are here, part of our Santa Maria Goretti Parish community and are devoted to our parish family. We are heartened to see the strength of resolve within our community to overcome this health crisis. And your Centre looks forward to the months ahead when things will surely get better. May God Bless us all! We have exciting news! Chef Patrick has made a takeaway menu. You can preorder and Patrick will make the meal that you can pick up and take home. Please call Patrick at **780-426-5026 between 9:30 am -2 pm** weekdays, or log onto our website **<https://santamariagoretticentre.com>** for more info. He will be happy to help!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - SANTA MARIA GORETTI COUNCIL: Your SMG Knights have been impacted by this pandemic just like everyone and everything around us. Our charitable fundraising efforts have had to be put on hold. It is difficult to see the months passing knowing these days could be better spent with family and friends. And by doing good for our community. We are strengthened, however, with our faith that gives us strength and resolve that better days are ahead. One of our district leaders, Brother Leo Sosa, reminds us all to “please join me in praying for an end to the COVID19 pandemic and for those suffering with COVID, and grieving the loss of loved ones, jobs, or contacts with families and friends. We shall continue to put our faith in the Lord's providence and that 'this too shall pass'.” Your SMG Council members continue to gather to clean our parish on a regular basis. Thank you to all our parish volunteers for all that you do. We also continue to contribute funds to local charities. We look forward to the days when we can restart our fundraising initiatives so we can give even more! May Our Lord Bless you all.



LET US HELP POOR CHILDREN IN LENT - An Act of Charity.

The CFIC (Sons of Immaculate Conception) Community of our Pastor Father George in India is taking care of children who are either physically or mentally challenged, poor, abandoned or orphaned. You, too, can be a part of this Great mission, especially to live out truly our Lenten charity. The CFIC Congregation and Father George personally would like to thank you so much for your continuing generous support of this mission. CFIC will issue tax receipts for all of your donations to the mission. Please contact Fr. George at 780 422 8304.

Thank you and God bless you and your families for sharing your blessings with those in need.

AIUTIAMO I BAMBINI POVERI IN QUARESIMA

Aiutiamo i bambini poveri in Quaresima. Per fare la carità durante il periodo di Quaresima cerchiamo di aiutare i bambini poveri, così viviamo i nostri propositi per la Quaresima. Grazie per l'aiuto che avete offerto per la CFIC missione dei bambini in India.

2020 TAX RECEIPTS ARE READY

Envelopes with Income Tax Receipts are ready for pick up. They are organized in Alphabetical order. (Tax receipts from church contributions and CFIC donations are in the same envelopes). Please note that this year we will be sending out the tax receipts for 2020 via email also. If you would like to receive your tax receipt electronically, please send your address and email address to the office. Thank you for your generosity.

Le Ricevute per le donazioni sono pronte. (Quelle della Parrocchia e quelle dei figli dell'Immacolata Concezione nella stessa busta). Vi preghiamo di notare che quest'anno invieremo anche via email le ricevute fiscali per l'anno 2020. Se desiderate a ricevere le ricevute elettronicamente, per favore inviate il vostro indirizzo e indirizzo email all'ufficio. Grazie per la vostra generosità.

ENVELOPES ARE READY AT CHILDREN'S ROOM - YEAR 2021

Please Pick your envelopes. **THEY ARE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.** If there are any changes to the information we have on file, please do not hesitate to give the offices a call so that we could modify the information. If you do not have an envelope, please contact the office and we will provide you with one set. If you are not registered with Santa Maria Goretti Parish, we encourage you to do so in support of our parish. Thank you for your great and continuous support for our parish.

LE BUSTE SONO A DISPOSIZIONE NELLA STANZA DEI BAMBINI - ANNO 2021

Le vostre buste sono pronte per ritirare. SONO IN ORDINE ALFABETICO. Se c'è qualche cambiamento della informazione che abbiamo nel ufficio per piacere chiamate l'ufficio a 780-422-8304 o date in scritto. Grazie per la vostra generosità.

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St. Philip Catholic Elementary School, offers **Italian Language and Culture programming**, is now accepting new registrations for Kindergarten and elementary age students! There is yellow bus service for most of Northeast Edmonton for Italian Program students. Information about our St. Philip school programming, please call **780-475-3566** or visit our website www.stphilip.ecsd.net We also have the CPLI Italian Language School that leases space in our building that has a half day program.

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