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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

28 FEBBARIO 2021

II DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA / B

PERDERE TUTTO PER IL PADRE, E DAL PADRE TUTTO RICEVERE



No! Il Dio di Abramo non è come i tanti dei che chiedevano sacrifici umani! È però un Dio che ci chiede di perdere tutto. Perché? Per poterci benedire! Ma non solo: per fare di noi, come fece di Abramo, una *benedizione* per tutti. Questo “perdere” era arduo per i discepoli di Gesù, che man mano vedevano sempre più deluse le loro attese umane sul Maestro. Allora Gesù li porta sul Tabor, per fare loro assaporare la bellezza del posto che nella sua Pasqua sta per preparare per loro, per noi tutti. Quel posto è il suo posto, la sua vita filiale, che è un perdere tutto per il Padre, e dal Padre tutto ricevere. “È bello per noi essere qui”, dice Pietro! È bello assaporare il nostro posto nel cuore di Dio! Come è bello scoprire che ormai nessuno ci può condannare! Sì, è bello scoprire l’ampiezza dell’amore divino! Così illuminati, possiamo riprendere con più ardore e con più gioia il cammino esigente della Quaresima che ci porterà alla vittoria pasquale di Gesù. Perché diventiamo insieme *benedizione* per tutti.

Fr. Antonie-Emmanuel.

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

Today’s first reading is one of the most important religious texts ever written. While it is strange for us to read of a god asking for human sacrifice, that was nothing out of the ordinary in Abraham’s world. The bewilderment we feel reading this passage is, in fact, a result of the text’s own success. It is because of the story of Abraham and Isaac that human and child sacrifice looks the way it does to us. Human sacrifice is not some aberration in human history. In one way or another, it is the norm. The other gods humans have worshipped, whether they go by ancient names like Baal and Moloch, or modern names like Choice and National Security, have always demanded what is most precious, our sons and daughters. It is only the God of Abraham who does not demand but provided the sacrifice. The story of Abraham and Isaac begins the trajectory that ends with Christ. When Paul tells the Romans that God “did not withhold his own Son,” he is linking Jesus and Isaac and pointing us towards the inversion of sacrifice that Isaac presaged and Jesus fulfilled. This inversion transfigures human history. What could this rising from the dead mean? That the one who gave himself to be sacrificed so that we might see the truth about human sacrifice was God’s own Son.

Brett Salkeld.

INTENZIONI DELLE SANTE MESSE
Mass Intentions

SABATO/ SATURDAY 27 FEBBRAIO: 5:00 PM

- ✠ Giovanni Fusco, Antonio Mancini e Sante Cavone, da Rosa e Pompea.
- ✠ Mario DeRosa (2 mesi), dalla moglie Ida e figlia Maria.

➤ For the intention of Makino family.

DOMENICA /SUNDAY 28 FEBBRAIO: 11:00AM

- ✠ Christina Tomat, from family.
- ✠ Giuseppina Vecchio, dal marito Fiore Vecchio.
- ✠ Carmellina Durante, dai genitori.
- ✠ Giuseppe, Gelsomina, Luigi, Esterina, Franco, Umberto e Nella Cardamone, dalla famiglia.
- ✠ Tiberiu Anghel, from Mirella Ruse and family.
- ✠ Giovanni Lunardon, dalla famiglia.
- ✠ Carmellina Durante, from Sister Maria Antonucci e nipoti.
- ✠ Armando DeBenedetto, Angela, Mafalda Mazzuca, Maria e Lidio Antonelli, da Giuseppe e Maria Arneri.
- ✠ Per tutti i defunti di Franco and Giuseppe Cerisano.

Martedì 02 Marzo: 7:00 pm S. Messa.

- ✠ Giuseppe Joe Sellitto, dalla mamma Franca e fratello Dino e famiglia.
- ✠ Mario Sdao, from Mafalda Sdao and family.
- ✠ Domenico Zanon (10 anni), dalla moglie Immacolata Zanon, figli e famiglie.

Mercoledì 03 Marzo: 7:00 pm S. Messa.

- ✠ Frank DeVenz, from Clorinda and family.
- ✠ Natale DeVenz (3 anni), dalla moglie Clorinda e famiglia.

Giovedì 04 Marzo: 7:00 pm S. Messa. - No Mass Intention.

Venerdì 05 marzo: 7:00 pm S. Messa.

- ✠ Silverio Mazzotta, from wife Etelka Mazzotta.

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

What message do I communicate to others by my way of living, patterns of thought and speech, or modes of behaviour? Out of concern for reputation or fear of rebuke, do I stay silent when circumstances require that I speak the truth? The Holy Spirit has been given that we might be witnesses. Let us call upon him to provide us with the ability to do so and thus put into practice the Word of God. (Archbishop Smith, Pastoral Letter, September 14, 2017).



Riposino in pace!

May they rest in peace.

PARISH NEWS



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

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

Let us Adore Jesus.



Via Crucis: Ogni Venerdì della
Quaresima alle ore 7:35 pm.

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

Let us Follow Jesus.

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

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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.



Rev. Don Stein passes at age 86

Rev. Don Stein, a beloved pastor for more than six decades in the Edmonton Archdiocese and in Canada's North, died on Feb. 22, 2021. He was 86. Father Don Stein during his planning to celebrate Holy Week in Tuktoyaktuk, N.W.T., where he celebrated Holy Week masses for years. Photo supplied. Donald Stein was born on June 4, 1934, in the Calder neighbourhood of northwest Edmonton. Stein attended Sacred Heart, St. Edmund, St. Alphonsus and later St. Joseph's Boys High School. Stein was ordained on June 4, 1960, his 26th birthday, after study at St. Joseph's Seminary. Following his ordination, Father Don was assigned to St. Francis Xavier Parish in Camrose. He was assigned to both urban and rural parishes, including St. Patrick's, Assumption, and St. Theresa's in Edmonton, Sacred Heart in Gibbons, St. Anthony's in Lloydminster, St. Clare Parish in Redwater and Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Sherwood Park. Father Don's last parish was Sacred Heart in Red Deer and he helped celebrate its 100th anniversary before he retired in 2008. His

ministry also took him to Tuktoyaktuk, N.W.T. in the Diocese of McKenzie-Fort Smith where he celebrated Holy Week Masses for years. **Funeral is on Monday, 1 March at 10 am at St. Joseph Basilica.** To watch please visit <https://caedm.ca>

Archbishop in Dialogue: Mission and MAiD

For our fifth episode of "Archbishop in Dialogue", Archbishop Richard Smith is joined by Dr. Heidi Janz and Dr. Robert Hauptman to talk about the way worship propels us into our Christian mission. To make that concrete they discuss the expansion of assisted suicide proposed in Bill-C7, the danger it poses to the disabled community as well as the whole of society. Dr. Heidi Janz is an Assistant Adjunct Professor with the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre and she also Chairs the Ending-of-Life Ethics Committee for the Council of Canadians with Disabilities. Dr. Robert Hauptman is currently a family physician and a former chronic pain consultant. To watch please visit grandimedia.ca or <https://caedm.ca>

*Arcivescovo Richard Smith discutta con i esperti sulla eutenesia.
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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 NOTICE / AVVISO

Due to Covid situation, Envelopes with Income Tax Receipts are **mailed**. Thank you for your generosity.
For any clarification please contact parish office – 780 422 8304.

*A causa della situazione di Covid, le Ricevute per le donazioni sono spedite. Grazie per la vostra generosità.
Per qualsiasi chiarimento contattare l'ufficio parrocchiale - 780 422 8304.*

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.

Federal government seeks extension to amendments to Bill C-7 on assisted-dying

The federal government was expected to seek another extension to pass its assisted-dying bill as it deals with stiff opposition from the Conservatives over amendments to Bill C-7 brought forth by the Senate. The government had a court-imposed deadline of Feb. 26 to have the new legislation in place, but the Opposition Conservatives have signalled they may drag out debate of the Senate amendments. One such amendment would open the door to mentally-ill Canadians being able to seek a legally-sanctioned suicide within 18 months.

Care of the Sick / Cura dei Malati

During the Lenten season Father George will be taking care of the sick and elderly parishioners following the covid Protocol. For receiving communion, blessing and visit, please contact Father George: 780 422 8304.

Durante la Quaresima padre George si prende cura dei parrocchiani ammalati e anziani seguendo il covid Protocollo. Per ricevere comunione, benedizione, preghiera e le visite, si prega di contattare padre George: 780 422 8304.

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. For more information visit **www.comitatopromotoredellalinguaitaliana.com**.

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