Dawn Masses Before Christmas

The Twin Parishes of St. Agnes-St. Anthony invite you to join us for nine days of successive masses from December 16 to 24 at 6 a.m. in the morning in preparation for the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus. Mass will be celebrated at St. Agnes Church, 10826 - 62 Avenue, Edmonton, on December 16,17,18, and at St. Anthony Church, 10661 - 82 Avenue, on December 19-24. Rosary is at 5:30 a.m., and a potluck breakfast follows after Mass. For more information, please call the Twin Parishes office at 780-432-0611.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Join Father Terry Kersch CSB on a 12-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from February 12 - 25, 2017. The cost of the pilgrimage is $3921 per person (based on double occupancy) and includes airfare, air tax, accommodations, all meals, and tour guides. For more information contact Jackie Abello at 780-229-4711 or jackiea@uniglobeone.com.

Sancti

Do you have a desire to grow in holiness? If you are a university student or young professional, join us for an evening of Sancti (Latin for "Be Holy") in the Parish Hall of St. Joseph Basilica -- accessible via the Jasper Avenue entrance. Led by priests and other religious, Sancti serves as the sibling event to Adoremus to provide you with formation in becoming a saint. Sancti is scheduled for 7:30-9 p.m. on these upcoming Saturdays: November 26, December 10, January 28, February 25.

Remedy!

Young adults (ages 17-35) are warmly invited to join us on Friday, December 16, (and continuing every third Friday of the month) from 7 to 9 p.m. for a night of Praise & Worship, sharing, Reconciliation and more. Let this be a place where you are restored and renewed! We gather at St.Charles Parish, 17511 - 112 Street, Edmonton. Follow our Facebook page "Remedy Young Adults Group" to keep up to date on Remedy.

Reboot!

Good Shepherd Parish invites you to rediscover God and rediscover the life you were made for, at an evening with internationally renowned speaker and author Chris Stefanick, and Catholic recording artist Jon Niven. Reboot! Live! is the fun, inspiring and practical experience for all (ages 12 and up), of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life, from prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more! It’s time to start living the Life you were made for. Join us on Thursday, December 8, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd, 18407 - 60 Avenue, Edmonton. Tickets are $25, on sale now. For more information or to purchase, visit www.reallifecatholic.com/reboot or call the parish at 780-487-7765.

Adoremus at Basilica

You are invited to join us at St. Joseph Basilica for Adoremus, an evening of encounter with Christ through reflection on Holy scripture, the Sacrament of Penance, and time with the Holy Eucharist. This is an opportunity to deepen your relationship with the Lord, and meet with others desiring the same. Adoremus is scheduled for 7:30-9 p.m. on Saturdays: December 17, January 14 and February 11. Everyone is welcome.

Prayers for our Refugee Families

Please keep our Syrian Newcomers in your prayers. We are still waiting for SJ4 to arrive. SJ1: The Dalaa Family, SJ2: Al Haidar Family, SJ3a: Bassel and Majed, SJ3b: Zeidan Family, SJ4: Bassel’s Parents and Brother. Gratitude to those who have prayed for these families. *ETA Dec 8, 2016

Weekend Mass

(Classic in Main Chapel)
Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 7 pm

Weekday Mass

(Classic in Women’s Residence)
Mon, Wed 12:10 pm
Tues, Thurs 12:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Nov 7th – Dec 24th

(Classic in Main Chapel)
Monday: 7 pm – 8:30 pm
Tuesday: 11:30 am – 12:20 pm
Saturday: 3 pm – 4 pm
History of St. Joe's
At the invitation of Henry Marshall Tory, first president of the University of Alberta in 1926 the Catholic community under the leadership of Archbishop John Joseph O'Leary founded an affiliated College on the University campus. Guided by the Christian Brothers, St. Joseph's College housed up to one hundred men in a handsome brick building that included a chapel, dining room, classrooms and library. Through its affiliation agreement, the College offered university credit courses in Christian apologetics, ethics and philosophy. Beginning with the College's first rector, Brother Rogatian, in those early years Christian Brothers on staff taught in several faculties of the University.

In 1963, Archbishop John Hugh MacDonald invited the Basilian Fathers to assume administrative responsibility for St. Joseph's College. During the next decades, its academic offerings were considerably expanded. Further, chaplaincy services assumed greater prominence on campus. Recently, its residence gained an annex, St. Joseph's College Women's Residence.

Today, with a core faculty of Basilians, lay women and men and excellent library, St. Joseph's College offers undergraduate courses for credit in all U of A degree programs. Of particular importance are offerings in religious education for future teachers in the province’s Catholic school system. Other areas of instruction include philosophy, science and religion, history, ethics and theology.

To all members of the St. Joseph's College Community:
The ad hoc Search and Selection Advisory Committee for the Academic Dean held its first meeting on November 14, 2016. The members of the Committee consist of Fr. Terry Kersch in the Chair, Dr. Indre Cuplinskas, Dr. Paul Flaman, Dr. Nathan Kowalsky, Dr. Denis Lamoureux, Dr. David Peacock from the University of Alberta, and Dr. Jason West from Newman Theological College.

The Academic Dean is a senior officer of the College reporting to the President. She or he directs the academic affairs of the College, its faculty, library and students, and those employed in connection with this work.

We invite you the members of the SJC community to provide input in confidence to the President regarding anything you believe the Committee should consider while selecting the candidate. Submissions should be sent to kersch@ualberta.ca no later than February 28, 2017. Fr. Terry will summarize this input for the Committee.

Hi, my name is….
Fr Terry Kersch President
Denise Young Interim Dean
Brittney Nurse Director of Campus Ministry

No Room in the Inn
For the last 15 years, the Archdiocese of Edmonton has participated in an ecumenical justice housing initiative called No Room in the Inn, based on the biblical story of Mary and Joseph being homeless after discovering that there was no room in the inn in Bethlehem the night that Jesus was born.

No Room in the Inn appeals to the people of churches in Edmonton and area at Christmas time to think about those living in our community who do not have adequate and safe housing.

In past years, parishes have contributed in different ways. Some share directly from the parish Christmas Eve collection. Some invite parishioners to contribute through a special Sunday offering. Others do a special fundraiser or make a special parish donation.

Each year the No Room in the Inn Committee selects a specific affordable housing project and organizational sponsor to support. This year’s offering will assist with renovations to A Safe Place, a shelter for women and their children fleeing abuse, operated by the Strathcona Shelter Society Ltd. In 2015-2016, A Safe Place provided accommodation to 567 women and children and answered 2,000 crisis calls. For more information on No Room in the Inn and how you can help, visit: http://edmd.ca/NoRoomInTheInn.

Office of the Archbishop
A National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples has been celebrated by the Catholic Church in Canada since 2002 on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe - the Patroness of the Americas. I am honoured to invite you and members of your community to a solemn Mass in which we entrust to the intercession of Our Lady the needs of our First Nation, Métis, and Inuit brothers and sisters. Please join us at 7 p.m. on Monday, December 12, at St. Joseph's Basilica.

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Most Rev. Richard W. Smith
Archbishop of Edmonton

Lighthouse CDs Available: Dec 11th and 18th
Each year the L’Arche Association of Edmonton will hold its annual Christmas Pageant on Monday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at St. Thomas’ A’quin Church, 8410 89 St. This is a beautiful L’Arche Edmonton Christmas tradition as developmentally disabled members of our community re-enact the Nativity Scene in full costume. There is no charge for this event, but we invite guests to bring a non-perishable food item for the Edmonton Food Bank.

Following the pageant, join us for refreshments and the opportunity to purchase Christmas presents at the popular Day Program Craft Sale! For more information, phone Maria at 780-465-0618, ext. 206.

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