St. Joseph’s College Chapel Bulletin

March 12th, 2017 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Prayers for our Refugee Families

Please keep our Syrian Newcomers in your prayers. All 18 have arrived.

SJ1: The Dalaa Family*
SJ2: Al Haidar Family*
SJ3a: Bassel and Majed*
SJ3b: Zeidan Family
SJ4: Bassel’s Parents and Brother
*Sponsorship complete

2nd Sunday of Lent Prayer

The Light of the World Lord of all the nations, you gather us into your arms and bless us with your love and mercy. Give us your eyes, so we may see you in all peoples, and respond to the needs of the most desperate. Give us your hands to reach across barriers and repair the wounds wrought by closed hearts and minds. Give us your loving heart, so in our lives we may, as Abram, do your will and work to become one community of the earth. May the blessings you instill in us become blessings for all; and may Christ, the Light of the World shine on all peoples. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THERE IS NO DAWN WITHOUT DARKNESS
Retreat on the Dark Night of the Soul

Wednesday, March 15, 2017
5:00 – 7:00 pm
St. Joseph’s Chapel

We like to be in control of our lives but often times of confusion, anxiety or seeming powerlessness plunge us into the dark night. But once the experience passes we experience a new freedom and gratitude. These changes don’t arrive until the darkness passes. They come with the dawn. Come for supper at 5:00 in the foyer outside the Chapel. There will also be Praise and Worship (5:20), a presentation on the Dark Night of the Soul (6:00) and Adoration (6:30).

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Weekend Mass
(Located in Main Chapel)
Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:30 am, 11:00 am

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Located in Main Chapel)
Jan 1st – April 30th
Tuesday: 11:30 am – 12:20 pm
Saturday: 3 pm – 4 pm*
*except April 15th and 29th

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Retreat for Young Adults

Come Sit With Me is a retreat day for single young adults aged 18-40, taking place on Saturday, March 18, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Providence Centre, 3005 - 119 St., Edmonton. This is the second of a series of six retreats to be held throughout the year.

To register, contact Sister Isabel Cid, SP at 780-720-6020 or ieid@sistersofprovidence.ca.

Last Call for Bursary

After many years of assisting lay persons preparing for ministry through the provision of educational bursaries, the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada are discontinuing their educational bursary program at the end of April.

All applications for educational bursaries received by Saturday, April 15, will be eligible for consideration by the Educational Bursary Committee.

Friars Ball

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend this formal event in support of the education, training and formation of seminarians, religious, and lay leaders for the Ukrainian Eparchy and the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton. The 48th Annual Friars Ball takes place on Friday, May 5, at The Westin hotel. Tickets are $250 each ($150 for 25 and younger). For further information, please contact Anna at 780-469-1010 or check out our new website at www.friarsball.com.

St. Kateri Celebration

Everyone is welcome to join us for a day of celebrating our first Native American Saint, Kateri Tekakwitha, the “Lily of the Mohawks,” on Saturday, April 22, at Lac Ste. Anne. The program includes a Living Rosary accompanied by drummers, Mass with Archbishop Richard Smith presiding, and lunch (including bannock). There will also be activities for children and youth. MC for the event is Gary Gagnon, Coordinator of the new Office of Aboriginal Relations.

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 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. Only 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.

Hi, my name is….

Fr Terry Kersch
President

Denise Young
Interim Dean

Brittney Nurse
Director of Campus Ministry

Book Launch: Science and Religion

"Please join SJC on Thursday March 23 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at St. Joseph's College to celebrate the release of Denis Lamoureux's new book "Evolution: Scripture and Nature Say Yes". All attendees will receive a free, signed book! RSVP to sjdean@ualberta.ca.

Denis O. Lamoureux is an Associate Professor of Science and Religion at St. Joseph's College in the University of Alberta. He has debated leading anti-evolutionists, including Philip Johnson, Michael Behe, and Jonathan Wells. With Johnson, he co-authored Darwinism Defeated? The Johnson-Lamoureux Debate on Biological Origins (1999). Lamoureux is also the author of Evolutionary Creation: A Christian Approach to Evolution (2008), and a contributor in Four Views on the Historical Adam (2013). He holds three earned doctoral degrees—dentistry, theology, and biology."

Together in Christ Lenten Series

The Ecumenical Office of the Archdiocese is partnering with Ascension Lutheran Church in Edmonton to offer an ecumenical Lenten study series called Together in Christ: Lutherns and Catholics Commemorating the Reformation. Sessions will be held on five consecutive Wednesdays: March 8, 15, 22, and 29, and April 5, at 7 p.m., at Ascension Lutheran Church, 8405 – 83 Street, Edmonton. There is no cost for attending these sessions and everyone is invited. See the poster for details or visit us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/caedmunity

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