Incarnation: Through the Eyes of Mercy

Enter the mystery of the Incarnation, God becoming man, through prayerful reflection on the icon of the Nativity of Our Lord, at a weekend retreat with Bishop David Motiuk of the Ukrainian Eparchy, December 2-4 at Providence Renewal Centre. The Nativity icon offers a unique invitation into Advent through examination of its major figures and features - Mary, Joseph, the angels, the cave. Register online at www.providencerenewal.ca or call 780-701-1854.

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Advent Prayer: Light of All Being

Creator God, author of all life and light, in this season of anticipation you call us to recognize your light in our midst, your love in our darkness. Lead us from the darkness of despair into a light of hope and peace. Wake us from the shadows of our troubled lives into a light that dispels our fears and concerns. May your presence maintain our wakefulness, as we prepare for your coming more deeply into our hearts. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen
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.

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.

L’Arche Christmas Pageant
The L’Arche Association of Edmonton will hold its annual Christmas Pageant on Monday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at St. Thomas d’Aquin 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.

Hymns and Readings: Sunday, Dec 4th at 7 pm
We invite you to join St. Joseph's College in building community during the Advent and Christmas Season at our annual evening of Hymns and Readings. The evening will commence at 7:30 pm on Sunday December 4 in St. Joseph's Basilica. Admission to the Hymns and Readings is free, but free will donations will be accepted.

Hi, my name is….
Fr Terry Kersch President  Denise Young Interim Dean  Britney 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://caedm.ca/NoRoomInTheInn.

Advent Carol Service at Basilica
The Schola Cantorum of St Joseph Basilica will present a sequence of readings and carols for Advent to help you prepare for the coming of Christ. Come and join us Sunday, November 27, at 2:30 p.m. for this meditative service in the Basilica, away from the pre-Christmas bustle of the city – all are welcome!

This Holy Light: Evening of Advent Song & Reflection
What does Advent mean to you? If you're looking for a way to make Advent more meaningful for you and your family, join the OLPH Music Ministry on Sunday, December 4, at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 13 Brower Drive, Sherwood Park. An ecumenical event for the whole family. Donations for the Strathcona Food Bank will be gratefully accepted.

Annunciation CWL Christmas Market
You are invited to visit our CWL Christmas Market at Annunciation Parish, 9420 - 163 Street, Edmonton, on Saturday, December 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Browse for gifts, crafts and baking from 20 vendors; relax at our cafe. Everyone welcome, free admission.

Tegan 9:30 & 11 am Music  Cerina 4:30 Sat. Music  Fr. Glenn Chaplain  Fr. Don Lecturer