St. Luke's Physicians' Guild

The St. Luke's Physicians' Guild of Alberta is holding their annual Mass & fellowship on Sunday, October 23, at Providence Renewal Centre in Edmonton. Come for worship and fellowship with Edmonton's community of Catholic physicians. Mass at 4:30 p.m.; reception follows at 5:30. Cost: $40 for members and guests, $20 for students. RSVP at st.lukescguildedmonton@gmail.com.

Patron Saints

The Catholic Bishops of Canada have approved new devotional titles for three Canadian saints: St. François de Laval as patron saint of the Bishops of Canada, St. Brother André (Alfred Bessette) as patron saint of family caregivers in Canada, and St. Kateri Tekakwitha as protectress of Canada. Acknowledging the strong popular devotion in Canada to all three even before they were declared saints by the Universal Church, the Bishops underscored the perennial and contemporary significance of these saints for the Church in this country.

Warm Clothing Needed

The wind and rain are here, and so are the knocks at the door of the Marian Centre in inner-city Edmonton. We are currently looking for donations of warm clothing items for men: T-shirts, blue jeans, coats, hoodies, sweaters & sweats, & underwear. Toques and gloves will be needed in the near future. New or gently used items are accepted. Thank you from all of us at Marian Centre. For more information, call 780-424-3544.

Interfaith Housing Plenary

Join us at the annual Plenary Meeting of the Capital Region Interfaith Housing Initiative on Thursday, October 27, at 10 a.m. at Beth Israel Synagogue, 131 Wolf Willow Road. Come and find out more about how we can help end homelessness in Edmonton. Agenda will include updates on the Interfaith Housing Initiative and city plan to end homelessness, feedback from faith groups, ways to volunteer, and opportunities for discussion. Brunch will be provided. For more information and to RSVP, contact Rabbanit Batya Friedman at 780-938-5558 or email Batya@interfaithhousing.ca.

Teen STAR Training

Teen STAR is a comprehensive, fact-based curriculum developed by Dr. Hanna Klaus that offers educators the tools to deliver developmental, self-discovery programs to teens through fertility awareness using a holistic approach. Gianna Centre (formerly the Pregnancy Crisis Centre) is pleased to present a five-day training program in Teen STAR for teachers, catechists, youth leaders and parents. It will be offered November 14 – 18, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, at Catholic Social Services, West Office, 12431 Stony Plain Road, Edmonton. Registration is $300. For more information please contact Vera Fischer, Manager Gianna Centre, at 780-482-5111 or giannacentre@cssalberta.ca.

Aging Gracefully: The Gift of Years

Getting older is often seen as synonymous with loss: our health, status, freedom and meaning. However, embracing one’s advancing years can be an exciting adventure. The Holy Trinity Parish CWL invites you to our day of retreat with Sandy Prather on Saturday, October 22, to hear about the blessings and beauty of embracing the senior years. To register for this inspiring day, contact Mariette at 780-962-4599 by October 16. Cost: $20, including lunch. Holy Trinity Parish is located at 200 Boundary Road, North of Highway 16A (Stony Plain Road) in Spruce Grove.
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Fr Terry Kersch  
President

Denise Young  
Interim Dean

Brittney Nurse  
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Can you sing or play an instrument?  
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9:30 and 11 am Masses  
Tegan Hryciw  
StJoesc.music@gmail.com

7 pm Mass  
Brittney Nurse  
bwhite@ualberta.ca

4:30 pm (Sat) Mass  
Cerina Lee  
jlee7@ualberta.ca

Sunday Coffee or Brunch
There is often free coffee in the cafeteria follow the 11 am mass.  
Brunch is served in the Boardroom following the 9:30 am mass.

St. Joseph
O God, you love your people and bless the ordinary lives we quietly live.  
As you blessed Saint Joseph, bless what I do, however hidden and simple it may be, and let all I do be done with love. Amen.

Development and Peace
As many are aware by now, Haiti is in the midst of a major crisis as much of its territory has been ravaged by the hurricane.  
As of earlier this week according to the UN Office of the Coordination of  
Humanitarian Affairs, more than 840 people have been killed, more than 21,000 have been evacuated, and 350,000 need immediate humanitarian assistance.  
D&P is already working with several of its partners to assess how the hurricane has affected the local population, especially the poorest; and many of our partners have already confirmed that prevention methods developed in response to previous disasters have saved lives.

D&P has already committed $50,000 for immediate humanitarian assistance through the Vatican’s Caritas network to take charge of supporting 2,700 of the families victimized by the hurricane with food distribution, and reducing the risk of spreading infectious diseases for those families.

In addition, D&P has launched an emergency campaign for Haiti with the funds raised used to meet needs in health, water, and to provide shelter, food and other items in the most affected regions.  You can donate to Development and Peace-Caritas Canada’s relief effort on-line  
at www.devp.org; or toll free at 1-888-234-8533; or by cheque made out to: 1425 Rene-Levesque Boul.  
West, 3rd Floor, Montreal, Quebec H3G 1T7 (Write EMERGENCY-HAITI at the bottom of the cheque).  Or, you can support the special collection being organized by the Archdiocese for next week.

Marriage Encounter
Marriage is a journey -- and a Marriage Encounter Weekend can help add some pizzazz to that journey.  This weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship.  If you want to make your good marriage even better, join us on the next Edmonton weekend, November 18-20.  Register early -- space is limited.  For more information, visit www.wwme.org or contact Gavin & Nicole at 780- 464-2874 or gvankup@telus.net.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission: St. Kateri, Pray for Us!
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Because residential schools deeply wounded First Nations families by separating children from their parents, participants will be invited to say a prayer of thanksgiving for their own families, and with the intercession of St. Kateri, to pray for the healing of First Nations families wounded by residential schools.  Participants are encouraged to bring a photocopy of a family photo to place on an image of St. Kateri.

In preparation for this event, please read the introduction (pages 1-22) to "Honouring the Truth, Reconciling for the Future: Summary of the Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada".

Sex Ed vs. Chastity and Dating
Do children need more sex education at a younger age?  How should Catholic parents approach "the Talk?"  Find out about the hope and guidance the Church offers on the subjects of human sexuality and chastity formation.  Couples for Christ invites you to a one-day course inspired by St. John Paul II’s "Theology of the Body."  Our presenter is  
Katrina J. Zeno, coordinator of the John Paul II Resource Center for Theology of the Body and Culture for the Diocese of Phoenix.  This course is geared toward parents with children aged 2-18.  It is also beneficial for grandparents, Catholic school teachers, catechists, and those in ministries that work with these ages.  Teens 18 and older are also invited to attend.  Join us on Saturday, October 22, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at St. Theresa’s Parish Hall, 7508 - 29 Avenue, Edmonton.  Tickets are $10, available by contacting Nap or Ely Llanos at 780-990-4124 or  
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