Grace at Mealtimes

Leader: Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word. In the parable of the Pharisee and tax collector (Lk 18:9-14), you teach us to acknowledge the truth of our need for your love and mercy.

All: Help us, Jesus, to rejoice in your gift of mercy and enable us to to share it with others.

OR

Leader: Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word. St. Paul praised you for standing by him and giving him strength in his hour of need (2Timothy 4:17).

All: Help us, Jesus, to remember you are always with us. May we rejoice in your saving help.

Together: Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

After the meal:

We give you thanks, Almighty God, for all your gifts, who live and reign now and forever. Amen

The Choice Wine

Strengthen your marriage! Join a mini-retreat held at Holy Trinity Parish, Spruce Grove, based on The Choice Wine (check out this link: http://thechoicewine.org). You’ll learn about seven principles that can lead to a happy, strong marriage. Free will donation. The nine sessions (including meals and snacks) run on Friday, October 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Saturday, October 29, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and Saturday, November 5, 9 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. (including an afternoon break, time for Reconciliation, Mass and a closing banquet). All couples welcome. Register by emailing theresa.holden@hotmail.com.

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.

Teen STAR Training

Teen STAR is a curriculum 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. Nov 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. Contact Vera Fischer at 780-482-5111 or giannacentre@cssalberta.ca.
Infants Memorial Mass
You are invited to gather for an Infants Memorial Mass on Thursday, November 3, at 7 p.m., at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 13 Brower Drive, Sherwood Park. This mass is offered in remembrance of all children lost during pregnancy or early infancy. Lori-Ann Huot will be our guest speaker. Fellowship and refreshments will be available in the foyer after Mass. Everyone welcome. For further information, please contact OLPH Parish at 780-467-5470.

Anxiety Management Group
Anxiety can really make it difficult to go about your regular day in a way that is joyful and that feels fulfilling. It is possible to learn strategies and coping skills that will help you and face your day with more confidence and enthusiasm. If you would like to learn how to bring about this kind of positive change, Catholic Social Services will be offering an anxiety management group during November and early December. For more information, contact Mercy Counselling at 780-391-3233.

Reformation 500
On Monday, October 31, Sweden will host a historic gathering of Catholics and Lutherans, including Pope Francis, Bishop Munib Younan, President of the Lutheran World Federation, and the Rev. Martin Junge, the Federation's General Secretary. Their meeting will mark the 500th year of the Reformation and will culminate in a prayer service held at the Lund Cathedral. Following the service, Malmö Arena will be the stage for joint activities focusing on the commitment to common witness and service of Catholics and Lutherans in the world. An International and Ecumenical Day of Prayer for Peace in the Middle East, with a special focus on the people of Syria, will further expand the 500th commemoration by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, Carius Internationalis, and the Lutheran World Federation. The events will be livestreamed online beginning at 6:30 a.m. MT at the following site: https://www.lutheranworld.org/content/joint-commemoration-livestream

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

Catholic Cemeteries
Our Fall Memorial Mass will be celebrated at the Columbarium Building at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery, 4814 Meridian Street, Edmonton, on Saturday, November 5, at 9:30 a.m. Father Joseph Vadassery from Corpus Christi Parish will be officiating. All are welcome. For more information, contact the Catholic Cemeteries office at 780-447-2921 or visit www.ccaedm.ca.

Hope in times of Ethical Dilemmas
In Canada today, we face complex issues related to the ethics of living and dying. These issues raise questions related to suffering, empathy, choice, care, and decision making. How do we, as people of faith, navigate these sensitive issues? Where do we find hope? How do we maintain hope?

Join Margaret Somerville, a global voice on ethics, healthcare and the law, and Peter Stockland, a national journalist, to explore these issues. Sessions take place on November 25-26 at Providence Renewal Centre, 3005 - 119 Street, Edmonton.

Friday, November 25, 7:30 – 9 p.m.
Dr. L.P. Mousseau Memorial Ethics Lecture
Hope’s Notes: Why We Must Not Be Afraid by Peter Stockland

Saturday, November 26, 10 a.m.
Are “Progressive Values” a Response to Loss of Hope? Euthanasia as a Case Study by Margaret Somerville

Saturday, November 26, 1:30 p.m.
Stockland/Somerville Dialogue

Friday/Saturday: $75 (includes Saturday lunch). Group (10+) discounts available.
Pre-registration required. Call 780-701-1854 to register.

Newman Theological College
Registration is now open for the next cycle of classes in the Certificate in Catholic Studies (CCS), offered by the Benedict XVI Institute for New Evangelization through Newman Theological College. Fourteen different courses will begin on Monday, November 7. All are offered online, so you can study from the comfort of home and work around your personal schedule. Each course runs five weeks and costs just $85. This program is open to adults and youth of all backgrounds and education levels. Register online at www.newman.edu/CCS. For more information, contact Sandra Talarico at 780-392-2455 or sandra.talarico@newman.edu.