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Now, keep in mind that the waterfront of Halifax is frequented by many tourists for its historic significance and natural beauty. I am used to seeing thousands of people out for a leisurely stroll to take it all in. Well, that evening they were there in great numbers all right, but most were turned away from the real beauty around them and saw nothing but their phones and these imaginary little creatures, which somehow were supposed to be findable on the waterfront. I couldn’t see the Pokemons (thank heavens!), but what I did see clearly were people, phones and an erratic chasing about after nothing.

I’ve heard it opined that this is just another passing fad. Could be. As I think about it though, this transient phenomenon symbolizes a perennial temptation: the preference for illusion over reality and the dedication of enormous amounts of energy and resources to the pursuit of something that doesn’t exist. We are tempted to chase illusion all the time, mistaking it for the real: honour in the eyes of others (Jesus criticized this in Sunday’s Gospel); the identification of happiness with possessions; busy-ness as an indicator of personal worth; taking Hollywood as our moral compass; and so on. Reliance upon illusion in the pursuit of happiness ends in a perennial temptation: the preference for illusion over reality and the dedication of enormous amounts of energy and resources to the pursuit of something that doesn’t exist. We are tempted to chase illusion all the time, mistaking it for the real: honour in the eyes of others (Jesus criticized this in Sunday’s Gospel); the identification of happiness with possessions; busy-ness as an indicator of personal worth; taking Hollywood as our moral compass; and so on. Reliance upon illusion in the pursuit of happiness ends in an enormous waste of energy and resources.

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Reboot! Live! An Event for Youth

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.

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

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

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Tuesday: 11:30 am – 12:20 pm

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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. Joe’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.

Sacred Choir Small Group
The Sacred Choir Small Group will meet this year every Thursday evening from 7:30-9 p.m. in the chapel. All are welcome! No experience necessary. Join fellow students, staff, and members of the worshipping community to learn sacred choral music with a focus on the process of learning and singing. The first rehearsal is September 8th. Contact Tegan for more information:
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Year of Mercy Pilgrimage Saturday, Sept 10th at 4:30 pm.
4:30 Mass,
5:30 Potluck dinner in Newman Centre,
6:30 Walk to St. Joseph’s Basilica,
7:30 Adoration, Sacred Music and Sacrament of Reconciliation at Basilica
All are welcome!

Saint John Paul II's & Elk Island National Park
On September 17th, 1984, Saint John Paul II visited Elk Island National Park to reflect and rest during his visit to Canada. Working in close collaboration, Parks Canada and five local councils of the Knights of Columbus have undertaken to re-commemorate this memorable visit. A replica bench and five interpretive panels are being erected at the Tawahik Day Use Area, where His Holiness walked and prayed.
The official unveiling and celebration will happen on September 17th at 11 am. Regular park entry fees apply. Shuttle buses from the Astonin Lake Area will be available between 10:00am and 3:00pm, as attendance is expected to exceed the parking capacity at the Tawahik area. Parking at Tawahik will only be available for visitors with impaired mobility.

Catholic Renewal Services
Charismatic Prayer Breakfast: Saturday, September 10, featuring speaker Michael Moya, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Chateau Louis Conference Centre, 11727 Kingsway. Register at 587-989-0483 or tell.us@ccerdmonton.info or online at www.ccerdmonton.info.

Mother Theresa
Canonization of Blessed Mother Theresa will take place on Sunday, Sept 4th at 2:30 am with repeats shown throughout the day.
www.SaltAndLightTV.org/mothertheresa

Music Ministry
Can you sing or play an instrument? Music ministry is always looking for new recruits.
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 Boardroom following the 9:30 am mass. Brunch is served in the cafeteria follow the 11 am mass for a cost of $10 person. Why not join us?

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 11727 Kingsway. Register at 587-992-2977 or www.parksCanada.gc.ca/elkisland for details.

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