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An inviting faith community building up the Body of Christ

APRIL 26, 2020 - THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

Virtual Danger: Pope Francis on Live-streaming

In his homily for April 17, Pope Francis, reflecting on the community of disciples around Jesus, issued a caution about live-streaming Mass and prayers. Here are excerpts of that homily, taken from Zenit.org:

"[The] familiarity of Christians with the Lord is always of community. Yes, it's intimate, it's personal but in community. A familiarity without community, [...] **a familiarity without the Church, without the people, without the Sacraments is dangerous.** It could become [...] a gnostic familiarity, a familiarity only for myself, detached from the people of God. The Apostles' familiarity with the Lord was always that of community, it was always at table, sign of community; it was always with the Sacrament [...]"

"I say this because someone made me reflect on the danger that [...] this pandemic that has made all of us communicate, including religiously, through the media, through the means of communication, also this Mass, we are all communicating, but not together, we are spiritually together. The people are [few but] there are many people: we are together, but not together. The Sacrament also: you have it, the Eucharist, today, but the people that are connected with us only have Spiritual Communion. And **this isn't the Church: this is the Church of a difficult situation**, which the Lord permits, but the ideal of the Church is always with the people and with the Sacraments — always.

"[A] Bishop wrote me, "Be careful not to virtualize the Church, to virtualize the Sacraments, to virtualize the People of God. The Church, the Sacraments, the People of God are concrete." It's true that at this moment we must have this familiarity with the Lord in this way, **but [we] must [...] not stay there.**

"May the Lord teach us this intimacy with Him, this familiarity with Him but in the Church, with the Sacraments, with the holy faithful people of God."

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

In this time of quarantine,
Fr. Roger will be celebrating daily Mass
for the following intentions:

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sun, Apr 26 - *Pro Populo* (9:30am Live-stream)

Mon, Apr 27 - *Monica Soosay & Family*

Tue, Apr 28 - *+Marie DeGaut*

Wed, Apr 29 - *+Carl Pardell*

Thu, Apr 30 - *+Eusebio Oligo*

Fri, May 1 - *Life in the Spirit Ministry Team*

Sat, May 2 - *+Jean Goodin*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sun, May 3 - *Pro Populo* (9:30am Live-stream)

RESOURCES

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT AS WE ENDURE THE COVID-19
OUTBREAK ALL MASSES AND PARISH EVENTS ARE
CANCELLED FOR YOUR SAFETY.

LIVE-STREAMED & TELEVISED MASSES – Several options are available for daily and Sunday Masses:

- **Fr. Roger:** 9:30AM Sundays on Facebook [@sacredheart-wetaskiwin](#)
- **Archbishop Smith:** 10:30AM Sundays on Facebook [@archedmonton](#) or Telus Optik TV **Channel 8915**.
- **Other Parishes' Masses & Exposition:** [bit.ly/2JJDAGZ](#)
- **Daily TV Mass:** [bit.ly/3amhQWN](#)

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

MY JESUS,

I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there,

and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

ONLINE FAITH RESOURCES:

- [FORMED.org](#) – Free access to movies, programs, talks, children's resources (Parish code no-longer needed)
- [The Kid's Bulletin](#) – Weekly activities that correspond to Sunday readings
- [Catholic.org](#) – Daily reflections, faith classes, and more
- [CatholicTV.org](#) – Daily Mass, programs, and more
- More resources on our Website – [Catholic Resources](#) and [Resources for During the Pandemic](#)

Don't forget to read your Bible and a good spiritual book.

DO YOU HAVE A LOVED ONE IN HOSPITAL?

When you can't visit the hospital, here's a link to send prayerful well wishes to patients – delivered by volunteers of Alberta Health Services and Covenant Health facilities:

[albertahealthservices.ca/info/wellwishes](#)

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

UPDATES AND INFO FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE:

Go to [www.caedm.ca](#), with links to [Grandin Media](#) and [Quid Novum](#), as well as [Archbishop Smith's Blog](#)

Visit [caedm.ca/covid](#) for COVID-19 updates, Abp. Smith's video messages, homily texts, prayer resources and Mass texts ([Living With Christ](#) currently for free)

LIVING IN THE WORD OF GOD

Excerpts from Archbishop Smith's Pastoral Letter

We have considered together the call of Pope Francis to embrace fully the meaning of our Baptism and to live consciously as disciples of Jesus Christ. This means hearing the Word of God and practicing it. As we move forward in response to this invitation of the Holy Father, it would be important to consider this one simple but urgent question: "Whose word do I, in fact, hear and follow?"

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PARISH NEWS

DEACONS CORNER – Now on Facebook Live, Wednesdays at 3:30pm [@DeaconsCornerRadio](#)

PARISH FINANCES – In the absence of public Mass, our Parish has essentially lost all revenue. Please consider continuing your donations through one of these options:

- **Cheque:** Mail, drop by during Office Hours or slip through doors
- **Pre-authorized Debit:** Call the Parish Office
- **Credit Card:** Donate online through the Archdiocese at [caedm.ca](#)

FLOWER MINISTRY – Thanks to those whose donations add to the beauty of our Liturgical services as we continue live-streamed Sunday Masses.

STAY CONNECTED

We're still here to serve you!

OUTREACH PHONE MINISTRY – We've set up a ministry team to do weekly check-in calls to parishioners to pray, to support and to build community. If you'd like this type of support please contact the Office to give us permission to call.

CONFESSION – Call to set up an appointment with Fr. Roger.

HOLY WATER – Regular water can be brought in to be blessed.

BULLETIN – Sign up to receive our Bulletin by email.

SACRED HEART PARISH IS NOW ON FACEBOOK!



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