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An inviting faith community building up the Body of Christ

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A — JANUARY 26, 2020

THE CHURCH RECEIVES THE WORD

The Lord speaks his word so that it may be received by those who were created *through* that same word. *He came among his own (Jn 1:11):* his word is not something fundamentally alien to us, and creation was willed in a relationship of familiarity with God’s own life. Yet the Prologue of the Fourth Gospel also places us before the rejection of God’s word by *his own, who received him not (Jn 1:11)*. Not to receive him means not to listen to his voice, not to be conformed to the *Logos* (Word). On the other hand, whenever men and women, albeit frail and sinful, are sincerely open to an encounter with Christ, a radical transformation begins to take place: *but to all who received him, he gave power to become children of God (Jn 1:12)*. To receive the Word means to let oneself be shaped by him, and thus to be conformed by the power of the Holy Spirit to Christ, the *only Son from the Father (Jn 1:14)*. It is the beginning of a new creation; a new creature is born, a new people comes to birth. Those who believe, that is to say, those who live the obedience of faith, are *born of God (Jn 1:13)* and made sharers in the divine life: *sons in the Son* (cf. *Gal 4:5-6; Rom 8:14-17*). As Saint Augustine puts it nicely in commenting on this passage from John’s Gospel: “you were created through the word, but now through the word you must be recreated”. Here we can glimpse the face of the Church as a reality defined by acceptance of the Word of God who, by taking flesh, came to pitch *his tent among us* (cf. *Jn 1:14*). This dwelling-place of God among men, this *shekinah* (cf. *Ex 26:1*), prefigured in the Old Testament, is now fulfilled in God’s definitive presence among us in Christ (Pope Benedict XVI, [Verbum Domini](#), 50).

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat, Jan 25 4:00pm Exposition & Confessions
5:30pm **Mass** - *CSS Corinthian House*

Sun, Jan 26 9:00am Confessions
9:30am **Mass** - *Pro populo*

Mon, Jan 27 No Mass

Tue, Jan 28 9:00am **Mass** - *Tasha & Jeke Watson*
6:30pm *Lectio* (in lieu of cancelled Jan 14 class)

Wed, Jan 29 No Mass

Thu, Jan 30 No Mass

Fri, Jan 31 No Mass

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Sat, Feb 1 4:00pm Exposition & Confessions
5:30pm **Mass** - *+Lee Wilcox*

Sun, Feb 2 9:00am Confessions
9:30am **Mass** - *+Mac Kennedy*

Fr. Roger is away Jan 30 - Feb 7, 10 - 12

UPCOMING EVENTS

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON EUTHANASIA - Canadians have until **11:59pm, Jan 27th** to complete the online survey at <https://bit.ly/2tjWxoT> to express their views regarding expanding the eligibility criteria, implementing safeguards to protect against misuse or abuse of MAID, and whether advance requests should be allowed. The **Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops** have also put out a statement that outlines concerns we can express in the 3 "comments" sections. Full statement at <https://bit.ly/2RIHcgM>.

MEN'S CONFERENCE - Annual *Men of Integrity Conference* **Jan 31-Feb 1**. Visit www.catholicfamilyministries.com

YOUTH DAY RETREAT - For 12 yrs. & over. Theme: *Learn the Way, Love the Way, Live the Way*. **Sat, Feb 1st**. Hosted by NET at St. Augustine Church, Ponoka. Cost: \$10. Lunch is provided. RSVP to 403.783.4048.

COME AND SEE - Annual discernment weekend at St. Joseph Seminary. **Feb 7-9**. Contact Fr. Roger for more details.

BREAKTHROUGH IN THE SPIRIT'S POWER - A 3-day conference at St. Theresa's Parish (Edmonton). **Feb 7-9**. Register at ccredmonton.info

CONFIRMATION RETREAT - **Sat, Feb 15th**. Time TBA.

COMMUNITY TIES: A NIGHT WITH DAVID WELLS - St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Schools is hosting *A Night with David Wells*, a world-renowned speaker, author, and champion of Catholic education. **Wed, Feb 12, 7-8:30pm** at St. Michael Parish, Leduc. On-site child care available. For more info and/or to register starcatholic.ab.ca/communityties.

FIRST COMMUNION PREP - For children in grades 2-3. **Registration & Information Meeting Feb. 19, 7pm**. Please bring **copies** of birth & Baptism Certificates. Classes start on March 7. \$50 for materials.

DID YOU KNOW? - This Sunday marks the Church's first celebration of the *Sunday of the Word*, so designated by Pope Francis in his Apostolic Letter, *Motu proprio "Aperuit illis."* The letter includes some suggestions for honouring the Word in a special way that day. And for more ideas on Living in the Word of God, why not take another look at [Archbishop Smith's Pastoral Letter of 2017?](#) (*Quid Novum, Jan 22, 2020*)

OUR LADY OF SEVEN SORROWS (Maskwacis)
Sunday Mass: 11:30am

ST. THERESA'S (Ma-Me-O Beach)
Sunday Mass: 10:00am

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE LENTEN WORKSHOP - **Feb 8, 10-3PM** at Newman Theological College. In the spirit of Lent, we will share a frugal vegetarian lunch by donation. RSVP to Sylvianne Perry at nsperry@telus.net or 780.462.2529.

ALBERTA BISHOPS SPEAK OUT - As the Federal government prepares to expand access to euthanasia, the Catholic Bishops of Alberta have written a Pastoral Letter entitled [Remaining True to Christ Now and at the Hour of our Death](#) that deals with Catholic teaching about the respect for life and our responsibility to remain faithful to God's will. It offers encouragement on preparing for a holy death and calls on Catholics to contact their MPs to oppose any expansion of the current law, advocating instead for more access to palliative care. Full text at bit.ly/38iLOtE.

ONLINE FAITH FORMATION - The *Benedict XVI Institute for New Evangelization, Newman Theological College* offers adults and youth of all backgrounds and education levels a comprehensive selection of short courses on various aspects of the Catholic faith. Each \$85 course runs 5 weeks; the next cycle begins on **Mon, Feb 17**. For course descriptions and online registration, visit newman.edu/ccs. For more info, contact Sandra Talarico at 780-392-2450 ext. 2214.

OTHER NEWS

FLOWER MINISTRY - Feb 2ND: Rosemary Portoza

CHARITABLE DONATIONS TAX RECEIPTS - Available for pick up in the Foyer

FORMED - Catholic faith resources on demand. To register visit FORMED.org **1**. Click "sign in" **2**. select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization" **3**. Find our Parish by name or by our code: 7X4XFP **4**. Enter your email—and you're in!

CONDOLENCES to the family & friends of
+Henry Kijewski

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Include your email if you'd like the bulletin emailed.