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An inviting faith community building up the Body of Christ

APRIL 5, 2020 - PASSION SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK, YEAR A

For the past five and a half weeks, we've been in the desert with Jesus, pruning and purifying our senses, doing battle with sin and temptation, repenting of our sins, and earnestly seeking out God. This is the heart of the Lenten Season, and this year it's all been heightened by not being able to attend Mass. Today, however, we shift to a different focus and with a greater intensity: with Jesus, we now *set our face to go to Jerusalem* and journey with Him toward and through His Passion (cf. Lk 9:51; Isa 50:7).

With Jesus we now enter into Jerusalem for His Passion, as we proclaim the Passion Narrative. Jesus, the beloved Son, the Lamb of God, - like Isaac before Him (Gen 22:1-19) - is walking up the mountain to be offered to God in sacrifice to atone for our sins. This is the great gift of His love for us, the great gift of His infinite mercy, which tirelessly seeks to reconcile us to the Father.

Our Lenten preparations (prayer, fasting, almsgiving...) now come to their culmination in our union with Jesus in His Passion, Death and Resurrection, in His great act of self-giving love. Jesus poured Himself out on the Cross for us so that we might receive Him, Body and Blood, thus becoming one with Him in body and soul. This was prefigured in the Jewish rites by the need to eat the flesh of the paschal lamb of sacrifice and be marked by its blood in order to share in its protection, to be *passed over* by the Angel of death.

The special and unique Liturgies we celebrate in Holy Week mark for us these powerful encounters with God's mercy and grace, but not just by remembering historical events. By our very celebration of these mysteries we participate in them, we share in them, even to the point of experiencing and receiving for ourselves the very graces they celebrate.

As we embark on this holy journey toward Jerusalem, toward the Passion of Christ, may we walk with Jesus and unite to Him all of our own sufferings, isolation, intentions and love, so as to receive from Him the gift of His grace, the gift of His love, the gift of faith and salvation.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Sun, Apr 5 - *Pro Populo* (9:30am Live-stream)

Mon, Apr 6 - *Joanne Potts*

Tue, Apr 7 - *+Mary Marquis*

Wed, Apr 8 - *+Rosalina Antalan*

HOLY THURSDAY (7pm Live-stream)
Thu, Apr 9 - *COVID-19 victims & health care workers*

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE (3pm Live-stream)
Fri, Apr 10 - *n/a*

EASTER VIGIL (9:30pm Live-stream)
Sat, Apr 11 - *Pro Populo*

EASTER SUNDAY (9:30am Live-stream)
Sun, Apr 12 - *Pro Populo*

*Faith is to believe what you do not see;
the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.*
- St. Augustine

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, Sunday and upcoming Holy Week Masses:

- **Fr. Roger:** 9:30AM Sundays on Facebook [@sacredheart-wetaskiwin](#)
- **Archbishop Smith:** 10:30AM Sundays on Facebook [@archedmonton](#)
- **Other Parishes' Masses & Adoration:** [bit.ly/2JjDAGZ](#)
- **Salt + Light TV:** Free for all cable subscribers until 1 May 2020. Includes daily Mass with Pope Francis. For details, visit [saltandlighttv.org/subscribe](#)
- **Daily TV Mass:** For details, visit [bit.ly/3amhQWN](#)

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION — Can't receive Holy Communion? Make a *Spiritual Communion!* a prayer asking Jesus to come to you in the same way He would if you could:

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.

FORMED — Take advantage of your home-time to strengthen your faith and prayer life. Use our **Parish subscription** to [Formed.org](#) for movies, children's programs, talks, study programs, e-books & more! **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—you're in!

WAY OF THE CROSS — Keep up this fruitful Lenten practice online with these options: [Catholic.org](#), [CatholicTV.org](#), [FullyCatholic.com](#)

RESOURCE FOR YOUNG FAMILIES — [The Kids Bulletin](#) — includes a Holy Week Bulletin and Stations of the Cross

PALM SUNDAY— Palms will still be blessed during the live streamed Mass but distributed at a later date.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY — Falls on the 2nd Sunday of Easter. Online resource: [thedinemercy.org/celebrate](#).

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](#) & Pastoral Letter "*Living in the Word*" at [caedm.ca/Letter](#)

Visit [caedm.ca/covid](#) for COVID-19 updates as well as resources to help prepare for Holy Week at home:

- Links to prayer resources and Mass texts including [Living With Christ](#) for free
- Abp Smith's homily texts & teaching on Indulgences
- Link to [Holy Week at Home](#), a family prayer resource from Liturgical Press

PARISH NEWS

PARISH FINANCES — During this time without public Mass, our Parish has essentially lost all revenue. Please consider continuing your donations in this time. During this COVID-19 outbreak there are a few options to continue to donate:

-Mail or drop-off a cheque in the mailbox by the West side entrance

If you prefer not to use a cheque there are 2 other options:

- call the office to set up *Pre-authorized Debit* for a once/month transaction. It can be cancelled at any point if you prefer it to just be temporary.

-make an online credit card donation to our parish through the Archdiocese of Edmonton Website: [Donations to Archdiocesan Parishes](#). You will immediately receive a tax receipt and your donation will be forwarded to our Parish.

STAY CONNECTED

The church is still here to serve you!

OUTREACH PHONE MINISTRY — We're setting up a ministry team to do weekly check-in calls to parishioners to pray, to support and to build community. If you'd like to receive such a call, please call the Parish Office (we can't share your number without your permission).

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

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

BULLETIN - Provide us with your email address to receive an emailed copy each week.

SACRED HEART PARISH IS NOW ON FACEBOOK!



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