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March 29, 2026 –Palm Sunday

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday- 5:00 p.m. (English)

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. (bilingual) 11:00 a.m. (English)

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, March 31st & Wednesday, April 1st—@ 9:00 a.m.

Pray the Rosary @ 8:30 a.m. before weekday mass

Adoration

Thursday, April 2nd 8:00 p.m. - midnight

Worship of Holy Eucharist at Dawn

Monday-Friday 5:45 a.m. – 6:15 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday, March 28th – 11:00 a.m. – noon or by appointment

Saturday, April 4th – 11:00 a.m. - noon

Mass Intention

Sunday, March 29th—SI Joanne Scherger

Tuesday, March 31st—SI Marie MacDonald

Wednesday, April 1st – † Gerald Labossiere

Thursday, April 2nd- † Lorraine Collin

Loan Balance – February 28, 2026 - \$44,257.36

Blank Schedules (MC's, Lectors, Eucharistic minister, Altar Servers) **for Holy Week are at the back of the Church. PLEASE sign up for the masses you will be attending.**

The Parish Office is closed on Good Friday (April 3rd) and Easter Monday (April 6th)

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter. It is celebrated by Christians around the world to honor Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Jesus rode a donkey into the city as crowds laid down palms hailing Him as the Messiah. All four Gospels mention this event that marks the start of Holy Week. Palm Sunday is when believers reflect on Jesus' humility, leadership, and the ultimate sacrifice He would make during Passion Week. Churches all over the world observe Palm Sunday with special liturgies, prayers, and processions. Observing Palm Sunday is not only about tradition; it is a time to enter Holy Week by preparing our hearts and minds for Easter. Most churches offer palms to the congregation, to take home. Because these palms are blessed by the priest, people display them in different rooms of their homes. They bring them back to the church during the following Lent, so they can be burnt to be used on Ash Wednesday and replace them with the new palms in those same places in their homes



HOLY THURSDAY—April 2nd: (Incense will be used only at the end of Mass in the Procession with the Blessed Sacrament).

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm (No morning 9:00 a.m. Mass)

You are invited to visit the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY—April 3rd: (A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTAINING FROM EATING MEAT)

Celebration of the Lord's Passion - Services at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Outdoor way of the Cross (weather permitting) **2:00 p.m.**

(starts at 50 Ave & 44 St.)

HOLY SATURDAY—April 4th: EASTER VIGIL- 9:00 pm

(NO 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass)

1:30 p.m. Blessing of Easter Bread

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES April 5th - 9:00 am Mass 11:00 am Mass

COR - Gathering for Men in the Parish, COR is a gathering of men to engage in prayer, faith formation and fellowship. **The next gathering will take place Sunday, April 12th, beginning at 7 p.m.**

Grandmother's Gather To Pray

The first Thursday of each month, (April 2nd, May 7th and June 4th) grandmother's are invited to meet in the **Conference Room (Parish Office) at 9:45 a.m.** to pray the Rosary for our children and grandchildren and to spend time in fellowship. For more information call Irma Jean Campbell at 780-504-2145

Pope's Prayer Intention for March

For disarmament and peace: Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, and that world leaders chose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Check out our website www.saintvitalparish.com and check it regularly for updates.

GROCERY GIFT CARDS

NO GIFT CARD SALES EASTER WEEKEND PLEASE NOTE: There will be no grocery or gift cards sold the Easter weekend, April 4 - 5. If you will be needing cards, please purchase ahead of time. We thank you for your consideration.



STATIONS of the CROSS
Every **FRIDAY** evening during Lent, join us for **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

7:00 p.m.

led by parish groups

Friday, March 27th @ **7:00 p.m.**

Pray an AVE today

AVE is an apostolate of prayer for parish priests. Parishioners are encouraged to make a commitment to pray one Hail Mary everyday for our pastor, Father Nilo. Together we can provide thousands of prayers to offer our love, appreciation, and care for God's great gift to us in our parish priest.

PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND ON GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026

The Good Friday Collection helps to maintain the Church of the Holy Land by providing educational, pastoral, and social support of Catholic youth and families committed to living their faith in the land where Christ lived, and by maintaining the Holy Sites that are so important to the faith of Christians everywhere. At the request of the Holy See, this Pontifical Collection will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on April 3, 2026. Those who are unable to attend the service, or who prefer to contribute online, may use credit cards, interact, or Canadahelps, accessible at www.commissariat.ca, in the "Support Us" link.

Fr. Robert Mokry, o.f.m. Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

Scent Free Makes Sense



We would like the parish to be sensitive to folks with allergies and refrain from wearing perfume and aftershave at Mass. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

KEVIN KERRIGAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP -This scholarship, sponsored by Our Lady of the Hill Knights of Columbus Council and Club Beaumont is open to year 2026 graduating high school seniors who attend St. Vital Church as well as members of the Parish that are attending post secondary schooling at any level. Preference will be given to a graduating high school senior. The scholarship has a value of \$1,000.00 and will be awarded on the basis of all round achievement rather than for strictly academic performance. Achievement in the

areas of academics, athletics, the arts, school, community and church involvement will be considered as well as the question of financial need in determining the successful candidate. **Deadline for applying is May 31, 2026.** Applications are at the back of church and online at the Parish website (see KofC link).

Please join us for a **Pro Life Evening** with staff from the Alberta Life Issues Educational Society (operating The Back Porch) along with staff from The Wilberforce Project on **Thursday April 16 from 6:30pm to 9pm**. The theme for the evening will be *God is the author of life: Respect the Sacredness of Life*.

The Government of Alberta has introduced proposed legislation aimed at strengthening safeguards around Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID), prompting renewed reflection on how society cares for those who are suffering—especially the most vulnerable.

Check out the website

<https://caedm.ca/alberta-introduces-bill-to-tighten-maid-rules-and-expand-safeguards/>



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March 25, 2026

The Annunciation of the Lord

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Pastoral Letter on Alberta Bill 18

Grace and peace to you in our Lord Jesus Christ.

As our province debates Bill 18, new provincial legislation that will introduce changes concerning Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) in Alberta, we, the Catholic Bishops of Alberta, write this pastoral letter not only to acknowledge our ongoing concern for the practice of euthanasia and physician assisted suicide, but also to express our hope that this proposed legislation will contribute important measures to protect those who are vulnerable in our province.

At the heart of our reflection is the dignity of every human person, created in the image and likeness of God. Sacred Scripture reminds us: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you” (Jeremiah 1:5), and “I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10). We affirm the sanctity of every human life from conception to natural death. This affirmation of life does not require that one use every medical means possible to preserve life, especially if the treatment is without benefit or may be burdensome to the one who suffers. In Catholic teaching, it is possible to forgo such treatment and to allow natural death to occur. The withdrawal or withholding of medical treatment is from a moral perspective not the same as willfully intending and causing the death of another person.

We acknowledge that end-of-life decisions are deeply personal and complex. In this context, it is essential that our healthcare system responds to suffering with care, compassion, and support. Every human life has inherent dignity and worth. Thus, the defense of life is called for where vulnerability—arising from illness, disability, isolation, or poverty—may negatively impact the person’s decision-making.

The Church teaches that “euthanasia and assisted suicide are always the wrong choice” (See Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, Letter *Samaritanus bonus*, 5.1), as they contradict our call to love and care for one another. Rather than intervening to hasten the end of a person’s life, we are called to accompany those who suffer through compassion, palliative care (which can effectively manage pain), and solidarity, ensuring that no person or family feels abandoned and

that care systems are strong and provide comprehensive support that meets their physical, relational, and spiritual needs.

We acknowledge that Bill 18 proposes new measures and oversight related to the availability of euthanasia and assisted suicide in Alberta. In particular, it strengthens protections for the vulnerable and focuses attention on their inherent dignity. We hope these steps reflect a growing recognition that true compassion lies not in ending life, but in caring for those who suffer. We are encouraged by the fact that the proposed legislation also protects the dignity and rights of medical professionals and faith-based institutions which in conscience, individually and collectively, do not accept MAiD as an appropriate or moral response to suffering.

A just society is one that protects the vulnerable, upholds the dignity of every person, and chooses to accompany them in times of illness and dying. The Alberta government is taking some significant steps that respect these necessary values. We encourage all the faithful to remain informed, engaged, and prayerful, and to continue fostering a culture of life in which every person is cherished, accompanied, and supported. If you are moved to act, please consider reaching out to your local MLA and encouraging them to support this bill, as well as the additional supports for the vulnerable.

On today's solemnity of the Annunciation, the Church celebrates how the blessed Virgin Mary gave her free consent to God's plan for the birth and saving mission of Jesus Christ. May we entrust all who are sick or nearing the end of life to Christ, the Divine Physician, and to the prayers of his holy Mother. May we always seek to be instruments of His mercy – bringing hope where there is despair and light where there is darkness.

Yours in Christ,

Catholic Bishops of Alberta



Most Reverend Stephen A. Hero
Archbishop of Edmonton



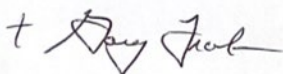
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