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March 9, 2025 -1st Sunday of Lent

Weekend Mass Times

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

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

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, March 11th – Friday, March 14th @ 9:00 a.m.

Adoration

Friday, March 14th - 9:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, March 15th – 11:00 – noon or by appointment with Fr. Les.

Loan balance January 31, 2025 - \$267,620.47



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

led by parish groups

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

Friday, March 14th @ **7:00 p.m.**

Friday, March 21th @ **7:00p.m.**

Friday, March 28th @ **7:00 p.m.**

Friday, April 4th @ **7:00 p.m.**

Friday, April 11th @ **7:00 p.m.**

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Please note that Lenten Penitential Service for our parish is scheduled for **Wed., March 18th** beginning at **6:30 p.m.** in St. Vital Church. A number of visiting priests will be here to help us at this time.

Confirmation 2025

Preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation are well underway. We have 34 Confirmation candidates this year, who will receive the Sacrament on Friday, May 9. A bulletin board has been set up at the back of the church, on the right side as you enter the nave (the main body of the church). Please consider 'adopting' one or more of these candidates and praying specifically for them over the next two months. We invite you to write your name in the space under the child's photo.

Thank you.

If you have any questions, please contact Louis Kloster at lpkloster@gmail.com or by phone at 780-691-6506.

The Confirmation prep team

Parish List Update



We need your help! We are updating our Parish List, and we need every parishioner/family to please complete our new Parish Registration Form. You can access it by using this QR code, by visiting our parish website at saintvitalparish.com (navigate to the Get Involved tab, then Parishioner Registration) or by filling in a paper copy that you can find on the table at the back of the church and dropping it off in the collection basket or in the box provided. **Thank you for registering! We are glad that you are a part of our parish family!**

Baptism Preparation Course

Are you expecting a child in the near future? Consider taking Baptism Preparation now while you are waiting for the birth of your son or daughter. The classes are for parents and sponsors (godparents). Attending now eliminates the need to find baby-sitters, rearrange feeding schedules etc. plus it adds to the joyful anticipation of your new arrival. Parents wishing to register for the course which will be held on **Monday, March 10th at 7:00 pm** please call the parish office.

Silver Rose Prayer Service

March 11, 2025

The Our Lady of the Hill Beaumont Knights of Columbus is once again hosting this very special event on **Tuesday, March 11 at 7 p.m.**

The forty-five minute prayer service has three parts:

- the Holy Rosary,
- a Liturgy of the Word, and
- an Act of Consecration to Mary

Everyone is invited. What a blessing to be able to pray in the presence of these relics from Our Lady of Guadalupe. We hope you can join us

The Knights of Columbus will be having their monthly **pancake breakfast** after the 9:00am and 11:00am masses on **Sunday, March 16th** in the church basement. Come down and join us.

Blank Schedules for Holy Week are at the back of the Church. Please sign up for the masses you will be attending.

The Catholic Renewal Services of the Archdiocese of Edmonton is hosting their next Mass with Healing Service on Saturday March 15, 6:30 pm start, with Fr. Matthew Hysell presiding. It will be held at St. Emeric's Hungarian Catholic Church (12960-112 St NW, Edmonton). Reconciliation on Saturday, with Fr. Matthew, will only be available between 3:30-5:00 at St. Emeric's. Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life, he who comes to Me will not hunger and he who believes in Me will never thirst." John 6:35 www.crsedmonton.ca/events

World Day of Prayer

St. Columba Church 5703-50 Ave, Beaumont

March 7, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join in prayer, snacks and fellowship.


World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.



A Prayer of Saint Patrick

May the Strength of God pilot us.
May the Power of God preserve us.
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.
May the Hand of God protect us.
May the Way of God direct us.
May the Shield of God defend us.
May the Host of God guard us.
Against the snares of the evil ones.
Against temptations of the world.

May Christ be with us!
May Christ be before us!
May Christ be in us, Christ be over all!
May Thy Salvation, Lord, Always be ours,
This day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen.



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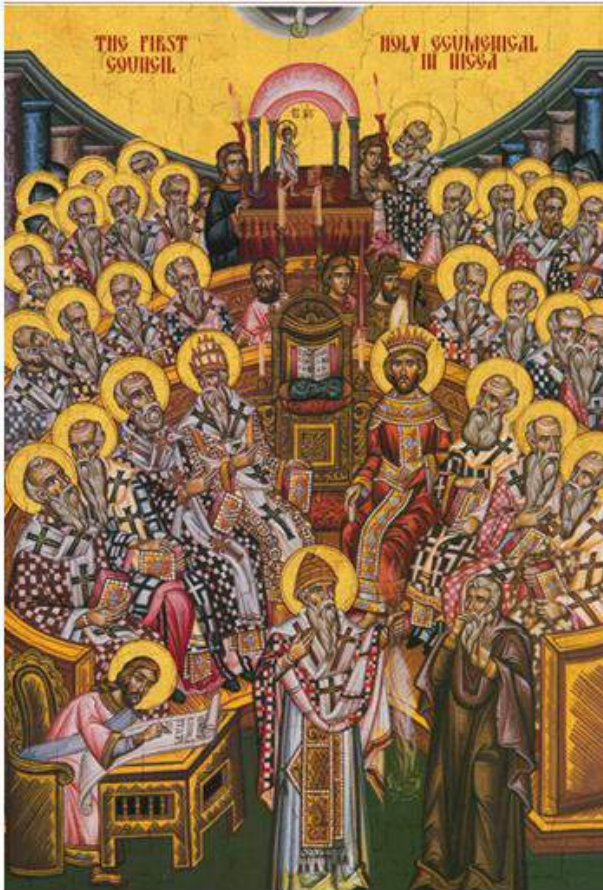


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"I believe..."

A seven-part catechesis series on the Nicæan Creed, marking the 1700th Anniversary of the First Council of Nicæa. Presented by the Archdiocese of Edmonton in partnership with Newman Theological College and St. Joseph's College-University of Alberta.



February 13 | 7:00 pm | Holy Family, St. Albert
Council of Nicæa: What it is and why it matters

Presenter: Deacon Cyril Kennedy
Reflection by Archbishop Richard Smith

March 13 | 7:00 pm | St. Charles, Edmonton
"I believe in One God"

Presenter: Dr. Matthew Hoven

April 24 | 7:00 pm St. Theresa, Edmonton
"I believe in One Lord Jesus Christ" – Part 1

Presenter: Dr. Lorne Zelyck

May 22 | 7:00 pm | Holy Trinity,
Spruce Grove-Stony Plain

"I believe in One Lord Jesus Christ" – Part 2

Presenter: Dr. Matthew Kostelecky

September 25 | 7:00 pm | Our Lady of
Perpetual Help, Sherwood Park

"I believe in the Holy Spirit"

Presenter: Fr. Matthew Hysell

October 23 | 7:00 pm | St. Thomas More

"I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church"

Presenter: Dr. Pablo Irizar

November 20 | 7:00 pm | St. Joseph Basilica

"I confess one baptism..."

Presenter: Fr. Geoffrey Young
Reflection by Archbishop Richard Smith

Everyone is welcome!

No cost – no registration required.

Join in person at the host parish or watch on Livestream/recording on the ArchEdmonton YouTube channel.



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Faith in a Folder

Dear fellow parishioners,

At the beginning of Advent our parish introduced what we now call *Faith in a Folder*. Parents are the primary educators of their children in matters of faith. These resource packages are intended to assist you in that important work.

About thirty families signed up for the faith folders in December. For whatever reason, interest seems to have waned since then. About a dozen packages were not collected in February. A great deal of photocopying is involved in the preparation of these folders, and we are trying to minimize any wastage. Therefore,

- If you help yourself to a faith folder, please check your name off the list.
- If you no longer want a package to be prepared for your family, ~~please cross your name off the list.~~
- If you wish to be added to the list, provide your name, email address, and phone number to the sign-up sheet that is provided. Your name will be added.

Prayer cubes, green in color, were provided as part of the *Faith in a Folder* for February. Several prayer cubes are still at the back of the church and available to anyone interested. Each cube comes with an envelope of over fifty meal graces that can be taped to the six sides of the cube. Before each meal, a family member can 'roll the die' and determine the prayer that will be said or sung. The prayers can be switched up as often as you would like. Any prayer cubes that are remaining by the middle of March will be donated to our Catholic schools.

Please note: A resource folder specifically for the **liturgical season of Lent** is now ready for distribution and will be available at the back of the church this weekend (March 8/9).

We plan to have a *Faith in a Folder* specifically for use during **Holy Week** and another that would be dedicated to the **Easter season** (April 20 – June 8, 2025).

If you wish to provide any **feedback** regarding the faith folders, please email Louis Kloster at lpkloster@gmail.com. We would appreciate any suggestions you may have as to how we can prepare resource materials that best meet your needs and those of your children.

Thanks, and blessings,

Louis Kloster & Kathleen Nguyen



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Rev. Les Drewicki
St. Vital, Beaumont
February 28, 2025

“Well done, good and faithful servants!”

Dear Fr. Les,

I want to congratulate you and St. Vital Parish for achieving 112% of your 2024 Together We Serve parish target. Well done!

The mission of Together We Serve is to invite Catholics and others in the Archdiocese of Edmonton to give joyfully and generously to Catholic organizations that serve those in need at home, in Canada, and abroad, as we work together to advance the Mission of the Catholic Church.

Your achievement shows that your parishioners responded with great enthusiasm. On behalf of our Together We Serve beneficiaries, I want to say a humble “thank you” for your joyful and generous support.

May God continue to bless you and your parish family with his abundant grace and mercy.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

✠Richard W. Smith
Archdiocesan Administrator



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Frequently Asked Questions – Transition to a new Archbishop for Edmonton

05 March 2025

We are in the early days in the transition to a new Archbishop after **Archbishop Richard Smith was appointed the Archbishop of Vancouver.** This process has been in place and used for centuries. We continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will provide us with a shepherd who will bring joy to our hearts and our Archdiocese. Please continue to pray for the Holy Father, Pope Francis, as he continues his recovery.

Do we have an Archbishop of Edmonton?

No. Archbishop Richard Smith is the Archbishop-designate of Vancouver effective Feb. 25, 2025. He continues as the Archdiocesan Administrator for the Archdiocese of Edmonton.

What are the limitations of an Archdiocesan Administrator?

An Archdiocesan Administrator cannot start new initiatives. He cannot start or close a parish. He cannot appoint a new pastor of a parish. He cannot incardinate priests into our Archdiocese who are leaving another diocese or religious institute.

Has this happened before, in the Archdiocese of Edmonton?

Yes. The late Msgr. Jack Hamilton fulfilled this role in 2006 between the departure of Cardinal Thomas Collins and the appointment and arrival of Archbishop Smith.

Will the Archbishop preside at the Rite of Election?

Yes. Archbishop Smith will preside at the Rite of Election for both Edmonton and rural parishes at St. Joseph's Basilica. The Rite of Election is on March 8 at 7:30 p.m. for Edmonton Parishes, and on March 9 at 2:30 p.m. for rural parishes.

Will the Archbishop preside at Confirmations?

Yes. There are two Confirmation Masses before the end of May and Archbishop Smith will be the celebrant at both.

Will the ordination of Permanent Deacons go forward on July 22?

Yes. Who will preside is yet to be decided.

Will there be farewell events for Archbishop Smith?

Yes. The events are currently in the planning stage. So far the following events are confirmed:

- March 13 Farewell to priests of the Archdiocese following the Deanery Day.
- Monday, April 14. Archbishop Smith will celebrate the Chrism Mass with a reception to follow.

- May 1 at St. Joseph's Basilica with a reception to follow. May 1 is the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, patron of the Archdiocese of Edmonton and the 18th anniversary of Archbishop Smith installation as the seventh Archbishop of Edmonton

Do the appointed positions, Vicar for Clergy and Vicar-General for example, continue?

No. Appointed roles such as these fall vacant. The only positions that continue are the Judicial Vicar and Chancellor, although the senior leadership of the Archdiocese will continue to meet regularly.

What happens in the Archdiocese of Vancouver?

Archbishop Smith formally takes up his duties in Vancouver when he presents his letter of appointment from His Holiness, Pope Francis, to the College of Consultors of Vancouver, a group which assists the bishop in the governance of the diocese according to canon law. This is followed by the Mass of Installation. The Archbishop will formally take up his duties in Vancouver near the end of May

What happens in the Archdiocese of Edmonton?

Once Archbishop Smith formally takes up his office in Vancouver, the College of Consultors in the Archdiocese of Edmonton will meet to vote on a new Archdiocesan administrator. This is a vote taken locally and it does not need approval from the Vatican.

When will Archbishop Smith be installed as the Archbishop of Vancouver?

The tentative date is set for May 23.

When will we have a new Archbishop?

We don't know. It is an appointment announced directly by the Holy See. There is no definite time frame for the appointment of a new bishop. Until that time, the Archdiocese will be led by Archbishop Smith and, after his formally taking up his duties in Vancouver, the new Archdiocesan administrator.

Who makes the decisions about who becomes a Bishop, and who serves in what Diocese?

The Apostolic Nuncio, or ambassador to Canada of the Holy See, is the Holy Father's representative in each country. It is part of the Nuncio's role to gather information about potential episcopal candidates; clergy and lay persons are consulted as part of the process.

Out of the Dioceses in Canada, the Nuncio will gather the information about the priests recommended. It will be discerned which of those priests presented might be suitable candidates.

A bishop is not named according to seniority, popularity or the role they have within the diocese, though serving in leadership roles might make them potential candidates to be considered for the episcopacy.

Most often they will be named from another diocese; and in a diocese the size of Edmonton, it is likely that they will already be a bishop from another Diocese with some experience as a Bishop.