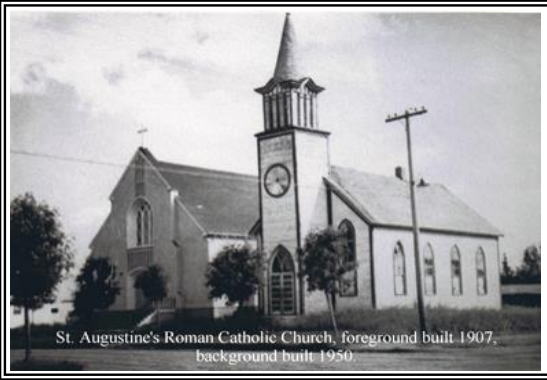
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APRIL 27, 2025—
Second Sunday of EASTER—Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 5.12-16 Psalm 118
Revelation 1.9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
John 20.19-31

HAVE YOU EVER felt yourself to be a "Doubting Thomas?" I certainly have!

I look upon God's world, but doubt that the Creator really intended this—a world where social justice is lacking in so many ways, where environmental damage is increasingly threatening, and where peace is so evidently lacking. It is easy to doubt that Jesus is present in this mess. It is much harder to accept that Jesus gave people like me and you the power - and the mandate—to bring about a better world.

Here arise the implication of belief—if we believe Jesus came and remains among us, we must respond as he asked us to act. In John's Gospel, just as in some situations today, we and our faith communities can be found "with the doors locked for fear."

Yet, while "the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord, "they also understood that they were being sent to continue Christ's mission—to cure the sick, to comfort the afflicted and even to afflict the comfortable! After all, it is "through believing that you may have life". Maybe all of us "Doubting Thomases" will one day proclaim today's beatitude: " Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." And that the Giver of Life would see our faith communities share our belief to the full.

Joe Gunn, Ottawa, ON livingwithChrist.ca

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—
April 27 @ 3 pm
(Novena **started on Good Friday & finishes today)**
Celebrate God's endless mercy and love for us. **Please bring a potluck item to share after the service**

New office hours:
Tuesday to Friday 9 AM to 1 PM

PRAYER UPDATES:

At the beginning of every Saturday & Saturday mass, we will pray the new **Building Prayer** and then the **Jubilee 2025 Prayer**. The new Building Prayer is found in the Catholic Book of Worship (CBW III) *Copies of the Jubilee Prayers are available at both entrances from the Greeters.*

The **St. Michael the Archangel** prayer will be prayed at the end of mass before dismissal.

Saturday Adoration will start five minutes after mass. **Rosary** will continue to be prayed 30 minutes before mass starts.

PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF OUR HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS (he passed away on Easter Monday)

Mass Times: **Saturday - 7:00 p.m.** **Sunday - 9:00 a.m.** **Wednesday & Thursday —12 noon**

Hand sanitizer is provided at all the entrances. Please stay home if you feel sick.

Adoration: 5 minutes after Saturday mass & Wednesday (at 11:15 AM)
Rosary: 30 minutes before weekend masses
Confession: 30 minutes before mass or by appointment
Sacrament/Anointing of the Sick: in case of emergency call **Fr. Liju (780.935-1589)**
The Pastoral Team visits hospitals/long term care & senior residences on Tuesdays.

If you know someone who needs prayers, call our **Prayer Line Co-ordinators**

Judy @ 403.783-4347 Gail @ 403.783-8123

ADORATION
Wednesdays @ 11:30 AM
Saturdays @ 6:30 PM

ROSARY
Sundays @ 8:30 AM

Mass Intentions

Saturday	April 26	7:00 PM	+ Antonio Bartolome
Sunday	April 26	9:00 AM	+ Amado Agpalza
Wednesday	April 30	12 noon	+ Shirley Kohlman
Thursday	May 1	12 noon	Intentions of Nelson & Dennis Lim
Saturday	May 3	9:00 AM	+ Crecencia Casiano (Rosary at 8:30 AM First Saturday Devotion)
	May 3	7:00 PM	+ Doug Domagas
Sunday	May 4	9:00 AM	+ Fallon Jenkins

Pray for the sick and elderly in our parish community, especially for **Jeanne Alain, Nathan Carlson, John Morin, Florence Roach, George Serkasevich and Helen Polny.** Pray for Pope Francis for the repose of the Holy Father, Pope Francis

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WHAT IS EASTER?

The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. **The Paschal Candle** used during the Easter Vigil is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time and lit for all liturgical celebrations.

The Easter Vigil is the "Mother of All Vigils" and Easter Sunday is the greatest of all Sundays. **The season of Easter is the most important of all liturgical times, which Catholics celebrate as the Lord's resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church.**

The octave of Easter comprises the eight days which stretch from the first to the second Sunday. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday to Pentecost. It is characterized...by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: **Alleluia!** All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith." (1 Cor 15:14)

Alleluia! Thank you to all our Ministry Volunteers and the Decorating Committee for the beautiful Holy Week & Lent celebrations!

The May Ministry schedule was sent out via Flocknote on April 24. Thank you for sharing your time, talents and treasures!

STAMPEDE FOOD BOOTH SCHEDULES are completed and located at the church entrances for everyone to sign up.

Bring your family and friends to work together and have fun! Youth must be 12 years old to work in the booth.

Taco Meat Cook Day will take place on **Tuesday, May 20th** in the Stampede Food booth.

Joanne (403) 396-1802 Sheila (403) 0476

Knights of Columbus, Council 4503

In Service for One, In Service for All

May 4—Ministry Sunday (please wear your suits)

May 11—Mother's Day Brunch with Captain John DC (403.307-4580) Chefs: Russ L; Mark Q; Conrad VS; Joe H; Ignacio C.

Please sign up and help Bro Fred with preparing taco meat on **May 20**.

Mark your calendar—*June 25 to July 5* for the Ponoka Stampede Food Booth. We can help as Shift Co-ordinators (form KofC teams); work on the grill; wrap burgers; make taco in a bag, prep fries or poutine, etc.

Or on *May 20*, please sign up and help Bro Fred with preparing taco meat.

March for Life BUS TRIP—May 8th

$30 per person Call Greer McIvor 403.347-3114, Ext 4.

Leaves 6:30 AM from Our Lady of Peace, Innisfail

7:15 AM leaves St. Mary's Parking Lot

6 McMillan Avenue, Red Deer

9:30 AM arrives for mass at St. Joseph's Basilica, Edmonton

2:40 PM leaves Legislature Building. Return approx. 5:00 PM to Innisfail

April 26 & 27 is the Second Collection for the Building Fund (after Communion). Every donation counts! Write your name and address on the beige Building Fund envelopes (for your tax receipt) We are all called to prayer, give our time and give financially. We trust you will do what you can to help and give as your budget allows. Thank you for your generosity & sacrifice!

The Children's Donations will go the Build-

The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton

A **memorial Mass for the repose of the soul of the Holy Father, Pope Francis**, was held Friday, April 25 at 12 p.m. at St. Joseph's Basilica. AB Richard Smith was the celebrant. Mass was livestreamed on Facebook (facebook.com/archedmonton/live at the scheduled time) and YouTube.

In solidarity, parishes across the Archdiocese offered Mass on Friday. **Let us join together across the Archdiocese to pray for Pope Francis.**

In **Vatican City, Pope Francis' funeral Mass will take place on Saturday, April 26 at 10 a.m. local time (2 a.m. MST) in St. Peter's Square**.

Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re, dean of the College of Cardinals, will preside at the Mass, which will be concelebrated by patriarchs, cardinals, archbishops, bishops, and priests from across the globe. The late pope's body will then be taken into St. Peter's Basilica and then to the Basilica of St. Mary Major for entombment.

Read more at Vatican News

Catechesis classes in preparation for the **Sacrament of First Communion is on April 27** after 9 a.m. mass.

Deacon Rollie: (403) 396-1700

Catholic Women's League

Faith, service and social justice

Our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel's feast day is April 26. On Sunday, **April 27**, we will lead the Rosary before mass at 8:25 AM. (Fourth Sunday of month is CWL Ministry Sunday).

Next meeting **April 28** at 7 PM. With Rosary making to follow.

The first week of May each year is observed as **Palliative & Hospice Care Week** across Canada to draw attention to the need for palliative care to be available for all Canadians as part of our health care system.

In order to counter the huge push in Canada for more medical assistance in dying, MAiD, we must pray and advocate for palliative care so people don't' choose MAiD.

All CWL members are asked to pray for one hour some time during that week (May 4-10) for this intention. Please consider coming to pray for an hour during our **12 Hours of Adoration on Saturday, May 10 from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM**

Five First Saturdays Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Rosary @ 8:30 am **Mass @ 9 am**

MAY 3, June 7 (Started Feb 1)

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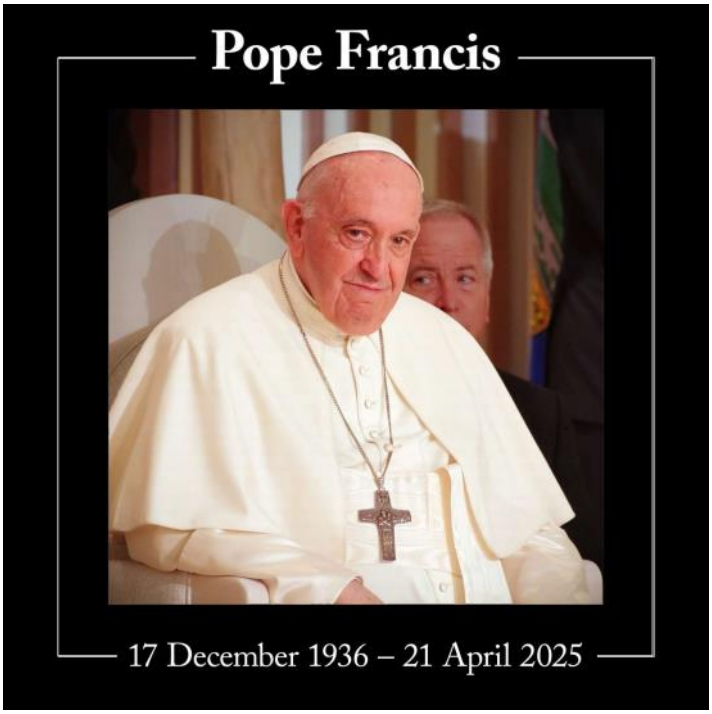
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