

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

1st SUNDAY OF LENT
February 18, 2024



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THE TABLE OF THE WORD:

You will hear the words “**repentance**” which leads to the Greek word “**metanoia**”, which implies *a change of mind and heart, a spiritual conversion, a life process of transformation*. Lent is not asking us for a temporary forgoing of something pleasurable, like giving up chocolate. The *metanoia* to which Jesus invites us is both a *turning away* from whatever limits the full flourishing of God’s plan for creation, and a *turning toward* the actual source of divine love.

There is no better time to begin this turning than **now**, the beginning of the Lenten season. Good intentions to make better lifestyle decisions in the future become meaningless words in the light of Jesus’ urgent invitation: “*This is the time.*” This is the *opportune* time, the *right* time. Jesus himself makes this clear in the first words he speaks in the Gospel of Mark: the same words proclaimed and empowering this very day:

**“The time is fulfilled! God’s reign is at hand!
Repent and believe the Good News!”**

LENTEN ROAD SIGNS:

As we begin the holy season of Lent, we have the opportunity to chart a course for the next 6 weeks that will enable us to grow spiritually.



Resisting temptation, seeing evil for what it is, and seeking justice are “road signs” along the way. As we opt for good in the face of evil, we will experience the presence of God in our lives.

We pray...

O Lord, during these days of Lent as we prepare to walk with your Son into the desert of our lives, remind us always that you are with us, that we are never alone, that we have nothing to fear, but everything to hope for.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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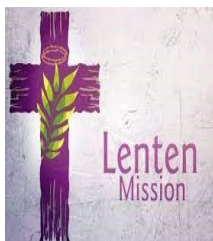
The Ascension Lenten Companion:

Features weekly videos to help you enter more deeply into the beautiful and penitential Lenten season.

Lenten Adventure 2024:

Fun and faithful activities for children ages 5-12 for every day of Lent!

Sign up on Flocknote: trinitycatholic.flocknote.com



Lenten Mission with Bishop Paul Terrio

“GRATITUDE”

Evening Mass will be celebrated **March 11, 12 and 13**, beginning at **7:00pm** with a Mission presentation.

Please note there will be **NO 9:30am morning Mass, Monday and Wednesday—** but there will be the usual 9:30am Mass on Thursday.

The Mission will conclude **Thursday evening, March 14** with a **Penitential Service** beginning at **7:00pm**.

There will be several priests available to hear Confessions at this time.

Come, and experience the welcome and healing that only Christ can give!



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

For more information please contact Sister Susan at 780-968-5543 or email her at: holytrinitycwl.president@gmail.com

Regular meeting: **Monday, February 26th 7:00pm** upstairs– bring a friend!

Ladies, here is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about what is happening in Palestine & Israel. Register for this webinar [What Does the Catholic Church Have to Say About the Conflict in Israel/Palestine](#). The webinar is hosted by the Jesuits of Canada on **March 4th at 10:00am**.

To assist you in your Lenten journey consider signing up for this Jesuit weekly gospel reflection: The Sunday Gospels of Lent invite us to travel through rich landscapes full of challenge and potential, where the story of creation reveals the story of God. Every week, a new voice from our community of Ignatian writers will guide you along the way, sharing stories and reflections from their own experiences of encountering God in places similar to those found in the Gospel stories. <https://www.jesuits.org/traveling-the-landscapes-of-lent-a-digital-pilgrimage-with-christ-to-the-cross/>



Book your calendar for **Monday, March 18th** for a day of virtual retreat with Dr. Josephine Lombardi. More details to come!



GRIEF AS A JOURNEY, OUR WALK TO EMMAUS:

This program is from the Archdiocese of Edmonton and is for those grieving the loss of a loved one. The format is a weekly meeting / support group for those who are trying to cope with the troubling effects of grief. In this faith-based program, you will learn valuable information that will help you heal in this difficult time in your life. You will be together with others who are able to empathize with how you feel in the pain of your loss. You are invited to join us for our spring session Tuesday evenings following the 6:30pm Mass from 7:15—9:00pm beginning **March 19—May 7**. Please call Bonnie at 780-960-0135 for more information or to register.

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—HOLY TRINITY COUNCIL:

For more information contact Brad Medernach at 780-984-1728. Membership kofc.org/JoinUs

SYNOD PART I : THE FACE OF THE SYNODAL CHURCH

Entering the Community of Faith: Christian Initiation



c) Before any distinction of charisms and ministries, "we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body" (1Cor. 12:13). Therefore, among all the baptized, there is a genuine equality of dignity and a common responsibility for mission, according to the vocation of each. By the anointing of the Spirit, who "teaches all things" (1Jn 2:27), all believers possess an instinct for the truth of the Gospel, the *sensus fidei*.

d) The grace of Pentecost abides in the Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation. It enriches the faithful with the abundance of the gifts of the Spirit. It calls them to develop their specific vocation, rooted in their common baptismal dignity, in the service of mission. Its importance requires greater emphasis and it needs to be located in relation to the variety of charisms and ministries that form the synodal face of the Church.

Please note all quotes are taken from the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops: A Synodal Church in Mission Synthesis Report.



MAIN FLOOR: OL—Our Lady's; SJ—St. Joseph; L—Library; C—Church; Chpl.—Chapel; BR—Board Room.

UPSTAIRS: KC—Knights of Columbus Room; MD—Martin de Porres Room; KR—Kateri Room; CR—Classrooms; LZM—St. Louis and Zelig Martin; SF—St. Faustina Youth Room; CA—Blessed Carlos Acutis; SA—St. Anne's Kitchen; SJPII—St. John Paul II Classroom; STL—St. Therese of Lisieux; AR—All rooms upstairs, excluding the KC Room.

MONDAY February 19

OFFICE CLOSED
Happy Family Day!
9:30am MASS
6:00pm Encounter—SJ, H, BR



TUESDAY February 20

5:45—6:15pm Confessions
6:30pm MASS
1:00pm Small Christian Communities—L
6:00pm Catechism—CR
7:15pm Social Justice—L
7:15pm RCIA—OL
7:15pm Surviving Divorce—SA
7:15pm Bible Study—H

WEDNESDAY February 21

9:30am MASS followed by Adoration until 9:00pm
9:00am Sew'n Sews—OL
1:00pm Seniors—KC
12:30pm Homeschoolers 2—CA
7:30pm K of C General Mtg.—KC
7:00pm RCIT—CA

THURSDAY February 22

9:30am MASS
10:15am Bible Study
12:30pm Choir—B—C
7:00pm Music—B—C

FRIDAY February 23

6:00pm Stations of the Cross
6:30pm MASS
10:00am Healing Shawls—MD
1:00pm Canadian Blood Services—H
3:00pm Funeral—C

SATURDAY February 24

4:00—4:45pm Confessions
5:00pm MASS
6:15pm Healing Service
10:00am First Communion Retreat—C
4:00pm Encounter Mtg.—SJ

SUNDAY February 25

9:00 & 11:00am MASS
8:30am Rosary for the Souls in Purgatory —OL
10:30am Rosary for Unborn—OL
6:00pm MASS
7:00pm Youth Leader Mtg.—MD

*Spirit of Life,
drive us into the wilderness
with Jesus to find the heart of
our faith.*

SACRAMENTS:



FIRST COMMUNION: Please continue working on your “We Share in the Eucharist” book. Our next retreat is on **Saturday, February 24**, sign-ups for the morning or afternoon retreat will be out soon!



CONFIRMATION: Session 3 on Reconciliation will take place on **Monday, March 4 and Tuesday, March 5 starting at 5pm**. Please bring your completed Saint projects those evenings. Continue working on your Mass Journals.

AN EVENING OF SONG ACCORDING TO THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW...

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To all who made donations, attended the show or gave of your time. You made our 2 evenings of dinner and song a great success.

The Not yet Nuns Production donated \$2976.51 towards the completion site of Holy Trinity Parish.

We all had a great time...Thanks again, God Bless.

SETTING THE CAPTIVES FREE

The **Annual Men of Integrity Conference** will be an opportunity for men to gather **March 1—2 at Holy Family Parish, St. Albert**. Our Guest speakers are Fr. Michael Denk, (The Prodigal Father), Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio and Fr. Paul Moret from Holy Trinity Parish, Spruce Grove. The conference will focus on the importance, power, and methods of prayer.

For further information on speakers and the schedule please check our website: www.catholicfamilyministries.com

STEADFAST

Western Canadian Catholic Home School Conference:

All parents and their young adults 14+ are welcome to attend the **Conference, March 7-9** at the Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton. Keynote speaker: Fr. Stefano Penna. The weekend includes daily Mass, Adoration, Benediction, talks and vendors.

For more information and to register, please go to WCCCHSC.com or email WCCCHSCREG@gmail.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE NEWS:

Our regular Social Justice Committee meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 20th** at 7:15 p.m. in the Church Library. All are welcome!

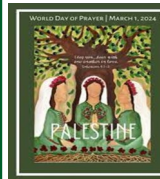


HEALING SERVICE: A Hope and Healing Encounter

Please join us for our Healing Service on **Saturday, February 24 from 6:15—9:00pm** at Holy Trinity.



REGISTER ONLINE AT CAMPS.CAEDM.CA



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, February 29

Holy Trinity Parish is hosting this year's World Day of Prayer service. The program has been written by the women in Palestine.

We will gather in the hall for the prayer service on **Thursday, February 29th at 6:30pm**. Following our shared prayer, we will have time for sharing some refreshments and time to visit with our Christian sisters and brothers.

Please note volunteers are needed to help with setting up, cleaning up and baking for this event. **Can you help?**

SENIORS, COME ONE, COME ALL!

All Seniors are invited to an afternoon of playing cards and board games on **Wednesday, February 21st** from 1:00—3:00pm upstairs in the Knights of Columbus Room.

Wear red and "wear your heart on your sleeve".

Seniors Caring and Sharing!



HEALING SHAWLS:

Parishioners, if you are in need of a “Healing Shawl” please contact Femia at 780-963-3149.

5 LOAVES 2 FISH

This program allows us to assist those who find themselves in need. For more information, please contact Deacon Wesley Turton at 780-221-2265 or email him at wesley.turton@caedm.ca



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Registration forms are available on the website: www.trinitycatholic.net

Welcome, and we look forward to meeting you!

Jennifer O'Connor

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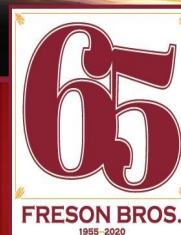
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