



## VITAL GRANDIN CHAPLAINCY

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St. Edmund's Parish ♦ 13120 - 116 Street NW



Jesus appears to his disciples the second time  
DUCCIO di Buoninsegna, 1308-11  
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Fr. Creurer is away from Monday, 23 April until Saturday, 19 May, inclusive. Please contact your local parish priest for sacramental emergencies during his absence.

***Please note carefully the weekday Mass schedule on the last page of this bulletin as weekday Masses are cancelled during the next four weeks.***

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## *The cross of Christ gives life to the human race*

Death trampled our Lord underfoot, but he in his turn treated death as a highroad for his own feet. He submitted to it, enduring it willingly, because by this means he would be able to destroy death in spite of itself. Death had its own way when our Lord went out from Jerusalem carrying his cross; but when by a loud cry from that cross he summoned the dead from the underworld, death was powerless to prevent it.

Death slew him by means of the body which he had assumed, but that same body proved to be the weapon with which he conquered death. Concealed beneath the cloak of his manhood, his godhead engaged death in combat; but in slaying our Lord, death itself was slain. It was able to kill natural human life, but was itself killed by the life that is above the nature of man.

Death could not devour our Lord unless he possessed a body, neither could hell swallow him up unless he bore our flesh; and so he came in search of a chariot in which to ride to the underworld. This chariot was the body which he received from the Virgin; in it he invaded death's fortress, broke open its strong-room and scattered all its treasure.

At length he came upon Eve, the mother of all the living. She was that vineyard whose enclosure her own hands had enabled death to violate, so that she could taste its fruit; thus the mother of all the living became the source of death for every living creature. But in her stead Mary grew up, a new vine in place of the old. Christ, the new life, dwelt within her. When death, with its customary impudence, came foraging for her mortal fruit, it encountered its own destruction in the hidden life that fruit contained. All unsuspecting, it swallowed him up, and in so doing released life itself and set free a multitude of men.

He who was also the carpenter's glorious son set up his cross above death's all-consuming jaws, and led the human race into the dwelling place of life. Since a tree had brought about the downfall of mankind, it was upon a tree that mankind crossed over to the realm of life. Bitter was the branch that had once been grafted upon that ancient tree, but sweet the young shoot that has now been grafted in, the shoot in which we are meant to recognise the Lord whom no creature can resist.

We give glory to you, Lord, who raised up your cross to span the jaws of death like a bridge by which souls might pass from the region of the dead to the land of the living. We give glory to you who put on the body of a single mortal man and made it the source of life for every other mortal man. You are incontestably alive. Your murderers sowed your living body in the earth as farmers sow grain, but it sprang up and yielded an abundant harvest of men raised from the dead.

Come then, my brothers and sisters, let us offer our Lord the great and all-embracing sacrifice of our love, pouring out our treasury of hymns and prayers before him who offered his cross in sacrifice to God for the enrichment of us all.

*From a sermon by Saint Ephrem, deacon*

## The Ascension of Our Lord



After having undergone the humiliation of his passion and death, Jesus took his place at the right-hand of God; he took his place with his eternal Father. But he also entered heaven as our Head. Whereupon, in the expression of Leo the Great, the glory of the Head became the hope of the body. For all eternity Christ takes his place as the firstborn among many brethren: our nature is with God in Christ. And as man, the Lord Jesus lives for ever to intercede for us with Father. At the same time, from his throne of glory, Jesus sends out to the whole Church a message of hope and a call to holiness. Because of Christ's merits, because of his intercession with the Father, we are able to attain justice and holiness of life, in him. The Church may indeed experience difficulties, the Gospel may suffer setbacks, but because Jesus is at the right-hand of the Father the Church will never know defeat. Christ's victory is ours. Because of this mystery it is the vocation of the whole Church to wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

St. John Paul II

## Announcements

**Development & Peace donations withheld** - Archbishop Smith has announced that donations to Development and Peace through the annual Together We Serve appeal will be withheld pending investigation of questions raised in a recent review of partner organisations that receive funding from D&P. See his letter to all the faithful, included in this bulletin.

**March for Life, May 10<sup>th</sup>** - Archbishop Smith, together with his brother bishops of Alberta and the NWT, have issued an invitation to everyone to join them at the 2018 Alberta March for Life in Edmonton on Thursday, May 10. Mass at St. Joseph's Basilica at 10:00 a.m., march starts at noon in front of the Alberta Legislature.

### **Summer Youth camps:**

☞ *In Edmonton:* Summer registration is open online for Camp Encounter and Our Lady of Victory Camp. Programs are available for campers and youth aged 8-14 with leadership opportunities for youth aged 14-18. Register online at [www.olvc.ab.ca](http://www.olvc.ab.ca) or [www.campencounter.com](http://www.campencounter.com).

☞ *With the FSSP:* call the District Headquarters of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter (FSSP), tel. 570 842-4000, or write to [info@fssp.com](mailto:info@fssp.com)

**Summer Retreats with the FSSP** - Please contact the District Headquarters of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter tel. 570 842-4000, or write to [info@fssp.com](mailto:info@fssp.com)

**Announcements and activities on the website of the Archdiocese of Edmonton, [www.caedm.ca](http://www.caedm.ca).**

DAY	DATE	TIME	FEAST DAY
Sunday	22 April	4:00 p.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Easter (2 <sup>nd</sup> cl.) <i>Fr. Creurer meets with Confirmation Candidates after Mass</i>
Monday	23 April	No Mass	Feria in Paschaltide (4 <sup>th</sup> cl.)
Tuesday	24 April	No Mass	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, <i>Martyr</i> (3 <sup>rd</sup> cl.)
Wednesday	25 April	No Mass	St. Mark, <i>Evangelist</i> (2 <sup>nd</sup> cl.)
Thursday	26 April	No Mass	Sts. Cletus & Marcel, <i>Popes &amp; Martyrs</i> (3 <sup>rd</sup> cl.)
Friday	27 April	No Mass	St. Peter Canisius, <i>Confessor &amp; Doctor</i> (3 <sup>rd</sup> cl.)
Saturday	28 April	8:00 a.m.	St. Paul of the Cross, <i>Confessor</i> (3 <sup>rd</sup> cl.)
Sunday	29 April	4:00 p.m.	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter (2 <sup>nd</sup> cl.) (Fr. Adrian Debow)
Monday	30 April	No Mass	St. Catherine of Siena, <i>Virgin</i> (3 <sup>rd</sup> cl.)
Tuesday	1 May	No Mass	St. Joseph the Worker (1 <sup>st</sup> cl.)
Wednesday	2 May	No Mass	St. Athanasius, <i>Confessor &amp; Doctor</i> (3 <sup>rd</sup> cl.)
Thursday	3 May	No Mass	Feria in Paschaltide (4 <sup>th</sup> cl.)
Friday	4 May	No Mass	St. Monica, <i>Widow</i> (3 <sup>rd</sup> cl.)
Saturday	5 May	8:00 a.m.	St. Pius V, <i>Pope &amp; Confessor</i> (3 <sup>rd</sup> cl.)
Sunday	6 May	4:00 p.m.	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter (2 <sup>nd</sup> cl.) (Fr. Kris Sanetra) <i>Parish social after Mass</i>
Monday	7 May	No Mass	St. Stanislaus, <i>Bishop &amp; Martyr</i> (3 <sup>rd</sup> cl.)
Tuesday	8 May	No Mass	Feria in Paschaltide (4 <sup>th</sup> cl.)
Wednesday	9 May	No Mass	Vigil of the Ascension (2 <sup>nd</sup> cl.)
Thursday	10 May	No Mass	Ascension of Our Lord (1 <sup>st</sup> cl.) <small>Note: not a holy day of obligation in Canada</small>
Friday	11 May	No Mass	Sts. Philip & James, <i>Apostles</i> (2 <sup>nd</sup> cl.)
Saturday	12 May	8:00 a.m.	Sts. Nereus, Achilleus, et al. (3 <sup>rd</sup> cl.)
Sunday	13 May	4:00 p.m.	Sunday after Ascension (2 <sup>nd</sup> cl.) - Mothers' Day <i>Fr. Creurer will meet with Confirmation candidates after Mass</i>
Monday 14 May to Saturday, 19 May (inclusive): No Mass – Jasper Assembly of Priests			
Sunday	20 May	4:00 p.m.	Pentecost - Confirmations

In view of preparing for the possible purchase of a building for our Chaplaincy, over the next few weeks I am asking you to please consider what you might be able and willing to contribute financially in three areas:

- A one-time donation to gather capital for a downpayment;
- A legacy to the Chaplaincy in your last will and testament;
- An augmentation of your regular Sunday offerings to assist with ongoing operational expenses associated with owning one's own building.

Upon my return I will solicit your responses in these three areas in order to put together a financial action programme that will guide us through any eventual acquisition.

Thank you for your kind generosity!

Fr. Philip Creurer