



VITAL GRANDIN CHAPLAINCY

Edmonton Latin Mass Community

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21st, 2025

Entrance Hymn: #1 On Jordan's Bank

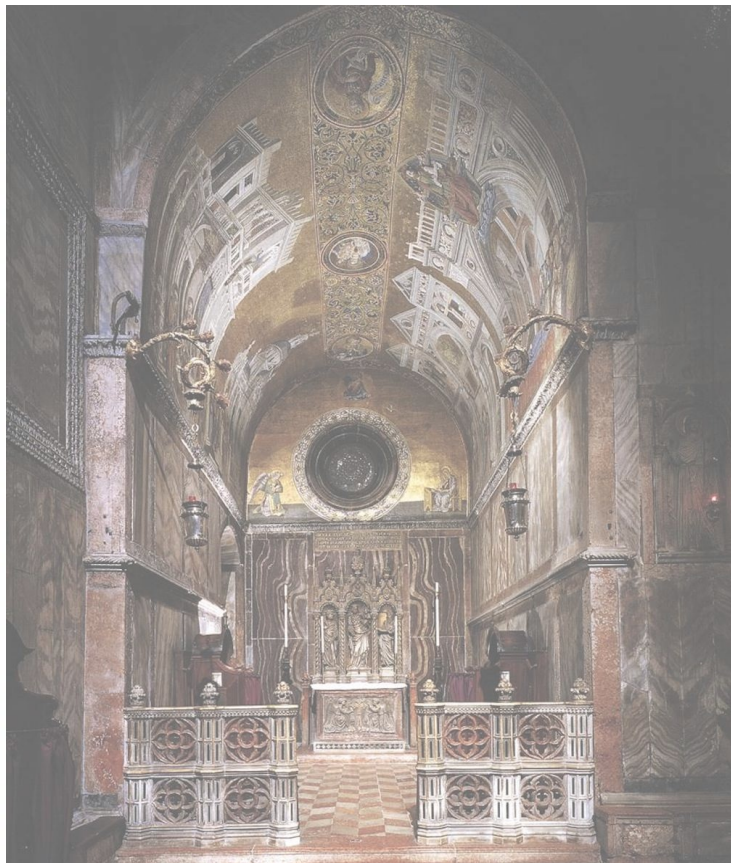
Asperges Me: #218

Mass XVII: Booklet p. 19; Angelus p. 1888; Baronius p. xviii

Credo I: Booklet p. 21; Angelus p. 1892; Baronius p. xxii

Recessional Hymn: #7 O Come, Divine Messiah

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The Nature of Faith, Continued

Yea, so much power has faith, that not the believer only is saved, but some have been saved by others believing. The paralytic in Capernaum was not a believer, but they believed who brought him, and let him down through the tiles (Ma. 2:4): for the sick man's soul shared the sickness of his body. And think not that I accuse him without cause: the Gospel itself says, when Jesus saw, not his faith, but their faith, He says to the sick of the palsy, *Arise!* The bearers believed, and the sick of the palsy enjoyed the blessing of the cure.

Would you see yet more surely that some are saved by others' faith? Lazarus died (Jo. 11:14-44): one day had passed, and a second, and a third: his sinews were decayed, and corruption was preying already upon his body. How could one four days dead believe, and entreat the Redeemer on his own behalf? But what the dead man lacked was supplied by his true sisters. For when the Lord had come, the sister fell down before Him, and when He said, *Where have you laid him?* and she had made answer, *Lord, by this time he stinks; for he has been four days dead,* the Lord said, *If you believe, you shall see the glory of God;* as much as saying, "Supply thou the dead man's lack of faith:" and the sisters' faith had so much power, that it recalled the dead from the gates of hell. Have then men by believing, the one on behalf of the other, been able to raise the dead, and shall not thou, if you believe sincerely on your own behalf, be much rather profited? Nay, even if you be faithless, or of little faith, the Lord is loving unto man; He condescends to you on your repentance: only on your part say with honest mind, "Lord, I believe, help thou mine unbelief." (Ma. 9:24) But if you think that thou really art faithful, but hast not yet the fullness of faith, thou too hast need to say like the Apostles, *Lord, increase our faith* (Lu. 17:5): for some part you have of yourself, but the greater part you receive from Him.

For the name of Faith is in the form of speech one, but has two distinct senses. For there is one kind of faith, the dogmatic, involving an assent of the soul on some particular point: and it is profitable to the soul, as the Lord says: *He that hears My words, and believes Him that sent Me, has everlasting life, and comes not into judgment* (Jo.) 5:24: and again, *He that believes in the Son is not judged, but has passed from death unto life.* Oh the great loving-kindness of God! For the righteous were many years in pleasing Him: but what they succeeded in gaining by many years of well-pleasing, this Jesus now bestows on you in a single hour. For if you shall believe that Jesus Christ is Lord, and that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved, and shall be transported into Paradise by Him who brought in there the robber. And doubt not whether it is possible; for He who on this sacred Golgotha saved the robber after one single hour of belief, the same shall save you also on your believing.

But there is a second kind of faith, which is bestowed by Christ as a gift of grace. For to one is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit: to another faith, by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing. (1 Cor. 12:8-9) This faith then which is given of grace from the Spirit is not merely doctrinal, but also works things above man's power. For whosoever has this faith, shall say to this mountain, *Remove hence to yonder place, and it shall remove.* (Ma. 11:23) For whenever any one shall say this in faith, believing that it comes to pass, and shall not doubt in his heart, then receives he the grace.

And of this faith it is said, *If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed.* (Matt. 17:20) For just as the grain of mustard seed is small in size, but fiery in its operation, and though sown in a small space has a circle of great branches, and when grown up is able even to shelter the fowls (Matt. 13:32); so, likewise, faith in the swiftest moment works the greatest effects in the soul. For, when enlightened by faith, the soul has visions of God, and as far as is possible beholds God, and ranges round the bounds of the universe, and before the end of this world already beholds the Judgment, and the payment of the promised rewards. Have thou therefore that faith in Him which comes from your own self, that you may also receive from Him that faith which works things above man.

But in learning the Faith and in professing it, acquire and keep that only, which is now delivered to you by the Church, and which has been built up strongly out of all the Scriptures. For since all cannot read the Scriptures, some being hindered as to the knowledge of them by want of learning, and others by a want of leisure, in order that the soul may not perish from ignorance, we comprise the whole doctrine of the Faith in a few lines. This summary (ie. The Creed) I wish you both to commit to memory when I recite it, and to rehearse it with all diligence among yourselves, not writing it out on paper , but engraving it by the memory upon your heart, taking care while you rehearse it that no Catechumen chance to overhear the things which have been delivered to you. I wish you also to keep this as a provision through the whole course of your life, and beside this to receive no other, neither if we ourselves should change and contradict our present teaching, nor if an adverse angel, transformed into an angel of light (2 Cor. 11:14) should wish to lead you astray. For though we or an angel from heaven preach to you any other gospel than that you have received, let him be to you anathema. (Gal. 1:8-9) So for the present listen while I simply say the Creed , and commit it to memory; but at the proper season expect the confirmation out of Holy Scripture of each part of the contents. For the articles of the Faith were not composed as seemed good to men; but the most important points collected out of all the Scripture make up one complete teaching of the Faith. And just as the mustard seed in one small grain contains many branches, so also this Faith has embraced in few words all the knowledge of godliness in the Old and New Testaments. Take heed then, brethren, and hold fast the traditions which you now receive, and write them on the table of your heart.

Guard them with reverence, lest per chance the enemy despoil any who have grown slack; or lest some heretic pervert any of the truths delivered to you. For faith is like putting money into the bank , even as we have now done; but from you God requires the accounts of the deposit. I charge you, as the Apostle says, before God, who quickens all things, and Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed the good confession, that you keep this faith which is committed to you, without spot, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. A treasure of life has now been committed to you, and the Master demands the deposit at His appearing, which in His own times He shall show, Who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only has immortality, dwelling in light which no man can approach unto; Whom no man has seen nor can see. To Whom be glory, honour, and power (1 Tim/ 6:15-16) for ever and ever. Amen.

*St. Cyril of Alexandria, “Catechetical Lectures” (Excerpts)
Trans. Edwin Hamilton Gifford*

Christmas Octave Mass Times

Thurs. Dec. 25th (Holy Day of Obligation)

Christmas Eve: Midnight Mass (Assumption Church): Carols begin at 11:30 pm.

Two Christmas Day Masses:

7:30 am - Low Mass (Assumption Church)

12:30 pm - Missa Cantata - Sung Mass (Assumption Church)

There will be no 4:30 pm Mass

Friday Dec. 26th: **8 am** at Assumption

Thurs. January 1st (Holy Day of Obligation)

7:30 am - Low Mass (Assumption Church)

12:30 pm - Missa Cantata - Sung Mass (Assumption Church)

4:30 pm - Low Mass (St. Edmund's)

Friday Jan. 2nd: **8:00 am** at Assumption.

Other days: regular Mass times.

Announcements

For Christmas Octave Mass times, please see previous page.

Today there will be a social after the 12:30 Mass; All are welcome to attend.

The **Adult Catechesis** other weekly talks will continue in February.

Epiphany House Blessings will begin on Tuesday January 6th until February. Please sign-up online or talk to us to add your household.

Please pray for **Myles Bumphrey** and **Phoebe Naidu** who will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Dec. 29th, 2025.

There is a two bedroom basement apartment for rent, 15 min. drive from Assumption, garage parking included. Please phone Bob at 780-434-2726.

For the full list of announcements for the Archdiocese of Edmonton, see caedm.ca/window/

Mass Calendar

Date & Feast*	Mass times	Church Mass Intention	Chapel Mass Int'n ①
Sunday, December 21st Fourth Sunday of Advent (I Cl)	7:30 am Low Mass 12:30 pm Sung Mass 4:30 pm Low Mass	A P by V P A&S W by KG B family	
Monday, December 22nd Major FERIA of Advent (II Cl)	7:30 am Low Mass	JC † by ALB	E R G † by L L
Tuesday, December 23rd Major FERIA of Advent (II Cl)	7:30 am Low Mass	JC † by ALB	A V by P A
Wednesday, December 24th Vigil of Christmas (I Cl)	7:30 am Low Mass	EM & family by MCM	A P by V P
Thursday, December 25th The Nativity of Our Lord (I Cl)	Midnight Mass 7:30 am Dawn LowMass 12:30 pm Sung DayMass (No 4:30 pm Mass)	VGC Pro Populo M L by M L R L †	T G by A H CL family S,D,A,M,A,F † by E
Friday, December 26th St. Stephen, Deacon & Protomartyr (II Cl)	8:00 am Low Mass	FP † by CMA	A P by V P
Saturday, December 27th St. John the Evangelist, Apostle (II Cl)	8:00 am Low Mass	A P by V P	RW family
Sunday, December 28th Sunday in the Octave of Christmas (II Cl)	7:30 am Low Mass 12:30 pm Sung Mass 4:30 pm Low Mass		

* All Masses are at Assumption Church, except for the Sunday 4 pm Mass at St. Edmund's Church.

The Sacrament of Confession is available before & after all Masses & on Saturdays from **7-8 pm** on at Assumption Church.