

MASS INTENTIONS FOR April 21– 29, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday,	April 21	5:00 pm	For + Edwin Joseph Pfleider by the Mendoza family
Sunday,	April 22	9:30 am 11:30 am	For + Bernard Rivard by his sister Edna Roy For + Joffre & Clara Gervais by Fern and Carmen Morin
Tuesday,	April 24	9:00 am	For + Celestine Balanga by Arthur and Helen
Wednesday,	April 25	9:30 am	St. Mark the Evangelist Mass with Anne Fitzgerald Students
Thursday,	April 26	9:00 am	For + Anthy Joseph Williams by Susan/family
Friday,	April 27	7:00 pm	For + Arsenio Balanga by the Lasek family Community Mass Intentions, +Leigh Simmons, +Juanita Deang
Saturday,	April 28	1:00 pm	Marriage of Jesse Keleman & Michelle Parmiter

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday,	April 28	5:00 pm	For All St. John Bosco Parishioners
Sunday,	April 29	9:30 am 11:30 am	For + Venancia Chiu by the Bannuelos family For All deceased members of the Ilnicki fam.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK :

Tuesday,	April 24	7:00 pm	K.C. Meeting
Wednesday,	April 25	7:00 pm	CONFIRMATION PARENT/CHILD MEETING for those who did not attend the meeting on Saturday 21st.
Thursday,	April 26	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Legion of Mary BAPTISM PREP MEETING with parents and godparents. Wedding Rehearsal



Grace with lines inspired by this weeks readings.

Leader: Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word. May we always give you thanks for all that you have provided for us.

All: Let us show our gratefulness by being compassionate to all of God's creation.

Together: "Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen"

After the meal: "We give you thanks, Almighty God, for all your gifts, who live and reign now and forever. Amen"

QUOTE: It is not enough to say "Grace", we must live it.

Important news from Archbishop Richard Smith

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development of Peace (CCODP) was established by the Bishops of Canada in 1967 to foster justice and integral human development in the Global South. The Archdiocese of Edmonton has strongly supported *Development and Peace* through the annual *Share Lent* Campaign for many years, and most recently through our annual *Together We Serve* appeal.

Development and Peace fulfills its mandate in collaboration with more than one hundred partner agencies in the Global South, contracting with them to carry out specific projects aimed at improving the lives of our sisters and brothers in many developing countries. The Bishops of Canada have recently been apprised of the preliminary results of a review of these CCODP partners.

The initial results communicated to us are alarming. An estimated forty partners appear to show evidence of conflict with Catholic moral and social teaching and, in particular, that they do not demonstrate full respect for the sanctity of human life.

For this reason, the Archdiocese of Edmonton will withhold the D & P portion of the 2018 *Together We Serve* donations from *Development and Peace*. The funds will be withheld until such time as we receive clear assurance that funds received from present and future *Together We Serve* collections will be used only by agencies whose mission, values and practices cohere with the teaching of the Catholic Church and with the criteria of *Caritas Internationalis*, of which the *Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace* is the Canadian representative. We will continue to respect the intent of your donations through *Together We Serve*.

I recognize that there are many people in the Archdiocese who give of themselves generously in support of the good works of *Development and Peace*, whether by donation or by assisting in the organization's educational and advocacy initiatives. I write this letter in a spirit of transparency and accountability, and promise to keep you posted on development regarding this current issue.

Sincerely in Christ,
Richard W. Smith
Archbishop of Edmonton



K.C. GARAGE SALE: Starting April 23 we are collecting for the Garage Sale. If you have items to donate that you need to have picked up please call/text Francis @ 780-991-8776 or call/text Martin 587-989-0444. Collections will be available until May 23 .

WORLD YOUTH DAY: PALM SUNDAY, 2018
MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS
Con't from last week

When God calls someone by name, he also reveals to the person his vocation, his plan of holiness and fulfilment, through which the person becomes a gift to others and is made unique. And when God wants to expand the horizons of life, he gives a new name to the person he is calling, as he did with Simon, whom he called "Peter". From here comes the custom of taking a new name when entering a religious congregation, to indicate a new identity and mission. Since the divine call is unique and personal, we need the courage to disentangle ourselves from the pressure of being shaped by conforming patterns, so that our life can truly become an authentic and irreplaceable gift to God, to the Church and to all.

Dear young people, to be called by name is therefore a sign of our great dignity in the eyes of God and a sign of his love for us. God calls each one of you by name. All of you are *the "you" of God*, precious in his eyes, worthy of respect and loved (cf. *Is* 43:4). Welcome with joy this dialogue that God offers you, this appeal he makes to you, calling you by name.

3. *You have found favor with God*

The main reason why Mary need not be afraid is that she has found favor with God. The word "grace" speaks of love freely given, not owed. How much are we encouraged to know that we do not have to earn the closeness and help of God, by presenting a "*Curriculum Vitae* of excellence", full of merits and successes! The angel says to Mary that she has *already* found favor with God, not that she will obtain it in the future. And the same formulation of the angel's words helps us understand that divine grace is continuous, not something passing or fleeting; for this reason, it will never fail. Even in the future, the grace of God will always be there to sustain us, especially in moments of trial and darkness.

The continuous presence of divine grace encourages us to embrace our vocation with confidence; our vocation demands a commitment of faithfulness that needs to be renewed each day. Our vocational path is not without its crosses: not only our initial doubts, but also the frequent temptations that crop up along the way. The feeling of inadequacy accompanies Christ's disciple to the end. Yet he or she knows the help of God's grace.

The Angel's words descend upon our human fears, dissolving them with the power of the Good News of which we are heralds: our life is not pure chance or a mere struggle for survival, rather each of us is a cherished story loved by God. That we have "found grace in his eyes" means that the Creator sees a unique beauty in our being and that he has a magnificent plan for our lives. The awareness of this certainty, of course, does not resolve all our problems nor does it take away life's uncertainties. But it does have the power to transform our life deeply. The unknown that tomorrow holds for us is not a dark threat we need to overcome, but a favorable time given to us for living out the uniqueness of our personal vocation, and for sharing it with our brothers and sisters in the Church and in the world.

Conclusion next week.



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21/22, 2018

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REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS.

4th Sunday of Easter

John 10:11-18

One of my seminary classmates has always reacted when the story of the Good Shepherd was read. "I don't like being compared to sheep!" he said. "They're dumb, and smelly, too!"

I grew up in the city, so my experience with sheep is limited. But I do know that shepherding was an important part of the life for the people of **Biblical** times. It's the relationship between shepherd and sheep that makes Jesus' comparison work.

The shepherds of Jesus' time herded their flocks through wilderness, ready to defend them from attack by wild animals. In a crowded sheepfold at night, shepherds of several flocks herded together could identify their own sheep—and vice versa! Jesus' listeners would have understood the economic interdependence of shepherd and sheep—a truly good shepherd would value each and every individual in his flock.

The relationship Jesus offers us is one characterized by the dignity and worth he sees in each of us. He knows each of us by name, with an intimacy he shares with us from the Father, whom Jesus knows with the intimacy of a Divine Son. And the bottom line: Jesus gives his life for us, his flock.

My classmate and I still chuckle about his reaction to being "herded together". But, we agree that we want to be counted among the Lord's flock!

By Rev. Greg Friedman