PARISH BULLETIN
February 9 – 10, 2019 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISM
Preparation 1st Sunday of the month at 1:00 pm
March 3 & May 5
No Baptism preparation in April.

Celebrations 2nd or 3rd Sunday at 1:00 pm
February 17, March 2 & 3
April 27 & 28
No Baptisms during Lent.

FIRST RECONCILIATION &
FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST - Grade 3+
Spring Session is in early May, 2019.
Registration forms are available at the parish office.

CONFIRMATION - Grade 6+
Next Session starts in April, 2019.
Registration forms are available at the parish office.

MARRIAGE
Six months prior to your wedding date, plan to meet with Fr Joseph or Fr Jossy.

Mass Times

WEEKDAY
• Monday—Friday 9:00 am
• First Friday 9:00 am & 7:00 pm

SUNDAY
• Saturday 4:30 pm
• Sunday 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm

ADORATION
IN THE CHURCH
• Monday—Friday 8:00 to 9:00 am
IN LUMEN CHRISTI CHAPEL
• Monday—Friday 9:45 am to 8:00 pm
To sign up contact Marie 780.450.0907

Saturday Morning Mass
9:00 am
Beginning March 2

PARISH HOSPITALITY
Join us after Mass in the gathering space and enjoy a cup of coffee & fellowship.

Office Hours
Monday—Friday 9:00 am - 8:00 pm
Closed for lunch Noon - 1:00 pm

Reconciliation
MONDAY—FRIDAY
30 minutes prior to Mass
SATURDAY
3:00 to 4:15 pm

Weekly Collection
Ordinary Receipts
February 2 & 3, 2019
$4,343
Building Fund
Our 2019 Goal $720,000
Year to Date $36,025
Thank you for your generosity.
Dear Brothers and Sisters: I have just completed a brief visit to the United Arab Emirates, brief but important, for it marked a step forward in interreligious dialogue and in the commitment to promoting peace in the world. This was the first papal visit to the Arabian peninsula and took place eight hundred years after Saint Francis of Assisi visited Sultan al-Malik al-Kamil. The providence of God wished to see a Pope named Francis make such a journey, and I thought often of the Saint for it helped me keep the Gospel and the love of Jesus Christ close to my heart. I thank the Crown Prince, the President, the Vice President and all the Authorities who welcomed me, and Bishop Paul Hinder for preparing the event with the Catholic community. My affectionate thanks go to the priests, religious and lay faithful who enliven the Christian presence in that land. Beyond all the speeches, one further step was taken in Abu Dhabi when the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar and I signed the Document on Human Fraternity. There we affirm the common vocation of all men and women to be brothers and sisters as children of God, we reject every form of violence — especially that committed in the name of religion — and we dedicate ourselves to defending authentic values and peace in the world. Let us pray that the seeds sown during the visit may bear much fruit according to his holy will.

General Audience, Wednesday, 6 February 2019:


The Reason for our Hope

By Most Rev. Richard W. Smith, Archbishop of Edmonton

Monday, February 4, 2019:

Stay Tuned In!

In the course of many parish visits over the last year and a half, I've been repeatedly drawing attention to the message at the heart of the pastoral letter Living in the Word of God. I do this by asking the simple question: “Who are you listening to?” Many voices compete for our attention, but only one is worthy of our complete trust, namely, the voice of Jesus. It is he to whom we must listen, since he alone has “the words of everlasting life” (John 6:68). So, read the Bible; remain focused on the teachings of Christ; allow them to permeate the entirety of our lives, that they may serve as the lamp for our feet and light for our path (cf. Psalm 119:105).

The Gospel passage we heard at mass on Sunday is a reminder that listening to Jesus will at times be very challenging. Those who were listening to him preach in his hometown synagogue at Nazareth at first were pleased by what he had to say. But then, they turned on him, violently. What happened? His word struck a sensitive nerve as he challenged prophetically certain assumptions they held about what it means to be the chosen people of God and the recipient of divine blessing. His word was a clear and direct summons to a painful self-examination and subsequent renewal of their minds, and they didn't like it. In fact, so intense was their anger that they sought to throw him off a cliff!

How do we respond when we find our mindsets and behaviour patterns challenged by the words of Jesus Christ, whether we compete for our attention, but only one is worthy of our complete trust, namely, the voice of Jesus. It is he to whom we must listen, since he alone has “the words of everlasting life” (John 6:68). So, read the Bible; remain focused on the teachings of Christ; allow them to permeate the entirety of our lives, that they may serve as the lamp for our feet and light for our path (cf. Psalm 119:105).

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How do we respond when we find our mindsets and behaviour patterns challenged by the words of Jesus Christ, whether we encounter them in the sacred texts or handed down to us in the teaching of the Church? A habit many of us develop in our multi-channel universe is to “surf” through the many messages on offer in order to remain tuned in only to those we find to our liking. Those which displease us are tuned out by changing the channel, moving on in the news or Twitter feed, and so on. When the word of Jesus challenges us, do we stay on his “channel” or switch to another; do we remain tuned in or turn off the broadcast, the digital equivalent, as it were, of casting Jesus aside?

For help in remaining faithful to the words of Christ, however difficult, it is good to have examples of people who have remained always focused upon Jesus, riveted to his word. I’d like to hold up for consideration the perfect model.

I just returned from eight days of retreat at the shrine in Mexico City dedicated to our Blessed Mother under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mary is a perpetual source of help for the life of discipleship centered on listening to and following Jesus. Scripture tells us that she pondered deeply all that was said about her son during the events surrounding his birth (cf. Luke 2: 19, 51). We can be sure that she continued to ponder deeply all that unfolded in his life, above all his crucifixion and resurrection. No change of channel in her life! She remained always focused on her son, the Word made flesh. Now, in her maternal love for the world, she wants nothing more than that we do the same and be always ready to do whatever Jesus tells us to do (cf. John 2:5).

Centuries ago, Mary appeared to San Juan Diego. She caused to be imprinted on his tilma an image that presented her son to the faithful of Mexico. We do well to recall this image, as one of the truest images of Jesus that there has ever been. As San Juan Diego is the patron of Mexico, and, since he was a native Indian, of all the indigenous peoples, let us ask for his intercession, that he may help us to remain inspired by the love of Jesus Christ.

This article can be found at http://archbishopsmith.blogspot.com/
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http://caedm.ca/CalledToProtectCalendar.aspx

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