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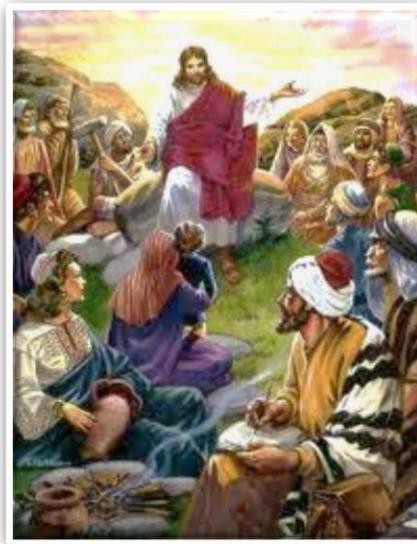
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Welcoming New Parishioners:

We warmly welcome all new members to our parish family. We would like to get to know and serve you. In order to do so please fill out a registration form available in the church foyer or contact the parish office.

Sunday Masses:

Sat. 5:00 pm English

Sun. 9:00 am English

11:00 am Bilingual

Weekday Liturgies:

Please refer to a recent bulletin for updates for the current week.

Sacrament of

Reconciliation:

Sat. 4:30 - 4:50 pm

Sun. 8:30 - 8:50 am

10:30 - 10:50 am

or upon appointment

Baptism:

Usually any Sunday of the month at mass.

Call the parish office for more info and registration.

Marriage/Wedding:

Please call the parish office At least SIX months in advance of your chosen date and before any other arrangement is made.

Sacrament of the Sick:

Please contact the Parish Office. In urgent cases please call a priest.

The Lord who knows us from our conception will never forget or abandon us in our time of need.

There are so many things that can occupy our minds. We have many concerns as well as hopes. We are told to offer them all to God. In strengthening our relationship with the Lord, we will be able to know him better. This is why we are called to seek the Kingdom of God. It is in this way that we will know God's love.

First Friday Adoration

On the **First Friday of March** we will have a day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The church will be open between 9:00 am and 6:30 pm and everyone will be able to come for longer or shorter period of time to spend with Eucharistic Jesus. We begin with Mass at 8:30 am, then the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration and prayer. At the end of the day there will be a **Way of the Cross at 6:30 pm**, followed by **Mass at 7:00 pm**.

There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church so that at least 2 people sign for each hour to make sure there is always someone present in the church with Blessed Sacrament exposed.

We invite everyone to come during a day to spend some time with our Lord.

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross is a popular devotion used by individuals or groups who wish through prayer and reflection to follow Jesus Christ on his way to Calvary. Many Christians practice the devotion, but the Stations holds a special significance among Roman Catholics. It is one of the most important devotions honoring the passion of Jesus.

What matters most in the Stations of the Cross is to follow Jesus Christ in his passion and to see ourselves mirrored in him. To face life's dark side in ourselves and in our world, we need images of hope, and Jesus offers images of hope in his passion. By accompanying him on the Way of the Cross, we gain his courageous patience and learn to trust in God who delivers us from evil.



We invite you – every Friday during Lent at 7 pm, (except 1st Fridays at 6:30pm)

World Day Of Prayer - March 7

The World Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Friday in March. It is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically and recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, country and community. Sponsored by the Women's Inter Church Council of Canada and its national counterparts around the world, it's celebrated in approx. 165 countries.

To assist celebrations of the World Day of Prayer, services have been prepared for adults, youth, and children. This day can be an opportunity for moving toward a more important role of prayer in the life of our Christian community. **Friday March 7th at 1:30 pm Heritage Lodge**

Take a Meditative Journey through the Gospel of John

All are invited to join Fr. Brian for a study of John's Gospel during Lent. We will begin on Wednesday March 12th at 7:00 pm in the rectory basement. Sessions will be about an hour (or a few minutes longer!). Coffee and discussion afterwards.



12 Feb 2014

Dear Father,

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) will be holding its final National Event at the Shaw Conference Centre in Edmonton, March 27-30. The TRC is documenting the history and legacy of Indian Residential Schools in Canada as a necessary step in the long-term process of healing and reconciliation with Aboriginal peoples, government, churches and the Canadian people.

This is an important event for First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples and everyone who calls Alberta home. It is significant for Catholics because the majority of government-funded Residential Schools were administered by Catholic religious orders or dioceses.

I write today to invite you and your parishioners and community members to support this historic event through prayer and, if possible, through attendance at all or part of the sessions, which are open to the public. There is no cost or need for pre-registration. It is possible to come one day for a morning or afternoon session or to come for the whole event.

Prayer is vitally important in the weeks leading up to the event. I ask that all parishes offer public prayers at Sunday Masses for the success of the Edmonton TRC event and to pray for true reconciliation and healing with Aboriginal peoples.

For further information about Catholic participation in the TRC, please contact Mr. Bob McKeon at the Edmonton Office for Social Justice., 780-469-1010 or sjustice@caedm.ca

Sincerely in the Good Shepherd,

+ Paul Terrio

†Bishop Paul Terrio
Bishop of St Paul in Alberta

February 21, 2014

The Catholic Diocese of St. Paul will be marking the Truth and Reconciliation event in a number of ways:

- Most Rev. Paul Terrio, Bishop of St. Paul, is inviting all Catholics to support this historic event through prayer and if possible through attendance at all or part of the sessions. The Bishop will participate in the event himself and offer a gesture of reconciliation.
- Catholic clergy, religious and lay people will join volunteers from other church communities in the Churches Listening Area at the TRC event. There, former students of the Indian Residential Schools will be able to speak of their personal experiences with representatives from churches that administered the schools.
- About 250 students from the Edmonton Catholic School District will attend the TRC's special youth-oriented educational sessions on March 27. These sessions aim to promote understanding of how Indian Residential Schools affected students and their descendants and will enable young people to share with commission members their ideas on fostering reconciliation.
- In advance of the TRC event, the Catholic Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories have prepared a Letter of Invitation to all Catholics in the region. This letter includes an expression of apology.

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"Poor in Spirit"

March 15 2014

Join us for an evening with the bishop. A night of reflection on Pope Francis's message for WYD 2014 and a time fellowship for youth and young adults.

- **Mass @ 5pm with Bishop Paul Terrio**
- **Potluck (please bring something to share)**
- **Music**
- **Guest Speaker**

Night ends at 9p

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[Christian Bekolay](#)

*Diocesan Youth Coordinator/
Camp St. Louis Director*

Diocese of St. Paul, Alberta

Season of Lent

Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. During Lent, the liturgy prepares catechumens to celebrate the Paschal Mystery by the various stages of Christian initiation. It also prepares the faithful for Easter as they recall their baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest feast of the year.

Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for baptism, and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's word and more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Lenten instructions stress these baptismal and penitential themes.

During Lent, it is important to teach the social consequences of sin as well as the fact that the heart of the virtue of penance is hatred of sin as an offence against God.

The Church encourages penitential practices that are external and social, reflecting the circumstances of individuals and communities, as we pray and do penance for sinners.

Lenten Fast and Abstinence:

An Invitation to Awareness



“What are you hungry for?” Sometimes the answer is obvious: pizza, Chinese food, a juicy steak. Our spiritual hungers are rarely that easy to identify. The season of Lent, our 40-day preparation for Easter, is our annual invitation to grow in awareness of those deeper hungers. We need Lent to help us recognize that our meaning and mission are rooted in Jesus' dying and rising. Together with those preparing for baptism, we join in outward signs of our inner conversion. Our year-round prayer, fasting and almsgiving take on new meaning during this season.

Catholics were once well known for their practice of not eating meat on Friday—a specific form of fasting called abstinence. Stories abound of the lengths Catholics would go to keep this law. Of course, as with any law, it was not that difficult to meet the letter of the law and violate its spirit. One might enjoy a fine lobster dinner or fish fry at a local restaurant and still meet the law's requirements. Catholics were also called to limit their food intake on a variety of other fast days. The reforms which followed the Second Vatican Council sought to simplify the often complicated questions that arose regarding fast and abstinence while re-emphasizing the continuing need for such practices. The current laws took effect in 1966. They read simply: “Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent. Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, in addition to abstaining from meat, should fast, i.e., eat only one full meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Smaller quantities of food may be taken at two other meals but no food should be consumed at any other time during those two days. The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one's 59th birthday.”

The spirit of the law may invite us to fast from other activities as well: from television or computer games, from eating out or from gossiping. These minimum requirements make the most sense when they are combined with prayer and almsgiving. These age-old disciplines reflect our most fundamental concerns: our relationship with God (prayer), with our bodies (fasting) and with each other (almsgiving).

EVANGELII GAUDIUM – THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

Study Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation with Bishop Paul Terrio
Saturday, March 22, 2014
at St. Edouard Renewal Centre
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Schedule:

Friday evening, March 21

7:00-9:00

Arrival and registration

Saturday, March 22

7:30-8:00am Breakfast (*for overnight guests only*)

9:00 – 9:30 Registration

9:30-11:15 Study time

11:15 Mass followed by lunch

12:30-3:30 Study time

Cost:

\$105.00 per participant (single occupancy)

\$70.00 per participant (double occupancy)

Includes over night accommodation, breakfast, coffee breaks and lunch

OR

\$30.00 per participant includes coffee breaks and lunch

Register: by March 18, 2014

Contact Yvette Noel at the coordinates below.

Do:

Download a copy of Evangelii Gaudium at

www.vatican.ca

Read it prior to the weekend.

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Email: yvettenoel@dioceseodstpaul.ca

Family
AT HOME

Western Canadian Catholic

Home School Conference March 14 - 15, 2014

Where: Providence Renewal Centre, 3005-119 Street, Edmonton

Cost: \$70.00 per adult or \$110.00 per couple

Questions: Veronica – 780-467-8410 or email wchscreg@shaw.ca

More info: Take a brochure at the back or visit **website:** www.wchsc.net

Mail registration to: WCCHSC, 83 Granville Cresc. Sherwood Park, AB T8A 3C1

* *Do NOT mail anything after March 3rd*

 **CWL NEWS** The CWL 2014 memberships are currently due the membership fee is \$25.00 please put the envelope in the collection basket and **mark the envelope CWL** or you can drop the envelope off at the Parish office. If you have any questions about the CWL or you would like to become a new member please call Sandee Blackburn at 780-939-5199. **There is a CWL meeting on Thursday March 6th at 7:00 pm in the CWL Boardroom at the Parish Hall. All parish ladies are welcome to attend.**

Marriage Preparation 2014

There will be a Marriage Preparation for those who are planning to get married.

April 25,26,27 at the Morinville Rendez-Vous Centre

To register, please contact Louise Lavoie at louiselavoie@dioceseofstpaul.ca Tel: 780.645.3277 ext 30



Masses For The Week

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Mar 1 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	RIP Lisa Boissonnault - Shirley	Eighth
Mar 2 Sun - dim	9:00 am	For Parishioners	Sunday of
	11:00 am	RIP Rosa Gennaro - Angela	Ordinary Time
Mar 4 Tues - mar	8:30 am	Deceased Bulger Family - Irma	
Mar 5 Wed - mer	10:00 am	(Lodge) Deceased and living members of La Brie & Leduc Families – Yvonne Leduc	Ash Wednesday
	7:00 pm	RIP Edward Kryskow – Bernie & Denise Hittinger	
Mar 6 Thurs - jeu	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP Gerald St. Martin – Germaine Nault	
Mar 7 Fri - ven	8:30 am	Special Intention	First Friday
	9-6:30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	6:10 pm	Rosary & Benediction	
	6:30 pm	Way of The Cross	
	7:00 pm	Deceased members of our Parish - Parishioner	
Mar 8 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	RIP Marie Vansevenandt - Isabel	First
Mar 9 Sun - dim	9:00 am	For Parishioners	Sunday of
	11:00 am	Deceased Relatives – Robert & Lillian Bokenfohr	Lent

PLEASE PRAY FOR... Carol Jean, Kiah Courtney, Irene Dupuis, Eugene Scantland, Father Michael; Claire Hebert; all those who are sick or struggling; who are going through any medical procedures and treatments; expecting mothers; peace in our families, community and the world.



We welcome to God's family

Ethan Bradley Shmyr, son of Bradley & Kim,
baptized on February 23rd, 2014

Tate Logan Provencal, son of Michael & Katelyn
& **Ellie Rose Henebury**, daughter of Joseph & Ashley
baptized on February 24th, 2014



Envelopes for 2014

There are still some envelopes at the back of the church for pick-up. If you are not registered to the parish or do not have envelopes, and would like to receive a new box, please fill out the Registration Form available at the back church and place it in the collection basket.

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday March 6th.

February 23rd \$ 2,923.00 Restoration \$ 90.00
Catholic Missions in Canada \$ 50.00
Children's Charity \$ 343.00

COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES

THANK YOU! MERCI!

Tax Receipts for 2013 are ready to be picked up.

Please talk to the Hospitality person at the back of the church.

Thank you very much to all for your contribution and ongoing support of our parish.



Lenten Folders are now available at the back of the church. The money collected from the folders go towards vocations in our Diocese of St. Paul.

Lenten Reflection are available at the back of the church on a table to help us to pray and grow in faith as we take this journey through Lent. Please help yourself.

NEW Ash Wednesday Mass with Pope Francis - **LIVE**

Pope Francis leads a penitential procession from the Church of Sant' Anselmo to the Church of Santa Sabina and celebrates Ash Wednesday Mass in Rome.

► **Wed, Mar 5 at 10:30am ET / 7:30am PT**



View schedule for more times, go to <http://saltandlighttv.org/schedule/>



Morinville Community High School Open House & Career Fair

March 13th 2014, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

9506 – 100 Avenue 780-939-6891

MORINVILLE
COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

Everyone Welcome See why M.C.H.S. is rated one of the top high schools in Alberta!

Want your children to learn more about the Pope? There's an 'app' for that

February 23, 2014. From studying the main message in some of the Pope's speeches, tweets or homilies, to a coloring game and comic strip

With his **direct style**, it's no surprise the Pope's words have reached millions, **including children**.

From general audiences, to his 77th birthday: It's obvious he has a way with words and knows how to connect with kids. For those who can't go to **Rome** to personally greet the Pope, **there's an app** that brings his message directly to them. It's called the **'The Pope Francis Comics'** app. Produced by **Master New Media**, kids can play and pray. From studying the main message in some of the Pope's **speeches, tweets or homilies**, to a coloring game and comic strip.

Since the Pope is constantly asking everyone to pray for him, now kids can join in too, through this **application**. It's available in **German and English** and it can be downloaded for \$2.99 through iTunes. Other good apps are: 'ThePopeApp', 'Pope Trivia', 'Catholic Trivia', 'Salt + Light', 'The Catholic Game'.

Family Fun in March

Join us on Sunday March 23rd 4:00 – 6:00 pm. at Fountain Park Pool.

Enjoy time with each other splashing around in either the leisure (small) pool or big pool, or simply relax in the hot pool. All ages are welcome to enjoy this fun evening out. Please RSVP at familyfun@sjbp.ca by March 17th. Donations are welcome to help offset the cost of events.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Dust Angels	- March 3 rd , Monday 8:00 am	- Church
RCIA	- March 4 th , Tuesday 7:00 pm	- Rectory Downstairs

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK! "He who angers you.... controls you!"

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

