



SACRED HEART PARISH

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An inviting faith community building up the Body of Christ

MAY 17, 2020 - THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

MARY: OUR LIFE, OUR SWEETNESS, OUR HOPE

In order to understand rightly the reason why the holy Church calls Mary our life, we must consider that as the soul gives life to the body, so divine grace gives life to the soul; for a soul without grace, though nominally alive, in truth is dead... As Mary, then, obtains for sinners, by her intercession, the gift of grace, she restores them to life. [...] Hence, to have recourse to Mary is to find the grace of God...

[...] St. Bernard gives encouragement to the sinner, and says: Go to this mother of mercy, and show her the wounds which your sins have inflicted upon your soul. Then she will certainly pray her Son that he may pardon you by the milk with which she has nourished him, and the Son who loves her so much will certainly hear her. So, too, the holy Church teaches us to pray the Lord to grant us the powerful intercession of Mary, that we may arise from our sins, in the following prayer: "Grant us, oh merciful God! strength against all our weakness; that we who celebrate the memory of the holy mother of God, may, by the help of her intercession, arise again from our iniquities".

Finally, Mary is rightly called aurora: *Who is she that comes forth as the morning rising?* (Sg 6:10). Because, as Pope Innocent says, aurora is the end of night, and the beginning of day, well is the Virgin Mary, who is the end of vices and the beginning of virtues, designated as aurora. And the same effect which the birth of Mary produced in the world, devotion to her produces in the soul; she puts an end to the night of sin, and leads the soul into the way of virtue. [...]

No sinner need ever fear that he shall be rejected by Mary, if he has recourse to her mercy. No, for she is mother of mercy; and as such, desires to save the most miserable. Mary is that happy ark in which he who takes refuge will never suffer the shipwreck of eternal ruin... [T]he vilest sinners, when they flee to Mary, are not cast out, but welcomed and saved from eternal death.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

In this time of quarantine,
Fr. Roger will be celebrating daily Mass
for the following intentions:

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sun, May 17 - *Pro Populo* (9:30am Live-stream)

Mon, May 18 - *+Willard Swampy*

Tue, May 19 - *+Marie Wilmot*

Wed, May 20 - *+Lydia Foster*

Thu, May 21 - *+Herminhilda Angeles*

Fri, May 22 - *Todd & Marsha Omeasoo & Family*

Sat, May 23 - *Danny Rabel*

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sun, May 24 - *Pro Populo* (9:30am Live-stream)

RESOURCES

MARIAN PRAYER:

MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

PRAYER TO MARY FOR PROTECTIONS DURING THE PANDEMIC –

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis by the Knights of Columbus. Link to the Prayer Card: [A Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic](#)

VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS – Online Pentecost Retreat & Novena, May 23-31. Includes live-streamed Mass, talks, prayer and discussions, to prepare us to celebrate Pentecost. Specifically geared toward teens and young adults. For more info or to register, visit mikeisthird.com/veni

UPCOMING SPECIAL MASSES - celebrated by Abp. Smith; broadcast on Telus Optik TV **Channel 876** or live-streamed on Facebook [@archedmonton](#):

- **Mass for Catholic Education Day – 9am, Thur, May 21**
- **Mass for Indigenous Peoples – 9am, Wed, May 20**

LIVE-STREAMED & TELEVISED MASSES:

- **Fr. Roger:** 9:30AM Sundays on Facebook [@sacredheart-wetaskiwin](#)
- **Archbishop Smith:** 10:30AM Sundays on Facebook [@archedmonton](#) or Telus Optik TV **Channel 876*** (*Changed).
- **Other Parishes' Masses & Exposition:** bit.ly/2JjDAGZ
- **Daily TV Mass:** bit.ly/3amhQWN

OTHER ONLINE FAITH RESOURCES:

- FORMED.org – Free access to movies, programs, talks, children's resources (Parish code no-longer needed)
- [The Kid's Bulletin](#) – Weekly activities that correspond to Sunday readings
- Catholic.org – Daily reflections, faith classes, and more
- CatholicTV.org – Daily Mass, programs, and more
- More resources on our Website – [Catholic Resources](#) and [Resources for During the Pandemic](#)

Don't forget to read your Bible and a good spiritual book.

DEACONS CORNER – Wednesdays at 3:30pm on Facebook [@DeaconsCornerRadio](#)

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

COVID UPDATES:

As some of the restrictions on gatherings in Alberta are being lifted (including for churches), the Catholic Bishops are working to discern the gradual reinstatement of public Masses. Details to come.

Go to www.caedm.ca, with links to [Grandin Media](#) and [Quid Novum](#) for more info, as well as [Archbishop Smith's Blog](#).

FAITH IN A TIME OF CRISIS – A new series on Salt + Light TV about finding and living the faith amid crisis. Check out their recent [episode with Archbishop Smith](#).

PARISH NEWS

ROSARY PRAYER MEETINGS – Join other parishioners from home, via *Zoom*, to pray the Rosary for *the life of our Parish & Missions, and an end to the pandemic*. **Mondays at 8pm.** Enter Meeting ID: **525-940-3114** and Password: **jesus** For instructions go to: sacredheartchurch.ca/events/rosary

PARISH FINANCES – Thanks to all who've continued donating to the Parish during this pandemic. While donations are lower than usual, we're able to keep our Parish staff for now. Ways to donate:

- **Cheque:** Mail, drop off at the Office or slip through doors
- **Pre-authorized Debit:** Call the Parish Office
- **EFT:** Call the Parish Office
- **Credit Card:** Donate online through caedm.ca

STAY CONNECTED

We're still here to serve you!

OUTREACH PHONE MINISTRY – We've set up a ministry team for prayer, support, and to build community. Please contact the Office if you'd like this support.

BULLETIN – Sign up to receive our Bulletin by email.

CONFESSION – Call to set up an appointment with Fr. Roger.

HOLY WATER – Regular water can be brought in and blessed.

PRIVATE PRAYER – During Office Hours

SACRED HEART PARISH IS NOW ON FACEBOOK!



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