**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, March 24th (5:00 p.m.) ✞Lucien Nadeau

Sunday, March 25th 11:00 a.m. Karen Fleming

**DECORATING HELPERS NEEDED** - Mark your calendars to come on out and help us with decorating.

Help is needed Thursday, March 29th at 10:00 am. Friday, March 30th at 10:00 am and Saturday March 31st at 10:00 a.m. for Easter No experience needed, just show up and lend a hand.

Ladies, our Catholic Women's League council meets every 4th Tuesday of the month except for July and August. Feel free to join us on Thursday, March 27th at 7:00 pm in the small meeting room downstairs in the Parish Hall. For more information contact Marguerite Attlebery (780-929-1450) or Megan Testa (780-929-9660).

"The Knights of Columbus wishes to thank all who contributed to the Food Bank drive held on the  Feb. 24th/25th weekend. Your generosity enabled us to deliver 215lbs. of food to the Leduc and District  Foodbank! Next Drive is this weekend March 24/25.

Remember, the Knights sponsor a drive on the 4th. weekend of every month.

Are you seeking a closer relationship with Jesus in the company of friends? The **Edmonton** **Archdiocesan Cursillo Movement** offers a unique method through which one’s faith may be nurtured, lived and shared with other Christians. If you’re longing

* To deepen your relationship with Christ,
* To participate in Christ’s mission f sharing God’s unconditional love,
* To share in a supportive Christian Community

Then CONSIDER making a Cursillo three-day weekend! The Women’s Weekend is scheduled for May 3-6, 2018 and the Men’s Weekend is being held on May 10-13, 2018. To register or obtain more information about the Cursillo Movement please contact Dave Kornder at kornder@telusplanet.net or Rebecca Krotetch at rbkroetch@gmail.com or Christine Smits at 780-909-6976.

***Together We Serve*** supports 11 different Catholic organizations and institutions. Your gift to this annual appeal helps support Christians in the Holy Land by providing protection and upkeep of shrines, basilicas and churches as well as helping with pastoral work, Catholic schools, needs of convents and social assistance. (This was formerly the Needs of the Holy Land Collection taken up on Good Friday.) Thank you for supporting *Together We Serve*

**Living in the Word** – I invite each member of our Archdiocese to examine their practice of turning to God for mercy. Let us each consider: When was the last time I went to confession? How often do I seek the Lord’s mercy in this wonderful sacrament? How often do I seek the Lord’s mercy in this wonderful sacrament? These are essential questions that every missionary disciple must ponder with great seriousness, because only by receiving God’s mercy can we become its agents for others.

*(Archbishop Smith, Pastoral Letter)*

**SPECIAL NOTES ABOUT HOLY WEEK**

Incense Alert: Incense will be used on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil.

Silence Requested: In order to honour the solemnity of the occasion, all people are asked to leave the Holy Thursday Mass in silence and enter and leave the Good Friday service in silence.

Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat. On Good Friday, all Catholics 14 years of age and older are asked to abstain from eating meat and those between 18 and 59 are asked to fast (taking no more than one full meal; two smaller meals are permitted to maintain strength). This should be seen as a joyful act of anticipation as we look forward to the celebration of Easter.

Easter Vigil: Bells: Please bring your bells from home to ring during the Gloria at Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday. Please attend the beautiful Easter Vigil Mass. Attending the Vigil meets the Sunday obligation

**Blessing of the Festive Foods:** In many cultures, the blessing of the Easter foods is an important custom. We invite you to bring a sampling of whatever foods you will eat at Easter for a special blessing. You may bring salt and Easter bread for a blessing on Holy Thursday and the blessing of the Easter Foods/Baskets occurs on Easter Sunday at both masses.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  |  |

**EASTER TRIDUUM** The events of the Triduum are events which embody the whole of our Christian life. The signs and symbols, the Scriptures, the special activities - all serve to remind us of who we are in and through Christ and how wonderful is God's care for us. All of this we bring to the Triduum. Because we cannot separate the death of Jesus from his resurrection, the Easter Triduum is a single celebration that lasts for three days. As feet are washed, we remember our call to be servants for one another; we honor the cross as the means of our new life and we celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord. We remember that life is given us; we break bread together and share the cup of salvation. We see the Light of Christ shine brightly within the darkness that will never overpower it.

**March 28th - HOLY THURSDAY - Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00 pm**

 **Adoration until 11:00 p.m.**

The Triduum observance begins Holy Thursday evening with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper. The Liturgy’s washing of the feet recalls Christ’s love for us made manifest in the Eucharist and in the sacrifice of the Mass. The Mass of the Lord's Supper ends in silence; there is no closing procession because our celebration has not ended. We are invited to "stay awhile" and keep watch with Christ in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, as we prepare for Good Friday.

**March 29th- GOOD FRIDAY – Outdoor Way of the Cross at 1:30 p.m.**

 **The Passion of the Lord 3:00 pm.**

Today is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat (to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare to share more deeply in the joy of the resurrection). The Cross is brought forward in solemn procession - not as an instrument of death but as the means of our salvation. "This is the wood of the Cross, from which hung the Savior of the World." We do not despise the Cross - rather we venerate it. We come forward; we bow before it, kiss it, touch it with our hand, or stand before it and say a short prayer. We keep watch in the silence and darkness, and remember the focus of our faith: that by dying Christ destroyed our death and by rising he has restored our life**.**

**March 30th - HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL - Mass of the Resurrection 9:00 pm**

The Triduum reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, celebrated on Holy Saturday night. We proclaim with fire, water and song that Christ is risen. We listen to the Scripture stories of how God has made Himself present to people from the time of creation to the resurrection. During this night the people of God keep watch as they await the resurrection of the Lord and celebrate it in the Sacraments of Initiation. These "Three Days" are at the heart of the Paschal Mystery; they remind us of death and rebirth and are the most important days of celebration in the Catholic Church. For the next 50 days (Easter Season) we walk in joyful celebration along the road from betrayal and suffering, to death and resurrection with Jesus Christ who walked that way first - for us.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  |  |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|

|  |
| --- |
|  |

 |