



# SACRED HEART PARISH

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*An inviting faith community building up the Body of Christ*

## APRIL 12, 2020 - EASTER SUNDAY - THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, YEAR A

### THE JOY OF THE RESURRECTION

Easter is the most joyful time of the year for us Christians, as we celebrate Jesus' victory over sin and death, the great love He expressed through His Cross and Resurrection. *[He] broke the prison-bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld*, we sing during the Vigil (Exultet). This is our joy — even amid a pandemic! Since Jesus died for our sins and rose from the dead, we know that our suffering in this life isn't the end, that our current separation from each other and the Sacraments isn't the end. These are temporary, but Jesus' victory is eternal! This is our hope and consolation.

While it may feel that Easter is different this year or that we're distant from God and the Church in this time of separation, I think it's an opportunity for us to experience the power of the Resurrection in a new way. Jesus died and rose again to draw us to Himself (cf. Jn 12:32); now He's using this pandemic to draw us more deeply into prayer and communion with Him, to look beyond the darkness of isolation, fear, sin, and death to see the light of God's presence and grace.

The glory of the Risen Jesus symbolised by the Paschal Candle scattering the darkness becomes even more real for us this year (even though that rite is omitted from the Vigil this year), as we find consolation and strength in the Love that brought us joy through the Cross. Jesus didn't simply rise from the dead as a moment in history; His Resurrection continues: He IS risen!

This year, as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus through video and without our extended families, may we do so with great joy, knowing that Jesus loves us, that He saves us, and that He is with us through this challenging time. May we always entrust ourselves to His providence, grace and guidance.

**Easter greetings and blessings to each of you and your families!!  
Christ is risen! Alleluia, Alleluia! Truly He is risen! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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### COMMITTEES & GROUPS

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### EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

**EASTER SUNDAY—THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**  
**Sun, Apr 12 - Pro Populo (9:30am Live-stream)**

**Mon, Apr 13 - Todd & Marsha & Family**

**Tue, Apr 14 - +Darrell Foley**

**Wed, Apr 15 - Mary Rabel**

**Thu, Apr 16 - Steven Rabel**

**Fri, Apr 17 - +Eileen Dubuc**

**Sat, Apr 18 - +Florence & Emile Blackburne**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**Sun, Apr 19 - Pro Populo (9:30am Live-stream)**

## RESOURCES

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT AS WE ENDURE THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK ALL MASSES AND PARISH EVENTS ARE CANCELLED FOR YOUR SAFETY.

**LIVE-STREAMED & TELEVISED MASSES** — Several options are available for daily, Sunday and Easter Masses:

- **Fr. Roger:** 9:30AM Sundays on Facebook [@sacredheartwetaskiwin](https://www.facebook.com/sacredheartwetaskiwin)
- **Archbishop Smith:** 10:30AM Sundays on Facebook [@archedmonton](https://www.facebook.com/archedmonton)
- **Other Parishes' Masses & Adoration:** [bit.ly/2JjDAGZ](https://bit.ly/2JjDAGZ)
- **Salt + Light TV:** Free for all cable subscribers until 1 May 2020. Includes daily Mass with Pope Francis. For details, visit [saltandlighttv.org/subscribe](https://saltandlighttv.org/subscribe)
- **Daily TV Mass:** For details, visit [bit.ly/3amhQWN](https://bit.ly/3amhQWN)

**AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION** — Can't receive Holy Communion? Make a *Spiritual Communion!* a prayer asking Jesus to come to you in the same way He would if you could:

*MY JESUS,  
I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there,  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

**TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR HOME-TIME TO STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH AND PRAYER LIFE WITH ONLINE RESOURCES:**

- [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org) Use our **Parish subscription** for movies, children's programs, talks, study programs, e-books & more! To register: **1.** Click "sign in" **2.** Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization" **3.** Find our Parish by name or by our code: **7X4XFP** **4.** Enter your email—you're in!
- [Catholic.org/covid19/](https://www.catholic.org/covid19/) and [Catholic.org/](https://www.catholic.org/)
- [The Kids Bulletin](https://www.thekidsbulletin.com/) Fun weekly activities that correspond with Sunday readings to help kids grow in the Faith

**PALMS**— Palms were blessed during the live streamed Palm Sunday Mass but will be distributed at a later date as per Archdiocesan directive.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** — Online resources:

- [facebook.com/DeaconsCornerRadio/](https://www.facebook.com/DeaconsCornerRadio/) - Now live on Facebook every Wed @ 3:30pm. This week's episode D. Leo will share his personal testimony with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Episodes are archived so check out last week's talk on the Divine Mercy Novena
- [thedivinemercy.org/celebrate](https://www.thedivinemercy.org/celebrate).

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**UPDATES AND INFO FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE**

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

Visit [caedm.ca/covid](https://www.caedm.ca/covid) for COVID-19 updates as well as other resources:

- Links to prayer resources and Mass texts including [Living With Christ](#) for free
- Abp Smith's homily texts & teaching on Indulgences

**LIVING IN THE WORD OF GOD**

*Excerpts from Archbishop Smith's Pastoral Letter*

Each of us is sent "into the world" in service so that it be transformed with the power of the Gospel of our Lord. What is the Lord asking of me? [caedm.ca/Letter](https://www.caedm.ca/Letter)

## PARISH NEWS

**PARISH FINANCES** – During this time without public Mass, our Parish has essentially lost all revenue. Please consider continuing your donations in this time. During this COVID-19 outbreak there are a few options to continue to donate:

- **Mail or drop-off a cheque** in the West side mailbox
- Call the office to set up **Pre-authorized Debit** for a once/month transaction. It can be cancelled at any point if you prefer it to just be temporary.

- Make an **online credit card donation** to our parish through the Archdiocese of Edmonton Website: [Donations to Archdiocesan Parishes](#). You will immediately receive a tax receipt and your donation will be forwarded to our Parish.

**FLOWER MINISTRY** - Thanks to those whose donations add to the beauty of our Liturgical services - including Palm Sunday, Easter, and continued live-streamed Sunday Masses.

## STAY CONNECTED

The church is still here to serve you!

**OUTREACH PHONE MINISTRY** – We're setting up a ministry team to do weekly check-in calls to parishioners to pray, to support and to build community. If you'd like this type of support please contact the Office to give us permission to call.

**CONFESSION** - Call to set up an appointment with Fr. Roger.

**HOLY WATER** - Regular water can be brought in to be blessed.

**BULLETIN** - Provide us with your email address to receive an emailed copy each week.

**SACRED HEART PARISH IS NOW ON FACEBOOK!**



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Like and Follow our page for latest Parish news and spiritual resources.