

## The Beauty of Stewardship

### Bulletin reflections

Week of April 24, 2011

#### (The Resurrection of the Lord)

The word "catholic" means "universal," in the sense of "according to the totality" or "in keeping with the whole." the Church is catholic in a double sense: First, the Church is catholic because Christ is present in

her. "Where there is Christ Jesus, there is the Catholic Church." (St. Ignatius of Antioch) In her subsists the fullness of Christ's body united with its head; this implies that she receives from him the fullness of the means of salvation which he has willed: correct and complete confession of faith, full sacramental life, and ordained ministry in apostolic succession.

(Cardinal Rodriguez, Feb. 17, 2011)

#### REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

What does the catholicity of the Church mean to me? What difference does the Church's catholicity make to my experience of our faith?

#### ACTION:

Take the time to ask someone of a different cultural tradition how they live out this time of Lent and Easter within the Catholic Church. See if there is something that you might incorporate in your own life to deepen your observance and celebration of this season.

#### Mother's Day Prayer Service

Edmonton Catholic Cemeteries invites all parishioners to join us in a Mother's Day Prayer Service to be held at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery, 4804 Meridian Street (Whitemud Freeway) and HOLY Cross Cemetery—14611 Mark Messier Trail NW, Sunday, May 8th at 3:00 p.m. Please join us for this special celebration as we remember to give thanks on Mother's Day.

#### Nothing More Beautiful

#### The Church We Believe in is

#### Apostolic

#### Thursday, May 5

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend the final evening this year in the *Nothing More Beautiful* series exploring "The Beauty of Life in Communion." We are blessed to have Father Raniero Cantalamessa as our catechist and Cam and Nadine MacDonnell as our lay witnesses.

Father Cantalamessa is a gifted speaker and author who preaches to the Holy Father in his role as Preacher to the Papal Household at the Vatican. The MacDonnells are an Edmonton couple who will share the life moments that have inspired their faith journey. Join us at St. Joseph's Basilica, 7 p.m. on **Thursday, May 5**, for an evening of prayer, beautiful music and inspirational presentations as we celebrate the joy of the Easter season. Children's program is available for ages 3-9.

#### Nothing More Beautiful

#### Young Adults Potluck

#### Thursday, May 5

Young adults and World Youth Day pilgrims are invited to gather prior to the next *Nothing More Beautiful* encounter with Archbishop Smith and the guests for the evening, Rev. Raniero Cantalamessa and Cam and Nadine MacDonnell. We will once again meet for a Potluck Supper at 5 p.m. in the O'Leary Hall of St. Joseph's Basilica. Please bring your favourite dish to share. There will be time for informal discussion and questions and answers. Following the potluck gathering, we will make our way upstairs to hear them speak at the *Nothing More Beautiful* encounter: The Church We Believe in is Apostolic.



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## 堂區通訊 Parish Newsletter

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耶穌復活主日

『主真的復活了，我們是祂的見証人！』

藉著今天的三篇讀經，我們做出以下三點反思：

#### (一) 聖神是一切的主導者

我們每個人都有不同的局限。有時我們因為堅持一些個人的看法或做法，而導致生命結不出果子來。我們該學習聆聽天主聖神的旨意，讓他開拓我們的視野，突破我們的局限，好讓天主的恩惠能藉著我們的服從和信賴傳遍世界。就像伯多祿一樣，在聖神的引導下，他開拓了福傳的新領域，讓我們也祈求聖神在這復活期中，幫助我們活出基督的新生命，以信德的眼光來看待生命的意義。

#### (二) 信從基督的人必與基督的生命共融

所有基督徒應該擁有超越塵世的生活態度。現世的生命不是永遠的。如果我們能够把自己的生命結合在主耶穌的生命內，我們就會與他一起在天堂內。儘管我們現在仍生活在塵世中，但是我們需要有一個完整和正確的人生觀。我們要把人生的目的地放在天國裏，而不是把今世的死亡看作是生命的結束。主復活的訊息一再提醒我們，生命已經戰勝死亡，光明已經戰勝黑暗。我們該在這塵世中懷著信心，邁向基督永恒的國度。

#### (三) 愛讓我們相信并認出復活的主

伯多祿和那位主所愛的門徒，他們同時看見一座空墳，但是伯多祿沒有任何靈性的反應，而主所愛的門徒看見後就相信了。肉眼看見并不一定會引導人擁有信德。藉著愛，我們才能相信主已經復活了，并在人群中認出他。這位主所愛的門徒從一座空墳中，就相信主已經復活了。重點不是在那座空墳的啓示，而是他在心中對主的愛與信賴。愛令他更認識和瞭解主，這是其他人所感受不到和瞭解不了的。

## 聖母月敬禮聖母

五月是聖母月，堂區為敬禮聖母瑪利亞及妥善地準備慶祝主保慶日，在五月份每台主日彌撒前二十分鐘，恭念玫瑰經，請各位教友準時出席，表示對天上慈母的孝愛和感謝她這些年來對我們堂區的保護和助佑。

## **少青組瓶罐回收運動**

少青組將於**5月1日星期日**舉辦瓶罐回收。教友可在彌撒前後將瓶罐交給少青組會員，由他們代您將瓶罐投入卡車內。參望**4月30日**星期六彌撒的教友亦可將瓶罐留放於禮堂(近廚房門口)的瓶罐收集箱附近。這次瓶罐收入將透過天主教慈善機構 Development & Peace 為日本災後重建籌款。希望教友們多多支持！

## **堂區廿五週年紀念家庭相簿**

家庭相簿工作小組正在進行相簿的編輯工作，請還未拍照或提供家庭或個人照片的教友將現有的近照連同相中各位的中英文姓名和聯絡電話在五月一日前電郵[ccpdirectory@gmail.com](mailto:ccpdirectory@gmail.com)或交去堂區辦公室，大家也可致電780 9353903直接與工作小組聯絡。

## 恭賀慕道者

在四月廿三日(星期六)晚上復活慶典的夜間禮儀中，有四位兄弟姊妹：鍾慧蘭、馮李雪英、何欣邁及羅達堅領受入門聖事，堂區熱烈歡迎這四位新教友加入我們的家庭，願主助佑她們，在信仰生命中不斷成長。

## **健康舞班招生**

健康舞班將於四月中旬開始教授扇舞，上課時間是逢星期六下午一時至三時，學費為每月二十元，如有興趣者，請與Ken或Amy Li聯絡，電話為780-487-0484.

## **主日彌撒捐獻 Sunday Collection**

二零一一年四月十六、十七日  
**April 16 & 17, 2011**

主日捐獻Sunday Collection	\$ 2,816.60
爲日本重建Japan Reconstruction	\$ 3,855.07
特別捐獻Special Offering	\$ 70.00
維修捐獻Maintenance	\$ 20.00

## **Women's Weekend Retreat**

April 29 - May 1/11  
Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre,  
Cochrane, AB.  
Retreat Theme: **Life's Spiritual Journey**  
For information or to register contact:  
Joyce Forchuk 780-987-4019  
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## Devotion to Mary in May

May is the Month of our Blessed Mother Mary. In order to demonstrate our devotion to Mary and prepare ourselves for the Parish Patron Feast Day, the Rosary will be recited 20 minutes before all three Sunday Masses every weekend in May. Please arrive on time so that together we can give thanks to Mary for all the blessings and help she has given our Parish over the past years.

## **25th anniversary**

### **Parish Family Photo Directory**

The production of photo directory is currently in editing stage. If you or your family has yet to take or submit the photo, please provide your recent photo with contact phone number and both Chinese and English names for everyone in the photo by email to [ccpdirectory@gmail.com](mailto:ccpdirectory@gmail.com) or drop off the parish office. The production team can be contacted directly at [780 9353903](tel:7809353903). The submission deadline is May 1.

## **Vigil and Mass for Life**

Mark your calendar - all parishioners are encouraged to pray in a special way this May for the protection and promotion of human life in all its stages, from conception to natural death. Join us in a Vigil for Life at St. Joseph's Basilica, 6:30-10 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 11**. All are welcome to attend any portion of the evening. You are also invited to join Archbishop Smith in celebrating a Mass for Life at the Basilica the following day, **Thursday, May 12**, at 10:30 a.m.

## **Adolescence Group Bottle Drive for Development and Peace**

The Adolescence Group will be arranging a bottle drive on **Sunday, May 1st**!! When you bring in your cans, bottles, milk jugs, juice tetra packs, and other refundables before and after each Mass on that day, AG members will help you collect them. For those attending the Saturday Mass on April 30<sup>th</sup>, please leave your refundables near the collection bin next to the kitchen door in the Parish Hall. The proceeds from this bottle drive will go to Development & Peace and Caritas Japan to help reconstruction and relief efforts there. We hope that you will support our efforts by collecting and bringing in all your refundables!

## **CCCB Election Guide Released**

With a federal election campaign underway, the Commission for Justice and Peace of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has issued a guide inviting Catholics to vote with discernment. In its "Federal Election 2011 Guide", the Commission lists some basic principles from Catholic moral and social teaching to help voters analyse and evaluate public policies and programs. The document focuses especially on respect for life and the dignity of the human person, social justice, the family, world peace and the environment. While recognizing there are times when "choices may prove very difficult," the Commission for Justice and Peace also observes that a well-formed Christian conscience does not permit one to vote for a political program or an individual law which opposes or differs from the fundamental content of faith and morals. The Election Guide can be downloaded from [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca).