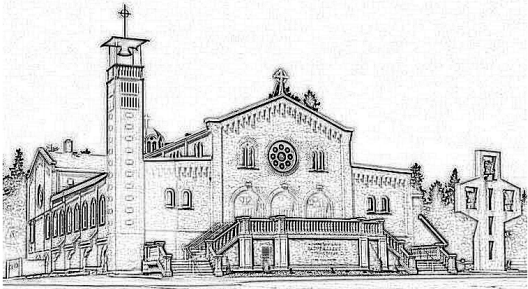


St. Albert Catholic Parish



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Monday to Friday 9 am-12 noon/
1 pm-4 pm

Weekend Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday

Main Church 5:00 PM
Sturgeon Hospital Chapel 6:30 PM

Sunday

Main Church 9 AM & 11 AM
Chapelle Connelly McKinley 10h (Francais)

Weekday Eucharistic Liturgies

Tuesday – Friday 8:30 AM (Chapel of Immaculate
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Fr. Maynard Boomars, OMI

February 28, 2010
Second Sunday of Lent
(Year C)

Mission Statement

*Daring to walk in the footsteps of those who came
before us to this mission hill, we,
St. Albert Catholic Parish,
strive to become the living presence of Christ by
being a sacramental and socially active community
of faith.*

*We gather on a prayerful journey
to nurture one another and
together with our youth we further enrich our
tradition.*

*United as God's people,
we care for the sacred universe created for the
benefit of all.*

This week in the parish: March 1-7, 2010

Monday

8 AM-3PM – VJM School Retreat
7 PM – Jubilee Sub-Committee Welcome Mtg.

Tuesday

8 AM-3PM – VJM School Retreat
8:30 AM – Eucharist (Chapel)
7 PM – Social Justice Mtg. (Library)
7:15 PM – French Choir (Chapel)

Wednesday

8 AM-3PM – VJM School Retreat
8:30 AM – Eucharist (Chapel)
7 PM – RCIA (Lacombe Rm.)
K.C. Exec. Mtg. (Library)

Thursday

8:30 AM – Eucharist (Chapel)
7:30 PM – Oblate Guatemala Committee Mtg.
7:30 PM – Celebration Singers

Friday

8:30 AM – Eucharist (Chapel)

Saturday: Vigil 3rd Sunday of Lent

5 PM – Eucharist

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

9 AM – Eucharist
11 AM – Eucharist (RCIA 1st Scrutiny)
Pancake Breakfast
(hosted by Knights of Columbus)
Fair Trade



Luke 9.28-36

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

1st Reading: Exodus 3.1-8, 13-15

2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13.1-9

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

February 28 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

At the top of the mountain Peter and his companions were blessed to witness the glory of God present in the person of Christ. It was *good for them to be there*. We do not have to climb to the top of a mountain to experience God's glory. We see God's glory every day in simple acts of generosity and kindness. We good stewards know that when we use and share our gifts for God's glory, and **not** our own, our lives can be transfigured. As good stewards we all have a role to play in advancing God's Kingdom, it is *good for us to be here!*

Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of
Winnipeg, www.archwinnipeg.ca

Notice of Annual General Meeting

All parishioners are cordially invited to join us at our Annual General Meeting this Sunday, February 28, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the church hall. The agenda includes reports from the various ministries, building and finance committees and Father Andrew. Packages containing all the reports are available for pick-up in the church foyer. We hope you will take this opportunity to review the material and come to the meeting with your questions. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Parish Pastoral Council

Lenten Penitential Celebration

Thursday, March 11th at 7pm.

Refreshments to follow in the parish hall.

**Development and Peace
Share Lent and World Hunger**



The "Partner In Action" insert in your Sunday Bulletin gives a very clear visual and verbal account of how the poor and marginalized Afro-Columbian communities in the South American Country of Columbia struggle to assert their human rights in the interest and hope for a life that respects their dignity and struggle for justice. When land, needed by the community for its basic food supply, is forcefully taken by acts of intimidation and violence for the purpose of supplying African palm biomass to produce agro-fuels for the transport industry rather than to feed people, a severe injustice is imposed on these vulnerable people. Once again it is a situation where "profit comes before people." The self serving interests of greed and power smother the legitimate aspirations of the poor. Food sovereignty is sacrificed for industrial interests.

Development and Peace through its partnering with the "Interchurch Justice and Peace Commission" in Columbia, has given voice and support to the Afro-Columbian communities in their struggle to obtain the legitimate rights to their land. In the words of those on the front lines of the struggle, "They (members of Justice and Peace, and Development and Peace) offer us support so that we can once again grow our own food and thanks to them and to you who also support us, we have found some peace."

Along with responding to crises such as the earthquake in Haiti, Development and Peace has, for over forty years, supported and directed development projects in the Global South. By being in solidarity with their indigenous partners, Development and Peace endeavors to empower these partners to be self reliant and self directed rather than become victims of a paternalistic dependency.

Thank you and God's Blessings for your overwhelming generosity towards the Haiti Emergency Fund and please extend this same spirit of support and good will towards the 2010 Share Lent Collection to be held on Palm Sunday.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

March 27/28 – **Palm Sunday**

Saturday:

9:30-12Noon - **Individual Reconciliation**

(last scheduled reconciliation before Easter)

5pm - *Celebration of the Lord's Passion*

Sunday:

9am & 11 am - *Celebration of the Lord's Passion*

April 1 – **Holy Thursday**

7 pm: *Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

11pm – Holy Hour

April 2 – **Good Friday**

12Noon & 3pm - *Celebration of the Lord's Passion*

April 3 – **Holy Saturday**

9am – RCIA Retreat

2pm – Blessing of Easter Baskets

5pm – Mass **Cancelled**

8:30pm – *Easter Vigil Celebration*

April 4 – **Easter Sunday**

6am – *Easter Sunrise Celebration*

9am – *Easter Sunday Celebration*

11am – *Easter Sunday Celebration*

SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2010 @ 6:30 PM for parents and children of Albert Lacombe, Father Jan and students from other schools

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2010 @ 6:30 PM for parents and children of Bertha Kennedy, J.J Nearing and Sturgeon Heights

Youth Ski-Trip

March 12 -14, 2010 ~ A Lake Louise Ski-Trip for Youth (Junior and Senior High). Accommodation (Canmore), transportation, meals, and lift-ticket for \$75. Contact: Pierre Ducharme, ofm, 780-459-6691 mrpducharme@hotmail.com ; for sign-up waiver.

Young Adults (18-38) interested in going to **World Youth Day** Madrid Spain in 2011? We will be having another bottle drive on March 6, 2010 (10 am - 3 pm). World Youth Day Pilgrims would like to thank those who dropped bottles off at the church last weekend, and invite them to do the same on Saturday, March 6. Next meeting is March 9 at 7pm in the Library. For information contact Pierre Ducharme, OFM at 780-459-6691 or mrpducharme@hotmail.com

World Day of Prayer 2010

Let everything that has breath praise God



Written by the women of Cameroon

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together the first Friday of March to observe a common day of prayer each year. Though World Day of Prayer, women affirm faith in Jesus Christ and become aware of the whole world; are enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures; share the burdens of other people and pray with them and for them; become aware of their own talents and use them in the service of God's world. Prayer and action are inseparable and both have immeasurable influence in the world.

We will join our neighbours in celebrating World Day of Prayer at: Braeside Presbyterian Church

6 Bernard Drive, St. Albert

March 5th, 2010, 7:30pm

For more info contact: [Mavis@ 780 458-2914](mailto:Mavis@780.458.2914) or [Margaret @780 651-2323](mailto:Margaret@780.651.2323)

Please join us!

Pancake Breakfast – Next Sunday, March 7th following Masses. Cost: \$15/family or \$5/person. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Everyone welcome, please join us! **Fair Trade** products will also be available for sale at the breakfast.

P3M Holy Hour: In celebration of the Jubilee Year for Priests, the Office of Vocations is pleased to present a monthly Holy Hour of prayer for priests and for the vocation of priesthood in this third millennium. Whether you are a priest or religious, consecrated or lay, single or married, this Holy Hour of prayer is meant to celebrate the gift of the priesthood and to help us grow in our universal call to holiness and service. This month's Holy Hour focuses on the theme of Prudence. Join us **Wednesday, March 24, 7:30 p.m.**, at St. Albert Parish (main church).

Cornerstone of Faith Campaign (construction of the new St. Joseph Seminary and Newman Theological College): The call of the Gospel is clear: our sacrificial gift given in a spirit of joy proves our willingness to care – because we are prepared to share. The assessed financial goal for our parish is \$72,000 (\$18,000 per year over 4 years). Your participation and support are critical. We would like to see a participation rate of 100 per cent. Your participation counts – and all gifts matter!

**PARISH MINISTRIES &
SACRAMENTAL INFO**

Pastoral Care Home Visits ...If you are in need or know of someone in need (shut-ins) who would like a home visit from a member of our pastoral home care team, call the parish office. The team members provide pastoral care to those of our parish who wish to receive Holy Communion, transportation to and from mass or a home visit for those just wishing to share and talk.

Hospital Patients: Please be aware that sometimes patients at the hospital do not have their religious affiliation recorded when they enter, particularly when they enter through emergency. Although the hospital makes a list of the patients each day according to their religious affiliation, those who have not listed their religion will not be on the list and will be missed by the people from the parish who are visiting the hospital patients. It is the responsibility of the patient or a family member to check to see if the patient's religion has been recorded by the hospital to ensure a visit by one of the pastoral team members. To parishioners who are bringing Holy Eucharist to the sick or to shut-ins, the parish office has communion prayer cards to accompany the pyx. These can be picked up at the parish office or at the main church from the priest.

Prayer Laudators - Within our parish we have a group of men and women called "*laudators*" (those who give praise) praying continually for our various needs. Our parish is most grateful for these prayers. If you have any special prayer request, contact the parish office. Open Door Prayer group meets every Thursday at 7pm in the Lacombe Room. All are welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul Charity Sale: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites you to shop for antiques, collectibles, housewares, furniture at their Charity Sale at St. Andrew's Centre Auditorium, 12720 - 111 Ave., Edmonton. Hours are noon-7 p.m. on **Thursday-Friday, March 11-12, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 13.** New items are added daily! All proceeds to support the society's work with the poor and needy.

BIRTHRIGHT NEEDS YOU! Are you interested in sharing your skills and experience in assisting Birthright in its life saving work?. We are looking for board members with financial, fundraising, administrative or office experience. Please call Pat at 780-963-0789 for more information.

40 Days for Life! If you had the chance to do something to end abortion, would you? Stand, Pray, Fast, Witness, Sacrifice. Don't worry if you haven't already signed up, the campaign runs for 40 days and we need all of you to make a commitment to pray for one hour at the clinic. Go to www.40daysforlife.com/edmonton, click on Vigil Sign up and go to the registration page to see the available times on the calendar and fill in the registration form. That's it! Then, help spread the word to everyone you know about the spring 40 Days for Life! The campaign runs throughout Lent. For more information contact Karen at 78-425-1637 or email to edmpl@interbaun.com

Share Lent and Haiti Benefit Concert: The Edmonton Archdiocesan Council for Development and Peace invites you to enjoy a Share Lent and Haiti Benefit Concert Fundraiser on **Friday, March 19**, 7 p.m. at McMahon Auditorium, Campus Saint Jean, 8406 rue Marie-Anne-Gaboury (91 Street), Edmonton. The concert will feature local artists performing poetry, music and dance from a wide variety of cultural backgrounds sure to get you in the social justice groove. The concert will also feature a special presentation by Pedro Landa, this year's Solidarity Visitor from Honduras. Mr. Landa is the Executive Director of Caritas Tegucigalpa in Honduras, a Development and Peace partner organization. All proceeds will go to the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, of which 10 per cent will go to continued disaster relief and reconstruction projects in Haiti. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the Development and Peace office, Catholic Pastoral Centre 8421 - 101 Avenue. Please call Marie-Claude or Angus at 780-424-1557 for more information.

Individual Reconciliation:

Saturdays, 9:30 – 11am ~ Main Church
or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: If you have a family member who is seriously ill in the home or at the hospital and is in need of the sacrament of the sick, please call the parish office and we will arrange for a visit to receive the sacraments.

Baptism: For Infants: Parents are invited to contact the parish office to register for baptism preparation. Our next preparation sessions will take place April 6 & 13, 2010. Parents attend both evenings and are welcome to prepare during the time of pregnancy. Baptisms take place the last weekend of each month during all masses. (No baptisms throughout the Lenten Season)

Marriage: All couples: ...wishing to be married in our parish are asked to contact the parish office at least 6 months before the proposed wedding date. An initial interview with the parish priest will be set up at which time the preparatory steps for celebrating the sacrament of marriage will be explained. Because of the importance of the sacrament and of the couple, the church requires that proper preparation take place. You may contact our office for information regarding a Marriage Preparation Course.

Christian Initiation:

For older children: ...6 years old and up, the church calls for a more extensive program of preparation called “Christian Initiation of Children”(C.I.C.). For further information, contact the parish office.

For Adults: ...who wish to seek membership into our faith community, we have the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.). Contact the parish office.

Sacramental Preparation for Children:

Parents are the primary educators of the faith of their children. To support you in this role, our parish offers meetings for parents and children beginning in September to prepare for **First Reconciliation First Eucharist, and Confirmation.** Celebrations for the sacrament of First Eucharist take place the **2nd and 3rd weekends of each month during all masses (with the exception of the Lenten season).**

Parish Ministry Contacts/Coordinators

- Council Chairperson.....Bernie McCracken
- Liturgy Committee.....Anna Vollmer
- Finance Committee....Debra McLennan/Ken Bokenfohr
- Building & Maintenance Committee.....Ron Bokenfohr
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
Coordinator.....Fr. Andrzej Stendzina, OMI
- Christian Initiation of Children (CIC)
Coordinator.....Fr. Andrzej Stendzina, OMI
- Music Ministry Team.....Carole Kube,
Laurianne Douville, Scott Venne, Jacqueline Harlton
- Children’s Liturgy.....Colleen Mahon
- Altar Server Coordinator.....Fr. Andrzej Stendzina, OMI
- Liturgy of the Word.....Jerry Moran
- Community Life Action Committee.....Rita McGregor
- Usher & Greeter Coordinator.....Joan Thom
- Arts and Environment.....Anna Vollmer
- Prayer Laudators.....Leona Plamondon
- Hospital Ministry.....Joan Brunner
- Social Justice/Development&Peace...Leslie Vandersteen
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul.....Margaret Gregson
- Oblate/ Guatemala Mission Committee...Deanne Riopel
- Pastoral Care.....Laurel Lutes
- Library.....Geneva Lander
- Catholic Women’s League.....Huguette van Halst
- Knights of Columbus.....Gerry Woodlock
- WebmasterRay Schmidt

webmaster.stalbertparish@gmail.com

New to the Parish / Change of address or marital status:	
Please fill in the form below and drop it in the offering basket or submit it to the parish office.	
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