

EPARCHIAL NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING EVENTS

The people of Ukraine continue to need your help. As the war continues in Ukraine, millions of the country's inhabitants are in dire straits often lacking the basic necessities of life. As part of your personal sacrifice, kindly consider making a donation towards providing emergency services and humanitarian and pastoral support to Ukrainians by offering care, medical supplies, food, clothing and shelter to displaced persons, the elderly and the sick, as well as educational programs and support to local priests.

Here's a [short video "Unbroken"](#) of how your donation is making a difference in the lives of those most affected by the war. The video highlights the "New Life" given to those who have lost a limb or another life-altering surgery and are on the road to recovery. While the short video clip is in Ukrainian, you'll get the idea.

Also, for just \$25, an emergency food package can provide much needed relief. With a donation of \$100, you can help purchase four food packages. Each package will feed two people for a week.

Donations may be made through your local parish, the Eparchy of Edmonton (www.ceparchy.com), or directly to Catholic Near East Welfare Association - Canada (cnewa.ca).

May God bless you and your family for your generosity.

We pray for peace in Ukraine.

New! Each year, on **Pentecost Sunday**, the Eparchy of Edmonton takes up a **collection** for **Aid to the Missionary Church in the World**.

Christ died for our sins on the life-giving wood of the Cross. His message of love, mercy and forgiveness is needed ever more in our broken world. As Christians, we are called to continue Jesus' mission of spreading the Good News, each according to our ability and means.

Concretely, the Church invites us to collaborate in the mission of the Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, by giving generously to the following international collections.

Peter's Pence – Peter's Pence, also known as "Pope's Pastoral Works" or "Papal Charities," is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father for those in need. A disastrous flood or earthquake strikes a nation at the other end of the world. Immediately many countries rush in food, medicine, blankets, money and trained people. Prominent among such aid is the financial help offered by the Holy Father. In the name of Catholics everywhere, the Pope displays Christ's love and compassion for those who suffer in times of disaster.

World Mission Fund – Some 90 years ago, the Holy Father instituted an annual observance of reflecting on and praying for the missions. The faithful are invited to contribute to a collection for the work of evangelization around the world. Funds collected are made available to the Universal Solidarity Fund administered by the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which distributes these funds to the young churches in mission lands, especially the poorest.

Collection for the Holy Land – Each year, the Congregation for the Eastern Churches, in the name of the Holy Father, draws attention to the Christian community in the Holy Land, who continue to aspire for peace and tranquility. Our financial support helps to safeguard the Holy Sites, offer worship, assist pilgrims and augment apostolic works.

Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) – For 100 years, CNEWA, a papal agency for humanitarian and pastoral support, has been a lifeline for those in need throughout the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe. Its mandate is: to support the pastoral mission and institutions of the Eastern Catholic Churches; to provide humanitarian assistance to those in need without regard to nationality or creed; to promote Christian unity and interreligious understanding and collaboration; and to educate people in the West about the history, cultures, peoples and churches of the East (www.cnewa.org).

Aid to the Church in Ukraine – The Church in Ukraine continues to develop and grow following many years of persecution. It requires our generous support in the following areas:

- *Aid to the Church in Ukraine* (general needs) ([Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church \(ugcc.ua\); Українська Греко-Католицька Церква \(ugcc.ua\)](http://Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (ugcc.ua); Українська Греко-Католицька Церква (ugcc.ua)))
- *Annual Synod of Bishops* (to assist in the various bishop-synodal commissions, including, liturgy, theology, ecumenism, and the promotion of causes of saints)
- *Andrew's Pence* (discretionary fund for His Beatitude Sviatoslav to provide missionary aid where the Ukrainian Catholic Church lacks bishops, parishes, and church infrastructure, for example, Siberia, Kazakhstan, Portugal, Spain, etc.)
- *Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv* ([Ukrainian Catholic University \(ucu.edu.ua\); Український Католицький Університет \(ucu.edu.ua\)](http://Ukrainian Catholic University (ucu.edu.ua); Український Католицький Університет (ucu.edu.ua)))

Thank you for your generosity! May God bless you and your families!

New! The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis – Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has announced several **webinars** to help us prepare for the **Jubilee Year 2025** to take place in April and then in October on the theme of **“A Great Symphony of Prayer: The *Our Father* as a Programme of Life.”**



[Webinar Registration is Open!](#)

Dr. Josephine Lombardi (St. Augustine's Seminary) will present eight English-language webinars on prayer:

Spring Series: "A Great Symphony of Prayer: The Our Father as a Programme of Life."

Tuesday, April 2 (1:00 – 2:30 pm EDT): "Why did Jesus address God as Father?"

Tuesday, April 9 (1:00 – 2:30 pm EDT): "Seeking God's Kingdom and Knowing God's Will"

Tuesday, April 23 (1:00 – 2:30 pm EDT): "Daily Bread and the Gift of Forgiveness"

Tuesday, April 30 (1:00 – 2:30 pm EDT): "Managing Trials and Resisting Evil"

Fall Series on Prayer:

Thursday, October 3 (1:00 – 2:30 pm EDT): "Praying with Mary/The Rosary"

Thursday, October 10 (1:00 – 2:30 pm EDT): "Praying with the Saints/St. Teresa of Avila"

Thursday, October 17 (1:00 – 2:30 pm EDT): "The Prayer of Jesus/John 17"

Thursday, October 24 (1:00 – 2:30 pm EDT): "Lectio Divina/The Storm at Sea"

All webinar sessions will be recorded and packaged with a reflection guide for later release.

If you wish to attend any of the webinar session or to be notified when session recordings are made available, please [register now](#) and share this email with family, friends and colleagues.

Presbyteral Council Meeting – April 8 (2:00 – 4:00 pm, Pastoral Centre).

Clergy Conference – April 9 (10:00 am – 3:00 pm, Saint Josaphat Parish Hall - Verkhovyna).

Annual Clergy Retreat: May 6-9, 2024, Sanctum Retreat Centre, Caroline (**ending at noon on Thursday, May 9, to accommodate evening Divine Liturgies on the Feast of the Ascension**). **Retreat Master: Bishop Michael Kwiatkowski**, Eparchy of New Westminster. Please note that the retreat will take place during Bright Week on the Julian Calendar. The dates were chosen based on availability at the Retreat Centre.

Annual Clergy Study Days: September 9-12 (starting 2:00 pm Monday; ending 3:00 pm Thursday), Providence Renewal Centre. Deacon Daniel Galadza, Special Topics in Liturgy and the Ukrainian Catholic Church – Part II).

Pope Francis declared 2025 as a Jubilee Year designating its theme as **“Pilgrims of Hope.”**

In the words of the Holy Father, “Pilgrims of Hope” evokes “the movement of a Church that walks in pilgrimage to the light of hope that makes the future possible.... The Jubilee, with its focus on conversion, forgiveness, abundance, walk, and mercy, becomes a possibility for the future itself.

“Hope is the light that brightens the future, but not in a naively optimistic sense. We know it: hope is Jesus Christ dead and risen.... ‘The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; on the inhabitants of a country in shadow dark as death light has blazed forth.’ (Isaiah 9:1). The light is that of the Son made Man, Jesus, who with the very Word, gathers every people and every nation.

“We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope.”

Follow the Vatican’s official Jubilee 2025 website (jubilaum2025.va) for the latest details on plans, news, initiatives and resources related to the Jubilee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New! Last year, in a series of monthly reflections on the Eucharist, Bishop David invited us to rediscover and renew our love for Holy Communion, Jesus’s body and blood. This year, Bishop David invites you to join him in another series of monthly reflections on the theme of Praying with Icons, Windows into Heaven, as we strive to grow in our friendship with Christ.

The **4th reflection** in the series focuses on [The Easter Egg. Symbol of Death and Resurrection.](#)



[The Easter Egg. Symbol of Death and Resurrection - Edmonton Eparchy](#)

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Interested in learning more about God, your faith, and the Church? The Eparchy of Edmonton is pleased to announce Year I (of a two-year program) of our **Lay Leadership and Diaconate Formation Program** in collaboration with Newman Theological College starting in September 2023.

Each course consists of 10 online sessions, spanning 5 weeks, requiring some 4 hours of work per week (2 hours per lesson). No exams. Cost of registration per course \$90.00 plus the cost of books.

Sign up for an online course (or two or three) or even work towards a Certificate in Eastern Christian Traditions at Newman Theological College (Edmonton).

To register and for more information, visit Newman.edu/CCS, or contact Andrea Leader andrea.leader@eeparchy.com or Bernie Mandrusiak bernadette.mandrusiak@eeparchy.com or call the Pastoral Centre (780) 424-5496.

Certificate in Eastern Christian Traditions I

The Certificate in Eastern Christian Traditions I provides an introduction to the rich tradition of the Eastern Christian faith. Participants will explore their faith through the study of the Theology of Eastern Christianity, Worship and Spirituality of the Eastern Catholic Churches, and the Holy Mysteries, the terminology for what the West calls the Sacraments.

Courses

- **CCS-090 Worship and Spirituality of Eastern Catholic Churches Part II (Cycle 5 (Apr. 1 – May 5, 2024) - CCS-090)**
- **CCS-050 The Holy Mysteries: An Introduction (Cycle 6 (May 13 – June 16, 2024) - CCS-050)**

Additional courses of interest:

- **CCS-049 Praying with Icons - Cycle 6 (May 13 – June 16, 2024)**

Bishop David and the entire Pastoral Centre Staff and volunteers extend to the clergy, religious, monastic, and faithful of the Eparchy of Edmonton a blessed and holy celebration of the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord.

Христос Воскрес! Воістину Воскрес!

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!