HAPPY THANKSGIVING

It has been a tough, stressful 19 months, and I hope you will be able to take some time this long weekend to relax and appreciate the good things in life. The pandemic has certainly called upon our patience, our creativity, our determination and our generosity; let us take this opportunity to give thanks for having these qualities.

Have a safe, happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

FORMED WORKSHOP – MONDAY 1:30-2:15 PM

Did you know that FORMED can be used for Marriage Preparation, Baptism Preparation, and preparation 1st Confession and 1st Communion?

Neither did your chaplain! But Fr. Jim will be taking a training workshop on Monday, October 11 from 1:30 - 2:15 on Zoom. If you are interested in learning more about FORMED, talk to him after mass or send him an email at jim.stenberg@ualberta.ca and he’ll be happy to add you to the meeting.

GUEST COLUMN ON ROSE PRINCE

On the back of this bulletin is a guest column by Fr. Glenn McDonald CSB on a remarkable woman by the name of Rose Prince. Fr. Glenn's column came with a photo of Rose Prince that would not fit in the space available. It is reproduced here.

Some prayer cards for Rose Prince are available in the chapel lobby. If they are out, ask or email Fr. Jim, and he’ll see about getting some more.
ROSE PRINCE, RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SURVIVOR AND FUTURE SAINT

The sad truth of the Catholic Church’s participation in the Residential School System has shaken the faith of many. We are all called to reflect upon the sinful actions of the Church, and ask ourselves, “How do we respond to this? Where do we go from here?”

In times of turmoil such as these, God has often responded by calling forth a new saint to heal and guide the Church towards greater holiness. Rose Prince (1915-1949) was the third of nine children of Jean-Marie and Agathe Prince. Compelled by the Indian Act of the Canadian Government, Rose entered the Lejac Residential School near Fraser Lake, BC at age seven with several of her siblings. The school was operated by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate and Sisters of the Child Jesus — two Catholic religious orders.

Despite the terrible hardships and neglect she suffered, Rose Prince became a model of humility and prayer. When she was sixteen, her mother and two youngest sisters died of influenza. Heartbroken and with few options before her, she decided to remain at the residential school to care for other children. Mysteriously, God kept Rose Prince’s holiness a secret. She died on August 19, 1949, at the age of 34, from tuberculosis. Two years after her death, her body was discovered to be incorrupt — a traditional sign of sanctity. In 1990, a group of Residential School Survivors started an annual pilgrimage to her grave, which is located on the former site of the Lejac residential school. At the time, officials of the local church and Lejac Residential School Survivors strenuously disagreed about the legacy of Residential Schools, but there was a common recognition that Rose Prince was a saint.

Before Rose Prince can be formally recognized as a saint, the Church must interpret her life correctly: God made Rose Prince holy in spite of the Residential School System and its unauthentic witness to the Gospel. God kept His holy Rose hidden until the Church could see and acknowledge the horrific truth of her suffering and that of her people. Scholar Emma Anderson writes, “The strong biblical overtones of Rose's [life] prompts us to recall the inversion that lies at the heart of the Christian message: the promise that...the last shall be first.”

The journey of truth and reconciliation is difficult and painful, but God has placed a saint on our path to help us look honestly at the tremendous harm the Church has done. Rose Prince is ready to help us reconcile, if we are open to the truth of her life and that of Residential School Survivors.

-Fr. Glenn McDonald, CSB

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AT A GLANCE...

Sun, 7:00 pm: The student mass will be celebrated in the main chapel with overflow (and a live-stream) in classroom 1-02 down the hall and to the right.

Tues, 9 am: Morning Prayer (SJC chapel and online)

Wed, 12-1 pm: Alpha

Thurs, 10 am: Morning Prayer (SJC Chapel and online)

7:00 pm: AA (Boardroom)

7:15 pm: Adoration (SJC Chapel)

Email jim.stenberg@ualberta.ca for more information. Or sjccm@ualberta.ca for campus ministry events.

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BAPTISM

Contact the SJC Chaplain at least 2 months prior to date of Baptism.

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Contact the SJC Chaplain at least 1 year prior to date of Marriage.

SACRAMENTS

For other sacraments, please contact the SJC Chaplain.