

Merry Christmas

All Saints Parish
Lethbridge, AB 403-327-8931

2019
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Our Churches

Assumption 2405 - 12 Avenue S.
St. Basil's 604 - 13 Street N.
St. Patrick's Closed

Our Priests

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Mass

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Assumption Church
7:00 p.m. - St. Basil's Church
Sunday 7:30 a.m. - St. Basil's Church
9:00 a.m. - Assumption Church
11:00 a.m. - St. Basil's Church
6:00 p.m. - Assumption Church
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. - St. Basil's Church
Wednesday 12:05 p.m. - St. Basil's Church
Thursday 12:05 p.m. - Assumption Church
Friday 9:00 a.m. - Assumption Church

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 pm Assumption Church
Sunday 4:30 - 5:30 pm Assumption Church
Tuesday 6:00 - 6:30 pm St. Basil's Church
Thursday 11:00 - 11:30 am Assumption Church
and by appointment

Anointing of the Sick

Arrangements made by calling the Parish Office.

Marriage

Arrangements made by calling the Parish Office at least four months prior to setting a wedding date.

Baptism

All Saints Parish regularly celebrates the Sacrament of Baptism and offers preparation programs for families wishing to baptize their children. Please call the parish office for more information on this process. **The next session is January 9.**



*Merry
Christmas"
from the priests,
deacons and office
staff"
of All Saints
Parish*

**January 1 is the Solemnity of
Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

Tuesday, December 31

7:00 pm at St. Basil's

Wednesday, January 1

9:00 am at
Assumption

12:05 pm at
St. Basil's



Year End Giving - If you would like a donation to be included on your 2019 tax receipt, it must be received by the parish office by noon December 31. **Thank You** for your generosity in support of our parish. Blessing to you in the new year.

Parish Office will be closed Thursday, December 26. We will be open on Friday, Dec. 27 from 8:30 a.m. until noon. Open on Monday, Dec. 30th from 8:30 to 4:00. Tuesday, Dec. 31st from 8:30 to noon..

Eucharistic Adoration - Every first Friday we have 12 Hour Eucharistic Adoration at Assumption. Adoration will begin after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and will close with Benediction at 9:00 p.m. Our next Adoration is January 3. Sign up sheets are available in the main entrance of both churches. We need at least two people every hour.



What do you do with an old iPad? Shawna V. is going to West Africa at the end of February. She will be visiting friends before attending a conference. She asked friends/school teachers what items are most helpful at the schools. The list included thin, light weight story books for children and second hand iPads, tablets, and iPhones for the older students as they don't have access to libraries or books. If you get an upgrade for Christmas and wish to donate your old device please drop it off at the office and we will pass it along. Thank you.

Stewardship Reflection - *What we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God. (Tit. 2: 12)*
For our salvation God gave us everything He had—He gave us His only Son, Jesus. How do we say 'thank you' for a gift like that? Recognizing the magnitude of God's gift this Christmas should change the orientation of our lives. Christmas calls us to make stewardship a way of life.

Jesse Tree Ornaments

Monday, Dec. 23: Elizabeth: Mother and Child
Luke 1: 39-45. After the angel left Mary, she immediately went to see her cousin Elizabeth. Mary had learned from Gabriel that Elizabeth would soon have a son who would grow up to be John the Baptist.



Tuesday, Dec. 24: Joseph: Hammer
Matthew 1: 18-25. What a wonderful father Joseph was for Jesus. He is an honest and caring man who does not want to embarrass Mary, so he plans to divorce her quietly, until the angel tells him the good news.



Wednesday, Dec. 25: Jesus: Manger and Chi Rho
Luke 2: 1-20. While the world looks to the political centre for peace, Luke tells us to look at the outskirts of the empire. Jesus is born in humble circumstances.



Fr. Kevin's Cluttered Desk

A little known fact about Christmas is the Christmas Octave, the eight days of the Nativity of the Lord. The single day of the solemnity of Christmas spills over and is to be celebrated continually until the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1st. One might consider it Christian "party time". Fasting is not expected during this time for we are in the midst of a great Feast.

Pope Pius XII simplified the calendar with a decree dated 23 March 1955. Only the octaves of Easter, Christmas, and Pentecost were kept. These octaves differed from the others in not repeating the same liturgy daily. All other octaves in the Roman Rite were suppressed, including those in local calendars. In 1969 the Roman Catholic Church further revised the Roman Calendar by removing the octave of Pentecost.

The first eight days of the Easter Season make up the octave of Easter and are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord, with proper readings and prayers. Since April 2000, the "Second Sunday of Easter", which concludes the Easter Octave, has also been called Mercy Sunday.

The Christmas Octave is arranged as follows:

- Sunday within the octave: Feast of the Holy Family; celebrated on Friday, December 30 when Christmas is on a Sunday. The priest wears white.
- December 26: Feast of Saint Stephen, the 1st Deacon Martyr. The priest wears red.
- December 27: Feast of John the Apostle. The priest wears white.
- December 28: Feast of the Holy Innocents, remembering those Herod killed in the hopes of killing the Messiah. The priest wears red.
- December 29-31: days within the octave, with assigned readings and prayers, on which the celebration of optional memorials is permitted according to special rubrics.
- January 1, octave day of the Nativity; Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The priest wears white Marian vestments if they have one.

As you can see with the decree in 1969 the meaning of *Octave of Christmas* has been diminished. It is no longer just one day being repeated as is done for Easter. With the addition of the other feast days we have lost a little bit of the historical and celebratory meaning of the eight days of Christmas. Still, with knowledge comes right judgement.

Now that you know about the octave, how can your family keep the celebration of Christmas going in your house until January 1st?

Peace Fr. Kevin