

All Saints

Roman Catholic Parish



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December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

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

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. - St. Basil's Church

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. - Assumption Church

Wednesday 12:05 p.m. - St. Basil's Church

Thursday 12:05 p.m. - Assumption Church

Friday 9:00 a.m. - St. Basil's Church

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 Assumption Church
Sunday 4:30 - 5:30 St. Basil's Church
Thursday 11:00 - 11:30 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.



Sunday Reflection

A heart prepared

Complacency is deadly. Bombarded by the mixed messages in today's society, so many of us have just given up. We coast along numbed into rote behaviour with our families, our jobs, our faith.

Today's Advent message calls us to throw off complacency. We hear John the Baptist's words anew, "Prepare the way of the Lord!" Preparation is hard work. It takes self-assessment and self-sacrifice.

We must begin in our own hearts, dusting out the cobwebs of indifference, polishing our dulled compassion, repaving the shattered steps of service. Only then can we share in the work of His Kingdom, expecting the day of our Saviour's arrival and His great work here on earth.

Prayers of the Faithful

Remember the sick of the Parish

Amonia Fijo, Rozanne Williams, Debbie Burger, Ida Nadeau, Fr. Jack McCann, Jeff Olson, Howard Martin, Wilma Vervoort, Richard Burke, Larry Arias, Shane Dorosh, Dennis Silbernagel, Inge Tope, Caroline Comstock, Maria Antulov, Dennis Kaupp, Joe Prozniak, Vonda Danielson, Johanna Sosick, Elizabeth Thompson, Lee Glavin, Lucyna Osko, Joseph Kaupp, Leona Kinahan, Vivien Kruszewski, Dorothy Shaw, Sylvester Tutak, Barb Brown, Carmen Groten, William Gejdos, Eileen Graham, Charlene Lavkulik, Joe Kusalik, Katherine Coyle, Cecilia Chapman, Kathy Dolezal, Carolyn Farago, Lori Leister, Ferne Terlesky, Rick French, Charles Nickol, Patricia Arnold, Randall Black Plume, Celeste Pryde, Doug Olshaski, Marilyn Standing Alone, Carol Lynn, Elizabeth Schneyder, Natasha Calf Robe, George Hoveling & Robert Klein;

and the Deceased

Leonard Newton, Willy San Jose & Carl Wojtowicz.

Anniversaries of Death remembered this week

Anne Tratch, Agatha Aben & John Gyorkos.

Holy Childhood Jars

Thank you to the "kids helping kids" by filling our Holy Childhood jars. Beginning in January the money collected in the jars will be going to Mission Council. Holy Childhood is a part of Mission Council so this just means a broader distribution of the funds collected.

In January we will inform you of the amount of money we have sent to Holy Childhood. Thank you for your continued support.



Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction



Every Friday in Advent, we have 12 Hour Eucharistic Adoration at St. Basil's. Adoration will begin after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and will close with Benediction at 9:00 p.m.

Sign up sheets are in the main entrance of both churches.

Advent is a great time to sit quietly in the presence of our Lord.

TIA

We are into the final push for Together in Action for 2017. Thanks to your generous support last weekend we are now only \$2,700 short of our target.



Besides helping many organizations in the diocese, nationally and internationally, any funds we collect over our goal will be redirected back to the parish for our repairs and maintenance fund. (And if we reach our goal Bishop McGrattan will buy Fr. Kevin a bottle of scotch.)

Once again, from everyone who benefits from Together in Action we thank you for your support.

Fundraiser

All Saints Parish Grocery Card Program

All funds will go into general revenue. Cards are available in \$25, \$50 and \$100 denominations. It is dollar for dollar value so when you pay \$100 that is what your card is worth. Save-On-Foods and Safeway/Sobeys give us a kick back of 8%.

The purchases must be made with cash or cheque. You can purchase the cards after Mass or call Shelley Thom at 403-308-5925.



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, Dec. 12	10:00 a.m. Golden Acres Mass	People of the Parish
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Wednesday, Dec. 13	12:05 p.m.	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Thursday, Dec. 14	12:05 p.m.	Ursula & Josef Malkiewicz (dec.)
Friday, Dec. 15	9:00 a.m.	Peter Wagner (dec.)
	10:00 a.m. Legacy Lodge Mass	Jack McIntyre (dec.)



Stewardship Reflection

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care. (Isaiah 40:11)

The Lord is gentle and loving in His care for us. He ensures that we have all we truly need. How do you give thanks to God for His care?

Rejoice in God's Mercy

In addition to the regular schedule, the sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at parishes throughout the Diocese of Calgary every Wednesday of Advent from 7:30-8:30 p.m. In All Saints Parish reconciliation will begin at 6:30 p.m. This Wednesday, December 13 reconciliation will only be available at St. Basil's.



Second Sunday of Advent - St. Augustine knew what sort of person he ought to be when as a youth he prayed for purity "but not yet!" Some changes happen overnight while others unfold gradually. In the confessional we can admit our failings and struggles confident that the Lord is patient and wants us to come to repentance.

Action Item: Find an opportunity each day to extend God's patience to others and to yourself.



Advent Retreat
Featuring - Michael Chiasson
Monday, December 11
7:00 p.m. at Assumption Church

This will be an evening to prepare for the beautiful mystery of Christmas. We invite you to take some time away from the busy world to reflect and pray.

We invite you to join us on this Advent retreat to listen, pray and worship with Michael, to help us better prepare ourselves for the coming of Christmas.

Birthday Party for Jesus will be held today, Dec. 10, 2-4 p.m. at Assumption hall. There will be crafts and cookie decorating. The KC Council 10547 will be supplying refreshments. We are collecting donations for the food bank and winter items for all ages; especially gloves/mitts and toques. We would appreciate help with the craft tables, just show up and talk to Helen Manzara.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass with Spanish music led by members of our Latino community. *Tuesday, December 12, 7:00 p.m.* at Assumption Church. A social will follow in the hall.

Croatian Mass & Confessions - Next Sunday, December 17 at Assumption Church. Confessions will begin at 4:00 p.m. with Mass to follow.

St. Basil's CWL is meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 7 pm in St. Basil's hall. Ladies please join us for a short meeting, and a social to follow. Please bring a small treat or appetizer to share!

Christmas Carolling - Monday, December 11, meet at 5:30 p.m. at St. Basil's hall to join the carolling tour of senior's lodges and nursing homes. Refreshments will be served at the hall after carolling.

3rd Annual Pre-Christmas Concert - Tuesday, December 19, 7:00 p.m. at St. Basil's Church.

An evening of Christmas music, including the Grade 2 & 3 classes from Fr. Leonard Van Tighem. Social to follow.



Christmas Choirs - Any singers who want to take part in Christmas services please contact Carol at 403-381-6671 and she will get you in touch with the right choir.

Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre, Cochrane, AB
Winter Stillness Weekend Retreat - December 15-17

This retreat is for those who want to unplug and rest in the silence and beauty of the setting. Prayer resources will be available. Meals are provided, and you may gather with the Franciscan Friars for morning and evening prayer as well as the Eucharist. To register call 403-932-2012.

There will be no Mothers Rosary on Dec. 13th. Instead, join us at 10am for carolling at St. Therese's Villa. Please call Deanna at 403-317-3136 for more info.

Las Posadas - Saturday, December 16, 5:00 p.m. at St. Basil's Church. The Posadas commemorates Mary and Joseph's difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a place for the Christ Child to be born.

Thank you for the donations of Christmas decorations for the Syrian families. At this time we have more than is needed. Thanks again.

Ordination of Derek Remus to the Transitional Diaconate
Mr. Derek Remus has been called to Holy Orders and will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate by Most Rev. William McGrattan in his pastoral year parish, St. Bonaventure, Calgary, at 5pm on Saturday, December 23. Please pray for Derek and all the seminarians, especially those taking these next steps in their formation.

Martha Retreat Centre - Telephone: 403-328-3422, email: marthare@telusplanet.net

Centering Prayer takes place on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

Oasis Day, Thursday, December 14, 9 am – 4 pm. Come and enjoy a time to be, to rest and to be with your God as you "prepare a way" for the great feast of Christmas.

Book Study: Why Do We Suffer? -Five Tuesdays 7-9 pm, Jan 23 to Feb 27. Daniel Harrington sj, invites us to reflect on and discuss passages in Scripture in which we read about the issue of suffering and how these insights can be related today. *Register early so books can be ordered.*

Rosaries for Youth - we need people to help make cord rosaries for Catholic Central students. We will meet in January to start making them. We will also teach the people how to make them. All supplies will be provided.

The Case for Jesus - You are invited to find out what recent discoveries in New Testament scholarship are revealing about the person of Jesus and the historical reliability of the Gospels as ancient biographies. The program will run from January 11th to March 22nd 2018, in the Upper Meeting Room at Assumption Church, Thursday afternoons from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm or evenings from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. For more information call Oscar Tavernini: 403-329-1052.

Year End Giving

If you are planning on making a gift to the parish before the end of the year, please note that all donations must be received by December 31, 2017 in order to receive a charitable tax receipt for 2017 tax returns. Donations brought in to the office on January 2 will be credited to 2018. Thank you for your generous support over the past year.

This Week in Our Churches

Sunday, December 10

- 7:30 a.m. Sunday Eucharist (St. Basil's)
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday Eucharist (Assumption)
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Eucharist (St. Basil's)
- 12:30 p.m. Christmas Choir Practice (Assumption)
- 2:00 p.m. Birthday Party for Jesus (Assumption hall)
- 4:30 p.m. Confessions (St. Basil's)
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Eucharist (St. Basil's)
- 7:00 p.m. Arise (St. Basil's hall)

Monday, December 11

- 9:00 a.m. Rosary (St. Basil's)
- 9:00 a.m. Mass (St. Martha's)
- 2:00 p.m. Wojtowicz Funeral (St. Basil's)
- 5:30 p.m. Carolling Tour (meet at St. Basil's hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Advent Retreat (Assumption)
- 7:00 p.m. Penitential Service (St. Ambrose, Coaldale)

Tuesday, December 12

- 9:00 a.m. Rosary (Assumption)
- 10:00 a.m. Golden Acres/Blue Sky Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass (Assumption) *with Latino music*
Social to follow in hall
- 7:00 p.m. CWL Meeting & social (St. Basil's hall)

Wednesday, December 13

- 10:00 a.m. No Mother's Rosary (carolling at St. Therese)
- 12:05 p.m. Mass (St. Basil's)
- 12:50 p.m. Adoration for Vocations (St. Basil's)
followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 6:30 p.m. Reconciliation (St. Basil's)
- 6:30 p.m. Pulse Nation (St. Martha's)
- 6:30 p.m. RCIC (UMR)
- 7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council (Assumption hall)
- 7:30 p.m. RCIA (UMR)
- 8:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting (Assumption)

Thursday, December 14

- 9:00 a.m. St. Paul School Advent Mass (school)
- 11:00 a.m. Confessions (Assumption)
- 12:05 p.m. Mass (Assumption)
- 4:00 p.m. Little Saints (St. Martha's)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (St. Basil's)

Friday, December 15

- 6:00 a.m. TMIY (CCH East)
- 9:00 a.m. Mass (St. Basil's)
Followed by 12 hour Eucharistic Adoration
- 10:00 a.m. Legacy Lodge Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Penitential Service (St. Augustine, Taber)

Saturday, December 16

- 10:00 a.m. Penitential Service (Assumption)
- 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Assumption)
- 5:00 p.m. Sunday Eucharist (Assumption)
- 5:00 p.m. Las Posadas (St. Basil's)

Sunday, December 17

- 7:30 a.m. Sunday Eucharist (St. Basil's)
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday Eucharist (Assumption)
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Eucharist (St. Basil's)
followed by coffee hosted by CWL
- 4:00 p.m. Croatian Mass & Confessions (Assumption)
- 4:30 p.m. Confessions (St. Basil's)
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Eucharist (St. Basil's)
- 7:00 p.m. Arise (St. Basil's hall)

Fr. Kevin's Cluttered Desk

Well the Bishop came, he saw, he listened and he went back to Calgary. Sadly, he was not able to see and meet as many groups and people, especially children, as he wanted to, but he did his best. Some people have asked why their group was not able to meet with the Bishop and the answer is very simple. He just did not have enough time. There was a list of groups that he wanted to meet with, and about 80% of them he did meet, but time ran out. He will be back again.

I would like to thank all those people who rearranged their schedules to be able to meet with the Bishop and make him feel welcome.

Deacon Stephen will be organizing all of the notes he wrote and we should get a report back from the Bishop in the new year. I expect that it will have some recommendations and suggestions for the parish as we move forward in faith. There were a couple of recommendations already offered by the Bishop and we will have to see what we can do about them. The Bishop also left with a big package of information about things we do here in Lethbridge that he was very impressed with and that he felt other parishes may find useful.

All in all, I think it was a good visit.

Now on to parish life...

Monday night, December 11th, Michael Chiasson will be here to invite us into a deeper walk with God this Advent Season. Please, if you are able, come out and let Michael open your hearts and challenge you to grow in your faith walk.

On December 12th we will have the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration at Assumption church at 7:00 pm. Come celebrate with the community this great feast of the Holy Mother.

It is going to be a crazy Christmas this year. Sunday, December 24 is the 4th Sunday of Advent and Monday is Christmas. Just remember both days are Holy Days of Obligation. If you don't remember what obligation is, well, it's when Gramma says "I love you" and you are expected to say "I love you" back. In Canada we have 54 Holy Days of Obligation: 52 Sundays, Christmas Day and January 1st (Solemnity of the Mother of God).

Peace Fr. Kevin