

All Saints

Roman Catholic Parish



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December 1, 2019

First 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
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.



Sunday Reflection

Advent means preparing every day

If life is like a day, will I be as careless with my entire life as I am a single day? Will I let the important things slip by, while I tend to the urgent? At the end of this longer "day" will I find all the wrong boxes checked off on my to do list? As we enter this Advent season may each of us re-examine how we use each day. Let us focus on making each Advent day a day of welcoming, of true preparation. Let's not find ourselves rising Christmas morn to say, where did I let those days go?



Prayers of the Faithful

Remember the sick of the Parish

Phyllis Kambeitz, Mary Ellen Johnson, Joseph Sikora, Shirley Ell, Cody Petrone, Magda Mehle, Howard Martin, Vonda Danielson, Sheila Horon, Audrey Van Lueken, Kem Brewer, Cinette Kado, Dorothy Plettell, Shirley Gallant, Mary-Elaine Bishoff, Cathie McGinty, Angela Tobin, Bea Herbst, Christopher Smith, Helen George, Max Stroud, Vivien Kruszewski, Deena Bevers, Bill Gejdos, Alex Wist, Monica Grainger, Geoff Nickol, Andy Aucoin, Matt Harty, Ester Zappone, Marie Rabusic, Lucyna Osko, Cecilia Chapman, Roy Chanda, Cal O'Brien, Lora Allen, Helena Kuzminski Vedres, Carolyn Farago, Celeste Pryde, Joyce Kittinger, Evelyn Ramsay, Gary Cook, Fernando Rose, Alexander Fraser, Jerdine Cavell Eloff, Christopher Twigg, Eric Vogel & Elizabeth Meier;

and the Deceased

Deacon Ray Wagner, Mel McAllindon & Kristopher Hilario.

Anniversaries of Death remembered this week

Raquel Barrentes & Wendelin Arnold Jr.

Baptisms

Please welcome into our Christian community *Ryan Peter James Charlton & Haley Nicole Jade Charlton* who were baptized this past Tuesday.

Adoration

Every Friday in Advent we will 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.

Reconciliation will be available during Adoration from 10:00 a.m. until noon.



Reflection on Divine Mercy: Reflection 326: Waiting on the Lord

One common struggle many people have is that of impatience. In our fast-paced society we are used to instant everything. A full meal can be reheated within minutes, text messages can be sent worldwide in seconds, news travels the moment it happens, and for many people almost anything they could ever want or need is generally only a short drive from their homes at the nearest superstore. All of this fosters a tendency to want what we want when we want it. But the Lord does not work this way. He has His own timing which is always in accord with His perfect wisdom. Very often we can experience a temptation to do what we think is in the best interest of the truth and to do it now. But sometimes God chooses to wait before He acts. When He acts, His ways become clear and convincing and His wisdom is unmistakable. (See *Diary #1587*)

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, Dec. 3	7:00 p.m.	Intention of Ray & Karen Brownlee
Wednesday, Dec. 4	12:05 p.m.	Nick & Mary Previsich (dec.)
Thursday, Dec. 5	12:05 p.m.	Intention of Loni Neufeld Family
Friday, Dec. 6	9:00 a.m.	Intention of Magda Mehle
	10:30 a.m. Extindicare Mass	Michael Forestell (dec.)
	11:00 a.m. St. Michael's Mass	Vince Harty (dec.)



Stewardship Reflection

They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. (Isaiah 2.4)

God's gifts are raw material. It is up to you to recognize the potential in the gifts you have received and to cultivate them responsibly through prayerful discernment. Do you turn your gifts into swords and spears or ploughshares and pruning hooks?



Chalice Gift Catalogue

Chalice is a Catholic international aid charity focused on child, family, and community development. They work closely with lay people, religious missionaries, and local

communities to provide care for the many children and families caught in the dehumanizing grip of poverty.

Chalice commits 90.3 percent of its spending in support of programs. In fiscal year 2017-2018, \$27,001,000 was spent directly towards supporting those in need.

There are Chalice gift catalogues available at the church entrances or at the parish office.

If you are not interested in buying anything from the catalogue but would like to make a **donation to Chalice**, you can put it in an envelope marked "Chalice" and drop it in the collection basket.

There is also a jar in the parish office where you can drop money off, loonies, toonies, and all bills gratefully accepted.



November 17th
November 24th
December 1st
December 8th

2:00 PM to 3:30 PM
Assumption Hall



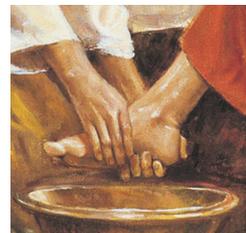
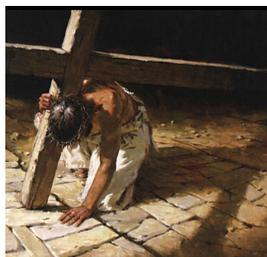
We are the Body of Christ

Fr. Kevin will be giving 4 workshops on celebrating and living as the Body of Christ.

Who are we?

What do we believe?

What makes us one body in Christ?





St. Nicholas Family Party - Saturday, December 7, noon to 3:30 p.m. at Assumption hall. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Councils 1490 & 5726. Everyone is welcome.

Next Sunday, December 8th, the **5726 Knights of Columbus and Youth Ministry** are teaming up for a **breakfast fundraiser**. We will be serving all the good things including pancakes, sausages, ham, and bacon! It will be in Assumption hall starting about 10:00 a.m. (after the 9am mass) with a free will donation. Come support youth ministry!



Assumption CWL will be hosting a 65th Year Celebration of their Council in addition to their Christmas meeting which will be held on Tuesday, December 3. Our celebration will start at 1 pm in Assumption Church. Members are invited to bring a small plate of Christmas goodies to share. All ladies are welcome.

Polish Mass is next Sunday, December 8 at St. Basil's Church. Reconciliation begins at 1:00 p.m. with Mass to follow.

Annual Memorial Service - Please join us in a memorial service to commemorate someone special in your life. Alberta Health Services Spiritual Care is hosting a service at Chinook Regional Hospital, County Hall on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 2:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Healing Mass with anointing - Saturday, December 14, 10:00 a.m. at St. Basil's Church. Lunch hosted by St. Basil's CWL will follow in the hall.

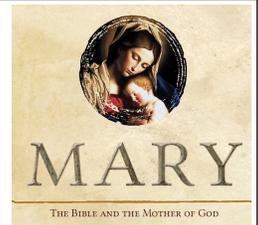
We will celebrate the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** with Mass at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 12 at St. Basil's Church.



Choice in Education Survey - The government of Alberta has recently created a survey asking Albertans to provide feedback on choice in education. It is essential that all who support Catholic education take the time to make their voices heard. Please complete the survey and ensure that you speak directly in support of Catholic education! The survey link is on our website homepage. **The deadline is Dec. 6.** Hard copies of the survey are available at the parish office.

Summer 2020 Arcatheos and Captivenia Bursary - An anonymous donor has offered up to 12 bursaries to help offset the costs of attending the Catholic Arcatheos (boys') and Captivenia (girls') summer camps near Turner Valley. The intent of these bursaries is to assist those who may not otherwise be financially able to have the thrill, adventure and faith-building experience of these Catholic camps. Further information will follow in January 2020.

Beginning on Thursday, January 30th we will be offering Brant Pitre's **Lectio: Mary** study program. Lectio: Mary is a Scripture study and prayer meditation program that will help us better understand the role of Mary in the Church and in our lives as Catholics. It is based upon Brant Pitre's book, *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary: Unveiling the Mother of the Messiah*. Two sessions will be offered: an afternoon session from 1:30 to 3:30 pm, and an evening session from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, in the Upper Meeting Room at Assumption Church. Study / meditation guides will cost between \$10 and \$35 depending upon when they are ordered. **Guides ordered in the next 3 days will be priced around \$10-\$12 each.** After that, there may be no discount, so register early. For more information or to register for the study, please call the parish office or phone Oscar Tavernini at (403) 329-1052.



Candlelight Christmas (a concert) - Wednesday, December 18, 7:00 pm at St. Basil's. Featuring a children's choir made up of students in Grades 2 & 3, and a seniors choir. A social will follow in the hall. There will be a freewill offering with proceeds going to the Interfaith Food Bank.

Christian Handicrafts from the Holy Land - December 14 & 15 after all Masses. Many Christians of the Holy Land earn a living by making items out of olive wood. This is an opportunity to have a piece of the Holy Land in your home or to give one as a gift and support our fellow Christians.

Needed: A coordinator for our Corpus Christi Celebration this coming June 14th. This could be one or two people. You would work with a core group who take care of details such as music, altar servers, food and procession coordination. If you are interested please contact the office by phone or email and you can be given more details.

Martha Retreat Centre Programs - 403-328-3422 or marthare@telusplanet.net
Personal Prayer - Monday through Thursday between 9:00 am – 4:00 pm and Fridays 9:00am - noon.
Advent Twilight Retreat - Monday, December 2 from 4:45 - 9:00 p.m. We will reflect on trust, prepare, rejoice and love. There will be a time for reflection, silence and sharing as we ponder the meaning of the Incarnation in our lives.
Oasis Day - Tuesday, Dec. 17 9:00am to 4:00 p.m. Spend a day in prayer and reflection making room in your heart to welcome the coming of Jesus.
Spirituality for a Winter's Night - Thursdays, January 9, 16, 23 & 30 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Major themes in the writings/DVDs of Father Ron Rohlheiser will be explored during these four evenings, including spiritual longing, evangelizing our children or other non-believers, spirituality in later life and the Eucharistic Christ.

This Week in Our Churches

Sunday, December 1

- 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)
- 2:00 p.m. Workshop on Faith (Assumption hall)
- 5:00 p.m. Pasking Pinoy (Southminster Church)
- 4:30 p.m. Confessions (Assumption)
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Eucharist (Assumption)

Monday, December 2

- 9:00 a.m. Mass (St. Martha's)
- 3:30 p.m. Youth Choir Practice (LMR)
- 6:00 p.m. Arise (Assumption hall)
- 7:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (St. Basil's hall)

Tuesday, December 3

- 9:00 a.m. Rosary (Assumption)
- 10:30 a.m. St. Therese Villa Mass
- 1:00 p.m. CWL Mass (Assumption)
- 2:00 p.m. CWL Meeting (Assumption hall)
- 6:00 p.m. Reconciliation (St. Basil's)
- 7:00 p.m. Mass (St. Basil's)

Wednesday, December 4

- 9:00 a.m. St. Francis Jr. High School Mass
- 12:05 p.m. Mass (St. Basil's)
- 5:00 p.m. RCIC (UMR)
- 6:30 p.m. Pulse (St. Martha's)
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (LMR)
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA (UMR)
- 7:00 p.m. Penitential Service (St. Augustine's, Taber)
- 8:00 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group (Assumption hall)

Thursday, December 5

- 8:00 a.m. CCH Mass in Slow Motion (St. Basil's)
- 9:00 a.m. St. Teresa School Advent Mass
- 11:00 a.m. Confessions (Assumption)
- 12:05 p.m. Mass (Assumption)
- 12:02 p.m. CCH Mass in Slow Motion (St. Basil's)
- 1:30 p.m. Bible Timeline (UMR)
- 4:00 p.m. Little Saints (St. Martha's)
- 7:00 p.m. Baptism Preparation (St. Basil's hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Timeline (UMR)

Friday, December 6

- 9:00 a.m. Mass (Assumption)
followed by 12 hour Eucharistic Adoration
- 10:00 a.m. Extencicare Mass
- 11:00 a.m. St. Michael's Health Centre Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group (St. Basil's hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Penitential Service (St. Peter, Milk River)

Saturday, December 7

- 10:00 a.m. Penitential Service (Assumption)
- 12:00 p.m. St. Nicholas Party (Assumption hall)
- 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Assumption)
- 5:00 p.m. Sunday Eucharist (Assumption)
- 7:00 p.m. Sunday Eucharist (St. Basil's)

Sunday, December 8

- 7:30 a.m. Sunday Eucharist (St. Basil's)
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday Eucharist (Assumption)
- 10:00 a.m. KC Breakfast (Assumption hall)
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Eucharist (St. Basil's)
- 1:00 p.m. Polish Mass & confessions (St. Basil's)
- 2:00 p.m. Workshop on Faith (Assumption hall)
- 4:30 p.m. Confessions (Assumption)
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Eucharist (Assumption)
with Children's Liturgy

Fr. Kevin's Cluttered Desk

There was a time when I got greatly distressed when I would hear Christmas Carols at the beginning of December. In my mind I would wonder what ever happened to Advent and the whole idea of waiting and preparation. When are we going to learn to be still and not rush around, chasing after some strange sense of happiness that comes from going into debt? When the Bishops asked that we not sing Christmas Carols in the schools before Christmas, that we should focus on Advent hymns, I fully supported that. Now for the Advent Masses we need to use Advent hymns, but when I hear Christmas Carols being played in the schools during Advent, I rejoice. Why? Because our society and our youth don't know the carols anymore.

Three years ago I was at a Christmas gathering in Calgary and, being the person I am, I thought Silent Night would make a good grace before the meal. Much to my shock and people's embarrassment, many did not know the words. Everyone knew bits and pieces but there was a great struggle to sing the entire carol. One strong voice might have helped but our strong voice kept getting the words wrong. There was much laughter at the entire group's expense but at the same time great embarrassment since we all knew we should have known the words. The blessing of the smart phone came through when one of the youth looked up the words, and for grace after the meal we sang Silent Night. The drive back to Lethbridge was long as I search for a channel that was playing Christmas Carols, and more specifically Christ-centered ones. In the end I had to settle for secular with some Christ-centered carols. So now I rejoice when I hear Christmas Carols being sung, no matter when, even July will do. We have a message to proclaim, and in our world today "we" are the voice crying in the wilderness, "Prepare The Way of The Lord".

As the hymn "Let Heaven Rejoice" by Bob Dufford puts it:
Let heaven rejoice and earth be glad.
Let all creation sing!
Let children proclaim to every land:
Hosanna to our King
Sound the trumpet into the night;
The day of the Lord is near.
Wake his people, lift your voice,
proclaim it to the world.

Don't be silent, be loud, be bold, be Catholic!

Peace Fr. Kevin