

All Saints

Roman Catholic Parish



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(Closed from 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.)

December 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Our Churches

Assumption 2405 - 12 Avenue S.

St. Basil's 604 - 13 Street N.

St. Patrick's Closed

Our Priests

Fr. Kevin Tumback - Pastor
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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

St Joseph: a just man

"St. Joseph is defined in the Gospel, as a 'just man', and he is for all believers a model of life in faith. The word 'just' recalls his moral rectitude, his sincere attachment to practicing the law and his behaviour of total openness to the will of the heavenly Father. Even in difficult and sometimes dramatic moments, the humble carpenter from Nazareth never presumed he had a right to question God's project."

Pope John Paul

Christmas Stewardship

As Christians, we are not only called to be good stewards of our time, talents and treasure; we are also called to be stewards of our testimony, the story of redemption: a story both historical and personal, a story of the transforming power of God in our lives. In the Christmas season, as we tend to spend so much of our time, energy, and money preparing for the holiday that we can get lost in it all, and easily lose sight of the majesty and wonder of the momentous day in human history that Christmas commemorates and celebrates. So, as good stewards of our testimony, we must not take our gaze away from the miracle in the manger, but as amazing and miraculous as it was, let us never forget that it was just one event in God's eternal plan.



Prayers of the Faithful

Remember the sick of the Parish

Val Peto, Eric Vogel, Hans & Rose Kremenik, Phyllis Kambeitz, Mary Ellen Johnson, Joseph Sikora, Shirley Ell, Magda Mehle, Howard Martin, Sheila Horon, Audrey Van Lueken, Kem Brewer, Cinette Kado, Dorothy Plettell, Shirley Gallant, Mary-Elaine Bishoff, Cathie McGinty, 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, Anne Rae, Kieran Sinclair, Aline Gaebel, Stella Morin, Adam Healy, Anna Armstrong & Prisco Arellaga;

and the Deceased

John O'Brien.

Anniversaries of Death remembered this week

Nick Mucciarone, Lynn Lambert, Michael Wingerak, Eugene D. Horon, Helen Heck, Harm Thomas & Joseph Wesko.

Anniversary Blessing

Congratulations to *Ron and Cecilia Chapman* who are celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary this weekend.

Parish Office

Christmas season office hours.

Tuesday, Dec. 24th the parish office will close at noon. It will be open on **Friday, Dec. 27** from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

Thursday, Dec. 31 the office will close at noon.

Thursday, January 2 the office will be open regular hours, taking Mass Intentions for February starting at 8:30 a.m.

Year End Giving - Just a reminder that in order for a donation to be included on your 2019 tax receipt it must be received **in the office by noon on December 31**. Donation envelopes dropped at another church will not be received by the cut-off deadline.

Stewardship Reflection

Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son. (Isaiah 7.14)

Are you searching for a sign? Do you long for direction, for meaning, for love? Search no longer. God is with us: Emmanuel.

Pilgrimages

Here are some upcoming diocesan pilgrimages:

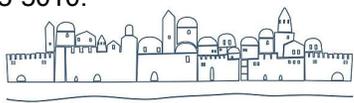
Medjugorje, Croatia, Austria, Hungary, Czech Rep., and Poland with Fr. Vincent TuanHa. April 24 – May 7, 2020. Contact Michael at 647-887-4069 ext 367

Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr. Julian Studden. April 20 – May 2, 2020 with St. Paul's Airdrie community. Contact: Deon at 587-777-1733.

Portugal, Spain, France and Italy Pilgrimage with Fr. Anthony Poul Narisetti. May 27 - June 11, 2020. Contact 905-412-2242 or group@qstours.com

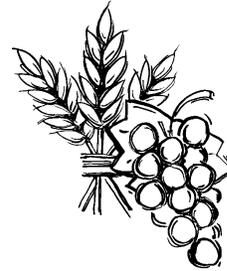
Queen of Peace Pilgrimage -Join Father David Meadows on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje. May 30 – June 14, 2020. For more information, contact Angie at 403-803-3085 or asteciw@telus.net

Medjugorje Pilgrimage with Fr. Yarek Dziuba. June 13-25, 2020 with St. Joseph's Parish Community. Contact Orlando at 403-245-5010.



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, Dec. 24	All Masses	People of God
Wednesday, Dec. 25	All Masses	People of God
Thursday, Dec. 26	12:05 p.m.	People of God
Friday, Dec. 27	9:00 a.m.	People of God



Jesse Tree Ornaments

Monday, Dec. 16: Hezekiah: Tent
2 Kings 18-19. Aha was not faithful to God, engaging in such contemptible practices as sacrificing one of his own sons in the Canaanite way.



Tuesday, Dec. 17: Isaiah: Fire tong with coal
Isaiah 6. In response, one of the seraphs flies to Isaiah with a live coal taken from the altar and touches his lips with it, declaring that his guilt has departed.



Wednesday, Dec. 18: Jeremiah: Tears
Jeremiah 7:26. Jeremiah teaches that the people cannot pray faithfully if they continue to oppress the immigrants, the orphans, and the widows. They have to stop shedding innocent blood and they must act justly toward one another.



Thursday, Dec. 19: Habakkuk: Stone tower
2 Kings 24-25. Acknowledging that he does not understand God's will, Habakkuk stands ready to hear what God has planned.



Friday, Dec. 20: Nehemiah: Stone wall
Nehemiah 8-9. After persuading the king to let him return to Judah, Nehemiah was named governor and given permission to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.



Saturday, Dec. 21: John the Baptist: Shell
Luke 3: 1-6. Jesus has immense respect for John the Baptist saying: "Among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist." John was called by God to be a prophet and prepared himself to follow this call.



Sunday, Dec. 22: Mary: White Lily
Luke 1: 26-38. When we think of heroes in Scripture, Mary, the mother of Jesus, does not usually come to mind. But consider the risks she was taking when she said yes to becoming the mother of the Messiah.



Gerard Thom Memorial Christmas Dinner - A free turkey dinner will be served on Christmas Day at 4:00 p.m. in Assumption hall. *This is open to anyone who wishes to join us.* If you are interested in attending or would like a dinner delivered, please call Shelley at 403-308-5925.



Thank you - To date we have collected \$12,087.60 for Mission Mexico. Thank you from Mexico's poorest of the poor.

In need of volunteers to help 2 Syrian children in their home to improve their reading, spelling and writing skills. This requires 1 hour a week, Fridays @2pm. If you are able to help in any way with this rewarding position please contact Marcella Elmgren @ 403-320-1851.

Annual Ecumenical Reader exchange will start Jan. 12. Anyone interested in representing All Saints Parish as a guest reader in one of the other member Churches please phone Maureen Condon Horon at 403-320-1234.

Transitions - A 15-week peer support program to help those who are separated or divorced. Participants will meet once a week to reflect upon and discuss topics such as self-esteem, grief, stress, anger, guilt, blame, loneliness, forgiveness, blended families and more. Our program takes place on Tuesday evenings beginning January 14, from 7:00pm - 9:00pm at Assumption Church in the Lower Meeting Room. To register please contact the parish office or email reception@allsaintslethbridge.org



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Gift of Hope: A retreat for the Unemployed Person - Loss of employment can be trying to our souls and our emotional balance. FCJ Retreat & Conference Centre invites you to Gift of Hope: A Retreat for the Unemployed Person. Jan. 24-25 (Live In) at the FCJ Centre, 219 19 Ave SW, Calgary. This retreat is free of charge (limited to 20 participants). Register at www.fcjcentre.ca

Winner's Choice Raffle - Last Saturday we had the draw. Francis Noronha won the Danfield's Whiskey and Bryan Kranzler won the artwork. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets. We raised \$372 for the Building Fund.

Christmas is love tugging us back to God with the powerful clasp of a tiny hand reaching out from a straw bed.



Paskong Pinoy, hosted by Couples for Christ, was a wonderful evening of food and entertainment held on December 1. They raised \$9,860 which was shared between the All Saints Building Fund and ANCOP, Answering the Cry of the Poor. *Thank you!*



Martha Retreat Centre Programs - 403-328-3422 or marthare@telusplanet.net

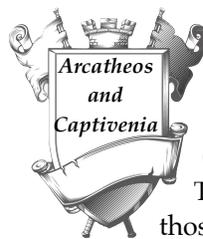
Personal Prayer - Monday through Thursday between 9:00 am - 4:00 pm and Fridays 9:00am - noon.

Oasis Day - Thursday, January 23, 9:00am to 4:00pm. Come and enjoy a time to be, a time to pray, a time to rest! A time to be with your God.

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.

Book Study and Practice Going Deeper With Tolle and Singer. Tuesdays 7:00-8:30 pm, January 21-March 31. This class will focus on specific teachings from Eckhart Tolle and Michael Singer, encouraging participants to look deeper into the meaning and the real-life application of the practices they offer. Please purchase book in advance.

Moment by Moment - Saturday, January 25, 9:00 am—4:00 pm. This one-day silent retreat gives participants a time to step away from the regular pace of life and practice present-moment awareness. Learn to open to the beauty and peace that is with us in each moment of our lives.



Summer 2020 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.

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, & 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.



This Week in Our Churches

Sunday, December 22

- 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)
- 1:30 p.m. Ed's Christmas Choir Practice (Assumption)
- 3:00 p.m. Croatian Mass & confessions (St. Basil's)
- 4:30 p.m. Confessions (Assumption)
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Eucharist (Assumption)
with Children's Liturgy

Monday, December 23

- 9:00 a.m. Mass (St. Martha's)
- 7:00 p.m. Simbang Gabi Mass (St. Basil's)

Tuesday, December 24

- 6:00 p.m. Christmas Mass (Assumption & St. Basil's)
- 9:00 p.m. Christmas Mass (Assumption & St. Basil's)
- 12:00 a.m. Christmas Mass (Assumption & St. Basil's)



Wednesday, December 25

- 9:00 a.m. Christmas Mass (Assumption)
- 11:00 a.m. Christmas Mass (St. Basil's)

Thursday, December 26

- 11:00 a.m. Confessions (Assumption)
- 12:05 p.m. Mass (Assumption)

Friday, December 27

- 9:00 a.m. Mass (Assumption)

Saturday, December 28

- 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Assumption)
- 5:00 p.m. Sunday Eucharist (Assumption)
- 7:00 p.m. Sunday Eucharist (St. Basil's)

Sunday, December 29

- 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)
- 4:30 p.m. Confessions (Assumption)
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Eucharist (Assumption)

Fr. Kevin's Cluttered Desk

In the Scriptures there is a constant theme of "ask the Lord". For me there has always been a bit of a problem with that. What do you do if the answer is not what you wanted? Maintaining our belief in God is very much the same. If I say I believe in God then I really should be living my life in harmony with God's teachings and the teachings of God's Church. If I say that I believe in Jesus then is my life in conformity with, love of neighbour and love of God? If I say I believe in God am I truly trying to listen to Him? Do I seek the signs of His presence? Do I look for Him in my daily life? For many of the prophets you see the response, "You want me to do what?" We even see this in the life of Moses. Still they did what God asked of them. Saying "no" to God was not an option.

As Advent winds down and Christmas is just around the corner, are we truly ready to receive and embrace the Christ child? Have we rediscovered the truths of our faith, that we must become like little children if we wish to inherit eternal life? Not childish, but like children: dependent and knowing we are dependent, trusting because we know we don't know better, joyful in the simple things of life. I am reminded of the story of the child that, after opening hundreds of dollars' worth of Christmas gifts, was found joyfully playing in a box of wrapping and plastic bubble wrap. With Jesus we can do anything. A hug, a cuddle with a little child, just holding a child, these are some of the greatest treasures God has blessed us with. Let us once again prepare ourselves to hold the Christ child in our arms.

Peace Fr. Kevin



2018 Mass Counts

December 24: Christmas Vigil Masses
6:00 p.m. at Assumption (548 attended)
6:00 p.m. at St. Basil's (417 attended)
9:00 p.m. at Assumption (344 attended)
9:00 p.m. at St. Basil's (219 attended)
Midnight at Assumption (350 attended)
Midnight at St. Basil's (95 attended)

December 25: Christmas Day
Masses include Blessing of Christmas Toys
9:00 a.m. at Assumption (68 attended)
11:00 a.m. at St. Basil's (227 attended)

Occupancy Limits:

Assumption Church - 420
St. Basil's Church - 410

Plan accordingly.

