

# All Saints

Roman Catholic Parish



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

December 23, 2018

Fourth 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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## Our Deacons

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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.



## Sunday Reflection

### He comes to us!

The true miracle of Christmas is not the power of God to become man. It is not the mystery of divinity merged with humanity. No, it is something more wondrous, more astonishing - for we have a God that comes to us! Before the Incarnation, the world and its religions had seen God from a distance, something each of us must struggle to find. But Jesus' birth gave us a God

who is a seeker, one who runs to find His children, even in the lowest of habitations, a stable.

Thus at Christmas we are all Elizabeth, amazed at the arrival of our Saviour right on our own doorsteps. This intimate blessing makes the Nativity the most precious of gifts, the mercy and love of a God who does not wait for our stumbling steps, but instead He comes to visit us.

## Prayers of the Faithful

### Remember the sick of the Parish

Marilyn Arnold, Honour Sauve, Joseph Sikora, Christopher Smith, Fr. Michael Storey, Helen George, Max Stroud, Vivien Kruszewski, Deena Bevers, Bill Gejdos, Hal Meckelborg, Marcela Alas, Geoff Nickol, Andy Aucoin, Helena Kuzminski Vedres, Inge Tope, Sr. Callista Arnold, Matt Harty, Ester Zappone, Joe Chenier, Marie Rabusic, Lucyna Osko, Jeff Olson, Rick French, Cecilia Chapman, Betty van Gaal, Roy Chanda, Wilma Vervoort, Cal O'Brien, Lora Allen, Maitlynn Miller, Joseph Sokac, Sandie Schaaf, Carolyn Farago, Celeste Pryde, Sheila Red Crow, Marion Nielsen, John Calpas, Bernadette Banbur, Delvin Chief Moon, Mona Millward, Tammy Heavy Shields, Sharon Vandenheuvel, Roy Alderson, Larry Zsombor & Ada Red Crow;

### and the Deceased

Alfons Aksnowicz.

### Anniversaries of Death remembered this week

Frank VandeLigt, Joseph Wesko & Helen Heck.

## 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 4. Sign up sheets are available in the main entrance of both churches. We need *at least* two people signed up every hour.

# Sacraments

## First Communion

Registration is now open for First Communion Sacramental Preparation classes. Registration forms are available at the All Saints office or you can register online at [www.allsaintslethbridge.org](http://www.allsaintslethbridge.org)

Classes will start on Monday, 21 January 2019 at 6:00 pm in Assumption hall for students attending Our Lady of the Assumption and Ecole St Mary, and on Thursday, 24 January 2019 for St Teresa of Calcutta and St Paul's.

If you have any questions please contact Cyndi at 403-327-8931.

# A Story

Then Jesus took his disciples up to the mountain and gathered them around him saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right; they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are they who mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the pure of heart: for they shall see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for justice' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Be glad and rejoice for your reward is great in heaven.”

Then Simon Peter asked: “Should we have recorded this?”

And Andrew said: “Do we have to memorize it?”

And Thomas said: “Do we need a selfie to prove we heard this?”

And Philip said: “Can I go to the bathroom?”

And Bartholomew said: “Will there be a test on this?”

And John said: “The other disciples didn't have to learn this.”

And Matthew said: “I don't have any paper, can I take a picture of your notes?”

And Judas said: “What does this have to do with real life?”

Then one of the Pharisees who was present asked to see Jesus' lesson plan and inquired to Jesus: “Where is your 3 and 5 year plan? What are your short and long term objectives?”

And Jesus wept...

# Mass Intentions

Tuesday, Dec. 25	All Masses	People of God
Wednesday, Dec. 26	12:05 p.m.	Deacons and their families
Thursday, Dec. 27	12:05 p.m.	People of God
Friday, Dec. 28	9:00 a.m.	Holy Innocents and Martyrs of the Church

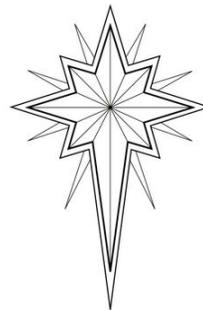


# Stewardship Reflection

*And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? (Luke 1.43)*

The Lord comes to Elizabeth through the person of her cousin Mary. She greets Mary with an embrace and marvels at the presence of the Lord in her midst. The Lord is born to us each day through many vessels. How do you receive Him in your midst?

# Christmas Masses



## December 24:

### Christmas Vigil Masses

6:00 p.m. at Assumption (last year 7:00, 400 attended)

6:00 p.m. at St. Basil's (last year 7:00, 415 attended)

9:00 p.m. at Assumption (last year 305 attended)

9:00 p.m. at St. Basil's (last year 267 attended)

Midnight at Assumption (last year 212 attended)

Midnight at St. Basil's (last year 137 attended)

## December 25:

### Christmas Day Masses includes Blessing of Christmas Toys

9:00 a.m. at Assumption (last year 300 attended)

11:00 a.m. at St. Basil's (last year 370 attended)

Occupancy Limits: Assumption Church - 420

St. Basil's Church - 410



**Plan accordingly.**

**2019 Donation envelopes** can be picked up at St. Basil's. Envelopes will be moved to the parish office after Christmas. If you wish to start using envelopes or if you are interested in the Pre-Authorized Giving program, please call Karen at the parish office.

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**Gerard Thom Memorial Christmas Dinner**

- A free 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 403-308-5925.



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**St. Nicholas Parties** - Photos from the Feast with St. Nicholas and the St. Nicholas Party are on the website.

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**CWL Memberships** (\$30) can be placed in the collection basket at Mass. Please mark your envelope St. Basil's or Assumption Council. Thank you.

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**Bible Timeline Series** - Beginning on Thursday, January 10, 2019 we will be offering the first twelve sessions of Jeff Cavins' Bible Timeline program, with the remaining twelve sessions offered in the fall of 2019. The Timeline is a Catholic Bible study that will help us make sense of the Bible as a historical narrative and better understand the plan of God for human salvation. The first part of the study will take us on a journey from creation to the Kingdom of David, helping us to discover the amazing plan of salvation woven through the early texts of Scripture. Join us in the Upper Meeting Room at Assumption Church. 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. For more information or to register, please call the parish office or phone Oscar Tavernini at 403-329-1052.

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**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 15, 2019 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm in the Upper Meeting Room at Assumption. To register please contact the parish office at 403-327-8931 or email [reception@allsaintslethbridge.org](mailto:reception@allsaintslethbridge.org).

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**Holy Spirit Catholic Schools** are taking registrations for new students beginning on January 7, 2019. Early Learning programming is available for children three (3) and four (4) years of age and Kindergarten is available for children five (5) years of age on, or before, December 31, 2019. To register for the 2019/2020 year, contact your neighbourhood school. Please remember to bring your child's birth certificate. For information about school programs, visit [www.holyspirit.ab.ca](http://www.holyspirit.ab.ca).

**2018 Donation Deadline**

If you would like a donation to be included on your 2018 tax receipt, it must be received by the parish office by noon December 31.

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**Christmas Message from Bishop McGrattan** - Bishop McGrattan shares his wish that we all have a renewed appreciation for the gifts of faith, joy and the call to holiness. The video link can be found on our website homepage.

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**Martha Retreat Centre Programs** - 403-328-3422 or [marthare@telusplanet.net](mailto:marthare@telusplanet.net)

*Dreams On Our Faith Journey* is a workshop designed to present a method to help one work on dreams, inviting you to explore your personal symbolism to arrive at a deeper understanding of your dream messages and their application to your daily life. Monday, Jan 14, 7-8:30 pm; Monday Jan 21, 7-9 pm.

*Praying to Heal Life's Hurts* will provide through Inner Healing Prayer, a vehicle for the Lord Jesus to go back in time to heal life's hurts and renews us with His grace and blessings - making us whole. This is offered on Thursday, Jan 17, & 24, 7-9:30 pm. Facilitator: Ken Fabbi Cost \$100  
*Oasis Day* will be offered on Saturday, Jan. 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A time to reflect on and ponder with a grateful heart the treasured gifts given to all of us by the Holy One.  
*Centering Prayer* will resume on Monday, Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. and on Tuesday, January 8 at 1:30 p.m.

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You are invited to join Fr. Kevin on a custom-designed **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** and Jordan from Oct 26 - Nov 7, 2019. Scripture from the Old and New Testament comes alive following the "Footsteps of Jesus" from the shores of the Sea of Galilee to Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Mount Nebo (Jordan), and the Jordan River. Brochures and registration forms will be available in early January. For more information, call Fr. Kevin.

FORMED ON DEMAND



**Prepare Your Child for Christ's Birth**

Celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis! *O Holy Night* is a wonderful reminder of who we celebrate during the Christmas season!

Free Formed registration link is on our website homepage.

# This Week in Our Churches

## Sunday, December 23

- 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)
- 4:00 p.m. Croatian Mass (St. Basil's)
- 4:30 p.m. Confessions (Assumption)
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Eucharist (Assumption)

## Monday, 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)

## Tuesday, December 25

- 9:00 a.m. Christmas Mass (Assumption)  
*with Blessing of Christmas Toys*
- 11:00 a.m. Christmas Mass (St. Basil's)  
*with Blessing of Christmas Toys*



## Wednesday, December 26

- 12:05 p.m. Mass (St. Basil's)
- 12:50 p.m. Adoration for Vocations (St. Basil's)
- 8:00 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group (Assumption)

## Thursday, December 27

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

## Friday, December 28

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

## Saturday, December 29

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

## Sunday, December 30

- 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)
- 1:00 p.m. Baptisms (St. Basil's)
- 4:30 p.m. Confessions (Assumption)
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Eucharist (Assumption)

## Monday, December 31

- 9:00 a.m. Rosary (St. Basil's)
- 7:00 p.m. New Years Mass (Assumption)

## Tuesday, January 1

- 9:00 a.m. New Years Mass (Assumption)
- 12:00 p.m. New Years Mass (St. Basil's)



## Fr. Kevin's Cluttered Desk

How far are we prepared to go for someone we love? How far are we prepared to go for someone who loves us? Love is a very strange motivator. It brings out all kinds of responses for different people. Because we love others we will do all kinds of things for them. Because we love them we will make all kinds of sacrifices for them or surrender our will to theirs.. The parent that will do without so the children might have.

These are good things but every now and then we should spend some time reflecting on the good that is being done. I go back to a study done where children were asked what they wanted from their parents and parents were asked what they thought their children wanted from them. The interesting part was how far apart they were in their answers. The primary thing that children wanted was more time with their parents. What the parents thought they wanted was toys, games and holidays. Very much on different paths.

The same is true for those who love us. When we know that someone loves us how do we respond? Do we respond in the manner they expect or do we have any idea of an expectation? ie: Gramma does not want anything just show up and spend some time with her. Often we seem to think that there is a need for some thing when what is truly needed is our presence not presents.

The same is true for our relationship with God. God loves us and we love him but what amount of our presence are we sharing with him? Here again are we on the same wave length? What God wants from us is a personal relationship but our personal relationship with God is lived out in community, "for when you did it to the least of these you did it to me". Our prayer time with God is essential for this relationship and prayer has two parts, personal and public. Liturgy; the work of the people, is public prayer where we come together to lift each other and our needs to God. And then the most important part of our personal relationship with God is in the liturgy of the Mass for it is the Eucharist, the moment of being one with God. God does not desire our sacrifices of praise. What he desires is a humble contrite heart, coming forward, hand outstretched to receive the author of life. Here I am Lord, feed me. As Christmas approaches we are invited to reflect and build upon our love relationship with Jesus, please take the time, reflect.

**Peace Fr. Kevin**