

All Saints

Roman Catholic Parish



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December 3, 2017

First 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

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

Advent Prayer

Blessed Father

We are an expectant people always rushing to accomplish things, only to experience time slipping through our fingers. We expect things to improve hoping that somehow we will not always put you and our relationship with you on the back burner of our lives. For this reason we pause for a moment in prayer. Be with us during this season of Advent. Help us to come to an appreciation of "holy waiting". As once your people long ago waited for their saviour to be born, help us enter into the spirit of celebrating the growing awareness of your Word in our lives. Let the power of your Word not be buried or forgotten because of the press of our other obligations.

Prayers of the Faithful

Remember the sick of the Parish

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, John Mazzuca, 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, Carl Wojtowicz, Cindy White Feathers, Justin White Feathers, Ida Nadeau, Elsie Harty & Dolores Wingerter;

and the Deceased

Laverna O'Neil.

Anniversaries of Death remembered this week

Geraldine Parfitt & Vera Woodhouse.

MISSION MEXICO DAY December 12



Bishop McGrattan has declared December 12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, as Mission Mexico Day in the Diocese of Calgary. The goal of Mission Mexico is to help people help themselves through

greater access to education and self-sustaining production projects. We serve some of the poorest communities in southern Mexico.

We are asking every parishioner in the diocese to contribute a loonie on Mission Mexico Day to support this missionary outreach.

Next weekend we will have a second collection.

Youth Corner

Starry Night Dance

Saturday, December 9
7:00 p.m. at St. Martha's

All young adults are invited to join Compass for the 4th Annual Starry Night Dance. There will be dancing, a cash bar, and appetizers. Dress code is formal. Tickets are \$10 at the door or \$5 in advance. For tickets: 403-308-3349 or Lethbridge.compass@gmail.com.



Synod 2018 Survey for Young People

Hello young people! If you are between 16-35, Catholics or non-Catholics in the Diocese of Calgary, you are invited to offer feedback for Pope Francis through an online survey.

In January 2017, Pope Francis wrote a Letter to Young People and the Vatican released a Preparatory Document with questions for reflection, and asked that dioceses throughout the world provide feedback on their local experience. We want to hear your voice: If you have one question to ask Pope Francis, what would that be?

Please fill this brief survey at: <http://yellowtree.ca>

One Night Only

Advent Mission presented by Access52



Featuring - Guest speaker Michael Chiasson

Monday, December 11

7:00 p.m. at Assumption Church

This Advent mission 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.

Do not miss renowned motivational speaker Michael Chiasson. Michael is a devout Catholic who has given his life to spreading a message of hope to schools and churches throughout North America. He speaks regularly to over 20,000 students, parents and teachers each year.

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

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, Dec. 5	7:00 p.m.	Mass of Thanksgiving
Wednesday, Dec. 6	12:05 p.m.	Harm Thomas (dec.)
Thursday, Dec. 7	12:05 p.m.	Fr. Howard Keon (dec.)
Friday, Dec. 8	9:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10:00 a.m. Edith Cavell Mass	People of the Parish



Stewardship Reflection

It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. (Mark 13:34)

God has left us in charge of His creation on earth. We each have special work that we can do for God. With what has God entrusted you?

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 in Advent from 7:30-8:30 p.m. In All Saints Parish reconciliation will begin at 6:30 p.m.

It is easy to become complacent, doing things the way we have always done them and making excuses for the things we do not want to change. Life is hard and we can become rigid and obstinate out of self-defense. Yet, in the loving creative hand of God, we are to be like clay is to the potter. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a safe place to put aside the armour of our stubbornness and be strengthened by the grace of God given in Christ Jesus.

Action: Each evening this week identify three ways God has shown you kindness and gentleness.



Healing Mass - The Sacrament of Anointing will be celebrated on Saturday, December 9, 10:00 a.m. at St. Basil's. Lunch, hosted by St. Basil's CWL, will follow in the hall.

Birth Party for Jesus will be held on Sunday, Dec. 10, 2-4 p.m. at Assumption hall. There will be crafts and cookie decorating. The KC Council 10547 will be supplying refreshments: hot dogs, hot chocolate, and cake. We are once again collecting donations for the food bank, but this year we are also collecting winter items for all ages; especially gloves/mitts and toques. We would appreciate help with the craft tables, if anyone wishes to help, they can just show up on that day and talk to Helen Manzara.

Christmas Decorations Needed - The Syrian Refugee Sponsorship Committee is seeking artificial Christmas trees and Christmas tree decorations for our Syrian family. If you can help out, please drop items off at the parish office.

Assumption CWL is inviting all of its members to the annual *Christmas Social* on Tuesday, December 5 starting at 2pm in Assumption hall. Please bring a small sample of your Christmas baking to share! We will also be collecting cash for the Lethbridge Soup Kitchen.

Computers needed - The Syrian Sponsorship Committee is seeking one or more computers (laptops preferred) for our new Syrian family. If you have a good computer that runs Windows 10 that you no longer need and would like to donate, please drop it off at the parish office. Any personal information or files will be removed.

The ladies at St. Basil's are still looking for the **100 cup coffee pot** that has gone missing. If you have it please return it, or if you know where it may be let the office know.



Advent Retreat with Bishop Emeritus Frederick Henry at Mount St. Francis on Saturday, December 9 at 9:00 am. Join us as we celebrate the positive peace built by women and reflect on how we can all continue to play a vital role in creating a more peaceful world. For info or to register - marilou.legeyt@calgarydiocese.ca.

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. In this series of ten audio talks, Dr. Brant Pitre will present the compelling *Case for Jesus*. 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 contact Oscar Tavernini: (403) 329-1052.

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.



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.

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.

Croatian Mass - Sunday, December 17, at Assumption Church. 4:00 p.m. confessions with Mass to follow.

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

The Carillon: Readership Survey - Thank you to all who have responded to our survey in the November Carillon. If you have not already completed the survey we invite you to add your input. You may complete it either in print or online at CARILLON.calgarydiocese.ca. We highly value your thoughts and suggestions.

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

Centering Prayer takes place on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. **Advent Twilight Retreat**, Monday, December 4, 5-9 pm. During this evening of silence, multi-media reflection and sharing, the Medicine Wheel will be used to help us move into a deeper understanding of the "Prince of Peace".

Aging as a Spiritual Practice Weekend Retreat - Friday, Dec. 8, 7:30 pm to Sunday, Dec. 10, 1 pm. Using some of the latest teachings on aging and spirituality, participants will do their own internal, silent exploration while also discussing the experience of aging together. Cost \$160.

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.**

Grocery cards for Safeway/Sobeys and Save-On-Foods, in \$25, \$50 and \$100 denominations, are available by calling Shelley Thom at 403-308-5925 or after Mass.

This Week in Our Churches

Sunday, December 3

- 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. Polish Mass & Confessions (St. Basil's)
- 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 4

- 9:00 a.m. Rosary (St. Basil's)
- 9:00 a.m. Mass (St. Martha's)
- 7:00 p.m. Prison Ministry Meeting (UMR)
- 7:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (St. Basil's boardroom)

Tuesday, December 5

- 9:00 a.m. Rosary (Assumption)
- 2:00 p.m. CWL Meeting & Social (Assumption hall)
- 4:45 p.m. Compass Faith Study (UMR)
- 6:30 p.m. 1st Eucharist Workshop (Assumption hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Mass (Assumption)
- 7:00 p.m. Penitential Service (St. Martha's)

Wednesday, December 6

- 9:30 a.m. Mother's Rosary (St. Basil's hall)
- 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 (Assumption & St. Basil's)
- 6:30 p.m. RCIC (Upper Meeting Room)
- 6:30 p.m. Pulse Nation (St. Martha's)
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (Assumption)
- 7:30 p.m. RCIA (UMR)
- 8:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting (Assumption hall)

Thursday, December 7

- 8:00 a.m. CCH MISM (St. Basil's)
- 11:00 a.m. Confessions (Assumption)
- 11:52 a.m. CCH MISM (St. Basil's)
- 12:05 p.m. Mass (Assumption)
- 4:30 p.m. Little Saints Advent Mass (St. Basil's)
- 6:30 p.m. 1st Eucharist Workshop (Assumption hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Penitential Service (St. Catherine's, Picture Butte)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (St. Basil's)

Friday, December 8

- 6:00 a.m. TMIY (CCH East)
- 9:00 a.m. Mass (St. Basil's)
Followed by 12 hour Eucharistic Adoration
- 10:30 a.m. Edith Cavell Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Penitential Service (St. Peter's, Milk River)

Saturday, December 9

- 10:00 a.m. Healing Mass & Anointing (St. Basil's)
- 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Assumption)
- 5:00 p.m. Sunday Eucharist (Assumption)
- 7:00 p.m. Starry Night Dance (St. Martha's)

Sunday, December 10

- 7:30 a.m. Sunday Eucharist (St. Basil's)
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday Eucharist (Assumption)
- 10:00 a.m. KC Pancake Breakfast (Assumption hall)
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Eucharist (St. Basil's)
- 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)

Fr. Kevin's Cluttered Desk

I must admit that Advent is one of those times of year that I found confusing as a young person. In Advent we are called to get ready for an event that has already happened and continues to happen each day in our lives. We stand around and sing "Stay awake be ready, for you do not know the hour when the Lord is coming," except that every time we go to Mass the Lord appears in front of our very eyes in the bread and wine that truly become His Body and Blood. Every time we celebrate a funeral we celebrate that person's encounter with Jesus as their life on earth has come to an end.

So as a young person, who appreciated meeting Jesus each week in the Eucharist, this whole waiting and staying awake seemed most odd. And at the same time as a young person I longed for the "Midnight" Mass, where the baby Jesus was carried down the aisle of the church and placed in the manger. (And yes I don't mean make believe "midnight" Masses where the Mass starts long before midnight.) There is something truly beautiful about staying up until the middle of the night to welcome Jesus. That sacrifice of time and sleep offered up to our Lord in thanks for what He has done for us, that's the gift of love at Christmas. Yes do stay awake and be ready but never forget that every time we come to Mass Jesus comes to us in the Eucharist, because He loves us and knows how much we need Him.

Peace Fr. Kevin

Interfaith Food Bank Society of Lethbridge

Volunteer Program, Volunteer Appreciation Recognition

A Project Funded by TIA in 2016

"TIA provided funding for our Volunteer Program, costs associated with screening, training and recognition of volunteers who do the bulk of the work. We have 8 staff members, 60+ weekly volunteers, and over 200 yearly volunteers. We could not provide the programs and services we do without the help of our dedicated volunteers. By securing this funding for our volunteer program, we can ensure a consistent, quality volunteer experience to those who choose to donate their time to helping us achieve our mission: to recognize the human dignity of those in need and to provide food and access to services and resources generated from within our community."

We are still \$12,542 short of our goal. If we exceed our goal the surplus will go to our Repairs and Maintenance Fund.