

All Saints

Roman Catholic Parish



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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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Sunday Reflection

Are you ready?

As we enter the Advent season what voice do you

hear whispering in your ear? Is it the siren song of shopping lists or the blur of decorating duty? Does your mind buzz with joyous expectation of parties and celebrations?

Step out for a minute into the silence of the desert. There's another voice you need to hear. Out of this season of holiday activity, God is calling us to His work: "Prepare the way of the Lord." We cannot merely look forward to the gift of the Christ Child. We must prepare His way, with lives and hearts free from sin, clearing the path for God's Spirit to work. In Advent, each child of God is called to walk in the footsteps of John the Baptist, preparing our selves and our world for God.

Are you ready?



Mass Times

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Assumption
This Mass is Live-streamed
7:00 p.m. - St. Basil's

Sunday 7:30 a.m. - St. Basil's
9:00 a.m. - Assumption
This Mass is Live-streamed
11:00 a.m. - St. Basil's
6:00 p.m. - Assumption

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. - St. Basil's

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

Thursday 12:05 p.m. - Assumption

Friday 9:00 a.m. - Assumption

Open for Prayer

Assumption Church will be open for prayer Monday to Friday from 9:30am - 4:00pm. The church will be locked, please ring the office doorbell and someone will open the east entrance.

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday at Assumption Church from 8 - 11:00 pm
First Friday of each month at Assumption. It will begin after the 9:00am Mass until 6:00pm

Sacraments

Reconciliation

By appointment, please phone the parish office.

Tuesday 8:00-10:00 p.m. at Assumption
Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm at Assumption
Sunday 4:30-5:30 pm at Assumption

Baptism & Marriage

Arrangements made by calling the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick

Arrangements made by calling the Parish Office.

Prayers of the Faithful

Remember the sick of the Parish

Victor Lund, Lisza Bruder, Vickie Richter, Alice Murray, Sandie SchAAF, Joe Gallo, Donald Wilson, Vonda Danielson, Irena Gugala, Cinette Kado, Bobbi Ostafichuk, Paul White Quills, William Huggins, Lenora Parr, Marjorie Gal & Marilyn Black Forehead.

and the Deceased

Kay Haniuk, Marie Mawhinney & Carmen Vasquez.

Anniversaries of Death remembered this week

Gene Lyon, Frank Benci, Frank Tinordi & Walter Gluszkowski.

Stewardship Reflection

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. (Luke 3.4)

Beings of body and spirit, we use our lives in this world to make our way to the Lord. What obstacles are on your path to the Lord? How can you clear the path for others? John the Baptist's cry is a call to stewardship of our lives in the world.

Christmas Masses

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Masses

6:00 pm Mass at both St. Basil's and Assumption
(This Mass will be live-streamed.)
8:00 pm Mass at both St. Basil's & Assumption
10:00 pm Mass at St. Basil's
12:00 Midnight Mass at Assumption
(This Mass will be live-streamed.)



Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Masses

9:00 am at Assumption & St. Basil's
(This Mass will be live-streamed.)
11:00 am at Assumption & St. Basil's

Attendance will be by registration ONLY.

Registration will become available on Thursday, December 16, at 9:00 a.m. You may register online at www.allsaintslethbridge.org or by phoning the parish office at 403-327-8931.

Donation Envelopes

2022 Donation envelopes can be picked up at Assumption hall during office hours.

It is important to note that we have changed everyone's envelope numbers. Please **do not** use old envelopes or you may not receive proper credit on your tax receipt.

Thank you for your continued support.



A message from
BISHOP WILLIAM T. MCGRATTAN

"The feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe coincides with the Third Sunday of Advent and therefore we designate Sunday, December 12 as Mission Mexico Day in the Diocese of Calgary."

In 2021, we supported Mission Mexico through the following:

- \$27, 500** 26 ongoing bursaries for students to study university
- \$23,350** to support the operation of Champagnat High School of the Mountain in Potoichan
- \$4,350** to support the 5-person team that assists the religious sisters in running the La Estacion Kindergarten project
- \$2,670** to support the Xalpitzahuac Health Project
- \$15,000** direct support/assistance to those who experience poverty
- \$27,130** expenses: truck, office, apartment, supplies



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, Dec. 7	7:00 p.m.	Raquel Barrantes (dec.)
Wednesday, Dec. 8	12:05 p.m.	Gino Pasquotti (dec.)
Thursday, Dec. 9	12:05 p.m.	Andrew Prokop (dec.)
Friday, Dec. 10	9:00 a.m.	Frank Benci (dec.)
	10:00 a.m. Edith Cavell	Olga Novak (dec.)
	11:00 a.m. St. Michael's	Emma Poehlmann (dec.)



Advent Mission



7:00 to 8:00 pm
at Assumption Church and
Live-streamed on allsaintslethbridge.org



December 8th

**God's Promise
with Michael Chiasson & Fr. Kevin**

December 15th

**Rebellion
with Fr. Kevin**

December 22nd

**Redemption
with Fr. Kevin**

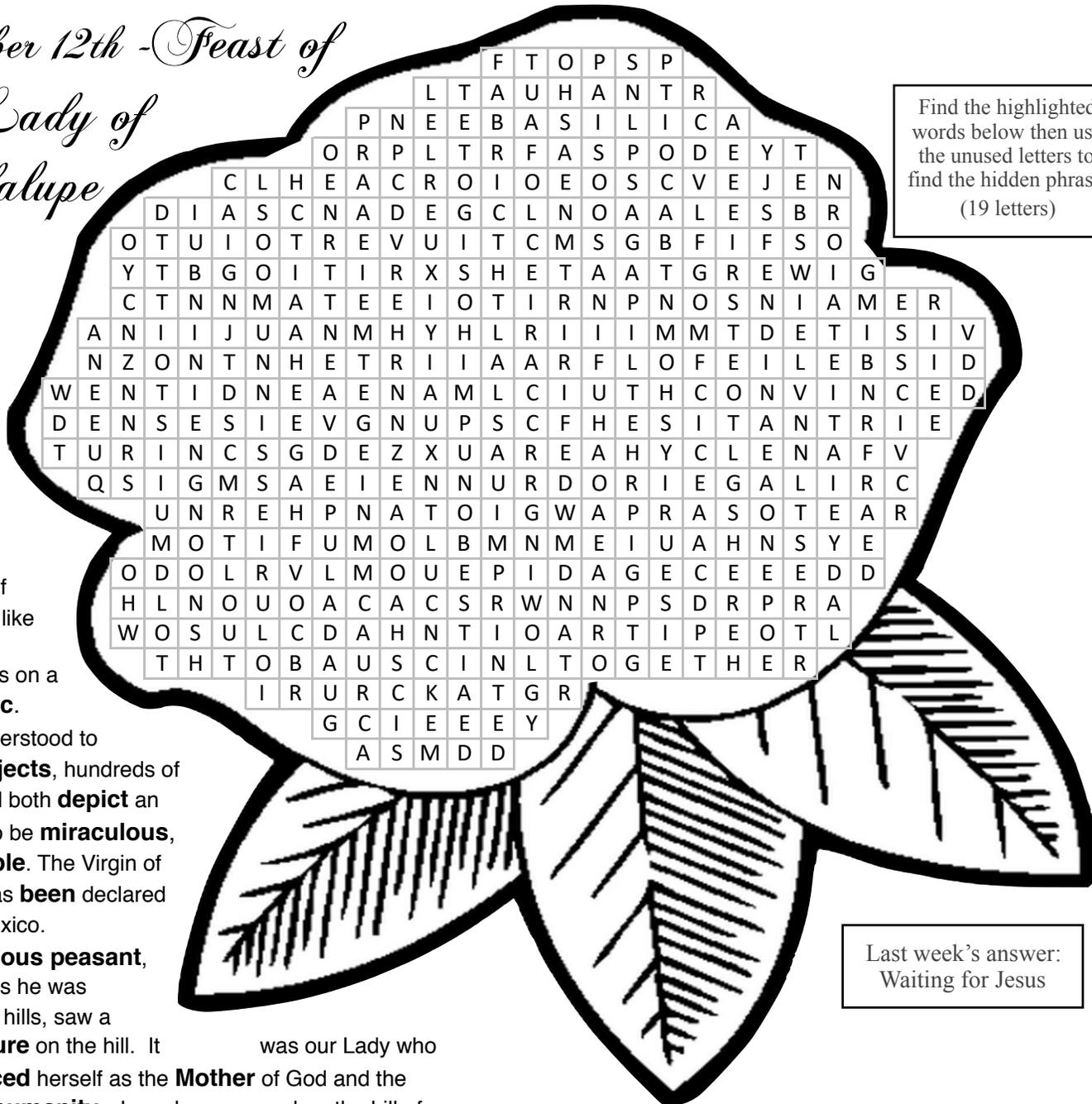


Dec.11/12, 2021

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December 12th - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe



Find the highlighted words below then use the unused letters to find the hidden phrase. (19 letters)

The Virgin of **Guadalupe**, like the shroud of **Turin**, appears on a piece of **fabric**.

Both are understood to be sacred **objects**, hundreds of years old, and both **depict** an image **said** to be **miraculous**, **unexplainable**. The Virgin of Guadalupe has **been** declared **Queen** of Mexico.

An **indigenous** peasant, Juan Diego, as he was walking in the hills, saw a **glowing figure** on the hill. It was our Lady who first **introduced** herself as the **Mother** of God and the mother of all **humanity** when she appeared on the hill of **Tepeyac** in 1531. After she had **identified** herself to Juan, Our Lady **asked** that Juan build her a shrine in that same **spot**, in **order** for her to show and share her **love** and **compassion** with all those **who** believe. Juan **Diego** was very **hesitant** to do this but he **went** and **visited** Juan de **Zumárraga**, who was Archbishop of what is now Mexico **City**. Bishop Zumárraga **dismissed** him in **disbelief** and asked that he provide proof of his **story** and proof of the Lady's **identity**.

When **Juan** told our **Lady** of the Bishops request Mary granted it. On December 12, she showed Juan where the most beautiful **Castilian** roses were and **told** him to gather them. It was a **miracle** that the roses were there and in **bloom** because there was **frost** on the ground, and the **ground** was an infertile place where only cactus and **thistles** **grew**. Juan gathered up the roses and Mary helped arrange them in his tilma, or **poncho**, and told him to go and **show**

them to the **Bishop**. The Bishop **recognized** the Castilian roses and that they were not native to **Mexico**, the Bishop was **convinced** but there was an **even** greater miracle, **something** even more **significant**. The **tilma** had been miraculously **imprinted** with a **colourful** image of the **Virgin** herself.

The **actual** tilma has been **preserved** since that **date** and shows the familiar image of the Virgin **Mary** with her **head** bowed and hands **together** in **prayer**. It **remains** perhaps the most sacred object in all of Mexico.

The story is **best** known **from** a **manuscript** written in the **Aztec's native language, Nahuatl**, by the **scholar Antonio Valeriano**. It was written sometime after 1556.

Over 20 million people visit the **Basilica** of Our Lady of Guadalupe **each** year, now **situated** on the **very** same hill on which she appeared.

Last week's answer:
Waiting for Jesus

Adoration and Confessions

Every Tuesday

Eucharistic Adoration at Assumption Church from 8:00 to 11:00pm.

Confessions are available from 8:00 - 10:00pm

Tuesday Adoration will be live-streamed from 8-9pm

Every Friday

Eucharistic Adoration at Assumption Church following the 9:00am Mass with Benediction at 6:00pm

Confessions are available from 10:00am until noon.

33 hours of Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation at the Cathedral

To celebrate Gaudete Sunday, everyone is invited to St. Mary's Cathedral to spend 33 hours in Eucharistic Adoration and the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Starting Friday Dec. 10 at the 7:30 am Mass and concluding on Saturday, Dec 11 at the 5 pm Mass. For more information, please visit <https://www.stmaryscalgary.ca>

The End of St. Joseph's Year - On December 8, the Church will conclude the Year of Saint Joseph. We invite you to cap off this special Year of Saint Joseph with a webinar: *Devotion & Consecration to St. Joseph* with speaker Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC. Dec. 8 at 5 pm MT. The registration link can be found on our website homepage as well as prayers and devotions to St. Joseph.

Assumption CWL will be having a General Meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 2 pm in Assumption hall. The discussion will include the upcoming instructed vote. We will also be praying the Living Rosary. A collection of socks will be taken up for donation. Please wear a mask. We look forward to seeing you!

Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre - call 403-932-2012 or visit www.mountstfrancis.ca for updates or to register.
Advent Twilight Retreat -Wednesday, Dec. 15, 6:00- 9:00 pm with supper at 6:30pm. *"In Thy Dark Streets"*
Greccio: A St. Francis Christmas Pageant - Due to the pandemic, the Christmas Pageant will be online starting on Dec. 12. Visit the above website for more details.

Christmas Raffle

Gift Basket Raffle

The prize - A Nutter's gift basket valued at \$100.

Tickets are available at the parish office.

The cost is \$2 each or 3 for \$5

The draw date will be Monday, December 20 at 4:00 p.m.



Fr. Kevin's Cluttered Desk

"Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God."

In our baptism we are gifted with the white garment of salvation, and we put on Christ, we put on the righteousness that comes only from God. We get rid of our afflictions and sorrow for we are the children of God. But we need to remember to bring that white garment unstained into the kingdom of God and so we have that call from John the Baptist to prepare ourselves, to prepare the way of the Lord, make straight our path, and so God gifts us with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. John the Baptist had a baptism of repentance but for us once baptized always baptized. But we have a better Sacrament, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, in which God pours His mercy and love into us, so that we might overflow with grace and mercy, we are washed clean. Just like our regular clothes that need to be washed so does that white garment. And just like our regular clothes in which we might miss some stains, so with our white garment we might miss some sins. The cleaning power of God misses nothing. Still some stains need some extra work, extra attention, or they will not wash away because we have ignored them or have forgotten to let them soak first (be reflected upon). A good examination of conscience is very necessary, kind of like looking our clothes over closely before we toss them in the wash.

Advent is not a penitential season like Lent, but it is a penitential season, a season of house cleaning, a season for doing our laundry. Time for fresh clean beautiful clothes to greet our Saviour in.

Peace Fr. Kevin

Sunday Missals - The new missals are available for \$5 each.

Sunday Missals for Young Catholics are available at the parish office for \$10 each.

Young Adults Events in December

Church History Night: Ancient Rome and the Coming of Christ - St. Basil's. Thursday, Dec. 9 @ 7:30 p.m.

Advent Adoration Night - Assumption. Friday, Dec. 17 @ 7 p.m. An evening of Eucharistic Adoration and recollection, led by Fr. Derek and Fr. Cristino Bouvette. There will be a talk on preparing ourselves for Christmas, time for silent prayer, and an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confession.

For more information, please contact Fr. Derek at derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca or (403) 327-8931.

