

# All Saints

Roman Catholic Parish



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

December 8, 2019

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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## 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

### Borrowed belief

There was once a study done that stated only one out of three people who attended church truly believed in God. Sneak a look to your left and right. Which one of the three of you is the true believer?

It's a strange thing to consider, how filled any church can be with un-believers. Oh, it isn't that they're atheists, or even agnostics. They may simply be living in rote repetition a faith they've never given any thought to. It's easy enough to follow along with the true believers, mimicking other's actions and never choosing the faith for themselves. Both John the Baptist and Jesus saw the same thing with many of the "religious" men they met. John said "Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father; for I tell you God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.'" John meant that borrowed belief is no belief. You can't count yourself a child of God because your parent or your partner is. God expects us each to be faith filled and obedient ourselves. Consider your own heart today and ask yourself, what am I truly, a borrower or a believer?



## Prayers of the Faithful

### *Remember the sick of the Parish*

Hans & Rose Kremenik, Phyllis Kambeitz, Mary Ellen Johnson, Joseph Sikora, Shirley Ell, Cody Petrone, Magda Mehle, Howard Martin, 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, Lisa Bosch, Kieran Sinclair, Anna Kolaric, Stefia Sims, Kelvin Bufalo, Mary Dudys & Richard Sipos;

### *and the Deceased*

Emily Henderson.

### *Anniversaries of Death remembered this week*

Harold Sturm, John Gyorkos, Mike Prokop & Andrew Prokop.

# 1st Reconciliation

The fifth workshop for First Reconciliation candidates is:

**Monday, Dec. 9** for students attending Assumption School and Ecole St. Mary or

**Thursday, Dec. 12** for students attending St. Teresa and St. Paul Schools.

For more information, please call Cyndi at the parish office.

# Simbang Gabi

(Filipino for “Night Mass”) is a devotional nine-day novena of Masses in anticipation of Christmas to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary.

It begins on Monday, December 16 with Mass at 7:00 pm at St. Basil’s.

December 17, 7:00 pm at St. Basil’s

December 18, 10:00 pm at St. Basil’s

December 19, 10:00 pm at St. Basil’s

December 20, 10:00 pm at St. Basil’s

December 21, 7:00 pm at St. Basil’s

December 22, 6:00 pm at Assumption

December 23, 7:00 pm at St. Basil’s

December 24, midnight at Assumption.

A feast to follow in hall.



# Stewardship Reflection

*His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.*  
(Isaiah 11.2)

What does it mean to fear the Lord? According to our world view, the situations described by the prophet today are fearful. Yet, in the Lord Jesus there is radical liberation from these laws of nature. To fear the Lord is to help bring about God’s kingdom on earth.

# Mass Intentions

Tuesday, Dec. 10	10:00 a.m. Golden Acres Mass	Anna’s Family (dec.)
	7:00 p.m.	Maria Herauf (dec.)
Wednesday, Dec. 11	12:05 p.m.	Diamante & Tommasina Rice (dec.)
Thursday, Dec. 12	12:05 p.m.	Intention of Sr. Maxine
Friday, Dec. 13	9:00 a.m.	Sr. Millicent (dec.)
	10:00 a.m. Edith Cavell Mass	Harm Thomas (dec.)
	11:00 a.m. St. Michael’s Mass	Emilie Cassis (dec.)

# Jesse Tree Ornaments

**Monday, Dec. 2:** Noah: Rainbow

*Genesis 6-9.* The story of Noah is told to illustrate how deeply the human family has fallen into sinfulness. Sin is now so universal that a troubled God decides to complete the work of destruction that the human family has begun.



**Tuesday, Dec. 3:** Abraham: Starry Sky

*Genesis 12.* Abraham stands before God, facing the future. God had promised that Abraham would be the father of many descendants, but his wife, Sarah, seems unable to have children.



**Wednesday, Dec. 4:** Isaac: Ram

*Genesis 22.* Then, unexpectedly, God sends an angel with the message that Abraham must sacrifice his son Isaac. As bitter as the message is, and as hopeless as it makes Abraham feel, he obeys without hesitation.



**Thursday, Dec. 5:** Jacob: Ladder

*Genesis 25: 19-34; 27.* While on his journey, Jacob arrives at a certain place and rests there, using a stone for a pillow. In a dream, he receives a divine revelation. He sees a ladder, or perhaps a ramp, going up from earth to heaven.



**Friday, Dec. 6:** Joseph: Coat of Many Colours

*Genesis 37.* Pharaoh has Joseph brought before him. Joseph hears the dreams and correctly interprets their meaning. The seven fat cows and stalks of grain are seven years in which harvests will be abundant and the cows will be fat. The next seven years will be a period of famine.



**Saturday, Dec. 7:** Moses: Burning Bush

*Exodus: 3.* God answers Moses, “I am who I am” (Yahweh). Other meanings of God’s answer can be, “I come to be all that exists” and “I cause to be all that happens.”



**Sunday, Dec. 8:** The Israelites: Lamb

*Exodus 11-13.* Moses gathers the people. He orders that a lamb be sacrificed, and the blood of the lamb be put on the doorframes of the houses.



**Thank you!**

**Your generosity is amazing!**

**Together in Action** - We have exceeded our 2019 goal! Thank you from all the agencies that are supported by this Diocesan collection: diocesan programs, local charities, national and international agencies. All surplus funds raised will be put toward our Building Fund.

**Holy Childhood** - We have once again emptied our collection jars at the churches. *Children helping children* is the vision of the Holy Childhood Association and our children are great examples of sharing their blessings. In 2019 we collected \$2,403!

**Building Fund** - We thank all of you who continue to support the building fund. In the month of November we were blessed with a single donation of over \$500,000.

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.



**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.

**Desperately Needed!** - We are in need of Disciples for the Hospital Ministry starting *immediately*. Due to many factors we now have only 4 people to serve in this much needed ministry! Visiting the Sick is one of the Corporal Works of Mercy. If you are being called to this rewarding ministry please call Roisin or Laura at the parish office and we can give you more information about getting involved with this wonderful team serving at the hospital.

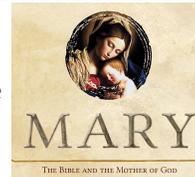
**Candlelight Christmas (a concert)** - Wednesday, December 18, 7:00 pm at St. Basil's. Featuring a children's choir and a seniors choir. A social will follow. There will be a freewill offering with proceeds going to the Interfaith Food Bank.

**Christian Handicrafts from the Holy Land** - *Next weekend* 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.

**St. Martha's Parish Mission** - Join Franciscan Friar Brother Michael Perras, OFM on Saturday, Dec. 14th beginning at 9 am with Mass and on Sunday, Dec. 15th from 2 pm to 4 pm for our Advent Mission "Guided by Love." As part of our mission we will celebrate Bambinelli Sunday at all weekend Masses. Bring your statue of the Baby Jesus from your Nativity to be blessed. All are welcome!

**Singers** who want to join in at *Christmas Masses* can call Carol 403-381-6671 to find out when groups are practicing.

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. Study guides will cost between \$10 and \$35 depending upon when they are ordered. Guides ordered by Monday will be priced around \$10-\$12 each. After that, there may be no discount. For more information or to register for the study, please call the parish office or phone Oscar Tavernini at 403-329-1052.



**St. Basil's CWL meeting** - Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 1pm. Please join us for the 12:05 Mass with the meeting in the hall after. **Note:** please bring a \$10 wrapped gift for a social exchange.

**Needed: A coordinator for our Corpus Christi Celebration** this coming June 14th. This could be one or two people and you would work with a core group. If you are interested please contact the office by phone or email and you can be given more details.



**IAmBlessed.ca** - Everyone is invited to pick up an envelope of beautiful Christmas cards. In each card, you'll find ideas on how you can bless others during this season of giving.

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

**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.

### Mission Mexico

**A brief history:** Pope John Paul II declared the year 2000 to be a Jubilee Year. At St. Mary's Parish in Cochrane, Fr. Fred Monk proposed a Jubilee Project. Girls in a remote village of the mountains of southern Mexico, known as La Montaña, needed an orphanage, operated by the Sisters of Immaculate Mary in Tlapa, Guerrero. If every parishioner would give one loonie per week, St. Mary's could raise the required \$100,000.

Following that success, Fr. Fred travelled to Mexico to look over the completed project. Bishop Alejo Castro took Fr. Fred to many of the truly poor villages in his diocese and instilled in Fr. Fred a vision for partnering with these folks who are the poorest of the poor to affirm hope and dignity in their imageness of God. Thus, was born Mission Mexico, now an official outreach of the Diocese of Calgary.



**Next weekend we will have a second collection for Mission Mexico.**

# This Week in Our Churches

## *Sunday, December 8*

- 7:30 a.m. Sunday Eucharist (St. Basil's)
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday Eucharist (Assumption)
- 10:00 a.m. KC & Youth 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)

## *Monday, December 9*

- 9:00 a.m. Mass (St. Martha's)
- 11:00 a.m. Henderson Funeral (Assumption)
- 6:00 p.m. Arise (UMR & LMR)
- 6:00 p.m. 1st Reconciliation Workshop (Assumption hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Prison Ministry Meeting (St. Basil's hall)

## *Tuesday, December 10*

- 9:00 a.m. Rosary (Assumption)
- 10:00 a.m. Golden Acres/Blue Sky Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Reconciliation (St. Basil's)
- 7:00 p.m. Mass (St. Basil's)

## *Wednesday, December 11*

- 9:00 a.m. Ecole St. Mary Advent Mass (school)
- 12:05 p.m. Mass (St. Basil's)
- 5:00 p.m. RCIC (UMR)
- 6:30 p.m. Pulse (St. Basil's)
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (LMR)
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA (UMR)
- 7:00 p.m. Penitential Service (St. Martha's)
- 8:00 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group (Assumption hall)

## *Thursday, December 12*

- 11:00 a.m. Confessions (Assumption)
- 12:05 p.m. Mass (Assumption) with Assumption School
- 4:00 p.m. Little Saints (St. Martha's)
- 6:00 p.m. 1st Reconciliation Workshop (Assumption hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass (St. Basil's)

## *Friday, December 13*

- 9:00 a.m. Mass (Assumption)  
*followed by 12 hour Eucharistic Adoration*
- 10:00 a.m. Edith Cavell Mass
- 11:00 a.m. St. Michael's Health Centre Mass

## *Saturday, December 14*

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

## *Sunday, December 15*

- 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)  
*Followed by a coffee social hosted by CWL*
- 4:30 p.m. Confessions (Assumption)
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Eucharist (Assumption)

## **Fr. Kevin's Cluttered Desk**

So which is a Catholic tradition: the Jesse Tree, the Advent Wreath or the Yule Log?

The Yule log is a specially selected log burnt on a hearth as a Christmas tradition in a number of countries in Europe. The origin of this folk custom is unclear. Some will argue the tradition comes from Norway, some say from Germanic paganism. After the Christianization of Scandinavia, it may have been incorporated into the Christian celebration of Christmas there. However, as there are no reliable existing references to a Christmas log prior to the 16th century, it may have been an early modern invention by Christians unrelated to the pagan practice. Regardless of its origin, for the Christian feast of Christmas, the yule log symbolizes the battle between good and evil: as the fire grew brighter and burned hotter, and as the log turned into ashes, it symbolized Christ's final and ultimate triumph over sin, the ashes were often scattered about the house to drive away evil.

The concept of the Advent wreath originated among German Lutherans in the 16th Century. However, it was not until three centuries later that the modern Advent wreath appeared. It is believed that Johann Hinrich Wichern (1808–1881), a Protestant pastor in Germany and a pioneer in urban mission work among the poor was the inventor of the modern Advent wreath in the 19th century. During Advent, children at the mission school *Rauhes Haus*, founded by Wichern in Hamburg, would ask daily if Christmas had arrived. In 1839, Wichern built a large wooden ring (made out of an old cartwheel) with 20 small red and 4 large white candles. A small candle was lit successively every weekday and Saturday during Advent. On Sundays, a large white candle was lit. The custom gained ground among Protestant churches in Germany and evolved into the smaller wreath with four or five candles known today. Roman Catholics in Germany began to adopt the custom in the 1920s. The custom did not reach the United States until the 1930s.

In Medieval times Advent was a period of fasting during which people's thoughts were directed to the expected second coming of Christ, and in that context the Advent Wreath served as a reminder of the approach of the feast.

The Jesse Tree is a Catholic tradition. The first Jesse Trees appeared in art most likely during medieval times. They began as tapestries, carvings, and stained glass windows in churches so that people who were illiterate could still have a chance to "read" the Bible and learn about the events leading up to the Birth of Christ. The Jesse Tree designs showed Jesus' connection with Jesse and other important Biblical figures. A tree grew out of Jesse and on its branches were pictures of other ancestors of Jesus. The tree would then culminate with the figures of Jesus and Mary. The Cathedral of Chartres, in France, dating back to 1260, has a particularly famous and beautiful Jesse Tree stained glass window.

Advent is a time of joyful expectation. Using a Jesse Tree can help place the focus on the amazing faithfulness of God, our Father and Savior. The Jesse Tree encompasses over 4,000 years of history. The true faithfulness and love of God are seen in that rich history. He has kept the promise He made to Abraham and to every generation since then – to be present and faithful.

God is with us and He always will be.

**Peace Fr. Kevin**