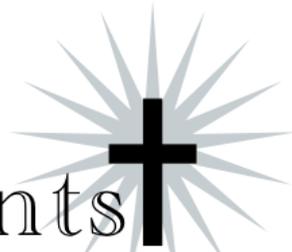


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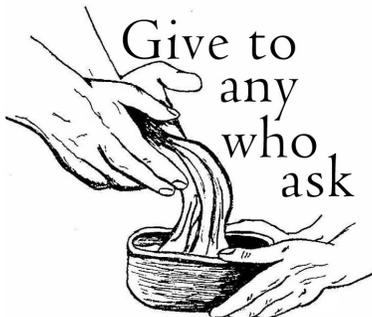
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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Sunday Reflection

Give till it hurts

We all think of ourselves as generous. Each of us feels warm and fuzzy when we donate. We should. Scripture says God loves a cheerful giver. The problem is, God's standards are a little higher than ours. He wants us to be cheerful not just when we give to good people. God calls us to give joyously to the undeserving as well. Jesus said we should give to everyone who asks of us, everyone. It's not a

financial decision, it's a spiritual choice. God will sort out what happens after we open our hands.

It isn't an easy step to take. It's hard to see money, time or gifts be given where they're misused or denigrated. But God stands beside us, encouraging us to give anyway, no matter the cost. He did. He gave His Son to a world that rejected, reviled and crucified Him. He paid with blood for the gift of mercy to be given to people who deny He exists. God gave till it hurts and He calls us to do the same.

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 doorbell.

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday at Assumption Church from 8 - 11:00 pm
 Every first Friday at Assumption. Adoration will begin following the 9:00am Mass and end with Benediction at 8:00pm

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:00-6:30 p.m. at St. Basil's
 8:00-10:00 p.m. at Assumption
 Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm at Assumption
 6:00-6:30 p.m. at St. Basil's
 Sunday 4:30-5:30 pm at Assumption
 Or by appointment, please phone the parish office.

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

Maria Boh, Kathy Herbst, Math Harty, Marilyn P., Mike Monaghan, Sheila Horon, Michael Poirier, Erin Harkness, Joseph Seeman, Patrick Barry, Victor Lund, Vickie Richter, Vonda Danielson, Daniel Bosters, Deb McCormick, Irena Gugala, Cinette Kado, Suneeta D'Souza, Henricus Lankhorst & Helen Smith.

The Deceased

Kal Hegedes, Ron Fabbi, Tillie Visser & Annette Dodd.

Anniversaries of Death remembered this week

Joseph Di Sabato, Walter Kortt, David Robb, Frances Kaupp & Oreste Zanolli.

Baptisms

Please welcome into our Christian community *Evelyn Rose Lamb, Kyros Aeven Radlee Thomas & Nathan Pena Cantolico* who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.



Eucharistic Adoration

Every Tuesday

at Assumption Church from 8:00 to 11:00pm Live-stream available from 8:00 to 9:00pm

Confessions available during Adoration from 8:00 - 10:00 pm.



Every Friday in Lent

at Assumption Church following the 9:00 a.m Mass. Benediction will be at 8:00 p.m.

Confessions available during Adoration from 10 - 11 am.

Stewardship Reflection

For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? (Matthew 5.46)

Christian hospitality does not expect anything in return. It is about welcoming those on the margins and opening ourselves to what Jesus is saying to us through them.

St. Francis Xavier Chaplaincy

Faith and Reason Seminar

Thursday, Feb. 23 @ 7:30 pm. at St. Basil's.

Topic: Introduction to Philosophy

The St. Francis Xavier Chaplaincy is a ministry of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary for university students and other young adults.

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

Pastoral Care

The Diocese of Calgary is offering a Pastoral Care Ministry Training

for those who feel called to assist their parish in a healing ministry to the sick, elderly, dying, homebound and bereaved members.

Session 1: Friday, March 24 (7 to 9 pm) to Saturday, March 25 (9:30 am to 4 pm)

Session 2: Friday, March 31 (7 to 9 pm) to Saturday, April 1 (9:30 am to 4 pm)

Location: Catholic Pastoral Centre, Calgary.

Registration Fee: \$50/person (Covers training costs, lunch for both sessions, and refreshments). Fee should not be a deterrent. No one will be denied participation. Please contact Anthony to make other arrangements.

For more information or to register, visit catholicyc.ca/pastoralcare

Mass Intentions

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| Tuesday, Feb. 21 | 7:00 p.m. | William Singer (dec.) |
| Wednesday, Feb. 22 | 9:00 a.m. St. Basil's | Norman Leclaire (dec.) |
| | 9:00 a.m. Assumption | Barbara Flahn (dec.) |
| | 12:05 p.m. | For the People |
| | 5:00 p.m. Assumption | Maria Herauf (dec.) |
| | 7:00 p.m. St. Basil's | Maria Salud Loreto (dec.) |
| Thursday, Feb. 23 | 12:05 p.m. | Carola Burnfield (dec.) |
| | 2:00 p.m. Martha House | Pat Kluszny (dec.) |
| | 4:00 p.m. Retreat Centre | Intention of Santiago Torres |
| Friday, Feb. 24 | 9:00 a.m. | Intention of Helen Tetzlaff |
| | 10:30 a.m. Extencicare | Intention of Vanda Lutterotti |

Mass Intentions for March are posted at both churches and on the parish website.



The theme for this year's Together in Action is taken from 1 John 3:18, "Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." This reminds us that we become a bright light in this dark world and bring glory to His name whenever we care for others and serve them.

The diocesan goal of the TIA is the usual \$2 million. Of this, \$1.4 million will be used to fund various diocesan ministries, Vocations, Care of retired priests, Mission Council, Elizabeth House, St. Francis Xavier Chaplaincy, and to help support partner organizations and agencies like the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB).

\$600,000 of the proceeds will go to support local or regional healing and reconciliation initiatives for residential school survivors, their families, and their communities.

All Saints goal for 2023 is \$76,568. We are requesting any surplus funds collected be used for our Building Fund.

Next weekend we will have a second collection for TIA.

Welcome to our exchange reader from Christ Trinity Lutheran Church. *Leslie Gardner* will be the first readers at St. Basil's 11:00 Mass. *Barb Graham* will be serving as a guest reader at First Baptist Church.

Pastoral Care - The Art of Accompaniment - A monthly reflection with Fr. Tim on ministry inspired by the teachings of Pope Francis. The next reflection will be on Tuesday, February 21, 10:30 a.m. at St. Martha's Parish.

Silver Rose Prayer Service - Please join St. Patrick's K of C on Thursday, February 23rd to promote the dignity of all human life and honouring Our Lady. Fr. Gary Sedgwick will be leading the service beginning at 7 pm at Ss Peter and Paul's Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.



St. Basil's Funeral Altar Servers - Anyone interested in helping to serve at funeral Masses is asked to contact the parish office. Training will be provided.

Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Peace Council 5726, would like to thank all who came to our breakfast on Sunday February 12th. From the proceeds we were able to make a \$ 500 donation to Pro Life Lethbridge.

Martha Retreat Centre - Upcoming Events To register call 403-328-3422 or visit our website martharetreatcentre.ca.

Centering Prayer -Tuesday afternoons, 1:30-2:40 pm. Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer.

Taize Prayer - Third Thursday of each month, 10:00 - 11:00 am. In a multiethnic world, Taize prayer becomes a spiritual force to bind people together for peace.

Lenten Twilight Retreat - Monday, Feb. 27, 4:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. During this Season of Lent it is good to revisit the meaning in our lives that the prayer Jesus taught us holds for each one of us. Through silence and sharing, we will ponder the healing power of forgiveness.

Refugee Committee 50/50 Raffle - Raffle tickets are \$5 each and available at the church office and from committee members. The draw will be made at the St. Patrick's Party.

February is Clergy Appreciation Month



Please join members of the CWL in acknowledging and thanking our clergy for enriching our spiritual lives by offering up your masses, rosaries, prayers and adorations in their name.

Lord Jesus, we your people pray to You for our priests. You have given them to us for our needs. We pray for them in their needs. Let them see you face to face in the breaking of the Eucharistic Bread. St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests, pray for us.

The World Day of Prayer

We will once again be celebrating the World Day of Prayer with full on-site participation. This year St. Basil's CWL is co-hosting with the ladies of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. The prayer service will be held on **Friday, March 3** at 2 pm at Good Shepherd Church (2406 11 Ave S. 2 blocks north of Assumption Church)



A different participating country writes the service each year, and we look forward to that prepared by the Taiwan committee for 2023. Refreshments and a chance to catch up with old and new friends will follow.

The World Day of Prayer is a global Christian Ecumenical group of women representing 170 countries, who get together to pray for world peace on the first Friday of March each year. Lethbridge congregational women have been gathering for over 40 years. 2023 will see 14 congregations and 7 denominations represented here in Lethbridge.

Everyone is invited and welcomed. If you have never attended or knew of this event please join us.

For further information email bridgetpastoor@gmail.com

Emergency Relief for Turkey and Syria - Thousands of lives were taken or left missing after the catastrophic earthquake in Turkey and Syria. At this critical moment, your generous and prayerful support is more than necessary - it is vital to their survival. Funds are urgently needed to provide food, medical supplies, shelter and other essentials both now and in the coming months. Donations will help those affected go back to a more stable life. There is a link on our website homepage to donate online or you can donate through the parish, please clearly mark your envelope "Earthquake Relief".



Holy Spirit Catholic School Division is looking for *Host Families for our International students* who will attend Catholic Schools next fall. This is a great opportunity for the families to host a student, reflect the love of God, and receive a monthly reimbursement of \$900/ per month. They are hoping to receive applications in the next month or so in order to do criminal record checks, etc. For more information contact Donna Faulkner at 403-331-4458 or faulknerd@holyspirit.ab.ca

A Day Away at Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre - Advocate for the Poor. Wednesday, March 8, 9am - 3pm. Includes presentation, quiet time, Eucharist, and noon meal. Registration is \$30, call 403-932-2012 or email mtfrancis@shaw.ca
For more Lenten Retreats visit www.mountstfrancis.ca

This Week in Our Churches

Sunday, February 19

- 7:30 a.m. Sunday Eucharist (St. Basil's)
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday Eucharist (Assumption)
followed by a coffee social in the hall
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Eucharist (St. Basil's)
- 4:30 p.m. Confessions (Assumption)
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Eucharist (Assumption)
- 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group
(Assumption hall)

Monday, February 20

Family Day - Office Closed

- 11:00 a.m. Szilagyi Funeral (Assumption)

Tuesday, February 21

- 10:00 a.m. Fabbi Funeral (Assumption)
- 10:30 a.m. The Art of Accompaniment (St. Martha's)
- 6:00 p.m. Confessions (St. Basil's)
- 7:00 p.m. Mass (St. Basil's)
- 8:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Assumption)
with confessions

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday

- 9:00 a.m. Mass (Assumption & St. Basil's)
- 12:05 p.m. Mass (Assumption & St. Basil's)
- 5:00 p.m. Mass (Assumption)
- 7:00 p.m. Mass (St. Basil's)

Thursday, February 23

- 12:05 p.m. Mass (Assumption)
- 1:30 p.m. Lectio Bible Study (UMR)
- 2:00 p.m. Martha House Mass
- 4:00 p.m. Martha Retreat Centre Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Lectio Bible Study (UMR)
- 7:30 p.m. St. Francis Xavier Chaplaincy (St. Basil's)

Friday, February 24

- 9:00 a.m. Mass (Assumption)
Followed by Eucharistic Adoration
- 10:00 a.m. Confessions (Assumption)
- 10:30 a.m. Extencicare Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper (Assumption hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Assumption)

Saturday, February 25

- 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Assumption)
- 5:00 p.m. Sunday Eucharist (Assumption)
- 6:00 p.m. Confessions (St. Basil's)
- 7:00 p.m. Sunday Eucharist (St. Basil's)

Sunday, February 26

- 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)
- 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group (AH)

Fr. Kevin's Cluttered Desk

So, what does "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" mean for you? There is so much theology contained in that little phrase from Jesus, and it all begins with how we understand love. For us as Catholics love has a very simple meaning and yet a powerfully complex meaning. Simple: love is a choice, an act of freewill. Complex: we also need to begin with an understanding that God does not merely have love, God is love. If I don't understand that God is and always will be the sum total of love, then how I look at love will not be in step with Jesus. Choice: God so much loved the world that in the fullness of time God sent His Son into the world to suffer and die for our salvation. Thus, love is sacrifice, for there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for a friend. Complex: love is also forgiveness and mercy, for the sacrifice of Jesus took away our sins but not our freewill. As we learn from the repentant thief, one must ask for forgiveness; it is already offered but it must be asked for. Simple: out of love for us the Holy Spirit was sent to dwell within us, to teach us and guide us to love God above all things and to love our neighbour as ourselves. Complex choice: when the husband loves his wife, and the wife loves her husband the love that flows is God made present in the world, for where there is love, there God is found. Complex: love cannot NOT LOVE. We sometimes forget that love is found in disappointment, love is found in pain, love is found in hurt and anger. A marriage councillor once told me that if a couple can still get angry with each other then there is hope, for even anger has a home in love. Simple: the opposite of love is indifference not anger, and God is never indifferent towards any of us, disappointed - often, indifferent - never. When we turn away from God - God does not stop loving us, if we totally reject God - God does not reject us, for God is love and love must love. Complex choice: as many of the Saints have affirmed, even those in the depths of hell are loved by God, they may have rejected God, they may have denied God, or even blasphemed God's name but God will never stop loving them. Nor will God take away our freewill to reject Him, for God has chosen to love us and at the heart of it all, love more than anything is a choice, and it is a choice that God made for us when He sent His Son into the world to die for our sins that we might have eternal life. So let us choose to love as Christ has loved us, to love even those who persecute us, for they persecuted Jesus first. As I said, simple and complex but always a choice.

Peace Fr. Kevin

Ash Wednesday - Fasting & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are universal days of fasting and abstinence from meat. Anyone over the age of 18 and under the age of 59 are obliged to fast and abstain. Fasting, in the Latin Church, is the limitation of food and drink - typically to one main meal and two smaller meals, with no solid foods in between. Abstinence is the refraining from certain kinds of food or drink, typically meat. While all Fridays are days of abstinence from meat, in Canada "*Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day.*" ~ *Ordo, note 29b and 29d.*

