

Sacred Heart Church



Founded in 1910

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SUMMER BULLETIN

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

Weekday Schedule Monday to Friday

Rosary 11:40 am
Angelus 12:00 noon
Mass 12:05 pm
Wednesday 10:30 am Mt. Royal Care Center

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays after 12:05 pm Mass
Adoration for Vocations 1:30 pm
Benediction 2:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday to Friday 11:30 am to Noon
Saturdays 4:00 pm.
(Confessions may also be arranged by request).

Summer office hours - July 4 to Sept 1

Monday to Friday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

FORMED:

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Parish Log In Code: **NRYGNH**

OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:

[Sacred Heart Church and Columbarium](#)

Have you ever prayed a novena?
Why not make this a family prayer, it's just 9 days.
Read in our bulletin how this upcoming Solemnity
can be a special blessing in *your* home!

Novena for a special grace through Mother Mary on her Solemnity of her Assumption into Heaven

Mary, Queen of every heart,
accept all that we are and bind us to Jesus
with the bonds of love
so that we may be yours forever
and may be able to say in all truth:

"I belong to Jesus through Mary".

Our Mother, Assumed into Heaven and Queen of
the Universe,
ever-Virgin Mother of God,
obtain for us what we ask,
if it be for the glory of God and the good of our
souls.

(Mention your request)

Our Mother, assumed into Heaven, we love you.
Give us a greater love for Jesus and for you.
O Queen Assumed into Heaven, pray for us.

Amen.

We are a welcoming and caring community

***dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
helping each other discover who God is calling us to be.***

Pastor Rev. John Gannon, LC **Associate Pastor** Rev. Daniel Wilson, LC **Deacon/Business Manager** Deacon Paul Kennedy **Parish Secretary** Beata Banka **Director of Evangelization** Erin Cotter **Music Director** Barbara Orłowska **Pastoral Council** Red Armstrong **Finance Council** Robert M Perrin **Pastoral Health Care** Tom Shannon **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** Patricia Tsang **Lectors** Bonnie Schwab/Salena Maxwell **Weekday Liturgy** Addie Dedio **Altar Servers** Salena Maxwell/Ellie Cadrinem **RCIA** Karen Howells **Liturgy Committee** Karen Howells **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** Red Armstrong **Annual Bishop's Appeal** Ed Marchand **CWL** Anna Marinelli/Janet MacPhee **Knights of Columbus** Lorne Gartner **Fire in the Rose** Jane Oxenbury **Building Committee** Terry Allen **In-Residence** Rev. Daniel Brandenburg, LC, Rev. Michael O'Connor, LC, Rev. Alejandro Mijangos, LC



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A foretaste of our own resurrection



An icon of the Holy Dormition of the Mother of God, written by Fr. Thomas Loya, at the Annunciation of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church in Homer Glen, IL

QUICK FACTS

- **Date:** August 15
- **Type of Feast:** Solemnity
- **Holy Day of Obligation?** In Canada it isn't. On the Universal calendar of Catholic Church it is.
- **Where's it in the Bible?** Rev. 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps. 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor. 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
- **Prayers:** Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, Novena for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Other Names for the Feast: The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; The Assumption of Mary Into Heaven; The Dormition of the Theotokos; The Falling Asleep of the Blessed Virgin Mary

HISTORY OF THE ASSUMPTION. The Feast of the Assumption is a very old feast of the Church, celebrated universally by the sixth century. The feast was originally celebrated in the East, where it is known as the Feast of the Dormition, a word which means "the falling asleep." The earliest printed reference to the belief that Mary's body was assumed into Heaven dates from the fourth century, in a document entitled "The Falling Asleep of the Holy Mother of God." The document is written in the voice of the Apostle John, to whom Christ on the Cross had entrusted the care of His mother, and recounts the death, laying in the tomb, and assumption of the Blessed Virgin. Tradition variously places Mary's death at Jerusalem or at Ephesus, where John was living. Eastern Christians, both Catholic and Orthodox, continue to refer to the Feast of the Assumption as the Dormition of the Theotokos today.

A REQUIRED BELIEF. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life is a defined dogma of the Catholic Church. On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII, exercising papal infallibility, declared in *Munificentissimus Deus* that it is a dogma of the Church "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." As a dogma, the Assumption is a required belief of all Catholics; anyone who publicly dissents from the dogma, Pope Pius declared, "has fallen away completely from the divine and Catholic Faith."

While the Eastern Orthodox believe in the Dormition, they object to the papal definition of the dogma, seeing it as unnecessary, since belief in Mary's bodily assumption, tradition holds, goes back to apostolic times. Pope Pius XII, in the text explaining his definition of the dogma of the Assumption, refers repeatedly to the Blessed Virgin's death before her Assumption, and the consistent tradition in both the East and the West holds that Mary did die before she was assumed into Heaven. However, since the definition of the Assumption is silent on this question, Catholics can legitimately believe that Mary did not die before the Assumption. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life is not a complicated doctrine, but one question is a frequent source of debate: Did Mary die before she was assumed, body and soul, into Heaven?
by Scott P. Richert

What is a Novena? 🙏



The word novena is taken from “novem,” the Latin word for nine. A novena is made up of nine days of prayer and meditation usually to ask God for special prayer requests or petitions. Novenas are often used to ask specific saints to pray for us. The Saint Jude Novena, for example, is prayed to ask Saint Jude to intercede on behalf of a request that seems especially dire.

Novenas are an ancient tradition that goes back to the days of the Apostles. Jesus told His disciples to pray together after His ascension into heaven, so they went to an upper room along with the Blessed Virgin Mary, (Acts 1:14) and joined constantly in prayer for nine days.

These nine days of constant prayer by the Apostles at the direction of Jesus led up to Pentecost. This is when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples as “tongues of fire” (Acts 2:1-4). This pattern of 9 days of prayer is the basis the novenas we pray today. Thus, the novena is an imitation of the Lord’s command to the Apostles when they prayed for 9 days in anticipation of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

How do I pray a Novena? 🤔

All you need to do is to say the daily prayers with a sincere heart. It is not necessary to pray at the same time every day (although you can), or to fast, or to pray the rosary in addition to the novena; however, you can still do all of these things in addition to praying, but they are not required.

Novenas should not be seen as magical incantations that guarantee desired results. God controls the universe and we certainly do not control God. He is not a genie in a bottle, but rather He is a loving Father in heaven. This means that whatever good intentions we pray for, we must accept the fact that God knows what’s best for us, whether we understand His divine intention or not. “Thy will be done” is the proper posture of all Christian prayer. Any so-called novena prayer circulating around that contains guaranteed results, and threatening misfortune for those who fail to devote themselves to it is merely a chain-letter; these should be ignored. Nonetheless, Jesus reminds us in the Gospel to be persistent in prayer and a novena is a great aid in doing just that!

What if I miss a day? 😬

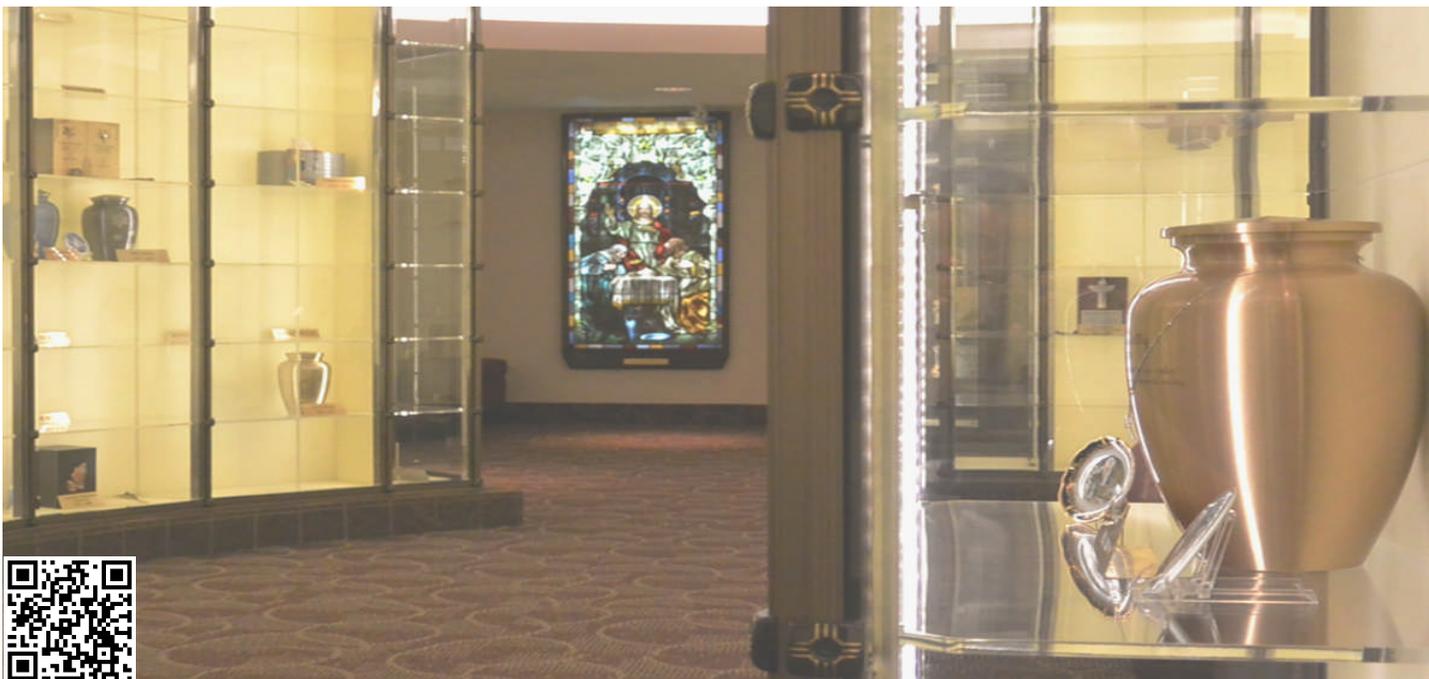
That’s okay, it happens! If you miss a day, you can do one of a few things... You can either: 1) skip the day you missed altogether, 2) say two of the daily prayers in one day to catch up, or 3) say the prayer of the day you missed and just be one day behind everybody else.

It’s up to you, and whatever you choose to do is okay. There are no “rules” and there are no “consequences.” God is just delighted that you desire to be united to Him with His saints in this relationship through prayer.

Should I have the same intention for all 9 days or should I have a different intention for each day?

You can do either one :) What matters most is how you come to the Lord with that intention — with a sincere heart that is open to God’s will.

Find the Original Here: <http://www.praymorenovenas.com/how-to-pray-a-novena/>



**Sacred Heart Columbarium:
Holy See and Holy Land Columbaria.**

Open daily: 11 am to 6 pm - Holidays 11 am to 1 pm.

A reminder the next Columbarium Memorial Mass will be on **Saturday, August 12, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.**

Sacred Heart Columbarium Update: Purchases to date total 413 niches valued at \$2,127,100. We have placed 242 urns of family members to date in the Columbaria. Hours are 11AM - 6PM Monday to Sunday **except** July 3, 2017 - open 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Holiday Hours. For more information, or you would like to book a tour of our beautiful and peaceful facility, please call Deacon Paul Kennedy (403)244-2741 extension 231; email: bustumgr@sacredheartcalgary.ca or visit our website at www.columbariumcalgary.ca

Columbarium Referrals – If you refer someone to the Sacred Heart Columbaria and they purchase a niche, we will reward your referral with a very special gift by way of a thank-you. You, our parishioners, are the best from of advertising for our Columbaria.



Parish Picnic

Come one, come all! **Sacred Heart's Annual Parish Picnic** will be happening August 20th beginning with 11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace Ranch in Bragg Creek, followed by lunch and activities. Tickets are available from

the office \$10/person, and \$30/family (parents and dependents). We can't wait to see you there!"

Do you have a desire to grow in your faith? Have you ever thought of starting your own small group faith study? You can, and we are here to help! Contact Erin Cotter at pastassist@sacredheartcalgary.ca for information on resources and how to get started.



All people, who want to join our music ministries are very welcome to attend the initial meetings/rehearsals (initial courses) which will be held every **Thursday, August 10, 17, 24, 31 at 6:00 pm**, in the choir loft (entrance via the narthex). During these meetings we will share the information about the possibilities and options for joining our music ministry and introduce the basic repertoire of the choirs, which allow people to be more confident while joining the choir and to not feel discouraged and alienated among the choir members, which are already familiar with the repertoire. We will also provide some basic information regarding musical notation. This will be a great opportunity for anyone who is struggling from some of the things that may be holding them back from joining.



Call for Volunteers! Do you have a passion for service and organization? Sacred Heart Church is looking to fill Coordinator roles. Please contact Erin Cotter at pastassist@sacredheartcalgary.ca for more information about these volunteer positions: **Hospitality Coordinator, Funeral Receptions Coordinator, Eucharistic Minister Co-Coordinator.**

How are we doing financially?		
	YTD Budget	As of July 31/17
Regular Collection	\$ 216,500	\$ 235,849
Outreach	\$ 18,700	\$ 25,550
Together in Action	\$ 36,194	\$ 29,623
Building Fund	\$ 102,200	\$ 57,510