

Sacred Heart Church

Founded in 1910

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PARISH 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)

Office hours: Monday-Friday: 9:00am - 3:00 pm



The journey of the Three Wise Men who followed a star to Bethlehem, a journey which the entire Church celebrates on the Solemnity of Epiphany is like a living parable. The core of the parable is the Magi's journey: The Magi undertook a journey to encounter God. And isn't that what every Christian life is, in its essence, a journey to the definitive encounter with God? Isn't each one of us traveling through the vicissitudes of life, making our way towards God's eternal throne, where we hope to be welcomed once and for all into the everlasting and totally fulfilling life of heaven, of perfect and uninterrupted communion with God? This is what the Bible means when it refers to Christians as "aliens and sojourners" in this world (1 Peter 2:11). This is what Christian spirituality throughout the ages means when it calls Christians "pilgrims" and our time on earth a "pilgrimage of faith toward eternal happiness" (cf. Lumen Gentium 21 & 58).

Since the Magi's experience is a living parable, it has a lot to tell us about our own spiritual journey. Maybe most importantly, it tells us that God wants to communicate with us, and that he knows how to speak to us, to each one of us, in a language that we can understand. He does the same with us. He speaks to our hearts through the beauty of nature, through the providential events of our lives, through art and literature and friendship and every reality that occupies our attention. He speaks to us through the Church, which preaches God's Word and communicates God's grace in fresh ways in every generation. He really wants us to find Jesus, to discover the reality of his love and his presence, and he makes star after star rise on our horizons in order to lead us closer to him.

How do we know when God is speaking to us, when he is making a star rise in our hearts? The surest clue is that deep interior joy, that stirring of the heart, that the Magi experienced when they saw the star. St. Matthew actually describes the Magi as being "overjoyed at seeing the star." In the midst of our journey of faith, God touches us and guides us through the incomparable satisfaction that we taste deep in our hearts whenever we hear God calling there, whenever we catch a glimpse of the starlight of God's love. Let's take some time now to remember the stars that God has used to guide us in our Christian lives so far, to look for the star that he is giving us right now, and to ask him for the grace to always recognize and follow every star he sends us, just as the Magi did. (*Starlight: A Retreat Guide on the Three Wise Men* written & presented by Fr. John Bartunek, LC)

MINISTRIES AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Ministries Opportunities

Sacramental Preparation

Altar Servers: Children who have received **Holy First Communion** and are in grade 2 or older are eligible to be Altar Servers. This is a great opportunity for your child to give back to the church community and actively participate in the Mass. Training is provided. Contact , Erin at evangelization@sacredheartcalgary.ca for more information, and if you are interested in volunteering.

Lectors: Crowds don't make you nervous? You have a respect for God's written word and want to be His voice? Then you would make a great Lector, someone who "proclaims" God's word during Mass. Training is provided. For more information please contact Erin at evangelization@sacredheartcalgary.ca .

CWL (Catholic Women's League): The CWL at Sacred Heart Church was reinstated in 2005. Together we practice our faith, support charities and give back to our community. Friendships are made with women of the same interest and values. We gather every second month on the third Sunday, after the 11:00 am We invite all women over the age of 16 from our parish, to join. Contact Anna Marinelli at 403-245-1654 for more information.

Knights of Columbus: Our Knights group has been in operation for over 50 years and is dedicated to the service of the church, church members and the local community. To become a member you must be 18 years of age, and you must be a practicing Catholic man. Discover lifelong friends amongst fellow Knights and know that wherever time and talent you can spare will truly make a difference. Please contact parish office at secretaries@sacredheartcalgary.ca. For further information contact John Bothwell at 403-255-4331.

Adult Choir: Enjoy singing or playing musical instruments? Join one of the choirs that fit your schedule or commitment. New voices and musical instruments are always appreciated and very welcome in the music ministry at Sacred Heart Church. All ages are welcome. St. Augustine says that when we sing, we praise God twice! Contact Parish office if you would like more information at secretaries@sacredheartcalgary.ca.

New Life Catholic Charismatic Community holds Worship & Praise Service every Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the church. For details, call Joseph Gingco at 403-390-0724.

Parish and Finance Council: if anyone is interested in volunteering on our parish council or finance council, please contact parish office at 403-244-2741, ext. 221 or send an email to secretaries@sacredheartcalgary.ca

Sign up forms are available by the churches entrance door, hospitality desk or at the parish office. Have them completed, scan and email it to us, or your can place the form in the collection basket on Sunday.

Infant Baptism: Is your child under the age of 6? Are you still pregnant? You can take this class before the baby is born. Do you have more than one child to baptize? Do you know who you will choose as your child's Godparents? We can help you with all these questions. The secretary will schedule an appointment with Fr. Daniel when you contact the parish. Please bring your child's birth certificate to this meeting. Please visit our website, print the registration form, fill it out, attached the baby's Birth Certificate, scan it and email it to us at secretaries@sacredheartcalgary.ca Baptisms are celebrated twice a month. Visit our website for more information.

Older Child Baptism: Is your child over the age of 6? This is the perfect opportunity to begin your child's faith journey so can they receive their sacraments. It is wonderful time spent learning about the love Jesus has for us. To register, please go to website, print the registration form and fill it out. Attached candidates Birth Certificate, scan it and email it to parish office at secretaries@sacredheartcalgary.ca We will contact you to schedule an appointment with Fr. Daniel.

Reconciliation: Is your child in grade 3? This is the appropriate age for Reconciliation, the sacrament of healing. This is a loving sacrament that allows you to say you are sorry to God. Candidates and parents must attend all the preparation classes. To register please go to our website, print the registration form, fill it out , attach candidates Baptism Certificate, scan it and email it to secretaries@sacredheartcalgary.ca

First Holy Communion: Is your child in Grade 2? Your child is the right age to sign up for this sacrament to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ of our Saviour. Candidates and parents must attend the preparation classes. Preparation classes dates are listed on our website. To register please go to the website, print the registration form, fill it out, attached the candidates Baptism Certificate, and email it to us at secretaries@sacredheartcalgary.ca

Confirmation: Is your child in grade 6? This sacrament is the Candidate saying YES, to openness to the Holy Spirit. Candidates and parents must attend preparation classes. Preparation classes dates are listed on our website. To register please go to our website, print the registration form, fill it out, attached the candidates Baptism Certificate, scan it and email it to us at secretaries@sacredheartcalgary.ca

Weddings: are arranged only after an initial interview with Fr. John. Our next Marriage Preparation class is on January 19 and 20, 2018. Visit our website at www.sacredheartcalgary.ca for more information.

RCIA- Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, is offered year-round for those thinking about becoming a Catholic or completing sacraments of initiation. Please contact parish office for more information.

EVENTS

Forty Weeks Men's Study Group at Sacred Heart Church – please join us every Tuesday morning from 6:30 to 7:30 am for this journey in faith. This program was created by Jesuit Fr. Bill Watson, S.J. to accompany people of all in experiencing Christ and faith in a personal way. He leads Christians to a greater maturity in faith, a personal encounter with God's graces toward gifts that will last a lifetime... and eternity. Contact Phil at 403-542-1714 or at pfaba@shaw.ca or Ryan at 403-818-2095 or Hoffman.ryan@gamil.com for more information.

Please join us for the sessions on **"The Bible and the Virgin Mary"** from Formed.org a wonderful opportunity to grow together as a community in our understanding and appreciation of the Mother of God.

Session are as follow:

January 7 - "The Mother Crowned in Glory"

February 18 - "Full of Grace"

March 25 - "All Holy"

April 22 - "The Assumption"

May 13 - "Always Mother"

All sessions are at Parish Office - Conclave meeting room from 10:10 to 11:00 am (after 9:00 am Sunday Mass). All are welcome.

On February 22, 2018 we will be starting a **"Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained"** series, by Dr. Edward Sri. He condenses over 2000 years of Church teaching down to simpler explanations. Look for more information in our February bulletin or contact us at evangelization@sacredheartcalgary.ca if you would like more information.

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and Columbarium](#)

January 14, 2018

CWL Post Christmas Pot Luck and short meeting.

Welcome all ladies over 16 years of age to our next meeting on Sunday, January 14th at 12:00 noon in the upper hall. A couple of items on the Agenda are the Apron Project and 2018 goals. The meeting will be followed up with a potluck and a celebration of Marguerite Cornish's 90th birthday. Remember you do not have to be a member to attend. Hot dishes will be provided by the CWL.

Please advise what pot luck item you will be bringing by calling Anna at 403-245-1654.

January 21, 2018

Location has been moved from Sacred Heart Church to St. Albert the Great Church in Calgary.



Visit www.cco.ca/relic for more information.

January 27, 2018

First Annual Sacred Heart Parish Christmas Community Gathering:

Following the 5 pm Mass, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in both the Upper Hall and Housey Hall

This year we are trying something new to reach out to more of our parishioners and invite them to experience our community. Our Sacred Heart parish Open House allows us to meet, greet and enjoy a joyful & warm atmosphere of cheer and celebration. Our gathering will be held on January 27th following the 5 pm Mass from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in both the Upper Hall and Housey Hall. Looking forward to a new and meaningful expression of who we are as a welcoming and caring parish community.



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

Open daily: 11:00 am to 6:00pm
Holidays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

A reminder the next Columbarium Memorial Mass will be on **Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.**

Sacred Heart Columbarium Update: Purchases to date total 434 niches valued at \$2,256,000 We have placed 264 urns of family members to date in the Columbaria. Hours are 11:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday to Sunday. For more information, or if you would like to book a tour of our beautiful and peaceful facility, please call Deacon Paul Kennedy at (403) 244-2741 extension 231 or email at busmgr@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.

How are we doing financially?

Thank you to all who contributed to Sacred Heart Church in the 2017 year! We met most of our goals and was able to add some additional resources:

- A part-time custodian and increased hours to our evangelization coordinator to a total of one full-time position
- Improvements to the Church building and choir loft
- Roofing and soffit repairs

	YTD Budget	As of December 31, 2017
Regular Collection	\$ 409,150	\$ 409,960
Outreach	\$ 40,000	\$ 46,329
Building Fund	\$ 175,200	\$ 122,859

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 Loftson **Custodian/Sacramental Preparation** Curtis Hettrick **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** Christine Suherman **RCIA** Karen Howells/Leah Lavoie **Liturgy Committee** Curtis Hettrick **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** Red Armstrong **CWL** Anna Marinelli/Janet MacPhee **Knights of Columbus** John Bothwell **Building Committee** Terry Allen **In-Residence** Rev. Michael O'Connor, LC, Rev. Alejandro Mijangos, LC