



Sacred Heart Church

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CHRISTMAS 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 to Friday 9:00 am-3:00 pm



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Have yourself a messy little Christmas

No human being would have planned God's birth this way. In the first Christmas we can find no superficial perfection, but so much messy, profound and unexpected beauty. The Gospel was apparently not written by Hollywood or by commercial marketers. What we're inundated with on TV, in the flyers that flood our inboxes and mailboxes and on the internet is fake news.

Real life, even the life of the Holy Family, is messy. [...] Christmas reminds us that God isn't afraid of a mess — that's where he creates unexpected beauty and joy. That's where he comes to be born in us. He chose to show us through his own birth that there is joy in the mess, peace in the simplicity, and love in the confusion and pain of life. Hallmark can't market those gifts.

So pray well, throw (and attend) great parties, make delicious cookies and meals, and celebrate with thoughtful gifts and lovely decorations, but don't worry about perfection. Find and give the perfect joy, peace, and love that Christ makes present in the midst of us, whether life is messy or beautiful. At Christmas, it can be both, because God chooses to be present in that imperfect mix. *By Kerrie Rivard*

Read the whole article at <http://www.regnumchristilive.org/2018/12/19/have-yourself-a-messy-little-christmas/>



Much of Christmas has to do with family which is very appropriate since our faith tells us that God became man to make us partakers in his life. I hope this Christmas will be a time to celebrate in family the birth of our Saviour and to join our parish family in Christmas masses and to experience the closeness of God in our lives. He becomes small so that we can approach him, so that we can love him and so that we can realize that he is the greatest gift that we have. I wish you all a Blessed and Holy Christmas season! Fr. John Gannon LC, Pastor

*To all my dear Sacred Heart parishioners, I lift you up at the consecration with baby Jesus in the Eucharist on this Christmas vigil mass. My priestly blessing + upon each and every one of you! Merry Christmas,
Fr. Daniel Wilson LC, Associate Pastor*

To Our Parishioner Friends:

*Many thanks to you, the many friends I have met and enjoyed over the past 16+ years. You are all wonderful and may you have a blessed and happy Christmas and New Year,
Deacon Paul Kennedy - Deacon/Business Manager*

*May the blessing of our Lord, the new born baby Jesus, fill your hearts as you celebrate this beautiful time of Christmas. May your hearts be filled with joy! Merry Christmas,
Beata Banka - Administrative Assistant*

*I wish you all a very Merry Christmas. I pray that you may encounter Jesus in this season of joy,
Danielle Tomiak - Sacramental Preparation Coordinator/Volunteer Screening Coordinator*

Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

Monday, December 24, 2018
Christmas Eve Masses
7:00 and 10:00 pm

Tuesday, December 25, 2018
Christmas Day Masses
7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am

Monday, December 31, 2018
New Years Eve Mass
5:00 pm

Tuesday, January 1, 2019
New Year's Day Masses
7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am

Our parish office will be closed on Monday, December 24th from Noon, and will reopen on Thursday, December 27th at 9:00 am. Church will be closed on Wednesday, December 26th. There will be no Mass that day.

Journey through Advent - by Inez Palencia

"This year's season of advent has been quite special to me because of the intentionality to prepare myself for Christ's coming. A week before advent started a friend of mine had asked me what I was doing to prepare my heart for this year's Advent season. I hadn't put much thought into it up until my friend had asked me, but I believe that the time I spent with my friend was the Holy Spirit's way of pursuing me to prepare my heart for Advent. This then led me to searching for events that I can plug myself into to grow individually and with community in this season. One of the events I have been able to attend was the Young Adult Advent Retreat that Sacred Heart Church hosted. This was such a great way to connect with other young adults and share with each other our journey through this year's Advent season. It was a great time to reflect, dial in, and be affirmed that Advent is a season of joyful anticipation and how important each week of this season is to bring our hearts closer to Christ. This retreat, along with other means of preparations, has given me a deeper understanding of the traditions and practices of this season. I am grateful for the time and effort that was invested by the individuals who made this retreat come to life. As I get older, I've realized that it takes intentionality and ownership to grow my faith and my relationship with God. these types of retreats/events organized by the individuals in our community and church are great platforms to equip, empower and inspire young adults to continue to grow in their faith. Thank you to the Priests and staff at Sacred Heart for hosting such an amazing event".

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



CWL Meeting and post Christmas Potluck

Our first (short) meeting of the year will take place on Sunday, January 13 at 12:00 pm in the Upper Hall, followed by our Annual Potluck. All members and non-members are welcome (over 16 years of age). The interactive afternoon will also include games and door prizes (please bring a regifted item for the door prizes). **RSVP** to Anna Marinelli at 403-245-1654 and also advise what you will be bringing to the luncheon. The CWL will provide hot food, but we ask that you bring a salad, cheese or fruit plate, or dessert. Hope to see you there!

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	Year Target	As of Dec. 19, 2018
Regular Collection	\$ 450,095	\$ 422,141
Outreach	\$ 40,000	\$ 35,384
Together in Action	\$ 30,832	\$ 33,237*
Building Fund	\$ 115,000	\$ 132,490

*Special thanks to a few individuals for their **exceptional donations** to the Together in Action Fund allowing us to surpass the goal for our Parish at this time. We ask that you continue to participate in donations to TIA as you wish.

A reminder that **envelopes for regular users** are available in the Narthex and **envelopes for new users** are available from the hospitality desk or the office.

Conquest/Challenge Youth Ministry Program

Conquest and Challenge Youth Ministry Program will be on break until Friday, January 11th, 2019. Contact Danielle at evangelization@sacredheartcalgary.ca if you are interested in joining Youth Ministry.

Sacred Heart Columbaria Update: Purchases to date total 485 niches valued at \$2,528,800. We have placed 310 urns of family members to date in the Columbaria. The hours of operations are 11:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday to Sunday. Every second Saturday of the month, we host a Memorial Mass for those whose remains are in our Columbaria. We invite you to COME and PRAY for our faithful departed.

For more information, or if you would like to book a tour of our beautiful and peaceful facility, please contact Deacon Paul Kennedy at (403) 244-2741 ext. 231 or send him an email at busmgr@sacredheartcalgary.ca or you can visit the Columbarium 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.



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YOU AMONG WOMEN,
AND *blessed is*
THE FRUIT OF
YOUR WOMB.
LUKE 1:42

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