

# Sacred Heart Church Updates

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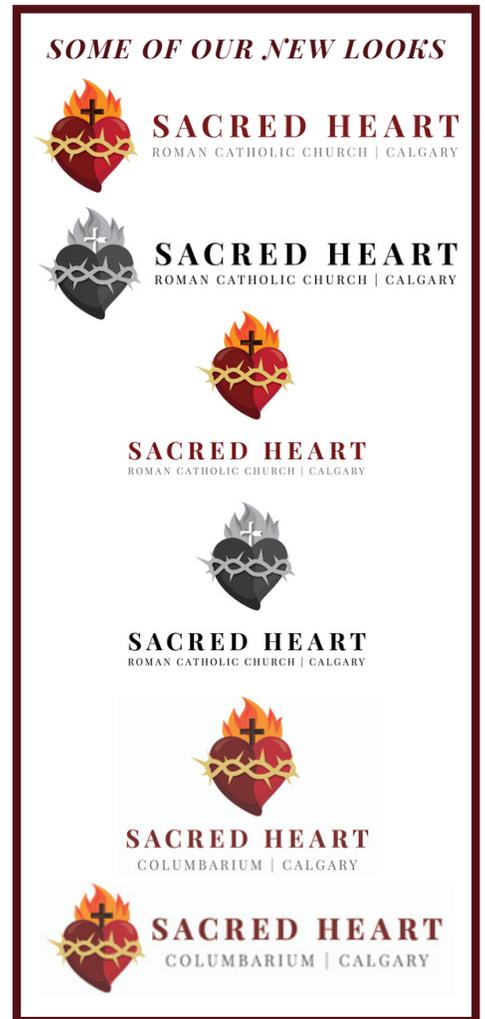
## Say Hello to Our New Brand



We are so excited to be announcing the launch of our new brand! We have been working hard over the last few months, focusing on our vision for the parish and how that can be captured in a new logo. It brings together the old and the new, the long tradition of our church and the dynamic aspect of our parish community.

A heart is a pump with two movements, in medical jargon: a systolic and a diastolic movement. It brings blood in and pushes blood out. On a spiritual level, Christ's heart brings us in to be nourished with the sacraments and ministry and then sends us out, equipping us to share what we have received with those around us. The Sacred Heart of Jesus is foundational in our parish community and we have made it the focus of our ministry and vision. The two shades of red in our new logo highlight this movement and encourages us to be a part of the dynamic.

We encourage you to enjoy the enclosed sticker and to use it as a reminder of what the Sacred Heart means to you and how it invites us into Christ's passion and ministry.



## TAKE A LOOK AT OUR NEW ROOF

Come down to the church and check out the new roof on the sanctuary! Our roofing committee did an incredible job matching the colour and style so you may not even notice a difference if you didn't know it was new! Thank you to everyone who donated to this project and helped keep our sanctuary safe for the future. In the coming weeks, we will hang the Legacy Tile Plaques in the narthex in gratitude for all those who donated.



# PARISH REPORTS



NOVEMBER UPDATE

EVEN IN A PANDEMIC, WE ARE STILL THRIVING & GROWING. SINCE MARCH WE'VE HAD:

- 26 BAPTISMS
- 22 FIRST COMMUNIONS
- 12 CONFIRMATIONS
- 12 WEDDINGS
- 54 NEW FAMILIES

	Budget	As of Oct 27, 2020
<b>Regular Collection</b>	<b>\$ 420,338</b>	<b>\$ 418,825</b>
<b>Outreach</b>	<b>\$ 32,612</b>	<b>\$ 24,479</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$ 87,851</b>	<b>\$ 126,729</b>

Thank you to everyone who has donated to Sacred Heart during this time of the pandemic. For the rest of the year, there will be 0% interest on our Building Fund loan, so any extra donations to the building fund go a long way! We also encourage you to consider switching to automatic withdrawals for your weekly or monthly offering.

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## CRYSTAL'S JOURNEY HOME

The journey home started in early 2019. An online gaming friend of mine suggested that I read "Mere Christianity" and that everything he had in his life he owed to the Lord.

I attended my first mass just after the Easter vigil. It was at St. Marks. I remember feeling that I wasn't sure what I was doing and why was this was the first time that I had been to a service by myself. But when I walked away I realized that what I was missing in my life was the Lord, and that was where I found Him.

I started RCIA at Sacred Heart and shortly after. Each day brought me closer to God and I had to get my hands on everything I could read. Some books I can't put down are The Way of The Disciple by Erasmo Leiva-Merikakis, The Secret of Mary by St. Louis De Montfort and The Catechism with Theology Commentary.

Everything was going as planned and I remember attending the Rite of the Elect with all of the other Parishes that had gone to St. Mary's. There was one moment before the service started that I saw a man deep in prayer. It was a beautiful moment that I witnessed, and should have realized who it was by what he had been wearing but I didn't notice that it was the Bishop in prayer until I saw him at the mass. If ever there was a more captivating moment between Lord and servant, I have never seen it. I felt like I got to see something not a lot of people get to see. The very next day we were all told that mass would be canceled until further notice due to COVID-19, it was heartbreaking. I wasn't going to be baptized when I thought I was going to be.



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It was some time before I realized that this was a grace given to me. I don't think that I was quite ready to be baptized, although you never really can prepare yourself for the day you will be baptized. It was an adjustment after restrictions were put into place. Before the masses resumed, I took the time to go and have moments of silence, praying for an end to the restrictions and to have mass resume again.

I joined the hospitality ministry which had made a call out for volunteers to help with registration and cleaning which was a perfect way to begin to know people's names, to greet them and to be a warm smiling face.

When I was finally able to be baptized and confirmed, it was a very special day. I think the most memorable part of the day was that when the waters of baptism were poured over me, it felt like it had been a tidal wave of water, even though it must have been less than one cup. It was an extraordinary feeling of one that I won't forget, second only to receiving the body of Christ in the Eucharist. I felt that I had been resonating for days after, and it is amazing how full I have felt since entering into communion with the Lord.