



SACRED HEART

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | CALGARY

THE BULLETIN



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AUG-SEP 2022

Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am,
11:00 am, 5:00 pm

Mon to Fri: 12:05 pm

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Tuesday: 11:15 am

Thurs to Fri: 11:15 am

Also available upon request.

Adoration

Friday: 12:45 pm

Incense is used.

Administrator Pastor: Fr. Arjay Abanto
Secretary: Beata Banka
Office Manager/Sacraments:
Kathryn Nguyen
Columbarium Manager: Ingrid Trewin
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Parish Office

Mon to Fri: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

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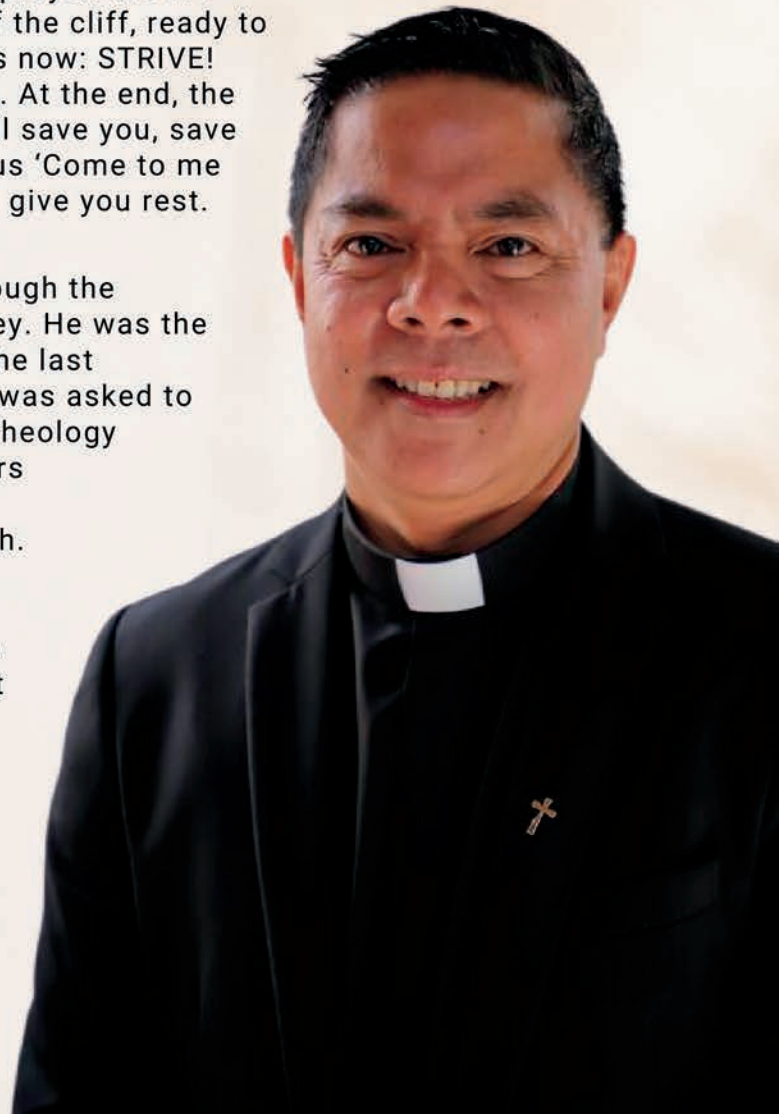
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Message from our new Pastor

Venerable Bishop Fulton J. Sheen tells us that we will have three surprises in Heaven. The first surprise: We will be surprised to see that many people we expected to be in Heaven are not there. St. John of the Cross gives the reason why they are not there: 'At the evening of our life, we shall be judged on how we have loved.' The second surprise: We will be surprised to see that the people we never expected to be in Heaven are there. That is because God judges man's intentions and rewards them accordingly. The third surprise: We will be surprised to see that we are in Heaven! Since our getting to Heaven is principally God's work, we should be surprised that God somehow 'went out of His way' to save us, simply because we showed the good will and generosity to cooperate with His grace. (stories4homilies.blogspot.com)

In our present situation, wherein we experienced pandemic, we lost jobs or work, our loved ones, and a lot of people are depressed and carrying heavy burdens, are we already discourage, hopeless, and desperate? It seems that the world is upon us, that God abandon us, not listening to our plea and prayer. We are overburden and it seems we are at the edge of the cliff, ready to fall and end our lives. But the Lord is telling us now: STRIVE! Do not be desperate, be hopeful and trust Him. At the end, the Sacred Heart of Jesus will prevail, His love will save you, save me, save us. Look at His heart – He is telling us 'Come to me all who are weary and overburdened, and I will give you rest. For my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

One of the greatest examples for entering through the narrow gate to holiness was John Mary Vianney. He was the last in his class. In French and Latin, he was the last student. He failed in Theology studies. So, he was asked to leave the seminary. After that he was taught Theology privately and was ordained in 1815. Three years later he was appointed to the parish of Ars, a parish, where practically no one went to church. In a few years people began to come on pilgrimage to Ars. He became the most sought-after spiritual advisor. It is an example of last being first. John Mary Vianney was last but now he is the patron of parish priests. What has caused the miracle? The gracious touch of the Lord. This miracle will happen to anyone who tries to enter by the narrow gate; who disregards the standards of the world and set his goal on high. (stories4homilies.blogspot.com)



FR. ARJAY ABANTO

God is full of surprises. We do not know what will happen to us tomorrow but there is one assurance, God will answer your prayer, just be patient and wait, and pray, pray, pray. Surrender everything to the Lord, and He will carry all your burden and difficulties. An assurance that happened before and will happen now and in the future.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus calls us to be closer to Him by having a change of heart - conversion. When we are closer to Him, we love those He loves. And because we have change of heart and love Christ, we serve our brothers and sisters. Three weeks ago, I moved here August 1st, these words - CONVERSION, LOVE, SERVICE - were the fruits of my first masses here at the Sacred Heart Parish. For me, these words are my guiding principle to serve you, our parishioners, as we go on board to continue the mission of Jesus.

I would like to introduce myself to you my dear parishioners. I am Fr. Rowel Jose Abanto, just call me Fr. Arjay, born and raised in the Philippines and ordained as a priest 27 years ago (June 10, 1995). I am the second priest in our family and have 2 brothers (one priest Fr. Rodel assigned in Sacred Heart Parish, Oyen, AB) and nieces and nephews here in Calgary. I was assigned as Associate Pastor at St. Mary's Cathedral and St. Peter Church, and Parish Administrator at Canadian Martyrs. I learned a lot from my previous Pastors and parishioners as they taught me to be a servant-leader, humble in everything and willing to offer myself for the greater glory of God. Now, here at Sacred Heart, I would like to offer myself as a servant of the Lord, willing to give myself to Him, the Divine Master by humbly serving you, our parishioners to the best of my ability.

May I also take this opportunity to welcome everyone after summer holiday and invite you to continue our mission as parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish. I can not do it alone to continue making our parish vibrant in the midst of the city without the help of volunteers and parishioners. We are called to walk hand-in-hand to make the Kingdom of God a reality here on earth. I would like to meet all religious organizations to sit with you and be of help as your pastor. I would like to invite also all lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, choirs and ushers to commit again to serve our Lord and the People of God by offering themselves as a sign of our love to Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. My dear parishioners, may the Sacred Heart of Jesus be the image of our service to others. God bless you all and may Our Lady, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, intercede for us. We are doing this Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam, for the greater glory of God!

WELCOME TO SACRED HEART CHURCH



**Come to the office to ask
for a parish registration
form or register online.**

sacredheartcalgary.ca/register

REGISTER FOR OUR PARISH



FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION

REGISTRATION CLOSES OCTOBER 17TH 2022

Thank you for your interest in our Sacramental preparation Programs at Sacred Heart. Please note that your Son or Daughter needs to have valid proof of Baptism to be accepted. There is also a \$25 fee for each of the books your son/daughter will be using. (Total of \$50 for both sacraments.) Books and payment can be picked up or made at the office. The deadline to register is October 17th 2022. Note: to receive Holy Communion, your son/daughter will need to complete their First Reconciliation!

Parents will be expected to be guiding and teaching their children at home, as well as attending the simultaneous parents' sessions. You will be expected (as the guardians) to ensure your candidate is well-formed – after all, the sacraments are to provide candidates with the grace of God! There will be more information provided in the information session on October 2nd after the 11 am mass.

FIRST RECONCILIATION (SATURDAYS @10:30AM TO 12PM)

- Session 1: Saturday, October 22nd 2022 @ 10:30am to noon
- Session 2: Saturday, November 5th @ 10:30am to noon
- Session 3: Saturday, November 19th @ 10:30am to noon
- Session 4: Saturday, December 3rd @ 10:30am to noon
- Retreat: Saturday, December 17th @ 10:15am to 12:30pm
- Celebration: Sunday, December 18th after 11am mass (please come to mass)

FIRST COMMUNION (SATURDAYS @10:30AM TO 12PM)

- Session 1: Saturday, January 28th @10:30am to noon
- Session 2: Saturday, February 11th @10:30am to noon
- Session 3: Saturday, March 4th @10:30am to noon
- Session 4: Saturday, March 18th @10:30am to noon
- Retreat: Saturday, April 15th @ 10:15am to 12:30pm
- Celebration: Sunday, April 16th @11am mass (Divine Mercy Sunday)

For any questions, please contact Kathryn at sacraments@sacredheartcalgary.ca or through phone 403-244-2741 ext. 104. Visit our site for more detailed information and to register:

www.sacredheartcalgary.ca/sacraments/reconciliation/

We need leaders.

If you are passionate about leading activities in the church, please reach out to us at any time. The invite is always there to be part of OUR Church!

Specifically, we need sacrament leaders, youth leaders, ministry leaders, hospitality missionaries.



Join us for Adoration on Friday.

Begins after Friday
mass from 12:45 pm
to 3 pm.



Please feel free to come
spend time with Jesus.
The invite is always there.



Marriage Preparation Course

Our next marriage preparation course runs from November 24 to 26, 2022. Contact the parish office at 403-244-2741 (ext. 101) or secretaries@sacredheartcalgary.ca for more information and to register.

More information can be found here:

<http://www.sacredheartcalgary.ca/sacraments/marriage/>

Chat & Play



*Calling all
moms and
caretakers!*

All little kids and their "carers" (parents or others) are invited to Sacred Heart Parish Lower Hall every Wednesday, beginning September 7th 2022.

Wednesdays from 9 to 11:30 am

Time for a drink, chat, prayer, play, connection with others.

Bring a friend!

Contact Sue 403-966-4625
for more info or questions.

Baptism Classes

Sacred Heart is now holding Baptism Classes for parents wishing to have their children baptized. These classes will be mandatory and will run on the first Saturday of each month starting at 10 am.

For more information and to sign up, contact our secretary, Beata: secretaries@sacredheartcalgary.ca



Ministry Leaders

Pastoral Council: Tom Cotter
Finance Council: Mike Walsh
Pastoral Health Care: Tom Shannon
Lectors: Kevin McCormack
Weekday Liturgy: Addie Dedio
Hospitality: Christine Suherman
Altar Servers: Karissa Factura
RCIA: Karen Howells/Kent Wang
Society of St. Vincent de Paul: Red Armstrong, Mike Walsh
Catholic Women's League: Anna Marinelli/Janet MacPhee
Knights of Columbus: Tim Cornish
Building Committee: Terry Allen
In-Residence: Rev. Mario Basque, Rev. Wilbert Chin Jon

*As a mother
comforts her
child, so I will
comfort you.*

Isaiah 66:13

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Annual Bishop's Appeal

Formed.org, which some describe as the Catholic Netflix, is available for your use. The parish provides this service for you for free so you can stream Catholic content anytime, anywhere! Sign up by going to www.formed.org and entering our parish, Sacred Heart, Calgary, AB to get access!

**\$15,647 of 2022
Target \$42,268**

Thank you to our parishioners for their generosity. You can read more about Together in Action on the diocesan website: <https://www.catholiccyc.ca/tia>

Financial Update

Thank you for your generosity and support for our parish during these times. Please email busmgr@sacredheartcalgary.ca for any questions.

As of July 30, 2022	Budget (where we want to be at)	Where we stand currently
Regular Collection	\$316,750	\$333,261
Outreach	\$16,333	\$14,399
Building Fund	\$37,917	\$37,205



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