

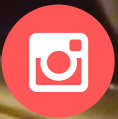


SACRED HEART

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | CALGARY

THE BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 2023



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Mass Times

Saturday: 9:00 am, 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

Tuesdays, Thursdays and

Fridays at 11:15 AM

And by appointment

Adoration

Friday: 12:45 pm

Incense is used.

Pastor: Fr. Arjay Abanto

Administrative Assistant: Beata Banka

Columbarium Manager, Sacraments &

Volunteer Coordinator: Ingrid Trewin

Technology & Communications: Tim Dahm

Housekeeper: Janette Ramirez

Hospitality Desk: Carlo Peregrina

Parish Office

Mon to Fri: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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A detailed mosaic of Jesus Christ, showing his face with long brown hair and a beard, set against a golden background with a halo. The mosaic is composed of many small, irregular tiles in shades of gold, brown, and red.

“Love One Another”

Jesus was asked by the Pharisees, “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” Jesus answers by referring to Shema Israel (Deuteronomy 6:5) [*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.*] and the complimentary Law (Leviticus 19:18) [*Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself*] in which every Jew is expected to recite prayer to profess their faith. Jesus combined and identified the two as the true essence of religion that can not be separated because they are complimentary to each other.

Those who follow Jesus know this, as His words are on their lips, prayed daily, and are exemplified in how they live their lives.

How do we love God?

There are many ways by which we can express our love for God:

- By thanking God daily for His blessings and expressing our gratitude by obeying His Commandments.
- By reconciling with God daily, confessing our sins, and asking His forgiveness.
- By acknowledging our total dependence on God, presenting our needs before Him with trusting Faith.
- By maintaining friendship with God, talking daily to Him in prayer and listening to Him in reading the Bible.
- By recharging our spiritual batteries through participating in Sunday Mass, receiving Jesus in Holy Communion, and through leading a Sacramental life.

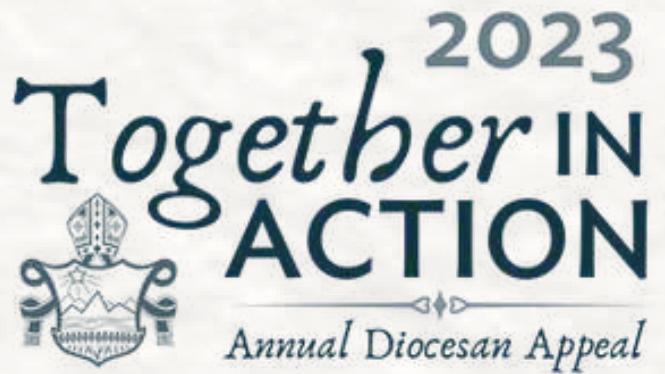
How do we love our neighbor?

Since every human being is a child of God and the dwelling place of the Spirit of God, created in the image and likeness of God and saved by the precious Blood of Christ, we express our love of God by loving our neighbor as Jesus loves him, and by loving Jesus in our neighbor. This means we need to help, support, encourage, forgive, and pray for every one of God’s children without discrimination based on color, race, creed, gender, age wealth or social status.

Jesus invites us to love God and our brothers and sisters with all our hearts and mind, without any boundaries or hesitation.

Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam! For the greater glory of God!

Fr. Rowel Jose (Arjay) Abanto



Update - Together In Action Annual Diocesan Appeal

October 26, 2023

As an update to the September presentation at the Sunday masses, we are still falling short of our commitment to raise \$42,268 for the Together In Action appeal. Currently, as of October 26, parishioners have donated \$33,824. Donations still required: \$8,444. Together in Action Appeal is a major source of financial support for the following ministries, partner organizations and agencies:

- Diocesan Ministries, Vocations, Care of retired Priests, Mission Council, Elizabeth House
- Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops
- Immigration Society Refugee Program, Catholic Missions of Canada, Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute
- Support for Healing & Reconciliation for Residential School Survivors, their families and their communities

If we fall short of our goal, we will unfortunately have to make up for the difference with funds from the Church's operating budget. Any amount raised above our target will be applied against our Central Fund Loan.

For those of you who have envelopes for your weekly offering, there is a special envelope for this Appeal in your set. If you haven't registered for offering envelopes, there are envelopes available in the pews or from the hospitality desk in the narthex. **Please ensure that you indicate that the donation is for Together in Action.** For those making online payments on the Sacred Heart website please **select Together in Action.** As for all donations to Sacred Heart Church, charitable donation receipts will be issued early in the new year that can be used as a deduction on your Income Tax return.

For those of you who have donated this year, we greatly appreciate your support, and we thank you.



Financial Report to September 30, 2023						
	Sept 30	Sept 30	Sept 30			
RECEIPTS	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance			
Weekly Collections	453,750	361,097	(92,653)			
Columbarium Sales	247,500	395,000	147,500			
Roof Fund	-	22,056	22,056			
Outreach Collections	21,000	19,562	(1,438)			
Immigrant/Refugee Families	1,500	15,097	13,597			
Other Income **	55,125	74,415	19,290			
Building Fund Donations	52,500	47,463	(5,037)			
Total Receipts	\$ 831,375	\$ 934,690	\$ 103,315			
EXPENSES						
Salaries & Benefits	291,219	272,784	(18,435)			
Office and Administration	42,751	52,173	9,422			
Refugee Family	-	46,584	46,584			
Outreach Programs	15,375	14,850	(525)			
Diocesan Support	74,059	74,061	2			
Utilities	70,125	72,139	2,014			
Repairs & Maintenance & Roof	46,575	49,779	3,204			
Insurance & Property Taxes	65,702	66,468	766			
Rectory, Sacristy, & Church Supplies	38,888	36,485	(2,403)			
Religious Education Programs	2,925	16,064	13,139			
Other Expenses	-	3,000	3,000			
Central Fund Loan Interest Expense	71,250	71,575	325			
Total Expense	\$ 718,869	\$ 775,962	\$ 56,768			
Receipts in excess (below) Expenses	\$ 112,506	\$ 158,728	46,222			
Central Fund Loan Balance @ Dec 31, 2022	\$ 2,444,548		Together in Action			
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Loan Balance Reduction in 2023 YTD	\$ 79,364					
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			\$ 42,268	\$ 33,568	\$ 8,700	
Columbarium Perpetual Care Fund @ Dec 31, 2022	\$ 417,630					
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Fund Balance Increase in 2023 YTD	\$ 81,364					
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Pray for our Sacramental Candidates



Kaylin
Julianna
Emilio
Armand
Denzel
Liam
Lucio

Yusef
Jacobo
Gelila
Mairwyn
Alexander
Stephanie
Junior
Leyla

Luisa
Amalia
Yoel
Lucas
Hector
Agera
Diane
Emmanuela

Loving God, pour out your blessing upon our beloved children, that during this time of Sacramental preparation they may grow closer to you, and come to know your special love for them. May this time of preparation be a time of blessing for our families and our community, and unite us all in your great love.

Amen.



Confirmation 2023-2024

Confirmation perfects Baptismal grace.

It is the Sacrament which gives the Holy Spirit in order to root us more deeply in the divine filiation, incorporate us more firmly into Christ, strengthen our bond with the Church, associate us more closely with her mission, and help us bear witness to the Christian faith in words accompanied by deeds.

Register by January 15th, 2024

The Sacrament of Confirmation is offered to children in grade 7 and older. Catholic school curriculum covers Confirmation in grades 7, 8 and 9.

Confirmation Program Schedule

Monday Evenings – Saturday Retreat and Rehearsal

Location: Housey Hall and Narthex/Upper Hall

**Parent Information Session January 21st, 2024 @ noon
(after the 11 am Mass)**

Session 1 Monday, January 22nd, 2024 @ 6pm to 7:30pm

Session 2 Monday, February 12th, 2024 @ 6pm to 7:30pm

Session 3 Monday, February 26th, 2024 @ 6pm to 7:30pm

Session 4 Monday, March 4th, 2024 @ 6pm to 7:30pm

Retreat Saturday, April 13th, 2024 @ 12:30pm to 3:30pm

Rehearsal Saturday, April 20th, 2024 @ 1:00 pm to 3:00pm

Celebration TBA

Register at sacredheartcalgary.ca/sacraments/confirmation/





The Catholic Women's League

CWL Meeting

Welcome one and all to the CWL's next meeting on Sunday, November 26 at 12 Noon taking place downstairs in Housey Hall. All ladies over 16 years of age are welcome. A couple of items on the Agenda will be the CWL Christmas Bake Sale on Dec 2 & 3 after all masses and hosting the CWL Regional Meeting Dec 4. Remember you do not have to be a member to attend. For more info, please contact Anna at 587-892-2713.

CWL CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

The 16th Annual CWL Christmas Bake Sale, in support of our Foster Child in Ukraine, will be taking place on the weekend of Dec 2 & 3 after all masses. We ask that parishioners donating baking please take it to the Narthex kitchen before mass and then return after mass to purchase fresh homemade Christmas goodies! CASH ONLY. For more info, please contact Anna at 587-892-2713.

Ministry Leaders

Pastoral Council: Tom Cotter
Finance Council: Mike Walsh
Pastoral Health Care: Tom Shannon
Lectors: Kevin McCormack
Weekday Liturgy: Addie Dedio
Hospitality: Looking for Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers: Looking for Volunteers
Altar Servers: Karissa Factura
RCIA: Karen Howells, Margarita Tapias and Landon Dolanz
Hampers Program: Chinelo Nwobi and Mike Walsh
Catholic Women's League: Anna Marinelli and Janet MacPhee
Knights of Columbus: Tim Dahm
Building Committee: Terry Allen
In-Residence: Rev. Mario Basque, Rev. Wilbert Chin Jon

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.*

*With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;*

*Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.*

*We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.*

*Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.*

*Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.*

*All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.*

Amen.

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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!

**\$34,384 of 2023
Target \$42,268**

As of October 26th: Thanks to our parishioners for their generosity. You can read more about Together in Action on the diocesan website:

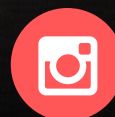
<https://www.catholiccyyc.ca/tia>

Financial Update

Thank you for your generosity and support for our parish.

Please email
communications@sacredheartcalgary.ca
with any questions.

	As of Oct. 31st, 2023	Budget
Regular Collection	\$404,162	\$504,167
Outreach	\$21,825	\$23,333
Building Fund	\$52,793	\$58,333



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