



SACRED HEART

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | CALGARY

THE BULLETIN

DECEMBER 2023

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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“Wait in Joyful Hope”

On the second Sunday of Advent the Gospel readings centre on the unusual image of St. John the Baptist. A strange, austere, humourless character who subsists on locusts and wild honey, clad in camel hair, haunting a wild riverbank. In our own baptism we promised to become Baptizers along our own Jordan Rivers. This Christmas season, let us take on the work of the “Baptizer”. Let us be heralds like Saint John as we go about our holiday preparations. May we give the gifts of “comfort and joy”, may every act of kindness and generosity we extend this Christmas mirror Christ’s presence in our midst. May we joyfully take on the challenging work of creating a highway through the rugged landscape of estrangement and alienation. May the gifts, greetings and hospitality we extend proclaim the good news that God’s compassion has dawned. The message of John the Baptist is a message of hope to people, that there will be a Messiah who will redeem us amid sin and difficulty. This Messiah will be with us through all our challenges.

On the Second Sunday of Advent, our theme is “People Must Know: Wait in Joyful Hope”. May we be the hope for others, let us bring Jesus to them by making Him known.

How?

By our witness.

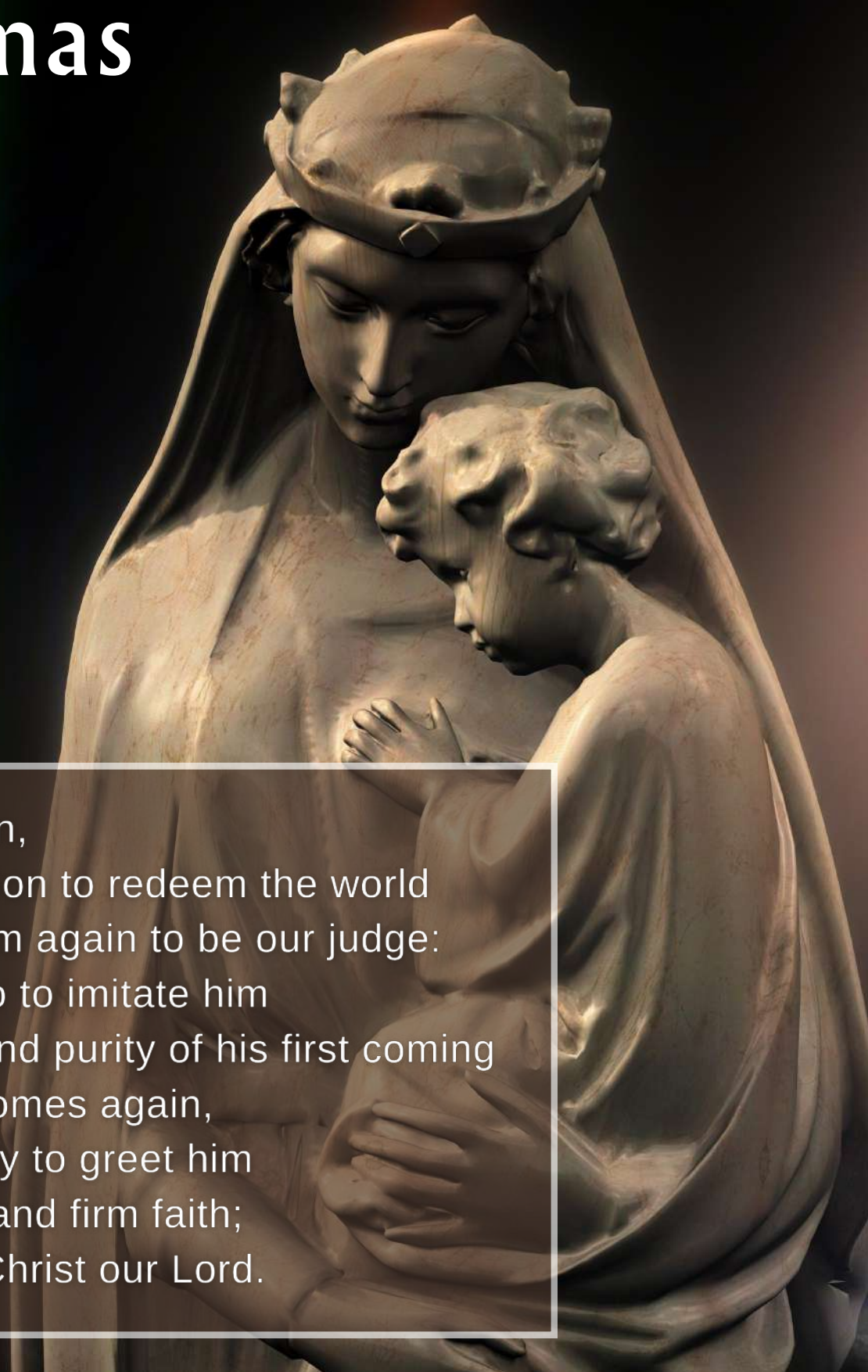
By being a good example.

By saying kind words to others.

Stop gossiping, procrastinating or being neglectful in our daily responsibilities. This Advent, let us wait joyfully with hope that God will never leave us especially during trials and challenges. By our words and deeds, let us invite our sisters and brothers, wives and husbands, children, and friends to know who Jesus is: the Messiah, the One who will assist us and save us. We are all Baptizers, we are all messengers, we are all missionaries. Let us all do our part, may God’s Kingdom come.

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

Keep Christ in Christmas



Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Give someone the gift of Jesus this year

Do you know someone in our parish who is sick or home-bound and can't make it to church? Or someone who has had a recent injury or operation and can't get out? Let our Pastoral Care Team help. Their mission is to visit the sick and home-bound, offer comfort and prayer, and bring Jesus to the sick and home bound in the Holy Eucharist.

For more information please contact the Parish Office



The Art of the Icon



Enhance the Christmas Season.

**Hand-Crafted Christian Byzantine and Catholic icons
offered for sale after All Masses December 16th and 17th.**



Mary's Nook – offering a variety of Catholic items for sale including books, unique and traditional gifts and Sacramentals for all ages after All Masses December 16th and 17th.

Christmas Mass Times

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| Saturday, December 23rd | Vigil Mass (Sunday Mass) at 5 pm |
| Confessions at 4 pm. Church and Columbarium will be closed immediately after 5 pm Mass. | |
| Sunday December 24th | Sunday Mass times 7:30 am, 9 am and 11 am. |
| Sunday, December 24th Christmas Eve | Christmas Eve Masses 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm. |
| Visitation of loved ones interred in the Columbarium from 7 AM to 8:30 PM. | |
| Monday, December 25th The Nativity of the Lord | Christmas Day Masses are at 9 am and 11 am. |
| Church and Columbarium will be closed immediately after 11 am Mass. No Confession Parish office Closed | |
| Tuesday, December 26th Statutory Holiday | No Masses Church, Columbarium and Parish Office will be closed for the Holiday. |

**Saturday, December 30th Eve
of the Feast of the Holy Family,
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

**Vigil Mass (Sunday Mass) at
5 pm.**

Confessions at 4 pm.

Church and Columbarium will be closed immediately after 5 pm Mass.

**Sunday, December 31st Feast
of the Holy Family, Jesus,
Mary, and Joseph**

**Sunday Mass times
7:30 am, 9 am, and 11 am, 5 pm.**

**Sunday, December 31st
Eve of the Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God**

Mass at 6:30 pm

No Confession

Church and Columbarium will be closed immediately after 6:30 pm Mass.

**Monday, January 1st
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy
Mother of God**

Mass at 12:05 pm

No Confession

**Church and Columbarium will be closed right after the Noon Mass and will
reopen on January 2nd at 9 am.**

Parish Office is closed January 1st and will reopen on January 2nd at 9 am.

The Parish office will be closed at Noon on Friday, December 22nd, and
closed at 1:00 PM on Friday, December 29th.

The Church, Columbarium and Parish office will be re-open
for regular business hours on Dec 27th, 28th, and 29th.

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.

WHEN: Monday December 11th – Sunday December 17th
Drop off new and gently used Winter Wear to the Parish Office

coat
DRIVE

thank you for helping
to keep others warm





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monsignor Doyle Council 1186

S a c r e d H e a r t



COR – Refocusing Catholic men on Jesus Christ, forming and strengthening them in faith and virtue through a brother-hood committed to prayer, formation, and fraternity.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH – Recognizing a parish family that models Christian family values and visibly lives them every day.

Starting in 2024





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

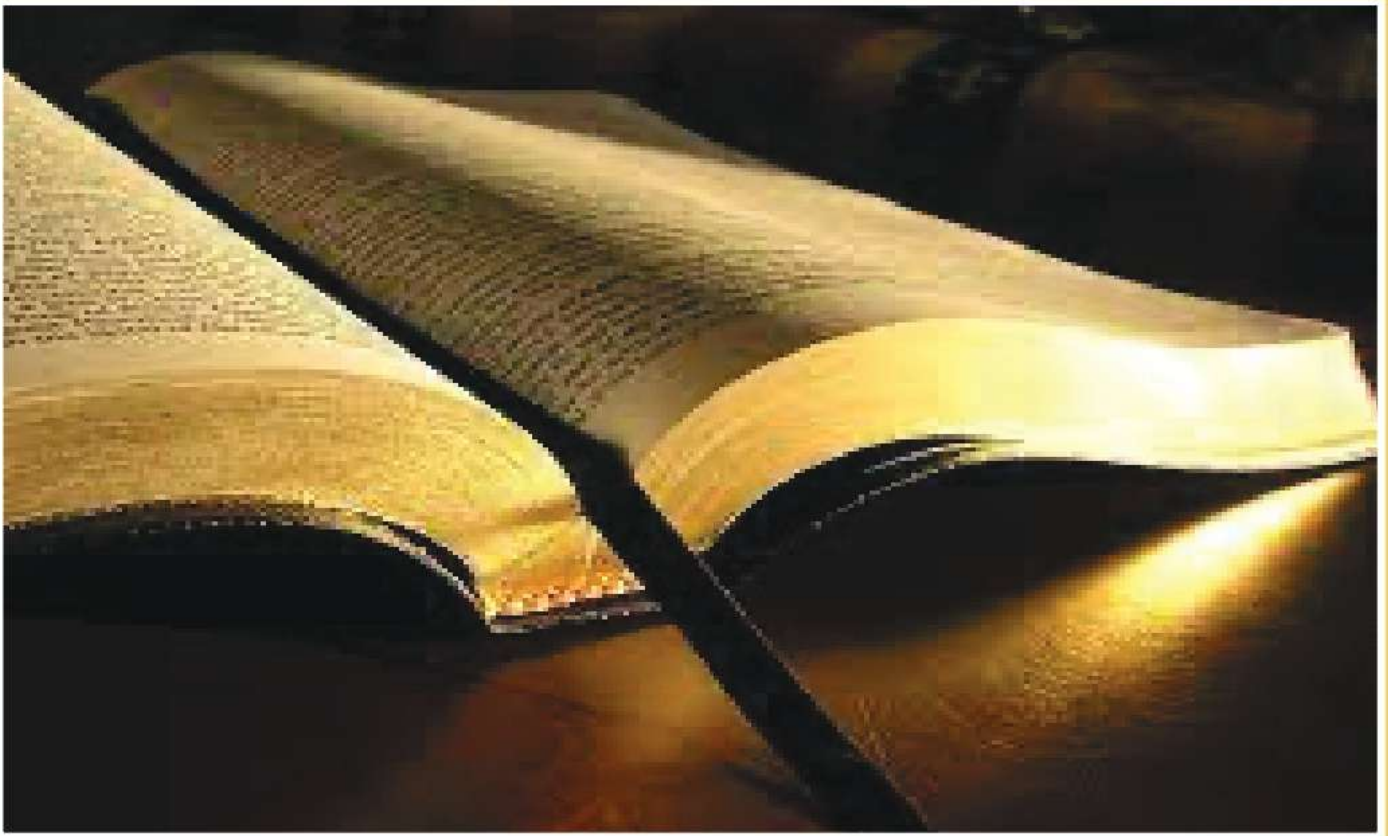
Register at sacredheartcalgary.ca/sacraments/confirmation/



LBS

JANUARY 2024 Schedule

LITURGICAL BIBLE STUDY



Dates:

Saturday - Jan. 6

Saturday - Jan.13

Saturday - Jan.20

Time:

10:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Venue:

Housey Hall - Sacred Heart Parish

HEAR THE TRUTH THAT WILL SET YOU FREE

Everyone is invited

Ministry Leaders

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

Lord Jesus,
let my heart never rest until it finds
You, who are its center, its love,
and its happiness.

By the wound in Your heart pardon
the sins that I have committed
whether out of malice or out of evil
desires.

Place my weak heart in your own
divine heart, continually under your
protection and guidance, so that I
may persevere in doing good and
in fleeing evil until my last breath.
Amen.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

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ACTION**



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.catholiccyc.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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