

Sacred Heart Church

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 6, 2015

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

Friday Exposition follows the 12:05 pm Mass

Adoration for Vocations 1:30 pm
Benediction 2:45 pm

Morning Prayer Sunday, 8:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 pm. (Confessions may also be arranged by request).

Office Hours: Monday to Friday: 9 am - 3 pm
Closed 12 noon to 12:30 pm

STEWARTSHIP CORNER:

*Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight. (Luke 3:4)*



Beings of body and spirit, we use our lives in this world to make our way to the Lord. What obstacles are on your path to the Lord? How can you clear the path for others? John the Baptist's cry is a call to stewardship of our lives in the



JERUSALEM'S GLORY

God's town, Jerusalem, has a new name; "Peace through justice and the glory of God's worship." Standing up on the heights, Jerusalem gathers all God's people to look out for the Messiah's coming. Zechariah and Elizabeth's son, John, proclaimed in the desert a baptism of repentance, "Prepare for the Messiah, the anointed one," he cried. "Make his paths straight. Fill up the valleys, and level the mountains... and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

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*We are a welcoming and caring community dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
helping each other discover who God is calling us to be."*

Pastor Rev Edmund Vargas **Associate Pastor** Rev Colin O'Rourke **Deacon/Business Manager** Deacon Paul Kennedy **Parish Secretaries** Beata Banka / Cathy Munro **Pastoral Assistant** Karen Howells **Music Director** Barbara Orłowska **Pastoral Council** Claire Hagel **Finance Council** Michael Walsh **Arts & Environment Committee** Vacant **Children's Liturgy** Linda Mackie **Pastoral Health Care** Vacant **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** Lisa Gilead/Patricia Tsang **Lectors** Shirley Teasdale **Weekday Liturgy** Addie Dedio **Altar Servers** Sogna Stipanov **Hospitality Ministry** Vacant **Stewardship** Contact the Office **RCIA** Robert Perrin / Karen Howells **Liturgy Committee** Karen Howells **CD's, Booklets Ministry** Darlene Moriarty **Inn from the Cold** Mike Swanson / Red Armstrong **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** Red Armstrong **Annual Bishop's Appeal** Ed Marchand **CWL** Anna Marinelli / Janet MacPhee **Reception** Stephanie Hugo **Knights of Columbus** Lorne Gartner **Fire in the Rose** Jane Oxenbury **Marriage Preparation** Peter & Leah Lavoie **Building Committee** Terry Allen **In-residence** Rev Gilles Le Blanc.





THE DEACON'S DIGEST

Deacon Paul Kennedy

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT LUKE 3 1- 6

Advent is about the Incarnation of Jesus - the Eternal Word taking on human flesh.

In today's Gospel, Luke reminds us of a passage from Isaiah with God leading the exiled people home to the Promised Land.

In the original writing, the exiled people were told that God would lead them home, much as God led their ancestors through the wilderness to the Promised Land.

They were assured that all obstacles would be removed so this could be accomplished with ease.

Luke connects John, who lived in the wilderness of Judea, with that voice "Crying out in the desert". By implication, if John is the voice, then Jesus is the one leading the people back home.

These readings do not focus on Jesus' coming *to* us, but his coming *with* us. He leads us to salvation.

Because there are obstacles in our path, some work is necessary. This is not the kind of work that we can avoid by taking another route. We will have to move carefully through work on this path of life as we travel over it.

To remove the obstacles, as individuals, we might have to overcome hostile resentment, constant fault-finding, lack of will to forgive, dishonesty in our dealings with others, or even maybe a bullying attitude.

As a society we might have to remove unfair housing policies, employment disparity, economic injustice, racial and ethnic biases.

We may be surprised by Advent readings which say nothing about Jesus' birth. What we are anticipating is the advent of our salvation.

Its ultimate manifestation entered our world with Jesus' birth. It takes root in our lives as we respond to God's grace; and it will be brought to completion when Christ comes in glory. We are on the way which is why we need a stretch of good road.

Luke and John the Baptist remind us, especially in Advent, to turn away from being satisfied and complacent with our present life.

We are encouraged to make our every living day a prayer of praise and thanksgiving to God as shown in our attitudes and actions.

We are called to own up to our failings and to seek forgiveness of God – a forgiveness which makes us stronger and more able to live the life that God desires for us.

WELCOME! Registration as well as volunteer forms are available at the Hospitality Desk or online. Have them completed and placed in the collection basket. Donation envelopes are also available at the Hospitality Desk.

BAPTISMS are celebrated outside of Mass every fourth Sunday at 12:15 pm and during Mass on other weekends, that, first Sunday at 9:00 am, second Sunday at 11:00 am and third weekend on Saturday at 5:00 pm, Baptisms are discouraged during the Lenten season. The next Baptism Preparation Class will be on January 16 2016 at 9:00 am. Please call the office to set up an appointment to register.

WEDDING ARRANGEMENTS are arranged only after an initial interview with a Priest or Deacon. Next Marriage Preparation Class is on March 4 and 5, 2016. Contact office for details.

THE PASTORAL HEALTH CARE TEAM welcomes the opportunity to visit and bring the Eucharist to our housebound parishioners. Please call the Parish office to schedule visits.

SACRAMENTAL PREP DATES: All classes held Sundays 12:00 noon, in Housey Hall. First Reconciliation 2015: Nov 15 - Dec 13 Celebration Dec 16th. Confirmation 2016: Feb 14-Mar 13 Celebration Mar 20, First Holy Eucharist 2016: May 1-May 22 Celebration May 29. Register at office.

OUR WEBSITE. www.sacredheartcalgary.ca is our domain name. Check it out and forward your comments. For more information, please call the Parish during office hours (9:00 am - 3:00 pm).

CHILDREN'S LITURGY. Program runs from September through May at the 9:00 & 11:00 am Mass. (11 am Summer Songs Program). Please call the office for details.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is open to all Catholic men over age 18. We meet in the Columbus room the first Tuesday of the month.

NEW LIFE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC COMMUNITY holds Worship & Praise Service every Sunday, 2-4 pm, in the church. For details, call Joseph Gingco at (403) 390-0724.

CWL (Catholic Women's League) invites all ladies of the parish over 16 years of age to join them. For details, contact Anna Marinelli at 403-245-1654.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is offered year-round for those thinking about becoming a Catholic or completing sacraments of initiation. Please call Karen at 244-2741 ex.234.



The Christmas Hamper Program is on Saturday, December 19. Volunteers are needed to pack the hampers starting at 9 am and to deliver the hampers starting at 12 noon. Please call the office at 403-244-2741 ext. 221 to volunteer. Also needed are donations of children's Christmas gifts to accompany the hampers for recipient families. The gift needs of the children will be detailed on the white paper ornaments hung on the Christmas trees in the Narthex. Please put your **wrapped Christmas gift** under the tree in the Narthex (where you got the white paper ornaments) before **December 15th** and mark it with the (age and gender) of the recipient using the same white paper ornament.



Fire in the Rose.

December 6 is the **National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.**

Established in 1991 by the Parliament of Canada, this day marks the anniversary of the murders in 1989 of 14 young women at l'École Polytechnique de Montréal. They died because they were women. As well as commemorating the 14 young women whose lives ended in an act of gender-based violence that shocked the nation, December 6 represents an opportunity to reflect on the phenomenon of violence against women in our society. It is also an opportunity for Canadians to consider the women and girls for whom violence is a daily reality, and to remember those who have died as a result of gender-based violence. And finally, it is a day on which communities can consider concrete actions to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls. Violence against women is a persistent and ongoing problem in Canada and throughout the world. It affects women's social and political status, physical and mental health and economic security. Men's and boys' experiences of violence are different from women's and girls' in important ways. While men are more likely to be injured by strangers in a public or social venue, women are in greater danger of experiencing violence from intimate partners in their own homes. Women are also at greater risk of sexual violence. The fear of violence is more pervasive for women and can prevent them from taking part as full citizens in their communities. Women are also more likely than men to be victims of violent crimes such as sexual assault and criminal harassment. Indeed, in 2004, there were over six times as many female victims of sexual assault as male victims. And women were over three times more likely than men to be victims of criminal harassment. With respect to murder, while women are only about half as likely as men to be victims, they are much more likely to be murdered by someone they know intimately. For more information about this Day of Remembrance go to the church website www.sacredheartcalgary.ca If you have interest in joining Fire in the Rose, or want more information, contact Jane Oxenbury at 403-255-7004/ jmoxenbury@shaw.ca.



Mission Mexico Day December 12.

Bishop Henry has once again proclaimed December 12th the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mission Day in the Diocese.

All toonies collected weekend of

December 12 & 13th will go to Mission Mexico. Thank you for your support.

Children's Christmas Party. Jingle, jingle, jingle... join us on December 13 at 12 noon

for the Sacred Heart Children's Christmas Party (right after the 11 am Mass) in the Upper Hall. There will be games and crafts and snacks for children 12 and under (and a visit from Santa's helpers too!)



How are we doing financially?

	YTD Budget	As of Nov. 30
Regular Collection	\$ 361,600	\$ 342,680
Building Fund	\$ 127,600	\$ 252,973
	2015 Target	YTD Actual
Together In Action	\$ 62,254	\$ 65,145



Children's Liturgy

Our Promise Children are putting their faith into action by caring and sharing. They are gifting their very own McDonald's gift certificates which they have been receiving in their gift bags at their Christmas party, giving them instead to Sacred Heart's guests at the December 7th INN FROM THE COLD. They are very eager to have these guests enjoy a McDonald's treat from them over the Christmas Holidays.



SACRED HEART ADVENT MISSION: Divine Mercy: A Way of Life" Dec 14-16

Come be inspired to live out the corporal and spiritual Works of Mercy as we begin this Jubilee of Mercy. Sr. Annunciata & Sr. Katrina from Sisters of Divine Mercy will be the presenters. All are invited, and free-will offerings accepted **Monday, Dec 14:** 6:30 pm **Holy Mass**, follow by talk *Topic: Divine Mercy Message.* **Tuesday, Dec 15:** 6:30 pm **Holy Mass**, follow by talk *Topic: Divine Mercy as a Way of Life.* **Wednesday, Dec 16:** 6:30 pm concluding talk follow by **Penitential Service** with Adoration and Music.



Inn From The Cold Ministry. We host Inn from the Cold on Monday Dec.7, 2015. We are in need of volunteers as well as donations of personal hygiene products and underwear. As always thank you very much to everyone for your ongoing support.

To learn more or to volunteer contact Mike Swanson at mikeswansonQC@gmail.com.

Suggested church protocol: "Please come to Mass early enough not to disrupt. Leave late enough not to insult. Worship reverently enough not to distract. And dress proudly enough not to offend."

In and around the Parish 2015

December 7	Inn From The Cold	6:00 PM
December 12	Columbarium Mass	9:00 AM
December 13	Children's Christmas Party	Noon
December 14-16	Advent Mission	6:30 PM



Sacred Heart Columbarium: Holy See and Holy Land Columbaria.

Open daily: 11 am to 6 pm - Holidays 11 am to 1 pm.

A reminder the next Columbarium Memorial Mass will be on **Saturday, Dec 12, at 9:00 a.m.**

Sacred Heart Columbarium Update: Purchases to date total 301 niches valued at \$1,525,786. We have placed 160 urns of family members to date in the Columbaria. We have only 1 double niche remaining available in the centre section of Holy Land Columbarium. Hours are 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM Monday to Sunday **except December 25 - open 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Holiday Hours & December 26 – closed.**

Planning Ahead? – Think about it! Do you decide where your remains will be placed or will that decision be made by others based strictly on the cost. It is your choice. Planning ahead works better.

For more information, or you would like to book a tour of our beautiful and peaceful facility, please call Deacon Paul Kennedy (403) 244 – 2741 extension 231; email: busmgr@sacredheartcalgary.ca or website: www.columbariumcalgary.ca

Door replacements. With the upcoming Jubilee of Mercy, we are looking at replacing the wood panel door of the Reconciliation Room on the North side with a 10mm all-glass door with the rendering of Rembrandt's Prodigal Son drawing quoted at \$2,535.75 (door) plus \$1000 (artwork). We also need sponsorship for a replacement door in the front north entrance (old wood door to be replaced with the more efficient 12mm glass/aluminum door) quoted at \$4,991.02



Relics on display now. We have placed in the Old Narthex the relics which Sacred Heart Church has kept for years.

The collection includes relics from St. Francis, St. Bonaventure, the Canadian Martyrs, St. Therese of Lisieux and St. Pius X as well as a rock chip from the Holy Sepulchre and a wood particle from the Holy Cross.

Celebrations & Intentions

Sun, December 6	7:30 am	Special Intention	SI
	9:00 am	Special Intention	SI
	11:00 am	Parishioners	SI
	5:00 pm	Terry Arseniuk	RIP
Mon, December 7	12:05 pm	Special Intention	SI
Tues, December 8	12:05 pm	Special Intention	SI
Wed, December 9	10:30 am	Special Intention	SI
	12:05 pm	Special Intention	SI
Thurs, December 10	12:05 pm	Special Intentions	SI
Fri, December 11	12:05 pm	Special Intention	SI
Sat, December 12	9:00 am	All Souls	RIP
	5:00 pm	Rumzia Azraf	RIP
Sun, December 13	7:30 am	Chris Akinnuoye	RIP
	9:00 am	Christine Mary Rose Flynn	RIP
	11:00 am	Parishioners	SI
	5:00 pm	Agapito Manalastas	RIP