

Canadian Martyrs Catholic Parish

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1st Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2019

God is coming again, and His life is a long-game plan.

So often we hear about the Gospel reading, but it may be worth starting Advent with a reflection on the reading from Isaiah.

This text is roughly 2700 years old and the message is that the time is coming when there will be peace on earth, and that God is working to bring it about.

Our invitation from Jesus is we should be ready for this to happen imminently, and working with God to bring it about at all times and in all places.

Now, at the beginning of Advent, we can root our hope again in God's ancient and ever-new promise that the Prince of Peace is coming.

We carry so many challenges in life; the solutions are complex and sometimes take years or decades. God is not afraid of our big problems. His promises are true through generations and centuries. Let us wrap up our troubles and entrust them to the manger, where God is coming to hold them and us again.

Stewardship Reflection

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." (Matthew 24:42)

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God's active presence in your life.

Our Parish Vision:

"FORMING MISSIONARY DISCIPLES" IN
BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

Our Parish Mission:

WE SERVE THE PEOPLE IN OUR PARISH,
COMMUNITY AND DIOCESE BY LIVING OUT
THE EVANGELIZING MISSION OF CHRIST
WITH FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

WELCOME to all new parishioners and visitors. Please take a moment to fill out a registration form in the foyer. Our ushers will be happy to assist you.

Weekend Masses

Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 9:00 am
Sunday - 10:45 am
Sunday—3:30—7:00 pm
Syro Malabar (Sanctuary & Brebeuf)

Children's Liturgy of the Word (ages 3-7) held (Sept — June) at the 10:45 am Sunday Masses except on holidays and long weekends of the Calgary Catholic Schools.

Weekday Masses

Monday – Saturday 9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:00 – 4:45 pm or anytime by appointment.

Blessed Sacrament Adoration: Every Friday at 9:30 am – 10:00 am

Rosary:

Mon.- Friday 8:30 am (before Mass)
Sunday, 8:30 am & 10:15 am (before Mass)

Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Devotion: Saturday morning 9:00 am Mass

Baptism

A family interview with the priest is required prior to any arrangement for the baptism of a child. Baptismal instruction is obligatory for both parents.

Wedding Arrangement:

Couples contemplating marriage should contact a priest at least six months prior to the date chosen.

Hospital Visit: If you have a family member or you have the permission of someone in the hospital who would like a visit by one of our priests to receive Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 403 -284-3311.

For after-hours emergency situations call

403-869-7382

For more information please email:

secretary@canadianmartyrsparish.ca

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Saturday 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am – 1:00 pm

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Our candidates received their Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday Nov 30, we would like to congratulate:

Emma A., Benjamin O., Nicolas O., David W., Adam Rau., Nora W., Rose W., Kieran H., Viola R., Gabriel G., Rodrigo d., Carson H., Adriana H., Natalie L., Sophia L., Olivia P., Claire H., Giada G., Violetta C., Oluwasinaayomi B., Kolade K., Asher S., Emily S., Stefano J., Dominic C., Eva A., Charitina S., Joaquin R., Eliza M., Iker H., Claire S., and Mark S.

We would like to thank Brienne T., Sophia I., Kenneth I., and Elbert M., for sharing their time to volunteer in preparing the children for this Sacrament.

IN MEMORIAM WALL

We thank all those that displayed their loved ones names on our *In Memoriam* wall this November, what a fitting tribute to our loved ones. If you wish, please take your name off the wall this weekend.

CHILDREN'S MASS / YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL

We invite all children in our parish to join us for the next children's mass on **December 15 at the 10:45am Sunday Mass**. The Youth Choir will be singing at this mass. Any youth (grade 4 and older) who would like to join the choir to sing at our monthly children's mass, please contact Kathryn Berko. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in gathering area.

HOLY EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTS REGISTRATION

We are now accepting registration for both of these sacraments. Registration forms and information are available in the gathering area, at the office, and also on our website. **Register early!**

SHARING YOUR TIME & TALENT

Please consider becoming a member of the **Pastoral Council**. If you or someone you know is interested in joining this essential ministry, please consider submitting in a nomination. To nominate yourself or another parishioner for the Parish Pastoral Council, please talk to us or call the office at 403-284-331. Our parish could be strengthened by your involvement.

WINE RAFFLE EXTRAVAGANZA

Tickets are available after all Masses and can also be purchased in the office. Tickets are \$10 each, a Grand Prize is 76 bottles of wine and two Second Prizes of 12 bottles each. Please support our parish in this fundraiser.

2020 SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

Our celebration of the Catholic faith is one of gift, sacrifice and worship. We gather together in Christ celebrating the Eucharist, the gift of Christ's sacrifice for us all. We offer ourselves through our commitment to Catholic life and service, both of time and in talent.

Good stewardship is an important element in Catholicism and very alive at Canadian Martyrs Parish. Providing time and/or talents to any of the many Parish activities or committees helps bind us together as a family and shows a level of support to the overall health of the Parish.

Your 2020 Offering Envelopes will be available next weekend in the gathering area. Please wait till the New Year to use them. Please note that you may have a new envelope number. Ensure that you fill out your contact information the first time you use your envelopes.

Thanks to Al Bailey & Frieda LaRose for their help getting the envelopes ready for distribution.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANGEL TREE

Thank you very much to all of you that have taken a gift tags and purchased an item off the Angel tree. There are only a few left, if you are able, please take a gift tag and return the unwrapped purchase by Friday Dec 6th.

Thank you for your kind donations.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

If you wish to make additional donations, we have pink 'Christmas Light Donation' envelopes' available in the gathering area. Thank you for helping us beautify our church.

ST JOHN'S CHOIR SCHOLA

We are excited to welcome back the talented St John's Schola choirs to perform for us on **Sunday, December 15 @ 7:30 pm**. Join us for this inspiring Christmas tradition, please invite your family & friends.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Are you or someone you know homebound and unable to attend Mass? Contact the office at 403-284-3311 and ask to receive Holy Communion at home. A member of the Pastoral Care Team will call to arrange a convenient time to visit & bring Holy Communion.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

MONDAY, DEC 2

9:30 am Rosary for the intention of the students
at St. Margaret & St. Francis Schools
12:00 - 2:30 pm Bible Study (Brebeuf)

TUESDAY, DEC 3

9:30 am Rosary for the intention of the students
at St. Margaret & St. Francis Schools
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus (Brebeuf)
7:00 pm Couples for Christ (Lalemant)

WEDNESDAY, DEC 4

9:30 am Rosary for the intention of the students
at St. Margaret & St. Francis Schools
10:00 am Legion of Mary (Lalemant)
5:00—6:00 pm Boys Choir (Lalemant)

THURSDAY, DEC 5

NO 9:00 am Mass

9:30 am St Francis Grade 11 - Advent Mass

FRIDAY, DEC 6

9:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm Syro Malabar Mass (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, DEC 7

1:00-3:30 pm Bible Study Group (Chabanel)
1:00 - 9:00 pm SSVP Hamper Day (Brebeuf)
1:00 - 9:00 pm Singles for Christ (Lalemant)
6:00 pm SSVP Reception (Brebeuf)
7:00 pm Christmas Concert (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:45 am Choir practice (Lalemant)
12:30 - 2:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
(Sanctuary)
2:00 - 3:30 pm RCIA (Lalemant)
3:45-6:45 pm Syro Malabar (Sanctuary & Brebeuf)

SSVP HAMPER & PRE-CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday December 7th

5:00 pm Mass

6:00 pm Reception with light snacks and beverages

7:00 pm Christmas Concert & SSVP presentation of Gifts & Hampers

Robert Tamayo and his choir will be coordinating with all other ministries taking part. All are welcome.



ADVENT PENITENTIAL RECONCILIATION LITURGY

Join us on **December 18th at 7:00pm** for the Advent Penance Service.

Give yourself time with Jesus this season.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24th

Masses: 5:00 pm & 8:00 pm

Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25th

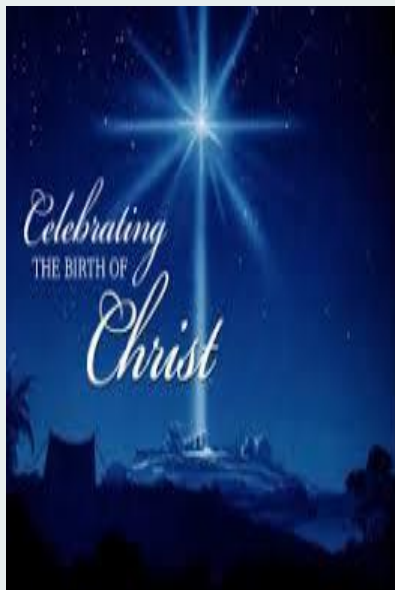
Mass: 10:00 am

New Year's Eve - Tuesday, December 31st

Mass: 5:00 pm

New Year's Day - Wednesday, January 1st

Mass: 10:00 am



Ministers' Schedules – Dec 7th & 8th

	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Ushers
Dec 7 5:00 PM	Rudy Pam Richard Ana C	Giovanna JF	Joshua Vianca Mollie	No Class	Maria Sean Cathy Roger Paul Matt
Dec 8 9:00 AM	Dominic Ed John Tomy		David Cathryn Emily	No Class	Gerrit Tristan John M John McS
Dec 8 10:45 AM	Ildiko Clarissa Agnes Chi Chi	Karen James	Malcolm Amelie Johrissa Samantha Williams	Brienne Jennifer	Thomas Harry Danilo Andreas Bert

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The spiritual and physical well-being of all parishioners

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR PREPARING FOR SURGERY:

Luke Callin, Bernice Balyk, Faye Lapaz,
Maria Garcia and Robert Tamayo

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Ernest Tetreau and Mario Marasco

May they know the deep love and support of our community through our thoughts and prayers.

DIOCESE OF CALGARY SEMINARIANS

Please pray for: Bennet C., Ian M., James S.,
Kevin P., Mark D., Mark K., Matthew S.,
Peter Anh, and Santiago Torres

STOP BY THE PARISH OFFICE FOR PRAYER & MASS REQUESTS

Mass Intentions

MONDAY Dec 2

David Williams (RIP)

TUESDAY Dec 3

Ritinha Carvalho (RIP); Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY Dec 4

Doug Monk (LIV)

THURSDAY Dec 5

St Francis Grade 11 students

FRIDAY Dec 6

Tomy & family (LIV)

SATURDAY Dec 7

9:00 am Emilie Ubana

5:00 pm Lewczuk Family (RIP);
Burzynski Family (RIP); Manuel Singo (RIP)

SUNDAY Dec 8

9:00 am Canadian Martyrs Parishioners
10:45 am Ildiko & Robert Lelkes (RIP)



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We have launched a challenge in the Diocese of Calgary: Record a video, write an email or post on social media (**#iamblessed**) how you are blessed, and/or donate money, time, or an act of kindness to bless others. iamblessed.ca This challenge is designed to promote a culture of giving during this Christmas.

How does it benefit your Parish or our Diocese? We each become a blessing to others and we can make a donation online to our parishes (catholiccyyc.ca/give). Further, each parish will receive some postcards. The cards promote three actions: two postcards feature acts of kindness, one is for an offering of prayer, and the remaining two are for **donations to the parish** and to a Diocesan program. You do not need these cards in order to participate. However, you can make a freewill donation to the parish for these limited-edition postcards. We all have the power to bless someone else. Please share your story on social media. Use **#iamblessed** hashtag and tag [@calgarydiocese](https://twitter.com/calgarydiocese)

NEW PILGRIMAGES

Medjugorje, Croatia, Austria, Hungary, Czech Rep., & Poland with Fr. Vincent TuanHa

Dates: Apr. 24 – May 7, 2020. Contact Michael at 647-887-4069 ext 367 | or Parish Office at 403-284-3311 | secretary@canadianmartyrparish.ca |

Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr. Julian Studden

Dates: Apr. 20 – May 2, 2020 with St. Paul's Airdrie community. Contact: Deon at 587-777-1733 | Parish Office at 403-948-5394 | stpaulsreceptionist@shaw.ca

Portugal, Spain, France and Italy Pilgrimage with Fr. Anthony Poul Narisetti

Dates: May 27 - June 11, 2020. Contact 905-412-2242 | group@qstours.com. Everyone is invited to an info session at St. Patrick's Church (1414 Shawnessy Blvd. SW, Calgary) on **Sunday, Dec. 15 at 2 pm.**

Medjugorje Pilgrimage with Fr. Yarek Dziuba

Dates: June 13-25, 2020 with St. Joseph's Parish Community. Contact Orlando at 403-245-5010 | Mary Ann at 403-466-2432 | donalesm@telus.net

HELP A FAMILY FEEL BLESSED THIS CHRISTMAS | Christmas can be a very difficult time of year for the women at Elizabeth House who may not have a family to turn to, nor the funds to provide their child's first Christmas gift. We are seeking support from you, your family or your parish to fill a stocking and leave some gifts under the tree for a single mom and baby in need. A family wish list will be provided to you. Contact Lenora at lenora.wiebe@calgarydiocese.ca

CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI STYLE | St. Paul's Airdrie invites you to the Advent Parish Mission with Fr. Dan Gurnick. When: **Dec. 9, Dec. 11 and Dec. 12.** Mass at 7 pm followed by a talk each night. **Where:** St. Paul's Church (1306 Main Street, Airdrie). **Contact:** 403-948-5394 | stpaulsreceptionist@shaw.ca

HEAR THE ANGELS SING: CCSD HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL FESTIVAL | Hear the Angels Sing is the Calgary Catholic School District's Advent & Christmas choral festival, featuring the choirs of Calgary's Catholic high schools. **When: Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 7 pm** (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) **Where:** St. Michael Catholic Community (800 85 Street SW, Calgary).

GAUDETE BALL WITH ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, CALGARY | You are invited to the Gaudete Ball dance workshop for all ages, a great place to have fun while learning the basics of ballroom dancing such as waltz, rhumba, fox trot, jive, as well as ballroom etiquette. The day consists of instruction and practise, followed by a delicious dinner and concludes with the Gaudete Ball. When: **Saturday, Dec. 14**, from 10 am. Where: St. John the Evangelist (1423 8 Ave SE, Calgary).

AIRDRIE DREAM VACATION FOR CHRISTMAS

Airdrie Dream Vacations tickets make a great Christmas gift, a gift that keeps on giving throughout the year. Only 600 tickets, and 60 prizes! There will be one draw a month, starting April 5, 2020, for \$2,500 travel gift card and four draws of \$120. Purchase it online from www.airdriedreamvacation.ca

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN AIRDRIE

St. Paul's Parish in Airdrie has started a monthly (First Friday) Eucharistic Adoration. The next Adoration will be held on **Friday, Dec. 6** at 3:30 pm to 8 pm.

CHRISTMAS DINNER & DANCE

St. Gabriel Parish in Chestermere invites you to their community's Christmas Dinner & Dance for an evening of fellowship, food and Christmas fun. Adults only. When: **Saturday, Dec. 7 at 6 pm**. Where: Camp Chestermere (1041 East Lakeview Rd., Chestermere). Tickets: 403-455-0196 or email office@saintgabrielparish.ca

PASTORAL CARE RETREAT

St. James Church invites you to a Pastoral Care Retreat. This event is for past, present and prospective new pastoral care ministers in the Diocese of Calgary. When: **Saturday, Dec. 7** from **9 am to Noon** with lunch to follow. Advent reflection by Deacon Michael Soentgerath.

LAY ASSOCIATION SEMINAR

The next Lay Association Seminar will be held on **Saturday, Dec. 7 from 10 am to 2 pm** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary). A maximum of five people may attend from each registered group. Register: 403-218-5528 | adrian.martens@calgarydiocese.ca

SAVE THE DATE: ONCE UPON A GRECCIO CHRISTMAS | Mount St. Francis invites you to Once Upon A Greccio Christmas celebration on **Sunday, Dec. 8**, from **2 to 4 pm**. Where: Mount St. Francis (41160 Retreat Road, Cochrane, AB). There will be a bonfire, caroling, refreshments, sleigh rides and a Christmas Pageant.

LIVING NATIVITY WITH ST. JAMES IN OKOTOKS | Save the date for the Living Nativity

with St. James in Okotoks. When: **Saturday, Dec. 14 from 4 to 8 pm** (Mass at 5:30 pm in the church). Where: St. James' Church parking lots (338060 32 St. East, Okotoks). Free admission. For more information, contact 403-938-3122 or email office@stjamesparishrc.com

AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC

St. Luke's Parish invites you to an evening of Christmas Music in support of the Help the Needy Program. Featuring mezzo soprano Eswina Ngai, guest artists and choirs. When: **Saturday, Dec. 14 at 7:30 pm**. Where: St. Luke's (1566 Northmount Dr. NW, Calgary). Freewill offering.

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Canadian Martyrs Parish invites you to Nine Lessons & Carols, a beautiful evening of Scripture and Songs, featuring the three choirs of St John Choir Schola. When: **Sunday, Dec. 15 at 7:30 pm**. Where: Canadian Martyrs (835 Northmount Drive NW, Calgary).

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Not new, but haven't registered? Please fill out your contact information below and place it in the donation basket.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Why registered in my parish? Belonging; being connected with my Faith Community; Baptism and sacraments for my children; Family Records: marriages, deaths, baptism, etc. archived for future generations; Income tax receipts