



Canadian Martyrs Catholic Parish
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2nd Sunday of Advent December 8, 2019

Repentance brings us God's life.

Doesn't repentance sound like a great idea – for all the people who have wronged me? I'm less inclined to be excited about my own repentance!

When John lives out his vocation to prepare his contemporaries for Jesus' first coming, he starts by telling them to repent. Perhaps there is a reason he lived in the wilderness? To avoid the reactions of the people he spoke to in town?

But the message is so necessary, then and now. If we want a world of peace and joy, we need to start with seeing, and then turning away from, our own attractions to and love for the very habits, attitudes and behaviors which prevent us from receiving God's life.

What valleys and mountains do you cling to that are obstructing God's path to your heart? Is it your desire for things to be easy? Your addiction to the little white lies that seem easier than facing the truth?

Make an appointment with your journal, or make a plan to go to Reconciliation this week. Turning away from your own sin feels great – once you can see how it is not helping you. So turn around and let God in. You'll be glad you did!

Stewardship Reflection

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." (Matthew 3:10) "

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent, and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter, and junk. Our time, our talent, and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

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:

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Sunday 8:30 am – 1:00 pm

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

SHARING YOUR TIME & TALENT

Please consider becoming a member of the **Pastoral Council**. 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** are available 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.

BISHOP McGRATTAN'S VISIT

Bishop McGrattan will be visiting our Parish on January 17 - 19, 2020, we are currently planning his visit. He will be meeting with both schools in our area and also meeting with each Ministry here in the Parish. Information and scheduling will be communicated to all ministries in the coming weeks.

OUT DOOR 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.

FORMED We have renewed our Formed subscription for another year, this is a wonderful resource for all parishioners and your families. Here are some great suggestions for the coming week. Check the bulletin board for other ways to take advantage of this. **December 2019 Liturgical Calendar**

Dec 9 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Study: Why Believe? Season 1 Episode 13 - Mary, Queen Mother
Watch: Blessed Duns Scotus - Defender of the Immaculate Conception

Dec 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Watch: Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message
Watch: 1531: A Story that is Not Finished Yet

Dec 14 - Saint John of the Cross
Watch: No Greater Love, A Unique Portrait of the Carmelite Nun

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Our candidates received their Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday November 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.

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!**

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: You are invited to make a contribution for the poinsettias that will adorn our sanctuary at Christmas. All gifts may be made as memorials or they may be made to honor family or friends. All donations for poinsettias should be returned to the church office by Sunday, December 22. Thank you.

MISSION MEXICO (Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe) is on December 12. Mission Mexico is an outreach project of Catholics in the Diocese of Calgary. Our goal is to provide funding in dignity-affirming projects in the marginalized mountain communities of southern Mexico. Donations may be made through our parish collections on December 7-8 by clearly marking a blank envelope with Mission Mexico including your name and address for receipt purposes. Cheques can be made out in your church name. For more info please go to www.missionmexico.com.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

MONDAY, DEC 9

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 10

9:30 am Rosary for the intention of the students
at St. Margaret & St. Francis Schools

WEDNESDAY, DEC 11

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 12

9:30 am Rosary for the intention of the students
at St. Margaret & St. Francis Schools
7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Brebeuf)

FRIDAY, DEC 13

9:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
12:00 - 4:30 pm St John's Schola practice
(Sanctuary)
6:00 - 10:00 pm Memorial Service Suad Aziz M
(Sanctuary & Brebeuf)

SATURDAY, DEC 14

1:00 - 2:30 pm Altar Servers Party (Brebeuf)
1:00-3:30 pm Bible Study Group (Chabanel)
6:30 - 10:00 pm Simbang Gabi Mass & Reception
(Sanctuary & Brebeuf)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

10:45 am Mass - Michael A Baptism
11:00 to 1:00 pm SFO (Lalemant)
1:00-3:30 pm SFO (Sanctuary & Brebeuf)
2:00 - 3:30 pm RCIA (Lalemant)
3:45-6:45 pm Syro Malabar (Sanctuary & Brebeuf)
7:30 - 9:00 pm St. John Schola Choirs Concert

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

- Prepare the way for the Lord -

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

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

Monday December 23	8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Tuesday December 24	8:30 am - noon
Wednesday December 25	Office Closed
Thursday December 26	Office Closed
Friday December 27	Office Closed
Saturday December 28	3:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Sunday December 29	8:30 am - 1:00 pm
Monday Dec 30	8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Tuesday Dec 31	8:30 am - noon
Wednesday January 1	Office Closed

Ministers' Schedules – Dec 14th & 15th

	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Ushers
Dec 14 5:00 PM	Clara Kenneth Paddy Alicia	Jovita Trevor	Jenald Mollie Joshua	No Class	Maria Sean Cathy Roger Paul Matt
Dec 15 9:00 AM	Al Astrid Michael Lourdes	Francis P. Michelle	Elbert David Cathryn	No Class	Gerrit Tristan John M John McS
Dec 15 10:45 AM	Gail Brenda Ildiko Greg	Tamara Jill	Rowan Calla Kean Claire Maria	Christine Karen	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 9

Father Gaspar Fernandes (LIV)

TUESDAY Dec 10

Callin Family (LIV)

WEDNESDAY Dec 11

Lena, Alfredo & Dellano Fernandes (LIV)

THURSDAY Dec 12

Bringas-Kewley Family (LIV)

FRIDAY Dec 13

Christine Mary-Rose Flynn (RIP)

SATURDAY Dec 14

9:00 am Mike Amantea (RIP); Jean Blackwell (RIP)

5:00 pm Valerio Layug (RIP); Fedaj Family (RIP)

SUNDAY Dec 15

9:00 am Eusebio Parra (RIP); Lily Yong (RIP)

10:45 am Judith & Andrew Farkas (RIP);

Anna & Walter Kocur (RIP); Suad Aziz Moukhtar (RIP)



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ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

During the Advent season many parishes will gather together to hold either Reconciliation or Penitential Services, to facilitate and encourage celebration of God's mercy. The schedule for Advent Penitential Services in Calgary is available on our website calgarydiocese.ca or directly at: catholicyyc.ca/blog/advent

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES IN THE DIOCESE

Christmas season mass times throughout the Diocese are available on our website: www.calgarydiocese.ca (find the star button on our front page) or directly at: catholicyyc.ca/blog/christmas

ADVENT MISSION AT ASCENSION

All are welcome to the Advent Mission at Ascension Catholic Parish (1100 Berkshire Blvd NW, Theme: A Gift to the Lord. Speaker: Fr. Cristino Bouvette. When: **Tuesday, Dec 10 & Wed., Dec. 11 from 6:30 pm to 9 pm**. For more information, contact 403-275-2240 | office@ascensionparish.ca

DEDICATION CELEBRATION OF ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL MASS | The liturgical life of the Diocese flows from the role of the Bishop and the centrality of the cathedral church. St. Mary's Cathedral was dedicated on December 11, 1957. The anniversary of the cathedral church's dedication is celebrated as a Feast throughout the Diocese and as a proper Solemnity in the Cathedral parish. There will be an Anniversary Mass of the Dedication with Bishop McGrattan on **Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 5 pm**. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & COCOA AT ST. JOSEPH, CALGARY | All are welcome to the Christmas Carols & Cocoa at St. Joseph's Parish (640 19 Ave. NW, Calgary) on **Friday, Dec. 20 at 7 pm**. It's a free event.

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

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. 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 a \$2,500 travel gift card and four draws of \$120. Purchase online from www.airdriedreamvacation.ca

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).

MARRIAGE PREPARATION DATES

Catholic Family Service provides Marriage Preparation programs for the Diocese of Calgary. **Next dates: Jan 10-12,** at St. Mary's Cathedral and Jan 31 to Feb. 2 at St. Albert the Great, More info at <https://www.cfs-ab.org>

PILGRIMAGES

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

Dates: Apr. 24 – May 7, 2020. Contact Michael at 647-887-4069 ext 367 or email: secretary@canadianmartyrsparish.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

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,) 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

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

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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