



Canadian Martyrs Catholic Parish
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3rd Sunday of Advent December 15, 2019

We need a Saviour, and He's already come to give us new life.

We all need a Saviour. Some of us don't want one, so we spend our lives trying to save ourselves, only to discover that life undoes us all at some point. Others of us know we need one, but we want to be saved on our own terms. Jesus came.

He died and rose again so we could have new life, but we have to be willing to be rescued, and we have to let God's timing and terms reign. Our salvation is being worked out in the course of our lives right now.

Whatever we are going through, God will use to bring about good. When death, suffering and tragedy surround us, all this is especially hard to believe, let alone appreciate or participate in.

But it is the promise. We would do well to pray with the Psalmist wherever we find ourselves today: "Lord, come and save us." Whatever is happening today, in every moment of our lives, God can work new life. May we believe it, and ask for it.

Stewardship Reflection

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." (James 5:8)

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

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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www.canadianmartyrparish.ca

Office Hours

Monday– Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Saturday 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am – 1:00 pm

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT PENITENTIAL RECONCILIATION LITURGY

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

CHRISTMAS CONCERT & HAMPER DISTRIBUTION

We would like to thank all the SSVP Members and members of our parish who so graciously dedicated their time and gifts, making the evening a very special and emotional one for all attending. Thank you to all those who entertained us and made us feel the spirit of Christmas.

What a wonderful way to show that we care by presenting the hampers in person to all recipients and extending our hands out to them to be a part of our community. We believe this will be a new Canadian Martyrs Christmas tradition.

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 403-284-3311. Our parish could be strengthened by your involvement.

2020 SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

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.

BULLETIN

There will be **NO** bulletin for the weekend of December 28th & 29th. We will resume the weekend of January 4th & 5th.

RCIA

There will be **NO** RCIA classes on December 22nd and December 29th, we will resume classes on January 12th.

FORMED Advent with Dr. Tim Gray 12 Episodes - Register at <https://formed.org/advent>. This Advent season, walk with Dr. Tim Gray on a journey of renewal to ready your heart for the coming of Christ. Each day of Advent,

Dr. Gray will unpack the meaning of this season and its rich traditions, as well as offer practical advice for making this Advent your best yet.

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

You are invited to make a contribution for the poinsettias that will adorn our Sanctuary at during Christmas season. All gifts may be made as memorials or they may be made to honour family members or friends. Stop by the church office by Sunday December 22nd.

TOGETHER IN ACTION (TIA) 2019 CAMPAIGN

Our parish portion of the 2019 TIA goal is **\$21,793**. To date we have raised **\$19,530** with a shortfall of **\$2,263**, any surplus will be allocated to the parish Capital Renewal Fund. Thank you

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!**

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.

PRAYER MINISTRY

If you would like to be added to the list and receive email notification of Prayer Requests and if you would like to request prayers for an intention or person at any time please email the prayer and request information to this same email address: prayer-chain@canadianmartyrsparish.ca

YEAR-END GIVING

Coming into the end of the month of December, the parish is running a cash flow deficit of just under \$16,000. As you plan your year-end giving would you prayerfully consider making an extra contribution to help the parish end the year in the black? REMINDER: CRA regulations require that any contribution that you wish to have included in your 2019 statement be received at the parish office by noon on December 31 or be postmarked on or before the 31st. Thank you so much for your faithful and generous giving throughout the year! Please pray with us for a good finish to 2019.

VISIT US ONLINE at canadianmartyrsparish.ca

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

MONDAY, DEC 16

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

TUESDAY, DEC 17

9:30 am Rosary for the intention of the students
at St. Margaret & St. Francis Schools
7:00 - 8:30 pm Baptism Prep Course (Brebeuf)

WEDNESDAY, DEC 18

9:30 am Rosary for the intention of the students
at St. Margaret & St. Francis Schools
10:00 am Legion of Mary (Lalemant)
7:00 pm Penitential Advent Service

THURSDAY, DEC 19

9:00 am - No Mass
9:30 am St Francis Grade 10 Advent Mass
1:30 & 2:15 Advent Liturgies @ St Margaret's school

FRIDAY, DEC 20

9:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

SATURDAY, DEC 21

1:00-3:30 pm Bible Study Group (Chabanel)
1:00 - 5:00 pm Couple for Christ (Lalemant)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

3:45-6:45 pm Syro Malabar (Sanctuary &
Brebeuf)

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

Office closed Dec 25 to Dec 27 inclusive
Office open Dec 28th, 29th & 30th regular hours

Office Open Dec 3 - 8:30 - noon

Office Closed - Jan 1

Advent Penitential / Confession

Our Advent Penitential Service will be on **Wednesday, December 18**, with several priests available to hear confessions **beginning at 7 p.m.** Come and receive God's mercy in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

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



Year-End Giving

Give the best kinds of gifts from a space of gratitude.

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Note: Dec. 28/29 is the last weekend to give in order to get the 2019 tax receipt, or you can give online by Dec. 31 at iamblessed.ca

Ministers' Schedules – Dec 21st & 22nd

	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Ushers
Dec 21 5:00 PM	Trevor Carmel Ana B Ana C	Chris Roger	Vianca Cindy Joshua	No Class	Maria Sean Cathy Roger Paul Matt
Dec 22 9:00 AM		Elbert Lourdes	David Elbert Emily	No Class	Gerrit Tristan John M John McS
Dec 22 10:45 AM	Ildiko Rudy Trevor Diana	Clara Thomas	Pearson Claragh Penelope John Paul Williams	No Class	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:

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

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY
Suad Aziz Mukhtar, 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 16

Father Gaspar Fernandes (LIV); Theola Leung (LIV)

TUESDAY Dec 17

Maria Paglione (LIV); Judy Dunsmore (RIP)

WEDNESDAY Dec 18

Ben Olivier (RIP) Ben's Children (LIV); Pedro & Lydia Lucero

THURSDAY Dec 19

Arelis Romero (RIP); Antonio Baldassarre (RIP)

FRIDAY Dec 20

Joyce Saunders (RIP)

SATURDAY Dec 21

9:00 am Adrian Montes (LIV)

5:00 pm Lucy (Zeitzi) Hinz (RIP); Ana Isolina Zabala (RIP); Thanksgiving to Divine Mercy

SUNDAY Dec 22

9:00 am Dianne Hopfner (RIP)
Canadian Martyrs Parishioners

10:45 am Jennifer & Brad Klaiber (LIV);

Suad Aziz Mukhtar (RIP)



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YEAR-END GIVING

To get 2019 tax receipts, donations need to be mailed (postmarked) or received by Dec. 31 in Parishes or at the Catholic Pastoral Centre. Online donations can be made until Dec. 31 at midnight through iamblessed.ca. Thank you for your generosity!

IAMBLESSED.CA

Spot this poster in the gathering/narthex area this weekend! Make a freewill donation and get an envelope of these beautiful Christmas cards. In each card, you'll find ideas on how you can bless others during this season of giving. Send it to five different people by Christmas and share your story on social media using [#iamblessed](https://twitter.com/iamblessed)

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

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

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

SACRED HEART OF JESUS FIRST FRIDAY MASS |

St. Bernard's Parish / Our Lady of Assumption invite you to their First Friday Mass on **Friday, Jan. 3, 2020 at noon**, in devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The choir will be led by St. John Choir Schola. Where: Our Lady of Assumption (7624 39 Ave NW, Calgary).

GIFT OF HOPE: A RETREAT FOR THE UNEMPLOYED PERSON | Loss of employment can be trying to our souls and our emotional balance, not just our financial health. FCJ Retreat & Conference Centre invites you to Gift of Hope: A Retreat for the Unemployed Person. When: **Jan. 24-25, 2020 (Live In)**. Where: FCJ (219 19 Ave SW, Calgary). This retreat is free of charge (limited to 20 participants). Register at <https://www.fcjcentre.ca>

YOU: LIFE, LOVE & THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

St. Michael's Catholic Community invites you to YOU: Life, Love and the Theology of the Body program on **Wednesdays, Jan 22 to Feb. 26, 2020 from 6:30 to 8 pm.** Where: St. Michael's (800 85 St. SW, Calgary). Open to anyone 13+, especially teens and their families. YOU introduces participants to the truth that life is not, in fact, all about them; it is about going out of themselves to be a sincere gift for others. Cost: \$20 for the study book. Sign up at saintmichael.ca/faithformation

AIRDRIE DREAM VACATION FOR CHRISTMAS

Airdrie Dream Vacation 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

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, Calgary. More info at <https://www.cfs-ab.org>

NEW 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

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, 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

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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