



Canadian Martyrs Catholic Parish
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4th Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2019

Ask for a sign from the Lord of Life.

In the first reading, God tells the king Ahaz to ask Him for a sign, and then gets exasperated he won't ask.

So many people in our world are mad at God for not showing up or for being silent, but how many of us are asking for signs? How many more of us refuse to see them or name them when they are given? God is constantly showing up, in a sunrise or a kind word from a neighbour, in nudges of intuition or unexplainable "coincidences" that we write off. Joseph has the most incredible reasons to dismiss Mary, but he believes God who appears as an angel in a dream.

This saves Mary and Jesus from being cast out into shame and poverty.

What are the signs God has for you? In these last three days before Christmas, be bold enough to ask God for a sign and to believe He will send one. Watch for it with vigilance and do not give up until it comes. If God can send His Son to a manger, angels to the shepherds, a star to the wise men, He can send you a sign of His abundant life for you now.

Stewardship Reflection

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." (Matthew 1:24)

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

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

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH DIRECTORY

Main Office 403-284-3311
Emergency Operator 403-869-7382
Parish Fax 403-220-0095
www.canadianmartyrsparish.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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Greetings!

As we celebrate Christmas, we are thankful for the gift of faith, a gift of 'good news' that opens up for us the beautiful message of this holy season, namely, that God loves us so much that he sent his only Son to redeem us and to show us the way to the Father in heaven.

"The best Christmas gift we can give each other is to share our faith with loved ones and strangers alike, proclaiming the joyous tidings that 'God is with us.' And we should not just share our faith but we should reach out to one another with all the blessings God has given us, especially the gift of peace. Our world, our country and our homes are often witnesses to violence, prejudice and fear.

Christmas is a time for us to counter these ills by loving each other as deeply as God loved us by sending us his son.

On behalf of our family of faith, I wish you all a blessed and joyous Christmas and I assure you of our prayers and best wishes always. May the Lord surprise you with His grace in the coming days and throughout the New Year.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

If you had missed our penitential service on December 18, we have extended Confession times on Monday, December 23rd, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, December 24th after the 9:00 am mass till 1:00p.m.

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.

NO BULLETIN for the weekend of December 28th & 29th. We will resume the weekend of January 4th & 5th.

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



WINE RAFFLE WINNERS

We thank everyone who purchased tickets for the wine raffle. The grand prize winner was **Lisa Hill**. The second prize winners were **Adam McCarthy** and **Carol Williams**. Congratulations to the winners and thank you everyone for your support.

THE GIFT OF GENEROSITY

During this holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported Canadian Martyrs Parish this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to continued support from all of our members in the year ahead.

Coming into the end of the year, 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? 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 very much for your faithful and generosity in support of our parish throughout the year! Please pray with us for a good finish to 2019.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

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

TOGETHER IN ACTION (TIA) CAMPAIGN

Our parish portion of the 2019 TIA goal is \$21,793. To date we have raised \$19,530.

Let's continue to work together to raise the remaining **\$2,263**

Together we will achieve our goal.

Thanks to your continued generous support.

HOLY EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTS REGISTRATION

Holy Eucharist sessions begin in February and Confirmation in April. Register early! Registration forms and information are available in the gathering area, at the office, and also on our website.

USHERS NEEDED

Ushers are needed for the Christmas Eve 8:00 pm Mass, if you can help, please leave your name at the office.

WHAT IS ON FORMED.ORG THIS WEEK

Dec 21st — SAINT PETER CANISIUS
— Young People's Book of Saints
Dec 22nd — 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT
— Study: Y Disciple — Advent Session 4:
The Gift — Listen: Come, Lord Jesus

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

MONDAY, DEC 23

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

TUESDAY, DEC 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

MASSES at 5:00 PM & 8:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, DEC 25 - CHRISTMAS

DAY

MASS at 10:00 AM

THURSDAY, DEC 26

9:00 am Mass

FRIDAY, DEC 27

9:00 am Mass

9:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

SATURDAY, DEC 28

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Baptism

5:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00 am & 10:45 am Masses

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

MONDAY, DEC 30

9:00 am Mass

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

TUESDAY, DEC 31

9:00 am Mass

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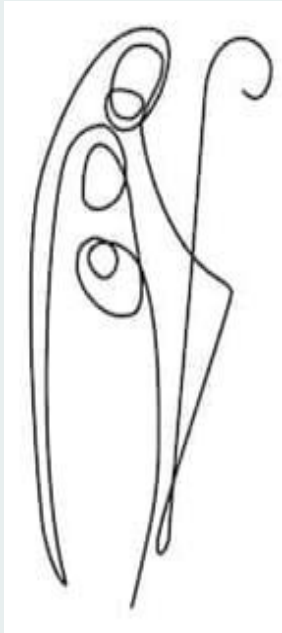
11:00 pm Syro Malabar Mass

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9:00 am Mass

9:30 am Rosary for the intention of the students
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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISHIONERS



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

Join us for Wine & Cheese after the mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY - Wednesday, January 1st, 2020

Mass: 10:00 am

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The spiritual and physical well-being of all parishioners

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR PREPARING FOR SURGERY:

Etta Ibach, Wanda Kennedy, Joanne Allen,
Luke Callin, Faye Lapaz 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 23

Virginia Layug (RIP); Gregario Legaspi (RIP)

TUESDAY Dec 24

Lisa Audia (LIV); Canadian Martyrs Parishioners

WEDNESDAY Dec 25

Canadian Martyrs Parishioners

THURSDAY Dec 26

Blaize Callbeck (LIV); Lois & Don Goodfellow (LIV)

FRIDAY Dec 27

Xander Verhage (LIV); Joe Guartiere (RIP)

SATURDAY Dec 28

9:00 am Fernandes & Sequeira Families
(deceased relatives) (RIP)

5:00 pm Douglas Pak & Jin Yong Yun (LIV);
Capati Family (RIP)

SUNDAY Dec 29

9:00 am Ann Kapell (RIP)

10:45 am Grace & Neir Tomyn (LIV);
Canadian Martyrs Parishioners

Ministers' Schedules – Dec 24th & 25th

	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Ushers
Dec 24 5:00 pm	Rachel Ildiko Greg Gail Trevor	Michelle S Thomas	Calla Rowan Elbert David Maria	No Class	Herm Maria Cathy Ryan Tristan
Dec 24 8:00 pm	Lourdes Agnes Bennett	Lourdes	Jenald Joshua Cindy Amelie	No Class	John Sc Jared
Dec 25 10:00 am	Diana Dominic Al Chi Chi	John Victor	John Paul Williams Samantha	No Class	Tom Tin Dave Andreas John M.

Ministers' Schedules – Dec 29th, 31st & Jan 1st

	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Ushers
Dec 29 9:00 am		Francis L Lourdes	Raynier Catherine Emily	No Class	
Dec 29 10:45 am		James Janine	Calla Rowan John Paul Claire Maria	No Class	
Dec 31 5:00 pm	Rachel Ildiko Alicia Pamela	Michelle S. Karen	Claragh David Elbert	No Class	Maria Cathy
Jan 1 10:00 am	Dominic Gail Agnes	Victor Christopher	John Paul Williams Amelie	No Class	Tom Tin John Sc Dave Danilo Andreas



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YEAR-END GIVING

To get 2019 tax receipts, donations to parishes or diocesan programs need to be mailed (postmarked) or received by Dec. 31. Online donations can be made until Dec. 31 by midnight through iamblessed.ca. Thank you for your generosity!

MONTHLY DONATION

Monthly donations are the most powerful ways to support your parish and/or diocesan programs. This helps to ensure that men, women and children with the most need are provided with food, shelter and spiritual growth.

Use prayerful consideration to determine the amount you are able to give. A suggested amount could be \$25 a month, or your weekly hourly-rate times four. Do you know that you can give a one-time donation or set up a monthly donation online? Visit www.iamblessed.ca

USED OR UNUSED CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Diocesan Mission Council send its sincerest blessings and ask that you consider putting aside your used and unused greeting cards for donation to our card making program which supports overseas missions. All donations can be dropped off to the Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary) in the New Year.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES IN THE DIOCESE

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

TAKE CHARGE AT HOME: GROWING UP DIGITAL

St. Michael Catholic Community invites parents and grandparents to a session on how to raise kids in the digital age. Topics include Internet safety, healthy digital boundaries, and building trusting relationships with your kids, among many others. When: **Thursday, January 16 at 6:30 pm** at St. Michael Catholic Community (800 85 Street SW). For more info, visit saintmichael.ca/events

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR (CNOY) WALK

Save the date: **Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020**. This is a family-friendly fundraiser to support Feed the Hungry (a Diocesan program) and Bankview Apartments (low-income housing for those at risk of or previously experiencing homelessness). This is the 7th year for the Diocese, in partnership with KAIROS Calgary, to host this event in Downtown Calgary. Join 400 others in walking 2, 5 or 10-km routes and raise funds for these two worthy causes. More info at cnoy.org/location/calgarydowntown

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. Sign up at saintmichael.ca/faithformation

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

Portugal, Spain, France and Italy Pilgrimage with Fr. Anthony Poul Narisetti
Dates: May 27 - June 11, 2020. Contact 905-412-2242 | group@qstours.com.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage with Fr. David Meadows
Dates: May 30 – June 14, 2020. Contact: Angie at 403-803-3085 | asteciw@telus.net

Medjugorje Pilgrimage with Fr. Yarek Dziuba
Dates: June 13-25, 2020 with St. Joseph's Parish Community. Contact Orlando at 403-245-5010



Year-End Giving

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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