



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre

FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2018 | 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY – NOV. 4

Today we celebrate Catholic Education Sunday. Let us pray for all who are involved in the education of Catholic children, for all staff, teachers, and administrators in Catholic schools, for homeschooling parents and families, for clergy, chaplains, youth ministers and catechists, who strive to nurture the call to holiness in the young.

RED WEDNESDAY – NOV. 21

A pontifical charity, *Aid to the Church in Need*, has designated **Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018** as Red Wednesday: a day dedicated to drawing attention to persecuted Christians throughout the world. It is hoped that each parish in the Diocese will consider organising an event for Red Wednesday. Here is a link to some suggestions of how you can commemorate that day from **wearing red** to saying a prayer. Visit <http://blog.calgarydiocese.ca/redwednesday>

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT ALLEGATIONS

The Diocese of Calgary has received allegations of sexual misconduct involving two minors and several adults by Fr. Malcolm D'Souza. These incidents are alleged to have taken place at St. Mark's Parish, Calgary during his assignment as pastor from 2010-2016. Read the full statement at <http://news.calgarydiocese.ca>

BRIDGING BORDERS

Meet Fr. Nawras Sammour SJ from Aleppo, Syria (Regional Director of Jesuit Refugee Service – Middle East) and get an update on the situation in Syria and in neighbouring countries. When: **Friday, Nov. 23**, from 7 to 9 pm. Where: St. Stephen Protomartyr Church (4903 45 St. SW, Calgary).

WORLD CRISIS: PATHWAY TO PEACE

Join Fr. Adrian Martens, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, and the Calgary Interfaith Council Dialogue Co-chair, in a dialogue on the state of the world today and the response of religions. The dialogue will cover the topic of problems in society and how religions can address these problems through peaceful means benefiting society at large. When: **Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018** at 6:30 to 8 pm. Where: Prince of Faith, Lutheran Church (2523 56 St. NE, Calgary). All are welcome!

REGISTER FOR MARRIAGE PREPARATION

"For Better & For Ever..." Marriage Preparation is for all couples preparing for marriage. Upcoming sessions: **Nov. 19** (followed by Dec. 7-8) at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, Calgary. Contact 403-218-5505 or register online at events.calgarydiocese.ca

PLANNED GIVING SEMINAR INVITATION

Be inspired to make a difference. Learn how to maximize your legacy for your family and be charitable in your will. Join our upcoming Planned Giving Seminar on **Wednesday, Nov. 7** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre from 2 pm to 3:30 pm. To register, contact (403) 218-5522 | charities@calgarydiocese.ca

CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD APPEAL

At Feed the Hungry's 5th Annual Christmas Dinner, we invite you to please give our 500+ guests a \$10 gift card to a fast food restaurant. Last year, your generosity gave 600 guests a meal. Your gift or money (for us to shop for you) can be dropped off at St. Mary's Cathedral Hall (Sundays only) or the Catholic Pastoral Centre (business hours) **by December 7**. Once again, thank you for your generosity to help us make their Christmas Dinner special. For more information, contact Sartre at feedthehungry@calgarydiocese.ca

BOOKKEEPER WANTED

St. Gabriel the Archangel, Chestermere is seeking a candidate with a high school diploma, business administration/accounting diploma, or equivalent training and business experience and a sound knowledge of financial accounting and a minimum of 2-3 years of related bookkeeping experience. For more information about these positions, qualifications and application details see our website: <http://careers.calgarydiocese.ca>

MASSES FOR FR. BERNIE BLACK

Masses are going to be offered for the repose of the soul of Fr. Bernie Black on:

- **Monday, Nov. 5** at 7 pm | St. Basil's Church, Lethbridge.
- **Thursday, Nov. 15** at 7 pm | St. Joseph's Church, Calgary.
- **Friday, Nov. 23** at 7 pm | St. Bernadette's Church, Calgary.

MEMORIAL LITURGY FOR THOSE MOURNING THE LOSS OF A CHILD THROUGH MISCARRIAGE OR STILLBIRTH |

When families lose a baby in the womb, the cries of birth go unheard; the grasp of tiny fingers slips away. This profound loss needs articulation. We invite you to gather and to commend our children communally into the embrace of our merciful God and to support those who are grieving the loss of a child. Memorial Liturgy will be held on:

- **Friday, Nov. 23** at 7 pm, at Sacred Heart Church (1307 14 St SW, Calgary). For more information, call 403-218-5500 | www.miscarriageliturgy.ca
- **Friday, Nov. 23** at 7 pm, at Assumption Church (All Saints Parish, 2405 12 Ave South, Lethbridge). For more information, call 403-327-8931.

LAY ASSOCIATION SEMINAR: CHURCH OF THE POOR |

Join Fr. Adrian Martens, Episcopal Vicar for Lay Associations for a seminar and lunch hosted by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for all the registered Lay Associations of the Diocese of Calgary. When: **Saturday, Nov. 24**, from 10 am to 2 pm at St. Anthony's Church (5340 - 4 Street SW, Calgary). All are welcome to join, even if your lay association group has not yet registered. Maximum of 5 persons from each association may attend due to capacity. Register by Nov. 17, call 403-218-5501 or register online at: <http://events.calgarydiocese.ca>

OVER 18 FILM SCREENING.

The statistics pertaining to our children's exposure to online pornography are alarming. You are invited to come to the screening of "OVER 18" - a feature length documentary to help combat pornography addiction especially among children and teens. With guest speakers: Paul Rubner from Calgary Police Services and Cliff Wiebe from Project Safe Home. When: **Thursday, Nov. 8** at 6:30 pm. Where: St. Bernadette's Parish (7103 20a St. SE, Calgary). RSVP to 403-264-0788.

PRE ADVENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG WOMEN

The Assembly of Women Religious invites young women to a retreat to help answer God's personal call. When: **Friday, Nov. 9** at 5:30 pm to 9 pm. Theme: Waiting and Preparing the Way. Where: St. Patrick's Parish (1414 Shawnessy Blvd., Calgary). For more information or to register, contact Sr. Terry f.c.] tksmithfcj@yahoo.com or call 403-228-3623.

ADVENT RENEWAL CHALLENGE

St. Paul's Church in Airdrie (1305 Main Street) welcomes everyone to four evenings when we will get help to prepare during Advent to celebrate the birth of our saviour, Jesus. Let's put Christ back into Christmas! When:

Wed., Nov. 29 at 7:30pm - "Why do we need Advent";
Wed., Dec 5 at 7 pm - "Is Jesus Really Coming Back";
Mon., Dec 10 at 7 pm - "Do I Know the Way";
Mon., Dec 17 at 7 pm - "Emmanuel: What is That?"
Refreshments will be provided.

DELIVERING CHRISTMAS HAMPERS | All parish volunteers who are **assigned to deliver or bring** the Christmas Hampers to recipients are reminded that they must have a valid Vulnerable Sector Police Information Check (VSPIC). If you have any questions, contact your Christmas Hamper Ministry Coord.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Come to the Mount St. Francis' Annual Christmas Pageant on **Sunday, Dec. 2, at 2 pm** (41160 Retreat Road, Cochrane). There will be live music, bonfire, sleigh ride and an outdoor pageant. Please dress accordingly. Non-perishable food or cash for Cochrane Food Bank will be greatly appreciated.

SISTERS OF DIVINE MERCY - GRIEF AND LOSS DAY RETREAT |

Sisters of Divine Mercy invites you to a day retreat to help you find strength, consolation and peace in times of grief and loss. When: **Saturday, Nov. 10** from 10:30 am to 4 pm at the Divine Mercy Centre (15206 Township Road 262, Calgary, AB). For more information or to register, 585-755-1019 | www.sistersofdivinemercury.org

PRO-LIFE TALK AND SOCIAL AT ST. MICHAEL, CALGARY |

St. Michael Catholic Community welcomes everyone to join Cameron Cote from the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform (CCBR) on **Friday, Nov. 16** as he presents on pro-life apologetics from a Catholic perspective. Come and be equipped with the necessary conversational skills to defend life. All are welcome. This is a free event.

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