



# Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre

FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2018 | 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Today is the second World Day of the Poor. The theme for this recognition is: *This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him* (Ps 34:6). Pope Francis says: "Psalm 34 allows us today, surrounded as we are by many different forms of poverty, to know those who are truly poor. It enables us to open our eyes to them, to hear their cry and to recognize their needs... On this day, may all of us feel that we are in debt to the poor, because, in hands outstretched to one another, a salvific encounter can take place to strengthen our faith, inspire our charity and enable our hope to advance securely on our path towards the Lord who is to come."

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

| In times of grief and death, we as Christians turn to God and our community for comfort, support and strength. Regrettably, when grieving the loss of a pregnancy most parents are left in isolation with their sorrow. If this loss happened to you, or if you know anyone who has experienced miscarriage or stillbirth, please invite them to the Diocesan Memorial Liturgy this **Friday, Nov. 23 at 7 pm**, at Sacred Heart Church in Calgary. Parents can register at [www.miscarriageliturgy.ca](http://www.miscarriageliturgy.ca) or come at 6:30 pm for onsite registration. 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](http://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.

## MISSION MEXICO | DEC. 12

Dec. 12 (Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe) is designated as "Mission Mexico Day" in the Diocese of Calgary. For nineteen years the people of our diocese have given their support and faith in sharing with the struggles of our brothers and sisters in southern Mexico. You may give your financial donation through your parish's second collection on **Dec. 8/9** or at participating Catholic schools on **Dec. 12**.

## #REDWEDNESDAY | NOV. 21

**Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018** is #RedWednesday : A day dedicated to drawing attention to persecuted Christians throughout the world. What can we do? We invite you to **wear red** and invite people to wear red, in solidarity with 200 million people in the world who are touched by persecution to varying degrees. Pray:

- *Merciful Lord, support our Christian brothers and sisters who are afflicted by discrimination and religious persecution. Give them the strength to respond to hatred with love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Visit: <http://blog.calgarydiocese.ca/redwednesday>

## 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](mailto:feedthehungry@calgarydiocese.ca)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: COLLEGIAL JUDGE & CANONICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATE

The Catholic Pastoral Centre is seeking a candidate to fill the position of Collegial Judge and Canonical Services Associate. The individual will participate with a college of Judges in the diocesan ecclesiastical court, adjudicating petitions for marriage annulment and other matters brought before the tribunal according to canonical laws. For more information about these positions, qualifications and application details see the Diocesan website at <http://careers.calgarydiocese.ca>

## 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](http://events.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:

- **Calgary | Friday, Nov. 23**, from 7 to 9 pm, St. Stephen Protomartyr Ukrainian Church (4903 45 St. SW, Calgary)
- **Lethbridge | Saturday, Nov. 24**, from 5 to 6 pm, St. Martha's Parish (355 Columba Blvd. West, Lethbridge)

## 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. They will speak on 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 pm to 8 pm. Where: Prince of Faith, Lutheran Church (2523 56 St. NE, Calgary). All are welcome!

## LAY ASSOCIATION SEMINAR: CHURCH OF THE POOR

Join Fr. Adrian Martens, Episcopal Vicar for Lay Associations at 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 St. SW, Calgary). All are welcome to join, even if your lay association group has not yet registered. Register by Nov. 17, call 403-218-5501 or register online at: <http://events.calgarydiocese.ca>

**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 Coordinator.

## SUPPORT ELIZABETH HOUSE

Elizabeth House is a life skills program and family-oriented home that welcomes pregnant and parenting women who need a safe, supportive place to live. To learn how you can support Elizabeth House (financially or as a volunteer), contact Michelle Haywood at 403-228-9724.

[NEWS.CalgaryDiocese.ca](http://NEWS.CalgaryDiocese.ca) | WHAT'S HAPPENING in the DIOCESE. Contact: 403-218-5500 or E-mail: [communications@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:communications@calgarydiocese.ca)

## DIOCESAN CALENDAR

An online calendar featuring events organized by the Pastoral Centre, Parishes and Lay Associations of the Diocese of Calgary is now available at: <http://news.calgarydiocese.ca> (scroll down, right after the NEWS section)

## ADVENT RENEWAL CHALLENGE

St. Paul's Church in Airdrie (1305 Main Street) welcomes everyone to four evenings 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.

## ADVENT RETREAT | SISTERS OF DIVINE MERCY

The Sisters of Divine Mercy invites you to enter into Sacred Silence in which God speaks to the heart. Retreat includes: confession, Mass, Conference, Adoration, Silent Prayer and Meditation (Lectio Divina). When: **Saturday, Dec. 15** at 10:30 am to 4 pm at the Divine Mercy Centre (15206 Township Rd. 262, Calgary T3P-1A7). For more information contact 587-755-1019 | [www.sistersofdivinemercy.org](http://www.sistersofdivinemercy.org)

## FR. RAYMOND DE SOUZA IN CALGARY

The University of Calgary Catholic Community welcomes Fr. Raymond J. de Souza, a priest of the Archdiocese of Kingston (editor-in-chief of Convivium Magazine) as well as a contributor to the National Post, EWTN and various other Catholic publications, to Calgary on **Sunday, Nov. 25**. There will be a Mass at 7 pm, social and brief talk, sharing of his experience in attending the Synod on Young People in Rome.

## TOUR THE MAPLE

Calgary Homeless Foundation, with RESOLVE and HomeSpace Society, invites you to tour **The Maple**, a new permanent supportive housing development. When: **Tuesday, Dec. 18** at 1 pm to 2:30 pm. Where: The Maple, 719 t St. NE, Calgary.

## DIOCESAN BLOG #CATHOLICYC

Read articles written by Catholic Pastoral Centre staff and guest writers at <http://blog.calgarydiocese.ca>



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