



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre

Nov. 25, 2018 | SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

WELCOME TWO NEW PERMANENT DEACONS

We have two new deacons! Let us welcome Deacon Dale Laing from St. Thomas More, and Deacon Joseph Gingco from St. Albert the Great, ordained as Permanent Deacons by Bishop McGrattan on Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018. May God bless them each step of the way in their new ministry.

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 Friday, Dec. 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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: CASEWORKER FOR ELIZABETH HOUSE

The Diocese of Calgary invites applications for the role of Caseworker at Elizabeth House. Elizabeth House is a life-skills program and family-oriented home, which welcomes at-risk pregnant and parenting women who need a safe place to live. The successful candidate must have a post-secondary degree in Social Work & Youth Care Counselling or comparable working experience. For more information about this position, qualifications and application details, visit: <http://careers.calgarydiocese.ca>

2019 COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

The Diocese is proud to be the host partner for Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) in Downtown for the sixth year in a row. Mark your calendars to join us on **Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019**. The Diocese will raise funds for Feed the Hungry and KAIROS Calgary will fundraise to pay the mortgage on Bankview Apartments for families and individuals. The website is now open for registration. The first 100 people across Canada to raise \$500 will get a free hoodie. Visit www.cnoy.org/calgarydowntown for more info.

CHRISTMAS AT ELIZABETH HOUSE

Christmas is a very difficult time of year for the young women at Elizabeth House who may not have 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. Please contact Michelle Haywood, Program Coordinator at michelle.haywood@calgarydiocese.ca

TEAM LEADS WANTED FOR 2019 OUTDOOR WAY OF THE CROSS

| Save the date for the 36th Outdoor Way of the Cross, **April 19, 2019** at St Mary's Cathedral. We are currently looking for Team Leads for the various volunteer positions. Contact Marilou at 403-218-5519 | marilou.legeyt@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 declaration of marriage nullity 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>

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 showed their faith by sharing the struggles of their brothers and sisters in southern Mexico. You may give your financial donation in your parish's second collection on **Dec. 8/9** or at participating Catholic schools on **Dec. 12**.

GrACE (GRATEFUL ADVOCATES FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION) SOCIAL MEDIA has launched its Facebook and Twitter. Please share, like and comment as a way to spread the message of Catholic education in our province.

Facebook: [facebook.com/GrACE4cathed](https://www.facebook.com/GrACE4cathed)
Twitter: [twitter.com/@GrACE57709781](https://twitter.com/GrACE57709781)

ADVENT RETREAT WITH BISHOP EMERITUS FREDERICK HENRY

You are invited to an Advent Retreat with Bishop Emeritus Henry at the Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre (41160 Retreat Road, Cochrane, AB). When: **Weekend of Dec. 7-9**, begins with supper on Friday at 7 pm. Cost is \$195 including overnight stay for two nights and meals. To register, contact Linda Nicol at lindannicol50@gmail.com

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 invite 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.sistersofdivinemeracy.org

LIVING NATIVITY AT ST. JAMES IN OKOTOKS

As we prepare for Christmas this year, join St. James Parish and other local Christian denominations in walking through the Town of Bethlehem. Meet the Holy Family in live replica of the Christmas Nativity including live music, actors and animals. The Living Nativity will take place on **Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018** from 4 to 8 pm, outdoors in the field next to the St. James Church parking lot (338060 32 St. East, Okotoks). Admission is free. Donations will be gratefully accepted and given to local charities. There will be refreshments available for \$5 per person in the church hall. We hope to see you there!

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)

RISE UP 2018 - NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

Rise Up is a conference for young adults (aged 18-35) hosted by Catholic Christian Outreach. Ignite your faith over the Christmas break. This is CCO's 30th anniversary in Calgary. When: **Dec. 28, 2018 to Jan. 1, 2019**. Where: Hyatt Regency, Calgary. For specific questions regarding registration, contact the event team | riseup@cco.ca

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, 719-5 St. NE, Calgary.

PASTORAL CHANT CONFERENCE AT ST. MEINRAD ARCHABBAY

Come and learn English Chant for the Novus Ordo parish liturgy. This conference is for the parish choirmaster, cantor and singer. Experience chant as full, conscious, and active participation in the sacred liturgy, and learn how to integrate it into your parish's liturgical life. When: **Feb. 4 - 9, 2019**. Where: St. Meinrad Archabbey, a Benedictine monastery, in St. Meinrad Indiana. For more information, visit: <http://chantschool.org/wcc19/>

FEED THE HUNGRY

Feed the Hungry provides Calgarians experiencing poverty and marginalization with a family-style sit down dinner in a friendly atmosphere of safety and respect. Each Sunday, Feed the Hungry provides a four course meal to approximately 500 guests. Each dinner requires 100 volunteers over the course of the weekend to prepare, cook, serve, greet and cleanup. By interacting one-on-one with guests, each volunteer has an opportunity to truly learn from their neighbours and share in their experiences. To learn how you can support Feed the Hungry (financially or as a volunteer), contact Sartre at 403-218-5532.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, CALGARY

Come and join us at St. Joseph's church for an evening of Advent/Christmas carols and some good cheer! When: **Saturday, Dec. 15 at 7 pm** at St. Joseph's Church Parish Hall (640 19 Ave NW, Calgary). Enjoy home-baked goodies and hot chocolate. Donations will be accepted for which will help support our community events and programs (e.g. Alpha Program). All are welcome!