



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre

DEC. 9, 2018 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MISSION MEXICO | DEC. 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 12 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. Please help with financial donations through the parish's second collection this weekend, or at participating Catholic schools on Wednesday, Dec. 12.

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR - SAVE THE DATE

When: **Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019 at 4 pm.** Where: Eau Claire Market. If you are looking for something meaningful to do as a whole family, this is your event! Join us for a walk along the Bow River Pathways, a chance to experience the cold as our less fortunate neighbours do, and the camaraderie of sharing a cause with your fellow participants in more than 100 locations across Canada. End the night with a warm meal and share your experiences with those around your table.

GET DISCOUNTED FLAMES TICKET

The Diocese of Calgary has partnered with the Calgary Flames to get discounted tickets for the game on **Friday, February 22**, between the Flames and archrival Anaheim Ducks. Discounted tickets are \$39. Each ticket purchased will help fundraise for Elizabeth House, which provides a home for at risk pregnant or parenting youth and their babies. In addition, the first 100 people to purchase tickets will receive a voucher to an exclusive pre-game event in the Alumni Lounge and have a Meet and Greet with Bishop McGrattan. To purchase your tickets at the special price, visit <http://news.calgarydiocese.ca>

LIVING NATIVITY AT ST. JAMES IN OKOTOKS

Join St. James Parish in walking through the Town of Bethlehem. Meet the Holy Family in live replica of the Christmas Nativity including live music, actors and animals. When: **Saturday, Dec. 15** from 4 to 8 pm. Where: Outdoors in the field next to the St. James Church parking lot (338060 32 St. East, Okotoks). Donations will be gratefully accepted and given to local charities.

YEAR END GIVING GUIDELINES:

Your gift to the Catholic Pastoral Centre helps the Diocese in its mission to seek the welfare of others. We grow in our Christian faith when we show the love of Christ to people through the building of parish communities and the offering of programs to nurture our faith. On behalf of the Bishop, and all who will benefit from your gift, thank you again. We commit to using your gift as designated. For 2018 tax receipts, gifts must be made online or be post marked no later than **Dec. 31, 2018**. Visit our website for more info: <http://news.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 Friday, Dec. 13**. Once again, thank you for your generosity to help us make their Christmas Dinner special. For more information, contact Sartre at feedthehungry@calgarydiocese.ca

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS - St. John Choir Schola invites you to their beautiful advent celebration. With scripture and wonderful music sung by the three children's choirs of St. John Choir Schola, you will experience the mystery of the events leading to the birth of Christ as they unfold in word and song. When: **Sunday, Dec. 16, 7:30 pm - 9 pm**. Where: Canadian Martyrs Church (835 Northmount Dr NW, Calgary).

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

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, CALGARY | Come and join us at St. Joseph's church for an evening of Christmas carols and some good cheer! When: **Saturday, Dec. 15 at 6 pm** at St. Joseph's Church Parish Hall (640 19 Ave NW, Calgary). Enjoy home-baked goodies and hot chocolate. All are welcome!

EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **COLLEGIAL JUDGE & CANONICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATE | CATHOLIC PASTORAL CENTRE.** 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.
- **CASEWORKER | 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.
- **PART TIME SACRAMENT COORDINATOR | HOLY NAME.** The individual will share in the Church's teaching on the Sacraments by preparing for the gathering, leading the preparation sessions and providing hospitality and welcoming environment.
- **VOLUNTEER POSITION - RECEPTIONIST / ADMIN SUPPORT.** The Catholic Pastoral Centre invites application for a receptionist relief role that is responsible for a wide variety of clerical and administrative office duties in support of the CPC offices and administration.

For more information about this position, qualifications and application details, visit: <http://careers.calgarydiocese.ca>

ADVENT MISSION WITH FR. KRYSZ BUGNO

St. Joseph's Parish invites you to 4 evenings of Advent Mission. Theme: The Mystery of God's Word". Where: St. Joseph's Church (640 19 Ave NW, Calgary). When: **Monday, Dec. 10 at 7 pm** - "The Word of God in the Church and in Our Life" | **Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 7 pm** - "The Word of God in the Word of Ours" | **Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 7 pm** - "Mary and the Word of God"

ADVENT RENEWAL CHALLENGE

St. Paul's Church in Airdrie (1305 Main Street) welcomes everyone to prepare during Advent to celebrate the birth of our saviour, Jesus. Let's put

Christ back into Christmas! When: **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.

JESUS YOUTH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Jesus Youth invites young adults who are passionate about their faith to attend their Christmas Celebration. The event includes games, worship, a talk by Fr. Shibu Kallarakkal and a meal. When: **Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019 at 6 to 9 pm.** Where: Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church (1714 14 Ave NE, Calgary, AB). This is a free event.

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 questions regarding registration, contact the event team | riseup@cco.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

PASTORAL CHANT CONFERENCE AT ST. MEINRAD ARCHABBEY

| 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/>

22ND ANNUAL GOD SQUAD MEN'S CONFERENCE - SAVE THE DATE

God Squad Canada invites all Catholic men (14 and up) to attend the upcoming Men's Conference on **March 15 & 16, 2019.** Theme: Be Not Afraid...To Be A Saint. Keynote speakers: Bishop Scott McCaig, Jeff Cavins and Deacon Troy Nguyen. Where: St. Peter's Catholic Church. More info at <https://godsquad.ca>