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ANNOUNCEMENTS
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DEC. 14/15, 2019

YEAR-END GIVING

To get 2019 tax receipts, donations need to be mailed (postmarked) or received by Dec. 31 in Parishes or at the Catholic Pastoral Centre. Online donations can be made until Dec. 31 at midnight through iamblessed.ca. Thank you for your generosity!

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Spot this poster in the gathering/narthex area this weekend! Make a freewill donation and get an envelope of these beautiful Christmas cards. In each card, you'll find ideas on how you can bless others during this

season of giving. Send it to five different people by Christmas and share your story on social media using [#iamblessed](https://www.instagram.com/iamblessed)

I AM BLESSED
so I will bless others

Give the best kinds of gifts from a space of gratitude.

ACT	GIVE	PRAY
Show others your love through acts of kindness. Spend time with them and extend a helping hand.	Show the joy of giving to others. Give a donation to your parish, your school, or a diocesan program on someone's behalf.	Offer a prayer to God for others: a rosary, a novena or go to Mass for someone's intentions.

SHARE YOUR STORY
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DID YOU GET THE Postcards?
Make a freewill offering and get these special postcards at your parish. Start sharing your blessing by completing the cards inside, and give it to others by Christmas! Give the best kinds of gifts this Christmas!

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ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

During the Advent season, many parishes will gather together to hold either Reconciliation or Penitential Services, to facilitate and encourage the celebration of God's mercy. The schedule for Advent Penitential Services in Calgary is available on our website calgarydiocese.ca or directly at: catholicyycc.ca/blog/advent

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES IN THE DIOCESE

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

HELP A FAMILY FEEL BLESSED THIS

CHRISTMAS | Christmas can be a very difficult time of year for the women at Elizabeth House who may not have a 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. Contact Lenora at lenora.wiebe@calgarydiocese.ca

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. Cost: \$20 for the study book. Sign up at saintmichael.ca/faithformation

AIRDRIE DREAM VACATION FOR CHRISTMAS

Airdrie Dream Vacation tickets make a great Christmas gift, a gift that keeps on giving throughout the year. Only 600 tickets, and 60 prizes! There will be one draw a month, starting April 5, 2020, for a \$2,500 travel gift card and four draws of \$120. Purchase online from www.airdriedreamvacation.ca

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

1. **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
2. **Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr. Julian Studden**
Dates: Apr. 20 – May 2, 2020 with St. Paul's Airdrie community. Contact: Deon at 587-777-1733
3. **Portugal, Spain, France and Italy Pilgrimage with Fr. Anthony Poul Narisetti**
Dates: May 27 - June 11, 2020. Contact 905-412-2242 | group@qstours.com. Everyone is invited to an info session at St. Patrick's Church (1414 Shawnessy Blvd. SW, Calgary) on **Sunday, Dec. 15 at 2 pm**.
4. **Medjugorje Pilgrimage with Fr. Yarek Dziuba**
Dates: June 13-25, 2020 with St. Joseph's Parish Community. Contact Orlando at 403-245-5010



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