



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
**DIOCESE**  
*of Calgary*

**Catholic Pastoral Centre**  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**CHRISTMAS BULLETIN**  
DECEMBER 2019

## YEAR-END GIVING

To get 2019 tax receipts, donations to parishes or diocesan programs need to be mailed (postmarked) or received by Dec. 31. Online donations can be made until Dec. 31 by midnight through [iamblessed.ca](http://iamblessed.ca). Thank you for your generosity!



## MONTHLY DONATION

Monthly donations are the most powerful ways to support your parish and/or diocesan programs. This helps to ensure that men, women and children with the most need are provided with food, shelter and spiritual growth.

Use prayerful consideration to determine the amount you are able to give. A suggested amount could be \$25 a month, or your weekly hourly-rate times four. Do you know that you can give a one-time donation or set up a monthly donation online? Visit [www.iamblessed.ca](http://www.iamblessed.ca)

## USED OR UNUSED CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Diocesan Mission Council send its sincerest blessings and ask that you consider putting aside your used and unused greeting cards for donation to our card making program which supports overseas missions. All donations can be dropped off to the Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary) in the New Year.

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES IN THE DIOCESE

Christmas and Solemnity of Mary mass times throughout the Diocese are available on our website: [www.calgarydiocese.ca](http://www.calgarydiocese.ca) (find the star button on the front page) or directly at: [catholiccyyc.ca/blog/christmas](http://catholiccyyc.ca/blog/christmas)

## TAKE CHARGE AT HOME: GROWING UP

**DIGITAL** | St. Michael Catholic Community invites parents and grandparents to a session on how to raise kids in the digital age. Topics include Internet safety, healthy digital boundaries, and building trusting relationships with your kids, among many others. When: **Thursday, January 16 at 6:30 pm** at St. Michael Catholic Community (800 85 Street SW). For more info, visit [saintmichael.ca/events](http://saintmichael.ca/events)

## COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR (CNOY) WALK

Save the date: **Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020**. This is a family-friendly fundraiser to support Feed the Hungry (a Diocesan program) and Bankview Apartments (low-income housing for those at risk of or previously experiencing homelessness). This is the 7th year for the Diocese, in partnership with KAIROS Calgary, to host this event in Downtown Calgary. Join 400 others in walking 2, 5 or 10-km routes and raise funds for these two worthy causes. More info at [cnoy.org/location/calgarydowntown](http://cnoy.org/location/calgarydowntown)

## 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. Sign up at [saintmichael.ca/faithformation](http://saintmichael.ca/faithformation)

## 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. **Portugal, Spain, France and Italy Pilgrimage with Fr. Anthony Poul Narisetti**  
Dates: May 27 - June 11, 2020. Contact 905-412-2242 | [group@qstours.com](mailto:group@qstours.com).
3. **Medjugorje Pilgrimage with Fr. David Meadows**  
Dates: May 30 – June 14, 2020. Contact: Angie at 403-803-3085 | [asteciw@telus.net](mailto:asteciw@telus.net)
4. **Medjugorje Pilgrimage with Fr. Yarek Dziuba**  
Dates: June 13-25, 2020 with St. Joseph's Parish Community. Contact Orlando at 403-245-5010



# Year-End Giving

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

**GIVE**

Show the joy of giving to others. Give a donation to your Parish, or a Diocesan Program, or do it on behalf of someone else.

Give now at [iamblessed.ca](http://iamblessed.ca)

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