



ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH

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Parish Office: Tuesday – Friday 9:30am – 3:00pm

The Nativity of our Lord

December 25, 2019



A Blessed Christmas to all

Weekend Schedule

Saturday	Confessions	4:00 pm
	English Mass	5:00 pm
Sunday	Confessions	6:45 am
	Low Latin Mass	7:15 am
	Morning Prayer	8:30 am
	English Mass	9:00 am
	English Mass	10:30 am
	Confessions	12:00 pm
	Sung Latin Mass	12:30 pm

Weekday Schedule

Monday & Tuesday	Confessions	6:30 am
	Latin Mass	7:00 am
	Confessions	8:30 am
Tuesday Christmas Eve	English Mass	9:00 am
	Carols	5:30pm
	Pageant	6:00pm
	English Mass	6:30pm
	Carols	8:00pm
Wednesday Christmas Day	English Mass	8:30pm
	Latin Mass	Midnight
	Latin Mass	7:15am
	English Mass	9:00am
	English Mass	10:30am
Thursday & Friday	Latin Mass	12:30pm
	Carols	4:30pm
	English Mass with Filipino Music	5:00pm
	Confessions	8:30am
	English Mass	9:00am
Saturday	Confessions	6:00pm
	Latin Mass	7:00pm
	Confessions	8:00 am
	Latin Mass	9:00 am

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Janitorial Service Polmax Ecology Cleaning Ltd

Altar Servers Rikki Sabater & Jeffrell Painaga **Building Maintenance** Joe Cox & Rikki Sabater **Children's Liturgy** Raneer and Riza Fallorin **Art & Environment** Gill Briscoe **Eucharist Ministers** Vacant **Finance Committee** Don Goodfellow **Funeral Altar Servers** Robert de Moissac **Funeral Receptions** Dianne McKay **Kitchen Coordinator** Dianne McKay **Knights of Columbus** Abe Villanueva **Lectors** Hugh Delaney **Legion of Mary Jr.** Audrey Martis **Legion of Mary** Oneill Martis **Liturgy Schedules** Vacant **Pastoral Care of the Sick** Marlene Robertson **Pastoral Council** Kevin Leitch **Pro-Life** Maria Cameron **Pantry** Abe Villanueva **Sunday Hospitality Coordinator** Vacant **Together in Action (TIA)** Peter Aldrich **Ushers & Greeters** Josue Laro

Pastoral Notes

The other side of Christmas

We reckon the Christmas story with the gentle scenery of the Baby Jesus in the manger with shepherds, angels and kings with exotic gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh in the background.

But there is the other side of the Christmas story that can relate more to people who are dealing with difficulty and challenge. This completes the calm, silent or holy portrayal of Christmas...

It speaks about the painful processes required to come up with the gentle scenery which was brought about, as it were, by the agonizing experiences of the protagonists of our salvation history, including John the Baptist, the voice crying in the wilderness, who lived in self-sacrifice, persecution and eventual martyrdom. Even the visiting kings had to travel a great distance into unknown territory after a frightful courtesy call on King Herod. It took the exceptional courage for Mary in accepting the motherhood of the Savior as well as for Joseph to take her as his wife. The aftermath of the gentle scenery was even more disturbing when the Holy Family had to flee to Egypt as King Herod ordered his army to slaughter all children under age two in Bethlehem in a murderous search for the Child. The violent events in the Old Testament, including the murder of the prophets, remotely preceded the realization of the gentle scenery of Christmas, as we know it.

Like the pangs of birth, the Christmas story was marred with bloody circumstances and a history of violent events, courageous acts and difficult decisions.

In a very real way, we can relate to our present difficulties and challenges the other side of the Christmas story as we search the light in the shadows of our dark experiences... A complete approach to the Christmas story is about appreciating more not only its gentleness, peace and joy but also its aspects of fear, insecurity and violence. Christ's coming does not save us from the harsh, ugly and dark realities of our life. But it equips us with the grace to face our fears and frustrations in the faith that love can overcome death.

THE MORNING PRAYER of the Liturgy of the Hours will be prayed at 8:30am every Sunday. The Liturgy of the Hours, also called the Breviary, contains the daily service for the official prayer of the church consisting of psalms, reading and hymn that are recited at stated hours of the day. It is recited by the ordained clergy as well as by the members of the laity. Printed copies will be provided.

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism Preparation Session
Second Tuesday of the month
Please contact the parish office to register

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Retreat, Saturday, January 18, 10:00 AM
Celebration of First Reconciliation
Saturday, January 25, 11:00 AM

And First Holy Communion

Session 1, Sunday, February 2, 8:45 AM

Sacrament of Confirmation

Please contact the parish office to register

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the parish office, a minimum of
six months before the desired dates.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 24 Nativity of the Lord	5:30pm	Carols
	6:00pm	Pageant
	6:30pm	English Mass
	8:00pm	Carols
	8:30pm	English Mass
	Midnight	Latin Mass
December 25 Nativity of the Lord	7:15am	Latin Mass
	9:00am	English Mass
	10:30am	English Mass
	12:30pm	Latin Mass
	4:30pm	Carols
	5:00pm	English Mass with Filipino Music
December 31 Mary, Holy Mother of God	5:00pm	English Mass
	6:30pm	Vespers
	7:00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession
	- midnight	
January 1 Mary, Holy Mother of God	7:15am	Latin Mass
	9:00am	English Mass
	10:30am	English Mass
	12:30pm	Latin Mass

HEALING CORNER "While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." As we contemplate this birth of Jesus, let us not forget those who may be consumed by the trauma of abuse and homelessness at this time of year. How can we reach out to those who may need an extra hand at this moment? Can we remember to keep them in our prayers? What can we share of ourselves with those less fortunate?

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 24

6:30pm – Lorenzo Reyes RIP
 8:30 pm – Faye Lapaz SI
 Midnight – Cole Murphy SI

Wednesday, December 25

7:15am – Confraternity of St. Peter SI
 9:00am – Paul Leroux RIP
 10:30am – All Parishioners SI
 12:30pm – Fr. Michael Irwin RIP
 5:00pm – Maria Teresa Velez SI

Thursday, December 26

9:00am – Secondina Annovati RIP
 7:00pm – Tess Katcharov SI

Friday, December 27

9:00am – Rita Blance Billedo SI
 7:00pm – Isaac and Agnieszka Oakley and family SI

Saturday, December 28

9:00am – Sylvia Cronin SI
 5:00pm – Caterina Pasteris RIP

Sunday, December 29

7:15am – Confraternity of St. Peter SI
 9:00am – Lucy Wong RIP
 10:30am – All Parishioners SI
 12:30pm – special intention SI

Monday, December 30

7:00am – Ezekial Valencia and family SI
 9:00am – Aaron and Geneive Fernandues SI

Tuesday, December 31

7:00am – Ezekial Valencia and family
 9:00am – Marta Lopez SI
 5:00pm – Lorenzo Reyes RIP

Latin Mass Calendar

Tuesday, December 24 Vigil of the Nativity of our Lord 1st Cl
 Wednesday, December 25 Nativity of our Lord 1st Cl
 Sunday, December 29 Sunday within Octave of Nativity 2nd Cl
 Wednesday, January 1 Octave Day of the Nativity 1st Cl

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Arleen Avendano, Richard D., Rose Dourado, Ken Foran,
 Nancy Hawthorne, Hector Henao, Mary Hess,
 Fr. Clauber Lima Pereira, Faye LePaz, Leanne Morgan,
 Joe Rathwell, Corazon Reyes and Cleofe Togonon
 May the Lord grant them healing, comfort and peace.

REST IN PEACE

John Frenken



Our heartfelt sympathies to his family.

May his souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
 through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Last Week's Donations

	BUDGET	COLLECTION	DIFFERENCE
Regular	\$9,169	\$6,458.83	(\$2,710.17)
MTD	\$39,732	\$25,656.26	(\$14,075.74)

	GOAL	COLLECTION TO DATE	DIFFERENCE
M Mex		\$85.15	
TIA	\$44,787	\$38,005.00	(\$6,782.00)
LED	\$2,500	\$890	(\$1,610.00)

SATURDAY 5PM MASS CHOIR CHANGES: Beginning in January we welcome the Missionary Families of Christ (Calgary) who will provide the music accompaniment at the 5pm mass every second Saturday of the month. As well we welcome El Shaddai DWXI Prayer Partners Fellowship International (Calgary Chapter) who will provide music accompaniment at the 5pm mass every fourth Saturday of the month.

YEAR END GIVING: Donations need to be mailed (postmarked) or received by Dec. 31 in Parishes or at the Catholic Pastoral Centre. Online donations can be received until Dec. 31 at midnight through our website: stanthonyscalgary.com/donations. Thank you for your generosity!

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CALGARY: For all the latest Diocese news and events, please visit our website stanthonyscalgary.com and view the weekly Diocese Insert.

ST. ANTHONY'S CHRISTMAS HAMPER REPORT TO PARISHIONERS

61 hampers delivered to 86 Adults and 58 Children.

An average hamper is valued at \$200 and consists of one weeks' worth of non-perishable food, paper and soap products, toiletries, bread, milk and margarine, potatoes, and carrots, onions, chicken or ham, apples and oranges, for a Christmas meal, and presents for the children.

St. Anthony's purchased food totaling \$2,620 for 51 hampers using generous donations received throughout the year.

St. Augustine's School families collected enough non-perishable food to fill 10 additional hampers.

St. Augustine's School families collected adult toiletries and the children made Christmas cards for 61 hampers.

Country Lane Farms donated 50 chickens valued at \$1402.

Calgary Italian Bakery donated 50 loaves of bread.

Junior Foods Ltd. donated 4 cases of potatoes.

St. Anthony's purchased an additional \$200 of perishable food and 7 presents valued at \$355 to complete 11 hampers.

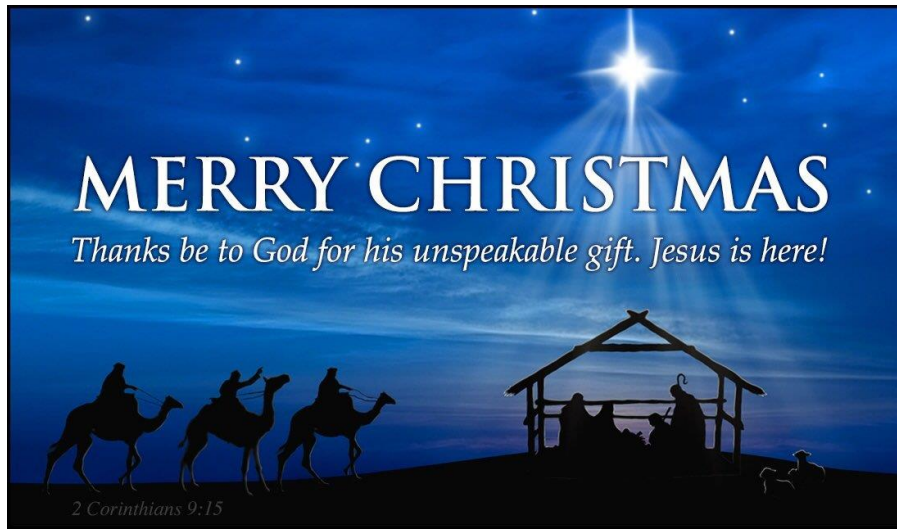
St. Augustine teachers purchased 18 children's gifts and St. Anthony's parishioners purchased 31 children's gifts.

St. Anthony's parishioners donated \$1275 and \$50 in gift cards as well as candy and games for 8 families and biscuits for 10 adults through the Angel Tree.

44 volunteers sorted, packed and delivered 51 hampers and 10 volunteers sorted, packed and delivered 10 hampers, totaling approximately 250 volunteer hours.

Italo Sartoria donated \$1000 and the Filipino Society donated \$100 to the Christmas hamper program.

May God bless all of our efforts.



Christmas Office Hours

Tuesday December 24
9:30am– 12:30pm

Wednesday, December 25 and
Thursday, December 26
Closed

Friday, December 27
9:30am – 12:30pm

Tuesday, December 31
9:30am – 12:30pm

Wednesday, January 1
Closed

Regular hours resume January 2

IN AND AROUND THE PARISH THIS WEEK

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	ROOM	CONTACT
Tuesday, Dec 24				
Wednesday, Dec 25	6:00pm – 9:00pm	Christmas Reception	Vatican II Hall	El Shaddai
Thursday, Dec 26	9:00am – 5:30pm	Adoration	Church	Fr. Shannon
	5:30pm – 6:00pm	Benediction	Church	
Friday, Dec 27	3:00pm – 4:00pm	Wedding Rehearsal	Church	Fr. Edmund
Saturday, Dec 28	11:00am – Noon	Legion of Mary Jr.	Meeting Rooms	Audrey Martis
	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Wedding	Church	Fr. Edmund
	4:00pm – 5:00pm	5PM Choir Rehearsal	Meeting Room 2	Colleen Reinhart
	6:00pm – 10:00pm	El Shaddai Worship & Social	Parish Hall	Fr. Edmund
Sunday, Dec 29	8:15am – 9:00am	Latin Mass Social	Parish Hall	Coral D'Silva
	10:00am – 10:30am	9 AM Social	Parish Hall	Dianne & Eloise
	10:30am – 12:30pm	Latin Choir Practice	Hall & MR 2	Jim Hume
	11:30am – Noon	10:30AM Social	Parish Hall	Sr. Terese, Sr. Violetta
	2:00pm – 4:00pm	Latin Mass Social	Parish Hall	Toddene Niznik
Monday, Dec 30	6:00pm – 8:00pm	Legion of Mary	Meeting Room 1	O'Neill Martis
Tuesday, Dec 31	6:30pm – 7:00pm	Vespers	Church	Fr. Shannon
	7:00pm - midnight	Adoration and Confession	Church	Fr. Shannon



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

A Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration helps to bring everlasting peace to earth.
(St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta)

Please consider becoming a Committed Adorer, even temporarily, or as a substitute, and **sign your name on the master schedule** for any hour that you can commit to or call the parish office: 403-252-1137.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S ADORATION CALENDAR

Midnight Monday, December 23, 2019 to 11 PM Thursday, January 2, 2020

OPEN TO ALL WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEND AN HOUR WITH OUR LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. Using the sign-up sheet in the breezeway, all parishioners and committed adorers, kindly fill in an hour with your name and contact information.

Committed Adorers are required for:	Sunday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	3AM – 4AM	6PM – 7PM	7AM–9AM	3AM – 4AM	4AM– 5AM	4AM – 5AM	3AM – 5AM
	6AM – 7AM	7PM – 8PM	9AM–11AM	7PM – 8PM	4PM – 5PM	7AM - 8AM	5PM – 8PM
	2PM – 3PM						