

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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Administrative Offices

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30, 10:00 am, Noon & 7:30

pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday, 7:30 am & 5:00 pm

Saturday - 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday 4:00-4:45 pm

Saturday 8:15-8:45 am & 4:00-4:45 pm,

or by appointment

THE ROSARY

Mon-Fri 6:40 am & 4:30 pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

First time parents must participate in Baptism Preparation. To register, please fill out a "Request for Baptism" form at the information desk or on line.

welcome

Visitors and New Parishioners!

We hope that you have a meaningful worship experience at St. Mary's Cathedral. We invite unregistered parishioners to complete a registration form at the information desk. If you have any questions, or if there is anything we can do to make your visit here more pleasant, please do not hesitate to contact the ushers, or any staff members that may be present. You may also call the Parish Office and talk to a staff member for additional information (403) 228-4170.

*To our visitors, enjoy your visit with our parish family.
To our new parishioners,
Welcome Home!*

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FEBRUARY 24, 2019

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



In today's Gospel, taken from the sixth chapter of Luke, Jesus offers a very challenging, seemingly impossible approach to daily life. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless

those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak do not withhold even your tunic." It makes one want to say, "Seriously, Lord?" And He doesn't stop there. Jesus adds, "Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back."

It seems so unfair! That is, unless we look at this way of life from a stewardship point of view. Then, not only does it seem doable (though challenging), it actually makes perfect sense. A steward understands clearly that all he has and all that he is — his very life — is a gift from God given to him from an unfathomable abundance of love. This changes everything! This means "my" cloak, "my" tunic, "my" money and time — all of it ultimately belongs to God. He has entrusted these things to each of us in love to use for His purposes and His glory.

Does this mean we are to be passive "doormats" to anyone who wants to take advantage of us? Certainly not. Jesus explains this in the next verse of this passage when He says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." There is nothing wrong with loving oneself since God loves us and has made us in His own image and likeness. Jesus is simply asking that we also approach others, and the sharing of our gifts, with this same attitude. He is giving us a definition here of real love, a steward's love!

Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary from the Catholic Pastoral Centre - February 24, 2019



A VISIT TO BETH TZEDEC SYNAGOGUE WITH FR. ADRIAN MARTENS | You are invited to visit Beth Tzedec Synagogue with Fr. Adrian Martens. When: **Friday, March 1** from 9 am to 1:30 pm. Meeting place: Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary, AB). Cost: \$40 (includes kosher lunch and transportation to and from the event), open to those 18 years and older. RSVP or register **by Feb. 22:** 403-218-5501 | <http://events.calgarydiocese.ca>.

LOVE THY BODY at THEOLOGY OF THE BODY CONFERENCE 2019 | We might think we do, but do we really love our bodies? How can we truly respect and love ourselves the way God commands us to? Let's examine love, sex, relationships, heaven, hell, human desires, sex/gender and the eternal destiny of the human body, male and female. Come hear from Sr. Helena Burns at the Theology of the Body Conference 2019. Save the date: **Fri & Sat, March 8 & 9 at St. Michael Catholic Community in Calgary.** Guest speakers include Christopher West, Mike Mangione, Sr. Helena Burns, Kevin Muico, Fr. Thomas Loya and Vicki Thorn. The two-day conference will explore theology and practical applications of human sexuality. Visit: <http://TOB.calgarydiocese.ca>

THE VISIT OF CARDINAL JORGE UROSA FROM VENEZUELA The Archbishop Emeritus of Caracas, Venezuela, will be visiting Calgary on the weekend of March 9-10. He will be celebrating Mass at St. Michael Catholic Community on Saturday, **March 9 at 5 pm** (English), and on **Sunday, March 10 at 1 pm** (Spanish). All the faithful are welcome to attend.

ALZHEIMER WORKSHOP: Learn about the Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, along with tools and strategies for interaction with persons with dementia and their caregivers. When: Saturday, **April 6** from **9 am to 2:30 pm** at St. Paul's Anglican Parish (7 Sunmills Green SE, Calgary). Contact: 403-218-5501 | healthcareprograms@calgarydiocese.ca

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR THE OUTDOOR WAY OF THE CROSS | The 36th annual Outdoor Way of the Cross takes place at 9 am on **Good Friday, Apr. 19** at St Mary's Cathedral, Calgary. We are currently looking for readers, first aiders, crowd control, and volunteers to help with lost persons and to carry the cross. Contact Marilou at: 403-218-5519 | marilou.legeyt@calgarydiocese.ca

LENTEN DAY SILENT RETREAT Theme: Take up your cross and follow me. When: **Saturday, March 30**, begins with Rosary at 10:30 am and Mass at 11 am. Where: Divine Mercy Centre (15206 Township Road 262, Calgary). Contact: 587-755-1019 | www.sistersofdivinemersey.org

FIRST ANNUAL MASS FOR THE ARTISTIC COMMUNITY IN CALGARY | The Sacred Arts Guild of Alberta invites all artists, composers, musicians and their friends and family to attend Mass on **Saturday, March 16 at 1:30 pm**. Where: Sacred Heart Church (1307 14 St. SW, Calgary). Reception and art show to follow. For more information, contact 403-703-7688 or kkiss@telus.net | sacredartsguildofalberta.com

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION TRAINING PROGRAM In September, FCJ Centre will offer a two-year Spiritual Direction Training Program. Call 403-229-4215. Application deadline: **May 31.**

CalgaryDiocese.ca | WHAT'S HAPPENING in the DIOCESE. Contact: 403-218-5500 or E-mail: communications@calgarydiocese.ca

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Feb. 25

7:30 am Lisa Hawkins (INT)
5:00 pm Antonio Rino (RIP)

Tuesday, Feb. 26

7:30 am Jorge Tercero Jr. (INT)
5:00 pm Glenn Hygard (RIP)

Wednesday, Feb. 27

7:30 am Jane Flemming (INT)
5:00 pm Pregnant Women (INT)

Thursday, Feb. 28

7:30 am Juan Carlos Giron (RIP)
5:00 pm Barho Family (Children) (RIP)

Friday, Mar. 01

7:30 am J.P. Padilla (INT)
5:00 pm Int of the Donor

Saturday, Mar. 02

9:00 am Elubia Sosa (RIP)

This Week in the Parish

Sunday, Feb. 24

Coffee Sunday after 10:00 am Mass

Wednesday, Feb. 27

RCIA - 7:00 pm

Thursday, Feb. 28

Bible Study

Saturday, Mar. 02

Baptism Preparation 10:00 am

Sunday, 03

Coffee Sunday after 8:30 & 10:00 am Masses

Looking Ahead – Lent 2019

Ash Wednesday Mass Times
7:30am (Fr. Charles), 12:00pm (Fr. Joe) & 7:00pm (Bishop McGrattan)

Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent:

March 8, March 15, March 22, March 29, April 5, April 12 at 7:00 p.m.

GREAT JOB CWL LADIES!

Thank You to our CWL Ladies for the successful Dance Praise Fitness. Your kind donation of \$1,180.00 to St. Mary's Cathedral was greatly appreciated. Our Next Dance Praise Fitness will take place on May 25th at 10:00 am.



SACRAMENT PREPARATION

BAPTISM PREPARATION The next **Baptism** preparation class will be held on Saturday, **March 2nd**, at 10:00 am in the Rectory Hall. If you are first-time parents seeking baptism for your child, you are required to attend one of these sessions prior to the baptism. Registration forms are available on the information tables in the Cathedral and on our website. Registration is required.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN

***Must be registered to attend**

Sacrament Preparation Program – First Eucharist - 2019

Session 2 Saturday, March 16, 2019, 9:30 to 11:00 am
Session 3 Saturday, April 6, 2019, 9:30 to 11:00 am
Session 4 Saturday, May 4, 2019, 9:30 to 11:00 am
Retreat Saturday, May 11, 2019, 9:30 to 11:30 am,
Celebration of First Eucharist: May 12, 19 & 26; June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
Sunday Masses

Sacrament Preparation Program – Confirmation

6th Class Thursday, March 21 – 7 to 8:30 pm
7th Class Thursday, April 25 – 7 to 8:30 pm
Retreat Saturday, May 4 – 9am to Noon
Confirmation Mass - Saturday, June 15, 2019 - 5:00 pm

*Attendance and participation at the sessions is necessary. The new Diocesan wide program for the Combined Sacrament Program – First Reconciliation and First Eucharist offers a variety of opportunities to attend the same session at another parish. Please contact the Parish Office if you will need to miss a session at our parish so we can arrange for you to attend at another parish.

February 24, 2019 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back." (Luke 6:35)

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Mercy and compassion will put us on the path to holiness.

Thank YOU! To SBE Wholesale Flowers for donating the beautiful Altar Flowers. Special Thank You to Sheila Madonna Anthony for making the beautiful arrangements.



WE ♥ A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Darrell MacRae for coming to our rescue this week. Our tractor is broken and we were **VOLUNTEERS** unable to remove the snow. Darrell made sure all the snow was removed. Many Blessings to you.

Readings for March 3, 2019 - 8th. Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: (Sirach 27:4-7) Do not praise a man before hearing his message.

Second Reading: (1 Corinthians 15:54-58) God has given us victory through Jesus Christ.

Gospel: (Luke 6:39-45) From what is in the heart, the mouth speaks.

FROM OUR MINISTRIES

Society of St. Vincent de Paul— As Vincentians, we are advocates of the poor. We work with different community agencies to influence social and economic systems to bring about positive changes. We cannot respond to this calling without your continuous support by dropping off non-perishable food and clothing in the box located at the main entrance of the Church, and financial donations in envelopes to "SSVP" for those in need. If you require assistance call 403-397-6028.

Coffee Sunday We invite you to join us in welcoming new parishioners and sharing with one another. **NEXT COFFEE SUNDAY will take place on Feb. 24th after the 10:00 am mass.** If you would like to donate baked goods or volunteer your time to help in setting and/or cleaning up on a rotating basis please contact Phan at phan_truong@hotmail.com.

Come and Join us!! Shrove Tuesday Parish Pancake Carnival. Will go on March 5 after the 5 o'clock mass. Enjoy a pancake Dinner with ham, fruit and all the trimmings. Games, raffles, mask making. Fun for the whole family. Tickets \$5 each, \$10 for a family. If you would like to help please contact Ron at (403) 437-8709 or 403 278-3495. **If you would like to attend and cannot afford it, please call the Parish Office.

Pastoral Care Team of St. Mary's would be pleased to visit and bring the Eucharist to the shut-ins of our parish. Please call 403-228-4170 to make arrangements.

Bible Study takes place on **Thursdays** at 3:00 pm in the Rectory Hall. Every week we read one or two chapters from the Old and New Testament and discuss. Please call Bob at 403-272-4262 for more information.

Catholic Women's League (CWL) The next meeting will be held on **March 9th**, after the 9:00 am Mass in the Rectory Hall. All women of the parish are heartily invited to become members. For more information, contact Anthea at anthea.berdan@gmail.com

CHOSEN BY GOD THE RITE OF ELECTION AND THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT By Simone Brosig, Liturgy Consultant/Director Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary - Part 2

ENROLLMENT OF NAMES
With these testimonies the bishop accepts the judgment of the Church and invites the catechumens to offer their names for enrollment. One by one the catechumens inscribe their names as a pledge of fidelity in the book that lists those who have been chosen for initiation: the Book of the Elect. Once the catechumens have inscribed their names the bishop declares the Church's approval of the catechumens saying: I now declare you to be members of the elect, to be initiated into the sacred mysteries at the next Easter Vigil. From this day until they receive the sacraments of initiation those who were catechumens are now called "the elect". Historically they have also been called **competentes** or co-petitioners because together they are asking for the sacraments and the gift of the Holy Spirit. They have also been referred to as **illuminandi**, those who will be enlightened, because in their baptism they will be filled with the light of faith. To be continued...

Stewardship of Treasure

February 17, 2019

| General Collections | Last Week | Y-T-D |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Envelopes/Loose/Debit/etc. | \$8,614.93 | \$111,529.43 |
| Weekly operating cost: | \$22,000.00 | \$154,000.00 |
| Year to date: Over/Under Budget: | (\$13,385.07) | (\$62,030.57) |

| Other Collections | Last Week |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Altar Flowers | \$287.25 |

Together in Action \$20.00

Irish Mass: The Irish-Canadian Community of Calgary welcomes all members of Calgary's Interfaith, their families and friends to the 19th Annual Mass for Peace on St Patrick's Day at 12:00 noon, Saturday, March 16th, at St. Mary's Cathedral. Prior to the start of Mass, the ICS choir will commence signing Irish hymns and songs at 11:30 am. Following the celebration of Mass, a buffet lunch will be served in the St Mary's Parish Hall, which will also showcase Irish culture. Donations of sandwiches, vegetables, fruits, and squares, gratefully accepted. Please deliver food items before Mass at the Parish Hall. Thank you. All are welcome.

Dialogue of Faith and Culture: Conversations on Spirituality
Dialogue of Faith and Culture: Conversations on Spirituality With Fr. Charles Pottie-Pâté, sj.
Wednesdays March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2019. 4:30 - 6:30 pm. \$40/person.

Sensing an inner yearning to live our Christian faith in contemporary culture? Aware of some burning questions that you would like to share within a small seminar group of sojourners? During the Lenten season, join us on campus for 4 weeks as we respectfully gather together in honest reflections and dialogue. Possible topics imbedded in these Faith & Culture conversations include: Gospel Vision & Social Justice; Sexuality; Living our Faith. For more information please contact: Elizabeth.cressman@stm.ca Payment Completes Registration. www.stmu.ca/cont-ed/