

St. Luke's Parish

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Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 8, 2013

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sunday at 8:30 am,
10:30 am, 12:30 pm, 7:30 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday 8:00 am,
Saturday & Statutory Holidays 9:00 am

PARISH TEAM

Pastor: Rev. David Meadows
Associate Pastor: Rev. Marino Infante
Pastoral Assistant: Dan D'Agostino
Deacons: Dan Deck, John Hagan,
Luis Hong & Louis LaPointe
Youth Ministry: Nancy D'Souza
Secretary: Margaret Dewald
Accountant: Barbara Banham
Office Assistant: Betty LaPointe
Caretaker: Timothy Sehn
Parish Council Chair: Henry Tebinka
Finance Chair: Ken Taylor

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:30–10:30am & 4:00–4:45 pm
& by appointment

MARRIAGES

Wedding arrangements are made through an initial interview with one of the Fathers or Deacons (6 months notice required). Couples who are planning to be married at St. Luke's are expected to regularly worship with our Parish Community and to participate in a Marriage Preparation Course.

BAPTISMS

Please register with the office allowing sufficient time to complete the necessary preparations.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK & OF SHUT-INS

Please call the office 282-9488

COORDINATORS

Adoration—Leo Gau 547-1910
Altar Servers—Karen Kissner 651-4827
Art & Environment—Candace Oliver 282-7501
Baptism Prep—Deacon Dan Deck 286-4200
Cenacle—Leslie Schumaker 286-3720
Charismatic Prayer Group—Charleen Thoreson
239-0588
Children's Liturgy—Dan D'Agostino 282-9488
Coffee Sunday—Marie Byers 286-3714
Catholic Women's League—Jan Morel 208-6769
English for New Canadians—Margaret Heinen
284-2348
Eucharistic Ministers—Rob & Karen Bedin 288-9447
Families of Nazareth—Lynn Harris 241-5943
Greeters—Henry & Barbara Tebinka 547-5880
Inn from the Cold—Elaine Ho 248-9879
Help the Needy—Betty & Rod Wade 282-9488
Knights of Columbus—Kelly O'Hare 282-7167
Lectors—Millie Krenzler 239-6198
Legion of Mary—Arlette Allyjan 289-3564
Library—Cassie Gau 547-1910
Liturgy—Val DeGagne 208-3217
Praise & Worship—Peter Oganwu 542-0308
Perpetual Rosary—Evelyn Charchuk 239-5508
Mom's Time Out—Sara Francis 585-1620
Erin Callin 475-5874
Music Ministry—Val DeGagne 208-3217
Parish Support Group—Maureen Montgomery
284-3620
Pastoral Care—Maureen Noble 241-7864
R.C.I.A.—Deacon Luis Hong 282-9488
Sacristans—Ernie & Linda Ortega 241-1794
Anna Maria Kappelhoff 286-4329
Sound & Video Technician—Ken Taylor 241-0908
Stewardship—Rod Wade 241-5306
Ushers—*Vacant*
Vocation Awareness—Deacon Dan Deck 286-4200
Welcoming—Evelyn Charchuk 239-5508
Widows' Might—Rita Harris 547-5352

All phone numbers preceded by 403

Second Sunday of Advent



Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 8

Jennifer Hatala (Spec Int) 8:30 am
Mass of Thanksgiving 10:30 am
Florencio Manuel (Spec Int) 12:30 pm
Mass for Parishioners 7:30 pm

Monday, December 9

Welijada Infante (RIP) 8:00 am

Tuesday, December 10

Ophelia Ignacio (Spec Int) 8:00 am

Wednesday, December 11

Marcel Tougas (RIP) 8:00 am

Thursday, December 12

Kathy Bright (RIP) 8:00 am

Friday, December 13

Sandy Newman (RIP) 8:00 am

Saturday, December 14

Peace in the World 9:00 am
Elizabeth Laporte (RIP) 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 15

Mass for Parishioners 8:30 am
Ubaldo Simoes (RIP) 10:30 am
Anna D'Orsogna (RIP) 12:30 pm
Anton & Teresa Schmidt (RIP) 7:30 pm

OPERATING FINANCES

Collection for Nov 30/Dec 1: \$27,207.22

Thank you for your support!

DID YOU KNOW?

If you wish to ensure that your Christmas/Year-end donations are included on your 2013 Tax Receipt, please have them to the parish no later than the weekend of December 28/29 to accommodate deposit deadlines.



Please pray for the sick in our parish:

Carla Markle	Mayi Arcellana
Helen Przcetek	Mavis Luterbach
Marie Smith	Diane Rioux
Michael Roberts	Chris Teeuwen
Todd McClary	Erik Gracia
Lorna Ugalde	Colette Deraps
Chris Downey	Karen Meyer
Karen Deck	Frances Nutz
Jocelan Hinsberger	Jerry Higgins
Norm Zacharuk	Hugo Meynell
Kevin Matte	Ezekiel & Jeremiah Leviste
Kathy McKee	Beryl Netto
Simon Bleile	Bruno Musa
Jasmine Hwang	Mary Holden
Vaughn Hiltermann	Elisabeth
Dolores Phillips	Frances Sauve
Irene McDade	John Mahoney

PILGRIMAGE TOUR with FR. David to OUR LADY GUADALUPE MARCH 14-22

For more information or questions, call
travel agent Peter 403-216-5190 or
Fr. David 403-282-9488

ST. LUKE'S HELP the NEEDY MINISTRY

Wish list for this week:

Flour, Cookies, Rice

Other items are always appreciated.

THANK YOU

ADVENT WREATH

Families, individuals or couples interested in participating in lighting the advent wreath are invited to come a bit early to Sunday Mass and let the ushers know who will then give further instruction.



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

All services begin at 7:30 pm

December 10	St. Peter
December 12	St. Paul, Airdrie
December 12	Ascension Parish
December 17	St. Mary, Cochrane
December 19	St. Joseph Parish

The Ultimate Do-It-Yourself RETREAT

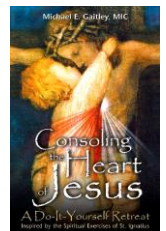
"Consoling the Heart of Jesus"

inspired by the Spiritual Exercises of
St. Ignatius, with Fr. David

Thursday Evenings @ 7:00 pm

January 9 – March 13

Cost: Work Book \$25/Text \$15



ST. LUKE'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 4:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE

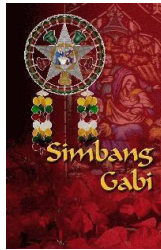


It is that time of the year again – calling all angels, shepherds, stars and the rest of the cast for St Luke's Annual Christmas Eve Pageant. **Rehearsals will be on December 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd at 2:00 pm.**

Also looking for young adult helpers! Contact Deacon Dan 403-286-4200

SIMBANG GABI 2013

Simbang Gabi is a beautiful Filipino religious tradition. Nine masses are prayed in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary in anticipation of Christmas. Simbang Gabi, which translates to Mass of Night, will be celebrated here at St. Luke's on Dec 9,10,11, 12 (5:30 pm), 13, 16, 17, 18, 19 beginning with caroling at 6:00 pm followed with Mass @ 6:30pm (prayed in Tagalog).



A reception and fellowship will follow.

MISSION MEXICO – Next Sunday

All **LOONIES** collected will be forwarded to Mission Mexico. However, if you wish to contribute more, please place your donation in an envelope clearly marked with your name and address so a receipt can be issued to you. Please designate "Mission Mexico" on the envelope.



Thank you

CHRISTMAS GIFT TREE

ST. LUKE'S HELP THE NEEDY ministry once again invites the parishioners to participate in this year's "Christmas Hamper Program".

The Gift Tree will be in the narthex from **through to Monday, December 9th** with "Angel Tags" for boys and girls, ages infant to 12 years, "Teen Tags" and "Family Turkey voucher envelopes".

NEW gifts with tags attached are to be returned to the church **unwrapped** prior to December 16th. **Please consider donating to brighten the Christmas of those less fortunate.**



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



Would you like to sponsor a family for a Christmas food hamper and gifts? Please contact the parish office 403-282-9488 for details.

STAY CONNECTED TO ST. LUKE'S

You can now keep up-to-date on information from the parish by connecting with us through social media!



Like us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/stlukescalgary>

Follow us on Twitter @ StLukeChurch:

<https://twitter.com/StLukeChurch>

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR WALK

The Diocese of Calgary has partnered with nine Christian denominations to participate in a Canadian wide walkathon. A 5km or 10km walk on **Saturday, February 22**, a day that represents the coldest night of the year for many homeless individuals and families.

To register: www.coldestnightoftheyear.org

Team Captains are needed from each parish to lead groups of 8-10 people in the walk. Please contact Samantha.jones@calgarydiocese.ca

ANNUAL DIOCESAN CELEBRATIONS

"Our Growth in Faith through the Reception of the Sacraments"

The Calgary Catholic School district and the Diocese of Calgary will join to recognize students who received one or more sacraments in response to God's call to grow in faith. All school-aged children who received a sacrament between September 2012 and December 2013, along with their families are invited to participate.

Special Mass with Bishop Henry presiding at:

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JANUARY 26TH at 2:30 PM

Please advise Bonnie Landry 403-500-2535 or bonnie.landry@cssd.ab.ca if you will be participating.



HELLO YOUTH! Wish what you wanted was easy as pressing the "Staples" button? As Christmas approaches we find ourselves at the



that was easy.

mall, so the Prayer Warriors gathered to shop. We discovered the priceless can't be bought or outworn. **God for example** never needs replacement or upgrading. Mall massage chairs are relaxing. Designer boots, the latest video game or cell phone app. may be tempting, but God satisfies more than food, drink, meditation, exercise, or physical enhancement. His size fits all because the gift of His love lasts forever. Unlike bad advertising, God means what he says and says what he means. He is the one thing we could only ever need forever. God "created humankind in his image" (Genesis 1:27), therefore we're priceless. Even when damaged by sin, God graciously accepts all 'returns' with a sorrowful heart and in forgiveness. His gift is free for the taking or giving, where ever we are, with whomever we meet, and whenever we're open to God's love.



DECEMBER 8, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah prophesies that Jesus will bring reconciliation between even natural enemies: the wolf with the lamb, the cow with the bear, even the small child with the venomous snake. Who are your enemies? Do not lose hope for reconciliation. Through Jesus we too can experience reconciliation in our lives and in our world. John the Baptist calls all people to repentance so that we can live in harmony with one another and welcome one another in the same way Christ has welcomed us. We can hope that through steadfastness and endurance we too can prepare the way for Lord's healing of division.

Action

Look in your community and among your neighbours, family, and friends. Where is there division? Take the first step towards reconciliation.

In addition to the regular parish schedule, the sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at parishes throughout the Diocese of Calgary all the Wednesdays of Advent from 7:30 – 8:30pm.

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**Vigil for the Protection of Human Life:** Come pray for the protection of human life on **December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, patron of the Americas, and of the unborn. A celebration of the Vigil for Life with Evening Prayer and Benediction will take place at **7pm at St. Mary's Cathedral**, Fr. Greg Coupal, rector of the Cathedral, presiding.

### **St. Mary's University College**

Event: **St. Mary's University College Choir Concert and Annual Tower Lighting**

Date: **Monday, December 9th, 2013**

Everyone is welcome to attend this annual showcase of student and community talent, led by director Malcolm Edwards. After the concert, we will ceremoniously light our historic water tower for the holiday season and enjoy hot beverages.

Time: **8:00pm** (Free and open to everyone).

Place: **McGivney Hall at St. Mary's University College**

14500 Bannister Road SE (just off Macleod Trail South)

More information: 403-531-9130 or [www.stmu.ca](http://www.stmu.ca)