

St. Luke's Parish

Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 13, 2015



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SUNDAY MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday 8:00 am & 7:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:30 am: Mass of Thanksgiving
 10:30 am: Kwong Family (Spec Int)
 12:30 pm: Teresa Comeau (RIP)
 5:30 pm: Paul Seiferling (Spec Int)
 7:30 pm: Mass for Parishioners

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:00 am: Marcel Tougas (RIP)
 7:00 pm: Mable Daley (RIP)

TUESDAY DECEMBER 15

8:00 am: Stanley Hinsberger (RIP)
 7:00 pm: Elenis Francisco Garcia (RIP)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00 am: Sandy Newman (RIP)
 7:00 pm: Joan Maloney (Spec Int)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00 am: Andre De Gagne (RIP)
 7:00 pm: Rev George LeBlanc (RIP)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00 am: Jeremias Vaz (RIP)
 7:00 pm: Members of Tang Foon Kiew Family (RIP)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:00 am: Madge Contenti (RIP)
 5:00 pm: Victoria Frederick (RIP)

Please pray for the sick in our parish:

Maria Hatala	Jim Millius
Rocky Leung	Ray & Irene Short
Beryl Netto	Susan Pilkington
Peter Neunherz	Teresita Ching
Luzviminda Taneo	Evelyn Higgins
Tina Brophy	Josephine Smutko
Andrea Weatherbie	Peter Ingle
Marie Marzocco	Jeannita Thibodeau
Mary Agnes Kilitos	Fern Morasch
Harry Hiltermann	Margaret Hovany
Elmer McDougall	William Anderson
Yvonne Caffrey	Ron Pilkington
Russ de Bruijn	Sheila Barnett
Barb Anderson	Mario Perizzolo

SANDWICH WEDNESDAY-December 16th

Please remember to bring sandwich fillings on Tuesday, December 15.

Some suggestions:

canned ham, canned fish,
 sliced sandwich meats, sliced
 cheese, peanut butter & jam.



*Thank you for
 participating in this
 meaningful ministry.*

*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.*

FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL PILGRIMAGE

With Fr. Dominic Nguyen

May 7 – 17, 2016

ST. LUKE'S HELP the NEEDY MINISTRY

Wish list for this week:

Pasta Sauce, Jello/Pudding

Turkey Stovetop Stuffing

Other items are always appreciated.

THANK YOU

CHRISTMAS DINNER HAMPERS

As in the past, your contributions towards the hampers are greatly appreciated.

Any monetary donations (cash, cheque, or credit card) will be eligible for a tax receipt.

Envelopes for your donation will be hung on the Christmas tree starting December 5th. They may be dropped off at the office or into the collection basket. Thank you.



Have a Blessed Christmas

CARE - TO - SHARE 2015



This Christmas season the Catholic Women's League will be collecting **unwrapped Christmas gifts** for the charity, "The Magic of Christmas."

If you wish to donate a gift (for ages 0 – 100), please bring it to the Church and place in the box near the Christmas tree **prior to December 21.**

MOUNT ST FRANCIS RETREAT CENTRE

Please contact captains to book retreats

MEN'S RETREAT – January 8-10th

Paul Valentine 403-217-7466, 403-243-5261

paulvalentine@volvo.com

SOCIETY OF /ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

MEN & WOMEN January 15-17th

Marilyn Meek 403-254-9726

Marilyn-m1@shaw.ca

MIXED SERENITY RETREAT

MEN & WOMEN January 22-24th

Sheila 403-678-5840

tomshe@shaw.ca

OPERATING FINANCES

Operating Collection for Dec 5/6

\$ 23,342.00

Thank you for your support!

SHARE THE LIGHT Advent Carol Service

Saturday, December 19

2 pm at St. Luke's Church

An afternoon of scripture and music to celebrate the Advent season, featuring St.

Luke's 10:30 and 7:30 choirs and

St. Joseph's Church Choir

ADMISSION: Food donation for St. Luke's Help the Needy



SPECIAL ADVENT CELEBRATION

with Bishop Henry

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 at 3:00pm

CITY HALL'S ATRIUM

Come and celebrate the beginning of **EXTRAORDINARY YEAR OF MERCY**

Sung vespers (Evening prayer) and an

Advent reflection from Bishop Henry

Please invite your friends and families!

2015 ADVENT APPEAL

This year we will be directing all funds contributed to our Annual Advent Appeal to Syrian Refugee Support. These funds will be used to assist families arriving in early 2016.

Please consider making a year-end donation to this needy cause. **THANK YOU**

SIMBANG GABI - December 14 - 23

This is a beautiful Filipino religious tradition.

consisting of a series of 9 Masses prayed in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary in anticipation of Christmas.

SIMBANG GABI will be celebrated here at

St. Luke's on: Dec 14, Dec 15, Dec 16, Dec 17, Dec 18, Dec 19, Dec 21, Dec 22 and Dec 23

These evenings will begin @ 7:30 with carolling, followed with Mass at 7:45 pm

(prayed in Tagalog)

A reception and fellowship will follow.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

All at 7:30 pm

December 15	Tuesday	Corpus Christi
December 15	Tuesday	St. Peter's
December 16	Wednesday	St. Joseph's
December 16	Wednesday	St. Boniface
December 17	Thursday	St. Mary's, Cochrane
December 17	Thursday	Canadian Martyrs

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - GAUDETE SUNDAY

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, reminded us in his encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, that the baptised are called to care for our common home. The sacrament of Reconciliation invites us to consider not only the sins we have committed but also what we have failed to do.

From our comfortable vantage point it is easy to become indifferent to the suffering of others. Gratitude for our blessings reminds us to share and do more for others.

ACTION: Apologise or make reparation for something you failed to do.



CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Rejoice in God's Mercy

EVERY WEDNESDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 2, 9, 16, 23 • 7:30pm – 8:30pm

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – December 24
5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 11:00 pm

Christmas Day – December 25
8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm

The Magic of
Christmas
is not in the presents
but in *His* 
presence





Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre for December 13, 2015
THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

AN EVENING OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH SILENCE & SACRED MUSIC

St. Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday January 27, 2016 from 6pm – 8pm

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Catholic service with Bishop Henry will take place during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2016 on **Thursday Jan. 21st, 2016 at 7:00-8:30pm** at St. Mary's Cathedral. Pray with other Christian leaders and Bishop Henry as we explore the Week's theme that together Christians of all denominations are "Called to proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord" (1 Pet. 2:9). Reception to follow.

MOVEMENTS, PARISHES, AND INDIVIDUALS JOIN IN PRAYER DURING THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY Jan. 17-24th, 2016. See <http://www.prayeryc.com/> to sign up.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The training course for new catechists is taking place in Calgary from **February 10-15, 2016**. Earlybird cost is \$250 (save \$50) if you register by Friday, Dec. 18th, 2015. Please contact Paula Sabatini at 403-244-1104 for more information. To have a registration form emailed to you, email CGSCalgary@gmail.com

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH RETREAT

Topic: "**Medicine of Mercy**" Lead by Bishop Henry on Dec 19, from 9:00am to 3:20 pm
Venue: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church All are welcome (Lunch include).

"FOR BETTER & FOR EVER..."

Marriage Preparation, accepts all couples preparing for marriage. Upcoming Dates: Jan 11/29-30, Feb 22/Mar 11-12. For more dates, registration or information contact 403-218-5505 or email lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca.

TRANSITIONS

A 15-week peer support program for those recently separated or divorced. Participants will meet every Tuesday to reflect upon and discuss topics such as self-esteem, stress, anger, guilt, blame, loneliness, forgiveness, blended families and more. The next program begins in February, 2016 (7:00pm – 9:00pm). For more information or to register, call 403-218-5505.

FERTILITAS

A support group for couples struggling with fertility issues. For more information email lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca or call 403-218-5505.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION - CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICE

Upcoming weekends: Jan.15-17, Jan. 29-31, Feb 19-21. For registration and more information call CFS at 403- 233-2360 or visit www.cfs-ab.org

PROJECT RACHEL

Offers a journey of healing and reconciliation for men and women who are suffering distress from a past abortion experience. Clients will be referred to professional counselors who are specially trained to deal with the trauma associated with this experience. For more information call Project Rachel at 403-218-5506 or toll free at 1-877-597-3223. You can also e-mail projectrachel@calgarydiocese.ca

See Parish Bulletin Board for complete details