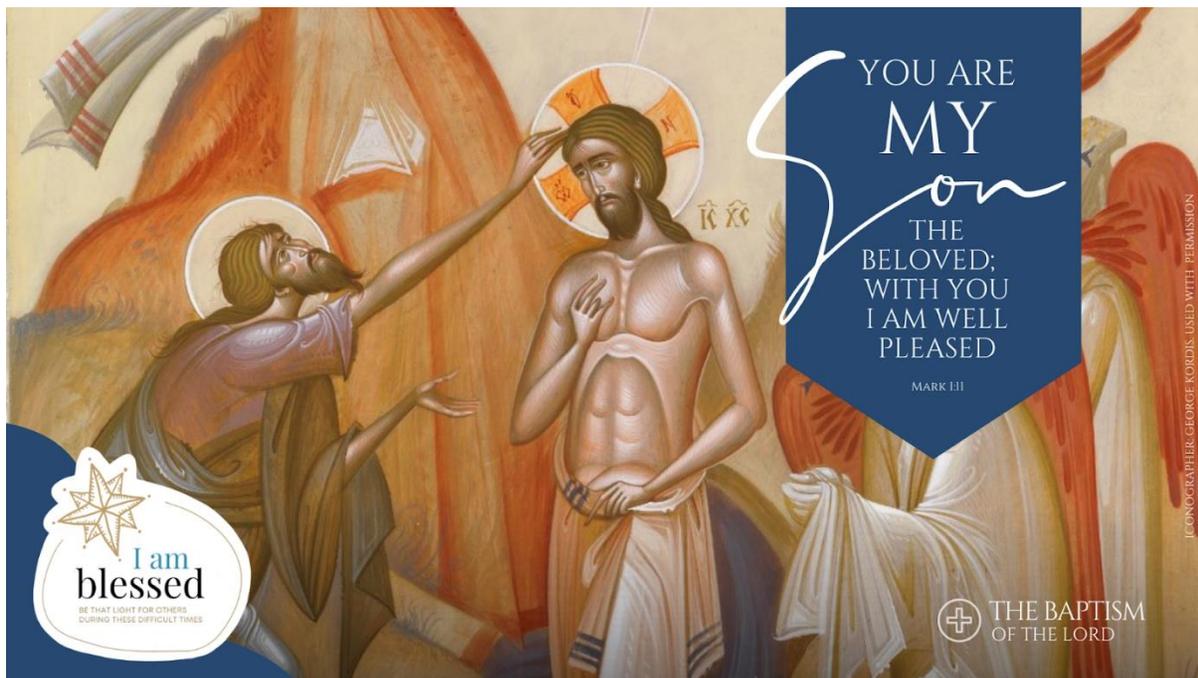


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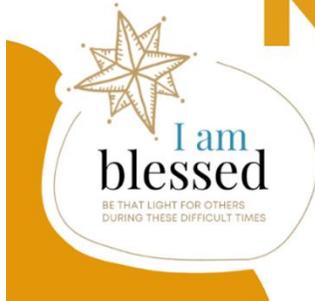
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Clergy Personnel Announcements

New personnel announcements have been released today, January 6, 2021, by Bishop McGrattan. [Read announcements \(PDF\)](#)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on January 18-25.

The 2021 theme – Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit (John 15:5-9) – calls us to pray and to work for reconciliation and unity in the church, with our human family, and with all of creation. Drawing on the Gospel image of vine and branches, it invites us to nourish unity with God and with one another through contemplative silence, prayer, and common action. Grafted into Christ the vine as many diverse branches, may we bear rich fruit and create new ways of living, with respect for and communion with all of creation.

The importance of unity among Christians and the responsibility of the people of each parish to work for this unity should be emphasized throughout the week. All members of the parish should seek to have a deeper understanding of ecumenism.

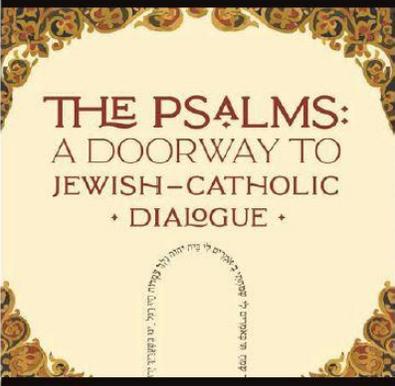
- **Save the date:** An Evening Service of Prayer will be held on Wednesday, Jan 20 at 7 pm, and livestreamed via Ascension Catholic Church's [livestream link](#). More information will be shared next week.

Sunday Livestream Masses with the Bishop

Bishop McGrattan is offering Sunday Masses at the following parishes in January. Masses will be livestreamed via Parish Livestream link(s).

- **Sunday, January 10 at 10 am** - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord | Ascension Catholic Church, Calgary. Watch on [Youtube](#)
- **Sunday, January 17 at 5 pm** - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | St. Joseph's Church, Calgary. Watch on [Youtube](#) | [Facebook](#) | Telus Optik TV Ch. 877
- **Sunday, January 24 at 11 am** - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, Calgary. Watch on [Youtube](#)
- **Sunday, January 31 at 11 am** - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | St. Albert the Great, Calgary. Watch on [Facebook](#)

A PRIEST AND A RABBI READ SCRIPTURE TOGETHER: PSALMS AS A DOORWAY TO JEWISH – CATHOLIC DIALOGUE



January 21
February 4
February 18
7:00 – 8:30 PM

Father Adrian Martens
Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Rabbi Mark Glickman
Temple B'nai Tikvah

Please contact office@bnaitikvah.ca for Zoom meeting details



You are invited to join virtual sessions of "A Priest and a Rabbi Read Scripture Together" with Fr. Adrian Martens and Rabbi Mark Glickman (Temple B'nai Tikvah). This event highlights the new released resources from CCCB "[The Psalms: A Doorway to Jewish-Catholic Dialogue](#)." When: **January 21, February 4 and February 18** at 7 pm to 8:30 pm, via Zoom. To register, contact: office@bnaitikvah.ca

Calgary CARES Volunteer Training

Calgary Senior Resource Society, in partnership with St. Mary's University, is looking for volunteers of all ages (16 to 60+) for a 6-month volunteering opportunity from January to June 2021. The project is called: Calgary CARES (Caring Action Relationships Education Seniors), which strive to promote volunteerism among seniors and other generations; engage seniors in the community through the mentoring of others; expand awareness of elder abuse during COVID lockdown; support the social participation and inclusion of seniors. The goal of the project is to build a group of volunteers who are equipped to practice sustainable and intentional support of seniors in their communities. We hope that you are able to share this opportunity with your parishioners and encourage them to help others during these especially difficult times. To get more information, please complete the [volunteer interest form](#)

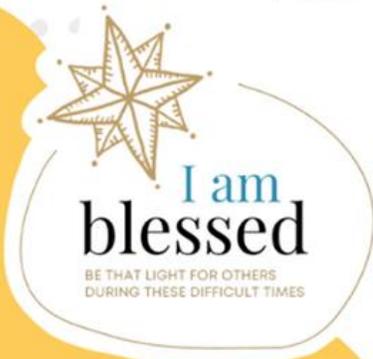
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Events & Resources

- 1. Baptism of the Lord - Bulletin Shorts, free to use**
[Mass Readings](#) | **God Shows No Partiality.** Saint Peter speaks the truth. God is impartial. For everyone who acts uprightly is acceptable. Everyone. Politics may be partisan at times, but Christians can never be. Indeed, Baptism makes us all alike – with differing gifts and charisms – but all in the image of Christ whose name we bear. God says to us as well: “I am well pleased.”
 - Because of Baptism, how will I cherish even those not like me?
 - What will I do today to bear the image of Christ?
 - To whom will I say, because of this _____ I am well pleased?

Source: Diocese of Springfield
- 2. A New Year's reflection from Fr. Edmund was featured in CBC**
A New Year's reflection by Fr. Edmund Vargas, pastor at St. Anthony's Church in Calgary, was featured by CBC Canada. [Read here.](#)
- 3. God Squad Litany Fundraiser "A Dram for St. Joseph"**
You are invited to join God Squad's "A Dram for Saint Joseph" fundraiser on Saturday, January 16, 2021. This event features a virtual whiskey tasting with silent auction and entertainment. A portion of the proceeds will be given to Mission Mexico. To purchase ticket, [click here](#)
- 4. Knights Dream Vacation Project**
The Airdrie Council 8045 of the Knights of Columbus is hosting their annual Airdrie Dream Vacation draw. All proceeds from this project are returned to charities they support. There are 600 tickets with the first draw on **April 4, 2021**. Each month for 12 months a Dream Vacation voucher will be given away (value \$2500) plus 4 draws of \$120. Seven Early Bird prizes will be drawn on **February 14, 2021**. For more information or to purchase a ticket, visit [airdriedreamvacation.ca](#). Use *Dine21* coupon to receive Dine Airdrie Card free while supplies last. For more info, contact tickets@airdriedreamvacation.ca
- 5. The WORD 2021 International Catholic Bible Summit**
Find ways to find unshakeable hope and peace no matter what you're going through, and how to break open the Bible and hear what God is saying to you right now. Join 70 amazing presenters including Fr. Mike Schmitz, Chris Stefanick, Danielle Bean, Scott Hahn, and host Mark Hart at **The WORD 2021 International Catholic Bible Summit** (Feb 11-13). [Register here](#)
- 6. Seven saints to help you keep your New Year's resolutions**
Susan Anthony confesses: I've never been particularly successful at keeping New Year's resolutions because I'm more successful at finding excuses to ignore them. Sounds familiar? This year Susan decided that she needs some help from the saints. [Read more.](#)
- 7. Feeling dryness in prayer**
Fr. Josh Johnson gives four reasons why we may experience dryness in prayer, and they're all experiences we are probably familiar with. [Read more or listen to his podcast here.](#)
- 8. How to have a fruitful disagreement with someone you love**
What are some best practices for having fruitful conversations when you're both firmly rooted on opposite sides of an issue? A Jesuit priest gives us seven attitudes with which we can approach

any conflict. [Read more](#)

9. **Jeff Cavins' Show**

How do you simplify your life? How do you study the Bible? From raising kids to growing older, Jeff Cavins shares personal tips for living as a modern-day disciple of Jesus Christ through his podcast at [Jeff Cavins' Show in Ascension Press](#).

Weekly reflections can be found here:

[Vatican News](#) | [The Sunday Website](#)
[Sunday Connection](#) | [CCCB Reflection](#)

Daily and Sunday Mass Prayers & Readings: [CCCB Daily Readings](#) (pick the desired date)

Livestream

Full schedule of Parish Livestream Masses in the Diocese of Calgary is available at:
<https://www.catholiccyyc.ca>.

You can also watch parish Sunday Masses via TELUS Optik TV Ch. 876 (choose Diocese of Calgary tile logo). For other online Masses, visit [Salt+Light TV](#), [Shalom World TV](#), [EWTN](#) and [Vision TV](#).