

SACRED HEART PARISH

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Weekend Mass Times: Saturday – 7 pm
Sunday – 9 am, 11 am, 7 pm

Confessions: Saturday – 11:00 am to noon

Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday: 8:30 am – noon & 1 – 4 pm
Friday: 8:30 am – noon

Parish Team

Pastor: Father Jozef Wroblewski
Office Administrator: Angela Morrison
Receptionist/Secretary: Carolyn Brown
RCIA Coordinator: David Bouchard
Custodian: Brian Yeo

We are a welcoming community of believers guided by the light of the Holy Spirit to live Christ's love through the sharing of our gifts.

Sunday, November 20, 2016 *34th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Readings: Year C
2 Samuel 5.1-3
Colossians 1.12-20
Luke 23.35-43



Weekday Masses November 21 – 25

Monday	9:00 am Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	9:00 am Mass
Thursday	9:00 am Mass
Friday	9:00 am Mass

Safe Harbour

A needs collection for the Annual Advent Wish List for Safe Harbour will take on the week-ends of Dec. 3/4 & Dec. 10/11. Items requested: personal hygiene items (men & women); toiletries; warm wear (men & women); laundry soap; coffee, creamers; granola bars, etc. A detailed list is posted on the bulletin board (3 pages) with further needs list and information. Your support is most appreciated.

Christmas / New Years Mass Times

Christmas Eve, Saturday December 24
4:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm
Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25
10:00 am
New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31
7:00 pm
New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1
9:00 am, 11:00 am, 7:00 pm

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice (11am group)
Tuesday	10:00 am	Seniors Exercises
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Legion of Mary Edge (Youth)
Thursday	9:30 am	Rosary Makers
	10:00 am	Seniors Exercises
	1:10 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice (9am group)
	7:30 pm	RCIA (Advent, Prayer, Spirituality)
Saturday	5:00 pm	Spanish Group
Sunday	11:30 am	Friendship Meal
	6:30 pm	Youth Choir Practice

Baptism

Contact the parish office at to register for Baptism preparation and complete a Baptism Application Form. Bring your child's large Birth Certificate.

Marriage Preparation



Couples are asked to meet with Fr. Jozef six months prior to their wedding so that all paperwork can be completed. Please bring an updated copy of your Baptismal Certificates.

Convalidation (Blessing) of Marriages

We are always open to help those who have for one reason or another omitted the Catholic Form of Marriage. If you would like to have your marriage convalidated or have questions, please contact Fr. Jozef Wroblewski at the parish office.

Engaged Encounter

A marriage preparation course is mandatory for all couples getting married within the Catholic Church. For more information about an Engaged Encounter weekend, or to register to attend a weekend see reddeercee@gmail.com or contact Deacon Claude/Margaret Baril at 403-347-2455.

Volunteers Wanted

Parishioners to assist RCIA Team with "Breaking Open the Word" each Sunday from Advent to Easter. Call David - 403-357-9117 if you can help.



K of C Family Christmas Supper

Sunday **December 18**

Knights of Columbus Hall

Santa with Children 4:30, Supper at 5:30 pm

Buy tickets early. \$10 per person or \$25 per family
Call David at 403-357-9117 to buy your tickets.

Altar Servers

If your child is in grade 3 or older and has received their First Holy Communion they may want to become an Altar Server. You may register on the sign-up sheet in the Sacristy. You will be notified when a training session is scheduled.



We Remember Our Loved Ones



Parishioners are invited to write down the names of their departed loved ones in the **Book of Eternal Life**, which, for the month of November, will be on the table as you enter the church. As a parish, we are asked to remember all the faithful departed in our prayers.

Sunday 7 pm Choir

You are invited to join us in song on Sunday evenings. The choir meets at 6:30 pm for practice and leads the singing at 7pm Mass. Contact Colin at 403-872 -4014 or ohmasterg@gmail.com.

Pastoral Care

Volunteers are needed to bring communion and help with prayer service at the Pines on Wednesdays at 11 am. If you are interested in this ministry please call Lina at 403-347-5987.

CWL

Membership Fees are due this month. We are having a membership drive on the weekends of November 19/20 and 26/27. Fees remain at \$25. For more information contact Margaret.

Religious Counter Sales needs someone on the first Saturday of the month, and weekly in December to sell religious articles. If interested, call Margaret at 403 340-0605.

Development Day – Catch the Fire!

St. Stephen's Parish, 5114 – 54 Avenue, Lacombe
Saturday, **November 26** 9 am to 3:30 pm
All ladies (members and non-members) are invited to learn more about the League. Register with Peggy at 403-872-1448 or pekihoff@telus.net, or Giselle at 403-872-2466.

Sacred Heart Rosary Makers

Thursday, November 24 in the Children's Liturgy Room from 9:30 – 11:30 am.

Come and join us!

Call Catherine at 403 887-5308 or email

catherineofs@gmail.com.



Social Justice

The Social Justice Committee would like to extend our sincere gratitude and thanks for the ongoing support of our parishioners. We have abundantly restocked our food pantry and given generously to the Mustard Seed school lunch program. Even in times of economic hardship, our parish came together and donated over 1500 items!

Blessings and love to you all,
The Social Justice Committee

Parish Christmas Potluck Supper

Monday, December 5 at 6:00 pm

Roast Beef provided

Bring a side dish or dessert

Tickets: \$5.



Indicate your food contribution on the sign-up sheet and ✓ if you can help with set-up or clean-up.

Tickets available at weekend Mass or parish office.

All adults are invited to this fun and festive evening of fellowship.



Pastoral Associate

Sacred Heart Parish requires a part-time, approx. 18 hours per week during the school year, pastoral associate to assist with Sacramental Preparation; (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage) for children and adults in the Parish. The successful candidate will also coordinate pastoral care and Liturgical celebrations and other duties as needed. Training will be provided. This position will start January 4, 2017.

Please provide a current resume directly to:

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YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

High School Youth Group! LifeTeen

Notre Dame High School

Every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, 7-9pm

Edge Middle School Youth Group!

Sacred Heart Church-

2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7 - 8:30pm

Attention Central Alberta Catholic Young Adults!

Young Adult Bible Study-

Mondays at 4 pm, Red Deer College, Serenity Room

Young Adult Mass-Red Deer College-Location TBA

For more information on this, please contact Ashley Strain at (403) 598-2239

Sacraments for Teens and Young Adults!

If you have a teen or a young adult age 14 to 18 years old, that have not yet received sacraments or wish to be baptized, there will be sessions and retreat opportunities put on by the Youth Ministry coordinators of Red Deer Catholic Schools. These sessions will be relatable to the young people on their journey of faith. Dates and Times TBA. If you are interested please call Jeannette or Brad at (403) 342-4800 (Jeannette ext. 263353, Brad ext 263355).

IN THE COMMUNITY

The Salvation Army Christmas Assistance

Applications for the Adopt-A-Family Program are being accepted for parents with children under 18 and seniors 60+. Call 403-346-2251 for an appointment. See the poster on the bulletin board for more information.

Red Deer Pro Life AGM

Thursday, **November 24**

7:00 pm. at St. Mary's Parish.

You are invited to hear Dr. Ted Fenske speak on ***Countering Euthanasia with Care and Compassion***. Rather than simply accepting medically assisted suicide requests at surface value, we need to recognize that such bidding is an indicator of deeper issues and take the time to address them. Everyone welcome.

Free refreshments and information to follow.
See poster on bulletin board for details.

IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

RETREAT

Incarnation: Through the Eyes of Mercy

Enter the mystery of the Incarnation, God becoming man, through prayerful reflection on the icon of the Nativity of our Lord, at a weekend retreat with Bishop David Motiuk of the Ukrainian Eparchy, **December 2-4** at Providence Renewal Centre. The Nativity icon offers a unique invitation into Advent through examination of its major figures and features - Mary, Joseph, the angels, the cave. Register by calling 780-701-1854 or online at www.providencerenewal.ca.

Hope in Times of Ethical Dilemmas

In Canada today, we face complex issues related to the ethics of living and dying. We have questions about suffering, empathy, choice, care, and decision making. How do we navigate these sensitive issues? Where do we find hope? Join internally renowned ethicist Margaret Somerville, journalist Peter Stockland, and Archbishop Smith as we explore these important and timely issues on **Friday-Saturday, November 25-26** at Providence Renewal Centre. Attend all 3 sessions with lunch for \$75, choose just one. For more info or to register, call 780-701-1854 or visit www.newman.edu/ethicslectureseries.



Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Jubilee Year Ends

Today Luke, evangelist and by tradition artist, sends us forth from this Jubilee Year of Mercy with an unforgettable portrait of Christ the King. The setting for Jesus' "royal portrait" is the cross. From this "throne," the crucified "crown prince" welcomes by "executive pardon" the kingdom of mercy's first citizen, a fellow criminal. The "Good Thief" requests neither deliverance nor salvation, or even forgiveness: "Remember me when . . ." (Luke 23:42). "Today you will be with me," King Jesus promises, "in paradise." (23:43). Paradise, even for non-believers, is an image of creation contentedly in harmony with self, fellow creatures, and Creator. Today, we "good thieves" beg Jesus to remember us. We promise to

remember that, although Jesus' kingdom will be fulfilled only when Jesus' returns, that kingdom begins today in the paradise that will flower from this Jubilee Year of Mercy. We disciples, having been embraced unconditionally and undeservedly by Jesus' mercy, must now go forth to embrace all others, unconditionally, with that same unfailing mercy.

Holy Door of Mercy Closes

Last Sunday, in cathedrals throughout the world, the closing of Holy Doors marked the end of the Jubilee Year of Mercy in the local Churches. At St. Joseph Basilica, Archbishop Smith reminded the faithful that mercy is everlasting.

"In this particular mass we are closing a symbolic door of mercy," he said. "Yet we know that at every mass a real door of mercy opens to us. This is an infinite mercy that arises from the depths of God's own heart and has been made visible in the death of Jesus on the Cross.

"As we remember his death and his resurrection, that very same door of mercy opens on our altar. Let us pray that, through the gift of Holy Communion, the Lord will open our hearts in mercy to all who are in need and thus lead us toward, and through, the door that leads to eternal life."

Pope Francis will close the Holy Door at St. Peter's in Rome this weekend to bring the Jubilee formally to a close.

2017 Donation Envelopes

Your envelopes are ready to be picked up from the table in the foyer. If you did not receive envelopes for this year (2016) but wish to for 2017, call Angela at the Parish Office (403-346-2618).

If you wish to sign up for Automatic Debit fill out a form, available in the foyer or drop in to the office.

Sacred Heart Parish Contact List

Parish Council – Ron	403-343-2996
Liturgy Committee – Tom	403-346-2356
Knights of Columbus – Ariel	403-391-0833
CWL – Margaret	403-340-0605
Legion of Mary – Filomina	403-986-4897
Franciscans	catherineofs@gmail.com
St. Vincent de Paul	403-597-3030
Catholic Social Services	403-347-8844