

SACRED HEART PARISH

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Weekend Mass Times: Saturday – 7 pm
Sunday – 9 am, 11 am, 7 pm
Spanish Mass – Sunday, December 11 at 1 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, December 11, 2016 *3rd Sunday of Advent*

Readings: Year A
Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10
James 5.7-10
Matthew 11.2-11



Weekday Masses December 12 - 16

Monday	9:00 am Mass
Tuesday	9:00 am Mass
Wednesday	9:30 am St. Pat's Advent Mass
Thursday	9:00 am Mass
Friday	9:00 am Mass

Annual Development & Peace Action Card Campaign

During the week-ends of **Dec.10/11** & **Dec. 17/18**, the Development & Peace action cards will be available for signature to those who wish to support the Global South farmers. Your signatures are of utmost importance to encourage our government to follow through in their commitment to support these farmers. More information is detailed in each card.

Christmas / New Years Mass Times

Saturday December 24	4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm
Sunday, December 25	10 am
Saturday, December 31	7 pm
Sunday, January 1	9 am, 11 am, 7 pm

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice (11 am group)
Tuesday	9:30 am	Cleaning Crew
	10:00 am	Seniors Exercises
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Legion of Mary Social Justice Meeting Edge (youth group)
Thursday	10:00 am	Seniors Exercises
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice (9am group)
	7:30 pm	RCIA (Eucharist)
Saturday	5:00 pm	Spanish Group
Sunday	6:30 pm	Youth Choir Practice

Baptism

Contact the parish office to register for Baptism preparation and pick up a Baptism Application Form and information package. You will need to bring your child's Birth Certificate.

First Reconciliation

Saturday, December 17 at 11:00 am.
Please have your child bring their reconciliation workbook for Fr. Jozef to sign.

Confirmation

Registration is on Wednesday, **January 25** at 7 pm (parents only). Please bring your child's Baptism Certificate. (Please note change of date.)

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. The encounter weekend is January 21-22.

Knights of Columbus monthly meeting is on Tuesday, **December 13** at 7:30 pm at the KofC hall.



K of C Family Christmas Supper

Sunday **December 18**

Knights of Columbus Hall, #4, 5579 – 47 St.
Santa with Children 4:30, Supper 5:30 pm

Tickets: \$10 per person or \$25 per family

Call David at 403-357-9117 to buy your tickets.

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.

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.

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.



Youth Ministry

Edge Middle School Youth Group

A Charlie Brown Christmas

Wednesday, **December 14** at Sacred Heart
Food - Faith - Games - Prizes

High School Youth Group! LifeTeen

Notre Dame High School, 1st and 3rd Thursdays

Young Adult Bible Study-

Mondays at 4 pm, Red Deer College Serenity Rm

Young Adult Mass-Red Deer College-Location TBA

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

ADVENT AT SACRED HEART

2016 ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

All services begin at 7:00 pm

December 12	Rimbey (St. Margaret's)
December 13	Red Deer (St. Mary's)
December 14	Rocky Mt. House (St. Matthew)
December 15	Olds (St. Stephen's)
December 19	Red Deer (Sacred Heart)
December 20	Innisfail (Our Lady of Peace)
December 20	Lacombe (St. Stephen's)

Holy Childhood Association



During Advent the children's contributions to the "pickle jars" will be sent to the Holy Childhood Association (HCA), the Catholic

Church's primary outreach to assist children in mission lands since its origins in 1843. Elementary and junior high students in our Archdiocese can learn about the situation of children their age in other parts of the world. Through the HCA children are helping children to grow in their love of God and neighbor as true missionaries of Jesus Christ. Thank you for generously supporting this ministry.

Celebrate Advent with St. Martin School

St. Martin de Porres invites families and community members to celebrate the Advent season with us! We are holding several celebrations throughout the season:

- **December 16** at 2 pm at St. Martin School
- **December 20** at 6:30 pm we are holding an evening Advent celebration at Sacred Heart Parish. Our students will be showcasing their skills in the arts throughout the celebration. A brief social will follow in the Parish Hall.

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.

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.

The Mustard Seed

Volunteers are needed to serve meals on the last Mondays of the month, starting in January, from 5 to 7:30 pm. If you can help please call Eileen Lamb at 403-347-8273. (You may leave a message.) Volunteers under 18 will need a youth release form.

Free Community Christmas Dinner

Sunday, **December 25** at 1:00 pm
Salvation Army at 4837 – 54 Street
Shut-ins only, call Salvation Army (by Dec 21) at 403-346-2251 to arrange for free delivery.
Call Associate Cab at 403-343-3300 if you need a complimentary ride.

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Online Faith Formation



Registration is now open for the next cycle of classes in the Certificate in Catholic Studies (CCS), offered by the Benedict XVI Institute for New Evangelization through Newman Theological College. Thirteen different courses will begin on **Monday, January 9**. All are offered online, so you can study from the comfort of home and work around your personal schedule. Each course runs five weeks and costs just \$85. This program is open to adults and youth of all backgrounds and education levels.

Register online at www.newman.edu/CCS.

For more information, contact Sandra at 780-392-2455 or sandra.talarico@newman.edu.

A National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with



Indigenous Peoples has been celebrated by the Catholic Church in Canada since 2002 on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas. A **Solemn Mass** will be celebrated **Monday, December 12** at 7 pm at

St. Joseph's Basilica. This Mass flows from an initiative undertaken in 2014 that we honour this feast day with a gathering of First Nation, Métis, and Inuit peoples at the Cathedral Church of the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton.

Sacred Advent Retreat for Young Adults
Saturday, December 17

Providence Centre, 3005 – 119 St, Edmonton
We invite single women and men (18-40 years) for a quiet day on a journey of hope. The day will include the arts, videos, music and time for personal reflection, closing with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Lunch and snacks provided; donations welcome. Register by December 12 vocdir@sistersofprovidence.ca or 587-432-2088.

Readings and Carols at the Basilica

St. Joseph's Basilica invites you to rediscover the heart, wonder, and mystery of Christmas in a joyful celebration presented by The Schola Cantorum under the direction of Roderick Bryce. Join us at 2:30 p.m. on **Sunday, December 18**, for "Lead Me to See Him," an afternoon of readings and carols for Christmas.

Prayer for the 3rd Week of Advent

Waters of Hopefulness and Harmony

Heavenly Father,
in your wisdom you call us to your Son,
who welcomes us,
and through our Baptism, we find the source of
peacefulness and harmony.
May our lives be spent in hopeful encouragement
of one another, with the Spirit as our guide,
and justice our path.
May the community into which we are baptized
continue to be a place of welcome
and forgiveness.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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2017 Donation Envelopes are ready to be picked up. If you did not receive envelopes for 2016 but wish to for 2017, call Angela at the Parish Office. To sign up for Automatic Debit, fill out a form available in the foyer or drop in to the office.

Poor Box Collection This Weekend

Through your donations, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul can help individuals and families with food, clothing transportation, household goods and companionship. Please consider making a Poor Box donation the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Sacred Heart Parish Contact List

- Parish Council – Ron403-343-2996
- Liturgy Committee – Tom403-346-2356
- Knights of Columbus – Ariel403-391-0833
- CWL – Margaret403-340-0605
- Legion of Mary – Filomina403-986-4897
- Franciscans catherineofs@gmail.com
- St. Vincent de Paul403-597-3030
- Catholic Social Services403-347-8844



In the beauty of a snowflake, falling softly on the land, is the mystery and miracle of God's great, creative hand.

Today, observe the loveliness of a wintry scene, each snowflake, like each human being, is special and has its own individual characteristics!