

SACRED HEART PARISH

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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.

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
Office closed December 26 until January 3, 2017

Parish Team

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

Sunday, December 18, 2016 4th Sunday of Advent

Readings: Year A
Isaiah 7.10-14
Romans 1.1-7
Matthew 1.18-24



Weekday Masses December 19 - 23

Monday	9:00 am Mass 11:00 am Mass at Bethany Collegeseide
Tuesday	9:00 am Mass
Wednesday	9:00 am Mass 11:00 am Mass at the Pines
Thursday	9:00 am Mass
Friday	9:00 am Mass



Christmas / New Year's 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

Sacred Heart Advent Penitential Service

Monday, December 19 at 7:00 pm

There will also be penitential services on Tuesday, December 20 at St. Stephen's in Lacombe and Our Lady of Peace in Innisfail.



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Wednesday	7:00 pm	Legion of Mary
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice (9am group)
Saturday	5:00 pm	Spanish Group

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

Congratulations to the children who celebrated their First Reconciliation this month. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they continue their faith journey.

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, 2017.

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.

Development & Peace Action Card Campaign

Development & Peace action cards are 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. Pick them up in the foyer.

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.

Religious Counter Sales

We need someone on the first Saturday of the month to sell religious articles at 7 pm Mass. 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 or call the parish office. You will be notified when a training session is scheduled.



9 am Ushers

Your new schedules are ready to be picked up.



"Jesus' Journey to the Cross"

You will follow Jesus from his entrance into Jerusalem, through his last meal with his apostles, his struggle in Gethsemane, his arrest and trial, to his crucifixion and finally his resurrection from the dead. This study is for 6 weeks starting Jan. 24 –March 7, 2017. Please register by **January 10** with the following people:

Tuesday 12:30 - 2:30 pm at St. Mary's Parish:

Irene Manning, ireneofs@telus.net or call 403-342-1793

Tuesday 7:00 - 9:00 pm in private homes:

Wayne Pander, waynepander@gmail.com or call 403-391-3528

Thursday 1:00 - 3:00pm at Sacred Heart Church

Helen Lindsay helenandco@albertahighspeed.net or call 403-434-8238

ADVENT AT SACRED HEART

Many Thanks to our Decorating Committee and the Cleaning Crew for making our worship space so festive, warm and welcoming.



Overflow Parking for Christmas and New Year's Masses is available across the street from the church at the Anthony Henday Building and at A-Associated Health Group.

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 your generous support.

Celebrate Advent with St. Martin School

St. Martin de Porres School invites families and community members to an evening Advent celebration at Sacred Heart Parish on **December 20** at 6:30 pm. Our students will be showcasing their skills in the arts throughout the celebration. A brief social will follow in the Parish Hall.

Safe Harbour

The safe harbour clothing drive was a success! Thank you for helping to ensure safety and comfort for our less fortunate. The donations came just in time for our cold weather. Blessings - the Social Justice Committee.

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.



IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

Development & Peace - Thank you from Haiti

In Sunday's Gospel, St. Joseph is having a moment of doubt. Yet, he opens himself up to God's plan in true obedience. Through Jesus Christ, God who is with us, we too are able to open ourselves up to God. One way in which we do this is through service to our brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you for your service and generosity to our brothers and sisters in Haiti, who survived the devastation of Hurricane Matthew. To date, the Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Edmonton has raised over \$140,000.00 for this emergency. Through Development and Peace, you have provided food to 13,500 of the most vulnerable people. Forty per cent of those requiring aid are children. For more information contact dpwest@devp.org or 1-844-480-DEVP.

A last-minute gift?



Together We Serve is the archdiocesan charitable appeal that allows us to make a gift that will benefit many Catholic causes here at home, in Canada, and abroad. The year 2016 has been tough for many, but even so, we had reached 84 per cent of our overall goal by November 30. If you are looking to make a few last charitable gifts before year-end, why not consider one to *Together We Serve*? Donate through the parish or directly online at <http://caedm.ca/WeServe>. Thank you for your generous support!

Faith and Fun Night with the Oil Kings

Are you looking for some last-minute Christmas gift ideas? Why not take the family to an Edmonton Oil Kings game in the beautiful new Rogers Place? The Archdiocese is sponsoring a game between the Oil Kings and archival Regina Pats on **Friday, February 10**, featuring a special price of \$18 a ticket (regular up to \$29). In addition, the first 400 purchased tickets will be rewarded with a voucher to an exclusive pre-game event in the North Mezzanine Club. Come out and watch Archbishop Smith drop the puck and join a crowd of Catholics for a great night of hockey and entertainment!

To purchase your tickets at the special price, visit <http://bit.ly/2hc70rE>, click "Log in" on upper right-hand side of the screen and create your account. Select the **February 10th game, enter the Promo Code **CAEDM**, then follow the prompts to add tickets to your cart and make payment. NOTE: the link does **not** work well with Internet Explorer. If you have trouble online, you can place your order by phoning 780-414-4625 and following the prompt to go to Edmonton Oil Kings tickets sales. Remember to mention the promo code **CAEDM** to get the discount price. Questions? Contact Steve Defer, Office of Life and Family, 780-460-1010 ext 2159.**

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 of them 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.

Prayer for the 3rd Week of Advent

Fill Our Darkness with Your Light

Ever-living God, source of all life and all goodness, you who dwell within all creation, who draw us closer:

fill the darkness of lives with the light of your presence.

As we await your coming,
inspire us in our waking and our sleeping,
and quiet our anxious minds
so that we will be ready for you, God-with-us.
May we realize your promise fulfilled in our hearts, our homes, and our lives.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Pastoral Care Visitors



If you have borrowed a pyx to take Holy Communion to the sick or homebound and have forgotten to bring it back, please return it to the sacristy so that others may use it.

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

If you would like to spend some quiet time with Jesus, the Blessed Sacrament Chapel is open during office hours. It is located just inside the south entrance to the church.



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 wish to receive envelopes 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.

DID YOU KNOW? As per Archdiocesan Policy 214 Collection envelopes received from other parishes are required to be sent to the parish marked on the envelope. If you are a visitor and would like to donate to our parish, please use the pink Guest envelopes provided in the foyer. Thank you for your support.

MOVED? Please call the office if you have moved in the last year so we can update our files before sending out tax receipts.

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