

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.

*A light will
shine on us
this day:*

*The Lord is
born for us.*



*The shepherds
found Mary
and Joseph,
and the child
lying in the
manger.*

CHRISTMAS MASSES

The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve Saturday, December 24 th	4:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm
Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25 th	10:00 am
Monday, December 26	9:00 am Mass
Tuesday, December 27	9:00 am Mass
Wednesday, December 28	9:00 am Mass
Friday, December 30	9:00 am Mass

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

New Year's Eve Saturday, December 31 st	7:00 pm
New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1 st (Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God)	9:00 am, 11:00 am, 7:00 pm
Tuesday, January 3	9:00 am
Wednesday, January 4	9:00 am
Mass at Villa Marie	11:00 am
Friday, January 6	9:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays from 11 am – noon, No Confessions Saturday, December 31

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:

December 23 at noon until January 3 at 8:30 am

*Parish Office Regular Hours: 8:30 am – noon & 1:00 – 4:00 pm Monday thru Thursday
8:30 am – noon Fridays*

*Merry
Christmas*

*May the Light of the World shine upon you this
Christmas and bring you peace and love
throughout the New Year.*

*from the staff of Sacred Heart Parish
Fr. Jozef Wroblewski Angela Morrison Carolyn Brown
David Bouchard Brian Yeo*

BAPTISM

If you are expecting a baby or have a child that you would like baptized, contact the parish office to register for Baptism preparation and pick up a Baptism Application Form and information package. Bring your child's large Birth certificate. Our next Baptism Workshop is on **Saturday, January 14.**

RCIA

RCIA meets Thursday evenings at 7:30. Call David at 403 342 6191 for more details. Resumes **January 5**

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is a time for young adults to say that they want to continue in their journey as Catholics. It is a chance for the candidates to explore their faith and specifically look at the Holy Spirit's influence in their lives and how they can share this with others. **Registration** is Wednesday, **January 25** at 7 p.m. for parents only. Bring your child's Baptism Certificate and a 2" x 3" photo of your child. There are no fees for materials; a donation may be made to cover costs. Candidates are asked to attend 5 preparation sessions and a retreat. **The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated on Sunday, **June 3** at 4 pm.



MARRIAGES

Couples who are planning their marriage should contact Fr. Jozef Wroblewski several months prior to the wedding date. You are asked to provide a recent Baptism Certificate as well as your parents' birthplace. All couples getting married within the Catholic Church must take a marriage preparation course.

Catholic Engaged Encounter 2017 weekends are scheduled for January 21/22, April 29/30, and November 4/5. For more information please contact Margaret or Deacon Claude Baril at 403-347-2455.

Convalidation of Marriages: Sometimes a Catholic may have married civilly, ie: by a JP, Magistrate, or in a non-Catholic Church without the permission of the Catholic Church (called a Dispensation of Lack of Form). 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 any questions regarding marriage, contact Fr. Jozef Wroblewski at the parish office at 403-346-2618.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

The aim of the Society is to relieve the suffering of those in need, regardless of race or religion. Material or moral help is given through person-to-person contact by members to individuals or families. Assistance is essentially local and it is adapted according to the particular needs, places, and circumstances. We draw our inspiration and energy from the Gospels and Catholic social teaching and attempt to live the core values (Love of God and Love of our neighbour) through an action oriented program, working directly with people in need. If you would like to join the Society or need more information, contact us at 403-597-3030 after January 2 or email ssvp.reddeer@gmail.com.

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

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE FRATERNITY

Anyone interested in knowing more about our Franciscan spirituality is invited to contact Catherine at 403-887-5308 or Ann Harmon at 403-348-1508.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sacred Heart Council 3408 meets for regular monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Knight Hall, #4, 5579 – 47 Street.

PRAYING AT HOME

We are volunteers who pray in our homes for the intentions of others. If you have a prayer request or would like to join this ministry, please call the parish.

FRIENDSHIP MEALS


On the third and fourth Sunday each month, a meal is provided for those in need in our community. There will be Friendship Meals on **Sunday, January 15 and 22 at 11:30 am.** Please contact Rose at 403-343-3993 if your group would like to sponsor a meal.

POOR BOX COLLECTION

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.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

If you would like to spend some quiet time with Jesus, the Blessed Sacrament Chapel is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm (office hours). It is located just inside the south entrance to the church

Thank you to Jack and his co-workers from Tar-ific Construction Ltd for snow removal and sanding of our parking lot. Your generosity is truly appreciated! 

Donation Deadline:
Any donations credited to 2016 tax year **must be in the collection basket by Dec 31** or you can donate on line either on the parish website or at Canada Help (your tax receipt will be emailed right away).

NEW IN OUR PARISH? - WELCOME!!

We want you to feel *at home* in Sacred Heart Parish and we'd like to know that you are here. Registration forms are available in the foyer. Please drop the completed form off at the Parish office or in the collection basket at a weekend Mass.

WELCOME BACK

Perhaps you have not been actively involved in church for a long time, maybe several years. You may feel there is something missing in your life and wonder if it is possible to "re-connect". We would love to hear from you. Please call the parish office.

Sacred Heart Parish Contact List

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