



# SACRED HEART PARISH

Sharing the love of Christ through our gifts

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - December 17, 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS - December 16-22

Sat.	December 16	7:00 pm	(+) Anne Mai & (+) Anthony Tuc
Sun.	December 17	9:00 am	Msgr Jack Hamilton
		11:00 am	Jessica Jane Compton
		3:00 pm	Parishioners
Mon.	December 18	7:00 pm	(+) Tim Harty
Tues.	December 19	9:30 am	Michelle Culi ( <i>Birthday</i> ) with St. Lorenzo school
		7:00 pm	(+) Floderyl Collera
Wed.	December 20	1:30 pm	(+) Pia Grelli With St. Martin school
		7:00 pm	Fr. Martin Carroll
Thurs	December 21	9:00am	Liturgy of the Word
		7:00 pm	(+) D'Oriana Naspini
Fri.	December 22	9:00 am	Liturgy of the Word
		7:00 pm	(+) Juan Mendoza



### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday - 7:00 pm  
Sunday - 9:00 am  
11:00 am and 3:00 pm

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday: closed  
Tues: 9:30 am - noon; 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
Wed: 9:30 am - noon; 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
Thurs: 9:30 am - noon; 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
Fri: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

### Christmas Mass Times

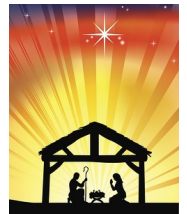
**Sunday, December 24:** 4:00 pm

7:00 pm

12:00 midnight \*

**Monday, December 25:** 9:00 am

11:00 am \*



**Please Note:**\* Incense will be used:

- ◆ December 24th at the 11:00am
- ◆ At the 12am midnight Vigil.
- ◆ 11:00am Mass on Christmas Day

### 2024 DONATION ENVELOPE BOXES

can be picked up in the foyer.

**NOTE:** numbers have changed ...  
**Please DO NOT** use envelopes from  
previous years, to ensure you  
receive a tax receipt for your  
donation.

**Any donation's received in the  
2024 envelopes before  
January 1, 2024 will be recognized  
in 2024**

"My soul shall  
exult in my God."  
Responsorial  
Psalm

Father Erik Sorensen will be  
presiding during the following Christmas Mass Times

**Sunday, December 24th**

9:00am & 4:00pm

**Monday, December 25th** 9:00am

**Christmas Parking:** Additional Parking is available at

Integrated Financial

A-Associated Health Group

Street parking

Please respect the community and keep your speed at 20km/hr.

Enjoy the riches of  
God's Word through

## FORMED

Daily Reflections from  
Dr. Tim Gray.

## PRAYER MEETING

Every Tuesday at 8:00 pm  
in the chapel.

Text Gerard at 587-693-2116  
on arrival, to be let in.

### SACRED HEART 2023 SIMBANG GABI (NIGHT MASS)

All are welcome to attend and celebrate Simbang Gabi, 9 days Novena Mass starting on December 16, 2023 @ 7:00PM.

Simbang Gabi (Filipino for "Night Mass") is a devotional, nine-day series of Masses attended by Filipino Catholics in anticipation of Christmas. Simbang Gabi in the Philippines is held daily from December 16 to 23, and occur at different times. It has an important role in Philippine culture. The tradition of Simbang Gabi traces back to the arrival of Spanish missionaries in the Philippines about 500 years ago. At the time, they had a tradition of celebrating pre-Christmas novena Masses in honor of the Annunciation. This event is organized by the Couples for Christ

### Lead by the Spirit Prayer Group

with discussion based on the Sunday Advent readings.

**Tuesday December 19**

10:30am -12pm Bible Study

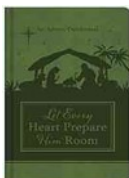
## Selections found in our Parish Library Reading for the Season of Advent

"When we pray we speak to God; but when we read,  
God speaks to us."

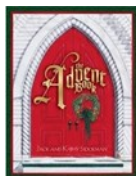
*St. Jerome*



Christ in Christmas / James C. Dobson, Charles Swindoll, et al. Includes five major devotions to help us ponder and celebrate Christ's coming to earth. (249 DOB)



Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room : an Advent devotional / Jean Wise. Wouldn't it be nice to celebrate Christmas simply, without the hype and stress? Maybe this reading will help reduce the clutter in order to make room for Jesus. (242 WIS)



The Advent Book / Jack and Kathy Stockman. Each beautifully illustrated page opens another door to continue the telling of the Christmas story. A pop-up book on board pages. (236.912 STO)

[www.wikilibRARY.com/library/sacred-heart-library](http://www.wikilibRARY.com/library/sacred-heart-library)

## CWL

Sacred Heart Parish Council of the Catholic Women's League is working on rejuvenating and coming back to life. We have a new email address for contact [sacredheartcwlreddeer@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartcwlreddeer@gmail.com)



The Catholic's Women's League of Canada means many things to people. Our core values of faith, service and social justice guide us as we follow Catholic teaching, provide service locally, nationally and internationally, and work to advocate for social justice.

**FRIENDSHIP** Catholic Women's League members build enduring friendships. We celebrate new members, anniversaries and special events along the way. Meetings, socials, projects and conventions create bonds of friendship. Meet new friends from your parish and beyond. Your place is among friends.

**Refugee Bags:** Big thank you to our parishioners for your support. This year we have had 104 bags for 290 people. We are in need of Shampoo, Dish soap, Combs, Small Bags, Large Bags, Tea towels and Adult toothbrushes. Cash donations are welcome.

### Society of Saint Vincent de Paul accepts ONLINE DONATIONS

1. Go to the website: [canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org)
2. In the website search bar type the SSVp business number: 132410671RR0548
3. Click on the SSVp Red Deer icon to donate

*Society of St. Vincent de Paul is in need of the following items: chest of drawers, shelving, coffee tables, end tables, small kitchen table and chairs, Living Room chairs, double and queen beds. Also continue to need cutlery, pot & pans, kettles, toasters, coffee makers, slow cookers, bedding, and towels. Sincere thanks to those who have donated items. Please contact Carol at 403-588-2416.*

**POOR BOX** weekends are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> full weekend.  
Jan. 13&14, Feb. 10&11, Mar. 9&10, Apr. 13 &14



Anyone wanting to donate poinsettias for decorating the Church at Christmas, may drop them off anytime during office hours.



**Baptism Preparation is held once a month, and is required for parents to attend before scheduling your child's Baptism.**  
Next preparation by Zoom is on Monday, January 29 at 5:30 pm.  
Please call the parish office to pre-register.



# FORMED

Formed is a Catholic website which offers a great number of programs including Faith Formation, Sacrament Preparation, Bible Studies, Speaker Presentations, Movies (for all ages), Audio Books, Youth Programing and various Presentations on current topics of interest. Some of the programs are also available in the Spanish language.

We are very grateful to one of our parishioners, an anonymous donor, who has made it possible for our parish to purchase an annual subscription to FORMED. Because of this, there is no cost to our parishioners, who we hope will benefit from this opportunity to grow in their faith.

*Steps to set up your contact information and sign in:*

Search bar - type in: [formed.org](https://formed.org)

Click: [Sign-Up](#)

Click: [Sign-Up as a parishioner](#)

Find parish; type in: [Sacred Heart Red Deer](#)

Click: [Next](#)

Set up personal access (Create a new account): [type in name & email address](#)

After the initial set up, you may log on with [Formed.org sign in](#) to start watching.

*We sincerely encourage our parish families  
to take advantage of this 'generous gift'  
to rekindle our desire to grow closer to Our Lord  
and in understanding the wonders of our Catholic faith.*

*May God's blessings guide and inspire you, always and everywhere.*