

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, 11am, 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

Sunday, November 27, 2016 *1st Sunday of Advent*

Readings: Year A
Isaiah 2.1-5
Romans 13.11-14
Matthew 24.37-44



Weekday Masses November 28 – December 2

Monday	11:00 Funeral for Barb Brown
Tuesday	9:00 am Mass
Wednesday	9:30 am Mass with Camille grades 6 & 7
Thursday	9:30 am Fr. Voisin School Advent Mass
Friday	9:00 am Mass

2016 ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

All services begin at 7:00 pm

December 5	Sylvan L. (Our Lady of Assumption)
December 7	Trochu (St. Anne of the Prairie)
December 8	Ponoka (St. Augustine)
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)

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.



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Tuesday	10:00 am	Seniors Exercises
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Baptism Workshop
	7:00 pm	Legion of Mary
Thursday	10:00 am	Seniors Exercises
	1:10 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice (9am group)
	7:30 pm	RCIA (Sacraments-Signs of Life)
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 3, 10 or 17 at 11:00 am. You may choose the date that is most convenient for your family. Please have your child bring their reconciliation workbook for Fr. Jozef to sign.

Confirmation

Registration is on Tuesday, **January 24, 2017** at 7 pm (parents only). Please bring your child's Baptism Certificate. A donation is welcome to help defray the cost of materials.

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.

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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Sunday 7 pm Proclaimers

Your new schedules are ready to be picked up in the mail slots in the south foyer.

9am Adult Servers / Eucharistic Ministers

Your new schedules are ready. They are available in the mail slots in the foyer for those who do not receive then by email.



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.



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.

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.

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.

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.

As part of his **Every Life Matters** initiative, Archbishop Smith asks us all to heed the invitation of our Holy Father and embrace the custom of praying at mealtime, and to add to the usual Grace before meals

Grace Before Meals

Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts,
which we are about to receive from Thy bounty.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

After the meal:

We give you thanks, Almighty God,
for all your gifts,
who live and reign now and forever. Amen

Let Mercy Continue: Pope Francis

Celebrating and sharing God's mercy must always be part of the authentic Christian life, says Pope Francis.

"Mercy cannot become a mere parenthesis in the life of the Church," the Holy Father wrote in an apostolic letter, *Misericordia et Misera* ("Mercy and Misery"), which he signed on Sunday, November 20, during Mass for the close of the Jubilee of Mercy at St. Peter's Basilica.

Pope Francis called on all the faithful to persevere in the corporal and spiritual works of mercy and outreach to the poor.

"Many concrete signs of mercy have been performed during this Holy Year," he wrote. "Communities, families and individuals have rediscovered the joy of sharing and the beauty of solidarity. But this is not enough. Our world continues to create new forms of spiritual and material poverty that assault human dignity. For this reason, the Church must always be vigilant and ready to identify new works of mercy and to practice them with generosity and enthusiasm."

The Pope also said the Sacrament of Reconciliation, an instrument of the Lord's mercy, "must regain its central place in the Christian life."

"Given this need, lest any obstacle arise between the request for reconciliation and God's forgiveness, I henceforth grant to all priests, in virtue of their ministry, the faculty to absolve those who have committed the sin of procured abortion," the letter read.

While many bishops around the world, and most in North America, routinely grant that faculty to their priests, Pope Francis had made it universal during the Holy Year.

The Holy Father stressed that "abortion is a grave sin, since it puts an end to an innocent life," but insisted that "there is no sin that God's mercy cannot reach and wipe away when it finds a repentant heart seeking to be reconciled with the Father."

"May every priest, therefore, be a guide, support and comfort to penitents on this journey of special reconciliation."

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.

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, 700 pm

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.

Prayer for the 1st Week of Advent

Light of All Being

Creator God, author of all life and light, in this season of anticipation you call us to recognize your light in our midst, your love in our darkness.

Lead us from the darkness of despair into a light of hope and peace.

Wake us from the shadows of our troubled lives into a light that dispels our fears and concerns.

May your presence maintain our wakefulness, as we prepare for your coming more deeply into our hearts.

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

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