

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
Spanish Mass – Sunday April 9 – 1pm

Confessions: Saturday – 11:00 am to noon

Office Hours:
Monday to Thursday: 8:30 am – noon & 1 – 4 pm

Parish Team

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

Sunday April 9, 2017

***Palm Sunday
of the Passion of the Lord***

Readings: Year A
Isaiah 50.4-7
Philippians 2.6-11
Matthew 26.14–27.66



Holy Week and Easter Celebrations

Monday, April 10	9:00 am	Mass
Tuesday, April 11		No Mass
	12:05 pm	Ecumenical Service & Lunch
Wednesday, April 12	11:00 am	Mass at Bethany Collegeseide
Holy Thursday, April 13	7:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
	8:30 pm	Adoration until Midnight
Good Friday, April 14	10:30 am	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
	3:00 pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday, April 15	12:00 noon	Blessing of Easter Breads/Food
	8:30 pm	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday, April 16	9:00 am	Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord
	11:00 am	Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord
	7:00 pm	Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord



FAST AND ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT - On Good Friday, all Catholics 14 years of age and older are asked to abstain from eating meat and those between 18 and 59 are asked to fast (taking no more than one full meal; two smaller meals are permitted to maintain strength). This should be seen as a joyful act of anticipation as we look forward to the celebration of Easter.

EASTER TRIDUUM

The events of the Triduum are events which embody the whole of our Christian life. The signs and symbols, the Scriptures, the special activities - all serve to remind us of who we are in and through Christ and how wonderful is God's care for us. All of this we bring to the Triduum. Because we cannot separate the death of Jesus from his resurrection, the Easter Triduum is a single celebration that lasts for three days. As feet are washed, we remember our call to be servants for one another; we honor the cross as the means of our new life and we celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord. We remember that life is given us; we break bread together and share the cup of salvation. We see the Light of Christ shine brightly within the darkness that will never overpower it.

April 13th HOLY THURSDAY - *Mass of the Lord's Supper* 7:00 pm Adoration until Midnight

The Triduum observance begins Holy Thursday evening with the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The Liturgy's washing of the feet recalls Christ's love for us made manifest in the Eucharist and in the sacrifice of the Mass. The Mass of the Lord's Supper ends in silence; there is no closing procession because our celebration has not ended. We are invited to "stay awhile" and keep watch with Christ in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, as we prepare for Good Friday.

April 14th GOOD FRIDAY – *The Passion of the Lord* 10:30 am & 3:00 pm

Today is a **universal day of fasting and abstinence** from meat (to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare to share more deeply in the joy of the resurrection). The Cross is brought forward in solemn procession - not as an instrument of death but as the means of our salvation. *"This is the wood of the Cross, from which hung the Savior of the World."* We do not despise the Cross - rather we venerate it. We come forward; we bow before it, kiss it, touch it with our hand, or stand before it and say a short prayer. We keep watch in the silence and darkness, and remember the focus of our faith: *that by dying Christ destroyed our death and by rising he has restored our life.*

April 15th HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL - *Mass of the Resurrection* 8:30 pm

The Triduum reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, celebrated on Holy Saturday night. We proclaim with fire, water and song that Christ is risen. We listen to the Scripture stories of how God has made Himself present to people from the time of creation to the resurrection. During this night the people of God keep watch as they await the resurrection of the Lord and celebrate it in the Sacraments of Initiation. These "Three Days" are at the heart of the Paschal Mystery; they remind us of death and rebirth and are the most important days of celebration in the Catholic Church. For the next 50 days (Easter Season) we walk in joyful celebration along the road from betrayal and suffering, to death and resurrection with Jesus Christ who walked that way first - for us.

Holy Week Ecumenical Services

Monday, April 10 - St. Leonard's Anglican

Tuesday, April 11 - Sacred Heart

Wednesday, April 12 - Sunnybrook United

Thursday, April 13 - Knox Presbyterian

Services time: 12:05 pm followed by soup & buns.

Holy Thursday Adoration

There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight following the 7 pm Liturgy on Holy Thursday, **April 13** (Mass of the Lord's Supper).

A **sign-up sheet** is posted in the north foyer.

Donations of Easter Plants

Donations of mums and hydrangeas for Easter, or money to purchase plants is greatly appreciated. Plants may be delivered to the Parish Office from Monday, April 10 to Wednesday, April 12 during office hours.



Our RCIA group needs your help

If you attend the Easter Vigil, please consider bringing some cookies or squares to share at our after-Mass celebration. Help is also needed to decorate the hall & clean up after. Call David at 403-342-6191.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptism

Contact Lydie at the parish office to register for Baptism preparation and pick up a Baptism Application Form and information package. Please bring your child's Birth Certificate. Next session is Wednesday, April 26, 6 – 9 pm.

First Eucharist

Children who have been preparing these past months will be receiving their First Eucharist on April 29/30 and May 6/7 at 7 pm Saturday and 9 & 11 am Sunday Masses.

Confirmation

Session 4 – *Enlightened by Christ* will be on Saturday, **April 22 at 10:00 am**. All candidates to attend.

The Retreat will be held on Saturday, May 27. The Rehearsal is Friday, June 2 at 6 pm (students to attend with parents and sponsors). Confirmation Celebration - Saturday, June 3 at 4 pm (students must arrive at 3 pm for sign-in & pictures).

Contact Lydie to volunteer to help.

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

An Engaged Encounter Weekend, challenges couples to explore many aspects of their relationship, spiritual life and expectations of marriage, in a deeper, more profound way than ever before. The next encounter weekend will be on the weekend of April 29/30. Contact Deacon Claude/Margaret Baril at 403-347-2455 for more information or visit reddeercee@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Tuesday	10:00 am	Seniors Exercises
	12:05	Lenten Service & Soup Lunch
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Legion of Mary
		Social Justice Meeting
		Choir Practice (7 pm group)
		Youth - Edge 007 Night
Thursday	10:00 am	Seniors Exercises
Saturday	5:00 pm	Spanish Group

Alpha Course for Catholics

If you have experienced the Alpha program and would like to be part of the team in offering the Alpha Course for Catholics, please contact David at 403 357 9117 for further information.

CWL Potluck Lunch/Awards Presentations/Baby Shower

for the Pregnancy Care Centre
Sunday, **April 30th** at 12:15 p.m.

Baby Shower items requested: Diapers sizes 3,4,5, baby wipes, formula, baby hygiene items (i.e. diaper cream, shampoo, soap), ladies hygiene items (i.e. toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, soap), baby clothing size 6-12 months. This event is open to all ladies of the parish.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Called to Protect

If you volunteer at Sacred Heart Parish and have not taken the *Called to Protect* (abuse prevention training program required for all staff, clergy, and volunteers in the Archdiocese) you may do so at St. Mary's Parish on Thursday, **April 20** at 7pm.

Holy Hour for Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, **April 23** from 4 to 5 pm

St. Mary's Church

Liturgy of the Word, Adoration, Reflection and Prayer of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.



K of C Spring Roast Pork Supper

Friday, **April 28** at St. Mary's Parish Hall

Sittings at 5:00 7 6:30 pm.

\$15 per person, \$45 per family, under 6 free
Tickets at St. Mary's Parish office.

Proceeds to Our Lady of Victory Camp, School Lunch Box Program and Friendship Meals.

IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

A Pilgrimage with the Archbishop

You are invited to take the journey of a lifetime with Archbishop Richard Smith on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from November 29 to December 10, 2017. "Walk where Jesus taught, healed and gave His life for our salvation." Space is limited.

For more information or to reserve your spot, contact Jackie Abello at 780-229-4171 or 1-800-661-2454 ext. 4171 or JackieA@UniglobeOne.com.

Pilgrimage to Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima

10 Day Pilgrimage to Portugal offered over three dates in October 2017 at an all land inclusive cost of \$2149 (twin accommodation, single available). Call for special air price from your city.

We will visit Lisbon, Fatima; Santarem, Portugal; Lourdes, France and Barcelona, Spain. For more information call James Adair at 1-855-564-1008 or email jlmadair@thecatholictour.com

Lenten Reflections

During Lent, the Social Justice Committee wants to share some short reflections in our bulletin from "On Care for our Common Home" by Pope Francis. We need to grow in the conviction that a decrease in the pace of production and consumption can at times give rise to another form of progress and development. Efforts to promote sustainable use of natural resources are not a waste of money, but rather an investment capable of providing other economic benefits in the medium term. If we look at the larger picture, we can see that more diversified and innovative forms of production which impact less on the environment can be very profitable. It is a matter of openness to different possibilities which do not involve stifling human creativity...but rather directing that energy along new channels.

Overflow Parking for Good Friday and Easter Sunday services is available across the street from the church at the Anthony Henday Building and at A-Associated Health Group.

Singing Hosanna

Lord our God, King of the Universe,
bless our branches and make them holy.
You who have blessed our lives
by your goodness in the world,
so bless us today as we proclaim Christ our King.
May we proclaim your majesty anew
and welcome you into our cities and homes
as ruler, as prophet, and as our Messiah.
Strengthen our hearts to be with you
in the coming days;
May we not abandon you, but continue
to praise you with our Hosannas.
Through Christ our Savior and Lord,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Providence Renewal Centre

Interested in nourishing your body, mind, and spirit in the context of small community this summer?

Following Sacred Pathways is a personal spiritual formation program intended to help you grow in self-awareness and to deepen your encounter with God. This three-month program, offered at Providence Renewal Centre, is an opportunity to hear outstanding speakers and retreat leaders and to be part of a small faith community. For more information or to register, call 780-701-1854 or visit www.providencerenewal.com.

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Legion of Mary – Marcy	403-307-1722
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St. Vincent de Paul	403-597-3030
Spanish Group – Selvin	403-392-2801
Catholic Social Services	403-347-8844

Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.