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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING**  
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### SUPPORT BILL 207

The Calgary Catholic Medical Association (CCMA) is encouraging parishioners to support the conscience rights of health care providers by signing a petition in support of Bill 207: [www.CitizenGO.org/en/175117](http://www.CitizenGO.org/en/175117). As the province of Alberta has a robust self-referral system, respecting the conscience rights of medical professionals does not compromise patient care. Instead, it encourages diversity and enables the health care system to recruit the most competent practitioners by offering assurances every person's deepest held convictions of conscience will be respected. You can also write a letter of support to your MLA at [canadiansforconscience.ca/alberta](http://canadiansforconscience.ca/alberta). To learn more or become involved with CCMA, please contact: [catholicmedyycc@gmail.com](mailto:catholicmedyycc@gmail.com)

### #GIVINGTUESDAY

Our #GivingTuesday goal is to get **150 Catholics** to show that they are part of the difference in the world. The sign of someone who is blessed is that they bless others. From now until December 3, we invite you to share how you have blessed others. We invite you to show your support for your parish, loved ones or one of our diocesan programs. With your gift, no matter how big or small, you show the transformative power that is within all of us for charity, kindness and mercy, which makes all the difference in the world! Give at: <http://donate.calgarydiocese.ca>

### AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC

St. Luke's Parish invites you to an evening of Christmas Music in support of the Help the Needy Program. Featuring mezzo soprano Eswina Ngai, guest artists and choirs. When: **Thursday, Dec. 14 at 7:30 pm**. Where: St. Luke's (1566 Northmount Dr. NW, Calgary). Freewill offering.

### CHOICE IN EDUCATION SURVEY

The government of Alberta has recently created and distributed a survey asking Albertans to provide feedback on choice in education. It is essential that all who support Catholic education take the time to make their voices heard. Support the Catholic schools by completing the survey by Dec. 6 and ensure that you speak directly in support of Catholic education! Link for the survey is available at <http://blog.calgarydiocese.ca> or use the search function for "Choice in Education" on our website.

### DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENT

The Diocese of Calgary has posted a new announcement on its safe environment program "**If You Choose To Talk About It**". For details, visit: <http://talkabout.calgarydiocese.ca>

### TRANSCENDENT

St. Mary's University invites you to the "Transcendent" series, to learn how Liturgy points us to the truth, beauty and goodness of God. Speaker: Dr. Simone Brosig. When: **Tuesdays, Nov. 26 & Dec. 3 from 6 to 8:30 pm** (Talk + Liturgy + Food) at St. Mary's University, Calgary (McGivney Hall). Register: [stmu.ca/transcendent](http://stmu.ca/transcendent)

### SUNG VESPERS & ADORATION

St. Joseph Church invites you to spend one hour with the Lord with sung Vespers and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. When: **Thursday, Nov. 28 from 7 pm to 8 pm**. Where: St. Joseph (640 19 Ave NW, Calgary). All are welcome!

### ADVENT DAY RETREAT

The Sisters of Divine Mercy invite adults (18 years & older) to an Advent Day Retreat to enrich, renew, and strengthen your faith. There will be an opportunity for Confession, Holy Mass and Adoration. When: **Saturday, Nov. 30 from 10:30 am to 4 pm**. Where: Divine Mercy Centre (15206

Township Road 262, Calgary). Registration: 587-755-1019 | [dmccalgary@gmail.com](mailto:dmccalgary@gmail.com) |

### FEED THE HUNGRY GIFT CARD DRIVE

Each year, we try to give a Christmas gift to the 500 or more people who visit the Feed the Hungry program. Please join our efforts by donating \$10 restaurant gift cards or money for us to purchase them on your behalf. This will help our guests get a meal while the program is closed for the Christmas break. Your gift can be dropped off at St. Mary's Cathedral Hall on Sundays, the Catholic Pastoral Center during business hours or mailed there by December 1. Thank you for your continued generosity!

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN AIRDRIE

St. Paul's Parish in Airdrie has a monthly (First Friday) Eucharistic Adoration for its parish community and those who live in the area. The next Adoration will be held on **Friday, Dec. 6** at 3:30 pm to 8 pm. All are welcome!

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

1. Secretary, St. Mary's, Brooks
2. Receptionist, St. Peter's Parish, Calgary
3. Youth Ministry Coordinator, St. James Parish, Okotoks

For more information, please visit:  
<http://careers.calgarydiocese.ca>

### CHRISTMAS DINNER & DANCE

St. Gabriel Parish in Chestermere invites you to their community's Christmas Dinner & Dance for an evening of fellowship, food and Christmas fun. Adults only. When: **Saturday, Dec. 7 at 6 pm**. Where: Camp Chestermere (1041 East Lakeview Rd., Chestermere). Tickets: 403-455-0196 or email [office@saintgabrielparish.ca](mailto:office@saintgabrielparish.ca)

### LAY ASSOCIATION SEMINAR

The next Lay Association Seminar will be held on **Saturday, Dec. 7 from 10 am to 2 pm** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary). If you are not a part of any group, or you are still in the process of registering, we encourage you to attend the seminar. A maximum of five people may attend from each registered

group. Space is limited, so please register as soon as possible. Contact 403-218-5528 | [adrian.martens@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:adrian.martens@calgarydiocese.ca)

### PASTORAL CARE RETREAT

St. James Church invites you to a Pastoral Care Retreat. This event is for past, present and prospective new pastoral care ministers in the Diocese of Calgary. When: **Saturday, Dec. 7** from **9 am to Noon** with lunch to follow. Advent reflection by Deacon Michael Soentgerath. Register by Nov. 28 to Manny at 403-606-8257.

### SAVE THE DATE: ONCE UPON A GRECCIO CHRISTMAS

| Mount St. Francis invites you to Once Upon A Greccio Christmas celebration on **Sunday, Dec. 8**, from **2 to 4 pm**. Where: Mount St. Francis (41160 Retreat Road, Cochrane, AB). There will be a bonfire, caroling, refreshments, sleigh rides and a Christmas Pageant.

### LIVING NATIVITY WITH ST. JAMES IN

**OKOTOKS** | Save the date for the Living Nativity with St. James in Okotoks. When: **Saturday, Dec. 14 from 4 to 8 pm** (Mass at 5:30 pm in the church). Where: St. James' Church parking lots (338060 32 St. East, Okotoks). Free admission. For more information, contact 403-938-3122 or email [office@stjamesparishrc.com](mailto:office@stjamesparishrc.com)

### D&P FALL EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN

Bishop McGrattan's letter supporting Development & Peace's Fall campaign *For Our Common Home* is available on the diocesan website: <http://news.calgarydiocese.ca> This campaign includes reflections on the encyclical *Laudato Si* and how we can be Church in the Amazon region.

### WEEKLY MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

| Every **Sunday at 5 pm** St. Patrick's (1414 Shawnessy Blvd SW, Calgary) celebrates this special Mass as a loving and open environment of acceptance, inclusion and understanding. This Mass is dedicated to people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families, caregivers, teachers and friends.

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