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IAMBLESSED.CA

We have launched a challenge in the Diocese of Calgary: Record a video, write an email or post on social media (**#iamblessed**) how you are blessed, and/or

donate money, time, or an act of kindness to bless others. iamblessed.ca This challenge is designed to promote a culture of giving during this Christmas.

How does it benefit your Parish or our

Diocese? We each become a blessing to others and we can make a donation online to our parishes (catholicyycc.ca/give). Further, each parish will receive some postcards. The cards promote three actions: two postcards feature acts of kindness, one is for an offering of prayer, and the remaining two are for **donations to the parish** and to a Diocesan program. You do not need these cards in order to participate. However, you can make a freewill donation to the parish for these limited-edition postcards. We all have the power to bless someone else. Please share your story on social media. Use **#iamblessed** hashtag and tag @calgarydiocese

NEW PILGRIMAGES

- 1. Medjugorje, Croatia, Austria, Hungary, Czech Rep., and Poland with Fr. Vincent TuanHa**
Dates: Apr. 24 – May 7, 2020. Contact Michael at 647-887-4069 ext 367 | Parish Office at 403-284-3311 | secretary@canadianmartyrparish.ca |
- 2. Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr. Julian Studden**
Dates: Apr. 20 – May 2, 2020 with St. Paul's Airdrie community. Contact: Deon at 587-777-1733 | Parish Office at 403-948-5394 | stpaulsreceptionist@shaw.ca

- 3. Portugal, Spain, France and Italy Pilgrimage with Fr. Anthony Poul Narisetti**
Dates: May 27 - June 11, 2020. Contact 905-412-2242 | group@qstours.com. Everyone is invited to an info session at St. Patrick's Church (1414 Shawnessy Blvd. SW, Calgary) on **Sunday, Dec. 15 at 2 pm.**
- 4. Medjugorje Pilgrimage with Fr. Yarek Dziuba**
Dates: June 13-25, 2020 with St. Joseph's Parish Community. Contact Orlando at 403-245-5010 | Mary Ann at 403-466-2432 | donalesm@telus.net

HELP A FAMILY FEEL BLESSED THIS

CHRISTMAS | Christmas can be a very difficult time of year for the women at Elizabeth House who may not have a family to turn to, nor the funds to provide their child's first Christmas gift. We are seeking support from you, your family or your parish to fill a stocking and leave some gifts under the tree for a single mom and baby in need. A family wish list will be provided to you. Contact Lenora at lenora.wiebe@calgarydiocese.ca

CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS ST. FRANCIS OF

ASSISI STYLE | St. Paul's Airdrie invites you to the Advent Parish Mission with Fr. Dan Gurnick. When: **Dec. 9, Dec. 11 and Dec. 12.** Mass at 7 pm followed by a talk each night. **Where:** St. Paul's Church (1306 Main Street, Airdrie). **Contact:** 403-948-5394 | stpaulsreceptionist@shaw.ca

HEAR THE ANGELS SING: CCSD HIGH SCHOOL

CHORAL FESTIVAL | Hear the Angels Sing is the Calgary Catholic School District's Advent & Christmas choral festival, featuring the choirs of Calgary's Catholic high schools. **When: Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 7 pm** (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) **Where:** St. Michael Catholic Community (800 85 Street SW, Calgary).

GAUDETE BALL WITH ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, CALGARY | You are invited to the Gaudete Ball dance workshop for all ages, a great place to have fun while learning the basics of ballroom dancing such as waltz, rhumba, fox trot, jive, as well as ballroom etiquette. The day consists of instruction and practise, followed by a delicious dinner and concludes with the Gaudete Ball. When: **Saturday, Dec. 14**, from 10 am. Where: St. John the Evangelist (1423 8 Ave SE, Calgary).

AIRDRIE DREAM VACATION FOR CHRISTMAS
Airdrie Dream Vacations tickets make a great Christmas gift, a gift that keeps on giving throughout the year. Only 600 tickets, and 60 prizes! There will be one draw a month, starting April 5, 2020, for \$2,500 travel gift card and four draws of \$120. Purchase it online from www.airdriedreamvacation.ca

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN AIRDRIE
St. Paul's Parish in Airdrie has started a monthly (First Friday) Eucharistic Adoration. The next Adoration will be held on **Friday, Dec. 6** at 3:30 pm to 8 pm.

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

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.

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). A maximum of five people may attend from each registered group. Register: 403-218-5528 | adrian.martens@calgarydiocese.ca

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

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: **Saturday, Dec. 14 at 7:30 pm**. Where: St. Luke's (1566 Northmount Dr. NW, Calgary). Freewill offering.

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS
Canadian Martyrs Parish invites you to Nine Lessons & Carols, a beautiful evening of Scripture and Songs, featuring the three choirs of St John Choir Schola. When: **Sunday, Dec. 15 at 7:30 pm**. Where: Canadian Martyrs (835 Northmount Drive NW, Calgary).

MARRIAGE PREPARATION DATES
Catholic Family Service provides Marriage Preparation programs for the Diocese of Calgary. Next dates: Dec. 6-8, at St. Bonaventure, Calgary; Jan 10-12, location to be determined and Jan 31 to Feb. 2 at St. Albert the Great, Calgary. More info at <https://www.cfs-ab.org>

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