



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
**DIOCESE**  
*of Calgary*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
DECEMBER 7/8, 2019



### IAMBLESSED.CA

Spot this poster in the gathering/narthex area this weekend! Make a freewill donation and get an envelope of these beautiful Christmas cards.

In each card, you'll find ideas on how you can bless others during this season of giving. Send it to five different people by Christmas and share your story on social media using [#iamblessed](https://twitter.com/iamblessed)

**I AM BLESSED**  
*so I will bless others*

Give the best kinds of gifts from a space of gratitude.

**ACT**  
Show others your love through acts of kindness. Spend time with them and extend a helping hand.

**GIVE**  
Show the joy of giving to others. Give a donation to your parish, your school, or a diocesan program on someone's behalf.

**PRAY**  
Offer a prayer to God for others: a rosary, a novena or go to Mass for someone's intentions.

SHARE YOUR STORY  
**#IAMBLESSED**  
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**DID YOU GET THE Postcards?**  
Make a freewill offering and get these special postcards at your parish. Start sharing your blessing by completing the cards inside, and give it to others by Christmas! Give the best kinds of gifts this Christmas!

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### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES IN THE DIOCESE

Christmas season mass times throughout the Diocese are available on our website: [www.calgarydiocese.ca](http://www.calgarydiocese.ca) (find the star button on our front page???) or directly at: [catholiccycc.ca/blog/christmas](http://catholiccycc.ca/blog/christmas)

### ADVENT MISSION AT ASCENSION

All are welcome to the Advent Mission at Ascension Catholic Parish (1100 Berkshire Blvd NW, Calgary). Theme: A Gift to the Lord. Speaker: Fr. Cristino Bouvette. When: **Tuesday, Dec 10 & Wed., Dec. 11 from 6:30 pm to 9 pm.** For more information, contact 403-275-2240 | [office@ascensionparish.ca](mailto:office@ascensionparish.ca)

### DEDICATION CELEBRATION OF ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL MASS

The liturgical life of the Diocese flows from the role of the Bishop and the centrality of the cathedral church. St. Mary's Cathedral was dedicated on December 11, 1957. The anniversary of the cathedral church's dedication is celebrated as a Feast throughout the Diocese and as a proper Solemnity in the Cathedral parish. There will be an Anniversary Mass of the Dedication with Bishop McGrattan on **Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 5 pm.** All are welcome!

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT ST. MARK'S

All are welcome to Jesus Christ: Saviour of the World Christmas Concert at St. Mark's Parish (5552 Madigan Drive NE., Calgary) on **Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7 pm.** Featuring St. Mark's parish choirs and school choirs.

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS & COCOA AT ST. JOSEPH, CALGARY

All are welcome to the Christmas Carols & Cocoa at St. Joseph's Parish (640 19 Ave. NW, Calgary) on **Friday, Dec. 20 at 7 pm.** It's a free event.

### ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

During the Advent season many parishes will gather together to hold either Reconciliation or Penitential Services, to facilitate and encourage celebration of God's mercy. The schedule for Advent Penitential Services in Calgary is available on our website [calgarydiocese.ca](http://calgarydiocese.ca) or directly at: [catholiccycc.ca/blog/advent](http://catholiccycc.ca/blog/advent)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:stpaulsreceptionist@shaw.ca)

## 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. 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 a \$2,500 travel gift card and four draws of \$120. Purchase online from [www.airdriedreamvacation.ca](http://www.airdriedreamvacation.ca)

## 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)

## 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: Jan 10-12**, at St. Mary's Cathedral and Jan 31 to Feb. 2 at St. Albert the Great, Calgary. More info at <https://www.cfs-ab.org>

## 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
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
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](mailto: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

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