ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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First Sunday in Advent — November 29, 2020

This is an awesome Advent companion for children preparing for First Reconciliation, or any children age 5-9. The Jesse tree devotional helps children connect the custom of decorating Christmas trees to the events leading to Jesus' birth. Read one amazing story a day, from December 1 to December 24 and get inspired to create your own Jesse Tree! Written by Pat Grappolini for Faithfully.

Download Jesse Tree devotional for children (PDF).

Weekend Schedule

Saturday	**Confessions**	**4:00 pm**
	English Mass	**5:00 pm**
Sunday	**Confessions**	**6:45 am**
	Latin Mass	**7:15 am**
	English Mass	**9:00 am**
	English Mass	**10:30 am**
	Confessions	**Noon**
	Latin Mass	**12:30 pm**

Weekday Schedule

Monday	**Confessions**	**6:30 am**
	Latin Mass	**7:00 am**
	Confessions	**8:30 am**
	English Mass	**9:00 am**
Tuesday	**Confessions**	**6:30 am**
	Latin Mass	**7:00 am**
	Confessions	**8:30 am**
	English Mass	**9:00 am**
Wednesday	**Confession**	**11:30 am**
	Latin Mass	**Noon**
	Confession	**6:30 pm**
	English Mass	**7:00 pm**
Thursday & Friday	**Confession**	**8:30 am**
	English Mass	**9:00 am**
	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	**9:30 am**
	Confessions	**6:00 pm**
	Benediction	**6:00 pm**
	Latin Mass	**7:00 pm**
Saturday	**Confessions**	**8:00 am**
	Latin Mass	**9:00 am**

Pastor	Fr. Edmund Vargas ext 224 or **587-349-9615**
Associate Pastor	Fr. John Shannon, FSSP ext 226 or 403-714-7361
In Residence	Fr. John Petravicius, Fr. Anthony Pudota
Deacon	Ron Nowell
Bookkeeper	Magda Aguillon ext 223
Janitorial Service	Polmax Ecology Cleaning Ltd.

On Temporary Leave:
John Morgan Music Director
Heather Schilling Parish Secretary
Dorothy Loucks Sacramental Preparation
Maria Teresa Valez Accountant
Dianne McKay Office Assistant

Pastoral Notes

Our ministry of presence

The coming of Christ, as presented at the beginning of the new liturgical year, is a way of introducing His presence who has dwelt among us. Our Advent celebration is inspired by the spirit of John the Baptist whose detachment to material things and message of repentance speak of the emptiness and transformation required to make Christ's presence felt in our life experiences. Our Advent celebration focuses on Christ's coming into our lives.

Our Advent celebration is our liturgical response to renew our faith in these various levels of Christ's presence in our lives. The season is about re-discovering Christ within ourselves. Advent is a time to be more aware of Christ's presence in our search for healing and reconciliation in the midst of human brokenness and division.

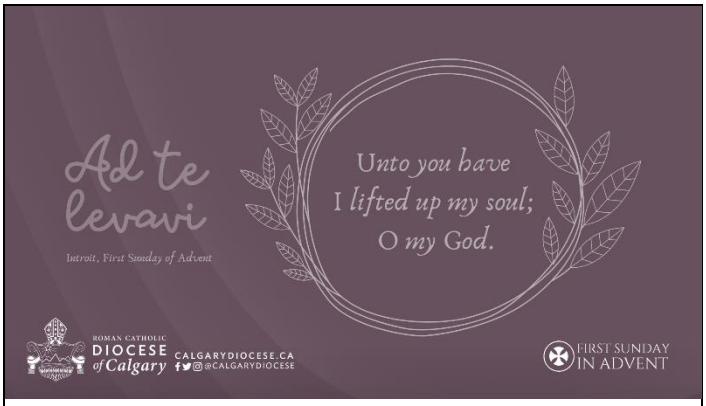
May the season prepare us to make our own presence to others as Christ's presence to them. May our ministry of presence fill the absence of love and compassion in lives of so many in our midst. Like the presence of Christ, our ministry of presence is far more precious than all the presents we can give those whom we claim to love and care.

In a very real way, our ministry of presence relates to our sense of hope for this life and life after. Advent affords us to reflect on our readiness for the final moment, while striving to live this life in the best way possible. Hope, like our celebration of the Advent season, is like a two-edged sword that cuts through the curtain of both time and eternity, giving us a vision that sees the temporal from the vantage point of the eternal. The stronger our hope, the wider it cuts through the curtain that conceals the mysteries of life, death and the afterlife. Advent is time to intensify our hope for the world that is yet to come, while re-assuring ourselves that life as we live is worth living.

When we always hope in God, always hopeful for the final moment, we find life as intense, loving, precious and meaningful. Hope makes us see ourselves as pilgrims, living a borrowed life on a borrowed time. Hope makes us say "I am here" when the call to the ministry of presence beckons us to God's love and forgiveness.

HEALING CORNER

"Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Luke 3.10-18 As Christmas approaches, let us not forget those who are hungry and homeless. We can share what we can of our time, talent and treasures to help those who suffer from all forms of abuse and violence.



CCCB Daily Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8, Psalm 80,
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.3-9
Gospel: Mark 13.33-37

FR EDMUND'S UPDATE

An **Advent Reflection** is scheduled for this Sunday 2-4pm with myself as facilitator. The theme is "God's love and presence". This recollection is hosted by the Filipino Catholic Society of the Diocese of Calgary of which I am the chaplain. Everyone is welcome. Please click the following link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85858431297?pwd=amNWNFUwU2NsU0Vya0Y3ZGF0b2FqZz09
Meeting ID: 858 5843 1297
Passcode 179025 or Melba.

During the Advent season, the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available on Thursdays & Fridays, 2pm to 6pm. This is in addition to the regular schedule.

The **2021 St Joseph's Sunday Missals** are still in transit, according to the latest notification. The delivery from the US arrives in Vancouver on Tuesday and will be delivered to our address by Canada Post. A booklet on Advent Reflection by Bishop Robert Baron and copies of 2021 Breaking Break (songbooks) are now available. Voluntary gifts for the materials can be placed in the Donation Box.

Advent & Christmas Masses.

December 5, 6:30pm Filipino Mass
December 15-23, 7pm Simbang Gabi (Filipino) Masses
December 27, 3pm Mass for Seniors
Christmas Eve Masses:
December 24, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm & 9 pm
Christmas Day Masses:
December 25, 9am &10:30am
December 25, 5pm Misa de Aguinaldo (Filipino Mass).

The online sign-up for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses will be available on December 17, as per diocesan guideline.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Nov 29		
7:15am Latin	SI	special intention
9am English	SI	Stefan Licudine
	RIP	Tony Carroll
10:30am English	SI	All Parishioners
12:30 pm Latin	SI	special intention
Monday, Nov 30		
7am Latin	RIP	special intention
9am English	RIP	Dennis Bernales & Adoration Pentecostes
Tuesday, Dec 1		
7am Latin	SI	special intention
9am English	RIP	Marian Rawlek
	RIP	All Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday, Dec 2		
Noon Latin	SI	special intention
7pm English	RIP	Lita Ouano
	RIP	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, Dec 3		
9am English	SI	Gwendolyn Abate
	RIP	Antonio Vitug
7pm Latin	SI	special intention
Friday, Dec 4		
9am English	Si	Ben Gerwing
	RIP	Souls in Purgatory
7pm Latin	SI	special intention
Saturday, Dec 5		
9am Latin	SI	special intention
5pm English	RIP	Ken Schoor
	SI	Sandra Smith

LATIN MASS CALENDAR

Sunday Nov 29	1st CL 1st Sunday of Advent
Sunday Dec 6	1st CL 2nd Sunday of Advent
Sunday Dec 13	1st CL 2nd Sunday of Advent

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Rose Dourado, Ken Foran, Faye LaPaz,
Johnson Mont, Leanne Morgan,
Charlene Munn, and Corazon Reyes

May the Lord grant them healing, comfort, and peace.

DONATIONS IN NOVEMBER

	BUDGET	COLLECTION	DIFFERENCE
MTD	**$32,815**	**$10,948.91**	**($21,866.09)**
YTD	**$344,644**	**$323,433.29**	**($21,210.71)**

	GOAL	COLLECTION	DIFFERENCE
Christmas Hampers	**$30,000**		
TIA 2020	**$41,030**	**$18,960.45**	**($22,069.55)**
Refuge Family	**$30,000**	**$30,000.00**	**$0.00**

We will be resuming our **Lector Ministry** beginning with the First Sunday of Advent, November 28 & 29 for all weekend and weekday Masses. There will be one Lector for each Mass. The Lector will begin the Mass with the Commentary and Entrance Antiphon, and provide the Readings, the Prayer of the Faithful and the Communion Antiphon. All lectors are invited to participate. Please use the Volunteer Signup forms to indicate your availability to serve at a particular Mass. Please contact Angela Alexandre at alxandr@telus.net if you have any questions.

This year's **Christmas Hampers** are still being organized. Our final plans and protocols are not finalized yet, pending definitive AHS and diocesan guidelines. We thank all the volunteers who have expressed willingness to help out. With their expressed preference, a family has agreed to directly provide hampers and gifts for a family in need that we have chosen from our list of recipients. We have set as a goal $30,000 for some 100 recipient families. We thank our early donors for this outreach effort. We are appealing for financial support. It is commonly said that because we receive everything from God, including every breath we take, God can never be in our debt. We are always indebted to God because we owe Him everything we are and have. There is an exception: "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord and will be paid in full." (Proverbs 19:17). If we want God to be indebted to us, we have to give to the poor and the needy. That way we lend to God. No loan can ever be safer. And it will be repaid many times over… (from an earlier reflection).

For the **Pastoral Visit with Bishop William McGrattan** on December 11-13, the Pastoral Council, Financial Council, the Knights of Columbus and other organizations and groups are encouraged to schedule a meeting with him. Please forward your suggestions and recommendations on parish issues and concerns directly to the Bishop's Office through Deacon Dale Laing or through our Office.

As we wind up with **our fiscal year (2020)**, we appeal to our families and individuals to consider including our church for the Christmas and end-of-the-year giving. Despite current apparent liquidity, we need to shore up considerable cash for the upcoming financial challenges of the new year (2021). Please be assured that we are trying our best to be careful and cautious with our financial management of the human and material resources of the parish.

Our **2021 envelopes are now ready for pick-up**. Observing required physical distancing, please proceed to the right front of the church, and go into the Office Meeting Room, pick up your 2021 box. If you are a new user or you don't find your name in the alphabetically arranged boxes, please pick up a blank one and write your name and the box number on the sheet provided.

YOUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Our parish relies on your regular offertory giving for maintenance and growth. We offer many convenient ways for you to make your contributions including signing into your own banking institution and e-transfer the amount to: **isupport@stanthonysyyc.ca.** To donate by credit card, or register for pre-authorized debit withdrawal visit stanthonysyyc.ca/donation. You may also mail your cheques to St. Anthony's Church 5340 4 St. SW Calgary, AB T2V 0Z5, or drop off your donation envelopes into our donation box in the church when you come to Mass. You are providing crucial support to care for your parish during this difficult time. Thank you for your generosity.

PANTRY TO ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

We are now planning our transition from our Pantry to become a "conference" or branch or affiliate with the wider society. All members of the current Pantry and others who are interested are invited to become part of the new setup by completing the SSVP new member form and emailing it to Fr. Edmund at efvargas@shaw.ca.

WEEKLY ADORATION

If there is anything you need, pray for it. Philippians 4:6
Red Altar Candle Offering
Thursday and Friday 9:30 am – 6:00 pm.
Register in advance or sign in.
A minimum of 2 people per hour are required.

Watch livestream on Facebook or YouTube

CHRISTMAS GIFT ANGEL

This year we will be purchasing gift cards for families and individuals instead of actual gifts. Please help us provide gifts for our Christmas hampers by donating geneously at:

www.stanthonysyyc.ca/donation
isupport@stanthonysyyc.ca

Some examples of the costs for gifts:

Toy for pre-schooler child **$35**
Back pack/school supplies **$40**
Hat/scarf/glove sets **$40**
Toy for child **$50**
Winter jacket for youth **$50**
Warm boots for a teen **$70**
Clothing for young adult **$75**
Towels/ sheets for a family **$100**

Journey through Advent Reflections

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents Journey through Advent with the Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton. The videos will be available on the CCCB website each Monday in advance of the upcoming Sunday celebration (23 November, 30 November 7 December and 14 December). To follow the series, the CCCB offers several ways to stay informed:

- **Subscribe** to the CCCB's YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/user/cccbadmin/
- **Follow** the CCCB on Twitter @CCCB_CECC

Waiting & Watching is a special Advent experience for youth in Gr. 7-12

With the effects of the pandemic on our spiritual and social life, we recognize the need of young people for encouragement and hope — a need that is further amplified with Advent & Christmas approaching. *Waiting & Watching* is a special Advent experience we're excited to host for youth in grades 7-12. Together with Michael Chiasson and Access52, this evening will feature music, prayer, testimonies from other youth, and inspiring talks that will help set our hearts for Advent and Christmas.

When: Friday, December 11 at 7 pm in the main sanctuary. Join us via live stream at saintmichael.ca.

ADVENT / CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Confessions	**6:30am-6:50am**	**8:30am-8:50pm**	**Monday & Tuesday**
	11:30am-11:50am	**6:30pm-6:50pm**	**Wednesday**
	8:00am-8:50am	**4:00pm-4:50pm**	**Saturdays**
	2:00pm – 6:00pm		**Thursdays & Fridays**
Adoration	**10:00am – 6:00pm**		**Thursdays & Fridays**
Simbang Gabi December 15 - 23	**6:30pm 7:00pm**		**Confessions Mass**
December 24 Nativity of the Lord	**3:00pm 5:00pm 7:00pm 9:00pm Midnight**		**English Mass English Mass English Mass English Mass Latin Mass**
December 25 Nativity of the Lord	**7:15am 9:00am 10:30am 12:30pm 2:30pm 5:00pm**		**Latin Mass English Mass English Mass Latin Mass Latin Mass English/Filipino Mass**
December 31 Mary, Holy Mother of God	**5:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm - midnight**		**English Mass Vespers (Latin) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession**
January 1 Mary, Holy Mother of God	**7:15am 9:00am 10:30am 12:30pm**		**Latin Mass English Mass English Mass Latin Mass**

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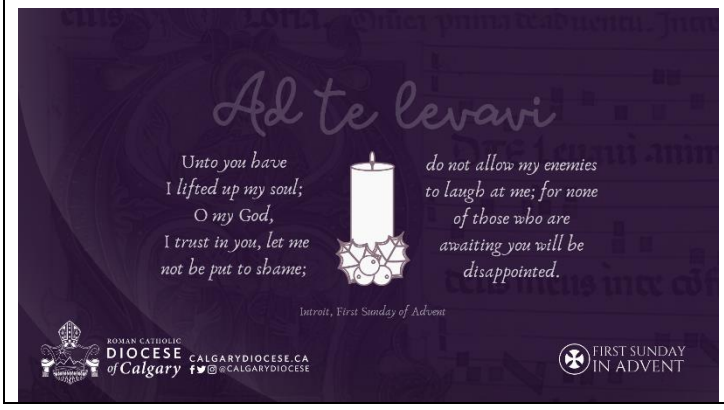
Read the November Edition of Faithfully



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SACRAMENT MATTERS

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Registration: Ongoing, please contact Fr. Edmund
In-Person 30-minute Session with Fr Edmund in the church after the Sunday 10:30 Mass: October 25, November 8, November 22 & December 6.
Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation: **December 15, 7pm** or by appointment.

FIRST EUCHARIST/COMMUNION

Registration Deadline: January 24
In-Person 30-minute Session with Fr Edmund in the church after the Sunday, 10:30am Mass: January 24, February 7, February 21 & March 7.
First Communion Mass: **March 14, 10:30am Mass** or by appointment.

CONFIRMATION

Registration Deadline: April 11
In-person 30-minute Session with Fr Edmund in the church after the Sunday 10:30am Mass: April 11, April 25, May 9 & May 23.
Confirmation Mass is on **Saturday, May 29, 5pm**.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Please arrange an interview with Fr Edmund at any time with your Registration Form. The home study program will be explained accordingly. The program culminates with the celebration at the Easter Vigil (April 3)

BAPTISM

Please submit a Registration for Baptism Form, together with a copy of the child's birth certificate. Upon receipt, Fr Edmund will contact you for an interview and scheduling of the celebration.
An online Baptism Class is scheduled every 4th Saturday of the month, 10am to 12noon, facilitated by Ferdie & Malou Gayos of the Missionary Families for Christ (MFC).

WEDDINGS, FUNERALS & ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
SPIRITUAL DIRECTION or PASTORAL CONSULTATION

Contact Fr. Edmund to arrange.

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STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN ALBERTA

WEAR A MASK

OR FACE COVERING

AT ALL TIMES

Mask use is mandatory in churches and offices in the Diocese of Calgary. Parishioners who are not able to wear a mask for medical reasons can be exempt from this regulation except when receiving Holy Communion.

For more information
call Health Link 811
or visit www.ahs.ca

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