



ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 20, 2020



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Weekend Schedule

Saturday	Confessions	4:00 pm
	English Mass	5:00 pm
	Confessions	6:30 pm
	Simbang Gabi Mass	7:00pm
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
	Latin Mass	2:30 pm
	English Mass	5:00 pm

Weekday Schedule

Monday	Confessions	6:30 am	
	Latin Mass	7:00 am	
	Confessions	8:30 am	
	English Mass	9:00 am	
	Confessions	6:30 pm	
	Simbang Gabi Mass	7:00 pm	
Tuesday	Confessions	6:30 am	
	Latin Mass	7:00 am	
	Confessions	8:30 am	
	English Mass	9:00 am	
	Confession	6:30 pm	
	Simbang Gabi Mass	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	Confession	11:30 am	
	Latin Mass	Noon	
	Confession	6:30 pm	
	Simbang Gabi Mass	7:00 pm	
	Thursday	Confession	6:30 am
		Latin Mass	7:00 am
Confessions		8:30 am	
English Mass		9:00 am	
Confessions		11:30 am	
Latin Mass		Noon	
Saturday	Confessions	8:00 am	
	Latin Mass	9:00 am	
	Seniors Mass	3:00 pm	

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

Advent according to Mary

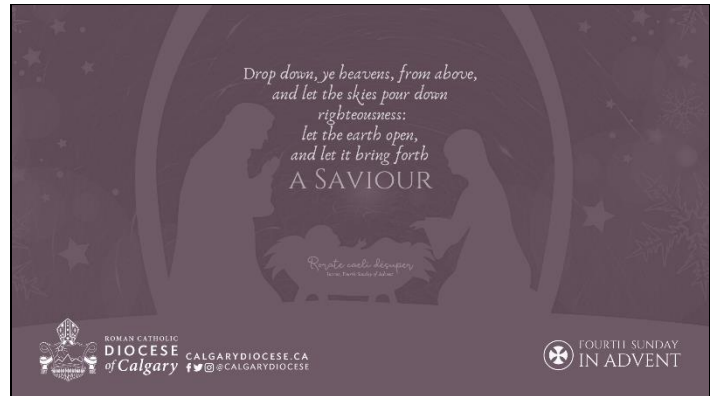
As we celebrate the last Sunday before Christmas, let us focus on Mary, especially on her difficult decision to become the mother of God's son. The serene and peaceful face of Mary as depicted in the nativity scene or other Marian portraits may sometimes hide Mary's struggling efforts to reconcile God's invitation to become the Mother of God. La Pieta by Michelangelo somehow captures Mary in her most trying moment as a mother as she holds in her loving arms the dead body of her son after being taken down from the cross. It is a portrait of difficulty and challenge, as she tries to find the meaning of suffering and death of her Son in her own life. It is a portrait of personal anxiety and confusion as she tries to comprehend the eternal implications of her Son's excruciating execution.

In our gospel reading today, she sounded perplexed, pondering what sort of great visitation this might be. Her response to the angel betrayed her confusion: "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" Her parting words to the angel: "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." were words of submission and obedience to God's plan in her life. It was a difficult decision for her to make. But somehow, she made the difficult decision under so much stress and pressure. Becoming the first disciple of Christ, following him from the event of the conception to his crucifixion, has been a definitively difficult journey of faith, hope and love.

Conceived without sin, Mary was born with free will like the rest of us. Our Blessed Mother could have responded "no" to God's plans for her to give birth to His son. It was a difficult decision, especially considering that her dream in life would be to remain a virgin all her life. Mary chose to honor God with her life, sacrificing her own personal dream of life-time virginity to allow God's plan of salvation to realization in her self-giving.

In Mary, we see what wonderful things God can do with us, in us and through us when we are open, listening to God's word and trusting in His goodness. During this closing period of Advent, we reflect more intensely on God's invitation to welcome Christ into our hearts in the spirit of Mary's love and generosity. In the midst of our current difficulties and challenges, we have to deal with the real challenge of Christmas: to welcome Christ into our hearts despite the odds.

HEALING CORNER After Mary conceived Jesus, she was at risk of shame and ridicule being an unwed mother. God chose Joseph to take her as his wife and he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, taking her into his home. As we await the arrival of Jesus, let us remember the obedience of Joseph with his love and caring for Mary. Men hold a special role in the prevention of violence against women and children. They can learn to handle their anger in a constructive manner, teach their children to develop healthy relationships and support violence prevention initiatives in our parish and communities.



CCCB Daily Readings

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, Psalm: 89

Second Reading: Romans 16.25-27

Gospel: Luke 1.26-38

Fr Edmund's Updates...

Our **Christmas Hampers** has benefitted 109 adults and 70 children (74 families). Total cost is \$17,891.83. Gift cards (200X\$25) amount to \$4,865.75. Coop discount is \$410.57. Since our cut-off, we still have been receiving requests. Since additional orders cannot be accommodated by Coop until after Christmas, we are delivering more hampers to more families. We need volunteers to pack on the 28th and deliver on the 29th. If interested to volunteer, please contact Fr Edmund directly. And we are considering hamper-style deliveries in the new year, that is, a monthly delivery (last Saturday) to families or individuals by screened volunteers or those willing to be screened and trained to get this outreach program going. The support of our parishioners has been tremendous, especially in contributing to the financial requirements of this endeavor. Our volunteers have been more than willing to help. Outreach should be at the heart of our Church's mission and personal spirituality.

Advent & Christmas Masses

Simbang Gabi (Filipino) Masses

December 15-23, 7pm **Full**

Mass for Seniors

Saturday, December 26, 3pm

Christmas Eve Masses:

December 24, 2pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm & 9 pm **Full**

Livestream 5pm, and 7pm [available here](#)

Christmas Day Masses:

December 25, 9am & 10:30am **Full**

Livestream 10:30am [available here](#)

5pm Misa de Aguinaldo (Filipino Mass) **Full**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Dec 20

7:15am Latin
9am English

SI special intention
RIP Godana & Primitivo de Leon,
Ignacio Abarrientos
RIP Leo Pereira
SI All Parishioners
SI special intention

10:30am English
12:30 pm Latin

Monday, Dec 21

7am Latin
9am English

RIP special intention
RIP Felipe Palanque de la Cruz
RIP Mary Olsen

Tuesday, Dec 22

7am Latin
9am English

SI special intention
RIP Michael John Aquino
RIP Eva Cabral

Wednesday, Dec 23

Noon Latin
7pm English

SI special intention
SI For all Parishioners in Advent
SI Monica Catalano

Thursday, Dec 24

7am Latin
9am English
noon Latin

SI special intention
RIP Francisco Silva
SI special intention

Friday, Dec 25

9am English

RIP Jesus Natera

Saturday, Dec 26

9am Latin
5pm English

SI special intention
RIP Philip Rajanayagam
RIP Laura Schielke

LATIN MASS CALENDAR

Sunday Dec 20 1st CL 4th Sunday of Advent
Sunday Dec 27 2nd CL Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity

REST IN PEACE

Estreliza Viegas

Our heartfelt sympathies to their families.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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

DONATIONS IN DECEMBER

	BUDGET	COLLECTION	DIFFERENCE
MTD	\$32,815	\$9,396.82	(\$23,418.18)
YTD	\$344,644	\$345,383.11	\$739.11

	GOAL	COLLECTION	DIFFERENCE
Christmas Hampers	\$20,000	\$8,455	(\$11,545.00)
TIA 2020	\$41,030	\$19,435.45	(\$22,069.55)

Mass Matters. Our Christmas Eve Masses at 2pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm & 9pm are already FULLY booked.

In addition to our **regular Sunday 10:30am Mass**, our Masses on **Christmas Eve, 5pm & 7pm, New Year's Day, 10:30am will be livestreamed.** All our weekend Masses will now require online registration. You may also request registration by email, text or phone or written note. Please note that we have added a Sunday 5pm Mass.

Walk-in still allowed for the weekday Masses.

There is a monthly Seniors Mass for Healing on Saturday, December 26, 3pm and the next fourth (4th) Saturdays of the month.

Starting January 2, we will have a Tagalog Mass every Saturday at 6:30pm.

Adoration will resume on Thursday, January 7.

Sincere Appreciation is hereby expressed for your continuing support for our Church through your contributions online, in-person and by mail. Please consider St Anthony's Church in your year-end giving. Please be assured that our pastoral team will minister to your pastoral and spiritual needs in the best and safest possible way. As move into the new year, we hope and pray for health, healing, and holiness for all.

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@stanthonyssyc.ca. To donate by credit card, or register for pre-authorized debit withdrawal visit stanthonyssyc.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.

Year-End Giving

In order to receive 2020 tax receipts for donations for all parishes, Catholic Pastoral Centre or its ministries, they must be received in the Parishes or the Diocese by Dec. 31, 2020 at midnight (cash, credit card or online) OR post marked by December 31 (cheques). Thank you for your generosity.



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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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