



ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm

Saturday 1:00pm – 4:00pm

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

DECEMBER 25, 2022



**Christ is born for us;
come, let us adore him**

Sunday Schedule

Saturday	English Mass	5:00pm
	English Mass (Dec 24)	8:30pm
	Latin Mass (Dec 24)	midnight
Sunday	Latin Mass	7:15am
	English Mass	9:00am
	English Mass	10:30am
	Latin Mass	12:30pm
	Filipino Mass (Dec 25)	5:00pm

Weekday Schedule

Monday	No Mass	
Tuesday	Confessions	6:30AM
	Latin Mass	7:00am
	Confessions	8:30am
	English Mass	9:00am
	Rosary	9:30am
Wednesday	Confessions	11:30AM
	Latin Mass	Noon
	Confessions	6:30pm
	Rosary	6:30pm
	English Mass	7:00pm
Thursday	Confessions	8:30am
	English Mass	9:00am
	Exposition (Jan 5)	9:30am
	Adoration (Jan 5)	10am-6:30pm
	Confessions	6:00pm
	Benediction (Jan 5)	6:30pm
	Latin Mass	7:00pm
Friday	Confessions	8:30am
	English Mass	9:00am
	Rosary	9:30am
	Confessions	6:30pm
	Latin Mass	7:00pm
Saturday	Confessions	8:30am
	Latin Mass	9:00am
	English Mass (Jan 7)	11:00am
	Holy Hour (Dec 31)	11pm-midnight

Pastor Fr. Nathan Siray ext 224
Emergencies only: 587-349-9615
FSSP Priest Fr. Massimo Botta, FSSP & Fr. Ralph Oballo, FSSP
 ext 226 or 403-255-2727
In Residence Fr. Anthony Pudota ext 229.
 Fr. Lester Mendonsa ext 230

Music Director John Morgan
Parish Secretary Heather Schilling ext 222
Bookkeeper Magda Aguillon ext 223
Janitorial Service Polmax Ecology Cleaning Ltd

Pastoral Notes

A blessed Christmas to all

As we celebrate the solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, we realize that Jesus came as the perfect gift of himself. His willingness to come down to us, becoming like us in all things but sin, to save us and lead us to eternal life, allows us to imitate his example in being gifts to others, filled with thanksgiving and gratitude.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Lord Jesus for the gift of being the pastor of our parish. The gracious welcome I have received in these past few months has been a great consolation to me and inspiration to strive to live the gift of my priestly vocation well.

I am grateful to the fraternal friendship of Frs Botta and Oballo. I praise God for their vocations and their inspiring dedication to serve in our parish and in the Church Universal.

I rejoice for the dedication and ministry of our parish staff, who do so much to help our parish be a vibrant community of faith and offer many works unseen by most to assure we keep St. Anthony's a place of prayer, service and community.

I am thankful for the inspiring witness of all involved in various ministries in our parish. We are blessed with remarkable choirs who bring beauty and joy to our liturgical celebrations and all those who assist before the Lord's holy altar as altar servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of holy communion, ushers, greeters, sacristans, those involved in hospitality ministry to assure we have time for fellowship after our Sunday masses, those involved in pastoral outreach in the nursing homes, sacramental preparation of our youth, journeying with our new family, through the works of the Legion of Mary and Knights of Columbus and those in the art and environment committee for the splendid Christmas decorations and beautiful floral arrangements that adorn our two altars.

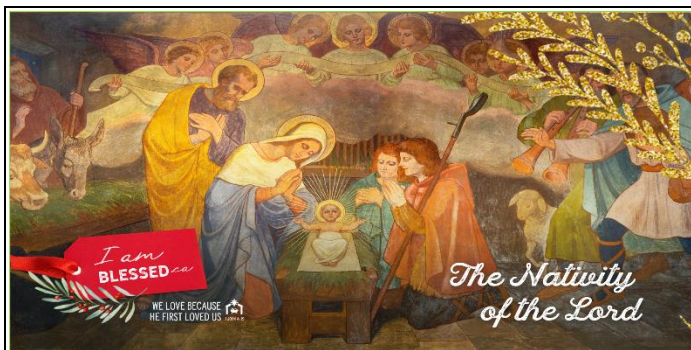
A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Hampers and our ongoing hamper ministry! Our ability to serve Christ present in those in need shows we are Christians in both word and deed and keeps us steadfast on the path to eternal life!

Let us rejoice to for the re-opening of our adoration chapel and our committed adorers who take time to be close to Our Eucharistic Lord!

Finally, thank you to everyone whom I have not mentioned explicitly in this message. Whether we are visibly seen in various ministries in the parish or remain faithfully in the pews, your prayers, financial contributions and witness to the Christian life is what reveals us as the Mystical Body of Christ.

May the Christ Child bless each of us abundantly this Christmas and in the new year to come.

I remain yours in Jesus through Mary, Fr. Nathan Siray



CCCB Daily Readings

First Reading:	Isaiah 7.10-14
Psalm:	24
Second Reading:	Romans 1.1-7
Gospel:	Matthew 1.18-24

St. Anthony's Updates

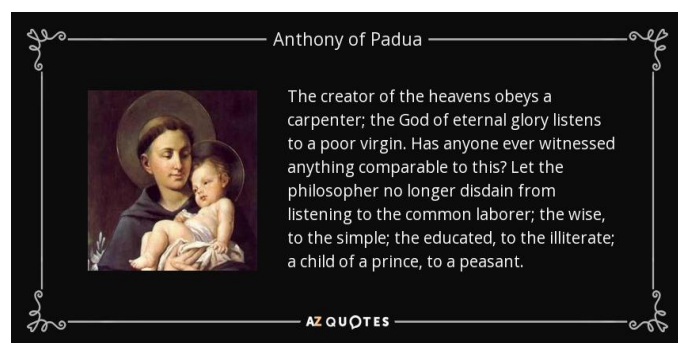
Parish Office Christmas Schedule

The Parish office will be closed December 24 – 29 and December 31 – January 2. **The office will be open on Friday, December 30.** There will be one bulletin for December 25 and January 1.

Fr Nathan will be on vacation, December 26 – 30. Fr. Lester Mendonsa will celebrate the daily English Masses that week.

No Adoration December 24 – January 2

The regular schedule will resume on Tuesday, January 3.



The Kid's Bulletin

<https://thekidsbulletin.files.wordpress.com/2022/11/th-e-kids-bulletin-christmas.pdf>

Children's Liturgy of the Word with Miss Heidi

(Catholic TV) <https://www.catholicTV.org/childrens-liturgy.html>



We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, check out <http://www.catholicyc.ca/vocations>

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 25		
Midnight Latin	SI	All Parishioners of St. Anthony's
7:15am Latin	SI	Peter Ralph Granapragasam
9:00am English	SI	Special Intention
10:30am English	SI	All Parishioners
12:30 pm Latin	SI	Steven Jr. Cullen
Monday, December 26 No Mass		
Tuesday, December 27		
7:00am Latin	SI	Catrina Cullen
9:00am English	SI	Fr. Pilmaiken Lezano
Wednesday, Dec 28		
12:00pm Latin	SI	Thanksgiving
7:00pm English	RIP	Vicente Florece
Thursday, December 29		
9:00am English	SI	Elizabeth Mont
7:00pm Latin	SI	Courtney Cullen
Friday, December 30		
9:00am English	SI	Boisjolie Family
7:00pm Latin	SI	Newly professed Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia
Saturday, December 31		
9:00am Latin	RIP	Kamalambinai, Vedevelupillai, Sobo and Siri
5:00pm English	RIP	Corazon Milagras Rosas Reyes and Jesus Avenir Reyes
Sunday, January 1		
7:15am Latin	SI	Celebrant's Intention
9:00am English	RIP	Guiseppe Baggatto
10:30am English	SI	All Parishioners
12:30 pm Latin	RIP	Kamalambinai, Vadevelupillai, Sobo, Siri, Baheeralhi, & Pathmanathan
Monday, January 2 No Mass		
Tuesday, January 3		
7:00am Latin	RIP	Kanahamah, Coomaraswamg, Yogeswari, Casinathan & Pooranachandran
9:00am English	SI	Julien Guillermo
Wednesday, January 4		
12:00pm Latin	RIP	Ignatius Granapragasam
7:00pm English	SI	Licudine Family
Thursday, January 5		
9:00am English	SI	Gord Vargic
11:00am English Amica	RIP	Shirley Klein
7:00pm Latin	RIP	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Friday, January 6		
9:00am English	RIP	Guiseppe Bagatto
7:00pm Latin	RIP	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, January 7		
9:00am Latin	RIP	Holy Souls in Purgatory
11:00am English	RIP	Marlito Gene Licudine
5:00pm English	SI	All Parishioners

LATIN MASS CALENDAR

Sunday, Dec 25	1 st CL	The Nativity of our Lord
Sunday, Jan 1	1 st CL	Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Friday, Jan 6	1 st CL	The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, Jan 8	2 nd CL	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Rose Dourado, Elizabeth Haines, Fr. Kieran Killcommons, Helen Krizan, Donna Lowe, Sr. Pat MacDonald, FCJ, Carter McLachalan, Jim Miller, Johnson Mont, Lurdu Raju, Steven Ross, Kathy Sluka, Andy Szakony Sr., Sr. Dianne Turner, Maryanne and Mrs. Ferguson

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



Eucharistic Adoration at St. Anthony's

Preregistration is required to obtain the entrance code for the Adoration Chapel

<https://stanthonyssyc.weadorehim.com/signup/adoremus>

Please note the Christmas Adoration Schedule:

No Adoration December 24 – January 2

Regular schedule will resume on Tuesday, January 3.

Tuesdays	6am – 8pm	Chapel
Wednesdays	6am – 8pm	Chapel
Thursdays	9:30am – 6:30pm	Main Church
Fridays	6am – 8pm	Chapel
Saturdays	8am – 6pm	Chapel
Sundays	8am – 3pm	Chapel

YEAR-END GIVING

Deadline

DECEMBER 31

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[5340 4 Street SW, Calgary, T2V 0Z5](https://stanthonyssyc.ca/donation)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God | Jan 1 2023



CCCB Daily Readings

First Reading:	Numbers 6.22-27
Psalm:	67
Second Reading:	Galations 4.4-7
Gospel:	Luke 2.16-21

56th World Day of Peace

January 1, 2023

Highlights from the message of his Holiness Pope Francis

No one can be saved alone.

**Combatting Covid-19 together,
embarking together on paths of peace**

“Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night” (First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians, 5:1-2).

1. With these words, the Apostle Paul encouraged the Thessalonian community to remain steadfast, their hearts and feet firmly planted and their gaze fixed on the world around them and the events of history, even as they awaited the Lord's return...
2. Covid-19 plunged us into a dark night. It destabilized our daily lives, upset our plans and routines, and disrupted the apparent tranquility of even the most affluent societies. It generated disorientation and suffering and caused the death of great numbers of our brothers and sisters...
3. Three years later, the time is right to question, learn, grow and allow ourselves to be transformed as individuals and as communities; this is a privileged moment to prepare for “the day of the Lord”...
4. Even so, at the very moment when we dared to hope that the darkest hours of the Covid-19 pandemic were over, a terrible new disaster befell humanity. We witnessed the onslaught of another scourge: another war, to some extent like that of Covid-19, but driven by culpable human decisions.
5. What then is being asked of us? First of all, to let our hearts be changed by our experience of the crisis, to let God, at this time in history, transform our customary criteria for viewing the world around us...

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/20221208-messaggio-56giornatamondiale-pace2023.html>

ULTIMATELY
PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED
SUICIDE WILL
IMPACT YOU,
YOUR FAMILY, AND
YOUR COMMUNITY

**HORIZONS
of HOPE**
A TOOLKIT FOR CATHOLIC
PARISHES ON PALLIATIVE CARE

- READ THE IMPORTANT FACTS
- BE INFORMED
- JOIN THE LIVE MODULE & DISCUSSION



MONDAYS OF JANUARY 2023
JAN 9, 16, 23, 30 7-9 PM
IN SIX LOCATIONS

GET MORE INFO &
REGISTER AT
**CATHOLICYC.CA/
HORIZONSOFHOP**

In Important Facts:

- Number of cases of physician assisted suicide in 2021 represents a growth rate of 32.4% over 2020.
- The loss of ability to engage in meaningful activities was the most common cited reason for physician assisted suicide (86.3% of cases).
- The lost of ability to perform activities of daily living was the 2nd most common cited reason for physician assisted suicide (83.4% of cases).
- 62.3% of individuals who withdrew their request for physician assisted suicide did so because they changed their mind. Another 38.5% withdrew their request because palliative care was sufficient

Report source:

Third Annual Report on Medical Assistance in Dying in Canada 2021, Health Canada

St. Anthony's parishioners will be gathering at St Gerard's Parish to participate in the 4-module program being offered

- **Monday, Jan. 9** (7 to 9 pm) | Module 1: Understanding the Human Experience of Dying and Death
- **Monday, Jan. 16** (7 to 9 pm) | Module 2: Discerning and Making Decisions at the End of Life
- **Monday, Jan. 23** (7 to 9 pm) | Module 3: Accompanying Those at the End of Life
- **Monday, Jan. 30** (7 to 9 pm) | Module 4: Supporting and Integrating Within the Wider Community

For more information or to register to the program, please visit catholiccyc.ca/HorizonsofHope



WILLIAM T. MCGRATTAN

BISHOP *of* CALGARY

December 14, 2022

St. John of the Cross, Memorial

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we prepare for the Solemnity of Christmas our focus is drawn to the mystery of the Incarnation, Jesus, the Word made Flesh. This taking on of our humanity by God in the Person of Jesus, serves to remind us of the inherent dignity of every human life.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2258) states:

"Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains for ever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being."

The Government whose role is to protect our basic human rights, including the fundamental right to life from conception to natural death, has sought instead to expand access to physician-assisted suicide. This new legislation would now include those suffering with forms of mental illness and disabilities.

In responding to this current moral and social issue, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) formed a Joint Ad hoc Committee on Palliative Care. It was comprised of medical, theological, ethical, and pastoral experts who were united in addressing this culture of death. They developed **Horizons of Hope: A toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care**, an educational resource to help understand and reflect upon the many end-of-life issues we will face.

The **Horizons of Hope** program has been designed for:

- People seeking to learn more about palliative care and Catholic Church teaching on end-of-life;
- Individuals recently diagnosed with serious and/or terminal illness;
- Family members and friends seeking guidance and access to resources as they accompany the loved one faced with a serious or terminal illness;
- Medical professionals, caregivers;
- Members of pastoral care teams and other parishioners; and
- Parishes seeking to form a Compassionate Community program.

This program will allow parishioners to learn and reflect upon end-of-life issues and to promote the need for excellent palliative care. It will assist in clarifying misinformation, and reverse the

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deceptive messaging found in this increasing culture of death. This 4-module program is being offered simultaneously to all the faithful in our Diocese at several locations:

- **Module 1:** Understanding the Human Experience of Dying and Death - January 9 (7 to 9 pm)
- **Module 2:** Discerning and Making Decisions at the End of Life - January 16 (7 to 9 pm)
- **Module 3:** Accompanying Those at the End of Life - January 23 (7 to 9 pm)
- **Module 4:** Supporting and Integrating Within the Wider Community - January 30 (7 to 9 pm)

To register, please visit catholicyc.ca/horizonsofhope to participate in one of the following six sites:

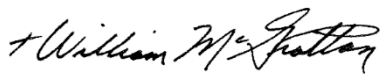
- Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 – 17th Avenue SW, Calgary)
- Ascension Parish, Calgary
- St Gerard Parish, Calgary
- St Martha Parish, Lethbridge
- Holy Family, Medicine Hat
- St James, Okotoks

The program will also be offered in February 2023 for the clergy and religious. It will address the specific pastoral and sacramental considerations they face in their ministry regarding end-of-life issues.

The Catholic Church remains opposed to euthanasia and as such stands for the dignity of every human life from conception to natural death. It will continue to support the conscience rights of health care professionals and all organizations in our society that protect and defend human life. Through this diocesan initiative it is my sincere hope that we can work together in bringing about a renewed culture of life that respects the inherent dignity of every human life, from conception to natural death.

May our Lord, who comes into this world as a humble and defenseless child, teach us to receive and protect the precious gift of life in every person.

Yours in Christ,



+William T. McGrattan
Bishop of Calgary

Christmas Hampers 2022





Many thanks to all who contributed to our successful Christmas Hamper Program

Thank you to **everyone who contributed food items** over the past few weeks.

Thank you to **St. Augustine School** for their food drive collection.

Thank you to **Country Lane Farms** who donated 100 large chickens.

Thank you to **Thomas Fresh Inc.** who donated 50lbs of potatoes and 48lbs of onions.

Thank you to **Westrock Company** who donated 300 boxes.

Thank you to all who provided the **Angel Tree gifts** for our hampers.

Thank you to **all our helpers** who prepared and delivered the 84 hampers for 214 people including 21 families with 65 children.

Thank you to **all who generously donated funds** for the food purchases. We are still in need of funds. Please consider an end of year donation.



Merry Christmas
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
St. Anthony's Conference

2022 FINANCIAL PLAN UP TO NOVEMBER 30, 2022

	YTD	Annual Budget	% Annual Budget
Collections	\$ 325,466		
Outside Orgs	\$ 8,597		
Other Income	\$ 59,313		
Gov Grant	\$ 251		
Total Income	\$ 393,627	\$419,100	94%
Sal & Ben	\$159,551	\$157,600	101%
Maint & Utilities	\$161,014	\$142,600	115%
Rectory	\$ 8,278	\$ 6,400	129%
Administration	\$ 29,924	\$ 28,270	103%
Assessment	\$ 58,740	\$ 64,080	92%
Programs	\$ 57,281	\$ 10,780	531%
Total Expense	\$474,006	\$409,730	116%
NET Operating	-\$80,379		
TIA	\$ 21,175	\$ 40,949	52%
Hampers	\$ -31,561	\$ 70,000	38%
Feed the Hungry	\$ 6,641	\$ 5,500	121%
New Family	\$ 8,306	\$ 6,458	129%
Holy Thursday	\$ 915		
Mission Mexico	\$ 444		
Other	\$ 109		
Total Outreach	\$ 6,029	\$122,907	5%
Total Income Plan	\$399,656	\$542,007	74%