

| 4 th Sunday of Advent – Sunday of Love December 21, 2014 | | |
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| Mon Dec. 22 | 6:30 pm | No 1 pm Bible Study. Classes resume Jan. 5, 2015 Rosary Group |
| Tues. 23 | 6:30 pm | Mass – Mary & Thomas Quinlan (+) Req. Anna Quinlan |
| Christmas Masses: (*Holy Day of Obligation) | | |
| Wed. 24 | 5:30 pm 6:00 pm | Christmas Eve* Carolling Mass – Pro Populo (Mass for the Parishioners) |
| | 9:10 pm 9:15 pm 10:00 pm | Procession of Light Carolling Mass – Pro Populo |
| Thur. 25 | 9:00 am | Christmas Day * Mass — Pro Populo (Mass for the Parishioners) |
| | 11:00 am | Mass — Pro Populo (Mass for the Parishioners) |
| Fri. 26 | 5 pm | Boxing Day No MASS- Wedding Rehearsal |
| Sat. 27 | 1:00 pm 4:00 pm–4:30 pm 5:00 pm | Wedding Reconciliations MASS – Pro Populo (Mass for the Parishioners) |
| Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sunday, December 28th | | |
| Sun. 28 | 9:00 am | MASS – Pro Populo (Mass for the Parishioners) |
| | 11:00 am | MASS - Pro Populo (Mass for the Parishioners) Baptisms |
| Mon 29 | 6:30 pm | <i>No Bible Study - Classes resume Jan. 5, 2015</i> Rosary Group |
| Tues. 30 | | No MASS |
| New Year's Masses: *Holy Day of Obligation | | |
| Wed. 31 | 5 pm | New Year's Eve Mass* – Pro Populo (Mass for the Parishioners) No R.C.I.A- classes resume Jan. 5 th |
| | 11:45 pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction |
| Thur. Jan. 1 2015 | 9 am | New Year's Day Masses* Pro Populo (Mass for the Parishioners) |
| | 11 am | Pro Populo (Mass for the Parishioners) Holy Mary Mother of God |
| Fri 2 | 9 am | Mass – Tony Koob (+) Req. Joe Hoffman |
| | 11:45 am | Exposition Of Blessed Sacrament Benediction |
| Sat. 3 | 4:00 pm–4:30 pm 5:00 pm | Reconciliation Mass – Charlie Ambrogiano (+) Req. Joanne & Bill Luca |

| The Epiphany of the Lord January 4, 2015 | | |
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| Sun 4 | 9:00 am | MASS Norman Firth (+) Req. Ann Quinlan |
| | 11:00 am | MASS - Okon Edet (+) Req. Awah & Ubong UDoekong |
| Mon 5 | 1:00 pm 6:30 pm | Bible Study (Fr. Trudeau Rm.) Rosary Group |
| Tues 6 | 6:30 pm | Mass- Madeleine Duperron (+) Req. The C.W.L. |
| Wed 7 | 1:00 pm 6:30 pm | Seniors Cards Mass w/Marian Devotions Joyce Kelly (+) Req. John Kelly |
| | 7:15 pm | Knights of Columbus Mtg. 11am Mass Choir Practice |
| Thur 8 | 9:00 am | Mass- Macleod Family (SI) Req. Leila & Kirk Linton |
| | 10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:30 pm | Drop In Centre Sandwiches Choir Practice 5 pm Mass Choir Practice 9 am Mass |
| | 9:00 am | Mass- Pro Populo (Mass for the Parishioners) Welcome Corpus Christi School |
| Sat 10 | 4:00 pm–4:30 pm 5:00 pm | Reconciliation Mass – Margaret Reid(+) Bob & Janet Reid Baptisms |
| Sun 11 | 9:00 am | MASS Luzviminda Loto(+) Req. Leticia Hernaez |
| | 11:00 am | MASS - John Desouza (+) Req. Marie Desouza |
| Please Pray for the Sick and the Dying: <i>"Someone remembers, someone cares; your name is whispered in someone's prayers."</i> | | |

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| Sunday Offering | 3,770.00 |
| Annual Bishop's Appeal Together in Action | 2,737.65 |
| Holy Childhood | 20.00 |

Message from our Pastor

As we CONTINUE the new Liturgical Year which began with the Season of Advent, I invite all of you to join our community preparation for the Feast of the Lord's Nativity – Christmas.

Prepare the way of the Lord – spiritually.

- ✓ Find time for prayer with the family (Advent Wreath Prayer).
- ✓ Get reconciled and be at peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- ✓ Give love by helping the needy

Rejoice in God's Mercy:

A Hug from God Is All You Need (cont'd)

The time of our Saviour's birth is upon us. Are we ready? Sadly we are often not prepared, but God is always ready. Remember when a hand shake actually meant something, when your word was your bond? God's word is pure gold and God always keeps his promise.

Every year, as we celebrate Christmas, we are reminded of God's promise of love, his promise of forgiveness, and his promise of mercy.

Let us embrace the mercy of God. Let us free ourselves from the dirt and the trash in our lives. Let us prepare ourselves to hold Jesus in our arms, as the Father will hold us in his arms.

Action Item – 4th Sunday of Advent

Christmas is a season not a day.

Find ways to witness daily the birth of the Saviour from Christmas Day until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Calgary Diocese & Parish Offices are closed:

Fri. Dec. 24th to Mon., Jan. 5th.

Office Closes at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 23.

Regular Office Hours – resumes Tues., Jan. 6th

My Retreat in the Philippines

I will be away on annual holidays. I will be having my retreat with my classmates from the seminary. (Jan. 8 is my Ordination Anniversary – 43 years and counting.)

I trust the staff to handle emergencies as they arise.

I have invited different priests to help with the Masses.

I am sure you will enjoy the change.

Please pray for me while I am reunited with my family and fellow priests in the Philippines.

Office of the Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Calgary

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Canadian humourist, Stephen Leacock said, “A half-truth, like half a brick, is always more forcible as an argument than a whole one. It carries further.”

During the past week, we have witnessed considerable misinformation and misrepresentation of the view of the Alberta Catholic School Trustees Association, the Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta and the Alberta Bishops in the forum as individuals and groups reacted to Premier Prentice’s decision to “pause” before the third reading of Bill 10.

In my opinion, Bill 10 was a win-win for everyone. It enshrined parental rights, recognized the autonomy of local school boards, and student rights re diversity clubs without mandating Gay Straight Alliances.

However, for a variety of reasons things started to go sideways, and it has been widely trumpeted

That “the roadblock is institutionalized religion and bishops” .

At best – and this deserves to be emphasized – this is a stereotypical half-truth.

The mandating of Gay Straight Alliances (GSAs) is problematic for a number of reasons. It infringes on parental authority over their children, the freedom to instruct one’s children in a manner consistent with their faith and citizen’s rights to manifest their religious beliefs by worship and practice in the absence of coercion or constraint by government.

A number of recent studies have identified groups of students who are most often bullied.

The Toronto District School Board Research Report reported that students most frequently face bullying attacks based on their physical appearance (38%), their grades or marks (17%), their cultural background (11%), or their gender (6%). It is imperative that we address the root issue – bullying.

In the eyes of the Catholic Church, every human person is a unique and irreplaceable gift created by our loving God and redeemed by the blood of Christ, every person possesses and intrinsic dignity that must be respected. The Catechism of the Catholic Church affirms that persons with same sex attractions “**must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. These persons are called to fulfill God’s will in their lives.**” (Canon Law 2358)

We believe and support:

- That parents are the primary educators in any student’s life;
- The sacredness of the individual;
- That although sexuality is an important part of one’s identity, it is only one part of an identity;
- The promotion of justice;
- The creation of a safe and caring school environment;
- The establishment of holistic student groups dedicated to the inclusive nature of our schools which serve to promote safe and caring communities:
 - That are sensitive to the safety of those student who are at risk;
 - That reflect through name and action, the philosophy and theology of communion and emphasize inclusion, hospitality, respect and justice;
 - That are open to discussion of a variety of issues, including bullying, justice, respectful relationships and language, and human sexuality issues.

In fact, we already have in place policies, protocols and resources supporting inclusive communities.

Sincerely Yours In Christ,

+F.B. Henry

Bishop of Calgary

Christmas Flowers for the Church

Thank you so much for all who honoured their loved ones at this special time of year.

Please see the poster on the bulletin board for an updated list of honorees.



K of C “New Year’s Eve GALA”! Wed., Dec. 31st Parish Hall

☺ Doors open 6 pm to 1:00 am

☺ Prime Rib Dinner @ 6:45 pm

☺ **Limited Seating: Tickets: \$50.00 each**

☺ Music by: DJ Newton

☺ Dinner prepared by an Amazing Personal Chef!

☺ Cash Bar

☺ For tickets: **Ed Grantham 403 270-0521**

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