

St. Patrick's Parish

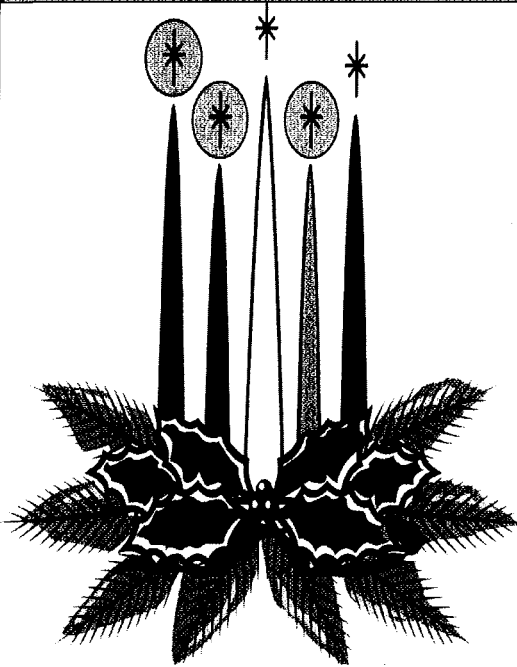
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Year C

December 13, 2015 - - 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT



3rd Week of Advent

Candle-Lighting Song (to the tune of Away in a Manger):

A Candle is burning, a candle of joy.
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new
boy.

Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light
and glow
as joy brightens winter like sunshine on
snow.

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Sundays 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Weekdays: Tue 7 pm - Wed, Thu, Fri 8:15 am

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Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

CLOSED ON WEEKENDS & STATUTORY HOLIDAYS

Welcome to St. Patrick's. We offer you a warm welcome, here in God's house.

If you are visiting you are very welcome; we hope you make yourself at home.

If you are new to our parish and would like to register, please fill out the form below and leave it in the collection plate and we will register you with our parish. If you are a registered parishioner and have a change of address or other information, please feel free to fill out the form and drop it in the collection. **Thank you.**

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Would you like Weekly Offering Envelopes? _____

Yes _____ or No _____



St. Patrick's Parish

MASS TIME	Intention	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	GIFT BEARERS	GREETERS	USHERS
3rd Sunday of Advent Sat Dec 12 5:00 PM	Patrick & Leo Frey †	Abree Toews Volunteer	<u>1st Reader</u> Carol Kimenius <u>2nd Reader</u> Lois Gagley	Claude Michaud Terry Kennedy Bob Wist Marion Stein Lorraine Prince	Baptism Family	Rachel Hammel Ginny Stein	Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer
3rd Sunday of Advent Sun Dec 13 9:00 AM	Karen Cheronowsky	Jeff Neumann Candy Neumann	<u>1st Reader</u> Rita Hamel <u>2nd Reader</u> Sandy Morrice	Rob Stroh Matthew Wells Bob Anderson Loretta Anderson Dolores Hoffart	Ron Gaumont Dorothy Gaumont	Keith Cockerill Vina Cockerill	George Bleile Keith Cockerill Babu Mathew Wilf Hoffart
3rd Sunday of Advent Sun Dec 13 11:00 AM	St. Pat's Choir	Jacquelyn Turaray School Altar Server School Altar Server	<u>1st Reader</u> School Lector <u>2nd Reader</u> School Lector	Leisha Lesko-Openo Jadeyn Kastning Sue van der Sloot Elaine Stroh Volunteer	School Rep	Terry Mastel School Greeter Grace Phillips	Damiano Dalla-Longa Harold Phillips School Usher School Usher
MASS TIME	Intention	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	GIFT BEARERS	GREETERS	USHERS
4th Sunday of Advent Sat Dec 19 5:00 PM	Wes Kubat †	Volunteer	<u>1st Reader</u> Ray Hoger <u>2nd Reader</u> Theresa Olson	Anne McKee Maureen Lesko Deacon Terry Claude Michaud Gerry McKee	John Weimer Rose Weimer	Marie West Rachel Hammel	Kelly Mastel Peter Lesko Volunteer Volunteer
4th Sunday of Advent Sun Dec 20 9:00 AM	James, Irene, Janice, Ita Bakanec †	Cey Family	<u>1st Reader</u> Lawrence Streifel <u>2nd Reader</u> June Streifel	Doreen Denis Rita White Deacon Terry Ellen Tieman Jim Steinke	June Streifel Lawrence Streifel	Carol Bolduc Elaine Brandt	Ron Ruetz David Leahy Anita Leahy Jim Steinke
4th Sunday of Advent Sun Dec 20 11:00 AM	Andie Rocheleau †	Alei Kuthping Aowen Kuthping Volunteer	<u>1st Reader</u> Margaret Devine <u>2nd Reader</u> Mary Anne Valley	Susan Flanagan Jacquelyn Turaray Deacon Terry Bev Botter Kathleen Beierbach	Grace Phillips Harold Phillips	Bev Dirk Yvonne Anctil	Damiano Dalla-Longa Harold Phillips Jason Openo Volunteer

WEEKDAY MASS:

Tue Dec 15 7:00 pm

Intention: Don Perrior †

Wed Dec 16 8:15 am Intention: Anne Liboiron †

Thu Dec 17 8:15 am Intention: Silvana Dalla-Longa †

Friday Dec 18 8:15 am

Intention: Lina and Remi Lantican

Dec 13, 2015 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

This week's Readings:

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-18a [Joy Over the Saviour]

The Lord will rejoice over you with gladness.

2nd Reading: Philippians 4.4-7 [Rejoice in the Lord]

The Lord is close at hand.

Gospel: Luke 3.10-18 [Majesty of the Messiah]

The crowds asked, "What should we do?"



This Sunday is Mission Mexico Day in our Diocese. There will be a special collection for the mission at all Masses. Our goal is for each parishioner to donate a loonie.

TUESDAY DEC 15

➤ 9:00 am - 12 nm ST. PAT'S QUILTING CLUB
in the Parish Hall

➤ 4:00 pm SVDP Meeting @ St. Patrick's

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Our works are not so much what we do, but rather what we are. Our works are not something we do for God, nor even with God.

Our works are something we allow God to do in us.

RCIA Tuesdays @ 7:30pm

RCIA is the process to enter the Roman Catholic Church. Dec 15, 2015 - Office Meeting Room

➤ Review 3rd Sunday of Advent (Year C)
Christmas Season

For more information please contact Deacon Terry at 403-504-4352

WEDNESDAY DEC 16

➤ 10:00 am Legion of Mary in the Hall Meeting Room

➤ 7:00 pm Choir Practice in the Church

➤ 7:30 pm Reconciliation

SATURDAY DEC 19

➤ 10:00 am Reconciliation

TMII: That Man Is You!

Sat Dec 19 Theme: "The Journey to Nazareth"

Holy Family Parish Hall 7:30 am Breakfast

8:00 am Meeting 9:00 am Conclusion

Register for this free program online at www.thatmanisyou.org

2016 Calendars (courtesy of Cook Southland Funeral Chapel, and Glyn Yugas) are available now at the back of the church.

SATURDAY DEC 19 cont'd

Benedictine Oblates of Mount Angel Abbey will be meeting on Saturdays at 9:30 am in the Office Meeting Room at St. Patrick's. If you have a desire to seek God as a Benedictine Oblate and to develop a Benedictine spirituality, we invite you to join us. For more information, please contact:

Lorraine Prince: 403-866-9338 or

Gordon Rice: 403-527-7423

Carol Kimenius: 403-526-0415



Ushers,

There will be a workshop next weekend, Dec. 19th & 20th after each Mass. This workshop is for all ushers, new and existing, and for anyone interested in becoming an usher. The workshop will take about 30 minutes and will have important information.

Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

"Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" is an 8 week study (30 min a session) that provides the easiest way to understand the Bible. Discover the remarkable connections between the Old and New Testaments. See how the sacraments, the Church, and our entire Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture, and much more!

Starting January 13, 2016 @ noon in the God-Time Room.

Bring your lunch if you wish. For more information and to register contact the Parish Office. Workbook cost is \$25.00.

Ministry Appreciation Dinner

Saturday, January 23, 2016

After the 5 pm Mass

We are having a catered dinner to show our appreciation to the many ministries that make our parish thrive. There will be no cost to the dinner (and no dishes to wash, either!). Please sign up at the back of the church so that we can accurately give numbers to the caterer. It is for ministry volunteers and their immediate family.



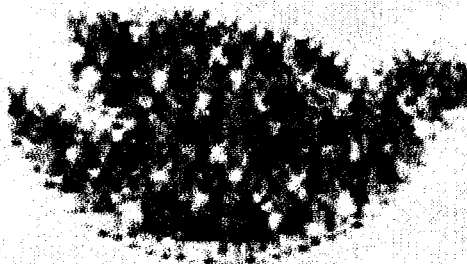
FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

Parishoners are invited to donate flowers (poinsettias, white or coloured azaleas) to place on the altar and around the Nativity Scene for Christmas. Tags will be available to mark your flowers for loved ones (deceased or living). You are asked to bring these flowers after Masses on the weekend of Dec. 19 and 20. You may also drop them at the office by Dec. 22. After January 10, the Baptism of Our Lord, you are welcome to take your flowers home.

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25,158
21,564
17,978
14,376
10,782
7,188
3,594



Together In Action Update 2015 Annual Campaign

Our Goal:	\$	39,534.00
Collected:	\$	(29,930.95)
To Collect:	\$	9,603.05

5 WEEKS LEFT TO REACH OUR GOAL!!!

Our Goals for this year are:

Year:	\$	39,534.00
Monthly:	\$	3,294.52
Weekly:	\$	823.63

Financial Update

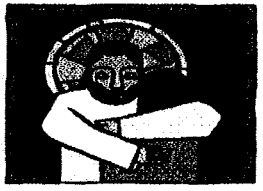


Week of Dec 6, 2015

Regular Env:	\$	9,687.95
Loose:	\$	647.25
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$	763.50

REJOICE IN GOD'S MERCY

Pope Francis has declared an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy (December 2015 - November 2016). The Year officially opened **December 8, 2015** with special opening rites taking place during Mass on the Third Sunday of Advent. Jubilee Prayer cards are available in the pews and at the back of the church. Find out more at www.jubileeofmercy.ca



As part of the Year of Mercy, the Diocese of Calgary invites you to re-discover the meaning of the sacrament of Reconciliation in your life. In addition to the regular parish schedule, the sacrament of Reconciliation will be

available at parishes throughout the Diocese of Calgary all the Wednesdays of Advent from 7:30 - 8:30 pm.

December 13th: Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, reminded us in his encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, that the baptised are called to care for our common home. The sacrament of Reconciliation invites us to consider not only the sins we have committed but also what we have failed to do. From our comfortable vantage point it is easy to become indifferent to the suffering of others. Gratitude for our blessings reminds us to share and do more for others. Action: Apologise or make reparation for something you failed to do.

Let Us Pray:

For the Sick of our Parish

May the Lord's healing and life-giving touch be upon those whose cross is heavy to bear.

Especially:

- Jerome Herle
- Anne Karst
- Adam Marshall
- Peter & Edith Garrecht
- Jerome Bitz

AMEN



Parish Year of Mercy Action Plan

- Wed evening confession 7:00-8:00 pm throughout the year with the exception of the summer months, July and August. Advent and Lent confessions will still be on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 - 8:30 pm.
- Thursday Morning after 8:15 am Mass there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for 1/2 hour. 8:45 - 9:15 am.
- Sponsoring a refugee family
The planning is in process now, and we will be keeping you informed through the bulletin and the website.

THE YEAR OF MERCY

Please read the letter from Bishop Henry, which outlines the actions that the Diocese and parishes will be taking in the next year. It is available for download on our website, and at the back of the church.

Parish Operational Report

Date:		Aug 1, 2014 - Dec 1, 2015
Receipts:	These totals since Fr. Tomy's arrival Aug 1, 2014 to Dec 1, 2015 cover 15 months.	
Env:	\$	406,926.00
Loose:	\$	39,070.00
Holy Days:	\$	29,667.00
Other:	\$	120,045.00
Total Receipts:	\$	595,708.00
Expenses:		
Wages/Benefits:	\$	245,956.00
Maintenance:	\$	149,449.00
Administration:	\$	40,813.00
Diocesan Support:	\$	93,830.00
Programs:	\$	68,988.00
Donation:	\$	13,127.00
Total Expenses:	\$	612,163.00
Receipts	\$	595,708.00
Expenses	\$	(612,163.00)
Net Income:	\$	(16,455.00)

Explanation:
 Three major projects have been completed
 Sept 2014 - Roofing - cost \$ 48,000.00
 April 2015 - Apron/sidewalk -new concrete
 cost \$ 15,000.
 June-Sept 2015 Stucco exterior of the
 Church cost \$ 84,000.
 We borrowed \$ 158,000.00 from our Central
 Fund to help cover the cost of these
 maintenance projects. The total Cost was
 *\$ 147,000.00

Grief Share

Grief Share is starting on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 1 pm in the Hope Room at Holy Family.

If you have lost a loved on and are grieving, Grief Share is for you. It is a Christian-based, 13 week program. You will find yourself among others who all share Grief. You are not alone.

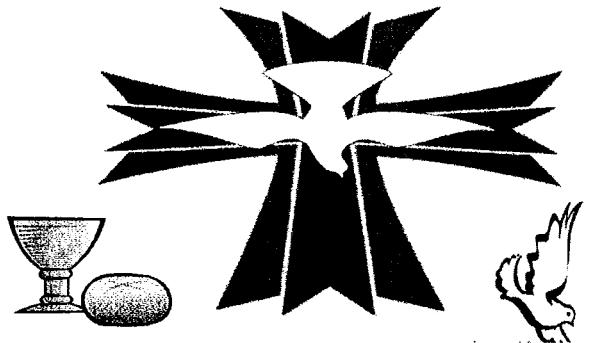
We provide a confidential support group, with films and sharing.

Comments from those who attended the last session:

- I am not alone
- Knowing others are there for you and going through the same experience.
- Helped me cope.
- Supportive and friendly.
- Made new friends.

Please phone the office at Holy Family Parish to register.

403-527-6933

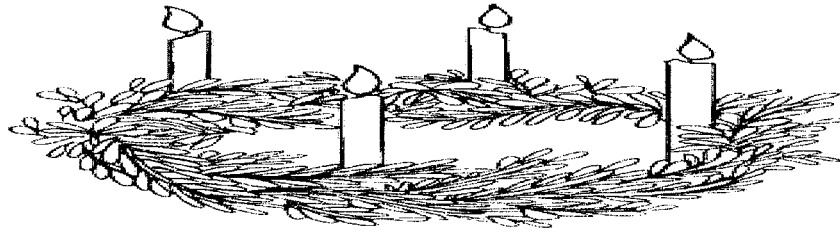


Sacramental Preparation

We would like to congratulate all the candidates who received their first Reconciliation this past week. We would also like to thank all the teachers and helpers who took part in preparing our candidates to receive this beautiful sacrament. As well, a very speical thank you to the parents of these children who are truly the primary teachers of the Catholic faith to their families.

The next Sacramental Preparation classes for First Communion and Confirmation will take place on **January 9 & 10, 2016.**

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT



This week, we light three candles on the Advent wreath. The increasing light represents the progressive departure of darkness from the world. This candlelight represents for us the light of God that came into the world through Christ to bring newness, life, and hope.

The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday. “Gaudete” is Latin for “rejoice”. We rejoice because of the promise that is nearly fulfilled. In addition to the purple Hope and Peace Candles, we also light the pink JOY Candle this week. Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle, we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.

THIRD WEEK BLESSING

As you make your Advent preparations at home, here is a blessing you may wish to use with your own wreath.

Leader: May the Lord’s love shine in our hearts.

All: And may His peace be with us all.

Leader: The Lord is our faith and our life.

All: Our hope is in the coming of the Lord.

(Two purple candles and the rose-coloured candle are lit. During the rest of the week, these candles are relit at the evening meal or whenever the family gathers together.)

Leader: Let us pray: that we may grow in love for each other as the Lord comes to us.

(Pause for silent prayer.)

Father in Heaven, may we Your family who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of Your love and celebrate His birth with a new sense of love for each other.

All: Amen.¹

EQUIP

Grades 6-8

Friday Nights 7-9pm

Ode to EQUIP

We unwrapped presents galore,
Raced with plungers across the floor,
Winked at people who fell down dead,
Put a garbage can on our head
Francis and Benedict we did meet
And had lots of yummy snacks to eat
Now my friends this year is done.
See you in January to have more fun.

UNWRAPPED

Grades 9-12

Sunday Nights 7-9pm

Christmas Party

Join us for Christmas games, a gift exchange (gifts provided), goodies, and hot chocolate. Wear an ugly sweater if you’d like. ☺

Sunday December 13th @ Holy Family
Parish

¹ <http://www.catholicdoors.com/misc/adventwreath.htm>



Christmas Charity

The Christmas season is a good time for us to donate non-perishable food items to help make a difference for those families who are forced to turn to the **Medicine Hat Food Bank** for help. **Please support this worthy cause by bringing in food items at all weekend masses starting the First Sunday of Advent (November 29) and continuing through the Third Sunday of Advent (December 13).**



What are their critical needs items?

- Canned Meat (tuna, salmon, ham, chicken)
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Meals (Chef Boyardee, Alphagetti etc.)
- Canned Vegetables

Of course all items of food, laundry and personal hygiene are greatly appreciated. Continued support of cash and food are important as the demand is increasing due to the downturn in the economy.

Holy Childhood Association

"Whatever you do for the least of these, my children, you do to me." (Mt.25)

Caring makes a difference in someone's life!

Open your heart  Share your love.

Boxes are available for families to pick up and put on your table during mealtime as a reminder of your sharing and caring for mission children. At Christmas the boxes can be put at the Nativity & we will forward all offerings by cheque to the Holy Childhood office.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

During this season of Advent as we prepare our hearts and homes for Christmas, we also take the time to count our blessings. Thanks to your regular and generous donations, the St. Vincent de Paul Society is able to help out needy families and individuals who have nowhere else to turn. The volunteers of our St. Vincent de Paul Society wish to extend their sincere gratitude to you for your donations and your prayers. We pray that God will continue to bless you and your family. Have a wonderful Christmas!

Thank You!

The Legion of Mary extends a big Thank You to the Knights of Columbus, Dean Fitzpatrick Council #1732, for their recent purchase of items for the Legion of Mary.

These items include brown and green scapulars as well as a variety of pamphlets, booklets, and prayer cards. A big thank you also goes out to Cook Southland Funeral Chapel for the Fatima Prayer cards they purchased for the Legion.

All of these items are available for free on the Legion of Mary display table that is temporarily located in the foyer of St. Patrick's Parish Hall. They are also available on the Legion of Mary display at Holy Family Parish.

CWL CRAFT & BAKE SALE



THIS WEEKEND 

After all Masses in the foyer of the Parish Hall. Come on down and pick up some goodies, and maybe a gift or two as well!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

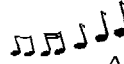
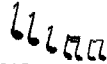
THIS WEEKEND!

SUNDAY DECEMBER 13

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



 Singers and Strings 
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performed by the vocal and orchestral academy students of the MHC Conservatory.

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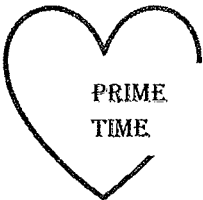
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