

St. Patrick's Parish

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December 31, 2017 - Feast of the Holy Family Year B

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday 7:00 pm

Wednesday - Friday 8:15 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10:00 am, and by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday 8:45 - 9:30 am

Pastor:	Rev. Tomy Manjaly	403-866-9940	manjalytom@yahoo.co.in
Deacon:	Rev. Mr. Terry Olson	403-504-4352	ttolson@telusplanet.net
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Catholic Women's League:	(CWL President) Dianna Frey	403-527-4338	hdfrey@shaw.ca
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Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Closed on Weekends & Statutory Holidays

Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ within me

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 a census form located at the back of the church and leave it in the collection plate, or contact the Parish Office.

To our visitors, enjoy your visit with our parish family. To our new parishioners, Welcome Home!

Parish Finances

DATE: December 18 - 25, 2017

COLLECTION \$ 35,628

WKLY BUDGET EXPENSES \$ 7,943

EXCEED/(SHORTFALL) \$ 27,685

YEAR TO DATE OVER/(UNDER) \$(1,534)

Special Collection - Christmas \$ 18,315*

* included in the above collection total

St. Vincent de Paul \$ 460.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Together in Action

Our Goal : \$36,879.00

Last Week: \$ 566.00

Still To Collect: \$ 6,637.87

100%

80%

60%

40%

20%

0%

Solemnity of Mary Masses: Dec. 31 at 5:00 pm Jan. 1 at 10:00 am

December 30th, 2017

Masses & Celebrations at St. Patrick's This Week

SATURDAY DECEMBER 30

10:00 am Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass - Intention: James Simpson †

SUNDAY DECEMBER 31

9:00 am Mass - Intention: Marianne Hintz

11:00 am Mass - Intention: Hannalore Rubrecht †

5:00 pm Mass - Intention: Tom Briz †

MONDAY JANUARY 1

10:00 am Mass - Intention: St. Patrick's Choir

TUESDAY JANUARY 2

7:00 pm Mass - Intention: Robert Pinder †

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 3

8:15 am Mass - Intention: Bill Weisgerber †

THURSDAY JANUARY 4

8:15 am Mass - Intention: Blair Thompson †

FRIDAY JANUARY 5

8:15 am Mass - Intention: Raymond Hamel †

Senior Home Masses This Week

SUNDAY DECEMBER 31

7:25 am Mass at St. Joseph's - Intention: McConville Family

MONDAY JANUARY 1

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's - Intention: Ernesto, Adelina Amaral & sons

2:00 pm Prayer Service at Masterpiece

TUESDAY JANUARY 2

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's - Intention: Joseph Garcia,

Aldina & John Garcia

2:00 pm Prayer Service at Teeoda

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 3

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's - Intention: Ricardo Palomeque †

3:30pm Mass at Good Samaritan - Intention:


THURSDAY JANUARY 4

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's - Intention: Kate Smith

FRIDAY JANUARY 5

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's - Intention: Trish Carr

10:00 am Mass at Wellington - Intention:



Mass Intentions

WHEN REQUESTING A MASS INTENTION FROM THE OFFICE PLEASE CONSIDER ONE OF THE SENIORS FACILITIES.

Ministerial Association Prayer

"Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you... and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare."

(Jer 29.7)

Let us pray for:

Councillor Eric Solberg, Recliff
River Valley Community Church
Pastors Mark Borrows & Larry Enslin



Parish Events:

MONDAY JANUARY 1

OFFICE CLOSED - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 3

> 10:00 am Legion of Mary

SATURDAY JANUARY 6

> 9:30 am Benedictine Group in the Office Meeting Room

On January 1st, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. This is a Holy Day of Obligation within the Church as we honour our Blessed Mother.

Please join us for our Mass celebrations on
New Year's Eve at 5:00 pm or
New Year's Day at 10:00 am



Solemnity of Mary

Will you be out of town for New Year's? Visit www.CalgaryDiocese.ca to check the New Year's Mass Schedule of all the parishes in our diocese!

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

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|----------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Jerome Heine | Nola Orich | Eleanor Romaniuk |
| Adam Marshall | Ally Little | Maurice Romaniuk |
| Edith Garrecht | Elmer Jacobson | Margaret Shaw |
| Yvonne Exner | Mark Simpson | Garth Vallely |
| Cleora Schafer | Everett van der Heiden | Lucille Anton |
| Paul Cheverie | Theresa Perrault | Bill Prince |
| Leo Sellinger | George Macauley | Leonard Heister |

AMEN

If you or a loved one are unable to attend Mass due to hospitalization, illness, or infirmity, and wish to receive Holy Communion, or a visit please contact the Parish Office at 403-526-2265.

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*Thank you to everyone
who brought in the
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After January 7th, the Feast of the Epiphany, you are welcome to take your flowers home.



2017 Campaign

The 2017 Together in Action campaign is quickly coming to an end with only three weeks left for you to make your donations. We have reached over 80% of our goal; AND if you are looking for a charity to make a 2017 tax-deductible donation to, please consider TIA. We need your help to reach our goal. This annual fundraising campaign helps many charities in southern Alberta. The mission and responsibility of every Catholic is to help the poor and the needy locally, nationally and globally.

Thank you to everyone who has already made their 2017 donation in support of Together in Action!

2018 MISSALS FOR SALE!

St. Joseph's Missals - \$5.00
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OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PROPOSED SCHOOL CLOSURE
INFORMATION MEETING**

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at École St. Thomas d'Aquin
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6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

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**2018 DONATION ENVELOPES ARE
AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE
CHURCH!**

Please pick up yours today! For those of you with direct debit you will still have a box of envelopes to pick up for 2018 which includes Special Collections.

**St. Francis Xavier's Relic Pilgrimage in
Calgary**

Save the date!

The relic pilgrimage is a gift for the Church in Canada at the close of our 150th anniversary year, bringing the famous relic of St. Francis Xavier to North America for the first time in generations. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to venerate the incorrupt first class relic of one of the greatest missionaries and evangelists since St. Paul the Apostle. Public veneration of the relic will be hosted on **January 21 at Sacred Heart Church, Calgary, and on January 22 at St. Michael's Church, Calgary.**

For more details on the veneration timetable, visit: cco.ca/relic

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is the process to enter the Roman Catholic Church. For more information, please contact Deacon Terry (403-504-4352).

St. Patrick's Bereavement Ministry

If you or someone you know could benefit from a phone call and/or visit after the loss of a loved one, please call the church office at 403-526-2265.

GriefShare

GriefShare meets Mondays at 1:00 pm in the Hope Room at Holy Family Parish. If you have lost a loved one please consider joining us. We offer support and confidentiality on our grief journey. You will find the support of a group very helpful. Contact Holy Family to register or just show up.

2018 Calendars are available at the back of the church, courtesy of Cook Southland Funeral Chapel. Please only take one per household.

The CWL are once again collecting old/used Christmas cards. You may drop them off at the Hospitality desk.



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The Word This Week

Readings:

1st Reading: Gen 15.1-6; 17.3b-5, 15-16; 21.1-7 [Faith]
Your very own issue shall be your heir.

Psalm: Ps 105 [God's Covenant]
R. The Lord Remembers.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 11.8, 11-12, 17-19 [Trust God]
The faith of Abraham, Sarah and Isaac.

Gospel: Luke 22, 25-27, 34-35, 39-40 [The Anointed One]
The child grew, filled with wisdom.

"The child grew, filled with Wisdom."

"As an example for us to follow, the Holy Family can seem a little too perfect when we consider the more "dramatic" events of the Christmas and Easter Story, it can seem so far removed from us. And yet, as today's Gospel reminds us (especially in the shorter version), there were also the so-called "hidden years" - the many years of family life in Nazareth, spent in ordinary things. During that time, we hear how Jesus grew and matured, and in the glimpse of that family life we see our example. The family is a basic unit of our Christian society, despite coming under threat nowadays. Our celebration of this feast, and the Word of God we proclaim, announces that there is a lasting value in the ideals of family life, and the relationship between husband, wife, parents and children. Whatever the changing details of each age, honour, understanding and love always remain the recipe for the perfect, and holy, human family. It is love that we put on over all the other clothes of changing cultures and places, to guarantee the life of the family in imitation of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph."

JANUARY 1st - SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Readings:

1st Reading: Numbers 6.22-27 [The Aaronic Blessing]
They shall put my name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them.

Psalm: Ps 67 [God Bless Us]
R. May God bless Us in His Mercy

2nd Reading: Galations 4.4-7 [Heirs by God's Design]
God sent his son, born of a woman.

Gospel: Luke 2.16-21 [The Name of Jesus]
They found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. After eight days he was named Jesus.

"When the eighth day came, they gave him the name Jesus"

In one sense we cram a lot of things together in today's solemnity, whether we succeed or not is open to debate! Today is New Year's Day, a time to pray for the year to come and hope for God's blessing. It is the Octave Day of Christmas, when we continue to reflect on the meaning of the child in the manger. It is the day of Jesus' circumcision, according to the Law of Moses, and the day on which he was given the name that the angel had announced to Mary. And the name of this day tells us that it is given to Mary, mother of Jesus, God-made-man - not in any other aspect of her life (such as the Annunciation the Assumption or the Immaculate Conception), but celebrated simply as Mother of the Redeemer. Perhaps it is the person of Mary the Mother who can unite all these "themes": she who trusted in God's promises received blessings from the Lord; as mother she invites us to look over her shoulder with the shepherds and recognise her child, not just as a wonderful new life, but as the one who (in fulfillment of the Scriptures) is proclaimed as "Jesus" - a name which means "God saves".

(www.salfordliturgy.net/holymotherofgod)



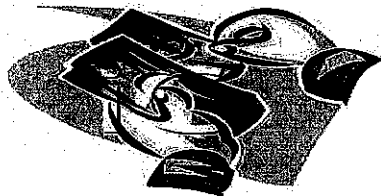
Thank you to Bob Wist for delivering the groceries in December.

A double thank you to Bob for agreeing to deliver the groceries again in January.

(Who can say no to Sister Vicki when she asks !)

A BIG THANK YOU!

To the volunteers who are part of the "Counting Ministry" each week. We appreciate you, especially at this time of year when the number of Masses that are scheduled increases your workload.



Rosary Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to help lead the Rosary before the 11:00 am Mass on Sundays. We currently have one very dedicated volunteer at this Mass, but she needs help! The more volunteers that come forward, the smaller a commitment this becomes. The Rosary usually begins about half an hour before Mass. If you are interested, please contact Trish Carr at tcarr7@icloud.com, or 403-529-6824

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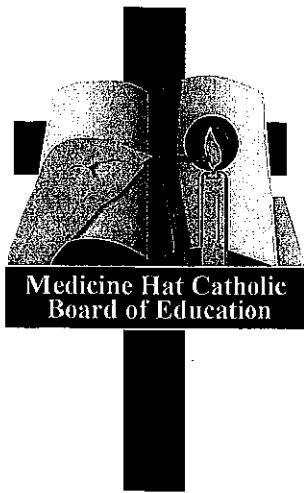
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BOARD BULLETIN

December 2017 – MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION @ mhcbce.ab.ca

ÉCOLE ST. THOMAS D'AQUIN – At the December 12, 2017 regularly scheduled Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees gave notice to consider school closure of École St. Thomas d'Aquin with the intention to move the program to our new elementary school, St. John Paul II, effective in the 2018-2019 school year. The Board will hold a **PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING** on **Monday, January 8, 2018** to provide information and to gather input from stakeholders in our community. The meeting is open to the general public. **The meeting will be held at École St. Thomas d'Aquin, 1970 – 19th Avenue SE., Medicine Hat from 6:30 pm – 8 pm.**

PROPERTY TAXES 2017 – The Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education reminds our community of the importance of declaring your **PROPERTY TAXES** in support of Catholic Education. *How do you declare your support?* - To ensure your property taxes are supporting Catholic Schools, you must declare your Catholic school support as **"Separate"** on your annual property assessment notice. Contact the Taxation Office at the City of Medicine Hat, or the Town or Municipal Office in your area. Changes made on or before **Dec 31** will be in effect for the next taxation year.

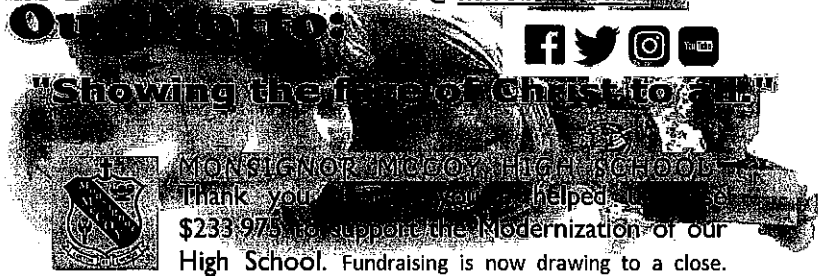
ST. JOHN PAUL II – Construction on our "new" Catholic Elementary School, St. John Paul II in Southlands, is progressing well with estimated completion in spring of 2018. Following the decision regarding École St. Thomas d'Aquin, the Boundaries and Attendance areas will be set for St. John Paul II.

FEBRUARY REGISTRATION – Watch for February Registration! February is Registration Month in all Catholic Schools in Medicine Hat for **all grades K – 12** including all **Early Learning Programs** for the **2018/19 school-year**. Registration is for students currently enrolled and for "new" students to the School District.

Watch for details! Follow us on social media! @MHCATHOLIC

MHCBE WORKPLACE SURVEY – The Board voted in favor to engage all employees in a **Workplace Risk Assessment Survey/Questionnaire** regarding violence and verbal abuse. The survey will be coordinated through **Learning Services** and will be administered to all **District Staff** by **February 28, 2018**.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FEATURE – As part of the Board Meeting format in the New Year, there will be a standing agenda item titled: **CATHOLIC EDUCATION**. The intention is to highlight and feature agenda items specifically related to Catholic Education in that section. This is a **great opportunity for us to bring prominence to items relating to Catholic Education** at the start of the Board Meetings. The Religious Education Coordinator Report will be featured here as well.



Planning stages for the Donor Dedication Wall is beginning. Donors will be featured by category: **FRIENDS OF MONSIGNOR MCCOY, BRICK DONORS, BRONZE, SILVER, and GOLD & PLATINUM AND SPONSORSHIP!**



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- BRICK DONOR \$500-\$999:** Gale Family; Monsignor McCoy High School Parent Council; Notre Dame Academy; St. Patrick's School Teachers; St. Patrick's School Students; Catholic Women's League-St. Patrick's Parish; École St. Thomas d'Aquin Parent Council; McCoy Colts Football Booster Club; Emily C. King; Victoria A. King; Thomas J. King; St. Mary's School; The Hoffman Family; Gay Pelchat; The Graf Family-In Memory of Alexander Graf; Guy & Trina Lanigan; Greg & Marla MacPherson; Grace Porter & Family; Lon Bosch; Lee & Tamara Little; Logan, Morgan, & Chandler Little; Murray & Emily Haubrich & Family; David & Anita Leahy & Family; Bishop Carroll Assembly (4th Degree of K of C); Joan Richard (Richard Family); Chuck & Denise Hellman; Kevin & Tina Steinke; George & Jean Kambeitz; Mother Teresa School Council; Teresa, Warren, Amy, Megan & Emily Stark; Dick & Debbie Mastel; Mr. Bosch NDA Homeroom Students 2016-2017; Mr. Bosch NDA Homeroom Students 2014-2015
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- SILVER DONOR \$10,000-\$19,999:** Jim & Sue Van Der Sloot; Todd & Shelley Beck; Dan, Barb & Quirina Thompson; Medicine Hat Catholic Schools' Education Foundation
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Monsignor McCoy High School Modernization Grand Opening, Donor Dedication Wall Acknowledgement, School Tours & Grand Opening Celebration.

Watch for details and Invitations in the new year!

Upcoming Catholic School Board Meetings, Public Welcome.

- January 09, 2018 at 6pm Regular Meeting
- For information www.mhcbce.ab.ca or call us at 403,527.2292