

St. Patrick's Parish

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February 18, 2018 - 1st Sunday of Lent 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

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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: February 5 - February 11, 2018

COLLECTION	\$	6,020
WKLY BUDGET EXPENSES	\$	8,592
EXCEED/(SHORTFALL)	\$	(2,572)
YEAR TO DATE OVER/(UNDER)	\$	(5,445)
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	71

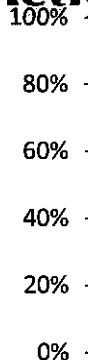
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2018 Annual Bishop's Appeal

2018 Goal: \$36,489

Collected to Date: \$ 3,099



Masses & Celebrations at St. Patrick's This Week

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17

10:00 am Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass - Intention: Bob Hagel †

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18

9:00 am Mass - Intention: Nick Mudrack †
11:00 am Mass - Intention: Elizabeth Ganzer †

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20

7:00 pm Mass - Intention: Stanley, Margtrice & Joseph Balewicz †

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 21

8:15 am Mass - Intention: Stephan, Maria, Raphael & Jan Valastin †
7:30 pm Reconciliation during Lent

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 22

8:15 am Mass - Intention: Genevieve Giesinger †

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23

8:15 am Mass - Intention: Charlie Curr †

Senior Home Masses This Week

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18

7:25 am Mass at St. Joseph's - Intention: Theresa Cailliau

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's - Intention: Candice Brown

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's - Intention: Raymond & Therese Lambert

Father Francis is away until March 4.

Thank you to Fr. Tomy, Fr. John, and Fr. Philip for helping out with the Senior Home Masses while he is away.

A Kindness a Day during your Lenten Walk

A calendar serves as a simple reminder of how you may wish to enrich your Lenten journey through the undertaking of simple Acts of Kindness. By doing little Acts of Kindness daily you are sharing the love you have to give with family, friends and everyone you meet. There are many things you can do as little expressions of kindness for each day on your "Lenten Walk with the Lord" such as:

- Visit or call someone who is sick or elderly and bring them a simple meal, soup or loaf of bread
 - Babysit for a young couple or single mother so that they can enjoy an evening out or some quiet time
 - Yield the right of way to another driver or give up a parking space, give them a wave rather than a frown
 - Run an errand for someone who needs it or offer to drive them to Church
 - Sign up for a Ministry at the Parish. There is always a need for Volunteers
 - Help shovel someone's driveway or walkway
- Opportunities for kindness present themselves during every waking hour of every day - take advantage of them as often and wherever you can. You will be in good company!

Parish Events:

MONDAY FEBRUARY 19

>Office Closed for Family Day

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20

- >9:00 am Quilters Club
- >1:00 pm Knitting Club
- >4:00 pm SSVV Meeting
- >7:30 pm RCIA

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 21

- >8:45 am OLPH Devotion
- >10:00 am Legion of Mary
- >7:00 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 22

>7:30 pm Lenten Retreat: Seven Last Words of Christ

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23

>7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17

- >9:30 am Benedictine Group in the Office Meeting Room
- >10:00 am Prostate Cancer Support Group

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.

IN MEMORIAM

Eliza Herle

Grant eternal rest unto them, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them.

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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| <i>Jerome Herle</i> | <i>Nola Orich</i> | <i>Maurice Romaniuk</i> |
| <i>Adam Marshall</i> | <i>Al Hittle</i> | <i>Margaret Shaw</i> |
| <i>Edith Garrecht</i> | <i>Elmer Jacober</i> | <i>Garth Vallely</i> |
| <i>Yvonne Exner</i> | <i>Mary Simpson</i> | <i>Lucille Anton</i> |
| <i>Cleora Schafer</i> | <i>Everett van der Heiden</i> | <i>Bill Prince</i> |
| <i>Paul Cheverie</i> | <i>Theresa Perrault</i> | <i>Leonard Heisler</i> |
| <i>Leo Sellinger</i> | <i>George Macauley</i> | |
| <i>Denise DeGagne</i> | <i>June Wiersma</i> | |

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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1st Sunday of Lent

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST AND THE SEVEN VIRTUES LENTEN RETREAT

This retreat will be held weekly on Thursdays
in the Parish Hall 7:30 - 8:30 pm

February 22 - TRUTH

This will be a time of meditation and spiritual
development.

These sessions are based on the lectures of
Bishop Fulton J. Sheen.

For more information
contact Cathy 403-526-8538

Stations of the Cross - Will be held every
Friday evening at 7:00 pm at St. Patrick's
Church during Lent beginning on February
16th. The Legion of Mary wishes to thank the
K of C and CWL from St. Patrick's Church for
their help to facilitate this Devotion.

Save the Date
Our Lenten Parish Mission
March 19-21, 2018
MERCY NOW
with Harley Parker

All Mission Talks following 8:00 am Mass

A Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace Friday, February 23

Pope Francis invites all the Church to
observe Friday, February 23 as a day of
prayer and fasting for peace in the many
areas of conflict throughout the world,
particularly the Democratic Republic of the
Congo and South Sudan.

*"Peacemaking calls for courage, much more
than warfare. It calls for the courage to say
yes to encounter and no to conflict; yes to
dialogue and no to violence; yes to
negotiations and no to hostilities; yes to
respect for agreements and no to acts of
provocation; yes to sincerity and no to
duplicity. All of this takes courage, it takes
strength and tenacity." Pope Francis,
Invocation for Peace June 8, 2014*

After the 8:15 Mass on Friday, February
23rd there will be Eucharistic Adoration
from 8:45 am - 11:45 am

**A sign up sheet for Adoration is at the
back of the Church**



Rejoice in God's Mercy

*The Diocese of Calgary invites you to
experience the peace, love, and joy
brought by participating in the
sacrament of reconciliation. In addition
to the regular parish schedule, the
sacrament of **Reconciliation** will be
available **all the Wednesdays of Lent**
from 7:30 - 8:30 pm.*

As we begin Lent, the desert is not a
place for us to fear, but a place of
encountering the Holy Spirit. The Spirit
can reveal what binds us, as well as
what steal from our freedom to be the
person God created us to be.

Action: *Throughout the forty days of
Lent, pray to the Holy Spirit to advocate
for you and free you from whatever
keeps you from greater intimacy with
God.*

Potluck Lunch & Fatima Photos

Come see and hear what Fr. Tomy and
some of our parishioners experienced
on their pilgrimage to Fatima and
Lourdes last fall!

Join us after 11:00 am Mass on March
4th for a potluck lunch and a viewing of
photos. Everyone welcome!

For more information, please contact
Karen-Anne, Legion of Mary, at 403-
952-8991 or by email:
kacherwono@shaw.ca

Project Rachel Post Abortion Weekend Retreat

February 23-24, 2018

The Project Rachel Retreat is only
available once a year and offers a
journey of healing and reconciliation for
women and men who are suffering from
a past abortion experience. Certified
counselors are available to accompany
people on a journey towards hope and
inner peace.

For more information or to register call
Project Rachel at 403-281-5506 or toll
free at 1-877-597-3223. You may also
email info@projectrachelsa.ca

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MASSES AT EASTER

There is a blank schedule at the back of the
Church for ministry sign up. There are four
Masses and two Services that we need our
trained volunteers to sign up for. If everyone
pitches in then all positions at all Masses will
be covered. Thank you to those who have
already signed up but there are still several
spots open to be filled!

Holy Thursday 7:00 pm
Good Friday 12:00 noon & 3:00 pm
Saturday Easter Vigil 8:00 pm
Easter Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Lenten Workshop on Forgiveness

The Religious Education Secretariat is holding
a workshop on "Breaking Free and Moving
On" with Father Peter Doherty, PhD
Saturday, February 24, 2018
Catholic Pastoral Centre Calgary
Registration (403) 218-5501

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2018 All God's Creation is Very Good!

Please join us for informed prayer and prayerful
action on preservation of Creation in solidarity
with Christians in Suriname.

On the first Friday of March each year,
Christians of many traditions gather for the
World Day of Prayer, a prayer movement that
invites us to enrich our faith experience with
the experience of Christians from other
countries and cultures and to bring hope to
women touched by injustice.

We will join our neighbours to celebrate World
Day of Prayer at:

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Friday, March 2, 2018 7:00 pm

THAT MAN IS YOU! SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018

Theme: "Strengthening the Spiritual Life"

Holy Family Parish - 8:00 am Breakfast

8:30 am - 9:30 am Meeting

For more information please contact: Robert
Anderson: 403-527-6087 or rloretta@telus.net

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The Word This Week

Readings:

1st Reading: Genesis 9.8-15 [Sign of the Covenant]
God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood.

Psalm: Ps 25 BB pg 38 [Keeping God's Covenant]
RR. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3.18-22 [Power of the Resurrection]
The waters of the flood prefigured the baptism which now saves you.

Gospel: Mark 1.12-15 [Time of Fulfillment]
Jesus was tempted by Satan; and the Angels waited on him

"Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the Angels looked after him"

"We begin our Lenten journey at the decisive moment of the flood, when God establishes his first Covenant with man, in the person of Noah. Noah was saved from the waters, while we (as Saint Peter points out) are saved by the waters of Baptism. This is the Covenant we live in, thanks to Christ who came to establish this "new and eternal Covenant in his blood". He is the only one who can do this, because he is without sin, despite "having been tempted in every way that we are".

(www.salfordliturgy.org.first.sunday.of.lent)

Youth

Unchained (Gr. 9-12)
Every Sunday (including Feb 18th) @ HF 7-9
Equip (Gr. 6-8)
Every 2nd Friday @ St Pat's 7-9
Every 4th Friday @ HF 7-9
Generation Gap (Gr. 6-12)
Every 3rd Friday alternating between HF and St. Pat's (please see bulletin board or visit the parish website)
3:30-7:30

HOLY HUMOR



WOULD THE PERSON WHO KEEPS PRAYING FOR SNOW PLEASE STOP



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Saturday March 3 or Sunday March 4
Saturday March 10 or Sunday March 11
Saturday classes start at 3:30 pm in Holy Family's Faith Room until 4:50 pm
Sunday classes start at 4:30 pm in Holy Family's Faith Room until 5:50 pm

Parent Meeting - Thursday March 15 at 7:00 pm Holy Family's Faith Room

Service Projects:
Saturday March 24 "Prairie Gleaners" 8:00 am until noonish.
Meet at Holy Family
Tuesday, March 27 "Easter Card making" 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Holy Family
Friday, April 27 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm and Saturday April 28 9:00 am to noon "Volunteers to help with 1st Communion Retreat" at Holy Family.
Service Project Sign-up sheets are available at Holy Family

*** Package with Confirmation Name (Saint Name), Letter to the Bishop, Sponsor and the Service Project Journal have been handed out. If your child did not attend the February lesson, please stop by Holy Family and pick one up. These items must be filled out and returned to Holy Family no later than the last lesson which is the April 21/22 weekend.
Questions? Call Sally at HF (403)527-6933

1st Communion Classes

Saturday March 3 or Sunday March 4
Saturday March 10 or Sunday March 11
Saturday classes start at 4:45 pm in St Patrick's Hall until 6:00 pm
Sunday classes start at 10:15 am in Holy Family's Faith Room until 11:30 am

Parent Meeting - Thursday March 8 at 7:00 pm Holy Family Faith Room

1st Communion Masses are as follows:

St. Patrick's: Saturday May 5th 5:00 pm Mass, Sunday May 6th 11 am Mass
Holy Family: Saturday May 5th 5:00 pm Mass, Sunday May 6th 10:30 am Mass
Saturday May 12th 5:00 pm Mass, Sunday May 13th 10:30 am Mass

Sign up sheets will be provided at each class starting in March. There are no limited numbers regarding candidate attendance. Certificates will be given so we need to know the name of the candidate and the Mass they want to attend.
If you have any questions please call Sally at Holy Family (403)527-6933

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Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Calgary



February 13, 2018

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

THE SEASON OF LENT begins on Ash Wednesday as we gather to receive the “mark of ashes,” an exterior sign of our desire for interior change and renewal. The time period of Lent mirrors the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert, the 40 years the people of Israel wandered in the wilderness – a biblical number reflecting the passage of a generation and the emergence of a new one. Lent is an annual opportunity in the liturgical year to engage in a spiritual renewal and to prepare for Easter by returning to the Lord in every aspect of our lives through the practices of prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

PRAYER

Daily life can be occupied with many distractions which impact upon the peace in our hearts and draw us away from the practices of prayer. Lent is a time in our faith lives that invites a return to solitude, silence and prayer. Lent resounds with the words of the psalmist calling us to “be still and know that I am God.” (Ps. 46) Pope Francis has described the experience of prayer in this way, “In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could lead to a hardness of heart, we are called to dive into the sea of prayer, which is the sea of the boundless love of God, in order to experience his tenderness.”

ALMSGIVING

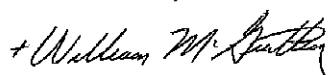
The pace of life sometimes isolates those who live in poverty or with underemployment. This isolation reduces our personal contact with people living with insufficiency and those who could help can become disconnected from the needs of others. The time of Lent echoes with the exclamation, “for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” (Mt. 25: 35) It is this reconnection which Lent summons in our hearts. Through acts of sacrificial giving and in being truly present to the needs of others we recognize the sacred reflection of God in another person, we see their needs and our faith inspires us to respond generously.

FASTING

When speaking of fasting, the third penitential practice of Lent, Pope Francis says, “Fasting wakes us up. It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbour. It revives our desire to obey God, who alone is capable of satisfying our hunger.” This penitential practice helps us to control our desires and to be freely attentive and open to the love of God.

This is indeed a holy season in the liturgical year. May this season of prayer, almsgiving and fasting be a time of true spiritual conversion for all of us which in preparing our hearts to rejoice with the Risen Christ at Easter!

Yours in Christ,



† Most Reverend William T. McGrattan, D.D.
Bishop of the Diocese of Calgary

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Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Calgary



February 11, 2018
World Day of the Sick

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE has been an integral part of the Church's pioneering and evangelizing ministry in southern Alberta that precedes the founding of the province. Inspired by the charisms of religious congregations, many of these Catholic health ministries continue to enrich the lives of Albertans today bringing important spiritual and ethical dimensions to our health care system.

Our Catholic ministries are a vital part of the Church's response to the needs of our aging population, providing healthy environments and services to help seniors flourish as active and vibrant contributors to our community, as well as care for those who face the difficult challenges that come with declining health. I am extremely grateful for the work of our parish pastoral care volunteers and the Catholic organizations such as Father Lacombe Nursing Home and the Covenant family of providers – Covenant Health, Covenant Care and Covenant Living.

As providers of hospital care, seniors' care, outreach services and palliative care, our Catholic health providers continue the healing ministry of Jesus upholding the sacredness of life and honoring the vital link between spirituality and healing as women and men follow their calling to serve each other with compassion and respect.

In recent years, Covenant Care and Covenant Living's service to our Diocese has grown. Since 2013, Covenant Care has expanded its supportive living and hospice care to three sites in Calgary—Holy Cross and St. Marguerite Manors located in the Evanston neighborhood, and St. Teresa Place in the Redstone neighborhood. In the past year, Covenant Living has also established a retirement living community in Calgary at Evanston Summit with suites and apartments for seniors. These are welcome additions to our Catholic community.

Pope Francis in his message for the 26th World Day of the Sick writes, "... the work of Catholic religious congregations and dioceses and their hospitals is aimed not only at providing quality medical care, but also at putting the human person at the centre of the healing process..."

I encourage you to visit and learn more about these caring communities that live out our Catholic faith and tradition with fidelity and compassion. Let us keep healthcare leaders, caregivers, and the people they serve in our prayers.

Yours in Christ,

† Most Reverend William T. McGrattan, D.D.
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