

St. Patrick's Parish

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December 2, 2018 - 1st Sunday of Advent Year C

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday 7:00 pm

Wednesday - Friday 8:15am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm, 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 - 4:00 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: November 19 - 25, 2018

COLLECTION	\$	5,227
PAD (pre-authorized debit)	\$	720
TOTAL	\$	5,947
WKLY BUDGET EXPENSES	\$	8,592
EXCEED/(SHORTFALL)	\$	(2,645)

Thank you for your generosity!

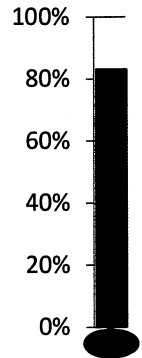
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2018 Annual Bishop's Appeal

2018 Goal: \$36,489

Collected Last Week: \$ 481

Still to Collect: \$ 6,038



Masses & Celebrations at St. Patrick's This Week

SATURDAY DEC 1

3:30 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass - Intention: George & Rose Steinke †

SUNDAY DEC 2

9:00 am Mass - Intention: Fr. Tomy Manjaly

11:00 am Mass - Intention: Fr. Jos Tom Parambil

TUESDAY DEC 4

7:00 pm Mass - Intention: Fr. Charles Pottie

WEDNESDAY DEC 5

8:15 am Mass for Mission - Intention: Fr. RJ Abanto

10:00 am School Mass - St. Michael and St. Louis

THURSDAY DEC 6

8:15 am Mass - Intention: all parishioners of St. Patrick's

8:45 am Adoration

FRIDAY DEC 7

8:15 am Mass - Intention: Joseph Faller †

Senior Home Masses This Week

SUNDAY DEC 2

7:25 am Mass at St. Joseph's - Intention: Anita Gill

MONDAY DEC 3

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's - Intention: Madeleine Riffel †

2:00 pm Mass at Masterpce River Ridge- Intention: Loved ones of Gladys Garyk †

TUESDAY DEC 4

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's - Intention: Wayne Riffel †

WEDNESDAY DEC 5

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's - Intention: Sharon Riffel †

3:30 pm Mass at Good Sam - Intention: people with addictions

THURSDAY DEC 6

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's - Intention: St. Joseph's staff & Seminarians

FRIDAY DEC 7

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's - Intention: Walter Wandler †

10:00 am Mass at Wellington - Intention: Mary Jo MacLean †

Bishop McGratten's Pastoral Visit

The Bishop will be here on December 14th to 16th, and he is asking to meet with each of our many ministry members during appointments on the 14th and 15th. Please plan to attend your group's meeting! The schedule is posted at the Church entrance - be sure to check the time your ministry meets with the Bishop!

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:

Mayor Ted Clugston, Medicine Hat

Pastor Larry Ensen, River Valley Community Church

Parish Events this week:

MONDAY DEC 3

➤7:00pm Young Men's Group

TUESDAY DEC 4

➤9:00am Quilting Club

➤5:30 CWL potluck

➤7:30 CWL Social

➤7:30pm RCIA meeting in GT room

WEDNESDAY DEC 5

➤10:00am School Advent Mass

➤6:00pm School Board Meeting in the Hall

➤7:00pm Choir practice

THURSDAY DEC 6

➤10:00am Mom's Group Potluck in the Hall

➤7:00pm Advent Discipleship Series in the Hall

FRIDAY DEC 7

➤7:00pm Legion of Mary Praesidium Function

➤8:00pm Latin Rosary

SATURDAY DEC 8

➤8:30am TMIY (That Man Is You) in the hall

➤9:30am Benedictine Group

There will be no more Wednesday evening confession offered during the Advent and Lent Seasons. This was a change made in the Calgary Diocese. All are invited to celebrate reconciliation by appointment or on Saturdays at 3:30pm. Father will also be hearing confessions on Sunday mornings from 8:15-8:45 and 10:15 - 10:45 during this Advent Season.

Christmas Season Masses

This year, MINISTRY SIGN UP SHEETS are posted on the bulletin boards. Please put your name down for the days and times that work best for you!

December 24th - Christmas Eve Mass at 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, & 11:00 pm

December 25th - Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 am

December 31st - New Year's Eve Mass at 5:00 pm

January 1st - New Year's Day Mass at 10:00 am

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

Nola Orich

Adam Marshall

Al Hittle

Margaret Shaw

Mike Morrice

Edith Garrecht

Elmer Jacober

Leonard Heisler

Mary Simpson

Lucille Anton

Albert Ibach

Theresa Perrault

Leo Sellinger

George Macauley

Veronica Swan

June Wiersma

Doug Marshall

Cleora Schafer

Yvonne Exner

Maria Garcia

Ryken Covino

Dwight Luscombe

Ed Yarjau

Theresa Haubrich Tylene Muller

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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Bishop McGrattan has declared the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec 12) Mission Mexico Day in our diocese. There will be a special collection the weekend of Dec. 8th and 9th. Our goal is to have every parishioner contribute a "loonie" to the collection. Thank you for your continued generosity!



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Upcoming School Board Meetings

Wed Dec 5, 2018 from 6 - 8pm in St. Patrick's Church Hall with school plans presented by: St. Michael's, St. Louis and Ecole St. Jean Paul II
Thurs Dec 6, 2018 from 6-8pm at Monsignor McCoy with school plans presented by Monsignor McCoy, Notre Dame and St. Mary's



School Advent Masses

Also, please join with our students from St. Michael and St. Louis Schools as they celebrate their Advent Mass at St. Patrick's Church on Wed Dec 5th at 10:00am; And with the students from St. Francis School as they celebrate their Advent Mass on Friday Dec 14th at 11:00am.

On behalf of the St. Patrick's Social Committee & EQUIP, a big thank you goes out to all who supported our Games Night through their attendance, donations of money, donations of food, time or games to help with this event. A big thank you to COSTCO for donating pop and snacks for the canteen. We raised \$171.00 for our kitchen renovations!



IN MEMORIAM

Rose Tuchscherer
and
Ed Yarjau



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

Advent Discipleship Series (from Formed.org)

Preparing for Christmas is a joyous occasion and a time to learn more about this holy season. Join us for this video and discussion series being offered in **St. Patrick's Church Hall**:

- November 29 7:00 – 8:30 PM Session 1 : PREPARE THE WAY
 - December 6 7:00 – 8:30 PM Session 2 : TRUST IN GOD
 - December 13 7:00 – 8:30 PM Session 3 : WATCH & PRAY
 - December 20 7:00 – 8:30 PM Session 4 : THE GIFT
- Workbooks will be provided each week. To register call Cathy and leave a message 403-526-8538.

Cathy Smith and Michael McLean will be the facilitators.

Reconciliation Classes:

St. Patrick's Church hall – Saturday Dec. 8 at 4:45pm or Holy Family Faith Room – Sunday Dec. 9 at 10:15am

Sacrament Classes will resume on the January 12th / 13th weekend.

Parent Meetings for 1st Reconciliation Jan 10th at 6:30 at Holy Family Confirmation Jan 17th at 7:00pm at Holy Family

CWL Bake Sale after all Masses on Saturday, December 8 and Sunday Dec. 9. Sale will be downstairs in our church Hall. All baking donations gratefully accepted.

2018 TREE OF HOPE

Weekends of November 25, and December 2 and 9

This year our Christmas *Tree of Hope Program* will support Braxtyn's Bags (MH Hosp NICU), Saamis Immigration and The Nurture Pregnancy Centre. Either bring one of the items listed below or take a tag from the tree and bring that item.

Items we will be collecting: (Bring items unwrapped)

- Children's outfits (sleepers, socks, coats, ski-pants – sizes newborn through to size 4T, both girls and boys)
- Baby toys, baby bottles, soothers, receiving blankets, crib sheets, and hygiene products (baby shampoo, baby wash, rash cream, bath sets for the moms)
- Little gifts to give new moms
- Diapers – sizes 4, 5, and 6 are the most needed.

Gift cards from Walmart or Superstore or wherever.

Collection will be from the weekend of December 1 to December 16.

That Man Is You

Saturday Dec 8, 2018
8:30 am-9:30 am St. Patrick's Parish Hall
Theme: The Book of Glory

Legion of Mary - Annual General Reunion Friday, December 7th at 7:00 pm St. Patrick's Church Hall
All Active and Auxiliary Legion members are invited to attend.
Please bring a small quantity of your favourite snack to share for refreshments and your singing voice for Christmas Carols.

CWL Christmas Social on Tues Dec. 4

will begin with a Potluck Supper at 5:30pm, Mass at 7:00 followed by a Social & Fun Time. Those who do not want to take part in the Potluck Supper, please join us for Mass followed by Dessert and Fun-filled Social. Apparel is your Christmas finest, bling included.

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THE WORD THIS WEEK

Readings:

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16 [The Lord's Messiah]
I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David.

Psalm: Ps 25

J.R. "To you, O Lord, I lift my soul."
 (BB pg.16)

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12- 4:2 [Pleasing to God]
May the Lord strengthen your hearts when Christ comes among us.

Gospel: Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36 [Prayerful Vigilance]
Your redemption is drawing near.

As usual, the great Season of Advent begins, not by talking about Christmas, but about the Second Coming. We've had this theme already for the past two weeks, but there is a slight change of emphasis in the Scripture readings offered for this Sunday: here the tone is positive: it is the promise of what is to come that we contemplate. Even in the Gospel, though it talks of the dreadful signs that mark the end times, we hear of a promise - liberation. For this we should stand erect and hold our heads high. The central theme is that we welcome the coming of a person - Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah, and this is what links this Sunday to the coming feast of his birth: we are now preparing to celebrate how he once came: may these preparations also help us to prepare for him when he comes again.. www.salfordliturgy.org.uk/advent1c

Youth

UNCHAINED (Gr.9-12)
 We meet at Holy Family
 6:00-8:30pm on
 Dec 5th

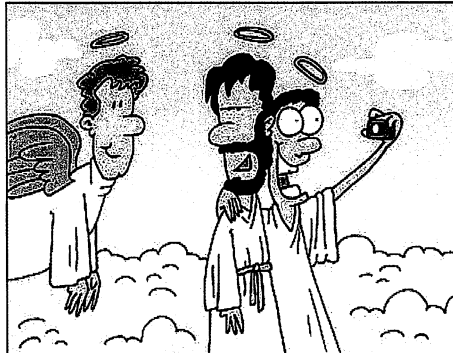
EQUIP (Gr. 6-8)
 Meet at Holy Family from
 6:30-8:30pm on
 Dec 7th

Youth Adoration Night on
 Dec 19th during Penitential
 Service at
 St. Patrick's Church

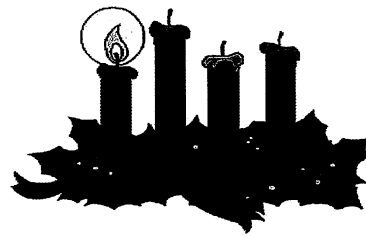
Christmas Carolling on
 Dec 27th. Meeting at Holy
 Family - 6:30-8:30pm

Tobagging party on Jan 3rd
 Meet at the toboggan hill in
 Kin Coulee 2-4pm

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 I'VE TRIED TO EXPLAIN THAT HE'S GOING TO BE WITH ME FOREVER, BUT HE JUST DOESN'T GET IT



Food Bank Donations

A big THANKS to George Ibach for delivering the groceries in October and November; and to Mike Ibach for the upcoming month of December!



God-Time is every Sunday during the 11 am Mass. Children will be dismissed during Offertory.

This week's theme is:
 Mary and Joseph get ready for Jesus!

There will be a "Novena For Life" at Holy Family Parish running each day from Dec 4 to Dec 12. The Kof C council 9502 is sponsoring the Novena to promote a culture of life, contrary to the more prevalent culture of death that is presently invading society. For more information and Novena times, please contact either Church office.

Did you know?
 At sundown on Dec. 2nd, the Jewish Feast of Chanukah (Hanukkah) begins.

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