

# St. Patrick's Parish

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**December 23, 2018 - 4th 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!**

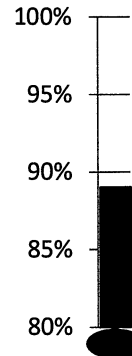
## Parish Finances

**DATE: December 10 - 16, 2018**

<b>COLLECTION</b>	\$ 12,937
<b>PAD (pre-authorized debit)</b>	\$ 680
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 13,617
<b>WKLY BUDGET EXPENSES</b>	\$ 8,592
<b>EXCEED/(SHORTFALL)</b>	\$ 5,025

*United in Faith,  
 Together in Action*

2018 Annual Bishop's Appeal  
**2018 Goal: \$36,489**  
**Collected Last Week: \$ 685**  
**Still to Collect: \$ 4,121**



Thank you for your generosity!

## Masses & Celebrations at St. Patrick's This Week

SATURDAY DEC 22

3:30 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass - Intention: Adella Asmus

SUNDAY DEC 23

9:00 am Mass - Intention: Fr. Stsever Ripplinger †

11:00 am Mass - Intention: Silvana Dalla Longa †

CHRISTMAS EVE - MONDAY DEC 24

5:00 pm Mass - Intention: Mary Jo MacLean †

8:00 pm Mass - Intention: Henry White †

11:00 pm Mass - Intention: Donna Mullan

CHRISTMAS DAY - TUES DEC 25

10:00 am Mass for Mission - Intention: Loretta Schwartzenberger

There will be NO weekday Masses at St. Patrick's on Dec 26th, Dec 27th or Dec 28th.

## Senior Home Masses This Week

SUNDAY DEC 23

7:25 am Mass at St. Joseph's - Intention: Meinrod & Magdalene

Sellinger †

CHRISTMAS EVE - MONDAY DEC 24

8:30 am Mass - Intention: Connie Gibson

CHRISTMAS DAY - TUESDAY DEC 25

7:25 am Mass at St. Joseph's - Intention: Terry Schmunk

WEDNESDAY DEC 26 - no Mass

THURSDAY DEC 27 - no Mass

FRIDAY DEC 28

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's - Intention: Anita Gil

10:30 am Mass at Meadowlands - Intention: Teddy & David Vano †

## Christmas Season Mass Times!

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

## 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 Darren Hirsch, Medicine Hat

The Rev Dr. Oz Lerentzen, St. Barnabas Anglican

## OFFICE HOURS DURING THE HOLIDAYS:

Dec 24 - 8:30am to noon

Dec 25 Christmas Day - CLOSED

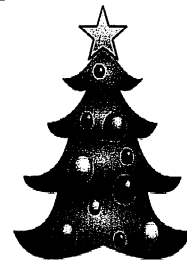
Dec 26 Boxing Day - CLOSED

Dec 27 - CLOSED

Dec 28 - 8:30 to 4pm (normal hours)

Dec 31- 8:30 am to 3pm only

Jan 1 New Year's Day - CLOSED



## Deadline for 2018 Tax Receipt Donations

is January 13, 2019

Cheques must be dated December 31, 2018

Please note: tax receipts will not be issued for donations under \$20.00

## An important note to those parishioners who donate using Pre-Authorized Payments and did not get their usual new box of envelopes this year:

We have prepared a bundle of "special collection" envelopes for you to use. You can pick them up at the back of the church.



We accept Visa, Mastercard and Debit card payments at the office. We can also accept donations by pre-authorized payments (PAD). If you would like any more information, please call Jeanne in the office at 403-526-2265.

## 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

Al Hittle

Edith Garrecht

Mary Simpson

Theresa Perrault

Veronica Swan

Cleora Schafer

Ryken Covino

Tylen Muller

Nola Orich

Margaret Shaw

Elmer Jacober

Lucille Anton

Leo Sellinger

June Wiersma

Yvonne Exner

Dwight Luscombe

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Mike Morrice

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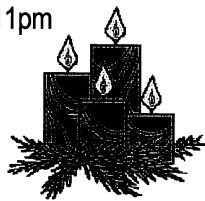


If you or a loved one are unable to attend Mass due to hospitalization, illness, or infirmity, and wish to receive Holy Communion, or a visit please contact the Parish Office at 403-526-2265.

**Christmas Season Mass times:**

Christmas Eve December 24th: 5pm, 8pm & 11pm  
 Christmas Day Dec. 25th: 10:00 am

New Year's Eve December 31st: 5pm  
 New Year's Day January 1st: 10:00 am



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We are once again collecting your old, used Christmas cards! Save all your cards this year and bring them to the hospitality desk at the back of the church. Thank you!



**LOVE**

**2019 Calendars** are available at the back of the church, courtesy of Cook Southland Funeral Chapel. Please only take one per household.

**Christmas Caroling:** Dec. 27 from 6:30-8:30pm. We will meet at Holy Family Parish then carol around the neighbourhood before returning to the church for cookies and hot chocolate. Everyone welcome!

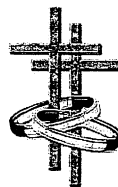
**5 Love Languages**

Love plays a vital role marriage and to understand it in a better way John & Jocelyne (a couple from Calgary) will be at Holy Family Parish on January 18th, 2019 at 7:00PM to speak about "The 5 Love Languages". All married couples are invited.

This will help to prepare the couples to attend a Marriage Vows Renewal Celebration which will be held at Holy Family Parish on February 9th, 2019 at 6:30 followed by refreshments.



**Sharing your love together**



The renewal of marriage vows is symbolic. If a marriage is valid, it can't be made more valid. However, renewing one's marriage vows can be a very effective reminder to the couple and all those present of the significance of the Sacrament of Marriage and how the power of God has brought the couple to such a milestone. It is so very powerful, seeing couple standing on the same exact spot before the altar after many years later making their children realize that they only exist as the result of their living that sacrament.

To make this happen, Holy Family Parish is hosting a Marriage Vows Renewal Event for both parishes on February 9th, 2019 at 6:30pm at Holy Family Parish beginning with the Liturgy of the Word followed by wine & cheese in the Parish Hall with entertainment. Tickets will go on sale from January 5/6 to February 2/3 after all the weekend masses and tickets can also be purchased from BOTH Parish offices. Each ticket will be \$20 per couple. All married couples are encouraged to join this wonderful event.

**Ukrainian Christmas Potluck & Traditions - January 11th at St. Patrick's.**

To save your spot, get your ticket this weekend after all Masses. Tickets are free, but you need to indicate what type of meatless dish or item you would like to bring. Call or Text Karen-Anne at 403-952-8991 for more information. Tickets are going fast!

Everyone is welcome  
 Khristos Rodevsha

(Christ is born – Merry Christmas)

**Flowers for Christmas**

Parishioners are once again invited to donate poinsettias to decorate the church for Christmas. Tags are available at the back of the church to mark your flowers for deceased loved ones. Please bring your flowers to the church by noon on December 23rd. After January 6th, the Feast of the Epiphany, you are welcome to take your flowers home.



**2019 COLLECTION ENVELOPES**

In order to be good stewards of God's treasures it was necessary to do a complete assessment of the number of envelopes this year. As a result, the computer donation software assigned envelope numbers in chronological order to the alphabet, using your surname. You may pick up your envelopes on the tables at the back of the church. God bless you for your continued support of our parish!

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# THE WORD THIS WEEK

## Readings:

**1st Reading:** Micah 5: 2-5a [The Messiah from Bethlehem]  
*From you, O Bethlehem, will come the ruler of Israel.*

**Psalms:** 80

**JR.** "Lord make us turn to you; show us your face and we shall be saved."

**BB.** Pg 21

**2nd Reading:** Hebrews 10: 5-10 [Doing God's Will]  
*I come to do your will.*

**Gospel:** Luke 1: 39-45 [The Visitation]

*Why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to see me?*

## "Listen! You are to conceive and bear a Son"

It's only in this last week before Christmas that we begin to hear about the Christmas story itself. For the past weeks we have been preparing ourselves to greet the Lord, when he comes. Now we prepare to remember how he first came, by listening to the prophecies of his coming, and by hearing of the events before his birth. We meet the woman, Mary, who herself had been prepared for the coming of the Messiah. She has received the angels greeting, and his strange news, and has accepted her role in God's plan. Now she hurries to her kinswoman, Elizabeth, who herself bears John the Baptist in her womb. John, just as we heard last week, alerts us to the presence of the Lord, as he leaps for joy in his mother's womb. His joy is that God has kept his promise, and is with his people.

[www.salfordliturgy.org.uk/advent2c](http://www.salfordliturgy.org.uk/advent2c)

**A BIG THANK YOU!**  
 To all the Volunteers who play such a big part in the Parish Advent, Christmas and New Year Masses. It couldn't happen without you!

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I'M SORRY GUY, I KNOW THAT YOU'VE GOT A GOOD HEALTH PLAN AND YOU GIVE OUT FREE GIFTS AND ALL, BUT JESUS REALLY DOES HAVE A MUCH BETTER PLAN



**Children's Liturgy will resume in January 2019**

**Stretch and Strengthen Fitness sessions for adult parishioners begin on January 14th, 2019.**

Suitable for all ages; both men and women. Professionally led by Mary - instructor from Back Alley Fitness.

Drop in basis for \$2.00 / session. Will need at least 15 participants / session to be viable.

Monday - 11:00 a.m. - noon @ St. Patrick's Church in hall

Tuesday and Thursday - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. @ Holy Family in Faith room

Wear suitable clothing and bring own water container.

For further details contact Elaine at 403-979-1140

**Equip & Unchained** are taking a break until January! Watch the bulletin for more details.

**Tobogganing party on Jan 3rd**  
 Meet at the toboggan hill in Kin Coulee 2-4pm. A fire and hot chocolate provided.  
 Everyone welcome!  
**Pray for snow!**

**K of C Grey Cup Contest Winners!**

1st Qtr: Winner of \$125 is  
 Wayne Blanchard

Halftime: Winner of \$250 is  
 Vaughn Usher

3rd Qtr: Winner of \$125 is  
 Brian McFaul

Final Score winner of \$500 is  
 Dan Forsythe

Thank you to everyone for making the day a success!

**A Message from the Knights of Columbus:**  
 The "Keep Christ in Christmas" posters, drawn by students from the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education, are on display downstairs in the Parish Hall. Please take a moment to come down and view them! They are all very well done!

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