

St. Patrick's Parish

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December 16, 2018 - 3rd 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 3 - 9, 2018

COLLECTION	\$	7,752
PAD (pre-authorized debit)	\$	680
TOTAL	\$	8,432
WKLY BUDGET EXPENSES	\$	8,592
EXCEED/(SHORTFALL)	\$	(162)
MISSION MEXICO	\$1,003	

Thank you for your generosity!

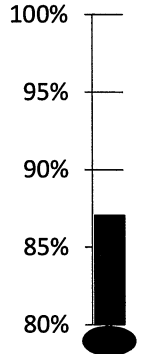
United in Faith, Together in Action

2018 Annual Bishop's Appeal

2018 Goal: \$36,489

Collected Last Week: \$ 403

Still to Collect: \$ 4,806



Masses & Celebrations at St. Patrick's This Week

SATURDAY DEC 15

3:30 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass - Intention: Mark Labas †

SUNDAY DEC 16

9:00 am Mass - Intention: Jeanne Rice

11:00 am Mass - Intention: Don Zahn †

TUESDAY DEC 18

7:00 pm Mass - Intention: Christine Staples †

WEDNESDAY DEC 19

8:15 am Mass for Mission - Intention: Fr. Francis Tran

THURSDAY DEC 20

8:15 am Mass - Intention: Bill Chevrier

8:45 am Adoration

FRIDAY DEC 21

8:15 am Mass - Intention: Rice Family

Senior Home Masses This Week

SUNDAY DEC 16

7:25 am Mass at St. Joseph's - Intention: Patrick Anderson †

MONDAY DEC 17 - No Mass

TUESDAY DEC 18

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's - Intention: Shane Lambert

WEDNESDAY DEC 19

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's - Intention: Art, Edna, Richard, Jason

& Linda Wandler †

THURSDAY DEC 20

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

FRIDAY DEC 21

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's - Intention: Elizabeth Scherger family

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 Julie Friesen, Medicine Hat

Pastor Kevin Schwartz, Southview Church of God

Parish Events this week:

MONDAY DEC 17

>7:00pm Young Men's Group

TUESDAY DEC 18

>7:30pm RCIA meeting in Hall

WEDNESDAY DEC 19

>7:00pm Reconciliation Service

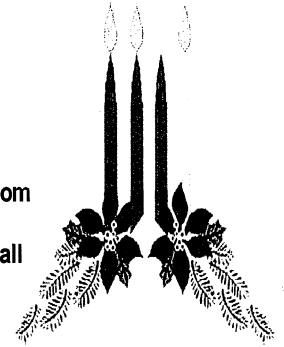
>7:00pm Choir Practice in Hall and GT room

THURSDAY DEC 20

>7:00pm Advent Discipleship Series in Hall

FRIDAY DEC 21

>8:00pm Latin Rosary



Join Bishop McGrattan for pancakes THIS SUNDAY
after both morning Masses!!!

He will be concluding his Pastoral Visit by sharing in a
delicious pancake breakfast! Enjoy good food and great
company. See you there!

Thank you to the K of C for hosting!

JOY
NOEL
ANGEL
JESUS
PEACE HOPE
WISEMEN
CHRISTMAS
BELIEVE FAITH
PRINCE OF PEACE
THANK YOU

St. Patrick's Penitential Service will be held on Wednesday Dec. 19th at 7:00pm.

As well, 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.

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

Theresa Haubrich

Tylen Muller

Wayne Getz

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.



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



MINISTRY SCHEDULES

This is the last weekend to send in your ministry schedule preferences!! The schedules are being prepared shortly!

Please send an email to Rita at: rita_white@shaw.ca
 OR stpatsch@telusplanet.net

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 !



***Gaudete
 Rejoice!***

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

We wish to thank all of you for your generosity throughout the year. Thanks to your donations, our volunteers are able to assist people who are going through a difficult time in their lives. Recently, a client commented after receiving assistance they felt hopeful for the future and they felt like someone cared about them. This is why we do the work we do in our community. This time of the year can be even more difficult for families as they do their best to celebrate Christmas for their children's sake. Please help us to help those in need by continuing to donate to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. God bless you all. You remain in our prayers and we are so grateful to you.



Ukrainian Christmas Social - St. Patrick's

Social Committee invites you to share in a traditional Ukrainian Christmas dinner and associated traditions on Friday, January 11th in St. Patrick's Church Hall. We will be hosting a potluck striving for 12 meatless dishes, symbolic of the twelve Apostles who gathered at the Last Supper. John Cherwonogrodzky will be the MC and will share many of the Ukrainian traditions celebrated on Ukrainian Christmas. Free tickets to reserve your spot will be available beginning December 17th. Contact Karen Anne at 403-952-8991 msg or text. Khristos Rodevsha (Christ is born – Merry Christmas)

Advent Discipleship Series

(from Formed.org)

The final session is being held in **St. Patrick's Church Hall:**
 December 20 7:00 – 8:30 PM
 Session 4 : THE GIFT

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!

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.

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 outside the Parish Hall. God bless you for your continued support of our parish!

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.



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THE WORD THIS WEEK

Readings:

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a [Joy over the Saviour!]
The Lord will rejoice over you with gladness.

Psalm: Isaiah 12

JR. "Cry out with joy and gladness; for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel."

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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?"

"John's baptism, where did it come from?"

This Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday Rejoice Sunday. This comes from the readings we hear today, and it underlines an important point. In the Gospel, we hear John the Baptist telling different groups what to do - they must repent, and change their lives. We might think of this as a rather joyless thing - something which is hard and unrewarding. The message of this Sunday is that repentance and changing our lives to welcome Jesus is something richly joyful. When we are planning to welcome anyone we love to our homes, we set about cleaning and preparing for their visit with enthusiasm - nothing is too much trouble for someone we care for greatly. Even scrubbing the bath or polishing the furniture can be a happy and joyful thing! The message of this Sunday is that preparing to welcome the Lord - even though it may involve hard work - is something utterly joyful, because of our love for Him, and His love for us.

www.salfordliturgy.org.uk/advent2c

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.



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

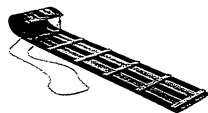
Tuesday and Thursday - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. @ Holy Family in Faith room

Wear suitable clothing and bring own water container.

For further details contact Elaine at 403-979-1140

Don't forget to sign up for the Christmas Season Masses! There are still lots of openings for ALL ministries! WE NEED YOUR HELP! The sheets are on the Ministry bulletin board near the stairs.

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!

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