



WEEKLY BULLETIN

December 9 - 10, 2023

2nd Sunday of the Advent Season
Mission Mexico Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Saturday,	Dec. 9 th	5:00pm	† Jet Bejemino
Sunday,	Dec. 10 th	9:00 am	† Rebecca Musgrove
		11:00am	All Parishioners
		6:00pm	† Rebecca Musgrove

***Simbang Gabi: Christmas Novena Night Mass starts on Thursday, December 14th until December 22nd, 2023**

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Monday,	Dec. 11 th		NO MASS + PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday,	Dec. 12 th	7:00pm	Lynne Stevens, † Irma Velazquez
Wednesday,	Dec. 13 th	7:00pm	CWL Past & Present Members
Thursday,	Dec. 14 th	9:00am	† Kathy Jungwirth
		*7:00pm	Ron & Denise Amundson, Zenarosa Family
Friday,	Dec. 15 th	9:00am	Mona Patterson
		*7:00pm	Paragas, Zenarosa, Diaz, Corpuz Family

3rd Sunday of the Advent Season

Saturday,	Dec. 16 th	5:00pm	† Kathy Jungwirth
		*7:00pm	Paragas, Zenarosa, Nazarrea, Pillos, Gagarin, Dela Cruz, Javier, Caluya, Amerilla Family
Sunday,	Dec. 17 th	9:00am	Staff & Students of CTK
		11:00am	All Parishioners
		6:00pm	Staff & Students of SJC
		*7:30pm	Kim Orich, Zenarosa Family



We are called to pay attention with prayer-filled pondering, focusing on the words that touch our minds and hearts. We are offered tender words of comfort, the promise of debt-free forgiveness, the coming of a world filled with righteousness and goodness – all reminders of God’s enduring faithfulness.

- Brenda Merk Hildebrand,
Campbell River, BC



PASTORAL CARE + ANOINTING OF THE SICK

We are pleased to bring the Sacrament to all ill parishioners. Please notify the Parish Priest, if a family member is hospitalized. Please call and/or email the Parish Office.

Please provide the name of the person, location, room number and a contact number. We don't want to miss anyone. Thank you!

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 7:00pm
Thursdays & Fridays at 9:00am
Saturdays at 5:00pm
Sundays at 9:00am, 11:00am & 6:00pm
Special Masses to be announced.

RECONCILIATIONS/CONFESSIONS

Saturdays at 4:00pm - 4:30pm
Every 1st Friday of the month:
9:30am - 12:00pm
Or please call the Parish Office for appointments.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays to Fridays at 9:00am - 5:00pm
Closed on Lunch breaks 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Closed on Mondays, Weekends and Special Holidays.
Ph: +1 (403) 362 4466



HOLY MASS MINISTRY SCHEDULES (DECEMBER 16 - 17, 2023)

If you can't fulfill your schedule, please find a replacement and/or ask your respective ministry coordinator. We thank you for serving in the Holy Masses. May the blessings of the Lord be upon you!

USHERS

Sat. 5:00pm Earl W, Brian G
Sat. 7:00pm Larry I
Sun. 9:00am Randy C, Carina S
Sun. 11:00am Herve M, Jeremie D
Sun. 6:00pm Lynne S, Kiara S
Sun. 7:30pm Larry I

GREETERS

Sat. 5:00pm Jim G, Wendy G
Sat. 7:00pm Carina S
Sun. 9:00am Merlyn H, Glen H
Sun. 11:00am Pauline M
Sun. 6:00pm Paragas Family
Sun. 7:30pm Carina S

SACRISTANS

Sat. 5:00pm Mary Ann N
Sat. 7:00pm Janet Z
Sun. 9:00am Denise A
Sun. 11:00am Cathy F
Sun. 6:00pm Denise B
Sun. 7:30pm Janet Z

LECTORS

Sat. 5:00pm Linda D, Karen B
Sat. 7:00pm Rowena B
Sun. 9:00am John dJ, Daphne B
Sun. 11:00am Stafanie C, Austin L
Sun. 6:00pm Denise B, Janet Z
Sun. 7:30pm Imelda R, Jocelyn A

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. 5:00pm Mary Ann N, Jose P, Reg O
Sat. 7:00pm Janet Z, Joeven N, Jose P
Sun. 9:00am Brenda C, Ron A
Sun. 11:00am Cathy F, Mary Ellen G, Micheal W
Sun. 6:00pm Errin N, Linda B
Sun. 7:30pm Janet Z, Joeven N, Jose P

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. 5:00pm Beth L, Sam
Sat. 7:00pm JJ, AJ P, Eya P
Sun. 9:00am Stanley N, Felicity, Lexi
Sun. 11:00am Adin, Jesse, Franklyn
Sun. 6:00pm Agatha T, Alfonso T, Justin
Sun. 7:30pm Ian, Carl, Virsey

MUSICIANS + CHOIR

Sat. 5:00pm Michelle G
Sat. 7:00pm Couples for Christ Choir
Sun. 9:00am Daina R, Mark H
Sun. 11:00am Ashleigh D, Cindy G
Sun. 6:00pm Arvie D, MQP Choir
Sun. 7:30pm Arvie D, MQP Choir

A/V + LIVESTREAM

Sat. 5:00pm Troy G
Sat. 7:00pm Couples for Christ
Sun. 9:00am
Sun. 11:00am
Sun. 6:00pm MQP Choir
Sun. 7:30pm MQP Choir

BE PART OF THE HOLY MASS, VOLUNTEER NOW! CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT (403) 362 4466.



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH: BROOKS + TIDE LAKE MISSION

PO Box 578 Station Main, 511 - 4 St W, Brooks, Alberta T1R 1B5
Tide Lake Mission: 19115 Range Rd 100, Idlesleigh, Alberta, Canada T0J 1T0
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Danny Andres

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Holy Family Academy 112 - 4 Ave, Brooks, Alberta T1R 0Z1 +1 (403) 362 8001
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St. Joseph's Collegiate 408 - 1 St W, Brooks, Alberta T1R 0V8 +1 (403) 362 5989
St. Luke's Outreach Centre Bay 9, 1308 - 2A St, Brooks, Alberta T1R 0V5 +1 (403) 362 5030

REGISTER NOW!

To become a parishioner and to sign up for donations, please contact us at: (403) 362 4466.

HOLY SACRAMENTS

(Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage/Holy Matrimony, Holy Orders & Anointing of the Sick)

People who wish to receive any of the Holy Sacraments **must be a registered parishioner of St. Mary's Parish: Brooks + Tide Lake Mission.**

For Baptisms, **all requirements must be completed before booking a Baptism date. At least two months notice must be given** in order to complete all the requirements.

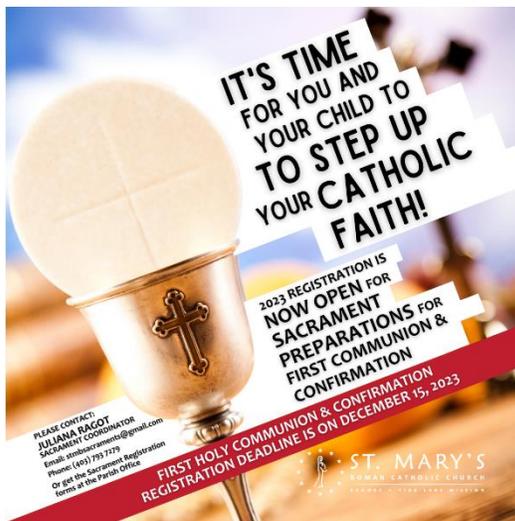
For Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, **all requirements, including classes/sessions must be completed to be eligible for Sacraments.**

For Marriages, **all requirements must be completed before booking a Marriage date. At least six months notice must be given** in order to ensure the proper paperwork can be finalized and guaranteed. There will be no exceptions.

For more information, including Sacrament Preparation classes and sessions (Baptisms, Reconciliations, First Communions and Confirmations), please contact;

Sacrament Coordinator - Juliana Ragot at (403) 793 7279, or email at stombsacraments@gmail.com

For those who wish to become a deacon, enter into priesthood, and for receiving the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the **Parish Office at (403) 362 4466, or email at pastor@saintmarysbrooks.com**



SACRAMENT PREPARATION FOR, FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2023

The registrations for Holy Eucharist are being accepted at the church office. If your child has not yet started Reconciliation and they need it before they start Eucharist classes, you will have to wait until next year.

If you are already doing the Reconciliation classes, you will be already registered, unless you tell me otherwise. Classes will start in mid-February. **Deadline will be Dec. 15th. 2023.**

Confirmation classes will start mid-January. If they have received both Reconciliation and Eucharist, they just need to register for Confirmation and provide the dates of the previous Sacraments and certificates, if available.

If they are also receiving Eucharist in the spring, they will be in two classes, but different times. If you need the sponsor's certificate, please register and make a note of the need of the sponsor's certificate.

First Communion Registration Deadline is Dec. 15, 2023

How would you like to help young people grow in their faith?

We are looking for Catechists to help with Eucharist and Confirmation sessions.

For Holy Eucharist, we have need of a Catechist for Wednesdays at 515-615pm. We also need a Catechist for Friday from 1230-130pm. The Holy Eucharist book is complete and comes with a manual to guide to lessons.

For Confirmation - our days are not set, but aiming for Thursday, finishing before 630pm. Other options might be available, depending on responses of kids, catechists, and space available.

Volunteer paperwork is required including parish registration. A good understanding of the Catholic faith and regular participation at Mass is a valuable asset.

Please contact Juliana at stombsacraments@gmail.com



ST. MARY'S PARISH: PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like us to offer continuous prayers for someone you know, please contact the Parish Office with their name, your special intention and for how long you would like them in the prayer chain. Thank you!



2024 DONATION ENVELOPES

It's almost end of the year, if you want to sign up to receive the 2024 Sunday Donation Envelopes, please fill out the Donation Registration Form and drop it off at the Parish Office.

If you have a 2023 donation envelope box and/or signed up on a monthly preauthorized donation, please let the Parish Office know if you want to continue donating in 2024.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish!



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

May to December 2024 Mass Intentions are open! The Diocese of Calgary does not allow multiple intentions on a single Mass.

Please contact the Parish Office to get a Mass Intention schedule.



LIVING WITH CHRIST MISSALS + MISSALETTES

The 2024 Sunday Missals are now available for \$7.00/each at the Parish Office. The December 2023 missalettes are also available now for \$3.50/each and it comes with a Christmas 2023 missalette for free.



PRAYER SHAWL COMMITTEE

If you would like to get a prayer shawl, please call Christine at (403) 362 4796 or Sylvia at (403) 362 3849.



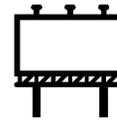
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CALGARY DIOCESE

There are a number of employment opportunities that are currently available in the Diocese of Calgary:

Calgary Diocese Parishes & Beyond:

- Assistant Coordinator (Casual)
- Feed the Hungry
- Ecclesiastical Tribunal Caseworker (Full time)

Visit www.catholicyc.ca/careers for more information and details.



WEEKLY BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENT

Do you have a business and/or an organization that you wanted to advertise? Slots are open in our printed and digital Weekly Bulletin for only \$100.

Please contact the Parish Office and/or email us at accounting@saintmarysbrooks.com to get started.

Please note that this is only available to the current registered parishioners of St. Mary's Parish: Brooks + Tide Lake Mission.



USED STAMPS FOR MISSIONS

Do you have used stamps laying around? Don't throw it out. A parishioner collects them to be sent to Calgary for Missions. Please bring your used stamps in the parish foyer. Thank you!



TOGETHER IN ACTION 2023 UPDATE

Our TIA Parish Goal for 2023 is **\$28,296.00.**

We've raised \$16,965.00 as of December 6, 2023.

Use your Together In Action envelopes and let us meet our goal again for this year!

We thank you for your continuous generosity to support the programs of the Calgary Diocese.



PARISH RENOVATION UPDATE

The Parish Foyer and the Parish Office areas have started the renovations. Please be careful when going close to these areas. Thank you!



Part One: With a Sinful Soul

Meditation:

The Goodness of God.

The mercy of God, hidden in the Blessed Sacrament, the voice of the Lord who speaks to us from the throne of mercy: **Come to Me, all of you.**

Conversation of the Merciful God with a Sinful Soul.

Jesus: **Be not afraid of your Savior, O sinful soul. I make the first move to come to you, for I know that by yourself you are unable to lift yourself to Me. Child, do not run away from your Father; be willing to talk openly with your God of mercy who wants to speak words of pardon and lavish His graces on you. How dear your soul is to Me! I have inscribed your name upon My hand; you are engraved as a deep wound in My Heart.** (Diary, 1485)

Soul: Your response

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, reach out to us sinful souls. Take the first steps toward us. In our need and shame, we are afraid to approach You. So, please draw us with compassionate mercy to Your loving Heart.

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*



- Saturday Nov 4th 5 PM hosts God the Almighty
- Sunday Nov 5th 9 AM hosts Sunday Morning Crew
- Sunday Nov 12th 9 AM hosts The Knights
- Sunday Nov 19th 9AM hosts St Rose of Lima Group
- Sunday Nov 19th 11 AM hosts Parish Council & SSVP
- Sunday Nov 26th 9AM hosts Sunday Morning Crew
- Sunday Nov 26th 6 PM hosts Filipino Community
- Saturday Dec 2nd 5 PM hosts God the Almighty
- Sunday Dec 3rd 9 AM hosts Sunday Morning Crew
- Sunday Dec 10 9 AM hosts The Knights
- Sunday Dec 17th 9 AM hosts St Rose of Lima Group
- Sunday Dec 17th 11AM hosts Parish Council & SSVP
- Sunday Dec 24th NO COFFEE
- Sunday Dec 31st NO COFFEE

**DONATIONS GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED FOR
SSVP EXCEPT FOR KNIGHTS BREAKFASTS**



ADORATION + EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Come and spend time with the Most Blessed Holy Sacrament!

Every 1st Friday of the month:
9:30am - 2:00pm (Main Sanctuary)

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month:
1:00pm - 6:45pm (Main Sanctuary)

Tuesdays - Thursdays:
2:00pm - 5:00pm (Adoration Chapel)

Masses for QUIESCANT which is an. Bowing down

Living with Christ

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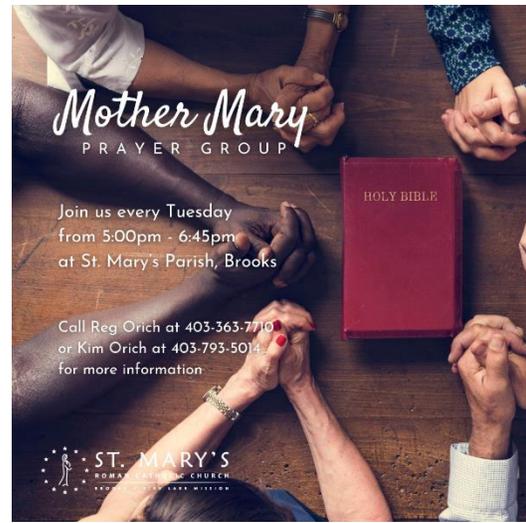
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MOTHER MARY PRAYER GROUP (Every Tuesday at 5:00pm)

Do you want to feel God's presence?

Do you want to experience God in different ways and know that He is there for you?

Come to all parts or some parts of the Mother Mary Prayer Group on Tuesdays. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 2-5 pm in the small chapel *you can come for 15 minutes, an hour or the whole time. Whatever you can do. Drop in! :) Praise and Worship: 5 pm

Mother Mary's Messages and Personal Prayer intentions for our families, our parish, our country and the world 5:30 PM

Gospel Study for Upcoming Sunday Mass: 6:10 PM

Praying the Rosary: 6:30 PM
Holy Mass: 7:00 PM
* Once a month we have a social/house gathering after Holy Mass

THINK ABOUT IT:
Our Faith is a gift which needs to be unwrapped, appreciated and used. Unwrap the gift of YOUR Faith and come to all or part of the Mother Mary Prayer Group. You are always welcome!

If you have any questions: call Reg Orich at 403- 363-7710 or Kim Orich at 403-793-5014

Do you need some personal prayer in any area of your life? Come and let us pray for you.

WELCOME HOME
HOW TO MAKE OUR PARISHES MORE INVITING

FR. TROY NGUYEN, DR. LANCE DIXON, DR. BONNIE ANNICCHIARICO

THURSDAY DECEMBER 7 6:30 TO 8:30 PM

Online - Zoom
Register at catholiccyc.ca/renewal or call 403-218-5521

YOU ARE CALLED. YOU MATTER. YOU BELONG. catholiccyc.ca/RENEWAL

ARCHDIOCESE OF CALGARY

You are the parish! There are not enough programs or resources in the world that will make your church more welcoming. No mission and vision statements can ever convey the actual experience of being cared for. It takes the whole parish to welcome others home.

Join this exciting online session with Fr. Troy Nguyen, Dr. Lance Dixon, and Dr. Bonnie Annicchiarico as we explore ways to truly welcome others home this Christmas and throughout the year.

- When: Thursday, December 7 at 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- Online Session via Zoom
- [Register here](#) or call Monica at 403-218-5521

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
BREAKFAST
Sunday

Knights of Columbus
Alphonse William Carron Council #516
Brooks, Alberta



Come and join us!
Every Second Sunday
of the month
after the 9:00am Holy Mass



K of C: BREAKFAST SUNDAY
(Dec. 10, 2023)

The Knights of Columbus Breakfast Sunday is back! Join us for pancakes and eggs this Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023 after the 9:00am Mass. There is no charge for this, but we are accepting a Goodwill offering to offset our costs.

FEAST OF
NUESTRA SEÑORA DE
Guadalupe



Holy Mass in
English + Español

December 12, 2023
7:00pm at
St. Mary's Parish, Brooks



FEAST OF THE OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE (Dec. 12, 2023)

Join us and celebrate the Feast of the Our Lady of Guadalupe this Tuesday, December 12, 2023 starting with the 7:00pm Mass and fellowship meal after.

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YOU MATTER.



YOU
belong

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CATHOLICS 

IN THE DIOCESE OF CALGARY
ARE CALLED TO

- 1**

**FORM
MISSIONARY
DISCIPLES
IN CHRIST**

 - INVITE OTHERS TO KNOW CHRIST
 - TEACH THE GREAT STORY OF JESUS AND HIS CHURCH
 - PRACTICE THE FAITH
- 2**

**BE A CHURCH
OF ENCOUNTER
AND WITNESS**

 - LISTEN TO OTHERS' LIVED EXPERIENCE
 - WITNESS TO CHRIST IN WORD AND DEED
 - LEAD WITH CHRISTIAN MERCY AND PASSION
- 3**

**STRENGTHEN
FAMILY
LIFE**

 - WELCOME FAMILIES TO A SACRAMENTAL LIFE
 - ENGAGE FAMILIES AND YOUTH MEANINGFULLY
 - ACCOMPANY PEOPLE AT ALL STAGES OF LIFE



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE
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Christmas + New Year

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE 2023

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2023 at 6:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2023 at
9:00am, 11:00am & 6:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY AT TIDE LAKE MISSION

December 25, 2023 at 2:00pm

NEW YEAR'S EVE

December 31, 2023 at 6:00pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY

January 1, 2024 at
9:00am, 11:00am & 6:00pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY AT TIDE LAKE MISSION

January 1, 2024 at 2:00pm

5th SIMBANG GABI

ST. MARY'S PARISH - BROOKS
CHRISTMAS NOVENA NIGHT MASSES

December 14 & 15, 2023 at 5:00pm

December 16, 2023 at 7:00pm

December 17, 2023 at 7:30pm

December 18, 19, & 20 at 6:00pm

December 21, 2023 at 5:00pm

December 22, 2023 at 6:00pm

All donated mass offerings for the benefit of
Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP)

Holiday Mass times, weather cancellations, ministry updates, & more delivered to your phone.

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SMRCCBROOKS
TO 514-900-0130**

**OR SIGN UP ONLINE AT:
stmarysbrooks.flocknote.com**

Text: STOP to 514-900-0130 to stop text notifications at any time. Text HELP for help. There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates may apply. View privacy policy & conditions at flocknote.com/text.





ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE ADVENT PROJECT 2023

HOPE + PEACE + JESUS, OTHERS, YOU. + LOVE

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE INVITES YOU TO SUPPORT THIS YEAR'S ADVENT PROJECT. MAY YOUR HEARTS BUBBLE OVER WITH JOY AS YOU EXPERIENCE THE GIFT OF GIVING DURING THIS SEASON OF ADVENT!

BOTTLES OF HAND SOAP AND DISH SOAP WILL BE COLLECTED IN THE CHURCH FOYER, BEGINNING NEXT WEEKEND - NOVEMBER 25 & 26TH. ANY MONETARY DONATIONS (CASH OR CHEQUES -Payable to St. Mary's Catholic Women's League) MAY BE PLACED IN THE COLLECTION BASKETS, DURING WEEKEND MASSES. PLEASE CLEARLY MARK YOUR ENVELOPES: "CWL ADVENT PROJECT".

THE ADVENT COLLECTION BOX WILL REMAIN IN THE FOYER UNTIL THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 16TH & 17TH.

THE DONATIONS OF SOAPS, WILL BE ADDED TO EACH OF THE CHRISTMAS HAMPERS, WHICH THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, WILL DISTRIBUTE, ON DECEMBER 20TH, TO HELP BRIGHTEN CHRISTMAS FOR MANY OF THEIR CLIENTS. ANY MONETARY DONATIONS WILL ALSO BE DIRECTED TOWARDS ASSISTING THE CLIENTS OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

THANK YOU EVER SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, PRAYERS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE ADVENT PROJECT 2023!!



ANG HULING MISA AT LAMESA

with Rev. Fr. Marino Infante

A MISA AGUINALDO • FILIPINO CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP MEAL on the last day of Simbang Gabi - Christmas Novena Night Mass

December 22, 2023 - 6:00pm at St. Mary's Parish, Brooks

ANG HULING MISA AT LAMESA (Dec. 22, 2023)

Celebrate the birth of Jesus in a festive Filipino way! Come and join us for the Misa Aguinaldo (last day of the Simbang Gabi - Christmas Novena Night Mass) followed by the Christmas Fellowship Meal on December 22, 2023 at 6:00pm.

A message from BISHOP WILLIAM T. MCGRATTAN

"As the People of God, let us join Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, as she continues her mission to help "remedy" the many "miseries, afflictions, and sorrows" of our brothers and sisters in Mexico.

In gratitude for what we have and are willing to share, I thank you for your generosity and in the sacrifices you make to support Mission Mexico."

December 9/10
MISSION MEXICO SUNDAY

YOU ARE called
YOU MATTER YOU BELONG

give now
MISSION MEXICO.COM

MISSION MEXICO SUNDAY (Dec. 9/10, 2023)

This year, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe which is customarily Mission Mexico Day in the Diocese of Calgary, falls on Tuesday, December 12. Mission Mexico has always relied on the support of the Catholic parishes in raising the awareness on the work of the Diocese with our sisters and brothers in Mexico who experience poverty and are in need of support and empowerment.

- There will be a Second Collection on the Second Sunday of Advent (Dec. 9/10) for Mission Mexico. Direct link to donate online - <https://www.catholicyc.ca/donatemissionmexico.html>

FOCUS on CHRIST

This Advent, Bishop McGrattan alerts us to be intentional, not to become indifferent and unaware of the very presence of God in our lives. Begin by reflecting on the Bishop's five questions in the article and step into the Advent season differently this year.

READ NOW

Faithfully
FAITH. LIVED. FULLY.

BISHOP MCGRATTAN'S ADVENT MESSAGE

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- Read the Bishop's Message now: <https://www.catholicyc.ca/blog/focus-on-christ>

BROOKS GREENHOUSES
Craft Night
FUNDRAISER 2023

Friday, December 1, 2023
7:00pm - 9:00pm
at St. Mary's Parish Hall

Pre-register now at Brooks Greenhouses by November 28th.
Cost: \$50.00 Bring your own shears or knives, everything else are provided.

A FUNDRAISER FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SSVP)

BROOKS GREENHOUSES' CRAFT NIGHT (Dec. 1, 2023)

Brooks Greenhouses would like to thank everyone for their participation in the Craft Night last December 1st. It was a successful event and we were able to raise \$1740.00 for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP)! Thank you!



**PREPARE OUR HEARTS
(Dec. 3, 10 & 17, 2023)**

Join us in this Advent Preparation!
Details are right here →

"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man." Pope Francis

As we journey towards Bethlehem this year, **SSVP**(and friends) would like to **share their gratefulness for your support, monetary donations and prayers.** Join us the first 3 Sunday's of Advent for a time of learning, and sharing. Each Sunday's activity will begin at **3pm in St. Mary's Parish Hall** - light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

1st Sunday of Advent Dec. 3 - the first candle **HOPE** (Prophecy candle) takes us back to Isaiah's foretelling of the birth of Christ and all of God's promises. We will watch a teaching from Father Chris Alar (Marian priest) on **"The Meaning of Advent"**

2nd Sunday of Advent Dec. 10 - the second candle **PEACE** (Bethlehem candle) recalls after all the division, destruction, and scattering of the kingdom in Old Testament, there might finally be peace on Earth - Jesus is coming!

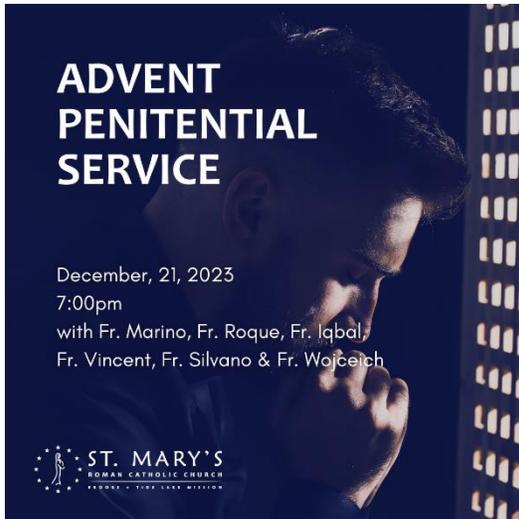
Popcorn, a cool refreshment and a GREAT movie - "Father Stu - Reborn" Mark Walburg redid the show at the request of his Archbishop because of the "language". It will make you laugh, cry and be in awe of an amazing conversion. - a true story that can be watched over and over.

3rd. Sunday of Advent Dec. 17 - "Gaudete Sunday" the candle of **JOY** (Shepherd's candle) - takes us back to joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus.

Today we will watch a teaching from Fr. Chris on the **Sacrament of Confession(Reconciliation)**, in preparation for our celebration of the Penitential Service on Thurs. Dec. 21.

4th Sunday of Advent Dec. 24 - **LOVE**(Angel's candle) we eagerly await the new kingdom of God on earth.

Lord Jesus, Master of both light and darkness, send you Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear Your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of Your kingdom. we whose hearts are heavy see the joy of Your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To You, we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Fr. Henri Nouwen



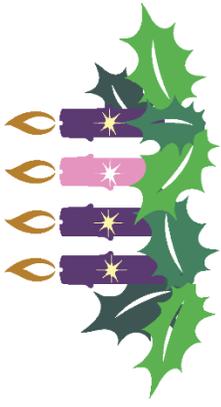
**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE
(Dec. 21, 2023)**

Let us start preparing for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ by confessing our sins and by asking God's forgiveness and mercy.

Join us in the Advent Penitential Service on December 21, 2023 at 7:00pm with Fr. Marino, Fr. Roque, Fr. Iqbal, Fr. Vincent, Fr. Silvano and Fr. Wojciech

ADVENT CALENDAR 2023

BRING YOUR FAMILY CLOSER IN WELCOMING JESUS!



- SHOW AFFECTION**
Express what it is you love or admire in one another
- WORK AS A TEAM**
Grow closer through team work and by sharing household chores
- HAVE FUN**
Have fun as a family, be a source of joy for one another
- LISTEN**
Listen more, and learn how to take better care of one another
- CELEBRATE**
Celebrate Mass as a family; read, draw together, or talk with one another about stories in the Bible
- GIVE THANKS**
Thank Jesus for daily blessings; bless one another before each new activity with the sign of the cross on the forehead
- BE OF SERVICE**
Do something good for others as a family; help care of the poor, lonely and isolated

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 st Advent Sunday 	2 St. John of Damascus 	3 	4 St. Nicholas 	5 St. Ambrose 	6 The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary 	7 
8 2 nd Advent Sunday 	9 St. Dumasus 	10 Our Lady of Guadalupe 	11 St. Lucy 	12 St. John of the Cross 	13 St. Peter Canisius 	14 
15 3 rd Advent Sunday 	16 St. John of Kany 	17 St. Peter Canisius 	18 St. Peter Canisius 	19 St. Peter Canisius 	20 St. Peter Canisius 	21 
22 4 th Advent Sunday 	23 St. Peter Canisius 	24 St. Peter Canisius 	25 St. Peter Canisius 	26 St. Peter Canisius 	27 St. Peter Canisius 	28 St. Peter Canisius 

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Nativity of the Lord

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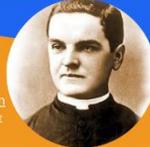
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