



The Shepherd's Perspective

"I know my own and my own know me." (John 10:1-18)

Dear parishioners of St. Patrick's - with the new changes recently issued by the Alberta Government affecting Places of Worship that limit gatherings to a maximum of 15 people, coupled with the latest directives that we have received from the Diocese implementing them, please know that the following will be taking place here at St. Patrick's until May 25th, at which point, further directives will follow.

Adoration of our Blessed Lord will take place from Tuesday through Saturday with Benediction at 3:00 PM. On Sundays, Adoration will conclude with Benediction at 12 o'clock noon so that we can look after the many families that are in need of baptism on Sunday afternoons.

Daily Mass will be offered at 9 AM from Tuesday through Sunday. Those parishioners, who have already signed up for the 9:00 – 10:00 AM Adoration timeslot, will attend Mass on May 8 – May 11. A new sign up for Mass attendance will be opened on Sunday May 9 at noon to register for 9 AM Mass from May 12 to May 25. Doors will open daily at 8:30 AM and will be locked at 8:55 for Mass. Doors will re-open at 9:45 AM.

The office will remain closed to the public until further notice. Staff will still be available to help you via email or telephone.

Please note that on our website, we have made only 12 spaces available for Daily Mass and Hours of Adoration in order to accommodate Volunteers and Staff needed at any given time within the body of the church. Thank you for your understanding.

With Adoration Hours being expanded until 3:00 PM, we encourage many of you to sign up for an Hour of Prayer with our Blessed Lord over the next three weeks' time - He who so ardently longs to fill our hearts and our lives with His love and with His peace. In His own words:

"It is enough for you to be with Me. This is all I ask of you. I do not ask for elevated thoughts, or for emotional outpourings, or for nicely constructed phrases. I ask only that you stay with Me. I need your company even now, just as I needed the company of Peter, James, and John in Gethsemane. I am absorbed by your presence before Me. My eyes rest upon you; My Heart is all yours; I am listening intently to you; and all My attention is focused on you when you come seeking Me. Believe that I am totally absorbed by you, and soon you will be totally absorbed by Me. I am here offering you my friendship, ready to spend as much time with you as you are ready to spend with Me." (In Sinu jesu 247)

As we continue making our way through a time in human history when access to the Living Word made flesh in the Most Holy Eucharist is restricted by worldly powers, be assured that the Living Word desires to continue nourishing His flock through teachings inspired by the Holy Spirit. All are welcome to access our Sunday 'Lamb's Teachings,' and this month, we are featuring a special 104 Year Anniversary Fatima's Lecture Series that will be released in conjunction with the 'Sunday Lamb's Teaching'. Be sure to become a 'Lamb of St. Patrick's' for the sake of receiving spiritual nourishment by Word until the Most Holy Sacrament once again reigns supreme in our midst.

A shepherd after our Lord's heart

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PARISH INFORMATION

Mass and Adoration: Due to the new enhanced restrictions mandated by the Government of Alberta and AHS, only 15 people are allowed to attend Mass (volunteers included). Our priests will celebrate Mass from Tuesday to Sunday at 9AM. Please [click here](#) to register for Mass. To accommodate all our faithful parishioners we ask you to only register for one Mass. The dispensation of the faithful from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in place.

To help our parishioners in their faith journey during this time, our Parish is offering Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Tuesdays to Saturdays from 10AM to 3PM and Sunday from 9AM to 12PM (noon). Please take note that on May 18, 19, 20 and 21 there won't be Adoration as our priests will be attending their annual retreat. To register for Adoration [click here](#).

Join [the lambs of St. Patrick's](#) to be spiritually nourished during these unprecedented times. This month, dedicated to Mother Mary, Fr. Jerome will also present a Marian Conference about the apparitions and messages of Fatima. To join the lambs of St. Patrick's [click here](#).

Sacrament of Confession - New Schedule: During this enhanced restrictions period, starting May 13th, our Confession schedule will be as follow: Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 1:00PM to 2:50PM. Please register before coming for Confession. [Click here to register](#).

Sacramental Preparation in St. Patrick's: 45 children received their First Holy Communion in these past two weeks. Sadly, with the new restrictions, we had to cancel three more First Holy Communion celebrations. We ask you to please keep the children in your prayer as they patiently wait for the day when they will receive Jesus for the first time.

DIOCESAN INFORMATION

National Week for Life and the Family (May 9-16)

Each year the Church in Canada designates one week to proclaim the gift of family and life. The Week of Life and the Family will be commemorated this year from May 9 to May 16, with the theme, "Family, the Domestic Church: A Sign of Hope and Life." The family's commitment to Christ is necessary as "evangelization depends largely on the domestic church," St. John Paul II reminded us. Recognizing our own limitations and weaknesses before such a lofty task, during this special Week of Life and the Family, we ask that the Holy Spirit be rekindled in our hearts and in our families so that we may proclaim joyfully the good news of salvation with a spirit of power and love.

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima (May 13): The Diocese of Calgary invites you to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on Thursday, May 13, 2021. Please consider joining these events:

1. Mater Fatima for the World - Mass & Worldwide Rosary. On May 13, Colombia will host the worldwide rosary, which will be held at the National Marian Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary of Chiquinquirá, the Patron Saint of Colombia. The worldwide rosary will be held within the framework of the 450th anniversary of the Battle of Lepanto's victory, in which the Blessed Virgin Mary in Fatima heard the appeal made by the Church and the people. Holy Mass, Exposition, Rosary, Consecration to Sacred Heart of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and Procession will be livestreamed starting at 10 am (Calgary time). Livestream links: [YouTube](#) | [Facebook Live](#)
2. Our Lady of Fatima Parish - Mass & Rosary. On May 13, Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Calgary invites all the faithful to participate in the day's celebration through Mass and Rosary at 6 pm. Livestream links: Facebook Live or watch on TELUS Optik TV Ch. 877

Catholic Education Week (May 10 - 14)

Catholic Education Week (May 10-14) celebrates the witness and mission of our Catholic schools in the province of Alberta. May all of these efforts unite us in prayer and strengthen us in our ongoing commitment to Catholic education. Celebrate Catholic Education in Alberta with Provincial Prayer with the Bishops of Alberta (May 11-14). [Click here for detailed information](#).



"This is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you".

John 15: 12

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