

St. Patrick's



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4th Sunday of Advent

# St. Patrick's Parish

DECEMBER 21-27

## MASS TIMES

SATURDAY • 5PM

SUNDAY • 9AM  
• 11AM  
• 1PM  
• 4PM

WEEKDAY

MASSSES

TUES-SAT 9:00AM

Rosary

Tue - Sat • 8:20am

Sun- 8:15am

**Reconciliation**

Tuesday and Thursday

9:45am - 10:30am

Saturday 3:30pm - 4:50pm

or by appointment

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## Office Hours

Monday

Closed

Tuesday-Thursday

10:00 am - 1:00pm

Fridays

10:00am- 12:00pm



Upcoming  
Events at  
St Patrick's  
Parish

Children's  
Choir  
Presents:  
Christmas  
Pageant  
- **Dec 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**@ 7pm**

Sunday  
Missals  
available in  
the narthex  
**\$5**  
kids Missals  
**\$10**



# Following in His Footsteps

*This is the first in our new series of stories of faith from our parish. Here, Charles Ng tells of finding God in small moments of disappointment.*

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## Grace in the Unexpected A journey of faith, healing, and hope

I have been reflecting on a small but meaningful moment that challenged my faith and stirred my heart. One Saturday after Mass, I left my hat and sunglasses in the pew at the church. When I returned the next morning, they were gone. Despite the kind efforts of the church staff, they were nowhere to be found. At first, I felt disappointed. The church has always been a place of trust, reverence, and sanctuary. Losing something in the house of God felt like losing a little piece of that trust. But as I pondered that feeling, something deeper began to unfold. I realized that even in sacred spaces, life can surprise us. People are imperfect and so are the moments we live through. But my faith is not built on perfection, it is built on grace. And grace often shows up in the unexpected.

### **This experience taught me:**

- That my faith is resilient, even when tested.
- That disappointment can be an opening to a deeper understanding.
- That God's presence is alive in how I respond.

### **I turn to Christ and choose to see this moment not as a loss, but as an invitation:**

- To practice forgiveness, even when I do not know who to forgive.
- To let go of attachment to things and hold on to God's graces.
- To believe that someone may need things more than I do.
- To trust that God is working in me, even through small trials.

I end this reflection with gratitude: for the usher who cared, for the quiet lessons learned and for the grace that continues to guide me. My faith may have been shaken, but it was not broken. In fact, it may be growing stronger.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and decay destroy, thieves break in and steal. But store up in heaven where neither moth nor decay destroys nor thieves break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.”

Matthew 6:19-21

### **Prayer to St. Anthony for Lost Things and Inner Peace**

Dear St. Anthony, gentle servant of God,

You who were entrusted with the Child Jesus, and who found what was lost with the light of divine love

I come to you not only with a request, but with a heart open to grace.

I lost a hat and sunglasses, simple things, yet companions on my journey.

I searched, I hoped and I asked, but they did not return.

Help me dear St Anthony to find what truly matters: Patience in uncertainty, gratitude in disappointment and trust that nothing is ever truly lost in the heart of God.

May I be reminded that the most precious things: Faith, hope, love, and the presence of Christ can never be misplaced.

Dear St. Anthony, guide my heart to peace.

Amen.

*If you have a story of faith or conversion that you would like to share, please contact Linda at [l.mccloud.bondoc@gmail.com](mailto:l.mccloud.bondoc@gmail.com)*



# EPHPHATHA - Be Opened



**O come, O Key of David, come  
and open wide our heavenly home.  
Make safe for us the heavenward road,  
and bar the way to death's abode.**

How is it that Ahaz, amidst an impending attack against his kingdom, rejected the generous sky-is-the-limit offer to ask God for a sign of His protection? Scripture tells us Ahaz was faithless. God's offer speaks of a love that pursues the beloved and helps him to arrive at the right decision but always respects the beloved's choice.

St. Joseph was presented a life-altering situation that revealed his beautiful character. Many saints wrote about St.

Joseph's wisdom in considering the kindest action to protect Mary; his lack of suspicion of adultery coming from a knowledge of Mary's purity; his reverence towards Mary who was revealed as the new Ark of the Covenant which then moved him to acknowledge his unworthiness and thereby desire to separate himself; his obedience and courage.

Ahaz and St. Joseph, both descendants of David, both presented with earth-shattering situations, both divinely visited, are separated by their response. Aren't we, in our everyday life, also presented with a myriad of circumstances?

How do we respond?

## **PONDER IN GOD'S PRESENCE:**

Hamlet asks, "To be, or not to be, that is the question: Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune..."

God says, "Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand."

ALL ARE WELCOME!

## CLOSING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR

Join the diocesan community for Mass marking the end of the Jubilee Year of Hope, celebrated by Bishop McGrattan. All are welcome to gather in thanksgiving and prayer as we commend the fruits of this sacred year to the Lord.

JUBILEE 2025  
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

SAT, DEC 27

*Mass*  
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY  
SAT, DEC 27 AT 5 PM, AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

**YOU ARE called**  
YOU MATTER. YOU BELONG.

## *Blessing of Infant Jesus of Prague Statues*

Sunday  
December 28

4:00 PM Mass



# TRIUMPH of the HEART

THE PASSION OF ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

REGISTER  
TODAY!

RNP Introduction and Viewing  
January 10, 2026  
Cardel Theatre - Quarry Park  
7:00pm

REGISTER FOR THE EVENT TODAY  
at [rerumnovarumpartners.com](http://rerumnovarumpartners.com)

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Celebrate  
60  
YEARS

YOU ARE CALLED

Sr Yvette celebrates  
60 years of religious life

Sr. Yvette Plessis, SCSL

LORETO CRYPT

## The Loreto Crypt is now open

Blessed by Bishop McGrattan, the Loreto Crypt is now open as a Sanctuary for Little Souls in the Diocese of Calgary. It offers a sacred resting place for babies lost through miscarriage. Learn more and share this with anyone grieving a miscarriage.

READ NOW

Faithfully  
FAITH. LIVED. FULLY.

## PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY TRAINING

For those who feel called to assist their parish in a healing ministry to the sick, elderly, dying, homebound and bereaved members.

CANADIAN MARTYRS  
PARISH

SATURDAYS,  
DECEMBER 13 &  
JANUARY 24

10 am - 3 pm  
835 Northmount Dr NW,  
Calgary

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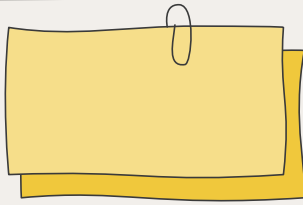
Register by Dec 8



Register at  
[catholiccyc.ca/pastoralcare](http://catholiccyc.ca/pastoralcare)



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## Bulletin Submissions

is there an event you want **featured** in the weekly bulletin?  
Please email the details to

**[Bulletin@stpatrickcalgary.com](mailto:Bulletin@stpatrickcalgary.com)**

Deadline to send information for an upcoming bulletin is  
**Wednesday of that week**

## Senior's Group



St. Patrick's Senior's group is inviting new members to join them for playing card games (Bridge, Cribbage, Canasta) and fellowship.

Gatherings are on  
**Wednesdays at 1:00PM**  
in the Parish Hall.  
No registration required.

## Adoration at St. Patrick's



"One who I call to a life of reparation must not fall into lukewarmness and the lack of generosity. These things are the very opposite of what a call to reparation signifies. I have called you and set you apart to live day after day in My presence and to adore my Eucharistic Face."

**Tuesday - Friday from  
9:45am until 12pm**

## SSVP

SSVP will **NOT** be doing our monthly collection after the weekend Masses in the month of December

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**For information on the  
Christmas Hamper program  
scan here!**



## New to St. Patrick's? Welcome !

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We are pleased to have  
you join us.

To register for our Parish  
community, please visit our  
website **[HERE.](#)**

## Kid's Corner

Whereas Luke's infancy narrative features Mary, Matthew's account of the birth of Christ features Joseph. Matthew connects Joseph the betrothed husband of Mary to the Joseph in Genesis (youngest son of Jacob, Genesis chapters 38-50) especially through the occurrence of a dream in which the angel appears. St. Joseph is also "from the line of David." Even though Joseph does not speak, he is a righteous man, embodying all that is holy in the tradition of Israel. Joseph's openness to God's spirit prepared him to listen to a dream, receive a message from God, and act on it. Joseph is challenged to trust without knowing the outcome of events – that is the essence of faith.

**Kids Bulletin This Sunday**  
**Kid's Coloring Page this Sunday**  
**Sunday Connections**





## Mass Intentions

(RS) Repose of the soul,

(SI) Special Intention

Tuesday 23	9:00am	Elyana Torres (SI)
Friday 26	9:00am	Ernesto Alano Sr (RS)
Saturday 27	9:00am	Immaculate Heart of Mary (SI)
Saturday 28	5:00pm	Richard Grady (RS)
Sunday 29	9:00am	Tomasa Tanty (RS)
Sunday 29	11:00am	Sean Mendes & Salazar Fernandes (RS)
Sunday 30	1:00pm	Osemewenkhæ Family (SI)
Sunday 30	4:00pm	Parishioners (SI)