



ST. PAUL'S PARISH BULLETIN

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December 15th to 21st, 2024



Third Sunday of Advent, Cycle C

First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

A savior is promised to Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Isaiah 12:2-3,4,5-6

A song of praise to God our savior

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice always because the Lord is near.

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist teaches the path of repentance and announces Christ.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. Recall that last week's reading described John's appearance in the desert and established his connection with the prophetic tradition of Israel. If we were to read Luke's Gospel continuously, we would learn about John the Baptist challenging the crowds who came to him and calling upon them to show evidence of their repentance. John tells his listeners that they cannot rely on their lineage as Israelites because children of Abraham can be raised up from stones. Repentance, rather, must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: the Christian faith is expressed in one's actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles.

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

Sunday Connection thru Diocese of Calgary Beyond Bulletin

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday from 9:00am to Noon

St Paul's Catholic Church Events & News

TIA per month to meet goal - \$2 646.58	Monthly: CF Loan (mortgage) - \$10 777.00	Monthly: Diocesan Support \$4 339.00
Income for September - \$47 500.04	Expenses for September - \$46 591.24	Income - \$ 908.80
Income for October - \$46 538.94	Expenses for October - \$45 785.81	Income - \$ 753.13
		YTD LOSS - \$8 104.83

Full finances can be found online and, in the hallway, under the parish bulletin board.

<p style="text-align: center;">CWL</p> <p>Have a great charity to support? Send your nomination to Janice at stpaulscwltreas@gmail.com to have your choice considered at our January budget meeting. Deadline is December 30th.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">KofC</p> <p>Thinking about that Christmas gift that keeps on giving all year long. Consider purchasing an Airdrie Dream Vacation ticket. 12 - \$2500 Dream Vacations ,48 draws of \$120 and many early bird prizes. First early bird is coming up soon on Dec 15th. You cannot win, unless you have a ticket. Tickets available at the store card table and online at airdriedreamvacation.ca. by purchasing a ticket you get the bonus of supporting many charities we support.</p>
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Volunteers needed to lead the Rosary prior to all weekend Masses. Sign up sheet outside the office.

DAY	DATE	TIME	Mass Intentions
Sunday	Dec 15	9:00am	RS - Agatha Ba Banh
		11:00am	PRO POPULO – for the people
Monday	16		No Mass
Tuesday	17	12:00pm	SI - Loc & Garry Gall
Wednesday	18	9:00am	SI - Cathy Buchanan & her recovery
Thursday	19	6:30pm	RS - Jacob Tho Nguyen
Friday	20	9:00am	RS - Evangeline Abuel Zurbano
Seniors Home		10:30am	RS - Shemmabella Barriga
Saturday	21	5:00pm	RS - Alice Morris

winner for Dec 1,2024 Airdrie Dream Vacation Raffle.
\$2500 Dream Vacation:
63 Dale Saraver
Four \$120 Winners:
120 Dixon Usen
432 Robert Storgard
491 Renee Linssen
555 Leslie Merrett
*Congratulations to all of our winners.
Next draw is January 5,2025.
Tickets on Sale for 2025. First Early Bird Dec.15 ,2024.*

DAY	DATE	TIME	PARISH ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Sunday	Dec 15	10:30 to 10:45am	11am Choir Practice	S.H.C.
Monday	16	9:30 to 11:30pm	Office	VoMR
		9:15am	Rosary Group	Nave
Tuesday	17	9:00 to 11:30am	Men's Bible Study Group then coffee	Hall
		10:00 to 11:45am	Moms Group	Basement
		10:45am	Rosary Group	Nave
Wednesday	18	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave
		9:45am	Coffee and Fellowship	VoMR
		3:00 to 6:15pm	Private function	Hall/Kitchen
		6:30pm	Parish Advent Reconciliation	
Thursday	19	9:15am	Rosary Group	Nave
		11:00am	Memorial Service	Nave
		7:00pm	RCIA Class	Hall
		7:30pm	9am Choir Practice	Nave
Friday	20	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave
		6:30pm	Simbang Gabi with Fr. Domingo	Nave/Hall
Saturday	21	3:45 to 4:45pm	Reconciliation	
		4:00 to 4:45pm	5pm Choir Practice	S.H.C.

Need the Anointing of the Sick while in a Calgary Hospital?

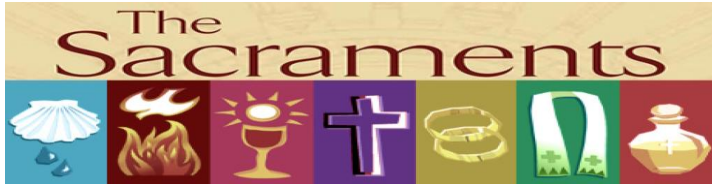
If you have been admitted to any of Calgary's hospitals and would like the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, you can contact your parish priest or call the Diocese of Calgary Call Centre at **403-231-9505**. This service is available for Alberta Children's Hospital, Foothills Hospital, Peter Lougheed Hospital, Rockyview General Hospital, and South Health Campus.



Jessie Tree families
are needed for all Masses during Advent.
Sign up sheet outside the office.



St Paul's Catholic Church Ministries & Sacraments



BAPTISMS – Registration and program details are currently available and done online only through our parish website [Sacrament of Baptism for Infants/Children/Youth – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://stpaulsairdrie.ca)

2023 Baptism Dates:

Saturday, Jan 11th, Feb 8th, Mar 2nd, May 17th, Jun 2nd, Jul 2nd after 5pm Mass

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST (EUCHARIST) COMMUNION

[Sacrament of First Reconciliation & First Eucharist – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://stpaulsairdrie.ca) **CLOSED**

CONFIRMATION Registration closes Dec 30th

[Sacrament of Confirmation – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://stpaulsairdrie.ca)

Classes Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 11. Apr 1 from 6:30 to 8:00pm
Retreat Apr 5th, 10:00 to 12noon.

Confirmation date with rehearsal TBD

Parents are required to attend with their young person to classes which start in January.

RCIA – For more information please contact the parish office and the RCIA Coordinator will contact you with details and information on this ongoing program. Sessions start Sep 5th at 7:00pm in the hall.

[Becoming Catholic as an Adult – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://stpaulsairdrie.ca)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation or RCIA please contact Heidi at stpaulssacraments@shaw.ca

MARRIAGES – Please contact the office at least six months before your marriage date.

[Marriage – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://stpaulsairdrie.ca)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding marriages, please contact Wanda at stpaulsairdrie@shaw.ca

HOLY ORDERS

[Holy Orders – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://stpaulsairdrie.ca)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

[Anointing of the Sick – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://stpaulsairdrie.ca)

PASTORAL CARE

St. Paul's offers Pastoral Care visits for Catholic Parishioners who are unable to attend Mass. Please contact the office if you or someone you know, would like a visit. Pastoral Care workers are trained for visiting and praying with the ill, shut in and offering the Body of Christ to them.

Any surplus will be applied to our Building Fund

TOGETHER in ACTION | 2024
Our parish goal is \$31 759
Raised \$20 005



Parish Advent Reconciliation
December 18th at 6:30pm
Reconciliation: Saturday's at 4:00–4:45pm

Monday, December 23 rd	NO MASS	9 to 12noon
Christmas Eve – The Nativity of the Lord Office CLOSED		
Tuesday, December 24 th	5:00pm (4:30pm Caroling) (livestream) (no noon Mass)	8:00pm (7:30pm Caroling)
Christmas Day – The Nativity of the Lord Office CLOSED		
Wednesday, December 25 th	9:00am	
(Holy day of Obligation)	11:00am	
Thursday, December 26 th	NO MASS	Office CLOSED
Friday, December 27 th	9:00am	9 to 12noon

New Year's Eve– The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Monday, December 30 th	NO MASS	9 to 12noon
Tuesday, December 31 st	5:00pm (livestream)	Office CLOSED (no noon Mass)

New Year's Day – The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1 st	9:00am	Office CLOSED
(Holy day of Obligation)	11:00am	
Thursday, January 2 nd	6:30pm	9 to 12noon
Friday, January 3 rd	9:00am	9 to 12noon
Eucharistic Adoration after Mass		9:30am to 5:30pm

Year End

The parish financial year ends on Dec 31st, 2024. If your offerings are to be included for 2024, they must be received on or before Dec 31st.



Simbang Gabi or evening Mass is on December 20th, at 6:30pm. There will be carolling followed by Tagalog Mass with Fr Domingo Bongalos. Potluck after Mass. *Please join us.*

There has been an ongoing issue with Parishioners parking illegally during Mass. **Driving lanes must be kept wide open to allow for emergency vehicles**, should an incident occur. Blocking access could cause serious issues should an ambulance or other emergency vehicle need to be called. Please, consider the possible consequences, be the good Samaritan and park only in the designated areas. Thank you.



St. Paul's Catholic Church Information

MASS REGULAR TIMES:

Sunday - 9:00 am
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Monday - No Mass
Tuesday - 12:00 pm
Wednesday - 9:00 am
Thursday - 6:30pm
Friday - 9:00 am
Saturday - 5:00 pm

ADORATION:

First Friday of the month
Following the 9:00am Mass
9:30am to 5:30pm

RECONCILIATION:

Thursdays 6:00 - 6:25pm
Saturdays 3:45 - 4:45 pm
or by appointment.

*New to Airdrie and
to our parish community,
please fill in our Welcome Form
found in the hallway or go to link
[Newcomers - St. Paul's Catholic
Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://Newcomers - St. Paul's Catholic Church (stpaulsairdrie.ca))*

*St. Paul's offers
a Direct Deposit or Credit Card
option for making donations. Tax Receipt
provided in February. Please pick up a
brochure in the parish hallway or go to link
[2020 09 revised BLANK Parish Automatic
Withdrawal.pdf \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://2020 09 revised BLANK Parish Automatic Withdrawal.pdf (stpaulsairdrie.ca))*



For one-time offerings you may also go to
<https://www.catholicyc.ca/donatetoparish>
and select St. Paul's Church.
Tax receipt will be issued from the Diocese.

ADMINISTRATOR (PRIEST)

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FORMED.org resources that will
immerse you in testimonies, teachings,
and stories to support and deepen your
commitment to the
Diocese of Calgary's Pastoral Renewal.
[Click here for the full list](#)

Catholic Pastoral Centre

120 - 17th Ave SW, Calgary, AB
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Phone: 403-218-5500
www.catholicyc.ca



Catholic Women's League

For more information,
please see their website
[St. Paul's CWL, Airdrie
\(stpaulscwl.ca\)](http://St. Paul's CWL, Airdrie (stpaulscwl.ca))



Knights of Columbus

For information, please see their website
[Airdrie Council #8045 \(uknight.org\)](http://Airdrie Council #8045 (uknight.org))
Store cards are available
after all weekend Masses.

**TO LIVESTREAM SATURDAY 5:00 PM MASS SEE OUR
YOUTUBE CHANNEL <https://www.youtube.com/c/stpaulsairdrie>
OR CHANNEL 877 WITH TELUS OPTIK TV**