



ST. PAUL'S PARISH BULLETIN

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December 29th to Jan 4th, 2024



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, Cycle C

First Reading

1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28

Hannah dedicates her son, Samuel, to the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 84

Those who dwell in the Lord's house are happy.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2,21-24

We are God's children now.

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:41-52

The boy Jesus is found in the Temple.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. This feast is part of the Christmas season, and we should place today's Gospel in the context of what Luke's Gospel tells us about the birth of Jesus. Luke has been answering the question "Who is Jesus?" through his stories of the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. Today's Gospel reading continues this theme. It has no parallel in the other Gospels and is the conclusion of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are presented in this Gospel as a faithful Jewish family. They are participating in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, an event shared each year with family and friends. When Jesus is found, Luke describes him as seated in the Temple in the midst of the Jewish teachers. Although he is young, Jesus seems not to need teaching about his Jewish tradition. In his dialogue with these learned teachers, Jesus astounds them with his insight and understanding. Jesus is a child of Israel. His Father is God.

The dialogue between Mary and Jesus contains many references to family relationships. In fact, in this Gospel reading Mary and Joseph are never identified by name. Instead, they are referred to by their relationship to Jesus. Ultimately, this emphasizes Luke's point about the identity of Jesus. When Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple, they question Jesus and express their anxiety. Jesus replies in words that many have thought to be disrespectful. Jesus says that he was never lost; he was at home. Jesus is God's Son, and he is in his Father's house. Luke will continue to suggest that faith in Jesus establishes new family relationships as he describes Jesus' public ministry.

In Luke's Gospel, Mary's importance is even greater than her role as Jesus' mother. Mary is the first disciple and will be present with Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection at Pentecost.

Sunday Connection thru Diocese 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.

CWL



CWL membership is due on February 1st, 2025. Wishing all of you joy, love and God's many blessings during this Christmas season.

KofC

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. 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 added bonus of supporting many charities we support.

Volunteers needed to lead the Rosary prior to all weekend Masses. Signup sheet outside the office.

DAY	DATE	TIME	Mass Intentions
Sunday	Dec 29	9:00am	RS - Regent Charlebois
		11:00am	PRO POPULO – for the people
Monday	30		No Mass
Tuesday	31	5:00pm	SI - for our priests & deacons this New Years Eve
Wednesday	Jan 1	9:00am	SI - for all support staff in our Diocese
		11:00am	SI - for all our parish family this New Years Day
Thursday	2	6:30pm	SI - Fr. Julian Studden
Friday	3	9:00am	RS - Angelo Mastrobuono
		10:30am	RS - Chau Quang
Saturday	4	5:00pm	RS - Billy Gleeson & Simon Lacey

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 Loughheed Hospital, Rockyview General Hospital, and South Health Campus.

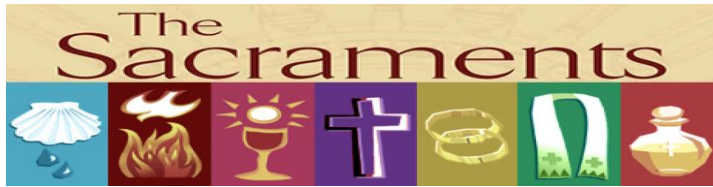
DAY	DATE	TIME	PARISH ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Sunday	Dec 29	8:20 to 8:45am	9am Choir Practice	S.H.C.
		10:30 to 10:45am	11am Choir Practice	S.H.C.
Monday	30	9:30 to 11:30pm	Office	VoMR
		9:15am	Rosary Group	Nave
Tuesday	31	CLOSED	New Years Eve	
Wednesday	Jan 1	CLOSED	New Years Day	
Thursday	2	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave
		7:00pm	RCIA	Hall
Friday	3	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave
		9:30 to 5:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Nave
Saturday	4	3:45 to 4:45pm	Reconciliation	
		4:00 to 4:45pm	5pm Choir Practice	S.H.C.

*Please join us on
Friday, Jan 3rd for 8-hour Eucharistic Adoration
9:30am to 5:30pm
We need two Adorers for each hour to be with Jesus
Sign up sheet outside the Receptionist Office
Confessions will be available from 9:30am to 10:30am*



EUCCHARISTIC
Adoration

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://www.stpaulsairdrie.ca)

2023 Baptism Dates:

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

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST (EUCHARIST) COMMUNION

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

CONFIRMATION Registration closes Dec 30th

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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



Reconciliation: Saturday's at 4:00–4:45pm

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.

Thank you for thinking of us at this Christmas season. We grow in our Christian faith when we show others the love of Christ to people through building parish communities and offering programs that nurture our faith. We are truly grateful for your support. To contribute before Dec. 31, 2024 please use the envelopes provided in the pew OR online at catholiccycc.ca/give. and choose our parish name.

The Catholic Pastoral Centre will be closed from noon on Tuesday, Dec 24, until Wednesday, Jan 1, 2025. We will resume regular hours on Thursday, Jan 2, 2025. We look forward to serving you in the New Year!

Here are the winners for our first early bird draw for our Dream Vacation Raffle.

- # 164 Dan Russell \$750 cash
- # 27 Tanner Tyliszczak \$250 Superstore
- # 77 Rose Kuechle \$250 Smitty's
- # 87 Paul O'Leary \$250 Save On Foods
- # 117 Josee Dufresne \$250 Save On Foods
- # 245 Donna Delong \$200 Calgary Coop
- # 106 Paulette Bouvier \$200 Calgary Coop
- # 144 Bernadette Lindballe \$200 Josytone Winery
- # 200 Colleen Camac \$125 Canadian Tire
- # 110 Alex Scott \$125 Canadian Tire

Congratulations to all of our winners for the first early bird draw.

Next early bird is Feb, 14th, 2025.

A Ticket makes a great Christmas gift that keeps on giving all year round.

Available after weekend masses and online at airdriedreamvacation.ca

SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR CURRENT PARISH INFORMATION www.stpaulsairdrie.ca

St. Paul's Catholic Church Information

MASS REGULAR TIMES:

Sunday - 9:00 am
Sunday - 11:00 am
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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Teresita

Faithfully
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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**