



ST. PAUL'S PARISH BULLETIN

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December 8th to 14th, 2024



Second Sunday of Advent, Cycle C

First Reading

Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem shall see the splendor of God's glory.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 126:1-2a,2b-3,4-5,6

A song of praise for God's great deeds.

Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-6,8-11

Paul prays for the Philippians.

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:1-6

John preaches repentance and baptizes in the region of the Jordan.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.

The three Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke—attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3.

The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.

In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

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.

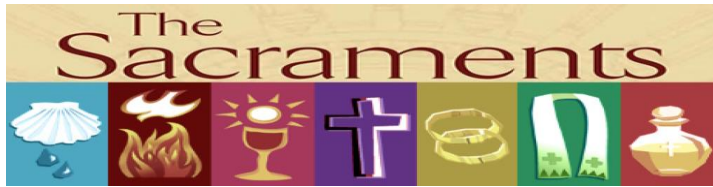
<p style="text-align: center;">CWL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Join us on December 10th for our CWL Christmas social! <i>All women of the parish are invited to attend.</i> Bring an appetizer or dessert to share and a new or gently used toy or book to support our parish Mom's Group. Looking forward to celebrating the season with you!</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 added 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 8	9:00am	PRO POPULO – for the people	winners 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 <i>Congratulations to all of our winners.</i> <i>Next draw is January 5,2025.</i> <i>Tickets on Sale for 2025. First Early Bird Dec.15 ,2024.</i>
		11:00am	SI - Lucia	
Monday	9		No Mass	
Tuesday	10	12:00pm cancelled	SI - Cathy Buchanan & her recovery-Dec 18 th	
Wednesday	11	9:00am	RS - Rudy Concepcion Gentallan	
Thursday	12	6:30pm	RS - Gregory Fisher (2nd yr death anniversary)	
Friday	13	9:00am	SI - Paul & Charlotte Blust	
Seniors Home		10:30am	RS - Angela & Lionel Frechette	
Saturday	14	5:00pm	RS - Coleen Hatch	

DAY	DATE	TIME	PARISH ACTIVITY	LOCATION	
Sunday	Dec 8	10:30 to 10:45am	11am 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.
Monday	9	9:30 to 11:30pm	Office	VoMR	
		9:15am	Rosary Group	Nave	
		7:00 to 9:30pm	KofC general meeting	Hall	
Tuesday	10	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	
		7:00pm	CWL general meeting & Christmas Social	Hall	
Wednesday	11	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave	
		9:00am	OLQP here for Mass	Nave	
		9:45am	Coffee and Fellowship	VoMR	
		12:00noon	Seniors Lunch	Hall	
Thursday	12	9:15am	Rosary Group	Nave	
		10:00 to 3:00pm	Social Committee set up Hall	Hall	
		7:00pm	RCIA Class	Hall	
		7:30pm	9am Choir Practice	Nave	
Friday	13	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave	
		7:00pm	"Beloved" Marriage Program	Basement	
Saturday	14	9:30 to 11:00am	Men's Bible Study	VoMR	
		3:45 to 4:45pm	Reconciliation		
		4:00 to 4:45pm	5pm Choir Practice	S.H.C.	
		6:30 to 9:30pm	Christmas Potluck	Hall/Kitchen	

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://St.Paul's Catholic Church (stpaulsairdrie.ca))

2023 Baptism Dates:

Saturday, Dec 7th, Sat, Jan 11th, Sat, Feb 8th after 5pm Mass

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST (EUCARIST) COMMUNION

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

CONFIRMATION Registration closes Dec 30th

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

Join us in supporting **Mission Mexico Day on Dec 12**, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and **Mission Mexico Sunday on Dec 15th**. These special days remind us of our call to walk in solidarity with marginalized communities in southern Mexico, providing vital support for education, healthcare, and sustainable development. Let us come together to share hope and transform lives through our generosity. **There will be a Second Collection this weekend (Dec 7 & 8) for Mission Mexico.** Direct link to donate online - <https://www.catholicyc.ca/donatemissionmexico.html>

TOGETHER in ACTION | 2024
Our parish goal is \$31 759
Raised \$15 610

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

Parish Advent Reconciliation

Wednesday, Dec 18th at 6:30pm.

All encouraged to attend.

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.*

The Most Reverend Frederick B. Henry
The Seventh Bishop of the Diocese of Calgary
11 April 1943 † 03 December 2024
FUNERAL LITURGIES WILL BE HELD AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

<p>† Prayers & Viewing MONDAY, DEC 9, 2024 9 AM TO 4 PM 9 am - Reception of the Body and Lauds Noon - Rosary 3 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet and Vespers</p>	<p>† Funeral Vigil MONDAY, DEC 9, 2024 AT 7 PM</p>
	<p>† Funeral Mass TUESDAY, DEC 10, 2024 AT 10:30 AM RITE OF COMMITTAL St. Mary's Cemetery, Calgary RECEPTION St. Mary's Cathedral Parish Hall</p>

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE of Calgary

We invite you to join us in prayers for The Most Reverend Frederick B. Henry, the Seventh Bishop of Calgary. Funeral liturgies will take place at St. Mary's Cathedral (219 18 Ave SW, Calgary) as follows:

Monday, December 9, 2024

Public Visitation: 9 AM to 4 PM

Funeral Vigil: 7 PM

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Funeral Mass: 10:30 AM

Rite of Committal: St. Mary's Cemetery, Calgary

Reception: St. Mary's Cathedral Parish Hall

Bishop Henry's **obituary** is [available here](#)



Wednesday, Dec 11th at noon. All seniors welcome. RSVP to Elaine at #587 582 0325

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.

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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**