



Sacred Heart Parish

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Parish Website: www.sacredhc.ca
Diocesan Website: www.calgarydiocese.ca

Office Hours

Wednesday to Friday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Lunch break from 12:00 — 1:00 pm

Weekend Masses

Holy Cross Collegiate School Gym
North Doors, 709 B - 2nd Street
Saturday 5:00 pm (Confessions and
Holy Rosary at 4:30 pm)
Sunday 10:00 am

Priest

Father Wojciech Jarzecki

Deacons

Deacon Roger Nelson
Deacon Michael Thompson
Deacon Paul Coderre

Bookkeeper

Donna Johnson

Secretary

Lynn Dumont

Parish Ministries & Organizations

Building Committee

building.committee@sacredhc.ca

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

Emily Rochford - 403-814-0167
rochford@fastmail.fm

Choir Liaison

Melissa Wiley - 403-901-1070

Extraordinary Ministers

Lynn Dumont - 403-983-8300

Finance Council

Jim Chisholm - 403-901-0944

Fundraising Committee

Nettie Hendricks - 403-875-7981

Gym Setup

Todd Gionet - 403-901-2215

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight
Derek Donais - 403-983-5341
donaids@telus.net

Lectors

Sarah Goodfellow
sarah.s.goodfellow@gmail.com

Parish Council

parish.council@sacredhc.ca

Pastoral Care

Diane Van Bavel - 403-934-4282

Prayer Chain

Laurie Stephens - 403-936-5661

4th Sunday of Advent December 21 and 22, 2019

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down
the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

WEEKEND MASSES & INTENTIONS - December 20-22, 2019

			Mass Intentions
Friday	December 20	10:30 pm	
	Father @ Lodge		
	Deacon @ Sagewood		
Saturday	December 21	5:00 pm	Parishioners
Sunday	December 22	10:00 am	IMary Nagy

MASSES & INTENTIONS - For the week December 23-29, 2019

			Mass Intentions
Monday	December 23	No Mass	
Tuesday	December 24	8:00 pm	
Wednesday	December 25	10:00 am	
Thursday	December 26	No Mass	
Friday	December 27	10:30 am	
	Father @ Sagewood		
	Deacon @ Lodge		
Saturday	December 28	5:00 pm	Parishioners
Sunday	December 29	10:00 am	Jonathan Van Verdegem



Mass Schedule for Advent

Christmas Eve	December 24 th	8:00 pm
	- Nativity Play	7:30 pm
Christmas Day	December 25 th	10:00 am
Saturday	December 28 th	5:00 pm
Sunday	December 29 th	10:00 am
New Year's Eve	December 31 st	5:00 pm
New Year's Day	January 1 st	10:00 am

Parish Ministries and Organizations - Upcoming Meetings

Catholic Women's League (2nd Tuesday of the Month - 7:00 pm)
Finance Council (3rd Tuesday of the Month - 7:00 pm)
Fundraising Committee (4th Tuesday of the Month - 7:00 pm)
Knights of Columbus (3rd Thursday of the Month - 6:15 pm SHA Chapel)
Parish Pastoral Council (4th Thursday of the Month - 7:00 pm)
Pastoral Care Visiting Team (9:30 am at Diane's)
Pledge Drive Subcommittee (1st Tuesday of the Month - 7:00 pm)
RCIA (7:00 pm)

Next Meeting

Jan. 14, 2020
Jan. 21 2020
Jan. 7, 2020
Jan. 16, 2020
Jan. 23, 2020
Jan. 30, 2020
Jan. 7, 2020
Jan. 15, 2020

Please Note

If you have information to share with the Parish, please forward the information to the Parish email:
sacredhc@shaw.ca NO LATER THAN Wednesday and it will be entered in the calendar of events for that week.

Month in Review - November 2019

Collections	\$11,463.15	Budget	Nov. 2019	Year to Date
Other	1,819.35		\$16,100.00	-
Total	\$13,282.50	Over/Under	(\$2,817.50)	(\$29,102.57)
Grocery Cards Sold (Gross)	\$11,300.00	(Approximately 7% is our Net Profit)		

* An update on the building fund will be reported soon.

Sacrificial Giving	Dec 7/8	Dec 14/15	Year to Date
Operating Fund Collections			
Direct Deposit	\$1,250.00	-	
Envelopes	\$2,358.00	\$2,997.05	
Loose	225.90	280.60	
Total	\$3,833.90	\$3,277.65	
Building Fund Collections			
Direct Deposit	\$885.00	-	
Envelopes	\$675.00	\$595.00	
Bottle Drive	\$151.95	-	\$1,636.90
Children's Little Church	-	\$28.55	\$286.10
Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?	-	-	\$380.00
Together in Action	<i>Thank you for your Sacrificial Gifts!</i>		
Goal for 2019			
YTD			

Typhoon Kammuri Relief—2nd Collection on Dec. 21 and Dec. 22

Typhoon Kammuri, known locally as Tisoy, the equivalent of a Category 4 Atlantic Hurricane, has impacted the southeastern part of Luzon, the Phillipine's largest and most populous island. As a result, thousands of people have been evacuated from their homes. Communities in the area have suffered crippling losses to food and water supplies, homes, schools and churches.

On December 21 and 22, Sacred Heart Parish will be doing a second collection, and the funds from this collection will go towards helping the communities affected by this natural calamity.

If parishioner's wish to issue a cheque, please make these payable to:

Sacred Heart Parish or the RC Diocese of Calgary
with a note directing the donation to **D & P - Typhoon Kammuri**

Thank you.

Parish Liturgical Ministries for Saturdays & Sundays

DATE	TIME	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS
December 21	5:00 pm	Diane Van Bavel Dianne Gartner	Mardelle Bazant Suzie Gauthier
December 22	10:00 am	Shawna Lowe-Loftus Victoria Butland Paul Cey Spare	Karen Van Verdegem Paul O-Leary
December 24	5:00 pm	Heather Britto Kieran Donais	TBD
December 25	10:00 am	Janice Pedersen Lynn Doucet Maguet Margaret Schrauwen Spare	TBD

The Spirit of Giving

You may have noticed our little church up by the altar. Your child is invited to deposit coins into the little church when called up for Children's Liturgy, or when the regular collection occurs during Mass. All donations received will go towards the Sacred Heart Parish Building Fund.



Parish Sacraments

Baptism:

Baptisms are set every last Sunday of the month, and the Tuesday of the week before that for Baptismal Preparation Classes. Please call the office 2 months prior to your chosen date to register, or if Baptism will be held at another parish.

Marriage Preparation:

Please call or email the office to make an appointment with Father at least four months prior to your wedding date. Please, do not finalize dates before speaking to the Priest.

Reconciliation/Confession

Confession is available Saturday at **4:30PM** (before Mass). Also available upon request or by appointment.

First Holy Eucharist/First Reconciliation:

This is for those who are in Grade 2 and up. Classes usually start at the beginning of the year. The Holy Sacrament of Mass will be held on **Sunday May 10th, 2020 at 10:00 am.**

Confirmation:

Confirmation preparation classes will begin in the new year of 2020. Specific dates are to be announced. If your son or daughter is in Grades 6-12, please phone the church office to register. The Holy Sacrament Mass will be held on **Sunday, May 17th, 2020, at 10:00 am.**

RCIA, RC1Y, RCIC:

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults program runs yearly from Fall to Easter of the following year. Please call or email the parish office to speak with Father before August, if interested in attending.

PARISH NEWS and CALENDAR of EVENTS

Community Wedding Anniversary Celebration

February 8th, 2020 at 5:00 pm

As Valentine's Day approaches, come and enjoy yourselves at our Community Wedding Anniversary Celebration!

WHAT THAT IS

"A Celebration for All : Married Couples, Single People, and their Friends & Families!"

ACTIVITIES

Catered Buffet Supper
A Blessing for All
Professional Photography
Professional Singer to Sing your Wedding Song
Square Dancing Lesson (optional)
Free Dancing Style (optional)
Karaoke (optional)

WHAT TO WEAR

Festive Attire Suitable for a Wedding

FOR TICKETS, SPONSORSHIP AND DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Contact Simon at 587-581-1595 or wheatlandhomesteaders@gmail.com

- All proceeds will go to the Sacred Heart Parish Building Fund -

PLEDGE DRIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE - Contact Paul O'Leary at 403-901-6169

The Pledge Drive was launched on April 28, 2019. There are information letters and Pledge Drive Forms available at the Mass entrance each week. If you would like to have someone from the Pledge Drive Committee contact you for a personal visit, please call **Paul O'Leary** at **403-901-6169** to set up a time and date. Below is a summary of the results of our Pledge Drive to **November 10, 2019**, as reported by the Finance Council and Paul O'Leary, chair of the Pledge Drive committee:

Total families receiving Pledge Drive forms:	167
Total completed Pledge Drive forms received:	82
Amount pledged for 2019:	\$772,115.00
Amount pledged for 2020:	\$474,815.00
Amount pledged for 2021:	\$553,370.00
Total pledged amount:	\$1,800,300.00
3-year total Pledge Drive target:	\$4,000,000.00

BOTTLE DRIVE - Contact Mike Hendricks at 403-324-8900 or NettieHendricks1@gmail.com

Available each weekend after Saturday and Sunday Masses

Please bring your refundables to the school entrance and they will be picked up from there after Mass, or call Mike and he will pick them up right at your door.

GROCERY CARDS - Contact Angie Wolper at 403-934-0468

Every one of us buys groceries for our households each week. **Please consider pre-paying for your groceries by purchasing Grocery Cards.** Co-op Grocery Cards can be used for groceries and gas. **For every \$100 Co-op Grocery Card the parish receives \$9. For every Sobeys Grocery Card the parish receives \$6.** The average family spends \$500/month. If 300 families in the parish use the Gift Card program, we could see an average of \$2,000 going into the Building Fund per month or approximately \$25,000 annually.



GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER? - Contact Victor and Jennifer Meyer at 403-901-2374

This community builder was created several years ago to help introduce families to each other and is being resurrected to add *Vibrancy and Growth* to our parish membership. If you would like to find out more about this fun event, or sign up as a 'Guest' or 'Host/Hostess', please contact Victor or Jennifer. All money raised will go to the Parish Building Fund.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING - Contact Angela Reeves at 403-921-7982 or angelareeves@shaw.ca

Advertise your business in the weekly bulletin and reach out to over 300 families each week. Your ad will be created in Full Color, Business Card Size (3.5 in. x 2 in.). Proceeds are directed towards Parish administration costs.

1 Month (\$25) or 1 Year (\$270)

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Jonathan Van Verdegem Memorial Fund



As many know, Jonathan was a very faithful and dedicated member of our Sacred Heart Catholic Parish. He served as an altar server right up until his passing, and his Church Family meant the world to him. Putting much thought into this we feel the building of our new Catholic Church was in the foremost part of his thoughts. We thus decided to ask for donations to our Church Building Fund be made in his memory. We feel it will be a sanctuary of hope for many and would be what Jonathan would like to be remembered for.

Donations may be put in trust through our Lawyers, **Getz, Collins and Associates** at:

**225A Wheatland Trail
Strathmore, Alberta T1P 1T5**

or dropped off at our office. Cheques should be made payable to: **Getz, Collins and Associates in Trust**. On the memo line, please write: **Jonathan Van Verdegem Memorial**

We thank all who contribute to his fund, in advance. It will be a loving legacy to Jonathan.

Funds will be held until they can be donated to the Church and charitable taxation receipts issued from the Church, at that time.

Catholic Women's League Membership Drive



We will be beginning our annual membership drive in December. Regular memberships are \$40, senior memberships are \$30.

Baby Shower for Jesus

Please consider donating new baby items to our annual "Baby Shower for Jesus" to benefit the Growing Families Society. There will be a box in the hall after masses during the month of December leading up to the Christmas Social.

CWL Rose by the Altar

If you or someone you know from our parish has recently had a baby, the CWL would like to welcome you and your newest addition to the parish community! We do this by placing a rose by the altar during Mass, and presenting it to your family at the end of Mass. For more information or to be a part of this, please contact:

Sarah Goodfellow at 403-934-9953 or sarah.s.goodfellow@gmail.com



Would you or a family member like to receive a visit from our Pastoral Care Team?

Our Parish has an active **Pastoral Care Team**, and is available to visit anyone who wishes a home or hospital visit, and would like to receive Holy Communion.

Please contact the **Parish Office** at 403-934-2641 or Diane Van Bavel at 403-934-4282, and we can make arrangements for a visit.



HIS Building Charity Golf Tournament 3 - Saturday, June 13th, 2020

This year's golf tournament will be held at the Strathmore Golf Club. Stay tuned for more details.

Are you new to the Parish and wish to use envelopes?

Feel free to email or call the office. Please provide your name, address and telephone number and we will set you up with a numbered envelope. This will ensure that your donations are included in your tax deductible receipts at year end.



The Star of Bethlehem shone when Christ was born,
In the darkest nights, Christ's love still shines the
brightest!

Have a *Blessed* and
Joyous Christmas!

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Gift Wrapping

We would like to help with your holiday preparations by wrapping all of your Christmas presents for you!

Simply give the Maga Family a call at 403-934-9439 and arrangements can be made for items to be picked up and/or dropped off.

All gifts will be wrapped, tied with string, labelled, and ready to go in time for Christmas. Donations toward the Sacred Heart Church Building Fund will be gratefully accepted for this service.

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First Holy Eucharist/Reconciliation Preparation Classes — Information

♦ First Holy Eucharist/Reconciliation preparation classes will run on **Sunday mornings** starting **March 1st, 2020** until **May 3rd, 2020**

♦ Each class runs from **8:45 am to 10:00 am**. Please stay for Mass, if you are able

♦ First Reconciliation will be held on **Saturday, May 9th, 2020**

♦ First Holy Communion will be held on **Sunday, May 10th, 2020**



If your son or daughter is in Grades 2 and up, please contact the **Parish Office at 403-934-2641** for a copy of the Registration Form. Please complete and return the form by **January 15, 2020**.

Confirmation Preparation Classes — Information

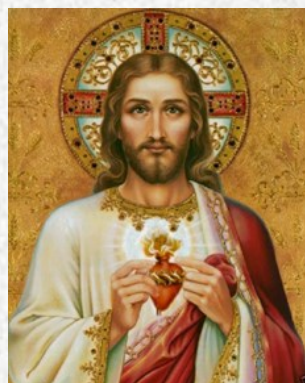
♦ Confirmation preparation classes will run on **Sunday mornings** starting **February 2nd, 2020** until **May 10th, 2020**

♦ Each class runs from **8:45 am to 12:00 noon** and **Mass attendance is mandatory**

♦ Confirmation is on **Sunday, May 17th** with Bishop McGrattan

♦ Students must attend the classes. An occasional absence is acceptable, but the student may not be confirmed if there are too many absences.

♦ Parents are encouraged to attend all Confirmation classes; however, parent attendance is *not* required. Consider this: most Catholics today don't know the Faith. Participating in your child's Confirmation classes is an easy way to learn the Faith and help your son or daughter prepare for Confirmation.



If your son or daughter is in Grades 6-12, please contact the **Parish Office at 403-934-2641** for a copy of the Registration Form. Please complete and return the form by **December 15, 2019**.

Upcoming News and Events at Sacred Heart Academy

Please accept this as your Invitation to join us!

Spend some time with our Lord!

Please join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on:

Wednesday, January 29th from 1:00-3:00 pm in the Sacred Heart Academy Chapel

Little Flower and Kindergarten Registrations for 2020-2021

If you have a student who will be registering for the 2020-2021 year, please be advised that our online Inquiry and Registration forms will be available on December 3rd. If you have any questions about registering your child, please do not hesitate to contact us at 403-901-1544.

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Christmas Eve Nativity Play
Any children interested in participating in the Christmas Eve Nativity Play, please meet at Holy Cross Collegiate for rehearsal on December 23rd at 10:00 a.m. The Nativity Play will take place before Mass on December 24th, at 7:30 pm.

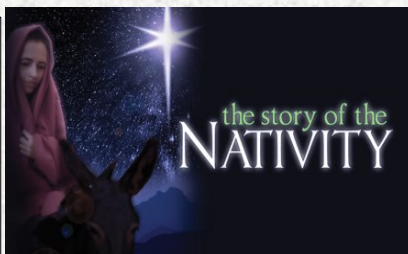
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The Story of the Nativity - Understanding the Full Story of Jesus' Birth



The birth of Jesus is often misunderstood, but this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity clarifies widespread misunderstandings of Jesus' origin. Join top scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus.

EX LIBRIS:

A Book for Advent

The Power of Silence Against the Dictatorship of Noise (#84) by Robert Cardinal Sarah

Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments

With Nicolas Diat, French Journalist and Author

Translated by Michael J. Miller; Published 2017

The major theme of Cardinal Sarah's inspiring meditation on silence appears in the beautiful Advent Introit: *"While all things were in quiet silence, and the night was in the midst of her course, Thine Almighty Word, O Lord, leaped down from heaven, from Thy royal throne"* (Wisdom 18:14-15). God's miraculous encounter with us occurs in silence. God abides in silence and this divine silence dwells within each of us. However, unless we flee from our high-tech, media-saturated world's invasive, demanding, and addictive "hell of noise," we will never hear God's quiet voice.

Cardinal Sarah urges us to embrace solitude, interiority, and prayer to humbly unite ourselves with God; to acquire His perspective (wisdom); to discover His truth, love, and beauty, and express these in our post-modern society; to know our real selves, and understand the meaning of our suffering and death; and ultimately, to experience Christian transformation (i.e., "self-emptying and self-giving").

Cardinal Sarah speaks admiringly of monastic (contemplative) silence, especially that of the Carthusian monks of the famous *La Grande Chartreuse* in the French Alps. He asserts that "sacred silence" should be present in every Celebration of the Eucharist, while noting that "sacred silence" is most observable in the Church's traditional *ad orientem* liturgy.

The cardinal also declares that only union with Christ in the silence of prayer can give us the strength to confront the great evils of our age. Christ's deep silent union with His Father in prayer allowed Him to accept the humility of the manger, the poverty of Nazareth, and the suffering of the Cross. Mary's great interior strength standing at the foot of the Cross derived from a prayerful union with God that nurtured her lifelong acceptance of His mysterious will.

The Power of Silence is the second book of Cardinal Sarah's trilogy, and a profound exploration of the silence we must cultivate to hear the still, quiet voice of God in our hearts and in our lives.