



Sacred Heart Parish

Strathmore, AB

Pentecost Sunday - May 31, 2020
The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, Alleluia.



Gospel Reflection

In the first reading, we have a beautiful image of the birthday of the Church: people of different languages, cultures, backgrounds and experiences gathered together to follow Jesus and take His love to the world. Today, we are a massive international community of Catholic believers, and many other Christians as well. Catholic means universal, drawing in all of God's people. Still, we know there are people in our churches who pray differently than we like to, who have different opinions on things in the Church and in the world, who wear different clothes, or parent differently. On this birthday of the Church, it is wise for us to reflect on and remember that being members of the same Church does not mean we are all the same. We should be challenged to build communities of love that make space for our differences, and strive to love the way God loves.

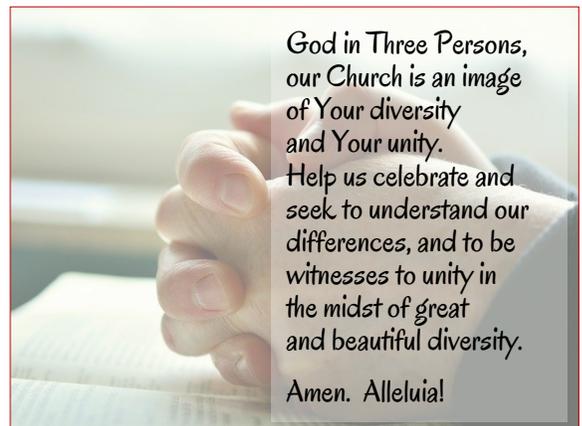
Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 2.1-11
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.3b-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20.19-23

It was evening on the day Jesus rose from the dead, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	May 30	Parishioners
Sunday	May 31	† Jonathan Van Verdegem
Friday	June 5	† Dorothy Stinn
Saturday	June 6	Parishioners
Sunday	June 7	† Jocelyn Manalo



Parish Bulletin Announcements

If you have information to share with our Parish Community, please forward your announcement to the Parish Office email sacredhc@shaw.ca before end-of-day Wednesday, and it will be included in the next Bulletin.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

During this pandemic, our faith community needs us even more. Please remember to keep supporting our parish with weekly or recurring donations. As collection of offering envelopes is not feasible at this time, we ask you to please support the Parish through online giving on our Parish's website.

[Donate to Sacred Heart Parish - \(www.sacredhc.ca/donate\)](http://www.sacredhc.ca/donate)

You may also consider signing up for monthly automatic direct debit payments. Please complete the [Pre-Authorized Debit \(PAD\) Agreement form](#) and forward it to the Parish Office located at 23 Strathmore Lakes Way, Strathmore, AB T1P 1L7. Please call the office if you would like us to mail you a copy of this form.

Thank You for Your Generous Gifts!

For the Month of April, 2020				
Operations				
Envelopes	\$1,985.00			
Electronic Funds	\$2,350.47			
Building Fund				
Envelopes	\$7.75			
Electronic Funds	\$541.47			
Cornerstone Pledge Campaign				
Date	Commitment	Received	Year to Date	
2019	\$777,205.00	-	\$617,126.91	
2020	\$483,495.00	\$15,684.04	\$74,164.04	
2021	\$574,650.00	-	-	
Central Fund Savings				
as of March 31, 2020	\$1,120,083.04			
Other Funds				
Holy Land	\$50.00			
Together in Action (TIA)	\$70.00			

Are you new to the Parish and wish to use offering 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.

f **LIVE** Saturday
MAY 30 AT 11 AM

THE DEDICATION OF
THE SHRINE CHURCH
OF OUR LADY
OF THE ROCKIES

by Bishop William T. McGrattan

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Here is a message from Fr. Nathan Siray, Pastor of Our Lady of the Rockies Parish:

"It is with great joy I can now share that the Dedication of the Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Rockies will occur on Saturday May 30th at 11:00am. Due to ongoing restrictions on public religious celebrations, attendance at the Dedication Mass is closed to the general public. However, a livestream will be provided to everyone to view on May 30th. The live stream can be viewed at:

www.catholicyc.ca and
[facebook.com/calgarydiocese/live](https://www.facebook.com/calgarydiocese/live)

The Shrine Church remains closed to the general public until the first week of June. Please check out [our website](#) in the coming days for when public Masses and visitations will take place."

Memorial Fund Donations

If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, please make cheques payable to:

Sacred Heart Parish and earmark your donation with the note:
For the Building Fund – In Memory of {loved one's name}.

You will receive a charitable tax receipt for your donation.

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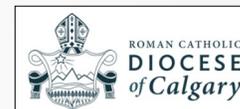


**Jonathan Van Verdegem** was a very faithful and dedicated member of our Sacred Heart Catholic Parish. He served as an altar server right up until his passing. We feel the building of our new Catholic Church was in the foremost part of his thoughts. We will continue to receive donations in his memory. Please make your donation as indicated above, for **the Building Fund ~ in Memory of Jonathan Van Verdegem.**

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Eternal rest grant unto them, oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH and DIOCESAN NEWS



Reintroducing The Public Celebration of Holy Mass

On May 26, 2020, a Pastoral message was issued from Bishop McGrattan regarding the Reintroduction of the Public Celebration of Holy Mass. Following is an excerpt from that letter:

...On June 1st, on the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of the Church, the public celebration of Mass will be reintroduced. This will take place under diocesan guidelines and directives that will allow for the Eucharistic liturgy to be celebrated in an appropriate and dignified manner. It will follow the restrictions on the maximum number of attendees allowed and ensure that the proper safety and health measures currently in place in the Province for Stage 1 of the Relaunch Strategy are followed. **No parish is required to resume the public celebration of Mass until they are able to adequately implement the diocesan guidelines and directives.** Please contact your local parish to enquire about the weekday and Sunday Mass schedules. A debt of gratitude goes out to all the priests who have strived to be pastorally present to their parishioners and who will prepare to welcome them back to the celebration of the Eucharist, "the source and summit of our lives" as Catholics.

The dispensation of the Faithful from their Sunday obligation will remain in place so that those individuals who may be vulnerable because of age, health conditions or who do not feel safe in the public celebration of the Mass at this time may choose to stay home and keep safe. The live streaming of Mass will continue both on weekdays and Sunday in the Diocese.

I encourage the Faithful of the Diocese in the context of this Pastoral Letter to read the Guidelines from the website of the Diocese and understand the measures that are being taken in all of the Latin Rite Dioceses here in Alberta...

To read the Full Pastoral Message and the New Guidelines, please visit: <https://www.catholicyc.ca>

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The Parish Council and Finance Council of Sacred Heart Church in Strathmore, will be meeting to determine what our next steps will be in facilitating a safe return of parishioners to attend Holy Mass. The Diocese has provided a set of Guidelines that address the liturgical and safety measures necessary to assure both the reverent celebration of the Eucharistic Mystery and careful adherence to the health and security ordinances issued by the Province of Alberta during the period of the COVID-19 pandemic. These measures must be strictly observed in all parishes in order to ensure the safety of clergy, staff, volunteers and Mass attendees. To read the New Guidelines, please visit <https://www.catholicyc.ca>

We will keep everyone updated as everything evolves. For the latest updates, please continue to monitor the Sacred Heart Parish website (www.sacredhc.ca) and emails from Parish Council.

Parish Activities

Mass with Fr. Wojciech via Facetime

Although we are not able to have public Masses at this time, the opportunity to connect to one of Fr. Wojciech's daily Masses, via Facetime, is available. If you have an Apple phone, tablet or computer and would like to join Fr. Wojciech during one of his daily Masses, please contact the Parish Office at 403-934-2641, and we will schedule a date with you.

Genesis to Jesus Study

- What is the Bible, where does it come from?
- What is the whole story of the Bible and where do I fit in?

These are some of the ever-important questions answered in **Genesis to Jesus**, a video Bible Study from the St. Paul Center. Join with other parishioners as we learn more about the bible, about Jesus Christ, and about your life as a Christian, all while answering many of the questions you have about Sacred Scripture.

Beginning **Sunday, May 24th**, *The Search* sessions occur **Sunday and Wednesday** evenings from **7:30-8:30 pm**, using Zoom. For more information or for details about how to join the *Genesis to Jesus* study, please visit www.sacredhc.ca/genesis-to-jesus

Confessions by Appointment

Fr. Wojciech is hearing confessions from parishioners. Please phone or email the Parish Office to make arrangements.

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PLEDGE DRIVE COMMITTEE

The Pledge Drive was launched on April 28, 2019. There are information letters and Pledge Drive Forms available upon request, please contact the Parish Office. 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.

BOTTLE DRIVE

If you have refundable containers that you would like to donate to the Building Fund, please contact:
Mike Hendricks at 403-324-8900
 or email
NettieHendricks1@gmail.com
 and arrangements will be made for curb-side pickup

GROCERY CARDS

Angie Wolper reminds all parishioners that grocery cards are still available for both Sobeys and Co-Op grocery stores. A percentage of the grocery card purchase price is donated to the building fund.

Please contact:
Angie at 403-934-0468
 to make arrangements to purchase and receive grocery cards.

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)

Parish Sacraments



Please call or email the parish office if you have any questions

Baptism:

Baptisms are set for every last Sunday of the month. Baptism Preparation classes are scheduled for the Tuesday prior to the Baptism. **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 Fr. Wojciech at least four months prior to your wedding date. Please do not finalize dates before speaking to the Priest.

Reconciliation/Confession:

At this time, Confession is available with Fr. Wojciech at the parish office, by appointment. Please contact the parish office.

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. Due to the pandemic, the 2020 Holy Sacrament Mass will be rescheduled to a later date as determined by the Diocese.

Confirmation:

Confirmation preparation classes are taught every two years (ie. 2018, 2020, 2022). If your son or daughter is in Grades 6-12, please phone the parish office to register. Due to the pandemic, the 2020 Holy Sacrament of Mass will be rescheduled to a later date, as determined by the Diocese.

RCIA, RC1Y, RC1C:

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults program runs yearly from Fall to Easter of the following year. If interested in attending, please call or email the parish office to speak with Fr. Wojciech before August. Due to the pandemic, the rites of initiation will be rescheduled and celebrated at a later date, to be determined by the Diocese.

Parish Office - Contact Information

Office Hours:

Wed - Fri 9-4:00 pm
 Lunch Break: Noon-1:00 pm

Pastor: Fr. Wojciech Jarzecki
Bookkeeper: Donna Johnson
Secretary: Lynn Dumont
Phone: 403-934-2641
Email: sacredhc@shaw.ca
Parish Website: www.sacredhc.ca
Parish Facebook Page: www.facebook/sacredhc.strathmore

Deacon: Roger Nelson
Deacon: Michael Thompson
Deacon: Paul Coderre

Mailing Address:
 23 Strathmore Lakes Way
 Strathmore, AB T1P 1L7
Diocesan Website: www.catholiccycc.ca

Parish Ministries and Organizations

Building Committee: building.committee@sacredhc.ca	Gym Setup: Todd Gionet 403-901-2215
Catholic Women's Emily Rochford 403-814-0167	Knights of Columbus: Grand Knight Derek Donais 403-983-5341
Choir Liaison: Melissa Wiley 403-901-1070	Lectors: Sarah Goodfellow 403-934-9953
Extraordinary Ministers: Lynn Dumont 403-983-8300	Parish Council: parish.council@sacredhc.ca
Finance Council: Jim Chisholm 403-901-0944	Pastoral Care: Diane Van Bavel 403-934-4282
Fundraising Committee: Nettie Hendricks 403-875-7981	Prayer Chain: Laurie Stephens 403-936-5661