

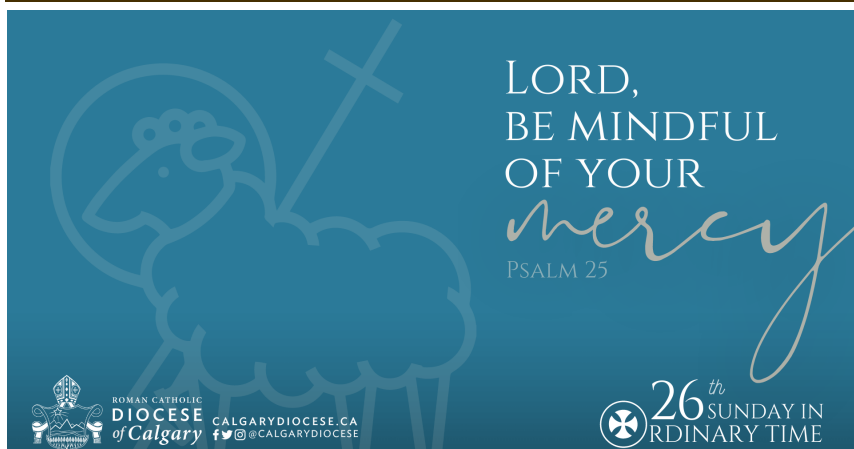


Sacred Heart Parish

Strathmore, AB

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 27, 2020

All that You have done to us, O Lord, You have done with true judgment,
for we have sinned against You and not obeyed
Your commandments. But give glory to Your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of Your mercy.



Weekend Mass Times

(Limited seating space, please pre-register at www.sacredhc.ca)

Saturday 5:00 pm (Holy Rosary at 4:30 pm)
Sunday 10:00 am (Holy Rosary at 9:30 am)

Holy Mass is held in the
Holy Cross Collegiate (HCC) School Gym
North Doors, 709 B - 2nd Street

Confession

Saturday 4:15-4:45 pm
Sunday 9:15-9:45 am

in the HCC Foods Room
or by appointment at the Parish Office
Please call 403-934-2641

Readings:

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18.25-28
2nd Reading: Philippians 2.1-11

Gospel:

Matthew 21.28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I am going, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first."

Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Gospel Reflection

Most of us find it easier to talk about doing the right thing than actually to do it, and the readings affirm we are not alone in this tension! Being human makes us dependent on God's mercy, as we are just as capable of vice as we are of virtue. Right here, in the midst of our humanity, Jesus asks us to be people who live faithfully and who are humble enough to turn around and choose again when we get it wrong. If we want abundant life, it is not a one-time decision and then a get-out-of-jail-free card. It is a lifetime of choosing the good, and choosing again when we fail. This week, look for one place where God is asking you to choose again, or to examine whether and how your actions line up with your belief. Turn gently in the direction God is asking you to go.

Living Word, you have spoken life into being and walked among us. You have revealed to us a faith that is alive in our hearts and carried forward through the work of our hands. Help us receive the life you have promised both in our convictions and the way we live. Amen.

For strong faith and transformed lives,
we pray to the Lord.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	September 26	† Helen Lesperance
Sunday	September 27	Parishioners
Tuesday	September 29	Linda Kalbhen
Wednesday	September 30	Mary Louise Praeker
Friday	October 2	† Bob Connolly
Saturday	October 3	Parishioners
Sunday	October 4	† Jonathan Van Verdegem

If you would like to book a Mass Intention for a week day, Fr. Tomy will offer up your intention while he celebrates daily Mass at the Rectory.



Parish Bulletin Announcements

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

Financial News

During this pandemic, our faith community needs us even more. Please remember to keep supporting our parish with weekly or recurring donations. If you are attending Saturday/Sunday Mass, you may place your donation in the offertory basket located near the altar. If you would like make an online donation, please visit the Parish's website at 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!

Parish Finances for the Month of July, 2020

Operations			
Envelopes	\$7,900.00		
Electronic Funds	\$2,358.00		
Building Fund			
All Money Received (not including Pledges)	\$15,340.00		
Cornerstone Pledge Campaign	Commitment	Received	Year to Date
2019	\$777,205.00	-	\$617,126.91
2020	\$483,495.00	\$22,379.00	123,148.00
2021	\$574,650.00	-	-
Central Fund Savings			
as of July 31, 2020	\$1,180,083.00		
Other Funds		Monthly	Year to Date
Together in Action (TIA)	Goal \$13,387	\$235.00	\$3,949.00
Holy Land		-	700.00
Seminarian Fund		-	45.00
Pope's Pastoral Works		-	50.00
Grocery Cards Sold this Month			
	\$3,500.00		

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.

Can You Help?

As the summer months come to an end and school days arrive again, we are looking for a few more volunteers to help with three key roles. Please prayerfully discern if God might be calling you to share your time and talent in one of the roles listed below.

Safety Crew Volunteer

- Roles: Usher, greeter, data gatherer, post-Mass cleaner, etc.
- For more information about the roles, or to volunteer, please [click here](#).

Chair Setup Crew Volunteer

- Along with your team, you will help setup for Mass on Saturday afternoons once per month.
- For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Todd Gionet at gym.setup@sacredhc.ca.

Sacristan

- Father Tomy is looking for someone to act as Sacristan, carefully arranging the sacred vessels, liturgical books, vestments, and other things in the sanctuary that are necessary for the celebration of Holy Mass. This role is necessary because it assists Father in preparing for Mass while he hears confessions.
- Father Tomy will train any volunteers for this position.
- For more information, or to volunteer as Sacristan, please contact [Lynn](#) or [Father Tomy](#).

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PICK OF THE WEEK



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3. Type **Sacred Heart Strathmore** and click on **Sacred Heart 23 Strathmore Lakes** from the list, then click the **Next** button
4. Enter your **name** and your **email**, then click the **Sign Up** button

Parish & Diocesan Activities

FIRST RECONCILIATION/HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

We would like to hold in-person First Reconciliation/Holy Communion preparation classes on **the first Wednesday of each month**, from **5:45-6:45 pm**, starting on **October 7th**. The details regarding location of these classes is still being determined. If a location cannot be secured and we are unable to offer in-person instruction, we can alternatively present the classes using Zoom. More details will be provided as they are worked out. If you would like to register your child, please fill out the [registration form](https://sacredhc.ca/first-holy-communion) found on our parish website at <https://sacredhc.ca/first-holy-communion>, and email or drop it off at the parish office.

To support the work of parents as primary teachers of the Faith, the Diocese of Calgary is offering coaching sessions for parents who prefer to educate their children themselves. These coaching sessions will be available via Zoom. These will be offered on various days and times to accommodate the busy lives of today's families. These sessions are for parents only. The sessions are going to be offered by several priests and each session will be an hour long. A new webpage has been created for Sacrament Preparation for families to access the Parents Coaching Sessions schedule. To access this information, please visit www.catholicyc.ca/sacraments

HIS BUILDING 3 CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

THANK YOU from Sacred Heart Parish to all Sponsors, Donors, Golfers and Volunteers! This tournament is a success because of you. Thank you for supporting our church and our community.

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Deacon Paul Coderre
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Mike's Bar & Grill (formerly Humpty's)
Sobeys - Strathmore
Shawna Lowe-Loftus
Wheatland Homesteaders Organic Farm
Canadian Tire Strathmore
Mark's Parts - Carseland
La Shaun Andrews,
RE/MAX Real Estate Central
Jacob Manz,
Head Pro at Speargrass Golf Course
Rita Sweere
Mardelle Bazant

Silent Auction/Prize/Donors (Cont'd)

Winston & Heather Britto
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Jordan Sweere
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Matt Link PGA,
Strathmore Golf Club

Volunteers

Wendy Fuchs-Cey
Paul Cey
Jessica Fuchs
Kevin Gibbons
Nettie Hendricks
Donna Johnson
Paul O'Leary
Tomas Rochford
Mechthilde Rodehutsors
Rita Sweere
Angie Wolper
Lynn Dumont
All Volunteers who helped
with our tournament!

*All funds raised
will go towards
building our new
Sacred Heart Church in
downtown Strathmore



**** We will be reporting on this fundraiser once all the financial details have been finalized. ****

HOW DO I SUPPORT MY LOCAL PRIEST?

In this podcast, Fr. Josh answers questions on how to evangelize in the workplace, how to be a good godparent and how to support and defend your local priest when there is gossip in the parish community. [Listen to podcast](#)

Parish & Diocesan Activities

COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Each year, and with the generosity of Catholic faithful from coast to coast to coast, the Bishops of Canada continue their work on important doctrinal and ethical questions; ecumenical initiatives and interreligious dialogue; international relations; evangelization, faith education and catechesis; relations with Indigenous peoples; questions of social justice; and the development of a culture of life and family. In addition to their national Conference, the Bishops of Canada also meet in four Regional Assemblies (Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario and the West). The CCCB and the regional assemblies include the Bishops of the Latin Church, as well as the Eparchial Bishops of the Eastern Catholic Churches. On behalf of all Bishops of Canada, the Most Reverend Richard Gagnon, Archbishop of Winnipeg and CCCB President, shares his gratitude for the continued support of the Church's pastoral mission through prayers, gestures of kindness, encouragement, and generosity. "I thank all of you for your support and ask the Lord to bless you and your loved ones abundantly, and keep you safe always."

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place this weekend, September 26th and 27th, 2020. This annual charitable initiative assists the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada.

RIDE FOR REFUGE

This year, [Ride for Refuge](#) is happening as scheduled on **Saturday, October 3, 2020** to support [Elizabeth House](#), a home for young women often teens who are pregnant or have young children and have no support and nowhere to live. However, Covid-related health risks and operational challenges won't permit us to assemble in large groups. So instead, we'll gather virtually, self-organizing in smaller, covid-friendly teams or groups as permitted.

We invite you to register your team, gather your friends and select a fundraising activity you all love. **Do what you can, wherever you can and remember, no bikes required!** You can still select the classic 5 km walk, or the 10, 25, or 50 km bike ride. And now there are even more ways to 'ride' - there are many fun and rewarding RIDE Freestyle options to support your fundraising.

Let's keep our RIDE communities going! At the moment, we have two groups going. You are welcome to join them or create your own team by [registering here](#) (choose Elizabeth House as your charity):

[St. James Knights of Columbus Cares](#)
[Bikes & Babies](#) (with Sr. Pat Derbyshire)

COVID-19 AND THE CALL TO FAITH - WEEK 2

If you haven't already, please [read the Pastoral Statement](#) from the Bishops of Alberta called: On the Impact of COVID-19 & the Call to Christian Renewal.

Over the next seven weeks, [Grandin Media](#) is hosting seven panel discussions on themes referenced in the letter – the impact on family, care of the vulnerable, the changing workplace and the inherent dignity of human life. The panelists, assembled from across the province and territory, include experts in their fields in health care, education, social services, law and ministry and business.

Panel #2 Importance of the Family (Will be released Sep. 28)

Week 2 Reflection "[Importance of the Family](#)" COVID-19 invites us into a new appreciation of the family as the first and vital cell of our society.

- [Download reflection for Week 2](#)
- Panel discussion video will be released on **Monday, Sep. 28** [here](#)
- Parishioners and all viewers will be invited to respond to the prepared reflection questions or otherwise to send thoughts/comments to communications@calgarydiocese.ca

HOW DO I OVERCOME ANGER?

Overcoming anger is no easy task, especially when one has been hurt. It is possible, however. Emotions are normal and not at all sinful. However, we cannot allow our emotions to rule our decisions. Mike Hayes, Director of Young Adult Ministry in the Diocese of Cleveland, offers his advices. [Read more](#)

BASEBALL TEACHES US TO PRACTICE BATTING AGAINST TEMPTATION

A baseball game moves really slowly, until there is a flurry of action. Experts in the sport say everything you do in the slow part matters to do the quick part well. Father Kris Schmidt sees it as a metaphor for the Christian life. He explains it all in this week's 'Beggar's Heart' vlog. [Watch vlog](#)

Parish & Diocesan Activities

CELEBRATE ANY FEAST DAY WITH THIS SHORT PRAYER

One of the primary reasons why the Church celebrates saints' feast days is to show us an example to follow. The Church wants us to remember these men and women who have followed so closely after Jesus Christ, and to imitate their example. Here is a short prayer you can use on any feast day. [Read more](#)

WANDERLIGHT - A CATHOLIC VIDEO GAME

Thanks to game developers from Loyola Press, there's a new game to tickle the fancies of Catholic gamers — Wanderlight: A Pilgrim's Adventure. This game places players in the shoes of The Pilgrim, who travels through a variety of maps and zones, all the while meeting saints and learning Catholic prayers. Instead of traipsing from battle to battle, players are faced with puzzles meant to make them think, make ethical choices, answer Catholic trivia, or complete tasks relevant to the various saints they meet. [Read more](#)

CELEBRATING PUBLIC MASS AT SACRED HEART CHURCH, STRATHMORE

Now that we are in Stage 2 of the relaunch for both the Diocese and the province, and with the help from volunteers, we are able to offer Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

Mass will be offered on **Saturday at 5:00 pm** and **Sunday at 10:00 am**. Seating space is limited so everyone must pre-register, individually, before attending Mass. To sign-up, please visit the homepage of www.sacredhc.ca and click on the button that says 'Mass Registration'. This will take you to the signup page. Locate the Mass that you want to attend, click the button beside it and fill out the required information. If you have questions about how to sign up, please contact the parish office.

In addition to pre-registering for Mass, following are some **guidelines** and **what you can expect when attending Mass**:

GUIDELINES FROM THE DIOCESE OF CALGARY/SACRED HEART PARISH:

- Masses are to be celebrated simply and reverently within a shorter time.
- Procedures will be followed to limit possible exposure to the contagion.
- Alberta Health Services require that a record of all attendees and volunteers and their contact information be kept for contact tracing purposes.
- **Attendees and volunteers 65 years of age or older and individuals with chronic medical conditions are encouraged to stay safe by avoiding public gatherings but are not prohibited from attending Holy Mass if they so choose. You do so at your own risk.**
- **All attendees and volunteers are expected to wear non-medical masks and should bring their own masks.**
- Anyone who has even the slightest symptoms or feelings of sickness must remain at home. (i.e. Fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, or runny nose.)
- Bathrooms will be closed except for health emergencies as it is impractical to maintain a sanitary washroom that is constantly in use.
- Please note that volunteers are automatically given a seat to attend Holy Mass. For volunteer job descriptions and to sign up to help out, please [click here](#).

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN ATTENDING MASS

Guiding Principles: Sacred Heart Parish will protect the health of all our Parishioners. Social distancing will be exercised for the entire Mass event. Bathrooms will be closed except for health emergencies as it is impractical to maintain a sanitary washroom that is constantly in use. We anticipate a 35 to 45-minute Mass duration dependent upon the number of Communicants. Children will remain with their parents or guardians at all times.

The following procedures will be practiced for Mass:

- You **MUST** pre-register individually online via Parish Website by **Friday at 12:00 Noon** to attend.
- You **MUST** arrive 15-30 minutes before the start of Mass.
- A volunteer will confirm your attendance information at the door.
- You will receive hand sanitizer at the door.
- You will be escorted to your seat by an Usher.
- The doors will be locked at the commencement of Mass for the duration of Mass.
- An Usher will guide you to receive Holy Communion.
- When Mass ends an Usher will direct a prompt dismissal of attendees.
- Upon final exit the church space will be sanitized.

We are still in need of more volunteers to be able to continue offering Mass. If you are able to help, please sign up at www.sacredhc.ca/volunteer-sign-up

Parish & Diocesan Activities

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. Tomy at least four months prior to your wedding date. Please do not finalize dates before speaking with the Pastor.

Reconciliation/Confession:

Confession is available on **Saturdays, from 4:15-4:45 pm** and **Sundays, from 9:15-9:45 am** in the Holy Cross Collegiate Foods Room or at the parish office, by appointment. Please contact the parish office.

First Reconciliation/Holy Communion:

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Sacramental Preparation will be scheduled from **October-May**. Our plan is to provide in-person classes which will be held **the first Wednesday of each month from 5:45pm-6:45pm**. Location to be determined. Parents can contact the parish office (403-934-2641) to register their children or access the registration form at www.sacredhc.ca/first-holy-communion

Confirmation:

Confirmation preparation classes are taught every two years (ie. 2018, 2020, 2022). Recently, a letter was emailed to all parents of the 2020 Confirmation class explaining how the Confirmation Mass will be celebrated. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Brent Wiley at confirmation@sacredhc.ca or contact the Parish Office.

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 Deacon Paul Coderre, before the end of August.

Parish Office - Contact Information

Office Hours:

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

Pastor: Fr. Tomy Manjaly | pastor@sacredhc.ca
Bookkeeper: Donna Johnson | bookkeeper@sacredhc.ca
Secretary: Lynn Dumont | secretary@sacredhc.ca
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Fr. Tomy's Mobile: 403-928-1151 (Emergencies Only Please)
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Deacon: Paul Coderre | deacon.paul@sacredhc.ca

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Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/sacredhc.strathmore
Diocesan Website: www.catholiccyc.ca

Parish Ministries and Organizations

Altar Servers: Tomas Rochford or Krysta VanVerdegem | altar.servers@sacredhc.ca
Building Committee: Paul O'Leary | building.committee@sacredhc.ca
Catholic Women's League: Emily Rochford | cwl@sacredhc.ca
Children's Liturgy: Meaghan Patterson | childrens.liturgy@sacredhc.ca
Choir Liaison: Melissa Wiley | music.ministry@sacredhc.ca
Confirmation Preparation: Brent Wiley | confirmation@sacredhc.ca
Extraordinary Ministers: Lynn Dumont | liturgy@sacredhc.ca
Finance Council: Jim Chisholm | finance.council@sacredhc.ca
First Communion Preparation: Emily Rochford | first.communion@sacredhc.ca
Fundraising Committee: Nettie Hendricks | fundraising@sacredhc.ca
Gym Setup: Todd Gionet | gym.setup@sacredhc.ca
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Prayer Chain: Laurie Stephens | prayerchain@sacredhc.ca
RCIA: Deacon Paul Coderre | deacon.paul@sacredhc.ca
Sacristans: Lynn Dumont | liturgy@sacredhc.ca

Congratulations!

To the following Parishioners who recently received the Sacrament of:

Baptism

Jasper Tuff
Azzylea Rulona

First Holy Communion

Addelynn Maunsell-Wybrants

Remember that God's love will always be there to comfort you, guide you and bless you.