



Sacred Heart Parish

Strathmore, AB

Parish Office Located at: 23 Strathmore Lakes Way, Strathmore, AB T1P 1L7 403-934-2641

1st Sunday of Advent - November 26/27, 2022

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame. (Cf. Psalm 24.1-3)

Parish Office - Contact Information

Office Hours: Tues- 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: Lorraine Knight | secretary@sacredhc.ca
Deacon: Paul Coderre | deacon.paul@sacredhc.ca
Parish Website: <https://sacredhc.ca>
Diocesan Website: www.catholiccy.ca

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Fr. Tomy's Mobile: 403-928-1151 (Emergencies Only Please)
Mailing Address: 23 Strathmore Lakes Way
 Strathmore, AB T1P 1L7
Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/sacredhc.strathmore
Instagram: sacredheartparishstrathmore

Mass Schedule Nov. 26-Dec. 4

			Mass Intentions
Saturday	November 26	5:00 pm HCC Gym	† Kevin Yule
Sunday	November 27	10:00 am HCC Gym	Parishioners
Tuesday	November 29	7:00pm St. Anne Chapel	† Marie Meyer
Wednesday	November 30	8:30am Office Chapel	Harry Salm
Thursday	December 1	8:30am Office Chapel	† George Van Verdegem
Friday	December 2	7:00pm SHA Gym	† John Barabosh
		(First Friday Devotion Adoration & Benediction)	
	Holy Mass	8:00am HCC Gym	† Cyril Meyer
	Holy Mass	10:30am Sagewood	† Mary Van Verdegem
	Communion Service	10:30am Wheatland Lodge	
Saturday	December 3	Confession 4:15-4:45pm	Food Room HCC
		5:00 pm SHA Gym	Parishioners
Sunday	December 4	Confession 9:15-9:45am	Food Room HCC
		10:00 am HCC Gym	† George Van Verdegem

or by appointment at the Parish Office, call 403-934-2641

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

First Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5

Second Reading: Romans 13.11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24.37-44

Prayer of the Faithful:

*For those who search for hope amidst
 despair,
 We pray to the Lord.*

Pancake Breakfast

**The Knights of Columbus will
 be hosting a pancake
 breakfast after mass on
 Sunday, November 27**

Parish Liturgical Ministries for Saturdays & Sundays

DATE	TIME	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS
November 26	5:00pm	Suzie Gauthier/Dianne Gartner	
November 27	10:00am	Krysta Van Verdegem/Pat Tompkins	
December 3	5:00pm	Deacon Paul/Heather Britto	
December 4	10:00am	Deacon Paul/Madonna Kalbhen	

Parish Ministries and Organizations - Upcoming Meetings

	Next Meeting
Pledge Drive Subcommittee (1st Tuesday of the Month - 7:30 pm)	TBA
Building Committee (1st Thursday of the Month - 7:00pm)	TBA
Catholic Women's League (2nd Tuesday of the Month - 7:30pm)	Jan. 10
Finance Council (3rd Tuesday of the Month - 7:30 pm via Zoom)	TBA
Knights of Columbus (3rd Thursday of the Month - 7:00pm)	TBA
Parish Pastoral Council (4th Thursday of the Month - 7:00 pm)	Dec. 1
Fundraising Committee (4th Tuesday of the Month - 7:30 pm - via zoom)	TBA

(All meeting will be held in the HCC Foods room unless otherwise noted.)

Please mark your calendars

We ask that all parishioners put the following date into their calendars, as it will require us to again move the Saturday evening vigil Mass to Sacred Heart Academy gym:

- ♦ **Dec 2, 2022 (First Friday Mass 7:00pm)**
- ♦ **Dec 3, 2022**
- ♦ **Dec 10, 2022**

We apologize for the inconvenience that this causes for parishioners and families, but as we do not yet have a church of our own, and must share space with the local Catholic schools, this conflict is unavoidable.

Financial News

Parish Draft Finances for the Month of October 2022

Operations	Monthly Actual	Monthly Budget	Year to Date Oct. 31/2022
All Income	\$13,716.00	\$14,350.00	\$117,554.00
Interest to date		-	\$19,946.00
All Expenses	\$15,606.00	-\$12,406.00	\$144,202.00
	\$29,322.00	\$1,944.00	(\$6,702.00)
Building Fund			
All Monies Received	\$16,679.00		
Weekly income includes collections, electronic deposits, mail & dropoff. Building funds include all donations and fundraising.			
Weekly income			
Date	Income	Building	
Nov. 5/6	\$4,371.00	\$64,497.00	
Nov. 12/13	\$3,487.00	\$3,691.00	
GRAND TOTAL	\$7,858.00	\$68,188.00	
Central Fund Savings		Together in Action	
as at Oct. 31, 2022	\$2,163,460.00	Goal for 2022	\$13,978.00
Grocery Cards Sold	\$5,000.00	Received	\$9,673.00

TRUST IN THE LORD.

We are the body of Christ.
Each family is an essential part of this body.
Please continue to support our faith community.

Thank you, everyone, for your donations. Our parish relies on your Mass offerings for maintenance and growth. By making your offertory gift, you are providing crucial support to care for our parish. If you would like to make a donation, there are several options:

- If you attend public Mass on Saturday/Sunday place in the offertory basket.
- You may mail or drop off donations at the Parish Office.
- Send an e-Transfer to sacredhc@shaw.ca and state within the message if your donation is for **Operations or Building Fund**.
- Sign up for regular monthly automatic direct debit payments. We will debit your account once per month (the first Wednesday). Please click [here](#) for a copy of the **Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) Agreement form**, complete/sign the form, and forward/bring it to the Parish Office. Please call the office if you would like us to mail you a copy of this form.
- Donations via credit card are available at www.sacredhc.ca/donate

May our generosity be an expression of gratitude for what God has given us.

GROCERY CARDS

Contact

The Parish Office at 403-934-2641

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 Grocery Card sold 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.

Parish Bottle Drive Fundraiser!

Thank you to everyone as our Bottle Drive Fundraiser continues with picking up bottles after Mass.

All proceeds are for our new Church building. If you have bottles that you need someone to pick up, please call Ron Johnson at (403) 333-2213.

2022 - 2023 Pledge Drive (ongoing)

Pledge Forms Out: 89

Pledge Forms Received: 27

Total Amount Pledged: 770,400

For further information contact:
Paul O'Leary or Harry Salm

Memorial Fund Donations

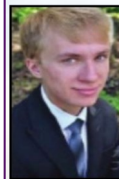
If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, please make cheques payable to:

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.



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.**

*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.*

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.

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Nov. 27, 2022

Making Advent Great for Kids

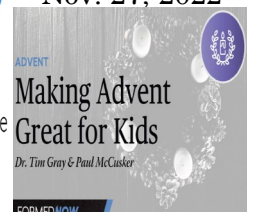
Advent is a time where we seek to grow in intimacy and relationship with the Lord. But this does not have to only be for adults! Join Dr. Tim Gray and Paul McCusker as they discuss different ways you can make Advent great for your kids.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and ignatius press

Parish & Diocesan Activities

Volunteers Needed

♦The **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** are looking for more people to help with this important ministry.

Please talk to Helen Stewart, Father Tomy or contact the office if you are able to help.

♦Our many **Christmas Decorators** is looking for a **coordinator**. Please contact the office if you are interested.

♦**Gym Setup** are in need of more helpers (more information on back page). Many hands make light work. Contact Todd Gionet or the parish office if you are interested.



Catholic Women's League News

♦The CWL is holding a **raffle** draw. Prizes are a case of wine, Two Rosebud Dinner & Theatre tickets and 100.00 Co-op Gift card.

We are looking for donations of wine. Please bring to the Church or the office. Donna is collecting them. All members are asked to pick up one or two books to sell. The draw date is Dec 18 after Mass. Christi Shworak is the ticket manager.



♦**Memberships** are now due. It has been set at 50.00 for the 2023 year. Donna is collecting at the church entrance after each Mass.

♦The annual **Christmas party** is Dec 13 to be held at the Wheatland Lodge in the basement. Mass will be at 5:00 PM at St Anne's chapel with dinner to follow at 6:00.

We are pre-ordering from PJ's restaurant. More details will follow.

♦The CWL is hosting a **craft and bake sale** on December 11 following Mass. All members are asked to bring either a craft item or a baked item to Church that morning.

Mardelle Bazant will head this committee.

♦The CWL will once again this year host a **Baby Shower for Jesus**. All donations are given to Growing Opportunities in Strathmore and need to be received by December 13. We invite the parish to participate. All items are to be new or gently used and can be left at the parish entrance or dropped off at the office.

Friday Masses

The next First Friday Mass will be on December 2nd, in the **Sacred Heart gym**, welcoming all parishioners to worship Our Lord together and then spend time in Eucharistic Adoration. Mass on these First Fridays will begin at 7:00pm, followed by Adoration and Benediction until 8:00pm.

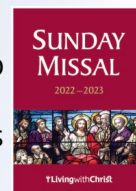


2023 Sunday Missal

The 2023 Living with Christ Sunday Missals will be available **now** for purchase. You can pick up your new Sunday Missal from the table at the entrance to mass.

The cost of each book is **\$5.00**. Please bring the exact amount of money for the number of books you want as we are not able to provide change.

They will also be available from the parish office during office hours.



Tuesday Mass

Tuesday evening masses are held in St. Anne's Chapel (Sacred Heart Academy) at 7:00pm.

Annual Dinner and Auction Fundraiser

A special Thank you to Gorete & Harry Salm, and all the volunteers for another amazing Diner & Auction. Thank you to everyone who donated to the dinner and auction items. And thank you to everyone who bought tickets and those who braved the weather and icy roads. The Dinner & Auction raised **\$31,114.78** towards our new church.

Offertory Envelopes

Next year's envelopes will be available soon.

Grocery Cards

You can purchase your grocery cards from the parish office with cash or cheque during regular office hours.

Please Note

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

Parish Information

Parish Sacraments



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

Baptism:

Please call the Parish Office 2 months prior to your chosen date for more information about Registration and Baptism Preparation.

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. Confession is also available by appointment. Please contact the parish office.

First Reconciliation/Holy Communion:

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Sacramental Preparation classes will occur from **October 2022 to June 2023**. Registration for 2022-2023 will begin in September 2022.

Confirmation:

Confirmation Preparation classes are taught every two years (i.e. 2022, 2024, 2026). If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Brent Wiley at confirmation@sacredhc.ca or contact the Parish Office.

RCIA, RC1Y, RCIC:

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.

Sacred Heart Evangelization Team

"He said to them, go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation"
- Mark 16:15

Do you feel called to share the good news of Jesus Christ and to help grow our parish? A new team is being formed to reach out to the broader community to share the Gospel. The team will pursue a mission to invite new and former parishioners to join our parish - so that they may experience the love of Christ, Christian community, and the many blessings our Catholic Church has to offer. We are looking for both active "missionary" members and for "prayer" team members who will pray for the success of the apostolate. If you feel a call to share in this new parish ministry, please contact Ryan at rc_schmidt@yahoo.com.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Prayer Chain

If you would like parishioners to pray for you, for a loved one, or for a special petition you might have in this difficult time, please contact Ninette Maga at prayerchain@sacredhc.ca or contact the Parish Office at 403-934-2641.

You may also use the form on our website found at www.sacredhc.ca/parish-prayer-chain. To enroll as a prayer warrior now, please complete the Sacred Heart of Jesus Prayer Chain enrolment form found at www.sacredhc.ca/join-the-prayer-chain or contact Ninette.

Gym Setup Volunteers Needed

We are looking for a few more volunteers to help with facilitation, setup and take down for weekend Masses. Our two urgent needs are as follows:

1. We require a **new facilitator** to replace Paul Cey on Team 4 when he is in Arizona for the winter months (starting November).
2. We also require **setup crew volunteers** (ideally 6, but minimum 2). Responsibilities: once per month assisting with the setup of chairs, sanctuary furnishings, microphones, and music equipment. No experience or technical expertise is required.

Please remember: **Without setup crew, we can't celebrate Holy Mass.**

Parish Ministries and Organizations

Altar Servers:

Krysta Van Verdegem | altar.servers@sacredhc.ca

Building Committee:

Paul O'Leary | building.committee@sacredhc.ca

Catholic Women's League:

Donna Johnson | cwl@sacredhc.ca

Children's Liturgy:

Meaghan Patterson | childrens.liturgy@sacredhc.ca

Choir Liaison:

Emily Rochford | music.ministry@sacredhc.ca

Confirmation Preparation:

Brent Wiley | confirmation@sacredhc.ca

Extraordinary Ministers:

Helen Stewart | emhc@sacredhc.ca

Finance Council:

Jim Chisholm | finance.council@sacredhc.ca

First Communion Preparation:

Katie Jalbert | first.communion@sacredhc.ca

Fundraising Committee:

Nettie Hendricks | fundraising@sacredhc.ca

Gym Setup:

Todd Gionet | gym.setup@sacredhc.ca

Knights of Columbus:

Grand Knight Paul Cey | knights@sacredhc.ca

Lectors:

Meaghan Patterson | lectors@sacredhc.ca

Parish Council:

Tomas Rochford/Brent Wiley | parish.council@sacredhc.ca

Pastoral Care:

Diane Van Bavel | pastoral.care@sacredhc.ca

Pledge Campaign:

Paul O'Leary | pledge.campaign@sacredhc.ca

Prayer Chain:

Ninette Maga | prayerchain@sacredhc.ca

RCIA:

Deacon Paul Coderre | deacon.paul@sacredhc.ca

Sacristans:

Lorraine Knight | secretary@sacredhc.ca