



Sacred Heart Parish

Strathmore, AB

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

Nativity of the Lord - December 24/25, 2022

*Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour has been born in the world.
Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.*



Parish Office - Contact Information

Pastor: Fr. Tomy Manjaly | pastor@sacredhc.ca
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 Strathmore, AB T1P 1L7
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December 24

First Reading: Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7

Second Reading: Titus 2.11-14

Gospel: Luke 2.1-16

December 25

First Reading: Isaiah 52.7-10

Second Reading: Hebrews 1.1-6

Gospel: John 1.1-18

Prayer of the Faithful:

*For all the world's children, precious sacraments
of God's gift of life,
We pray to the Lord.*

Mass Schedule Dec. 24-Jan. 1

| Saturday December 24 | | | | Mass Intentions |
|----------------------|----------|----------|--|-------------------------|
| | 5:00 pm | HCC Gym | | Parishioners |
| | 8:00 pm | HCC Gym | | † Jonathan Van Verdegem |
| Sunday December 25 | | | | Parishioners |
| | 10:00 am | HCC Gym | | |
| Friday December 30 | | | | † Dorothy Ashton |
| | 10:30am | Sagewood | | |
| Saturday December 31 | | | | Parishioners |
| | 5:00 pm | HCC Gym | | |
| Sunday January 1 | | | | † Julie Facca |
| | 10:00 am | HCC Gym | | |

Confession is also available 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

Parish Liturgical Ministries for Saturdays & Sundays

| DATE | TIME | MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION | LECTORS |
|-------------|---------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| December 24 | 5:00pm | Ninette Maga Dan Patterson | Helen Stewart Meaghan Patterson |
| December 24 | 8:00pm | Diane Van Bavel Lynn Dumont | Paul O'Leary Shawna Lowe Loftus |
| December 25 | 10:00am | Vacant (volunteers needed) | Tomas Rochford John Hilton-O'Brien |
| December 31 | 5:00pm | Suzie Gauthier | LaRue Kiemele Aislinn Chapotelle |
| January 1 | 10:00am | Shawna Lowe Loftus | Tomas Rochford Megan Brunen |



Pope's Prayer intention for December

This month, let us pray that volunteer non-profit and human development organisations may find people willing to commit themselves to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths of international cooperation. In his intention, the **Holy Father** encourages volunteers to continue their labour, working "not just **for** the people, but **with** the people," being close to them, being "**artisans of mercy**" and always listening to other people's needs.

**The parish office
will be closed
Tuesday, December
27 and Wednesday,
December 28.**



Financial News

Parish Draft Finances for the Month of November 2022

| Operations | Monthly Actual | Monthly Budget | Year to Date Nov. 30/2022 |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| All Income | \$14,321.00 | \$14,350.00 | \$132,101.00 |
| Interest to date | | - | \$19,946.00 |
| All Expenses | \$13,346.00 | \$13,406.00 | \$157,615.00 |
| | \$975.00 | \$944.00 | (\$5,568.00) |
| Building Fund | | | |
| All Monies Received | \$81,057.00 | | |
| Weekly income includes collections, electronic deposits, mail & dropoff. Building funds include all donations and fundraising. | | | |
| Weekly Collections | | | |
| Date | Income | Building | |
| Dec. 3/4 | \$3,077.25 | \$1,010.50 | |
| Dec. 10/11 | \$3,029.50 | \$1,780.50 | |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$6,106.75 | \$2,791.00 | |
| Central Fund Savings | | Together in Action | |
| as at Nov. 30, 2022 | \$2,263,460.00 | Goal for 2022 | \$13,978.00 |
| Grocery Cards Sold | \$2,800.00 | Received | \$10,943.00 |

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: 92

Pledge Forms Received: 32

Total Amount Pledged: 787,600

For further information contact:

Paul O'Leary or Harry Salm

Memorial Fund Donations

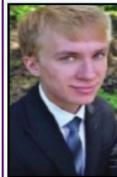
If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, please make cheques payable to:

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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Dec. 25, 2022

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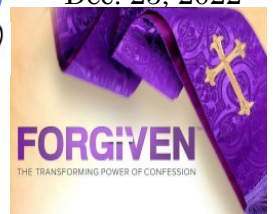
As we make resolutions for 2023, don't forget about your spiritual well-being! Watch our Forgiven series, so you can help guide friends and family to new spiritual beginnings!

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As Christmas is drawing near, I hope that all of us could celebrate the birth of Jesus with great joy and peace. The good news of Christmas is that God saves his people through his son Jesus and He wants to share eternity with us. We were not just created for this world alone, but God has long-range plans for us. He made us to live for ever through Jesus Christ. God sent his Son to earth so that one day he could die for our sins, and we would be able to spend time with Him in all eternity. This is the good news of Christmas, and this offer is made available to anyone. The scripture says, "But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God" {John1:12} Every human heart desires for Joy and aspires to happiness. And the birth of Jesus as our saviour brings us great Joy. The angels told the shepherds "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the City of David a Savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord". May the blessing of God's greatest gift Jesus our saviour be yours this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

I also take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your great support in building God's church in Strathmore both spiritual and physical. We are thrilled to see the new families and parishioners joining for our church celebrations. Our joy has no bound when we see the adults, youth and children partaking in the sacraments and other spiritual activities. One can easily notice the growth of our parish and my sincere Thanks for your collaborative effort in building our church.

As we await the coming of the Christ Child this Advent season, we are reminded that we too are awaiting a decision to begin construction of our new Church Building.

We have made significant progress in 2022! The Building Committee has completed the design of our New Church. The video we were shown in October which is also on our website, is a close representation of our new church we will build soon. Fundraising efforts have also continued in 2022. We are progressing a revised Pledge Drive Plan that will hopefully secure the remaining capital funds required for us to receive Calgary Diocese approval to begin construction in 2023. A meeting with Bishop William McGrattan (in November 2022) revealed that he is impressed with all the work that is done and is ongoing. He made a request that we continue to promote "our beautiful vision for our New Church complex".

This advice is being implemented as we seek additional pledges toward our new church. We are meeting with potential donors in the next few months before hosting another meeting with Bishop McGrattan in early 2023. Our goal remains starting construction in 2023.

In the spirit of Advent, I ask for your prayers as we near this goal. We are reminded that we are also building up the "people of God" as we build our physical church building. We have come a long way! Our combined time, talent, and treasure is required if we are to reach the final step in this process. We know that God is with us as we seek to do His will and build our new church....

Have a blessed Christmas

Thank you to all,

FR. Tomy Manjaly

Pastor

Parish & Diocesan Activities

Decorations for Christmas Mass

Thank you to everyone for donating to our Christmas decorating. Flowers will need to be picked up after mass on Sunday, January 1st.



Friday Masses

The next First Friday Mass will be on January 6th, 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.

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.



♦**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 dues are 50.00 per member. Donna is collecting at the Church entrance after Masses. If you are new to the Parish and wish to become a member – be sure to stop and chat with Donna.

Tuesday Mass

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

Knight's of Columbus News

The Knights of Columbus have **changed** their meeting night from the **3rd Thursday** to the **2nd Thursday** of every month. The next meeting will be on **Thursday, January 12th** in the Foods Room in HCC.

Membership fee of \$45 for 2023 are now due. If you would like more information on the Knights of Columbus, please contact Grand Knight Paul Cey @ 403-499-8822 or knights@sacredhc.ca

Offertory Envelopes

Offertory envelopes are now available. Please note that your envelope number may have changed for 2023. If you would like envelopes or no longer need envelopes, please contact the parish office. Offerings can also be made by e-transfer or Pre-Authorized Debit, see page 2 for more details.

Transitions (Jan 17-Apr 25)

The Pastoral Ministry Office of the Diocese of Calgary is offering Transitions, 15-week peer led support group for individuals who are working through the pain of separation and divorce toward growth and new life. **Every Tuesday, from January 17, 2023 to April 25, 2023**, from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 – 17th Avenue SW, Calgary) No fee registration. Register at catholiccyyc.ca/transitions or call 403-218-5500.

Horizons of Hope

All the faithful are invited to take part in the 4-module program being offered in January 2023.

- **Monday, Jan. 9 (7 to 9 pm)** | Module 1: Understanding the Human Experience of Dying and Death
- **Monday, Jan. 16 (7 to 9 pm)** | Module 2: Discerning and Making Decisions at the End of Life
- **Monday, Jan. 23 (7 to 9 pm)** | Module 3: Accompanying Those at the End of Life
- **Monday, Jan. 30 (7 to 9 pm)** | Module 4: Supporting and Integrating Within the Wider Community



You will be able to choose one of the six following locations: Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary); Ascension Parish, Calgary; St Gerard Parish, Calgary; All Saints, Lethbridge; Holy Family, Medicine Hat; St James, Okotoks. Register at catholiccyyc.ca/horizonsofhope

An Evening with the Sisters

Sisters of various communities of Consecrated Life in the Diocese of Calgary will be hosting an evening of fun and conversation, pizza supper and night prayer. Young, unmarried women interested in hanging out with the Sisters for an evening are invited to come! **Friday, January 13, 2023** at Sacred Heart Convent (219-19 Ave. SW, Calgary). **RSVP** by Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023 by contacting: Sr. Dianne at 403-500-5504 or email sisterdianne.turner@calgarydiocese.ca

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.

Personal Spiritual
Growth

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.
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.**

Please contact [Todd Gionet](mailto:Todd.Gionet) or the parish office if you are able to help.

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:

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Gym Setup:

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Knights of Columbus:

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RCIA:

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Sacristans:

Lorraine Knight | secretary@sacredhc.ca