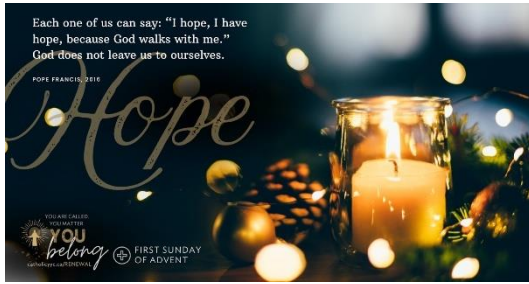


Parish News:



Monday Night Prayer Group: *The kingdom of Heaven...for you know neither the day nor the hour.*" (Matthew 25:13) All are welcome and invited to join us Monday evenings in the Church at 6:30 pm for the Rosary, Chaplet and General Intercessions.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration is held Fridays from 9:30 – 10:00 am & every **first** Saturday of the month from 9 am – noon.

First Reconciliation: The next **Family Gathering** session for First Reconciliation is on **Tuesday, December 3rd from 5 – 6:30 pm** at the Parish Hall. *Light Dinner and refreshments will be provided by The Couple's For Christ.*

Rorate Masses: All are invited to join us for our Advent Rorate Masses on **Saturdays December 7th, 14th, and 21st** beginning at 7:30 am in the Church. *The Rorate Mass is a Votive Mass in honor of the Virgin Mary for the season of Advent and has a long tradition in the Catholic Church. The Masses will begin relatively early in the morning when it is still dark and will be celebrated by candlelight.*



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ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE 2024

St. Anthony's Parish

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13
starts at 7:00 PM

with Fr. Lukas, Fr. Cristino, Fr. Silvano

See poster for more penitential services schedule.

SIMBANG GABI

Come and celebrate Filipino family culture and reconnect with God in the days leading up to the birth of Jesus. A culture of gesture to express gratitude for all the blessings!

St. Anthony's Parish
Friday,
December 20th
At 5:00 PM

Our Fellowship Christmas Event will be on Friday, December 20th after the Simbang Gabi Mass at the Parish Hall. This will be a **potluck**, you may **put your name in the sign up sheet** to bring your favorite food or drinks to share. Please join us for an evening of fellowship as all parishioners are invited.

Knights of Columbus:



Pancake Breakfast **December 8th beginning at 9:00 am until 12:30.** Cost is a free-will donation.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Party on Dec. 10 at St. Anthony's Parish hall. We will have cocktails around 5:30 and supper will be catered.

Catholic Women's League:

CHRISTMAS CAKES RAFFLE: This weekend your tickets give you chances on TWO cakes—a Costco Christmas cake and a .homemade Christmasy cake. **Tickets are \$2 or 3 for \$5.**



BRING AND BUY



WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4TH

5:30 PM - Appetizers: 6:00PM

St. Anthony's Parish Hall

151 3 St. W. Drumheller AB, T0J 0Y4

COST: \$15.00 per person

Couples for Christ:

The poster features a festive background with Christmas ornaments, lights, and a lantern. The text is centered and reads: "Christmas Bells, Christmas Bells for our Bell Tower! Help us decorate our Christmas Tree. For every donation of \$10, \$20 or \$50, a christmas ornament with your name on it will be added to the tree. These ornaments are available at the Narthex after each mass. All proceeds of this fund raising will go to the restoration of our bell tower." At the bottom right, it says "This project is initiated by COUPLES FOR CHRIST DRUMHELLER" with a small logo.

From the Diocese:

The **Diocesan Advent resources** page is now online! Find Advent events (retreats, missions, events, penitential services) in our Diocese, prayers and traditions, inspiring books, music and movies, and activities for children. Visit catholicyc.ca/advent.

Marriage Formation Program 2025

Since September 2022, the centralized marriage formation program has been administered by the Catholic Pastoral Centre as a service to parishes. In our effort to continuously improve the ministry of marriage formation, we are implementing the following procedure for registration and an updated CPC Marriage Formation Program, which will begin in January 2025.

Contact the office (403-218-5521) for any questions.

December Mass and Intentions

Tuesday,	03-Dec-24	6:30 PM	† Helen Berlando
Wednesday,	04-Dec-24	10:30 AM	(Spec) Joe Hogan
		(Continuing Care)	
Thursday,	05-Dec-24	9:00 AM	(Spec) Helene Marrow
Friday,	06-Dec-24	9:00 AM	† Dien Dayman
Saturday,	07-Dec-24	5:00 PM	† Jim Long
Sunday,	08-Dec-24	9:00 AM	(Spec) St. Anthony's Parishioners
		10:30 AM	The Sikora Family

Sacraments:

For Anointing of the Sick: Please email Father Lukas or, in the case of emergencies, please call the Parish, press '0' to be connected to Father Lukas.

Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 3:30 – 4:30 pm Saturday afternoons and by appointment. To schedule an appointment, please call the Parish Office or email Fr. Lukas at fr.lukas.d@gmail.com.

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office at (403) 823-2683 to arrange an appointment.

Marriage: Please contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to your desired date.

Scripture Readings

Monday, Dec.2: Isaiah 2:1-5 | Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 | Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday, Dec.3: Isaiah 11:1-10 | Psalms 72:1, 7-8, 12-13, 17 | Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday, Dec.4: Isaiah 25:6-10 | Psalms 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 | Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, Dec.5: Isaiah 26:1-6 | Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27 | Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday, Dec.6: Isaiah 29:17-24 | Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14 | Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday, Dec.7: Isaiah 30: 19-21, 23-26 | Psalms 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 | Matt. 9: 35 – 10: 1, 5a, 6-8
(Memorial of St. Ambrose)

Sunday, Dec. 8: Baruch 5:1-9 | Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 | Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

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Pastoral Council Chair: Paul Marshall | **Finance Council Chair:** Mary Pavich

CWL President: Sharon Doyle | **K of C Grand Knight:** Tony Weir

Couples for Christ: Cen and Tess Felisilda

Weekend Mass Times: Saturday at 5:00 pm | Sunday at 9:00 and 10:30 am

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9 am – 12:00 pm

1st Sunday of Advent: December 1, 2024

Happy New Year! We begin our journey with Jesus through the liturgical year with a call to be alert. There is a great temptation to close our eyes to the ugliness of the world. But when we choose voluntary blindness, we can often become closed to wonder and grace.

In today's Gospel Jesus calls us to "be alert at all times." How do we open our eyes without being overwhelmed by despair at the suffering around us? How do we see with hopeful eyes beyond brutality? The teaching of Jesus gives us gospel lenses. We are taught to see the signs and recognize in them the work that God calls us to do. These are bifocal lenses where we see the global patterns of injustice as well as the local possibilities of building the reign of God.

Advent is a time of deep discernment - the great gift that helps us convert vision into action. Our pre-Christmas preparations are often marked by haste and distraction, but Advent calls us to embody hope, peace, joy and love. We are to become the Advent candles we light. As we become these Advent candles, may we illuminate the dark places in the world and light the path of the coming of the Christ Child, again and again.

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