
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 last **Family Gathering** session for the month of December for 1st Reconciliation is on **Tuesday, December 17 from 5 – 6:30 pm** at the Parish Hall. *Light Dinner and refreshments will be provided by The Altar Server Ministry.*

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.*

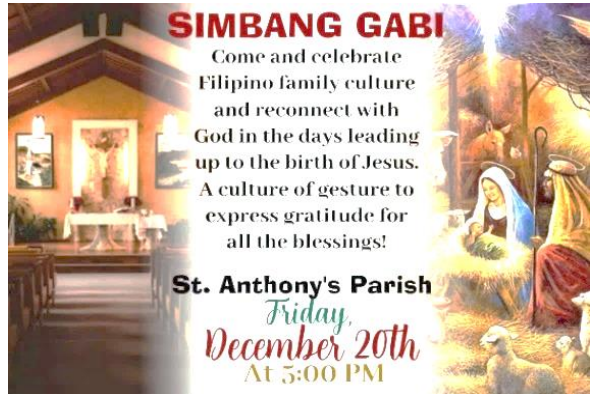


Parish Penitential Service: Our Parish Penitential Service will be on Friday, **December 13th at 7 pm** in the Church.

Can't make it? A list of Penitential services available at nearby parishes is posted on the bulletin board.



Donations are requested for Poinsettias to decorate the church for Christmas. **Please drop off your donations at the parish office.**



Fellowship to follow after the mass in 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.

TIA UPDATE: Our goal for 2024 is \$15,403.00. Donations to date are **\$14,999 or 97.38%** of our TIA GOAL, almost there as we need **\$404** more. Please consider giving regularly to this Diocesan Initiative by using the 'yellow' donation envelopes, donating online via our website. Thank you, parishioners, for your kind generosity!

St. Anthony- Drumheller

Profit and Loss

January - October, 2024

	Jan - Oct., 2024	Jan - Oct., 2023
INCOME		
Collections	102,249.95	105,143.82
Donation/Grant	22,613.38	12,534.34
Other	18,671.36	13,738.06
Total Income	\$ 143,534.69	\$ 131,416.22
EXPENSES		
Salaries	49,821.04	38,368.92
Insurance	17,911.60	18,761.20
Property Taxes	2,888.12	2,646.71
Admin/Office	8,000.05	5,664.83
Diocesan Support	20,820.00	20,820.00
Programs	16,695.23	9,716.02
Rectory (Groceries & Household Supplies)	5,101.79	3,861.04
Repairs & Maintenance ¹	11,295.08	4,186.39
Utilities	22,018.38	23,501.90
Total Expenses	\$ 154,551.29	\$ 127,527.01
NET INCOME	(11,016.60)	\$ 3,889.21

1. Repairs & Maintenance Includes \$5,000 Insurance Deductible

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 (Members and wives only).

Coming soon, in the new year, KofC Basketball Free Throw competition. Details to come.

Catholic Women's League:

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to **Debbie Grande** and her team for producing another great evening at our Bring and Buy ! Great food, visiting and a wonderful commitment to the Salvation Army.

The winners of the December **Cake Raffle** were **Adrienne Dart and Marian Dayman.**

Couples for Christ:

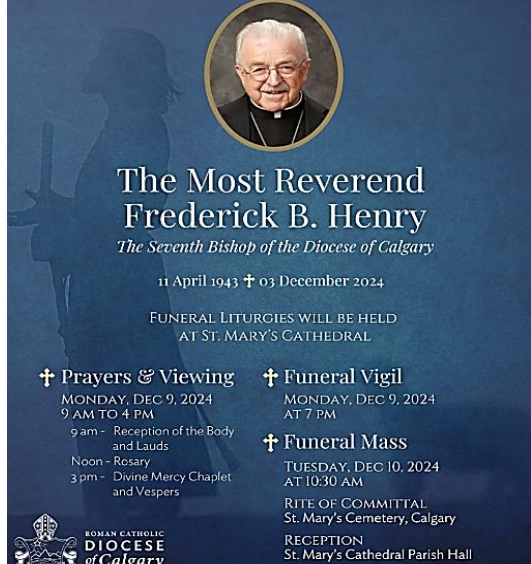


Christmas Bells,
Christmas Bells
for our Bell Tower!

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.

This project is initiated by
COUPLES FOR CHRIST DRUMHELLER

From the Diocese:



The Most Reverend Frederick B. Henry
The Seventh Bishop of the Diocese of Calgary

11 April 1943 † 03 December 2024

FUNERAL LITURGIES WILL BE HELD
AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

† Prayers & Viewing
MONDAY, DEC 9, 2024
9 AM TO 4 PM
9 am - Reception of the Body and Lauds
Noon - Rosary
3 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet and Vespers

† Funeral Vigil
MONDAY, DEC 9, 2024
AT 7 PM

† Funeral Mass
TUESDAY, DEC 10, 2024
AT 10:30 AM
RITE OF COMMITTAL
St. Mary's Cemetery, Calgary
RECEPTION
St. Mary's Cathedral Parish Hall

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*There will be a Second Collection on the Third Sunday of Advent (Dec. 14/15) for Mission Mexico (**The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Mission Mexico Sunday**)

Direct link to donate online - <https://www.catholicyc.ca/donatemissionmexico.html>

December Mass and Intentions

Tuesday,	10-Dec-24	5:00 PM	(Spec) Anna Murphy & Family
Wednesday,	11-Dec-24	10:30 AM	(Spec) Scottie & Rhona McIver
		(Sunshine Lodge)	
Thursday,	12-Dec-24	9:00 AM	† Teresa Nguyen Thi Trinh
Friday,	13-Dec-24	9:00 AM	(Spec) Maria McIver
Saturday,	14-Dec-24	5:00 PM	(Spec) Laurie Keeler
Sunday,	15-Dec-24	9:00 AM	(Spec) St. Anthony's Parishioners
		10:30 AM	† Roger Perry Berlando

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

(Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

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

Wednesday, Dec.11: Isaiah 25:6-10 | Psalms 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 | Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, Dec.12: Isaiah 26:1-6 | Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27 | Matthew 7:21, 24-27

(Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe)

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

(Memorial of St. Lucy)

Saturday, Dec.14: 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. John of the Cross)

Sunday, Dec. 15: Sirach 48: 1-4, 9-11 | Psalms 80: 2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 | Luke 3: 4, 6 |

Matthew 17: 9a, 10-13

St. Anthony's Parish

St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church is an inviting family community united in Christ.

Parish Mission: Family, Faith Building, Liturgy, Environment and Social



Pastor: Father Lukas Drapal (fr.lukas.d@gmail.com)

Administrative Assistant: Mary Ann Arce | **Bookkeeper:** Linda Lacher

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

2nd Sunday of Advent: December 8, 2024

John the Baptist is a perennially challenging and important figure in salvation history. Luke's opening verse situates John's call in a context that includes some of the very men who are threatened by and opposed to both John and Jesus. In this time marked by Roman occupation and socio-economic injustice, the word of God comes to John: a prophet who prepares the way for God's impending intervention in human history.

The renewal that John proclaims has broad-ranging personal and social implications. His baptism of repentance is meant to be an outward sign of metanoia or conversion, a radical transformation - grounded in the experience of God's love and forgiveness - that finds expression in commitment to the common good.

As Christians, we naturally associate the new liberation from sin and suffering that John proclaims with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ: John's message - his call to repentance in the face of immanent judgment - would have been disturbing back then, but perhaps we need to hear it even more today. His ministry challenges us this Advent season to embrace the radical nature of our baptismal calling to repent and believe in the Good News - to witness to and prepare the way for the renewal of all creation that we associate with Christ's return.

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