

**Parish News:**



**Monday Night Prayer Group:** 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 our last Rorate Mass on **Saturdays December 21<sup>st</sup>** beginning at 7:30 am in the Church.

**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. Thank you, parishioners, for your kind generosity!

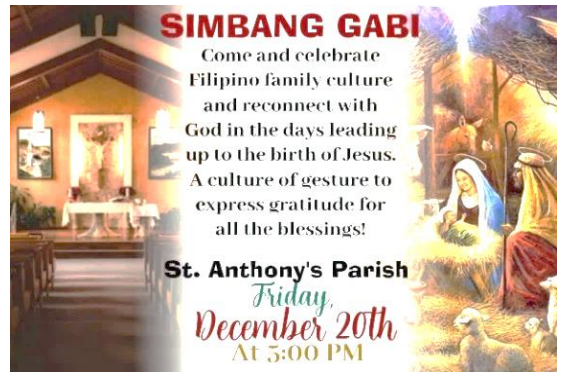
**2025 Donation Envelopes:** Donation envelopes are available for pick up in the Narthex. Please let the Parish Office know if your need to update your contact information. If you would like donation envelopes, please call or email the Parish Office.

**2024 Donations:** Please note that the cut off for **2024 donations** will be **December 31st**. All donations received January 1, 2024 and onward will count towards 2024.

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



Experience the rich tradition of Simbang Gabi which means “Night Mass,” celebrated in joyful anticipation of Christmas. Rooted in Filipino culture, Simbang Gabi is a time of prayer, unity, and hope, as the faithful gather each day to prepare their hearts for the coming of Christ.



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.

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### Christmas Season Masses:

**Christmas Eve Dec. 24** - at 5pm, 7pm  
**Christmas Day Dec. 25** - at 9am, 10:30am  
**Solemnity of Mary Eve Dec. 31** - at 5pm  
**Solemnity of Mary Day Jan. 1** - at 9am

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### Couples for Christ:



**Christmas Bells,**  
*Christmas Bells*  
**for our Bell Tower!**

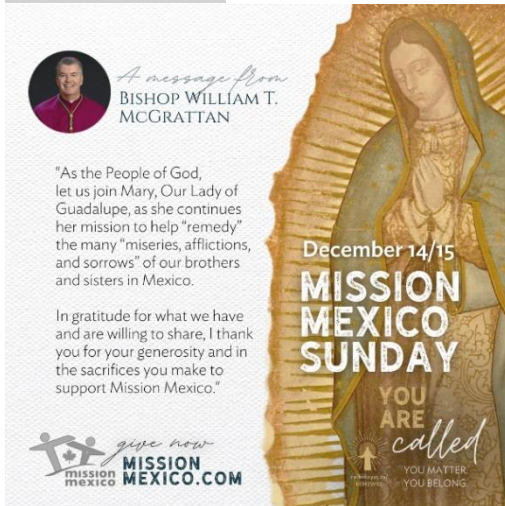
Help us decorate our Christmas Tree. For every donation of \$10, \$20 or \$50, a christmas ornament with your name on it will be added to the tree. These ornaments are available at the Narthex after each mass. All proceeds of this fund raising will go to the restoration of our bell tower.

This project is initiated by  
**Couples for Christ**  
**DRUMHELLER**

**2024 CFC Get Together** will be on **Sunday, December 29** at 11:30 AM in the Parish Hall. Let's *Have some fun together!*

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### From the Diocese:



*A message from*  
**BISHOP WILLIAM T. MCGRATTAN**

"As the People of God, let us join Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, as she continues her mission to help "remedy" the many "miseries, afflictions, and sorrows" of our brothers and sisters in Mexico.

In gratitude for what we have and are willing to share, I thank you for your generosity and in the sacrifices you make to support Mission Mexico."

**December 14/15**  
**MISSION MEXICO SUNDAY**  
**YOU ARE called**  
**YOU MATTER YOU BELONG**

**MISSION MEXICO.COM**

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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>

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These special days remind us of our call to walk in solidarity with marginalized communities in southern Mexico, providing vital support for education, healthcare, and sustainable development. Let us come together to share hope and transform lives through our generosity.

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**OPENING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR**

JUBILEE 2025  
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

THE HOLY MASS with  
**BISHOP WILLIAM MCGRATTAN**

Celebrate the opening of the Jubilee Year with Bishop William T. McGrattan, rooted in the Church's tradition of spiritual renewal, forgiveness, and hope, as we journey together as "Pilgrims of Hope."

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 8 6:30 PM**

St. Mary's Cathedral  
219 18 Ave SW  
Calgary

**YOU ARE called**  
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**ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE of Calgary**

This special celebration, led by Bishop McGrattan, marks the beginning of the Holy Year 2025, themed "Pilgrims of Hope." All are welcome!

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## December Mass and Intentions

Tuesday,	<b>17-Dec-24</b>	6:30 PM	<b>(Spec) Colleen Stabler</b>
Wednesday,	<b>18-Dec-24</b>	10:30 AM	<b>(Spec) Adrienne Dart</b>
		(Continuing Care)	
Thursday,	<b>19-Dec-24</b>	9:00 AM	<b>(Spec) Rose Porter</b>
Friday,	<b>20-Dec-24</b>	9:00 AM	<b>(Spec) Arlie Arce &amp; Family</b>
Saturday,	<b>21-Dec-24</b>	5:00 PM	<b>(Spec) Edward and Madeline Rottaire</b>
Sunday,	<b>22-Dec-24</b>	9:00 AM	<b>(Spec) St. Anthony's Parishioners</b>
		10:30 AM	<b>† Frank Pavich</b>

### 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](mailto: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.16:** Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17 | Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 | Matthew 21:23-27

**Tuesday, Dec.17:** Genesis 49:2, 8-10 | Psalms 72:3-4, 7-8, 17 | Matthew 1:1-17 |

**Wednesday, Dec.18:** Jeremiah 23:5-8 | Psalms 72:1, 12-13, 18-19 | Matthew 1:18-24

**Thursday, Dec.19:** Judges 13:2-7, 24-25 | Psalms 71:3-4, 5-6, 16-17 | Luke 1:5-25

**Friday, Dec.20:** Isaiah 7:10-14 | Psalms 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 | Luke 1:26-38

**Saturday, Dec.21:** Zephaniah 3:14-18 | Psalms 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 | Luke 1:39-45  
(Memorial of St. Peter Canisius)

**Sunday, Dec. 22:** Micah 5:1-4 | Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 | Luke 1:39-45 | Hebrews 10:5-10

## 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](mailto:fr.lukas.d@gmail.com) )

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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

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**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**

## 3rd Sunday of Advent: December 15, 2024

It's Gaudete (REJOICE) Sunday, and most of today's readings shimmer and pulsate with joy. It's the Gospel that, at first blush, seems anti-climactic, as an ascetic John the Baptist preaches sacrifice to those wishing to receive his baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And yet there are three causes of rejoicing here that can also transform our lives.

The first is the stirring of desire for a holy life from such unlikely characters as tax collectors, soldiers and, well, ordinary people. The second is their humble, courageous and fearsome question: "What should we do?" They so longed for the forgiveness of their sins that wealth, power and position faded away before the promise of a clean heart. And John's response - his good news - was within their reach: act fairly and honestly. But the greatest cause for rejoicing is the glimpse John gave of the Saviour coming to baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire: a baptism of holiness beyond their comprehension and beyond his own grace.

As we approach the Advent of our Lord into the very marrow of our humanity, washing away our sins and promising a baptism into his divinity, let us muster the hope and the audacity to ask, "What must I do, to open my heart to this grace today?"

Cheryl Ann Smith Toronto, ON (*LIVING WITH CHRIST* December 2024 vol. 30 no.12 page 81)

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