

**Parish News:**



*Epiphany means “manifestation”, that moment when we suddenly understand something that previously was hidden from us. Christmas is about the Incarnation, the coming down of the Son of God to become human, one of us. Epiphany is the showing of the Christ Child’s divinity, which is beginning to manifest itself in the world.*



**Monday Night Prayer Group:**

New Paths ...they departed for their country by another way. (Matthew 2:12). 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:** Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Fridays, following the 9 am Mass and on the first Saturday of each month from 9 am until noon.

**2024 Donation Envelopes:** Please pick up your donation envelopes in the Narthex. Please let the Parish Office know if your need to update your contact information.

**Pennies for Heaven Collection:** The Knights of Columbus will collect Pennies for Heaven following the Masses this weekend. Proceeds are donated to seminarians and those entering the religious life that have financial need.



**From Catholic Women's League:**

It’s that time again! Time to renew your membership - **2024 dues are \$30**. Please give your cheque or cash to Debbie Grande or Margaret Hamel or drop it in the collection basket in an envelope marked CWL MEMBERSHIP.

**IT’S CAKE RAFFLE WEEKEND!** Your chance



to take home delicious baking. **Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5**. Draw will be made immediately after the 10:30 mass.

**From Knights of Columbus:** Join us for



**Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 14, 2024 from 9:30 –12:30 pm** at the Parish Hall. Cost is a free-will donation.

**From the Diocese:**

**Pope Francis**, like many of his predecessors, has demonstrated a deep devotion to Mary. In the very first days of his Pontificate, the newly elected Pope was seen praying in the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome.



The Pope invited those present to think



about the immense gratitude that would have been present in Mary's heart as she looked upon the newborn Jesus and pondered this experience in her heart, as the Mother of God,

while knowing with Joseph the divine origins of this Child. The Church, he said, learns gratitude, but also hope from the example of Mary. She was full of hope, filled with grace, and living in the trust and hope that God's will was being fulfilled through her fiat. This is not the optimism of the world. It is "faith in God who is faithful to his promises," and which "takes the form of hope" in our lives. "The Christian, like Mary, is a pilgrim of hope."

**Fun Night with Sisters:** By Assembly of Women Religious (AWR). All young unmarried women, who would like to meet the Sisters of the Diocese in an informal setting are invited to join us at Sisters Fun Night on **Friday, January 12th, 2024. TIME: 6:00pm - 9:00pm LOCATION: Sacred Heart Convent (219 19 Avenue SW, Calgary)**

**Vespers and the Study of the Life of St. Francis by St. Mary's Secular Franciscan Fraternity:** All are welcome to join us, typically on the 3rd Sunday of the month (except July) for Vespers (evening prayer) and for the study & applying the life of St. Francis to our lives (under the guidance of the Friars of Mount St. Francis). **On February 18, 2024 at 2:00pm at St. Luke's Catholic Church (1566 Northmount Dr NW Calgary)**

**Transitions:** In this 18-week God-centered program, participants find strength in healing after separation or divorce, fostering growth through mutual understanding and connection. **When/Where: Every Tuesday, from Feb 13, 2024, from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 – 17th Avenue SW, Calgary).** No fee registration | **Register now at [catholicyycc.ca/transitions](http://catholicyycc.ca/transitions).**



**Applications are open for Fall 2024 at St. Mary's University:**

Applications are now open for Fall 2024 in all BA/BSc programs and the helpful admissions team at St. Mary's is ready to guide you through the process. Get a head start on building the foundation of your future by applying to St. Mary's University today at [stmu.ca](http://stmu.ca)

### Mass and Intention Schedule

<b>Tuesday, Jan. 9</b>	6:30 PM	(SPEC) Kristynka Hartmanova and The Hartman Family
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 10</b>	10: 30 AM (Sunshine Lodge)	+ Thomas Nguyen Phuoc Minh
<b>Thursday, Jan. 11</b>	9:00 AM	(Spec) Plesa Family
<b>Friday, Jan. 12</b>	9:00 AM	(Spec) Stepankova Family
<b>Saturday, Jan. 13</b>	5:00 PM	+ Jeffrey Charette
<b>Sunday, Jan.14</b>	9:00 AM	(Spec) St. Anthony's Parishioners
	10:30 AM	(Spec) Helene Marrow

#### Sacraments:

**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

**8 January, Mon.:** 1 Sam. 1:1-8 | Ps. 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 | Mark 1:14-20

**9 January, Tues.:** 1 Sam. 1: 9-20 | Ps.: 1 Sam. 2: 1, 4-5, 6-7, 8 | Mark 1: 21-28

**10 January, Wed.:** 1 Sam.3: 1-10, 19-20 | Ps. 40: 2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 | Mark 1: 29-39

**11 January, Thurs.:** 1 Sam. 4: 1-11 | Ps. 44: 10-11, 14-15, 24-25 | Mark 1: 40-45

**12 January, Fri.:** 1 Sam. 8: 4-7, 10-22a | Ps. 89: 16-17, 18-19 | Mark 2: 1-12

**13 January, Sat.:** 1 Sam. 9: 1-4, 17-19; 10: 1 | Ps. 21: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7 | Mark 2: 13-17

**14 January, Sun.:** 1 Sam. 3:3-10, 19 | Ps. 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 | 1 Cor. 6:13-15, 17-20 | Jh. 1: 35-42

## 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:** Rev. 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**

## Epiphany of the Lord: January 7, 2024

Today's gospel tells of the wise men journeying to meet the infant king. We are told they were following a star and when they found Jesus, they rejoiced and responded with worship and gifts. We can do the same in our lives today. We must notice the star - the call from God that beckons us - and respond as they did. These wise men no doubt had busy and demanding lives, but they dropped everything and followed a star to something, to someone, beyond their imagining. At the beginning, they could not have known what the journey would hold for them, only that they should follow wholeheartedly. They must have made space in their hearts, to respond so fully. In the season of Advent, we were called to make space for Jesus to come. Not that Jesus was not already present, but to brush away the clutter and make space again for what for who is most important. Once Jesus has arrived in the space we have made in our hearts, how do we respond to his arrival? To this new aware-ness? Are we overwhelmed with joy as the wise men were? Can we too respond by sharing our time, our attentive presence and our gifts? What is God calling us to do and to share?

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