



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



SPIRIT NEWS
DECEMBER 11, 2020

From the desk of Fr. David

Dear Holy Spirit Parishioners,

Due to the coronavirus government restrictions, our maximum capacity for Mass attendance is now 150 people. This will impact us a lot, as we are seeing more than 150 people at most of our Sunday Masses.

We are now close to the third Sunday of Advent. This is a season of joy and hope and on the third Sunday of Advent we especially focus on hope.

We hear in this Sunday's 2nd reading from St. Paul's letter to the Thessalonians, " Brothers and sisters, rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in ALL circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you " 1 Thess 5:16-24.

And yet we might wonder, where do we find hope today? The Covid pandemic is getting worse. We see around us, lost jobs, despair, depression and anxiety in many lives, and worries about the new year. Pray without ceasing, says St. Paul, to pray every day, in good times, in bad times, when we feel like it and when we don't. To give thanks to God in all circumstances, means that even in times of trial and difficulty, we turn to our Lord and say something like:

" Lord, I do not understand why this trial, this sickness or death of a loved one has happened. But, I trust in your love and providence that, in some way, this will work out for the good."

This can be a time to really turn to God and refocus our lives on him. In the solitude of our homes, let us turn to God in prayer.



***“Prayer is powerful! It fills the earth with mercy,
it makes the Divine clemency pass from generation to
generation, right along the course of the centuries.
wonderful works have been achieved
through prayer.”***

St. Francis Xavier

What's new?



Eucharistic Adoration

The last day of Eucharistic Adoration for this year is Saturday Dec.19. Eucharistic Adoration will resume on Monday January 4, 2021. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the intentions of Eucharistic Adoration Team and Adorers on Wednesday January 6, 2021 at 7:00pm. If you would like to attend, please contact Nazira to register.

Call or text 403-978-1303 or send an email to: eucharisticadoration2019@outlook.com



The Sacrament of First Reconciliation

On December 2, here at Holy Spirit Parish, our kids began receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Be aware that this process will continue throughout the Advent Season. If you come to Church to receive this Sacrament and the line up is longer than usual, please be patient and kind, these fruits from the Holy Spirit are the result of His presence in us.



Remember Wearing Masks is Mandatory!

Mask use is mandatory for everyone who enters the Church or the office. Parishioners who are not able to wear a mask for medical reasons can be exempt from this regulation **except when receiving Holy Communion. All parishioners must wear masks while sitting in their pews, when lining up for the distribution of the Holy Communion, including those receiving a blessing.**



New Restrictions in Place

New restrictions have been introduced by the Government of Alberta. Please read the complete document for full information.

[Restrictions](#)



Holy Spirit CWL
Christmas Treats Exchange
December 2020



Holy Spirit CWL Christmas Treats Exchange

Holy Spirit CWL invites you to share in the delights of their favorite family Christmas recipes by purchasing a copy of their beautiful digital recipe book. To obtain your copy, send \$5 by e-transfer to treasurerCWLHolySpirit@gmail.com. It's important to include your name and email address in the message field so we can email your copy to you. More information available by contacting Karen birdshop@telus.net. Happy Baking!

Knights of Columbus Fundraising Cancelled

Due to the new Covid-19 restrictions, the Knights of Columbus will not be selling Gifts Cards until further notice.

Financial Report November 2020

<i>A view of our Finances</i>		
November 2020		
Collections (5 weeks of November)		\$ 68,001
One time special donation		\$ 10,000
Expenses		
Expenses	41,203	
Diocesan assessment	10,990	52,193
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Revenue over Expenses		25,808

Parish Schedule

Mass Times

Monday to Friday: 9 am

Wednesday: 7 pm

First Saturday of the month: 9 am

Saturday: 5 pm, 7 pm (Spanish)

Sunday: 9 am, 11 am, and 7 pm

During Advent Season there will be Mass every Saturday morning at 9:00am

The 5pm Saturday Mass will be livestreamed. To view Mass live, visit our [You Tube channel.](#)

Mass Intentions

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday – Friday: 11 am – 4 pm

Saturday: Noon – 4 pm

There are still many hours each week where there is no one scheduled to be with Our Lord in Adoration. He implores each of us to **“Come and sit with Me awhile.”**

Please sign up for Adoration using the invitation forms at the Welcome Desk, or contact Nazira Abi Rached. Text or call: 403-978-1303 or Email: eucharisticadoration2019@outlook.com

Reconciliation During Advent Season

Fridays

9:30 am - 10:30 am

Saturday

1 – 3 pm (both priests)

Wednesday

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm (both priests).

or by request (call Parish Office)

Rosary & Prayer Group

Rosary will take place in the Chapel every Wednesday at 6 pm and daily at 10 am on Zoom. To receive a Zoom invitation, contact Marta Toltesi: totustuus@shaw.ca

Monday Prayer Group: One hour of prayer every Monday evening in the Chapel beginning at 7:15 pm. Our hour encompasses the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. All are welcome. Contact Jeanne 403-281-3432.

Please pray for the sick: Robert Borkowsky, Art Chouinard, Monica Cea, Lorraine Sharplin, Gerald O'Dwyer, Doug Porter, Nadia Enjeneski, Elyana Torres, Madelaine Thompson, Ann Bordin.

Prayer requests: The Rosary Making Apostolate has an Intercessory Prayer Ministry with over 150 'prayer partners' interceding for the requests received. The CWL also prays for these intentions. To request prayers send an email to totustuus@shaw.ca

Catholic Links

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[Knights of Columbus](#)

For more information about events and news from the Diocese of Calgary please review their bulletin.

Beyond Bulletin Insert

You are currently on a mailing list to receive these regular updates on what's happening in the parish. If you no longer wish to receive these emails, scroll to the bottom and click on unsubscribe. Please encourage your fellow parishioners to sign up here:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/5h4iHaG>

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***Emergency only – please call Parish Office for most inquiries**

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