



ST. AGNES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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REFLECTIONS FROM FATHER'S DESK...



'PREPARE IN THE WILDERNESS A HIGHWAY FOR OUR GOD.' We arrive today to the 2nd Sunday of Advent and the general mood is one of excitement and serious preparation. Right from our 1st Reading, our hearts are swept along on happy waves news; closeness of the Lord. He comes as a shepherd to gather the lambs in his arms. Our response is to be prepared and ready. Peter invites us to consider the parallel Second Coming, for which the early Christians were eagerly waiting. Both comings spell change and newness; both will be about God visiting his people; both call for serious preparation reflected in blameless lives. In the Gospel we encounter John the Baptist, the herald of the First Coming. His is the prophetic voice crying in the wilderness and demanding that the way should be prepared for the Lord. All Jerusalem made its way to hear what John had to say. The excitement is infectious and we cannot help but to be swept along from reading to reading. Even our Responsorial Psalm joins in the drama. It is the very lovely Ps 85, calling for restoration and crying for peace. It tells of a coming together of mercy and faithfulness, of justice and peace. When the Lord comes, justice will march before him, and peace behind him.

You don't need to reinvent the wheel; you need to make it spin.

SACRAMENT TIMES

Masses:

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| Saturday | 5:00 pm |
| Sunday | 10:00 am |
| Tues. & Wed. | 6:30pm |
| Thurs., Fri. & Sat. | 9:00 am |
| (Christmas Schedule on Page 3) | |

Confession:

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| Saturday | 4:00 pm |
| or by appointment | |

Adoration

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| Wednesday | 7:00 pm |
| First Fridays | 9:30 am |

Youth Adoration:

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| Last Friday | 6:30 pm |
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Rosary.

20 min. before masses

PARISH MINISTRIES

Lector Schedule

10:00am

Dec 10 Lynne B. & Karin
Dec 17 Maria & Toryn
Dec 24 Keith & Fran
Dec 25 Lynne B & Lynn
Dec 31 Maria & Pat
Jan 01 Fran & Dayna

Church Cleaners

Crystal (403)827-9353

Dec 15 Gerry & Laura
Dec 22 Crystal Campbell (Family)
Dec 29 Shirley

Altar Serving

Contact Fr. Newton

Family Fun Night (Potluck)

December 16, 2023 6:00 pm

Music Ministry

Crystal (403) 827-9353

Confirmation Session

December 17, 2023 11:15 am
in the rectory basement.

Faith Formation

Pierrette

Tuesdays 7:00 pm
in the rectory bsmnt or by email.

Parish Council

January 4, 2024

FOOD BANK & TOY DRIVE



During Lent we will be collecting items for the Mountain View Food Bank. Please see the posters at the church entrance for a list of items most needed. The Toy Drive will be of used toy donations (clean and gently used, no pieces missing) and will be delivered to Nu2U Thrift Store in Olds. Thank you all for your generosity and support for our community.

PAPAS IN THE PEWS: 18+ SOCIAL



The adult gentlemen of the parish are invited on December 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm for mass and adoration and then gather at a local eatery for community time.

ST. AGNES WOMEN OF FAITH



Saturday, Dec 16, 2023 all women of the parish are invited to join us for 9:00 am Mass followed by a morning of reflection on the themes of the Book of Ruth by Karin Raber. Donations welcome to support future women's retreats.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT POTLUCK



All parishioners are welcome to a potluck and games night December 16, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the rectory basement.

YOUTH CHOIR



December 24, 2023 at the 4:30pm Christmas Eve Mass. Youth (10 yrs and older) are invited to join the St. Agnes Youth Choir. Contact: Crystal Campbell

STEWARDSHIP FORMS



Father Newton has extended the return time frame do December 17, 2023 for our stewardship committment forms. Please remember to fill out the family information side even if you are unable to commit to any volunteering opportunities. These forms are part of updating our parish database of current and active members. Thank you for you help in this endeavour!

The Advent Mission was postponed to this week.

Dec. 12 & 13 starting with 6:30pm Mass and then the Mission.

Priests will be here to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas 2023.

Dec. 23, Mass 5:00 pm

Dec. 24, Mass 10:00 am

Dec. 24, Pre-mass Carols 4:00pm

Mass 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass (Youth Choir)

Dec. 24, Mass 8:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass.

Dec. 25, Mass 10:00 am Christmas Day Mass.

New Year & Mary, Mother of God 2024.

Dec. 30, Mass 5:00 pm

Dec. 31, Mass 10:00 am

Dec. 31, Mass 5:00 pm New Year Eve Mass.

Jan. 1, Mass 10:00 am New Year Day Mass.

(Mary, Mother of God, on Jan 1,
is a Holy Day of Obligation)



DIOCESAN INFO

[HTTPS://WWW.CATHOLICYC.CA/NEWS.HTML](https://www.catholiccyc.ca/news.html)



Prayer to Saint Lucy

(Protector of the Eyes)



○ Saint Lucy, you preferred to let your eyes be torn out instead of denying the faith and defiling your soul; and God, through an extraordinary miracle, replaced them with another pair of sound and perfect eyes to reward your virtue and faith, appointing you as the protector against eye diseases.

I come to you for you to protect my eyesight and to heal the illness in my eyes.

○ Saint Lucy, preserve the light of my eyes so that I may see the beauties of creation, the glow of the sun, the color of the flowers and the smile of children.

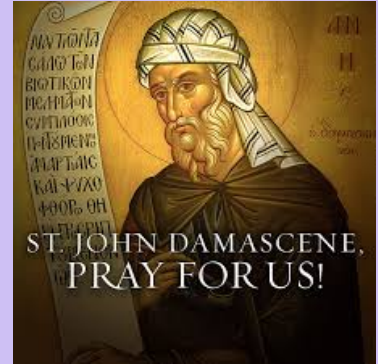
Preserve also the eyes of my soul, the faith, through which I can know my God, understand His teachings, recognize His love for me and never miss the road that leads me to where you, Saint Lucy, can be found in the company of the angels and saints.

Saint Lucy, protect my eyes and preserve my faith.

Amen!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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| Dec 09 | 05:00 pm | For the parishioners (Pro Populo) |
| Dec 10 | 10:00 am | For the Parishioners (Pro Populo) |
| Dec 12 | 06:30 pm | Repose of the soul of Gilles Longtin |
| Dec 13 | 06:30 pm | Repose of the soul of Margo Apedaile |
| Dec 14 | 09:00 am | Repose of the soul of Vinzenz Wasch |
| Dec 15 | 09:00 am | Repose of the soul of Ben&Hendrika Reimert |
| Dec 16 | 09:00 am | Repose of the soul of Greg Ramsey. |
| Dec 16 | 05:00 pm | For the Parishioners (Pro Populo) |
| Dec 17 | 10:00 am | For the parishioners (Pro Populo) |

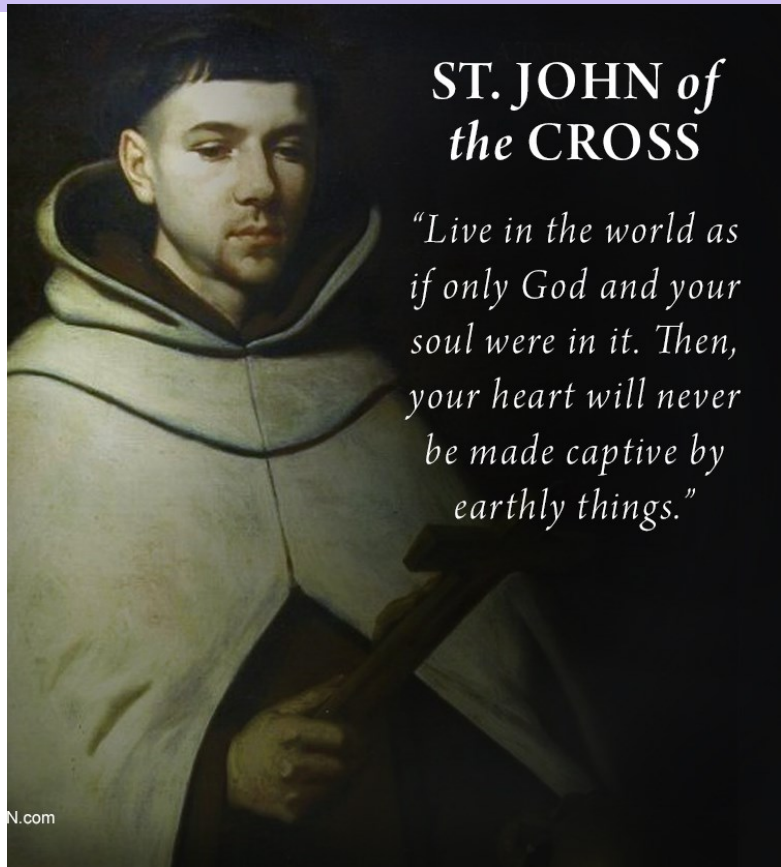


POPE'S INTENTION DECEMBER 2023

For persons with disabilities. We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

LOCAL COMMUNITY PRAYER INTENTIONS

PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE INTENTIONS OF:
MIKE WATSON
ROSANNA M.
KARIN RABER



All are invited to ask for their catholic community to pray for them and their intentions please call the parish office and have your request added to the bulletin. If you wish, You may request to have your intention prayed for anonymously, please specify this upon calling the office.

DAILY MASS READINGS

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| Dec 10 | Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3.8-14; Mark 1.1-8 | (2nd Sunday of Advent) |
| Dec 11 | Isaiah 35.1-10; Luke 5.17-26 | |
| Dec 12 | Rev 11.19a; 12.1, 3-6a, 10ab; Luke 1.39-47 | (Our Lady of Guadalupe, F) |
| Dec 13 | Isaiah 40.25-31; Matthew 11.28-30 | (St. Lucy, M) |
| Dec 14 | Isaiah 41.13-20; Matthew 11.11-15 | (St. John of the Cross, M) |
| Dec 15 | Isaiah 48.17-19; Matthew 11.16-19 | |
| Dec 16 | Sirach 48.1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17.10-13 | |
| Dec 17 | Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thess. 5.16-24; John 1.6-8, 19-28 | (3rd Sunday of Advent) |