



## ST. AGNES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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### REFLECTIONS FROM FATHER'S DESK...



Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.

HONOUR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER. (4TH COMMANDMENT): The Sunday after Christmas is dedicated to the Holy Family of Nazareth. And what an extraordinary trinity of persons we find there! There Mary, her daily Yes involving her in the ongoing care of God's Son. Always the pondering, contemplative type, Mary must have wondered many times about Simeon's sword and other things that were said that day in Jerusalem. Angel Gabriel's words too would have played in Mary's mind in the quiet moments. Perhaps Jesus and his cousin John would have met occasionally and the boys' mothers would have passed telling glances, watching them at play. Our 'Just man' Joseph would have played a protective role in the Holy Family. He was reputed to be a carpenter by trade and he would have earned his living by making and mending ploughs and other accessories. And he was special enough for God to send an angel to guide him from time to time. Then there was Jesus himself. We would love to know what he was like when growing up as boy and teenager. He must have been haunted by deep questions because they all came out when he was 12 and seemingly lost in the temple. We think of all our families today and pray that something of the Holy Family will be reflected in each.

To treasure and ponder: What a beautiful way to begin the New Year with Mary, Mother of God, Mother of the Church and our Mother! What beautiful attitude to foster and like her to learn how to treasure and ponder the way God works in our lives! It is only when we treasure and hold something precious, that we delight in pondering. It is only when we ponder that we appreciate more deeply the treasure we have. That is what Mary did, not just as she listened to the shepherds who hastened to the crib and returned glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen but always, may we learn from Mary to look, to listen and to learn as God enters our lives. Happy and grace-filled New Year!!!

INSTEAD OF WORRYING ABOUT WHAT YOU CANNOT CONTROL, SHIFT YOUR  
ENERGY TO WHAT YOU CAN CREATE.

### SACRAMENT TIMES

#### Masses:

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Saturday            | 5:00 pm  |
| Sunday              | 10:00 am |
| Tues. & Wed.        | 6:30pm   |
| Thurs., Fri. & Sat. | 9:00 am  |

Dec 31 & Jan 1 Sched. on Page 3

NO WEEKDAY MASS JAN 8 - FEB 12,  
2024. START AGAIN FEB 13 6:30PM

#### 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 / month | 6:30 pm |
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#### Rosary

20 min. before masses

# PARISH MINISTRIES

## Lector Schedule

10:00am

Dec 31 Maria & Pat

Jan 01 Fran & Dayna

## Church Cleaners

Crystal (403)827-9353

Dec 29 Shirley

## Altar Serving

Contact Fr. Newton

## Family Fun Night (Potluck)

Jan. 13, 2023 6:00 pm

## Music Ministry

Crystal (403) 827-9353

## Confirmation Session

January 7, 2024 11:15 am  
in the rectory basement.

## Faith Formation

Tuesdays Jan. 9 start up 7:00 pm  
in the rectory bsmnt or by email.

## Parish Council

January 4, 2024 7:00 pm

## YOUTH CHOIR

Contact: Crystal Campbell

THERE IS NO YOUTH CHOIR FOR JANUARY.



## STEWARDSHIP FORMS

We ask for the forms to please be in this weekend so we may start sorting out the information and prepare for the new year.

Thank you for your help in this endeavour!



## LADIES AFTER DARK: 18+ SOCIAL

The adult women of the parish are invited on Jan 3, 2024 at 6:30 pm for mass and adoration and to then gather at a local eatery for community time.



## WOMEN OF FAITH

We will meet on Thursday, January 18th, at 9:00 am with the Rosary and then go to the basement rectory for the meeting. All ladies of our parish are welcome to join us. We will be serving coffee/tea; if anyone would like to bring any dainties, that would be wonderful.



## TOY DRIVE AND FOOD BANK

Thank you for your generous support in donating non-perishable food items to the Food Bank and the children for donating some of their toys to the Toy Drive.



## FAITH FORMATION STUDY

Jesus and the Dead Sea Scrolls (Via Email or In-Person)

January 9th, to February 27th, 2024, Tuesdays 7:00pm



8 Episodes on the greatest archeological discovery of the 20th century gave the world the Dead Sea Scrolls. As the oldest sacred documents of Judaism, the scrolls have many surprising connections to early Christianity. Biblical scholar Dr. John Bergsma and Franciscan University of Steubenville president Father Dave Pivonka, TOR, discuss the history and mysteries of the scrolls, what they reveal about Jesus Christ, the sacraments, and the early Church, and why they matter to believers and non-believers today.

"Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could."

*St Gregory of Nazianzen (330-390)*

Father & Doctor of the Church

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## NEW YEARS AND MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE

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)

Let us raise ourselves from our fall and not give up hope, as long as we are free from sin.

Jesus Christ came into this world to save sinners. ...There is, then, a way to salvation if we are willing to follow it.

St Basil the Great (329-379)

Father & Doctor of the Church



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FATHER NEWTON WILL BE AWAY FROM JANUARY 7 TO FEBRUARY 9, 2024.

WE WILL HAVE A VISITING PRIEST FOR WEEKEND MASSES .

## DIOCESAN INFO

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



## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 30 05:00 pm For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)  
Dec 31 10:00 am For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)  
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Jan 01 10:00 am For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)  
Jan 02 06:30 pm Repose of the soul of Harold Halvorson  
Jan 03 06:30 pm Repose of the soul of Gerda Gerritsen  
Jan 04 09:00 am Repose of the soul of Wayne Bereth  
Jan 05 09:00 am Repose of the soul of Herb & Clare Garber  
Jan 06 09:00 am Repose of the soul of Mamy & Maggie Lehr  
Jan 06 05:00 pm For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)  
Jan 07 10:00 am For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)

## LOCAL COMMUNITY PRAYER INTENTIONS

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF:  
MIKE WATSON,  
ROSANNA M.,  
KARIN RABER,  
AND PETER GILLIS

## NATIVITY PRAYER

BY ST. AUGUSTINE

LET THE JUST REJOICE, FOR THEIR JUSTIFIER IS BORN.  
LET THE SICK AND INFIRM REJOICE, FOR THEIR SAVIOUR IS BORN.  
LET THE CAPTIVES REJOICE, FOR THEIR REDEEMER IS BORN.  
LET SLAVES REJOICE, FOR THEIR MASTER IS BORN.  
LET FREE MEN REJOICE, FOR THEIR LIBERATOR IS BORN.  
LET ALL CHRISTIANS REJOICE, FOR JESUS CHRIST IS BORN.

(ST.AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO, AD 354-440)



## THE POPE'S INTENTION: JANUARY 2024

For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church: Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

## DAILY MASS READINGS

Dec 31 Sir.3.2-6, 12-14; Col. 3.12-21; Luke 2.22-40 (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, F)  
Jan 01 Numbers 6.22-27; Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 2.16-21 (Mary, the Holy Mother of God, S)  
Jan 02 1 John 2.22-28; John 1.19-28 (St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen, M)  
Jan 03 1 John 2.29; 3.1-6; John 1.29-34  
Jan 04 1 John 3.7-10; John 1.35-42  
Jan 05 1 John 3.11-21; John 1.43-51  
Jan 06 1 John 5.5-13; Mark 1.4-5, 7-11  
Jan 07 Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2.1-12 (Epiphany of the Lord, S)