

# St. Agnes Catholic church



## ST. JAMES

### July 25th

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## Reflections from Fathers Desk... x 2

THE SOWER WENT OUT TO SOW." (MT.13:24-43): On this 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we are approximately half way through the Church's Liturgical Year. It is fitting for us to take stock, to assess the state of our garden. We check what plants are blooming, what crops are bearing fruit, what unwanted weeds are appearing. The garden of course is really a metaphor for our heart and the relationship we have with the Master Gardener, God himself. Accordingly, our three readings are designed to colour what we hear, say, do, so that our harvest will truly reflect the promised hundredfold. Our 1st Reading invites us to notice the splendid qualities of our God-Gardener – justice, strength, protection which inspire hope – and learn from them. In the 2nd Reading we learn that it is the Spirit who presides and gives life and meaning to our labour. The Gospel brings our lessons to a climax and reminds us that the key is deep listening. Anyone who has ears should listen! God will never fail to cast the seeds according to the season. We need fertile openness that is figured by good and productive soil. In this way our garden will shine like the sun. Try to imagine a world where everybody's garden is fully blooming. May the Spirit in us pray for the coming of such a kingdom.

We are all different. Don't judge, understand instead.

## Sacraments

### Masses:

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

### Confession:

Saturday	4:00 pm
or by appointment	

### Adoration

Wednesday	7:00 pm
First Friday	9:30 am

### Rosary

20 min. before masses

“WHEN ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER ONTO GOOD.” (Rom. 8:28): We can sum up Jesus’ mission in the world by saying that he came to teach us a new way of thinking. Through signs, teaching and example he invited us to re-order our priorities. It will mean thinking of others before ourselves. All three readings today conspire to demonstrate what will happen if we choose Jesus’ way. When Solomon was told by God to ask for anything he wanted, he did not think of himself but of the people he was called to lead. Accordingly he asked for wisdom and understanding. God granted his wish, of course, and added other blessings too. Our 2nd Reading aims at removing our worries by pointing out that all things work together onto good for those who love God. The blessings which overflow in our 1st and 2nd Readings are characteristic of those who think differently. It is a hidden treasure waiting to be discovered. It is a pearl of great price, really worth having. It is as a net, encompassing the whole world and all the people. But only those with open eyes will choose to remain there. Let us listen to Jesus’ concluding question: ‘Do you understand?’ and we say “yes”.

## Parish Ministries

### Lector Schedule

10:00am

July 23 Fran & Keith

July 30 Pat & Lynn

Aug 06 Dayna & Toryn

### Church Cleaners

Crystal (403)827-9353

July 28 Shirley & Crystal

Aug 04 Gerry

Aug 11 Charlene & Ethel

### Altar Servicing

Contact Fr. Newton

### Music Ministry

New Contacts

Crystal (403)827-9353

Chantal

chantal.a.barry@gmail.com

### Parish Council

August 24, 2023

Failure will never overtake me if my determination to succeed is strong enough



### Parish Cleaning Committee

The parish needs people to volunteer for cleaning of the church interior starting in the Autumn. It would be wonderful if maybe a whole family could volunteer to do it one Friday a month. Crystal is also open to having a youth clean one Friday a month. Please call Crystal at 403-827-9353 to sign up.

### St. Agnes Offers Direct Deposit

Did you know we have direct deposit?

If that is more convenient for you, we have the forms available at the back!

### Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for July 2023

For a Eucharistic life:

We pray that all Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

## Weekly Mass Intentions

July 22	05:00 pm	For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)
July 23	10:00am	For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)
July 25	06:30 pm	Rest of the Soul of Evelyn Manser
July 26	06:30 pm	Special intention of Isabelle Miscoi Birthday
July 27	09:00 am	
July 28	09:00 am	
July 29	09:00 am	No mass.
July 29	05:00 pm	Special intention of Clara Klein Birthday.
July 30	10:00am	For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)
Aug 01	06:30 pm	Special int. of Tom & Heidi Pack (Wed. Ann.)
Aug 02	06:30 pm	
Aug 03	09:00 am	
Aug 04	09:00 am	
Aug 05	05:00 pm	For the Parishioners (Pro Populo).
Aug 06	10:00 am	For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)

# ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

July 31st



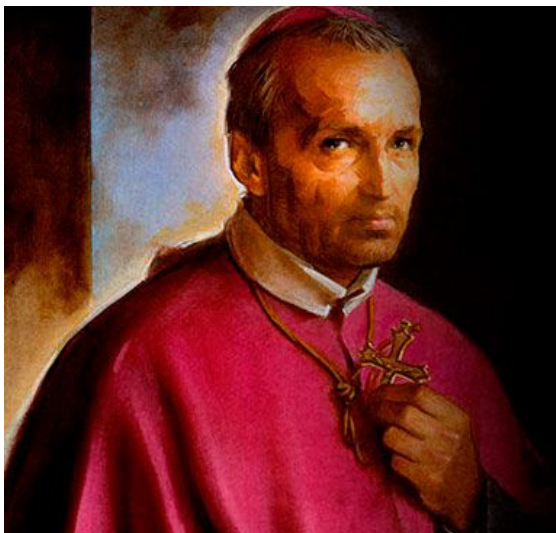
## Daily Mass Readings

July 23	Wisdom 12.13, 16-19; Romans 8.26-27; Matthew 13.24-43 )
July 24	Exodus 14.5-18; Matthew 12.38-42
July 25	2 Corinthians 4.7-15; Matthew 20.20-28 (St. James, F)
July 26	Sirach 44.1, 8, 10-15; Matthew 13.16-17 (St. Anne & Joachim, F)
July 27	Exodus 19.1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Matthew 13.10-17
July 28	Exodus 20.1-17; Matthew 13.18-23
July 29	Exodus 24.3-8; John 11. 17-27 (Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus, M)
July 30	1 Kings 3.5-12; Romans 8.28-30; Matthew 13.44-52
July 31	Exodus 32.15-24, 30-34; Matthew 13.31-35 (St. Ignatius of Loyola, M)
Aug 01	Exodus 33.7-11; 34.4b-9, 28; Matt. 13.36-43 (St. Alphonsus Liguori, M)
Aug 02	Exodus 34.29-35; Matthew 13.44-46
Aug 03	Exodus 40.16-21, 34-38; Matthew 13.47-52
Aug 04	Lev. 23.1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Matt. 13.54-58 (St. J-Marie Vianney, M)
Aug 05	Leviticus 25.1, 8-17; Matthew 14.1-12
Aug 06	Dan. 7.9-10, 13-14; 2 Ptr. 1.16-19; Matt. 17.1-9 (Transfig. of Our Lord, F)

## Local Community Prayer Intentions

Anyone wanting to ask for their catholic community to pray for them or for special intentions may call the parish office and your request will be added to the bulletin, for free. You may request to have your intention prayed for anonymously, please specify this when you call the parish office, otherwise your name will be published in the bulletin with your request.

Please pray for the intentions of:  
Mike Watson.



ST. ALPHONSUS  
LIGUORI

August 1st

## Diocesan Events and News

### Cemetery Masses with Bishop McGrattan

Bishop McGrattan will celebrate Masses for the souls of the deceased buried at our Catholic cemeteries in Calgary and area. All are welcome!

- Wednesday, August 23, 2023, 7pm at Mountain View Funeral Chapel (indoor)
- Wednesday, August 30, 2023, 7pm at Queen's Park Cemetery (outdoor)
- Thursday, August 31, 2023, 7pm at St. Mary's Cemetery (outdoor)

### WYD, Lisbon, Portugal Aug 2-6, 2023

More than 5,000 Canadian Youth are making their way to Lisbon, Portugal to be with Pope Francis, from the 2nd to 6th of August, 2023. Please pray for the youth from our parish, the diocese, Canada, and around the world to have an impactful experience of faith and meet Christ in each other.