



ST. AGNES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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REFLECTIONS FROM FATHER'S DESK...



A WASTE OR INVESTMENT?:

We have entered Holy Week. An anonymous woman anoints Jesus. The deepest deeds of devotion must always remain unknown: enough that Jesus knows them. She comes, she brings, she breaks and she anoints. She comes not to receive but to give. "There is greater blessedness in giving."

She brings. She comes not empty handed but brings an alabaster jar containing very expensive ointment. When we give to Jesus, we never calculate the cost. Nothing is too costly to give Jesus.

She breaks the alabaster jar. She pours out all the contents of this very costly anointment as she anoints the head of Jesus. When we give to Jesus, we must give till we have nothing more to give.

She anoints the head Jesus. While some of the guests questioned "This waste of ointment", Jesus defends her: "Leave her alone. Why are you upsetting her? What she has done for me is one of the good works ... She has done what was in her power to do ... " Jesus does not expect us to do for him what is beyond our power but is more than pleased when we give him what we can.

We anoint Jesus with the costly ointment of love in the alabaster jar of our heart. The best is always poured out from our brokenness. Pouring out all on Jesus is never a waste but an investment.

SACRAMENT TIMES

Masses:

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

Confession:

Saturday	4:00 pm
or by appointment	

Adoration

Wednesdays	7:00 pm
First Fridays	9:30 am

Youth Adoration:

Last Friday of April	6:30 pm
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Rosary

20 min. before masses

EVERYONE THINKS OF CHANGING THE WORLD, BUT NO ONE THINKS OF CHANGING ONESELF.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Lector Schedule

10:00am

Mar 24 Anthony & Pat

Mar 28 Lynne B. & Lynn

Mar 29 Keith & Karin

Mar 30 readers needed

Mar 31 Lynne B & Fran

Church Cleaners

Crystal (403)827-9353

Mar 29 Gerry & Laura

Apr 5 Theresa McPike Family

Apr 12 Shirley

Altar Serving

Contact Fr. Newton

Family Fun Night (Potluck)

Apr 20 6:00 pm

Music Ministry

Crystal (403) 827-9353

Confirmation Session

April 7, 2024 11:15 am

Confirm. Retreat: April 13th

Confirm. Day: MAY 5, 10:00am

Faith Formation

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

Parish Council

April 25, 2024 7:00 pm

YOUTH CHOIR

Contact: Crystal Campbell

April 20, 2024 at the 5:00 pm mass.



FAITH FORMATION STUDY

Our current study is 4 Weeks - A Lenten Pilgrimage,
on Tuesdays, at 7:00 pm in the basement rectory.

All adult parishioners are welcome to join.



LENTEN SOUP & BUNS THANK YOU

Thank you to all who contributed and attended our parish
soup and buns during this lenten season.



HOLY THURSDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION

On Holy Thursday we will be gathering items for the
Mountain View food bank and taking a special collection for
monetary donations during the offertory.



FINANCE COUNCIL UPDATE

Our Together in Action 2024 goal is \$4945.00. In the event
that we collect more than our required target we have
requested that any surplus collected be given back to the
Parish to use for maintenance and repair to the church and
rectory.



COUPLES WEEKEND AT MOUNT ST. FRANCIS

April 19-21, 2024

Registration contacts:

Michele and Paul Grover
changrover@shaw.ca

Tess and Renato Abanto
403-615-6126

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EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday	6:30pm Mass (Sign-up sheet for 12 volunteers for washing of the feet is available in the narthex.) Garden of Gethsemane Adoration until midnight (Sign-up sheet in the Narthex)
Good Friday	2:00 pm Way of the Cross Outdoors 3:00 pm Eucharistic Service (Collection will be for the Holy Land)
Holy Saturday	8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday	10:00 am Mass

Triduum Reflections

March 28, 2024.

Holy Thursday (B)

THE COMMANDMENT OF LOVE: Jesus says to us: “Love one another as I have loved you.” To love is to give. Jesus gives us his Body and his Blood. When we celebrate the Holy Eucharist we remember how much Jesus loves us. He gives till He has no more to give. So must we. To love is to serve. The Master stoops to wash the feet of His disciples. They were certainly not sanitized feet! Service is the language of love. To love is to forgive. Judas was with Jesus at supper. The saddest part of treachery is that it comes not from our enemies but from those closest to us. Yet Jesus turned a night of betrayal into a night of blessing teaching us by word and example by giving, serving and forgiving.

Love is mutual self-giving which ends in self-recovery.



March 29, 2024.

Good Friday (B)

SILENCE, SOLITUDE, SUFFERING: Good Friday is shrouded in silence, solitude and suffering. Its liturgy is solemn, sober and sombre. The deafening silence of death that pervades the whole day shattered only by the roar of those raving crowds who jeered at Jesus. It is from the pulpit of the cross at Calvary that Jesus preaches the Seven Last Words. Good Friday is steeped in solitude when Jesus feels abandoned and forsaken. Apparently abandoned by his Father and visibly abandoned by all his disciples except one who stood at the foot of the Cross. Good Friday is soaked in suffering as Jesus remains transfixed to the Cross unable to stir a limb. “All you pass by come and see if there is sorrow like unto mine”. Come let us adore Him!



March 30, 2024.

Holy Saturday (B)

RESTING: In an old devotion on Holy Saturday morning, the faithful spent time sitting in prayer at the tomb of Jesus. It was considered a day of rest and quiet. Mother Church does not rush from the crucifixion to the resurrection but spends time in silent prayer. This beautifully led to the Easter Vigil, the Mother of all Vigils! St. Augustine comments: “While we keep vigil on the night during which we recall to mind the burial of our Lord, we want our vigil to coincide with the time he slept for us. Thus in the very night when he slept, we keep vigil. During the time of his sleep we solemnize a vigil, so that finally we have arisen for the eternal vigils, he may keep vigil for us.”

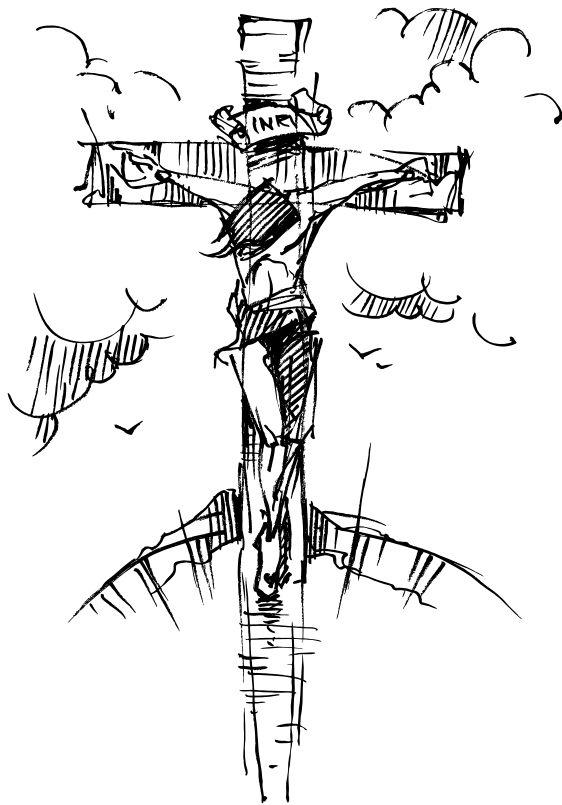
Jealousy is the tribute mediocrity pays to genius.



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	March 23, 5:00 pm, For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)
Sun	March 24, 10:00 am, For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)
Mon	March 25, 7:00 pm, Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary.
Tues	March 26, 6:30 pm, dep. Doris Lautner
Wed	March 27, 6:30 pm, dep. Alvina Morin
Thur	March 28, 6:30 pm Last Supper
Fri	March 29, 3:00 pm Passion of the Lord
Sat	March 30, 8:00 pm Easter Vigil
Sun	March 31, 10:00 am Easter. For the Parishioners (Pro Populo).

HOLY WEEK



THE POPE'S INTENTION: MARCH 2024

For the new martyrs.

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

LOCAL COMMUNITY PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

DIOCESAN INFO

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



DAILY MASS READINGS

Mar 24	Isaiah 50.4-7; Phil 2.6-11; Mark 14.1-15.47	(Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord)
Mar 25	Isaiah 42.1-7; John 12.1-11	
Mar 26	Isaiah 49.1-6; John 13.21-33, 36-38	
Mar 27	Isaiah 50.4-9a; Matthew 26.14-26	
Mar 28	Exodus 12.1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11.23-26; John 13.1-15	(Holy Thursday)
Mar 29	Isaiah 52.13-53.12; Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9; John 18.1-19.42	(Good Friday)
Mar 30	Gen 1:2-2; Ex 14:15-15:1; Isa 55:1-11; Ezek 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mark 16.1-8 (Vigil)	
Mar 31	Acts 10.34a, 37-43; 1 Corinthians 5.6b-8; John 20.1-18	(Easter Sunday)