



ST. AGNES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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REFLECTIONS FROM FATHER'S DESK...



KNOW PEOPLE, KNOW GOD! The Khasi tribes, among whom some of my friends work, have a beautiful phrase that they use when guiding people on the path of life. They will say 'you need to know people and know God.' This double knowing is rooted in our relationships with each other and with God. It is an experiential knowing. The fruits of such a knowing will be properly ordered priorities. Our 1st Reading speaks of family relations. There is great praise for the dedicated, industrious, diligent wife who proves a blessing for her husband. One dares to hope that such exemplary behavior of wife to husband will be mutual. Our 2nd Reading speaks of the relations between people and church. Paul invites Thessalonians to be united in preparing for the coming of the Lord. It was thought in those times Jesus' Second Coming was imminent and people were encouraged to live in the brightness of its dawning. Our Gospel is about relationships with those in authority. The parable would seem to teach that we need to identify our particular gift and then go on to use it for the benefit of others people. It is neither wise nor good when God-given gifts lie idle. Those who use their gifts well will grow in skill and more gifts, such as praise or fame, will come their way.

**THREE THINGS YOU CANNOT RECOVER IN LIFE:
THE WORD AFTER IT'S SAID, THE MOMENT AFTER IT'S MISSED
AND THE TIME AFTER IT'S GONE!**

SACRAMENT TIMES

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 Fridays	9:30 am

Youth Adoration:

Last Friday	6:30 pm
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Rosary

20 min. before masses

PARISH MINISTRIES

Lector Schedule

10:00am

Nov 19 Karin & Toryn

Nov 26 Dayna & Pat

Church Cleaners

Crystal (403)827-9353

Nov 24 Dayna Mensaghi (Family)

Altar Servicing

Contact Fr. Newton

Family Fun Night (Potluck)

November 18, 2023 6:00 pm

Music Ministry

Crystal (403) 827-9353

Parish Council Meeting

November 30, 2023 7:00 pm

Confirmation Session

November 19, 2023 11:15 am

in the rectory basement.

Faith Formation

Pierrette

Tuesdays 7:00 pm

in the rectory basement or by
email.

YOUTH CHOIR



November 18, 2023 at the 5:00pm Mass.

Youth (10 yrs and older) are invited to join the St. Agnes Youth Choir. Please contact Crystal if interested.



FAMILY FUN NIGHT POTLUCK



All parishioners are welcome to a potluck and games night on **November 18, 2023 at 6:00 pm** in the rectory basement.

PAPAS IN THE PEWS: 18+ SOCIAL

Next meet up is **Wednesday, Nov 22, 2023**. You are invited to join us for 6:30 pm Mass and adoration followed by gathering at a pub.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE



As of Sept. 30 the parish financial standing is as follows:

Total income for September 2023	\$6981.70
Expenses for September 2023	\$9214.46
Loss	(2232.76)
Together In Action collected (Sept.)	\$175.00

Thank you all for your generosity and support.

STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND



Stewardship means sharing generously of our time, our talents, and our money – especially with those in need. God knows what's in our hearts and what we possess. And God knows if we are being generous or selfish; but we can never fool God. So don't hold back, like Ananias and Sapphira did in the beginning of Acts (Ch. 5). Instead, be very generous in sharing your time, talent and money with others. You may not feel like you have much to offer, but you do. An hour of your time or a couple of dollars of your budget can make a difference. Then be open to experiencing the abundant blessings God has in store for you for being a good steward! (Act. 5:1-11).

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas 2023

Dec. 23, Mass 5:00 pm

Dec. 24, Mass 10:00 am

Dec. 24, Mass 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass.

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)*

CAROL FEST

Dec 3, 2023, the Carol Fest starts
at 6:00 pm at the

Carstairs Community Hall.

This is a Church Link Program,
all are invited to see your children,
friends, family and neighbours sing.



Advent Mission

The Sisters of Divine Mercy will be offering
our advent mission for St. Agnes on
Dec 5 at 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

Mass and mission.

Dec 6 at 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

Mass, mission and Penitential Service.

(Priests will be available for confession.)

DIOCESAN EVENTS AND NEWS



Advent Twilight Retreat
Long Time Ago in Greccio

November 30 Thursday
6:00 pm
\$30/person



To Register:
mtfrancis@shaw.ca
403-932-2012



Winter Stillness Retreat

December 8 - 10

**Individuals make their own silent retreat.
Stay for one night or two.**

No Presentations. Prayer Suggestions Provided.

Join the Friars for Prayer and Eucharist.

Registration begins Friday at 4 pm - Supper at 6 pm

Concludes with Sunday Lunch.

\$215 suggested contribution



**To Register:
403-932-2012
mtfrancis@shaw.ca
41160 Retreat Rd.**

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 18 5:00 pm For the parishioners (Pro Populo)
Nov 19 10:00 am For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)
Nov 21 6:30 pm Rep. Soul of Pauline 'Betty' Lanathe
Nov 22 6:30 pm Rep. Soul of Donald Cole
Nov 23 9:00 am Rep. Soul of Frank Wasch
Nov 24 9:00 am Rep. Soul of Rebecca Audley
Nov 25 9:00 am Rep. Soul of Evelyn Manser
Nov 25 5:00 pm For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)
Nov 26 10:00 am For the parishioners (Pro Populo)

**ALL SOULS ENVELOPES
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH
ENTRANCE IF YOU WOULD LIKE
TO HAVE MASSES CELEBRATED
FOR THE INTENTIONS OF YOUR
DEPARTED LOVED ONES.**

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION NOVEMBER 2023

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father;
as he fulfills his mission, may
he continue to accompany
the flock entrusted to him,
with the help of the Holy
Spirit.

LOCAL COMMUNITY PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

SAINT ANDREW DŨNG-LẠC, PRIEST, & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

*"The blood of the
martyrs is the seed
of the Church."
Tertullian*

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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. If you wish, You may request to have your intention prayed for anonymously, please specify this upon calling the office to avoid printed names.

DAILY MASS READINGS

Nov 19 Prov. 31.10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28- 31; 1 Thes. 5.1- 6; Mat.25.14-30 (33rd Sun.O.T.)
Nov 20 1 Maccabees 1.10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64; Luke 18.35-43
Nov 21 2 Maccabees 6.18-31; Luke 19.1-10 (Presentation of the Bl. Virgin Mary, M)
Nov 22 2 Maccabees 7.1, 20-31; Luke 19.11-28 (St. Cecilia, M)
Nov 23 1 Maccabees 2.15-29; Luke 19.41-44
Nov 24 1 Macc. 4.36-37, 52-59; Luke 19.45-48 (St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Comp, M)
Nov 25 1 Maccabees 6.1-13; Luke 20.27-40
Nov 26 Ez. 34.11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor. 15.20-26, 28; Matt.25.31-46 (Christ the King, S)