



ST. AGNES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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REFLECTIONS FROM FATHER'S DESK...



JESUS CHRIST: PRIEST, PROPHET, KING: The roots of Christianity go far back to the intertwining of three great traditions of priesthood, prophecy and kingship. All three are very strong in the Old Testament. And all three appear again in the New Testament. But somewhere along the way we seem to have lost both the prophetic and the priestly threads. Perhaps it happened when Christianity became coalesced with the Empire under Constantine in 313 AD. Our Bishops were suddenly Princes of the Church and lived in Palaces. How far-removed from mini-assemblies in the catacombs! And so we celebrate today the Feast of Christ the King! We need to set our excitement within the framework of what Jesus replied when Pilate asked him if he was a King: he implied that he was a King but added that his kingdom was not of this world.

The three readings today help us to understand what it means to be a true King. It is about shepherding, about gathering, about nurturing, about protecting. And there is the paradoxical application in the lives of the subjects: what we do to and for others, we do to and for our King. Our King is not remote and above – he is imminent, among, with. Truly Jesus' kingship is not of this world. It is our greatest privilege to serve such a King as Jesus, the Christ!

Keep it Simple. No need to complicate things!

SACRAMENT TIMES

Masses:

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

(Christmas Schedule on Page 4)

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

Rosary

20 min. before masses

PARISH MINISTRIES

Lector Schedule

10:00am

Nov 26 Dayna & Pat
Dec 03 Lynn & Dayna
Dec 10 Lynne B. & Karin

Church Cleaners

Crystal (403)827-9353

Nov 24 Dayna Mensaghi (Family)
Dec 01 Crystal
Dec 08 Theresa McPike (Family)

Altar Serving

Contact Fr. Newton

Family Fun Night (Potluck)

December 16, 2023 6:00 pm

Music Ministry

Crystal (403) 827-9353

Parish Council Meeting

November 30, 2023 7:00 pm

Confirmation Session

December 03, 2023 11:15 am
in the rectory basement.

Faith Formation

Pierrette

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

LADIES AFTER DARK: 18+ SOCIAL



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

ST. AGNES WOMEN OF FAITH



Saturday, Dec 16, 2023 all women of the parish
are invited to join us for 9:00 pm Mass followed
by a morning of reflection on the themes of the
Book of Ruth by Karin Raber. There will be a
meditation in the church and then a talk in the
hall with refreshments and small bites.
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 5:00pm Christmas Eve
Mass. Youth (10 yrs and older) are invited to join the St.
Agnes Youth Choir. Contact: Crystal Campbell

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, as Ananias and Sapphira did in Act 5. Consider being generous in sharing your time, talent and money with others. 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).

KINDLY RETURN YOUR COMMITMENT FORMS BY NOVEMBER 26, 2023, THANK YOU.

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.

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas 2023

Dec. 23, Mass 5:00 pm
Dec. 24, Mass 10:00 am
Dec. 24, Mass 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass. (with 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)

December 9th
St. Stephen's Catholic Church
Olds Alberta



Family Ballroom Dance and Potluck Supper

5pm: Vigil Mass, Saturday December 9th
6pm: Potluck supper, followed by dance instruction and dance

Admission:
\$20 per family, \$10 per single
RSVP to ststephendance@gmail.com

*Semi formal to formal attire. Modest choices, please.
Bring a dish to share!*

Advent Mission

Presented by: The Sisters of Divine Mercy

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.)

St. Agnes, Carstairs
12 yrs and up



YOUTH ADORATION

followed by pizza & social

Last Friday of Every Month
6:30 - 9:00pm
\$5 pizza donation appreciated

DIOCESAN INFO

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



Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre

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 25 5:00 pm	For the parishioners (Pro Populo)
Nov 26 10:00 am	For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)
Nov 27 6:30 pm	Rep. Soul of Steven Thomson
Nov 28 6:30 pm	Rep. Soul of Susan Lanathe
Nov 29 9:00 am	Rep. Soul of Frank Wasch
Nov 30 9:00 am	Rep. Soul of Peter & Mabel Cole
Dec 01 9:00 am	Rep. Soul of Fran Carlson
Dec 02 5:00 pm	For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)
Dec 03 10:00 am	For the parishioners (Pro Populo)

DURING NOVEMBER WE WILL REMEMBER OUR DEPARTED BROTHERS AND SISTERS. ALL SOULS DAYS ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH ENTRANCE, PLEASE TAKE ONE AND WRITE THE NAMES OF YOUR LOVED ONE AND PUT IN THE SUGGESTED STIPEND FOR THE MASSES.

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.



St. Andrew, Apostle

*1st Century
crucified on an X-shaped cross*

Novena Prayer *(15times per day, 11/30-12/24)*

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

LOCAL COMMUNITY PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

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 26	Ez. 34.11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor. 15.20-26, 28; Matt.25.31-46	(Christ the King, S)
Nov 27	Daniel 1.1-6, 8-20; Luke 21.1-4	
Nov 28	Daniel 2.3, 9a, 10a, 27a, 31-45++; Luke 21.5-11	
Nov 29	Daniel 5.1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luke 21.12-19	
Nov 30	Romans 10.9-18; Matthew 4.18-22	(St. Andrew, Apostle, F)
Dec 01	Daniel 7.1-14++; Luke 21.29-33	
Dec 02	Daniel 7.15-27; Luke 21.34-36	
Dec 03	Is. 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8; 1 Corin. 1.3-9; Mark 13.33-37	(1st Sunday of Advent)