

# St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Parish

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10 DECEMBER 2023

SECOND SUNDAY  
OF  
ADVENT

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*Let us prepare for the  
coming of our Lord this  
Christmas!*

**ST. GABRIEL PARISH ADVENT MISSION**

**Dec. 18 & 19 at 6 pm at the Rectory chapel**  
(316 Windermere Drive)  
Hosted by Sisters of Divine Mercy

*Join us for Mass, talk, reflection,  
prayer and fellowship*



## SUNDAY EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Sunday Masses are held at St Gabriel School  
197 Invermere Drive, Chestermere AB

- **Saturday 5:00 PM**
- **Sunday 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM**

Last Sunday of the month Mass held at the I.O.O.F. Hall  
255 Centre Street, Langdon, AB

- **Sunday 4:00 PM** (once a month)

## WEEKDAY EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

- **Tuesday 7:00 PM** - Rectory Chapel
- **Wednesday 8:15 AM** - St Gabriel School
- **Thursday 8:00 AM** - Our Lady of Wisdom School
- **Friday 1:00 PM** - Rectory Chapel

## ADORATION & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

- **Friday 1:30 PM** - Rectory Chapel

## RECONCILIATION (Confession)

- **Tuesday 6:30 pm** (Rectory Chapel)
- **Saturday 4:15 pm to 4:30** (St. Gabriel School)  
Per appointment.

## National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples - Dec. 12

The National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples is celebrated on December 12 every year, on the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas, who appeared to a humble native peasant, [Juan Diego](#), in Mexico in 1531. The Canadian Catholic Aboriginal Council celebrates this day for prayer, solidarity and reconciliation, by issuing an annual message honoring Aboriginal people who were inspired by their Catholic faith.

Reflection from the Canadian Catholic Aboriginal Council will be available [on this page closer to the date.](#)

## Mission Mexico Second Collection

December 16 & 17

This year, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe which is customarily Mission Mexico Day in the Diocese of Calgary, falls on Tuesday, December 12. Mission Mexico has always relied on the support of the Catholic parishes in raising the awareness on the work of the Diocese with our sisters and brothers in Mexico who experience poverty and are in need of support and empowerment. Direct link to donate online - <https://www.catholiccycc.ca/donatemissionmexico.html>

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are sick or in need of your support tis week:**

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Denise Hiscock      | Melissa Hiscock       |
| Bobby Fraser        | Mary Meier            |
| Agnes Mlohon        | Gladys Banayat        |
| Candice Duke        | Oscar & Renate Klune  |
| Barb Perry          | Karen Lerner          |
| Sonia Mora          | Ann & Mike Cunningham |
| Rose Armes          | Aloisia Baldes        |
| Gerard Bruha        | Annie & Stu Orr       |
| Rene Asprer         | Claude Catellier      |
| Janice Roberts      | Dennis Urbshott       |
| Aaron Fraser        | Elaine Dabreo         |
| Mr. & Mrs. Becerril | Madeleine Gagne       |

*If you or someone you know is in need of our prayers, please contact the parish office so we can add him/her to the prayer list.*

*Homebound parishioners who would like to receive Confession and/or Holy Communion at home, please contact the parish office 403 455 0196.*

*Parishioners preparing for surgery, or who suffer from serious illness or old age, or in danger of death can request the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick at the parish office.*

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS all the souls of the faithful departed.**

**May they rest in peace**

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| Seamus Logue        | Amara Welforf     |
| Antoine Hong Nguyen | Mary Nedelec      |
| Louise Hammond      | Donald Nakoneshny |

DATE		Mass Intentions
MON	DEC 11	No Mass
TUE	DEC 12	7:00 pm Mass (Rectory Chapel) INTENTION: MARK BRUHA
WED	DEC 13	8:15 am Mass (St Gabriel School) INTENTION: RUDY BRUHA, RIP
THU	DEC 14	9:00 am Mass (Our Lady of Wisdom School) INTENTION: BARRY BRUHA, RIP
FRI	DEC 15	1:00 pm Mass (Rectory Chapel) INTENTION: DONNA SELINER, RIP
SAT	DEC 16	5:00 pm Mass (St Gabriel School) INTENTION: ANDRES MATUTE
SUN	DEC 17	9:00 am Mass (St Gabriel School) INTENTION: GIOVANNI VERARDI, RIP 10:30 am Mass (St Gabriel School) INTENTION: ALL PARISHIONERS INTENTION

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION	
BAPTISM	For adult baptisms, please call Fr. James. For infants, print and fill out Baptism Registration available in our website <a href="https://www.saintgabrielparish.ca/baptism.html">https://www.saintgabrielparish.ca/baptism.html</a>
FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	<b>Dec 14 at 6 pm</b> Reconciliation Session #4 at OLW school. <b>Dec. 15 at 6 pm</b> Actual Reception of Reconciliation at <b>SGA school, for kids and families.</b>
CONFIRMATION	This Sacrament is for anyone who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Reconciliation. Age 12 and up. Registrations are now open in our parish website. <a href="#">Here</a>  Anyone missing any of the required Sacraments, please email the parish office.
RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults	<i>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil! Eph. 6:11</i> Anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church founded by Jesus himself, please contact Fr. James at 403.455.0196.

**Sunday Reflection**

John the Baptist calls us to repent – that is, to turn round (180 degrees!) and live our lives oriented in an entirely new direction. The path that John the Baptist beckons us to, goes through the wilderness, to the waters of Baptism, and then with the Gift of the Holy Spirit leads us to a very real meeting with Jesus.

- In the Advent message of the Gospel of Mark we witness that a prophet takes risks, often having to speak out against – or live in opposition to – the status quo. Who do you know who has experienced the risk of prophetic life by speaking/living the truth in love? Have you experienced this risk?
- How will you find a wilderness or desert time in this busy season where you might prepare your heart and mind for the coming of Jesus?
- How might you be a prophet during this advent season that others might come to know the true meaning of Christmas?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

## Over 40 years of Discipleship

On Behalf of St Gabriel Parish

Thank you!

**Ron and Corry Pieters**

Ron and Corry have each served over 40 years in various Pastoral Care Ministries.

On December 1, Ron and Corry received Diocesan Awards for their several decades of servant leadership.

They received their certificates with the community in which they serve at Prince of Peace Manor.



### CHESTERMERE FOOD BANK NEEDS THIS WEEK

- Vegetable soup
- Cereal
- Paper towels
- Kleenex
- Bar soap
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Rice
- Instant potatoes
- Hamburger helper
- Sidekicks

~ Confession ~

### PENITENTIAL SERVICE

On Friday, December 15, Fr. James and several other priest will be available to hear Confessions.

At **6 pm all kids doing their First Reconciliation** and their family members will have the opportunity to receive this sacrament.

At **7 pm all parishioners** are also welcome to receive this Sacrament, as we prepare our hearts and souls to celebrate the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Kid's challenge this week:

John the Baptist told the people that Jesus was coming and helped them be ready for him. People came to John the Baptist to acknowledge that they had sinned and to be baptized. During Advent, we prepare to welcome Christ into our hearts. One of the things that the Church invites us to do during the season of Advent is to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This week, seek opportunity to celebrate this beautiful sacrament in your parish/community. (Loyola Press)

[Colouring page this Sunday](#)

[Kid's Bulletin this Sunday](#)

[Sunday Connection this Sunday \(Gr. 1-8\)](#)

### PLENARY INDULGENCE

by praying before a Nativity scene in a Franciscan church

From Dec. 8, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to Feb. 2, 2024, the feast of the Presentation in the Temple of Our Lord Jesus Christ

[Read more on CNA site](#)

### CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS TIMES

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 23 at 5:00 pm: Anticipated Sunday Mass

Sunday, Dec. 24 at 9:00 am: CANCELLED

Sunday, Dec. 24 at 10:30 am: Sunday Mass

#### CHRISTMAS

Sunday, Dec. 24 at 5:00 pm: Christmas Eve

Sunday, Dec. 24 at 7:00 pm: Christmas Eve

Monday, Dec. 25 at 10:30 am: Christmas Day

Tue. Dec 26 to Fri. Dec 29 - No weekday Masses

#### Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, Dec. 30 at 5:00 pm: Anticipated Sunday Mass

Sunday, Dec. 31 at 9:00 am: CANCELLED

Sunday, Dec. 31 at 10:30 am: Sunday Mass

#### NEW YEARS - Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, Dec. 31 at 5:00 pm: New Years Eve

Monday, Jan. 1 at 10:30 am: New Years Mass

#### Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, Jan. 6 at 5:00 pm: Anticipated Sunday Mass

Sunday, Jan. 7 at 9:00 am: Sunday Mass

Sunday, Jan. 7 at 10:30 am: Sunday Mass

### BISHOP MCGRATTAN'S ADVENT MESSAGE

This Advent, Bishop McGrattan alerts us to be intentional, not to become indifferent and unaware of the very presence of God in our lives. Begin by reflecting on the Bishop's five questions in the article and step into the Advent season differently this year.

[Read the Bishop's Message now](#)



**Non-Permissibility of Euthanasia & Assisted Suicide in Catholic Health Facilities**

The statement on the Non-Permissibility of Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide within Canadian Health Organizations with a Catholic Identity is available:

[Read/Download](#): Statement by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on the Non-Permissibility of Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide within Canadian Health Organizations with a Catholic Identity

**Sunday Mass at Calgary Hospitals**

Great news! The celebration of Sunday Mass has resumed at three hospitals in the City of Calgary on the First Sunday of Advent. Patients, family members and friends, and hospital staff are now able to avail themselves of this pastoral outreach in the following facilities:

- Sundays at **3:30 pm - Foothills Hospital Chapel**
- Sundays at **3:00 pm - Peter Lougheed Hospital Chapel**
- Sundays at **3:30 pm - Rockyview Hospital Chapel**

*Save the date*


**THEOLOGY OF THE BODY**  
**Friday, Feb. 9, 2024 from 6 pm to 10 pm**  
**at Holy Spirit Catholic Church**  
 (10827 24 St SW Calgary)

Join experts Dr. Christopher West, Sister Helena Burns FSP, Fr. Cristino Bouvette, and internationally acclaimed songwriter, Mike Mangione, as they introduce and reflect St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. [Register online](#)


For any questions, please contact [theologyofthebodyconference@gmail.com](mailto:theologyofthebodyconference@gmail.com)

**CALGARY COUPLE'S GENEROSITY SUPPORTS ELIZABETH HOUSE**

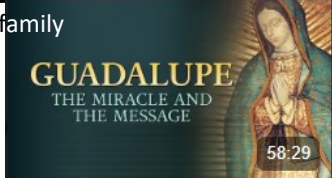
Thanks to a generous Calgary couple, Elizabeth House can run a special year-end matching campaign again. This presents a fantastic opportunity for you to double your gift and its impact. Don't miss out on this chance - it's available until Dec. 16! Double your gift at [catholiccyyc.ca/donateelizabethhouse](http://catholiccyyc.ca/donateelizabethhouse)



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For the family



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