



# St. Albert the Great Parish

"What we believe in we glorify & what we glorify we believe in."

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010

<b><u>Today's Readings:</u></b>	<b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Readings:</u></b>	<b>Pastor:</b> FR. KEVIN TUMBACK pastor@st-albert-parish.com
Isaiah 11: 1-10	Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10	<b>Associate Pastor:</b> FR. JOHN KOHLER associate-pastor@st-albert-parish.com
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Matthew 3: 1-12	Matthew 11: 2-11	

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<b><u>OFFICE HOURS:</u></b>	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday	9:00am - 1:00pm & 1:30pm - 9:00pm
	Thursday	9:00am - 1:00pm & 2:30pm - 9:00pm
	Friday	9:30am - 1:00pm & 1:30pm - 9:00pm
	Saturday	10:00am - 4:00pm
	Sunday	CLOSED

<b><u>MASS TIMES:</u></b>	<b>WEEKENDS:</b> Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am and 11:00 am (and 4:00pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month only)
	<b>WEEKDAYS:</b> Tuesday 7:45am St Albert the Great School, 10am McKenzie Towne Nursing Home Wednesday 8:15am Msgr. Smith School Thursday 7:45am Cardinal Newman School Friday 8:15am Christ the King School, 9:00am St. Albert the Great Church Tues, Wed, Thurs & 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri of the month 7:00pm St. Albert the Great Church

<b><u>SACRAMENTS:</u></b>	<b>CONFESSION:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 6:30 to 6:50 pm (before Mass) Saturday: 3:30pm to 4:30pm Sunday: 8:00am to 8:30am (or by appointment)
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**BAPTISM:** Contact Gail at the parish office to receive your Registration Package. Participation at an Information Session and a Preparation Class is mandatory for all families prior to celebrating the Baptism. **Please call early to avoid disappointment.**

**MARRIAGE:** **Six to nine months notice is required.** Couples who are planning a wedding in the parish are expected to regularly worship with a Catholic Community and participate in a Marriage Preparation Program. **Please see Father Kevin after the weekend Masses to make an appointment.**

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:**

Tuesday Mc Care	Dec 7	AM		
Tuesday	Dec 7	AM		PM Alfredo Tamayo (RIP)
Wednesday	Dec 8	AM	Jay Senvirantne (Int)	PM Quirino Oria (RIP)
Thursday	Dec 9	AM		PM Bernie Senviratne (Int)
Friday	Dec 10	AM		PM No mass
Friday	Dec 10	9AM	John Hudek (RIP)	

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA:** 'Labour of love' is a term mentioned in two books in the New Testament. Which two books?

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
December 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

<b>Saturday 5:00 PM</b>			
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Aaron E	Adam E	Angelia E
	Christina H	Charlotte W	Isabel W
	Justin Z		
<b>Hospitality</b>	Kelly R	Matthew C	Andrea C
	Helen C	Hayley F	Tammy F
	Joanne R	Brendan R	Maria S
	Ashley M		
<b>Lectors</b>	Maureen A	Bob Y	Deacon
<b>Eucharistic</b>	Jack T	Yvonne T	Maureen A
	Graham A	Christopher P	Kim P
<b>Sunday 9:00 AM</b>			
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Tatianna B	Dante B	Carl C
	Megan C	Illeana T	Erin Y
<b>Hospitality</b>	Ross S	Conor K	Brett K
	Dick K	Elden K	David L
	Ginny L	David R	Jean R
	Debbora W		
<b>Lectors</b>	Lorraine P	Katrina R	Deacon
<b>Eucharistic</b>	Rey T	Carissa W	Cherisse A
	Carmen T	Kath M	Mark P
<b>Sunday 11:00 AM</b>			
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Christopher P	Christina T	Daniel T
	Emmanuel W	Grace-Anne W	
<b>Hospitality</b>	Alan F	Bryan H	Erin O
	Darcy H	Karen H	Ken H
	Sydney H	Brenda M	Kailey M
	Linda W	Faye Z	
<b>Lectors</b>	Terence S	Bernie S	Deacon
<b>Eucharistic</b>	Norma L	Richard L	Linda W
	Donna B	Nicholas A	Rachel A
	Doris A	John T	Brenda M
	Kailey M		

**All Ministries, please remember to arrive and sign in 15 minutes prior to Mass**

<b>UPCOMING MEETINGS &amp; EVENTS</b>			
Conquest Boys	6:30 pm	Mon	Dec 6
Prayer & Sharing	7:00 pm	Mon	Dec 6
Rosary	6:30 pm	Tues	Dec 7
CWL general mtg.	7:30 pm	Tues	Dec 7
K of C executive mtg.	7:30 pm	Tues	Dec 7
Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Tues	Dec 7
Mother's Group	9:30 am	Wed	Dec 8
RCIA	7:00 pm	Wed	Dec 8
Catechism with Fr. Kevin	7:30 pm	Wed	Dec 8
Challenge Girls	7:00 pm	Thurs	Dec 9
Why Do Catholics... ? <b>(Cancelled)</b>	7:30 pm	Thurs	Dec 9
Familia	7:30 pm	Thurs	Dec 9
Youth	7:00 pm	Fri	Dec 10
All parishioners are encouraged to attend <b>7:00 pm Mass</b> prior to attending meetings at 7:30 pm.			

***From the cluttered desk of Fr. Kevin***

The Gospel today is one of those you just have to love. Here comes John the Baptist, crying out to the people to prepare the way of the Lord. Can you not just imagine all the people standing around asking each other, what is he talking about?

In days gone past you would have carollers walking the streets and singing songs to prepare us for the Christmas season: they too were crying out for us to prepare the way of the Lord.

More recently, you had the malls and the Christmas music to get us in the festive spirit, open our wallets and buy gifts. But they also were crying out the message of Jesus is here and coming.

Today, well don't expect much... we have pretty much chased Jesus out of Christmas, now its *Seasons Greetings* and *Happy Holidays* and more about me and less about the other.

Still, every year, we Catholics are all invited to prepare the way of the Lord: to open our hearts and minds to welcome Jesus in, in a new and profound way.

We are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and get rid of all our sins and sinful ways. We are invited to spend time thinking about other people and their needs. We are invited to reflect on how we can celebrate with family and friends. We get an opportunity to heal wounds and divisions in families, to maybe say "I am sorry" or "I forgive you".

This is Advent, a time to put behind old and make ready for new: Jesus who is with us and is yet to come. Jesus who has saved us and invites us into Eternal life for he has baptized us with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

**Peace Fr. Kevin**

**CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
NOVEMBER SCHEDULE Wednesdays 7:30pm**

Wednesday | December 8<sup>th</sup> | Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving

**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES IN CALGARY  
SOUTH FOR THE COMING WEEK ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

CHURCH	DAY	DATE	TIME
Holy Name	Thursday	December 9 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm
St. Bonaventure	Thursday	December 9 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm

**FIRST RECONCILIATION**



Please pray for all our young students who will be celebrating First Reconciliation soon. May they continue to feel God's love and grow closer to Him.

**NOCHE BUENA PARTY FOR EVERYONE**

What is a Noche Buena Party? It's a fun Philippino tradition celebrating Baby Jesus' Birthday **after Midnight Mass!** There will be lots of food & Christmas carolling & the general noise of celebration. Jesus is born!!! You can bring gifts for each other to open at the Noche Buena! **EVERYONE** come and join the fun.



## MISSION MEXICO DAY – DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

Bishop Henry has again declared December 12<sup>th</sup> the feast of our Lady of Guadalupe, as Mission Mexico Day in the Diocese of Calgary. The goal of Mission Mexico is to help people help themselves through greater access to education and self-sustaining production projects. We serve some of the poorest communities in southern Mexico. We are asking every parishioner in the diocese to contribute one loonie on Mission Mexico Day to support this missionary outreach. On the weekend of **December 11-12** a collection will be taken for this diocesan outreach project.



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL- CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

This year St. Vincent de Paul will provide 150 Christmas Hampers. Here is how you can help: The gift tree is located in the Narthex:



1. Take a tag from the gift tree purchase a gift and return **by December 12.**
2. Help pack hampers on December 16 & 17 AND deliver hampers December 18. Sign up sheets in the Narthex.
3. Donate what you can afford! The cost of this year's hamper program is expected to reach \$50,000.
4. Sponsor a family: if you would like to supply the food & gifts for a family, please talk to a St. Vincent de Paul member or call the office.

## MARY AND ADVENT



**LIVING WATER Prayer & Sharing Group** invites you for praise, worship, fellowship and a talk by our Associate Pastor, **Father John Kohler**, entitled "Mary and Advent", Monday, **December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** in the CWL Room.

## BISHOP CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL

### Excellence in Self-Directed Learning

**Information Nights:** Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> OR Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. **Junior High Visits** (by appointment only): December 13<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am to 12:00pm. **Open House:** Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am to 3:15pm & 6:30pm to 8:30pm. For more info call 403-500-2056 or visit [www.cssd.ab.ca/bishopcarroll](http://www.cssd.ab.ca/bishopcarroll)

## HEALING MASS & HEALING PRAYERS

Friday, **December 10<sup>th</sup>, 7pm** at St. James Catholic Parish, 5504 20<sup>th</sup> Street SW. The evening will end with the anointing and blessing from Lourdes.

## A MESSAGE FOR OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the Parish and need donation envelopes for 2011, please call the office and we will issue envelopes to you. **Monthly donations can also be made by credit card.** For more information about this easy way of making your donations, please call Carla Jane at 403-257-6054 ext. 222.

## MEMORY AWAKENS HOPE

"Advent is concerned with that very connection between memory and hope which is so necessary to man. Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope. The purpose of the Church's year is continually to rehearse her great history of memories, to awaken the heart's memory so that it can discern the star of hope.....It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."



*Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, Seek that Which is Above, 1986.*

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. (Isaiah 11:2)*  
What does it mean to fear the Lord? According to our world view, the situations described by the prophet today are fearful. Yet, in the Lord Jesus there is radical liberation from these laws of nature. To fear the Lord is to help bring about God's kingdom on earth.

# YOUTH 4 HIM



**DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> - 7PM IS PINK NIGHT**

**WEAR YOUR PINK WITH PRIDE!  
PLEASE BRING A FOOD DONATION  
FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.**

**ADVENT PARTY DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>  
CHECK NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN  
FOR DETAILS**

**STAY COLOURFUL MY FRIENDS.  
Everyone from grades 7-12 welcome.**

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA ANSWER:** 1 Thessalonians 1:3 and Hebrews 6:10



# Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre for December 5th 2010,  
the Second Sunday of Advent

## **Social Justice**

The **RC Diocese of Calgary Prison Ministry** committee is currently looking for volunteers. We currently require a parish formation coordinator, Bible study facilitator for Calgary Correctional Center on Wednesday nights, a graphic designer for our poster, brochure, logos and website, and aftercare prisoner mentors. For position descriptions or more information, visit our web site at [prisonministry-rcdiocese-calgary.com](http://prisonministry-rcdiocese-calgary.com), or contact Deacon Gary Haney at 403-923-4279, or email: [gnhaney@telus.net](mailto:gnhaney@telus.net)

*“Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”*

**St. Vincent De Paul** is running their Christmas Campaign to provide Christmas Hampers and Gifts for families who are in need. Please contact the St. Vincent de Paul Conference at your local Parish if you would like to provide food items, gifts, and financial support, or if you would like to assist with packing and delivering.

**Chalice** - A Catholic Child Sponsorship Program with a mission to share Christ with those in need. During this Advent Season, consider making a difference in the life of a child by choosing to become a sponsor. Chalice is rooted in Catholic Social Teaching and looks to affirm the dignity of every child. Currently, Chalice has 44, 000 sponsored children in 15 countries. For more information, please call Chalice at 1-800-776-6855 or visit their website at [www.chalice.ca](http://www.chalice.ca).

**Social Justice Office** - is looking for volunteers who have an interest in Social Justice Issues and Catholic Social Teaching. Volunteers are needed to assist in the office with filing, organizing, typing, making phone calls, designing brochures, assisting with workshops and other tasks related to this ministry.

Call the Social Justice Office for further details: 403-218-5519 or email: [socialj@rcdiocese-calgary.ab.ca](mailto:socialj@rcdiocese-calgary.ab.ca)

## **Library & Archives**

Our short **Library Survey** is still available on the Library website at <http://rcdc.kohalibrary.com>  
Please click on the link there and give us your ideas. The survey will be open until **December 31st**  
Thank you for helping us out!

## **Life and Family Resource Centre**

Marriage Preparation course **“For Better and For Ever,”** program begins with the orientation night on Jan 17 followed by the weekend of Feb 4-5, 2011. This program is specifically designed for couples that are living together, have been previously married, are beginning marriage with children, mature couple (50+) or are civilly married but now getting married in the church. For information and/or to register call the Life and Family Resource Centre at 403-218-5505 or email [lrfcast@rcdiocese.ab.ca](mailto:lrfcast@rcdiocese.ab.ca) (future dates are available)

Suffering distress from a past abortion experience? **Project Rachel** offers a journey of healing and reconciliation. For more information call Project Rachel at 403-218-5506 or toll-free 1-877-597-3223

**Transitions**, is a 15-week program for newly separated/divorced Catholics. The group meets once a week for 2 hours in the evening. The winter sessions will start in January.

Contact: e-mail: [lrfcast@rcdiocese-calgary.ab.ca](mailto:lrfcast@rcdiocese-calgary.ab.ca) or call 403-218-5505 for information & or registration.

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? **Retrouvaille** is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. **Check the web:** [www.helpourmarriagecalgary.com](http://www.helpourmarriagecalgary.com)

**ENDOW** is calling all women! Join us for a weekend of faith, fun, and friendship as we gather together at St. Luke's Parish on **March 4-5, 2011** for the ENDOW Catholic Women's Conference, "**The Heart of the Matter: Created in Dignity.**" Mark your Calendar. Bishop Henry will be the keynote speaker.

**Catholic Engaged Encounter** - A non-residential, diocesan approved marriage preparation program as an alternate (or in addition) to the parish based marriage preparation programs. Catholic Engaged Encounter will be offered: **February 5 & 6, 2011, April 9&10, 2011, and May 21& 22, 2011.**

For registration or inquiries call 403-240-0103, or visit the website at: [www.ceewest.com](http://www.ceewest.com)

### **Sacred Heart Church, Calgary**

To commemorate the **anniversary of the 1989 murders of 14 women at l'École Polytechnique de Montreal**, Sacred Heart Church will be holding an ecumenical Remembrance Service.

DATE: Sunday, December 5, 2010, TIME: 1:30 PM, LOCATION: 1307 – 14<sup>th</sup> St. SW

Call the parish office for more information: 403-244-2741

### **St. Anne's Korean Parish, Calgary**

You are invited to celebrate **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass** with Bishop Henry, at St. Anne Church (910-21 Ave. SE Calgary), on **Sunday December 12<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 am. Former Priests and Parishioners are welcome. For more information please contact 403-295-3672 or [bombomm@gmail.com](mailto:bombomm@gmail.com)

### **St. Bonaventure Parish, Calgary**

You are cordially invited to attend the **St. Bonaventure Parish Mission** with Father Larre, from **Saturday December 11 to Thursday December 16<sup>th</sup>** at St. Bonaventure Parish (1600 Acadia Drive SE, Calgary).

Father Larre will speak at all Saturday & Sunday masses on the weekend of December 12<sup>th</sup> to introduce the Mission. Then he will give one hour Mission talks each day, Monday to Thursday 9.30am and the same talk in the evenings at 7:30p.m. There will also be Masses each day at 9:00a.m and 7:00p.m. Admission is free.

For more information please check [www.fatherlarre.com](http://www.fatherlarre.com)

### **Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre**

**A Greccio Christmas Pageant** The Friars of Mount St. Francis in Cochrane will be celebrating St. Francis' inauguration of the first Christmas Crib in Greccio Italy in 1222. Everyone is welcome to this outdoor event.

A bus will leave from St. Luke's Church at 6:15pm on **Tuesday Dec 14<sup>th</sup>** to assist those who don't want to drive. Tickets for the bus are \$10 each and can be obtained from Patrick Coffey at 403-281-6025 or Jeanne Lethangue at 403-281-3432. This is a beautiful preparation for our Christmas worship.

### **Ecole St. Matthew School**

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ecole St. Matthew School** on **Tuesday Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>** from 7 - 8:30 pm. in the School Gymnasium. All alumni, present staff, students and families of the school are invited. There will be great entertainment, dessert and refreshments! For more information, and to let us know you will be attending please contact the school at 403-500-2030

### **St. Joseph's College, University of Alberta**



St. Joseph's College Residence ([www.stjosephscollege.ca](http://www.stjosephscollege.ca)) is a Catholic residence for undergraduate men at the University of Alberta campus. The residence is a small, close-knit community at the centre of the University of Alberta campus. For more information contact: Fr. Glenn McDonald: (780) 492-7681. ext, 248 or [sjres@ualberta.ca](mailto:sjres@ualberta.ca).

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