



# St. Albert the Great Parish

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

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010

<b><u>Today's Readings:</u></b>	<b><u>Next Sunday's Readings:</u></b>	<b>Pastor:</b> FR. KEVIN TUMBACK pastor@st-albert-parish.com
Isaiah 2: 1-5	Isaiah 11: 1-10	<b>Associate Pastor:</b> FR. JOHN KOHLER associate-pastor@st-albert-parish.com
Romans 13: 11-14	Romans 15: 4-9	<b>Deacons:</b> GREG LAFAVE gclafave@gmail.com JOHN WALSH john_walsh@shaw.ca PATRICK WOO deacon.pat@shaw.ca LUKAS DRAPAL seminarian@st-albert-parish.com
Matthew 24: 37-44	Matthew 3: 1-12	

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<b><u>OFFICE HOURS:</u></b>	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday	9:00am - 1:00pm & 1:30pm - 9:00pm 9:00am - 1:00pm & 2:30pm - 9:00pm 9:30am - 1:00pm & 1:30pm - 9:00pm 10:00am - 4:00pm CLOSED
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<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	Nov 30	AM	Benedict Alviento (Int)		
Tuesday	Nov 30	AM	Cayetano Tan (RIP)	PM	Zaenon Graella (RIP)
Wednesday	Dec 1	AM	Rosi Zorko (Int)	PM	Floyd Wheeler (RIP)
Thursday	Dec 2	AM	Ron Dulhanty (Int)	PM	Teresita Santos (Int)
Friday	Dec 3	AM	Edward Hannin (RIP)	PM	
Friday	Dec 3	9AM			

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA:** 'Apple of his eye.' Who does the word 'his' refer to? (Deuteronomy 32:10).

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
December 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

<b>Saturday 5:00 PM</b>			
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Aidan C	Daniel C	Niki C
	Josh E	Jenna M	Ryan M
<b>Hospitality</b>	David W	Gord H	Megan R
	Heidi R	Cari K	Mike K
	Brittany K	Karen W	Dean K
	Julia K		
<b>Lectors</b>	Charlotte W	David W	Deacon
<b>Eucharistic</b>	Erin K	Susan Z	Daniel C
	Mary C	Bruce C	Niki C
<b>Sunday 9:00 AM</b>			
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Justin C	Benjamin J	David J
	Stefano M	Lexi R	Ashley W
<b>Hospitality</b>	Lulu C	Carmen M	Kent M
	Shawn E	Kenton E	Ted L
	Catherine M	Pam P	Teresa S
	Jaclyn S	Janice D	
<b>Lectors</b>	Karen M	Krista M	Deacon
<b>Eucharistic</b>	Cheryl K	Norm M	David R
	Edith T	Craig B	Ed G
	CarlaJane R	Blair S	Lil S
	Raquel G		
<b>Sunday 11:00 AM</b>			
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Stephanie B	Claire H	Haley M
	Teagan M	Olivia N	
<b>Hospitality</b>	Ellen F	Angel A	Paul A
	Nicholas A	Donna B	Chyna B
	Jim H	Doris I	Jenny M
	Paul M	Jane M	
<b>Lectors</b>	Cecilia N	Sherry S	Deacon
<b>Eucharistic</b>	Sheila R	Del G	Nadia V
	Brigitte K	Denise S	Ron S

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

**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

Conquest Boys	6:30 pm	Mon	Nov 29
Prayer & Sharing	7:00 pm	Mon	Nov 29
Rosary	6:30 pm	Tues	Nov 30
CWL executive mtg.	7:30 pm	Tues	Nov 30
Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Tues	Nov 30
Mother's Group	9:30 am	Wed	Dec 1
Funeral Team Training	9:30 am	Wed	Dec 1
RCIA	7:00 pm	Wed	Dec 1
Catechism with Fr. Kevin	7:30 pm	Wed	Dec 1
Little Flowers	6:30 pm	Thurs	Dec 2
Challenge Girls	7:00 pm	Thurs	Dec 2
Why Do Catholics... ?	7:30 pm	Thurs	Dec 2
Youth	7:00 pm	Fri	Dec 3

All parishioners are encouraged to attend **7:00 pm Mass prior** to attending meetings at 7:30 pm.

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

So today begins the season of Advent and we put another year behind us. The whole idea of putting things behind us is a very good thing, but not something we are good at.

How many of you have a storage room or back closet that is full of all those things that you don't know what to do with, this old thing, that old thing or may be just some broken things. Many people just don't know how to let go and put things behind themselves.

During Advent we are invited to take some time and look at how we have lived our lives. The things we have done wrong, the things we could have done better, the things we did not do that we should have. We are invited to do an examination of our conscience, go top confessing and "get rid" of all the garbage in our lives and put the past behind us.

It has been interesting preparing the young people for their first Reconciliation, for they have interesting insights into life. Try these sins on for size.

Not listening to mom is not a sin, dad does it all the time.

Saying bad words is not a sin unless you mean it.

Wanting what other people have is not a sin, unless you try to steal it.

Being jealous is not a sin if people don't know you are jealous.

Cheating is only a sin if you get caught.

Not going to church on Sunday is not a sin, if you have something better to do.

Or one of my favourites, leaving church early is a worse sin than not going at all.

I always wonder where they learn these things from and how stuff like this keeps getting passed on as truth.

***Peace Fr. Kevin***

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ADORATION**

First Friday Mass, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Noon.

**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.

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

Wednesday	December 1st	How to have a Happy Marriage
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**WHY DO CATHOLICS...?**

**NOVEMBER SCHEDULE - Thursdays 7:30pm**

Thursday	December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Your Questions
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**PLEASE NOTE**

There will be no 4pm Mass on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

## THANK YOU

Our donations to the Street Teens organizations were greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL- CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



This weekend marks the start of the St. Vincent de Paul 2010 Christmas Hamper Program. St. Albert the Great Parish will provide 150 hampers this year. 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. Donation envelopes are in the bulletin today! 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.

### 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)



### MUSIC: A WINDOW TO THE SOUL

Join Lorraine Kneier (author of *Music: A Window to the Soul*) as she demonstrates how to experience personally the works of cherished composers from all periods of music history **Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** from 1:00pm-2:30pm, 4638A Macleod Trail SW. **Call 403-244-5853 to register.**



### 2011 SUNDAY MISSALS FOR SALE

2011 Sunday Missals for sale proceeds go to help fund the **Little Flowers** Girls Club at St. Albert the Great. They are **\$4 each.**

### HALLELUJAH!

The Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra presents Handel's Messiah, December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm & Sing-Along Messiah, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at EPCOR CENTRE'S Jack Singer Concert Hall. Tickets start at \$20. Group rates are available. Call 403-571-0849 or visit [www.cpo-live.com](http://www.cpo-live.com) for more information.



### 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.

## NOCHE BUENA PARTY



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.

### HEALING MASS & HEALING PRAYERS

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.

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks (Isaiah 2:4)* God's gifts are raw material. It is up to you to recognise the potential in the gifts you have received and to cultivate them responsibly through prayerful discernment. Do you turn your gifts into swords and spears or ploughshares and pruning hooks?



### ADVENT MEDITATION

prophets and the journey you work you would have me do. I am your servant, O Lord. Speak to me in this holy season and turn my eyes to watch for your coming.



Jesus, Speak to my heart during this season of grace, as you spoke to your saints. Remind me again of call me to make and the work you would have me do. I am your servant, O Lord. Speak to me in this holy season and turn my eyes to watch for your coming.

# YOUTH 4 HIM

WE LOVE  
HAVING  
YOU HERE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>  
AT 7:00PM

Everyone from grades 7-12 welcome.

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA ANSWER:** God. "In a desert land he found him, in a barren & howling waste. He shielded him & cared for him; he guarded him as the apple of his eye." (Deuteronomy 32:10)



# Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre for November 28th 2010,  
First Sunday of Advent

## **Liturgy Office**

**Mass with Sign Language** will be offered on **Sunday, December 5** at 9:00 a.m.

Everyone interested is welcome to attend with the hope that this will be able to continue regularly.

The mass will be held at St. Anthony Parish, 5340 - 4 St. SW. Please email [pastorjames@shaw.ca](mailto:pastorjames@shaw.ca) for more information.

## **Social Justice**

### **Christian Mentoring of Former Prisoners: Let's Journey Together Program**

ARE YOU CALLED OF GOD TO MINISTER TO EX-OFFENDERS? If so, this is your opportunity. Let's Journey Together (LJT), an ecumenical prisoner aftercare and reintegration program, provides training and facilitation to men and women who are willing to mentor ex-prisoners in their local area. After training, mentors are responsible for providing support, encouragement and guidance to ex-offenders participating in the program by meeting with them regularly to listen and to share their compassion, knowledge and experience. The mentor also introduces the participant to members of the community and assists them in becoming involved with the community. If you are interested in or have questions about this important ministry, please contact Deacon Gary Haney, program coordinator 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."*

## **Library & Archives**

Our short **Library Survey** is now available on the Library website at <http://rcdc.kohalibrary.com>

Just click on the link and give us your ideas. If we receive your input by **December 4** (and you share your contact details with us) you will be eligible for the draw for a copy of "Signposts of Our Faith".

Thank you for helping us out!

## **Life and Family Resource Centre**

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

**Retrouvaille A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages** –offers the chance to rediscover a loving relationship in their marriage. Next program begins: Feb 11-13, 2011. Check the web

[www.helpourmarriagecalgary.com](http://www.helpourmarriagecalgary.com)

**ENDOW.** What does it mean to be a woman in today's world? Check out what the Church has to say. Mark your Calendar for the Calgary conference Mar 4-5, 2011. Bishop Henry is the keynote speaker.

**Marriage Preparation course** "For Better and For Ever," is offered through the office of the Life and Family Resource Centre. Call the LFRC office at 403-218-5505 or email [lrfcast@rcdiocese.ab.ca](mailto:lrfcast@rcdiocese.ab.ca) for information and registration.

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For a complete listing of Life & Family ministries, programs and events please check our website at [www.rcdiocese-calgary.ab.ca](http://www.rcdiocese-calgary.ab.ca). Scroll down to Offices, click on "Diocesan Offices", find and click on "Life and Family Resource Centre", or call 403-218-5505 for more information.

### **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