



SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am & Noon

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday, 7:30 am & 5:00 pm

Register on line for all Masses at
www.stmaryscalgary.ca

Please wear a MASK

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tues - Sat.
4:30 pm in the Church

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact Deacon Dennis at the
Parish Office (403) 228-4170.



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We are now able to take credit card donations over the phone or by using the QR Code on line. If you would like to donate to help with the costs and maintenance of the Parish, please call Lillian at (403) 228-4170.



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JANUARY 10, 2021 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Why was Jesus Baptised?

“Mark’s Gospel begins with John’s proclamation, ‘for the forgiveness of sins,’ and the promise that ‘someone greater than I is to come.’ The next moment, we see the ‘someone,’ whose sandal straps John is not worthy to untie, receiving the sign of repentance from John, not giving it.

It is not only a special irony. It is a central image of the redemptive mystery. Jesus enters into radical solidarity with all men and women, taking upon himself even the condition of our sinfulness, himself having not sinned. The ‘one more powerful’ assumes the position of weakness. It is precisely in this that he is beloved. And it is from this baptism sign that he is sent.

He was like us in all things but sin, the author of Hebrews reminds us when discussing Jesus’ high priesthood. And yet we balk at the statement. ‘If he did not sin, how could he really be like us? How could he be fully human?’

We misunderstand this because we misunderstand our humanity as well as our sin. Christ has come not only to reveal the divinity to us; he has come to reveal us to ourselves. Not only is he truly God. He is truly human. And he is truly human precisely because he does not sin. All of our sin is nothing other than the rejection of the truth of our humanity. Jesus’ utter acceptance of our humanity, his drinking of our cup fully, his sharing of our wounded condition, reverses our sinful rejection of our creatureliness.

His baptism, then, is at the heart of his mission to heal us. He enters even the wounds of our self-rejection, without having made the rejection himself. He accepts full solidarity with us even if it means being seen as sinner. Jesus’ baptism is one of his earliest great transformations of our human condition. The first was that the Word itself could take human flesh. All the further implications would follow: that he would be tempted to reject this mission of transformation; that he would undertake all manner of healing and disarming of devils; that he would announce a kingdom to transmute all blindness, poverty, imprisonment, and darkness; that he would, at last, suffer the very fate of sin in death.

Just as we now baptize our children to announce a new fate for the human body, the baptism of Jesus is the inauguration of that fate. Announced as sinner, wholly one with our condition, Jesus, hovered over by the very spirit of God, is gazed upon by the Father who sent him and who now says to him and all of us who share his flesh—‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’”

John Kavanaugh, SJ (https://liturgy.slu.edu/BapLordB011021/theword_kavanaugh.html)

Readings for January 17 — Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19) Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

Second Reading: (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20) Your bodies are members of Christ.

Gospel: (John 1:35-42) The disciples of John came and saw where Jesus was staying, and they remained with him.

Stewardship of Treasure

Dec. 24 to Jan. 1, 2021

General Collections	Last Week
Envelopes/Loose/Debit/etc.	\$27,985.50
<u>Maintenance</u>	<u>\$ 2,110.00</u>
Total	\$30,095.50

Thank you for your generosity!



TRUST IN THE LORD.

We are the body of Christ. Each family is an essential part of this body. Continue to support our faith community by giving. **It is now possible to make your regular offertory gift by phone**, mail, drop-off donations to the church, office, or pre-authorized offertory. Our parish relies on our regular offertory giving for maintenance and growth. By making your pre-authorized offertory gift, you are providing crucial support to care for your parish during this difficult time. You can also use this **QR code** to donate online with a debit or credit card. If you have questions about charitable giving to our Parish, please contact: Lillian Illescas, Finances at 403 228-4170.



2021 Offertory envelopes 2021 are available for pick-up at the Gift-booth before/after Masses or by visiting the Parish office. **Pre-authorized giving (PAG)** forms are available on the Cathedral website (www.stmaryscalgary.ca). Contact Lillian for information (403-228-4170). **If you have changed your address** since the last year, please let us know as tax receipts will be mailed out in February.



PRAYER CORNER INTENTIONS: For the sick, the suffering, the elderly, the lonely and all who find themselves on the margins of society, that they may be empowered by God's special care of them, especially Dr. Nancy Maguire, Peggy Hart, Renee Wilson, Dawnette Humphrey, Marion Limoges, Irene Glackin, and Laura Meier. For those who have died in Christ, especially Catherine Kennedy and the victims of the Corona Virus, that they be resurrected with Him into eternal life.

Witness to Charity — A book written by James Rodrigo about Understanding the True Meaning of Christian Love. You're welcome to take a book & make a donation (suggested minimum of \$10.00). 100% of your donation will go to the Cathedral Roof Repair Project.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul — We would appreciate if you mark your financial donations in envelopes to St. Mary's "SSVP". **Online Donation is now available**, please click [HERE](https://ssvpcalgary.ca/give/) to Donate OR Copy & paste this link to your web browser: <https://ssvpcalgary.ca/give/> and **select** St. Mary's Conference to Donate. (CRA Charitable Donation Receipts will be issued.) If you require assistance, please contact us at 403-397-6028.

New arrivals to the Giftbooth! The Action Bible for children/youth recommended by Fr. John's "The Bible in a Year program" has arrived. We also have a new book for children written by Sr. Madeleine Gregg, Fc which is the first in a series of books meant to introduce young children to a woman who is in the process towards canonization: Marie Madeleine d'Houët. In addition, unique gift ideas — rocks that have been painted to depict the stained glass windows in the Cathedral, words of encouragement plaques for special occasions, new religious bookmarks, newly designed spiral rosaries and rosary bracelets. There are also a few **2021** religious calendars left. Open before and after most Masses or contact Marilyn@stmaryscalgary.com



Sacrament Preparation for 2021 is home-based which is in response to the current conditions under COVID-19. The home-based program recognizes parents as the primary teachers of the Faith. In order to assist the parents in their role, the Diocese provides coaching support for parents delivered via Zoom. Visit <https://www.catholicyc.ca/sacraments.html> to learn about how the course is structured, the schedule of home-based classes, the materials you will need, and the resources that are available for support.

First Communion/Eucharist.

If you were registered for First Reconciliation in the fall you are also registered for this Sacrament. An email was sent out to parents this past week with details. If you would like to register for First Holy Communion but did not complete preparation for First Reconciliation in the fall please contact the parish office.

Preparation for First Holy Communion will start in **February 2021**. All of the resources that may assist parents in preparing their children for the Sacraments of Initiation will be available by accessing <https://www.catholicyc.ca/firsteucharist.html>

Confirmation

Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation has now begun and will continue until **January 31** 2021, with preparation beginning in **February**.

The Diocese of Calgary has selected an on-line program called *Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation* by Ascension Press. *Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation* takes young people on a journey through the entire Catholic faith in all its richness and vitality. Candidates for confirmation will have to register twice. Once with the Parish using the forms available at www.stmaryscalgary.ca/, at the main entrance of the Cathedral, or by contacting the parish office. Then a second time with Ascension Press in order to receive access to the virtual lessons, exercises, etc.

Please contact Lillian at 403-228-4170 or Lillian@stmaryscalgary.com if you have questions.

Thank you to all who all who contributed to the **new water tank**. It was successfully installed and the Priests are once again enjoying hot water showers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 11

7:30 am Wendy Armeneau (INT)	5:00 pm Shirley Arges (INT)
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Tuesday, January 12

7:30 am Joseph Sklar (RIP)	5:00 pm Noel & Nora Larioza (INT)
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Wednesday, January 13

7:30 am Souls In Purgatory	5:00 pm Souls In Purgatory
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Thursday, January 14

7:30 am Elizabeth Campbell (RIP)	5:00 pm Sandford Wise (RIP)
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Friday, January 15

7:30 am Lana Bickert (INT)	5:00 pm Western Canada HS Students (INT)
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Saturday, January 16

	5:00 pm Clement D'Souza (RIP)
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Sunday, January 17

8:00 am Maria Fraser (INT)	10:00 am Lillian Meagher (RIP)
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12:00 pm Parishioners of St. Mary's Cathedral
