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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.



**DONATIONS OVER THE PHONE
& ON LINE BY USING THE QR
CODE**

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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FEBRUARY 21, 2021 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Looking ahead by looking back

Modern life moves fast and it's easy to forget how blessed we truly are because of our faith in Jesus. After the great tragedy of Good Friday, Jesus told his disciples on Easter Sunday: *I am with you always, to the very end of the age* (Mt 28:20). Because of the COVID pandemic, the year 2020 was an extraordinary year of suffering and it's easy to forget the Lord's presence sacramentally, liturgically, and in our personal response to faith.

I want to express my gratitude to all of you because of your faith. As a result, the Cathedral continues to be a place of spiritual refuge where people can encounter Jesus.

As proof that the Lord has been with us in our Cathedral community, let's look back to review some of the last year's highlights:

- the Cathedral's bells are ringing for the first time in 2 years;
- the regular celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation has resumed;
- Eucharistic Adoration and Sacrament of Reconciliation occurred on the 4 Fridays of Advent from 8AM-8PM;
- 8 Masses were offered on Christmas Eve and Day;
- your generosity toward 2 projects in late 2020:
 - \$20,000 high-speed Internet connectivity in the Cathedral, Rectory/Office and Parish Hall
 - \$10,000 Rectory/Office hot water tank replacement;
- despite the expenses above and the year-end staff severance payments, the Cathedral operated in a financial surplus in 2020 for the first time since 2013.

What does the year ahead look like? Below are 4 areas that build upon 2020's successes:

St Francis Xavier Chaplaincy Integration: because 'heart speaks to heart' the influx of the Chaplaincy's highly engaged young Catholics will encourage the young professionals residing in the Cathedral neighbourhood to accept the love of Christ and his Church.

Cathedral as a place for prayer: begun in early February, the Cathedral now hosts Eucharistic Adoration with the availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Friday from 8AM-5PM, and has reinstated the Saturday 9AM Mass.

Stewardship: Evident during the COVID pandemic, I want to build upon it by creating a Stewardship Committee to emphasize a culture of blessing: where we encounter the Lord's love so we can share His divine blessing with others.

Structural improvements: the *Morrison Hershfield* consultancy group is working to identify structural and mechanical deficiencies in the Cathedral's three buildings. I anticipate the repair work will be substantial, both in scope and cost. However, these investments will ensure the Cathedral's physical viability for many years to come. While waiting for their report, there is a need to install in all the Cathedral's 3 buildings LED lights for improved safety and lower maintenance costs. The cost of this work will be approximately \$50,000.

Included in the bulletin is the **2020 Financial and Pastoral Year-end report**. Also, if you are interested in sharing your time, talent and treasure in 2021, you are welcome to consider making a **Pre-Authorised** contribution, and also to **volunteer** here at the Cathedral. Both forms are attached.

I am with you always, to the very end of the age. By looking back at a tumultuous 2020, I'm overwhelmed by your generosity demonstrated by your faith. As life races ahead (COVID- free?) in 2021, let us continue to place our trust in the Lord's continual presence.
Fr John Nemanic Rector- St Mary's Cathedral

Readings for February 28 — Second Sunday in Lent

First Reading: (Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18) The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

Second Reading: (Romans 8:31b-35, 37++) God did not withhold his own Son.

Gospel: (Mark 9:2-10) This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him.

Stewardship of Treasure — Feb. 6 to Feb. 12, 2021

General Collections	Last Week
Envelopes/Loose/Debit/etc.	\$4,494.00
Other Income	\$4,513.00
Federal Gov't Grant	\$9,374.00
Total	\$18,381.00

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 and providing crucial support to care for your parish during this difficult time. **It is now possible to**

make your regular offertory gift donation through a variety of means: by phone or in person when the parish office is open, by mail, by using the drop-box locations in the church, or by making a debit/credit donation at the Gift booth before and after Masses. Our parish relies on our regular offertory giving for maintenance and growth so please consider the use of a **pre-authorized offertory gift**. Forms are available on the Cathedral website as well as at the main entrance. Finally, 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 are available for pick-up at the Gift booth before/after Masses or by visiting the Parish office. **2021 tax receipts** have been mailed out.



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. In particular, let us remember Dr. Nancy Maguire, Renee Wilson, Dawnette Humphrey, Irene Glackin, Peter McGourty, Yolanda Tristan, Bob and Leslie Choquette, and Laura Meier. For those who have died in Christ, especially the victims of the Corona Virus, that they be resurrected with Him into eternal life.

Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God. Throughout Lent:

Eucharistic Adoration: every Friday (8:00 am–4:30 pm). **Confession** available throughout the day.

Stations of the Cross: Please consider taking thirty minutes of time each week to reflect on the final hours of Jesus' life by taking part in the Stations of the Cross which will begin after the 5:00 pm Mass. This Friday the Stations will be lead by St. Francis Xavier Chaplaincy.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend for married Christian couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. The emphasis is on communication between husband and wife, who spend a weekend together away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life, to concentrate on each other. You're invited to join a virtual Marriage Encounter weekend Feb 26-28. Fr John Nemanic will be one of the weekend's presenters. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/1opx45gt>.

The **Lectio Divina 2021 Compendium** is a book that helps people build a daily relationship with the Holy Scriptures. The book is available in the Gift booth.



Monday, Feb. 22

7:30 am Katrina Biebert (INT)
5:00 pm Carol Honey (RIP)

Tuesday, Feb. 23

7:30 am Joshua Bickert (INT)
5:00 pm Chris K. (INT)

Wednesday, Feb. 24

7:30 am Alphonse Kohlman (RIP)
5:00 pm Augustine Toth (RIP)

Thursday, Feb. 25

7:30 am Antonio Berthe (INT)
5:00 pm Anna Haskova (RIP)

Friday, Feb. 26

7:30 am Juan Carolos Giron (RIP)
5:00 pm Rev. Dennis McDonald (RIP)

Saturday, Feb. 27

9:00 am Carol Kyle (RIP)
5:00 pm Edilberto Almonia Gordillo (INT)

Sunday, Feb. 28

8:00 am Jack Carey (RIP)
10:00 am Betty Mercier (RIP)
12:00 Noon St. Mary's Parishioners

RCA Rite of Election: This Sunday, the catechumens of St. Mary's Cathedral Parish will celebrate the **Rite of Election**. It is through this Rite that they become the Elect and begin their period of Purification and Enlightenment on their journey towards the sacraments of initiation celebrated at the Easter Vigil. The Church is called upon to surround the elect with prayer, so that we may all accompany and lead them to encounter Christ. **Please pray for our catechumens.** Also during the Rite of Election, our candidates, those journeying towards full communion with the church through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, will be called to Lenten renewal. **Please remember our candidates in your prayers .**



The St. Francis Xavier Chaplaincy for university students and young adults in the Diocese of Calgary is now headquartered at St. Mary's Cathedral under the direction of Fr. Cristino Bouvette, Vicar for Vocations and Young Adults. They host a regular Sunday 4:00 PM Mass at the Cathedral, open to all Cathedral parishioners. **Pre-registration for Masses is strongly encouraged.**

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul – The Society is **expanding our service** to the needy! We are launching a **new Buddy Call** program. If you would like a friendly phone call, call the SSVP at (403-397-6028), select option 3, and leave a message requesting a Buddy Call. **Volunteers are much appreciated and needed** to support our Buddy Program (as a Caller) and/or Food Hamper deliveries. Please call SSVP if you can help. Financial donations are welcomed by marking your envelopes to St. Mary's "SSVP". **Online Donation is now available**, please click [HERE](#) 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.

**St. Mary Cathedral
Parish Financial Update
as at December 31, 2020**

Income Statement		
	Jan – Dec 20	Jan - Dec 19
Ordinary Income/Expense Income		
Collection	\$489,203	\$597,874
Other Collections	\$3,135	\$3,112
Donation/Grant*	\$241,092	\$166,154
Fundraising	\$368	\$5,000
Other**	\$97,354	\$144,965
Total Income	\$831,151	\$917,105
Expenses		
Salaries***	\$476,519	\$552,192
Maintenance	\$191,782	\$136,181
Rectory	\$30,397	\$39,279
Admin/Office	\$73,138	\$84,067
Assessment****	\$23,970	\$105,423
Programs	\$28,367	\$59,735
Total Expenses	\$824,172	\$976,877
Net Ordinary Income	\$6,979	(\$59,772)

Balance Sheet		
	31-Dec-20	31-Dec-19
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Chequing	\$95,090	\$22,157
Savings/other	\$34,196	\$200,072
Total Current Assets	\$129,286	\$222,229
Fixed Assets	\$1,708,812	\$1,708,812
Total Assets	\$1,838,098	\$1,931,041
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Total Liabilities	\$20,176	\$120,098
Total Parish Equity	\$1,817,922	\$1,810,943
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Notes:

Donation/Grant*: includes the Diocesan subsidy and Government wage subsidies.

Other:** includes priests residence rental fees, online donations, parish hall rental, and maintenance fund.

Salaries*:** this included the severance, payroll tax and vacation in-lieu payments

Assessment**:** the amount that parishes pay for the work of the entire Diocese.

For further information please contact:

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St. Mary's Finance Council members: Arthur Affonso, Korean Barron, Dennis Foraie, Arnie Godin, Daryl MacLeod, Patrick Ojo and Paul Valentine

**St. Mary Cathedral
Parish Sacramental Reception Update
as at December 31, 2020**

	2020	Difference between 2020 and 2019	2019	Difference between 2019 and 2018	2018	Difference between 2018 and 2017	2017
Baptism	31	-47%	59	5%	56	-14%	65
First Communion	35	21%	29	-22%	37	32%	28
Confirmation	29	-15%	34	6%	32	-9%	35
Weddings	13	-43%	23	35%	17	-50%	34
Funerals	20	-17%	24	9%	22	-15%	26
Profession of Faith	0	-100%	9	50%	6	200%	2



ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL
Direct Debit/ Credit Card Authorization Form

Please Print Clearly

Last Name _____ Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

e-mail address _____

Phone Number _____ Cell Number _____

Credit Card Number _____ Expiry Date _____ CVV Number _____

or Account Number _____

(Please attach void Cheque for verification Information)

Bank _____ Branch _____

Please specify below which funds you would like your gifts to be directed towards in what amount:

Offering Type	Weekly	Monthly(Indicate) 1 st ./15 th /30 th .	Annually	Other Date	One Time Donation
Sunday Offering	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Maintenance	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Together in Action (TIA)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
St. Anthony's Fund (Poor)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Altar Flowers Fund	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

ONCE A YEAR

New Year's Day	_____	January 1 st .
Seminarian Fund	_____	April 25
Holy Thursday – Share Lent	_____	TBD
Good Friday – Holy Land	_____	TBD
Easter	_____	TBD
Pope's Pastoral Works	_____	May 15
World Mission Sunday	_____	Oct. 15
Catholic Education	_____	Nov. 15
Mission Mexico	_____	Dec. 12
Christmas	_____	Dec. 25

**For weekly monthly/annual gifts where the date is not already noted, please specify the date you wish to have your gifts withdrawn in the fourth column provided.

I authorize St. Mary's Cathedral, 219 – 18th Ave. SW, Calgary, Alberta to receive the amounts mentioned above from my Master Card/ Visa or by Direct Debit in instalments as specified above. I understand that I can change or delete my donation amount at any time with written confirmation to the Parish Staff. I understand that I must allow at least 2 weeks to allow these changes to be applied.

Signature _____

Date _____

**If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 403 228-4170.

Ways to Serve at the Cathedral

As the mother church of the Diocese and a landmark in Calgary's downtown, the Cathedral community has a wonderful opportunity to be a place of spiritual comfort and refuge to so many because of the COVID pandemic.

Would you consider helping the Cathedral by using your talents to bring others to Jesus and the Church? Be assured that everyone who volunteers will be kept safe by following the Province of Alberta's and the Diocese of Calgary's directives, as well as receiving training and support.

Please complete the following information:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Please check off the ministry you would like to participate in and your preferred Mass Time. You may select more than one if you wish:

<u>Liturgical Ministries</u>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Art & Environment	<input type="checkbox"/> Lector	<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Mass COVID Screening	<input type="checkbox"/> Usher
<u>Community Life Ministries</u> (not Mass-time dependent)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Women's League	<input type="checkbox"/> Collection Counter*	<input type="checkbox"/> Information & Gift booth	
<input type="checkbox"/> Knights of Columbus	<input type="checkbox"/> St. Vincent de Paul*		
<i>*Police information and reference checks are required in these ministries</i>			

Your Mass Availability

- Mon. 7:30am Tue. 7:30am Wed. 7:30am Thu. 7:30am Fri. 7:30am Sat. 9:00am
 Mon. 5:00pm Tue. 5:00pm Wed. 5:00pm Thu. 5:00pm Fri. 5:00pm
 Sat. 5:00pm Sun. 8:00am Sun. 10:00am Sun. 12:00pm Sun. 7:00pm

Please return this form by:

- scanning and emailing to Marilyn@stmaryscalgary.com
- handing it into the Gift and Info booth
- depositing it into the black Donation boxes

Thank you for your generosity!