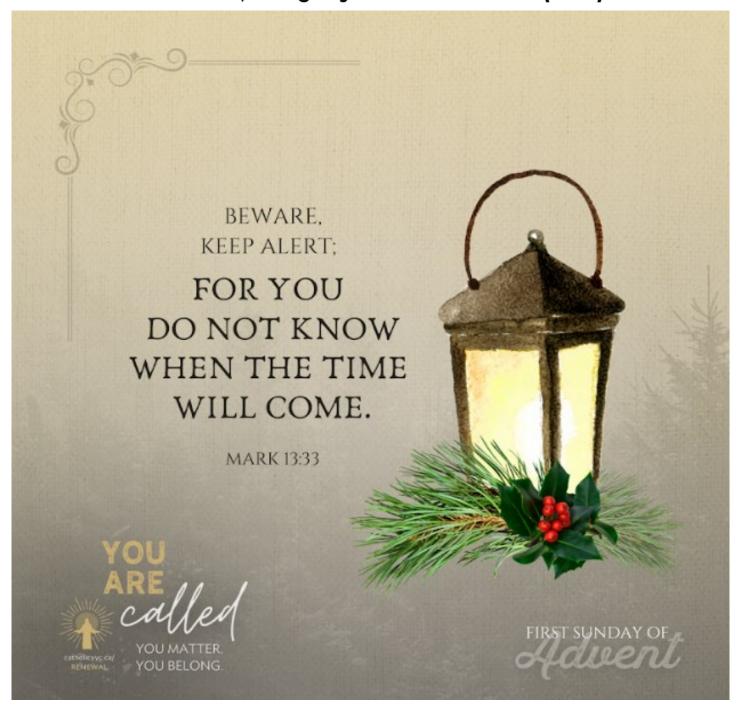
# ST. CECILIA'S PARISH

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Dec 2/Dec 3, 2023

### **MASS TIMES & PARISH INFO**

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### **Music Director:**

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### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday 5pm Sunday 9am & 11am

**Weekday Masses** 

**Tuesday to Saturday** 9:00am

**First Friday** 

Mass at 7pm (no 9am Mass)

# PARISH OFFICE

Office is closed on Mondays Tues to Fri 9am to 4pm Lunch break 12:00 - 1pm

# Are you NEW or recent to our parish?

Welcome! If you have been consistently for 6 months or more, please pick up a registration form from our Information Desk in the foyer.

### **Confessions**



**Every Saturday** 3pm -4pm Or by appointment



## **Adoration**

**Fridays:** 

9:30am - 6:00pm

**First Friday:** 

9am to 6pm



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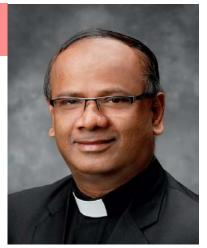


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# FR. PAUL'S COLUMN SAINT OF THE WEEK

### ST. JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN

DEC 9<sup>TH</sup>



St. Juan Diego was born in 1474 as Cuauhtlatoatzin, a native to Mexico. He became the first Roman Catholic indigenous saint from the Americas. When he was 50 years old, he was baptized by a Franciscan priest, Fr Peter da Gand, one of the first Franciscan missionaries.

On 9 December 1531, when St. Juan Diego was on his way to morning Mass, the Blessed Mother appeared to him on Tepeyac Hill, the outskirts of what is now Mexico City. Mary told Juan Diego she was the mother of all those who lived in his land and asked him to make a request to the local bishop. She wanted them to build a chapel in her honor there on Tepeyac Hill, which was the site of a former pagan temple.

The Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, located at the foot of Tepeyac, houses the cloak (tilmahtli) that is traditionally said to be Juan Diego's, and upon which the image of the Virgin is said to have been miraculously impressed as proof of the authenticity of the apparitions.

St. Juan Diego died in 1548 and was buried in the first chapel dedicated to the Virgin of Guadalupe. He was beatified on 6 May 1990 by Pope John Paul II in

the Basilica of Santa Maria di Guadalupe, Mexico City and was Canonized on July 31, 2002, by Pope John Paul tine Fathers Community (Society of the Catholic II. St. Juan Diego is the patron saint of Indigenous people.

### Saying of the Saint

"I am a nobody, I am a small rope, a tiny ladder, the tail end, a leaf." - St. Juan Diego.

Fr. Paul Raj, SAC has been the pastor at St. Cecilia's since November 2014 and is part of the Pallot-Apostolate) who's patron is St. Vincent Pallotti. St. Cecilia's is his first parish in Canada. He comes from the Tamil province of India. He was also in the Philippines for 3 years serving and studying.

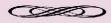
St. Vincent Pallotti

To learn more about the Pallottine Fathers please visit their website: www.pallotti.org





### Mass Intentions



Saturday, Dec 2

9:00am: †Salvacion Sestoso

5:00pm: Int. Vital & Frieda Morrissette—60th Wedd. Ann.

Sunday, Dec 3

9:00am: †Bill Eldeiry

11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

Monday, Dec 4 No Mass

Tuesday, Dec 5

9:00am: †Fe & Gregorio Aguilar

Wednesday, Dec 6

9:00am: Int. John Wojtowicz

Thursday, Dec 7

9:00am: Int. Cory & Shawna Wojtowicz & Family

Friday, Dec 8

9:00am: †Andrew Appolloni

Saturday, Dec 9

9:00am: †Fred Dauk

5:00pm: Int. Edilberto Alfonso—Birthday

Sunday, Dec 10

9:00am: †Maria Loreto & Estevan Palomo

11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

Mass	Read	ings

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Saturday, Dec 2 (9am) Daniel 7:15-27 Luke 21:34-36	Sun, Dec 3 Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8 1 Corinthians 1.3-9 Mark 13.33-37	
Mon, Dec 4 (no Mass) Isaiah 2:1-5 Matthew 8:5-11	<u>Tuesday, Dec 5</u> Isaiah 11.1-10 Luke 10:21-24	
Wednesday, Dec 6 Isaiah 25:6-10a Matthew 15:29-37	<u>Thursday, Dec 7</u> Isaiah 26:1-6 Matthew 7:21, 24-27	
Friday, Dec 8 (Immaculate Conception) Genesis 3:9-15 Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 Luke 1:26-38	Saturday, Dec 9 (9am) Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 Matthew 9:35-10.1, 5a, 6-8	

Sunday, Dec 10

Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11 2 Peter 3.8-14 Mark 1.1-8

# The Pope's Prayer Intention

Dec 2023

For persons with disabilities We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society,

and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



Got bottles for refunding? We have a large, marked wooden box in the hall where the double doors are for those who wish to donate their bottles. All the refunds collected from these donations support our Youth Group. Please rinse bottles before donating. This is a great place to drop bottles from any holiday celebrations!

# Parish News Update



Every year we adorn the Altar at Christmas with poinsettias. If you would like to make a donation toward the flowers in memory of a

loved one, please use the special envelopes found at the Information Desk in the foyer. The names will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. 2023 donations must be in by December 31st. All cheques dated after December 31, 2023 will not be included in your 2023 Tax Re-

ceipt.

### **WELCOME HOME WEBINAR**

https://www.catholicyyc.ca/ renewal.html

Everyone is invited to register for this free online workshop on how to make our parishes a more inviting and welcoming place. The more people that attend the more we can spread the renewal!

### Thur. Dec 7 at 6:30pm

Join this exciting online session with Fr. Troy Nguyen, Dr. Lance Dixon, and Dr. Bonnie Annicchiarico as we explore ways to truly welcome others home this Christmas and throughout the year.

### **St. Vincent de Paul Society** 403-252-2790 ext. 223

### **Spiritual**

Sometimes we are ready - as individuals, as a family, as a couple - to seek some opportunities to experience Advent with a different spirit. We are ready to have our hearts opened and engaged by doing some service for others. We know from past experience, or we've heard from others, that this is a very rewarding and grace-filled way to enter into Advent. It helps us to prepare for Christmas because we focus on how grateful we are and we enter into the spirit of sharing by allowing us to imitate our Savior who simply gave of his very self for us. And, it helps us get closer to the experience of the poor and needy of our world. We think about their needs and we do something - even if it is a small thing - to reach out.

### **Pantry**

At this time our pantry could use the following: white sugar (2kg), jello-powder, pancake mix (just add water), pancake syrup. Please drop pantry items in our large white wooden box located in the church entrance (leading to the washrooms). Thank you!

Parish financial support -Thank you!			
	Nov 11/Nov 12	Nov 18/Nov 19	Nov 25/Nov 26
Parish support (Envelopes + Loose)	\$3,907.85	\$3,090.00	\$3,242.00
Together in Action	\$435.00	\$65.00	\$105.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$355.60	\$175.00	\$900.00
Building Maintenance	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$45.00
Catholic Education	\$1,017.00	\$70.00	_

**DIRECT DEBIT FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER: \$10,165.00** (includes special donations outside of parish support)

### **UPCOMING BAPTISM PREP CLASSES**



Sat. Jan. 6 at 9:30am

Sat. Feb. 3 at 9:30am

Sat. Mar. 2 at 9:30am

You must sign up through the office.





Class Dates for 1st Rec (Sat. at 10am): Dec 9, Jan 13

Retreat and Celebration of Sacrament on Saturday, March 9, 2024

Class Dates for 1st Comm (Sat. at 10am): Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 16,

Apr 13, Jun 1

Celebration of Sacrament on Saturday, June 2, 2024 at the 11am Mass

Class Dates for Confirm. (Sat. at 10am): Dec 30, Jan 20, Feb 10, Mar 23

Celebration of Sacrament still to be determined



Donation boxes for 2024 are now out for pickup!

### **ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE FOR OUR PARISH**

Thursday, December 21st 6:30pm—7:30pm

# 2023 TIA GOAL: 31.539 Raised: 22,773.00 (72%)

Together in Action (formerly known as the Annual Bishop's Appeal) makes it possible for the Diocese to financially support ministries and programs that help families, individuals and communities (Elizabeth House, Mission Mexico, Care of Retired Priests, Vocations, etc). THESE DONATIONS CON-

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Email the parish office to be added to the list. By signing up you can expect the following: Help reduce our printing cost, Diocese News, Parish Alerts (emergencies, last minute notices). Your email address is kept private and is not visible to anyone.



**Practice**: December 3rd at 1pm





### **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

For monetary donations please make cheque to: "Society of St. Vincent de Paul—St. Cecilia Conference"

### **Christmas Food Hampers**

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be sorting, packing and delivering hampers next week starting on Monday, December 11 with deliveries on Saturday, December 16. All gift cards and food items are due next weekend.

The Angel Tree is in the foyer. Please take a gift card and bring back with the value amount written on. We would like increments of \$20 or \$25, preferably from Walmart. Cards are due by December 10th.

We are still in need of volunteers for our <u>Southwood Nursing</u> <u>Home Mass</u> on Tuesday mornings. Please contact Connie Claeys or the office if you can help out. Training is provided.



Sunday, December 17th 3rd Sunday of Advent		9:00am and 11:00am		
Monday, December 18th		No Mass		
Tuesday, December 19th			9:00am	
Wednesday, December 20th			9:00am	
Thursday, December 21st	Thursday, December 21st		9:00am	
Friday, December 22nd			9:00am	
Saturday, December 23rd		9:00am Daily Mass 5:00pm Mass (4th Sun. of Advent)		
Sunday, December 24th 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve Vigil	Mass Options  Sat evening + Sun evening  Sat evening + Mon morning  Sun morning + Mon morning		9:00am and 11:00am (4th Sunday of Advent) 5:00pm Vigil Mass with Pageant 11:00pm Vigil Mass	
Monday, December 25th  Christmas Day  Sun morning + Mon morning  Christmas Day		9:00am and 11:00am		
Tuesday, December 26th		9:00am		
Wednesday, December 27th		9:00am		
Thursday, December 28th		9:00am		
Friday, December 29th		9:00am		
Saturday, December 30th  Mass		9:00am Daily Mass 5:00pm Mass (Holy Family)		
Sunday, December 31st Holy I New Year's Eve—Solemnity of	, <del></del>	Options same as above	9:00am and 11:00am (Holy Family) 5:00pm Vigil Mass 11:00pm Vigil Mass	
Monday, January 1st  New Year's Day—Solemnity of the Mother of God			9:00am and 11:00am	



# Diocesan News

**NEWS.***CalgaryDiocese.ca* | FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING *in the* DIOCESE. Contact: 403-218-5500 | communications@calgarydiocese.ca

### **Advent Season**

Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation. During Advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

### **Advent Missions & Reflection**

**Dec. 4&5** | Holy Spirit Advent Mission – "Preparing for the Greatest Joy

Dec. 2 | CWL Calgary Region Women's Advent Retreat

Dec. 2 | CWL Medicine Hat Region Women's Advent Retreat

### **Advent & Christmas events**

**Dec. 2** | Christmas Concert, Paroisse Sainte-Famille, Calgary

Dec. 5 | Cappy Smart Band Concert - St. Gerard's, Calgary

Dec. 9 | The Living Nativity - St. James, Okotoks

Dec. 10 | Catholic Advent Market - St. Michael's, Calgary

Dec. 10 | Festival of Songs and Christmas Carols

Dec. 11 | Advent Carols & Cookies - Holy Name, Calgary

Dec. 17 | Nine Lessons and Carols - St. John Choir Schola

Dec. 17 | Cocoa & Christmas Sing-Along - St. Joseph's, Calgary

### **Simbang Gabi Masses**

Dec. 2 | Simbang Gabi, St. Anthony's & St. Albert the Great, Calgary

Dec. 3 | Simbang Gabi, Ste. Famille, Calgary

Dec. 8 | Simbang Gabi, Holy Spirit, Calgary

Dec. 9 | Simbang Gabi, St. Michael's, Calgary

Dec. 10 | Simbang Gabi, St. Gerard, Calgary

Dec. 14-22 | Simbang Gabi - St. Mary's, Brooks

Dec. 15 | Simbang Gabi, Sacred Heart, Calgary

Dec. 16 | Simbang Gabi, St. Luke's & St. Patrick's, Calgary

Dec. 17 | Simbang Gabi, St. Cecilia, Calgary

Dec. 22 | Simbang Gabi, Ascension, Calgary

Dec. 23 | Simbang Gabi, Sacred Heart, Calgary



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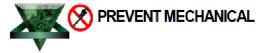
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No postings at this time.

### **Elizabeth House Christmas Wish List**

Let us bring a joyful Christmas to the residents of Elizabeth House and help them fulfil their wish list! Elizabeth House currently serves 7 women, 6 babies (one on the way) in residence, and 3 women and 3 babies in outreach. If you want to check the current most items from the list, please contact Sarah needed er at sarah.cormier@calgarydiocese.ca Donations are accepted from the Wish List on December 14 between 9 am to 12 pm and 1-3 pm at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary). Volunteers will be at the Pastoral Centre to accept your donations. Please stop on 17th Avenue in front of the main doors and we will gratefully accept your donation.

### Winter Gifts for Guests at Feed the Hungry

As the winter chill sets in, let's warm hearts and hands together! We cordially invite you to participate in the "Feed the Hungry winter gifts drive". Your contribution, be it **new mittens, gloves, socks, toques or \$10 gift cards** from fast food places, can make a significant difference our guests. These tokens of care will be distributed to Feed the Hungry's guests closer to Christmas. The deadline to drop off Winter gifts for guests of the Feed the Hungry is **Wednesday, Dec. 6** at St. Mary's Cathedral during business hours. If you have any questions, please email: <a href="mailto:feedthehungry@calgarydiocese.ca">feedthehungry@calgarydiocese.ca</a> or call 403-218-5532.

**The Living Nativity** As we prepare for Christmas this year, St James Parish, in Okotoks, invites you to come and walk through the Town of Bethlehem and meet the Holy Family in this live replica of the Christmas Nativity. The Living Nativity will take place on **Saturday, Dec. 9 from 4 to 8 pm** in the field next to the Church parking lot. The address is 338040 32nd St East, Okotoks. Admission is free. Donations will be gratefully accepted and given to charity. There will be light, warm refreshments available for a small fee in the Church hall. More

**Advent Mission with Fr. Dan** Join Holy Spirit's Advent Mission "Preparing for the Greatest Joy" with guest speaker Friar Dan Gurnick. Mass will be celebrated at

7 pm, followed by presentation, refreshment and discussion. When: **Mon, Dec. 4 & Tue, Dec. 5 at 7 pm -** Holy Spirit Parish, Calgary. More

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**Hear the Angels Sing - High School Choral Festival** Come and listen to the High Choral Festival featuring choirs from Bishop Carroll, Bishop O'Byrne, Notre Dame, Bishop McNally, All Saints, St. Francis, St. Mary's and Our Lady of the Rockies. When: **Tue, Dec. 5 at 7 pm** - St. Michael's, Calgary. More

### **ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES FOR SOUTH CALGARY**

St. James: December 8th (Fri) 6:00pm—7:00pm

St. Mark's: December 8th (Fri) 6:30pm—9:00pm

Holy Name: December 13 (Wed): 7:00pm

St. Gerard: December 14 (Thurs): 7:00pm

St. Bonaventure: December 20 (Wed) 7:00pm—9:00pm





Get into the Christmas Spirit early! Come out this Monday at 10am to help us put up Christmas trees and our Nativity Set. More hands make lighter work. Meet in the main church.

from the ladies of the Catholic Women's League to all parishioners of St. Cecilia for your generosity in supporting our Bake & Craft Sale, the Cookie Walk and our delicious Christmas Cake sale. This is the time of year when we disburse our funds to charity and because of you, we can help out eight different groups who are in

need. Thank you very much.

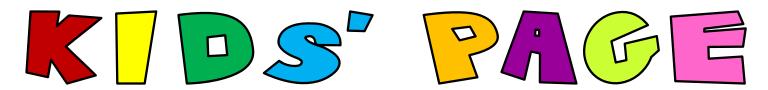
### **Cappy Smart Band**

Our neighbours at St. Gerard Parish would like to invite you to the Cappy Smart Band Christmas Concert on Tues. Dec 5th at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$10/person or \$25/family (max 4). This is a great way to get into the festive spirit while enjoying the talents of the City of Calgary's Fire Department Community Band.

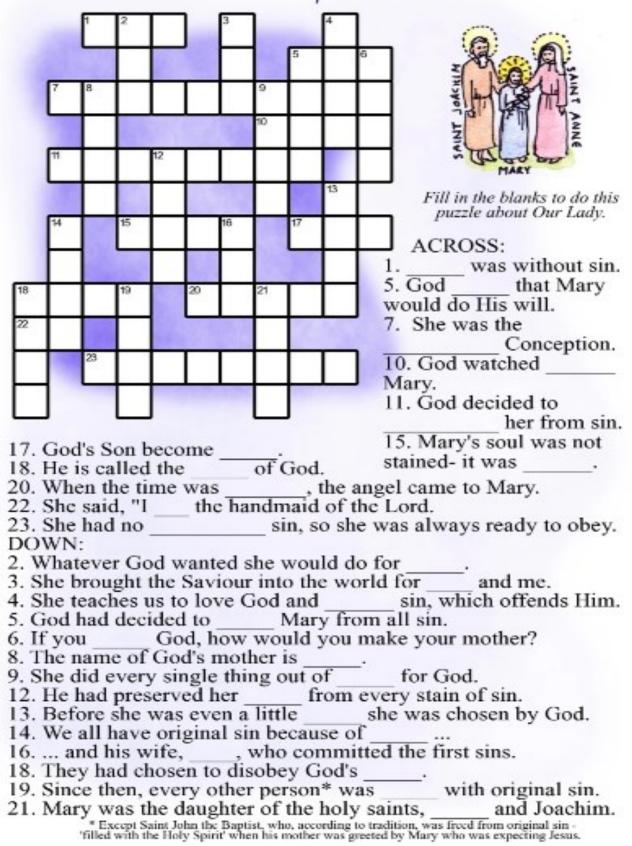
### That Man Is You!

A great program for fathers and grandfathers, held at St. James Parish (Okotoks) hall on Saturday mornings from 7am to 9am. Contact Ken Moen for more info:

kenmoen19@gmail.com



# Immaculate Conception Cross-Word



# ADVENT CALENDAR 2023

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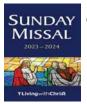
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Coordinator	sacraments@stceciliacalgary.o	com	Youth Coordinator	Veronica Planicka st.cecilaparish.y	outh@gmail.con

ROOM BOOKINGS		
Monday	Dec 4	
Tuesday	Dec 5	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Bible Study (Boardroom) 1:00pm— CWL Executive (Boardroom) 6:00pm- CWL Christmas Dinner (Hall) 7:00pm—RCIA (Boardroom)
Wednesday	Dec 6	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 7:00pm—Sunday Choir Practice
Thursday	Dec 7	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 6:30pm WELCOME BACK WEBINAR
Friday	Dec 8	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 6:00pm—Couples For Christ (Aud)
Saturday	Dec 9	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Sacrament Class 3:00pm-4:00pm—CONFESSION 5:00pm—MASS 6:00pm—Couples For Christ (Hall+Aud)
Sunday	Dec 10	9:00am—MASS 11:00am—MASS 4:00pm—Nigerian Choir Practice



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Every First Friday beginning with the 7pm Mass. Night concludes by 9pm.

Next meeting: Jan 5



Tuesdays after the 9am Mass. New members welome!

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**: last Tuesday of the month after

the 9am Mass. New knitters

welcome. Yarn available. Next meet:

Tues. January 30th