



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre

FOR NOVEMBER 11, 2018 | 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ORDINATION TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

Join us as we welcome two permanent deacons on **Friday, Nov. 17**, 7:30 pm, at St. Mary's Cathedral. Dale Laing and Joseph Gingo have gone through the permanent diaconate program preparation for service to the local Church. They will be ordained permanent deacons at St. Mary's Cathedral by Bishop William McGrattan. All are welcome to attend.

MISSION MEXICO | DEC. 12

Dec. 12 (Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe) is designated as "Mission Mexico Day" in the Diocese of Calgary. For nineteen years the people of our diocese have given their support and faith in sharing with the struggles of our brothers and sisters in southern Mexico. You may give your financial donation through your parish's second collection on Dec. 8/9 or at participating Catholic schools on Wednesday, Dec. 12.

#REDWEDNESDAY | NOV. 21

A pontifical charity, *Aid to the Church in Need*, has designated **Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018** as **Red Wednesday**: A day dedicated to drawing attention to persecuted Christians throughout the world. It is hoped that each parish in the Diocese will consider organising an event for Red Wednesday. Here is a link to some suggestions of how you can commemorate that day from **wearing red** to saying a prayer. Visit <http://blog.calgarydiocese.ca/redwednesday>

MIKE MACDONALD VISITS CALGARY

Mike MacDonald, Mission Mexico representative, will share about the good work that is being done through the support offered to Mission Mexico. He will be at St. Mary's, Cochrane at all Masses on **Nov 17 & 18**. For more information, contact Sr. Rita Kim at 403-218-5513 | www.missionmexico.com

BRIDGING BORDERS

Meet Fr. Nawras Sammour SJ from Aleppo, Syria (Regional Director of Jesuit Refugee Service – Middle East) and get an update on the situation in Syria and in neighbouring countries. When: **Friday, Nov. 23**, from 7 to 9 pm. Where: St. Stephen Protomartyr Church (4903 45 St. SW, Calgary).

WORLD CRISIS: PATHWAY TO PEACE

Join Fr. Adrian Martens, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, and the Calgary Interfaith Council Dialogue Co-chair, in a dialogue on the state of the world today and the response of religions. The dialogue will cover the topic of problems in society and how religions can address these problems through peaceful means benefiting society at large. When: **Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018** at 6:30 to 8 pm. Where: Prince of Faith, Lutheran Church (2523 56 St. NE, Calgary). All are welcome!

MEMORIAL LITURGY FOR THOSE MOURNING THE LOSS OF A CHILD THROUGH MISCARRIAGE OR STILLBIRTH |

When families lose a baby in the womb, the cries of birth go unheard; the grasp of tiny fingers slips away. This profound loss needs articulation. We invite you to gather and to commend our children communally into the embrace of our merciful God and to support those who are grieving the loss of a child. Memorial Liturgy will be held on:

- **Friday, Nov. 23** at 7 pm, at Sacred Heart Church (1307 14 St SW, Calgary). For more information, call 403-218-5500 | www.miscarriageliturgy.ca
- **Friday, Nov. 23** at 7 pm, at Assumption Church (All Saints Parish, 2405 12 Ave South, Lethbridge). For more information, call 403-327-8931.

REGISTER FOR MARRIAGE PREPARATION

"For Better & For Ever..." Marriage Preparation is for all couples preparing for marriage. Upcoming sessions: **Nov. 19** (followed by Dec. 7-8) at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, Calgary. Contact 403-218-5505 or register online at events.calgarydiocese.ca

BOOKKEEPER WANTED

St. Gabriel the Archangel, Chestermere is seeking a candidate with a high school diploma, business administration/accounting diploma, or equivalent training and business experience and a sound knowledge of financial accounting and a minimum of 2-3 years of related bookkeeping experience. For more information about these positions, qualifications and application details, see our website: <http://careers.calgarydiocese.ca>

MASSES FOR FR. BERNIE BLACK

Masses are going to be offered for the repose of the soul of Fr. Bernie Black on:

- **Thursday, Nov. 15** at 7 pm | St. Joseph's Church, Calgary.
- **Friday, Nov. 23** at 7 pm | St. Bernadette's Church, Calgary.

DELIVERING CHRISTMAS HAMPERS | All parish volunteers who are **assigned to deliver or bring** the Christmas Hampers to recipients are reminded that they must have a valid Vulnerable Sector Police Information Check (VSPIC). If you have any questions, contact your Christmas Hamper Ministry Coordinator.

CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD APPEAL

At Feed the Hungry's 5th Annual Christmas Dinner, we invite you to please give our 500+ guests a \$10 gift card to a fast food restaurant. Last year, your generosity gave 600 guests a meal. Your gift or money (for us to shop for you) can be dropped off at St. Mary's Cathedral Hall (Sundays only) or the Catholic Pastoral Centre (business hours) **by December 7**. Once again, thank you for your generosity to help us make their Christmas Dinner special. For more information, contact Sartre at feedthehungry@calgarydiocese.ca

LAY ASSOCIATION SEMINAR: CHURCH OF THE POOR | Join Fr. Adrian Martens, Episcopal Vicar for Lay Associations for a seminar and lunch hosted by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for all the registered Lay Associations of the Diocese of Calgary. When: **Saturday, Nov. 24**, from 10 am to 2 pm at St. Anthony's Church (5340 - 4 St. SW, Calgary). All are welcome to join, even if your lay association group has not yet registered. Maximum of 5 persons from each association may attend due to capacity. Register by Nov. 17, call 403-218-5501 or register online at: <http://events.calgarydiocese.ca>

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Come to the Mount St. Francis' Annual Christmas Pageant on **Sunday, Dec. 2, at 2 pm** (41160 Retreat Road, Cochrane). There will be live music, bonfire, sleigh ride and an outdoor pageant. Please dress accordingly. Non-perishable food or cash for Cochrane Food Bank will be greatly appreciated.

PRO-LIFE TALK AND SOCIAL AT ST. MICHAEL, CALGARY | St. Michael Catholic Community welcomes everyone to join Cameron Cote from the Canadian

Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform (CCBR) on **Friday, Nov. 16** as he presents on pro-life apologetics from a Catholic perspective.

ADVENT RENEWAL CHALLENGE

St. Paul's Church in Airdrie (1305 Main Street) welcomes everyone to four evenings when we will get help to prepare during Advent to celebrate the birth of our saviour, Jesus. Let's put Christ back into Christmas! When:

Wed., Nov. 29 at 7:30pm – "Why do we need Advent";
Wed., Dec 5 at 7 pm – "Is Jesus Really Coming Back";
Mon., Dec 10 at 7 pm – "Do I Know the Way";
Mon., Dec 17 at 7 pm – "Emmanuel: What is That?"
Refreshments will be provided.

ADVENT RETREAT | SISTERS OF DIVINE MERCY.

The Sisters of Divine Mercy invites you to enter into Sacred Silence in which God speaks to the heart. Retreat includes: confession, Mass, Conference, Adoration, Silent Prayer and Meditation (Lectio Divina). When: **Saturday, Dec. 15** at 10:30 am to 4 pm at the Divine Mercy Centre (15206 Township Rd. 262, Calgary T3P-1A7). For more information contact 587-755-1019 | www.sistersofdivinemercury.org

ENDING POVERTY BOOTCAMP

This is an interactive workshop presented by Food for the Hungry Canada. Participants will hear stories, facts and about development experience from the field, so as to gain an understanding of the origins of poverty, and an opportunity to develop a healthy personal response to issues of poverty. When: **Saturday, Nov. 17** at 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Where: St. Ambrose University (150 Ambrose Cir SW, Calgary).

ELIZABETH HOUSE

Elizabeth House is a life skills program and family-oriented home, which welcomes pregnant and parenting women who need a safe, supportive place to live. To learn how you can support Elizabeth House (financially or as a volunteer), contact Michelle Haywood at 403-228-9724.

DIOCESAN BLOG #CATHOLICYC

Read articles written by Catholic Pastoral Centre staff and guest writers at <http://blog.calgarydiocese.ca>

CATHOLIC PASTORAL CENTRE WILL BE CLOSED

on Monday, Nov. 12 to commemorate Remembrance Day.