



ST. PAUL'S PARISH BULLETIN

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December 31st, 2023 to January 6th, 2024



Good News INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 31

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Ps 105:1-7a, 8-9 or
Ps 128:1-5
Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or
Colossians 3:12-21
Luke 2:22-40

Monday, January 1 Mary, Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27
Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday, January 2 Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

1 Jn 2:22-28
Ps 98:1-4
Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday, January 3

1 Jn 2:29 – 3:6
Ps 98:1, 3c-6
Jn 1:29-34

Thursday, January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

1 Jn 3:7-10
Ps 98:1, 7-9
Jn 1:35-42

Friday, January 5 St. John Neumann, Bp

1 Jn 3:11-21
Ps 100:1b-5
Jn 1:43-51

Saturday, January 6

1 Jn 5:5-13
Ps 147:12-15, 19-20
Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38

"Joy mixed with drama marks the fifth [joyful] mystery, the finding of the twelve-year-old Jesus in the Temple." Saint John Paul the Great wrote this in *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, his interesting encyclical about the Rosary.

He continued: "Here he appears in his divine wisdom as he listens and raises questions, already in effect one who 'teaches'. The revelation of his mystery as the Son wholly dedicated to his Father's affairs proclaims the radical nature of the Gospel, in which even the closest of human relationships are challenged by the absolute demands of the Kingdom. Mary and Joseph, fearful and anxious, 'did not understand' his words."

We, too, often fail to understand the words of Jesus. His teachings challenge us to accept a more difficult life, a life of doing good to our enemies, turning the cheek and going the extra mile, a life of courageously standing up for the truth and adhering to high moral standards that are counter-cultural.

Our preference, when living this way is inconvenient or unpleasant, is to rationalize and make excuses for our worldly behavior. But once we truly understand the demands of the Kingdom of God, we see

their benefits and we obey gladly.

Without this understanding, we have to simply trust that the words of Jesus are right and true. Like Mary and Joseph, we need to ponder in our hearts what we don't understand, while moving forward and doing what Jesus wants us to do.

As challenging as this is, that's when we discover how amazing God is.

Reflect & Discuss:

† What teaching of the Church have you rationalized away so that you don't have to obey it? Or what teaching of Christ in the Sermon on the Mount (see Matt. 5, 6, 7) or elsewhere in the

Gospels do you excuse yourself from?

† How much is your disobedience due to not understanding what is really being taught?

† What will you do to seek and gain a better understanding?

† How meaningful is the Holy Family to you? What is it about the relationships between Jesus, Mary and Joseph that appeals to you?

† What has this taught you about God's Kingdom?



St Paul's Catholic Church Events & News

TIA - \$2 646.58 per month to meet goal

Income for Sep - \$38 085.00

Income for Oct - \$44 085.02

Income for Nov - \$50 512.40

Monthly: CF Loan - \$10 777.00

Expenses for Sep - \$46, 360.00

Expenses for Oct - \$43 100.00

Expenses for Nov - \$55 032.64

Monthly: Diocesan Support \$4 339.00

LOSS - \$8, 275.00

INCOME - 985.02

LOSS - \$4 520.24



**St. Paul's
Catholic Women's League**

wishes
you a
Happy New Year!

AIRDRIE DREAM VACATION RAFFLE 2024

Purchase tickets at airdriedreamvacation.ca.

Only 600 tickets printed

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\$35,760 in prizes and \$3,900 in Early Bird draws

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12 monthly draws for 48 prizes of \$120

60 DRAWS & ONLY 600 TICKETS WOW! GREAT ODDS



The Social & Fundraising Committee is kicking off the fundraising luncheon **on January 14th, Sunday, from 12pm to 2pm. Variety of homemade soups @ \$5.00 for 2 choices of soups. Hotdog + pop or juice for \$2.00. Tickets are limited.** Ticket sales on January 6th, 7th and 13th (or when tickets are sold out). We will be featuring homemade authentic Middle-East desserts for sale.

The Social & Fundraising Committee is launching a fundraising campaign in 2024. Our goal is \$24,000 for the building fund. This includes delicious cuisines around the world and other exciting events for the year.

Sponsorships Forms from Individuals & families, and Corporate for these luncheons/supper are now available from the office. For more information, you can reach out to Geraldine or Louisa at stpsocialfundraising@gmail.com

If you want to be a part of this awesome team, please contact Louisa or Geraldine at stpsocialfundraising@gmail.com

TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER!

DAY

DATE

TIME

MASS Intentions

Sunday-Holy Family	Dec 31	10:00am	SI – Deacons Doug, Gary & Ted
Sunday-New Years Eve	Dec 31	5:00pm	Pro Populo – for the people
Monday-New Years Day	Jan 1	10:00am	Pro Populo – for the people
Tuesday	Jan 2	12:00pm	RS - Billy Gleeson
Wednesday	Jan 3	9:00am	RS - Agnes Comeault
Thursday	Jan 4	9:00am	RS - Gabriel Keast
Friday	Jan 5	9:00am	SI - Fr. Julian Studden
Friday – Bethany Care	Jan 5	10:30am	SI - Silver Belles
Saturday	Jan 6	5:00pm	RS - deceased members of the Macklin family

Catholic Pastoral Centre

hours during Christmas break:

Mon, Jan. 1 – Closed

Tue, Jan. 2 - Open as usual

DAY	DATE	PARISH ACTIVITY	LOCATION	TIME
Sun	Dec 31			
Mon	Jan 1	Offices Closed for New Years Day		
Tues	Jan 2	Rosary Group	Nave	11:15am
		Office	VoMR	9:30 to noon
Wed	Jan 3	Rosary Group	Nave	8:25am
Thurs	Jan 4	Rosary Group	Nave	8:25am
		KofC Executive Meeting	Zoom	7:30 to 9:00pm
Fri	Jan 5	Rosary Group	Nave	8:25am
Sat	Jan 6	Reconciliation		3:45 to 4:45pm

TOGETHER IN ACTION – surplus will be directed towards paying down our Central Fund Loan. We need \$2 646.58 per month to meet our goal

GOAL \$31 759.00

Submitted: \$23 680.64

To Donate – St. Paul's Catholic Church (stpaulsairdrie.ca)

use the link **or** use our TIA envelopes, **or** St. Paul's direct deposit **or** credit card form. TIA donations can also be made online with the Calgary Diocese website at

[Donate to 2023 TIA - ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CALGARY \(catholiccycc.ca\)](http://Donate to 2023 TIA - ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CALGARY (catholiccycc.ca))

Parishioners will be able to identify our parish name, and their donation will be added to the collective goal of our parish.

Heidi
Tita
Wanda



Fr. Bob
Fr. Thomas
Deacon Doug
Deacon Gary
Deacon Ted

St Paul's Catholic Church Ministries & Sacraments



BAPTISMS – Registration and program details are currently available and done online only through our parish website [Sacrament of Baptism for Infants/Children/Youth – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://stpaulsairdrie.ca)

2023 Baptism Dates:

Jan 14th, Feb 11th, Mar 10th, Apr 28th, May 12th, June 2nd

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST (EUCHARIST) COMMUNION

[Sacrament of First Reconciliation & First Eucharist – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://stpaulsairdrie.ca) **CLOSED until FALL 2024**

CONFIRMATION

[Sacrament of Confirmation – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://stpaulsairdrie.ca) Registration OPEN online – closes Jan 10th

RCIA – For more information please contact the parish office and the RCIA Coordinator will contact you with details and information on this ongoing program.

[Becoming Catholic as an Adult – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://stpaulsairdrie.ca)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation or RCIA please contact Heidi at stpaulssacraments@shaw.ca

MARRIAGES – Please contact the office at least six months before your marriage date.

[Marriage – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://stpaulsairdrie.ca)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding marriages, please contact Wanda at stpaulsairdrie@shaw.ca

HOLY ORDERS

[Holy Orders – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://stpaulsairdrie.ca)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

[Anointing of the Sick – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://stpaulsairdrie.ca)

PASTORAL CARE St. Paul's offers Pastoral Care visits for Catholic Parishioners who are unable to attend Mass. Please contact the office if you or someone you know, would like a visit. Pastoral Care workers are trained for visiting and praying with the ill, shut in and offering the Body of Christ to them.

Jan 1 | [Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God](#) - Parishes in Calgary | [World Day of Peace](#)

Jan 2-8 | Season of Christmas

Jan 5-7 | [Young Adult Retreat](#) - Mount St. Francis, Cochrane

Jan 6/7 | Epiphany of the Lord (Sunday Mass) - [Mass Finder](#)

Fri, Jan 12 | [Fun Night with Sisters](#)

Sun, Jan 21 | [Vespers and the Study of the Life of St. Francis](#) - St. Luke's, Calgary

Mon, Jan 22 | [Enlarge the Tent Series continues](#) – Online

Tues, Jan 23 | [Grief Share Program](#) - St. Michael's, Calgary

Wed, Jan 24 | [Inspiration Unplugged - Catholic Lecture Series - The Saint John's Bible](#) - St. Mary's University

Thurs, Jan 25 | [Benedictine Spirituality](#) - Online

Reconciliation During Advent 2023

Parish Advent Reconciliation – Wednesday, December 6 at 7:00pm
Reconciliation – Saturday, December 2, 9, 16 & 23 from 3:45 to 4:45pm

NOTICE: This time around, Christmas and New Year's fall on Mondays. They are holy days of obligation distinct from the 4th Sunday of Advent and Holy Family Sunday, respectively. Thus, people are asked by the rules of the Church to attend one Mass for each Sunday and another Mass each of Christmas and New Year's-could be two Masses on the same day, but separate events.

MASSES

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 23
Sunday, December 24

5:00pm (livestream)
10:00am

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24

5:00pm (4:30pm Caroling & livestream)
8:00pm (7:30pm Caroling)
10:00pm (9:30pm Caroling)

CHRISTMAS DAY (NATIVITY OF THE LORD)

Monday, December 25

10:00am

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

Saturday, December 30
Sunday, December 31

5:00pm (livestream)
10:00am

NEW YEAR'S (MARY, MOTHER OF GOD)

Sunday, December 31
Monday, January 1

5:00pm (livestream)
10:00am

Office Hours

Friday, December 22 Closed at noon.

Monday, December 25 to Friday December 29 Closed
Monday, January 1 Closed

YEAR END: By law, parish books close at midnight December 31, 2023. If offerings are to be included for 2023, they must be received by then, in 2023 envelopes. The last opportunity will be the collection at 5:00pm Mass on Sunday, December 31.



When?

Sunday January 7th, 2024
12:45pm at St. Paul's Parish Hall

What will you learn in 1 Hour?

- How to take control of your Money, ←
- How to create a path to Prosperity, ←
- How to lower your Income Tax, ←
- How to Master your Finances, & ←
- How to Earn Additional Income. ←

All are Welcome.

Register for
this Live Event
using the QR
Code:



OR contact
403 819 2222
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SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR CURRENT PARISH INFORMATION www.stpaulsairdrie.ca

St. Paul's Catholic Church Information

MASS REGULAR TIMES:

Sunday - 9:00 am
Sunday - 11:00 am
Monday - No Mass
Tuesday - 12:00 pm (Nave)
Wednesday - 9:00 am
Thursday - 9:00 am
Friday - 9:00 am (Nave)
Saturday - 5:00 pm

ADORATION:

First Friday of the month
 Following the 9:00am Mass
 In the Nave

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 3:45 - 4:45 pm

*New to Airdrie and
 to our parish community,
 please fill in our Welcome Form
 found in the foyer or go to link*

[Newcomers - St. Paul's Catholic
 Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://stpaulsairdrie.ca)

*St. Paul's offers
 a Direct Deposit or Credit Card
 option for making donations. Tax Receipt
 provided in February. Please pick up a
 brochure in the parish foyer or go to link
[2020 09 revised BLANK Parish Automatic
 Withdrawal.pdf \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://stpaulsairdrie.ca)*



For one-time offerings you may also go to
<https://www.catholicyc.ca/donatotoparish>
 and select St. Paul's Church.
 Tax receipt will be issued from the Diocese.

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 gift and please spread the word to others
 within our Parish.

Good Shepherd School

Kindergarten - Grade 9
 1319 Thorburn Drive SE
 403 500 2117

[Good Shepherd School - Home \(ccsd.ab.ca\)](http://GoodShepherdSchool-Home.ccssd.ab.ca)

Our Lady Queen of Peace

Kindergarten - Grade 9
 1820 1st Avenue NW
 403 500 2064

[Our Lady Queen of Peace School - Home
 \(ccsd.ab.ca\)](http://OurLadyQueenofPeaceSchool-Home.ccssd.ab.ca)

St. Veronica School

Kindergarten - Grade 9
 380 Coopers Drive SW
 403 500 2134

[St. Veronica - Home \(ccsd.ab.ca\)](http://St.Veronica-Home.ccssd.ab.ca)

St. Martin de Porres High School

Grades 10 - 12
 410 Yankee Valley Blvd. SW
 403 500 2041

[St. Martin de Porres High School - Home
 \(ccsd.ab.ca\)](http://St.MartindePorresHighSchool-Home.ccssd.ab.ca)

Catholic Pastoral Centre

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www.catholicyc.ca



Catholic Women's League

For more information,
 please see their website
[St. Paul's CWL, Airdrie
 \(stpaulscwl.ca\)](http://St.Paul'sCWL,Airdrie.stpaulscwl.ca)



Knights of Columbus

For information, please see their website
[Airdrie Council #8045 \(uknight.org\)](http://AirdrieCouncil#8045(uknight.org))
 Store cards are available
 after all weekend Masses.

**TO LIVESTREAM SATURDAY 5:00 PM MASS SEE OUR
 YOUTUBE CHANNEL <https://www.youtube.com/c/stpaulsairdrie>
 OR CHANNEL 877 WITH TELUS OPTIC TV**