

St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Parish

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17 DECEMBER 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

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I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom
you do not know, the one who is coming after me.

**I AM NOT WORTHY
TO UNTIE THE THONG
OF HIS SANDAL**

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST | JOHN 1:26-27



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SUNDAY EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Sunday Masses are held at St Gabriel School
197 Invermere Drive, Chestermere AB

- **Saturday 5:00 PM**
- **Sunday 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM**

Last Sunday of the month Mass held at the I.O.O.F. Hall
255 Centre Street, Langdon, AB - **NOT IN DECEMBER**

- ~~Sunday 4:00 PM (once a month)~~

Next Langdon Mass Jan 28 2024. Please join us at
Venue: St. Gabriel School, during December Celebra-
tions.

WEEKDAY EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

- **Tuesday 7:00 PM** - Rectory Chapel
- **Wednesday 8:15 AM** - St Gabriel School
- **Thursday 8:00 AM** - Our Lady of Wisdom School
- **Friday 1:00 PM** - Rectory Chapel

ADORATION & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

- **Friday 1:30 PM** - Rectory Chapel

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

- **Tuesday 6:30 pm** (Rectory Chapel)
- **Saturday 4:15 pm to 4:30** (St. Gabriel School)
- **Per appointment.**

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS TIMES

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 23 at 5:00 pm: Anticipated Sunday Mass
Sunday, Dec. 24 at 9:00 am: CANCELLED
Sunday, Dec. 24 at 10:30 am: Sunday Mass

CHRISTMAS

Sunday, Dec. 24 at 5:00 pm: Christmas Eve
Sunday, Dec. 24 at 7:00 pm: Christmas Eve
Monday, Dec. 25 at 10:30 am: Christmas Day

Tue. Dec 26 to Fri. Dec 29 - No weekday Masses

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, Dec. 30 at 5:00 pm: Anticipated Sunday Mass
Sunday, Dec. 31 at 9:00 am: CANCELLED
Sunday, Dec. 31 at 10:30 am: Sunday Mass

NEW YEARS - Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, Dec. 31 at 5:00 pm: New Years Eve
Monday, Jan. 1 at 10:30 am: New Years Mass

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, Jan. 6 at 5:00 pm: Anticipated Sunday Mass
Sunday, Jan. 7 at 9:00 am: Sunday Mass
Sunday, Jan. 7 at 10:30 am: Sunday Mass

*Let us prepare for the coming of our Lord this
Christmas!*

ST. GABRIEL PARISH ADVENT MISSION

Dec. 18 & 19 at 6 pm at the Rectory chapel
316 Windermere Drive.

Hosted by Sisters of Divine Mercy
*Join us for Mass, talk, reflection, prayer and
fellowship*

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are sick or in need of your support tis week:

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| Denise Hiscock | Melissa Hiscock |
| Bobby Fraser | Mary Meier |
| Agnes Mlohon | Gladys Banayat |
| Candice Duke | Oscar & Renate Klune |
| Barb Perry | Karen Lerner |
| Sonia Mora | Ann & Mike Cunningham |
| Rose Armes | Aloisia Baldes |
| Gerard Bruha | Annie & Stu Orr |
| Rene Asprer | Claude Catellier |
| Janice Roberts | Dennis Urbshott |
| Aaron Fraser | Elaine Dabreo |
| Mr. & Mrs. Becerril | Madeleine Gagne |

If you or someone you know is in need of our prayers, please contact the parish office so we can add him/her to the prayer list.

Homebound parishioners who would like to receive Confession and/or Holy Communion at home, please contact the parish office 403 455 0196.

Parishioners preparing for surgery, or who suffer from serious illness or old age, or in danger of death can request the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick at the parish office.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS all the souls of the faithful departed.

May they rest in peace

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| Seamus Logue | Amara Welforf |
| Antoine Hong Nguyen | Mary Nedelec |
| Louise Hammond | Donald Nakoneshny |

DATE		Mass Intentions
MON	DEC 18	7:00 pm Mass (Rectory Chapel) <i>Advent Mission</i>
TUE	DEC 19	7:00 pm Mass (Rectory Chapel) <i>Advent Mission</i> INTENTION: BRIAN BRUHA, RIP
WED	DEC 20	8:15 am Mass (St Gabriel School) INTENTION: GREG BRUHA
THU	DEC 21	9:00 am Mass (Our Lady of Wisdom School) INTENTION: GERARD BRUHA
FRI	DEC 22	1:00 pm Mass (Rectory Chapel) INTENTION: MARY MEIER
SAT	DEC 23	5:00 pm Mass (St Gabriel School) INTENTION: ANDRES MATUTE
SUN	DEC 24	9:00 am No Mass 10:30 am Sunday Mass (St Gabriel School) INTENTION: ALL PARISHIONERS INTENTION 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass (St Gabriel School) 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass (St Gabriel School)

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION	
BAPTISM	For adult baptisms, please call Fr. James. For infants, print and fill out Baptism Registration available in our website https://www.saintgabrielparish.ca/baptism.html
FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	Jan 6 & 7 First H. Communion Blessing for the children at any Sunday Mass: Sat 5 pm, Sun 9 am or 10:30 am Jan 11 First H. Communion Session #1 at OLW school at 6 pm
CONFIRMATION	This Sacrament is for anyone who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Reconciliation. Age 12 and up. Registrations are now open in our parish website. Here Anyone missing any of the required Sacraments, please email the parish office.
RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults	<i>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil! Eph. 6:11</i> Anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church founded by Jesus himself, please contact Fr. James at 403.455.0196.

Sunday Reflection

1. Using symbolic language, John the Evangelist describes who John the Baptist is and what his mission will be. In every gospel John the Baptist plays an important part but always he is subordinate to Christ. John the Baptist is the one to prepare the way of the Lord, but he is not the Lord. Undoubtedly there were some at that time who thought John the Baptist was the messiah. But John the Baptist knew who he was.

- John the Baptist is very certain of his own identity. Do we know who we are?
- How did John the Baptist prepare the way for Jesus?
- How is John the Baptist a model for us?

We can never take the light for granted. It needs to be tended carefully. In what ways can we be joyful witnesses to the light during this Advent season?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

Kid's challenge this week:

When John the Baptist told the people that Jesus was coming, the people believed him. Later, John the Baptist saw Jesus and recognized that he is the Son of God. We can trust John the Baptist because he knew Jesus. Let's take a moment to talk to Jesus quietly in our hearts. We can thank him for John the Baptist and all the other witnesses for teaching us about our Lord and Savior. Close your prayer and reflection by praying the Glory Be to the Father. (Loyola Press)

[Colouring page this Sunday](#)

[Kid's Bulletin this Sunday](#)

[Sunday Connection this Sunday \(Gr. 1-8\)](#)

Change of Envelope Numbers

Please, discard any unused 2023 envelopes at the end of the year.

Many envelope numbers were re-assigned for 2024. Thank you.

St Gabriel A. Parish Financial Statement

November 2023

Operating Income/Expense

Weekly Collection	\$12,969.07
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Others	\$2,125.45
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Total Income	\$15,094.52
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Expenses

Operation Expenses	\$11,749.48
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Administration Office	\$1,685.01
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Diocesan Support	\$2,196.00
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Programs	\$2,600.12
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Total Expenses	\$18,230.61
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Net Income (Loss)	-\$3,136.09
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Special Collections not for Operation

Building Fund	\$4,514.00
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TIA	\$610.00
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Others - World Mission, Catholic Education Collection	\$1,766.00
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Total Others	\$6,890.00
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FROM ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

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Applications are now open for Fall 2024 in all BA/BSc programs and the helpful admissions team at St. Mary's is ready to guide you through the process. Get a head start on building the foundation of your future by applying to St. Mary's University today at stmu.ca

CCCRS Healing Service

Thu, Dec. 21 at St. Luke's Church
1566 Northmount Dr NW

6:30 pm Rosary, 7 pm Mass, 7:30 pm Praise & Worship (Led by Anthony Banka), followed by intercession.

Fr. Fernando Genogaling will administer the anointing of the holy oil.

ST GABRIEL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will not be weekday Mass

from Dec. 26 to Dec 29.

Parish Office Closure

The parish office will be closed from Dec 25 to Jan 2.

CHRISTMAS NOTE CARDS



The Diocese has shared with us all Christmas note Cards for you to use un conveying care to others this Advent and Christmas. You will find them on the table at the foyer after Sunday Mass.

Here are some ideas how you can use them:

- Perhaps convey God's love and care to colleagues at work by leaving these cards at their desks, either signed or anonymously.
- Students, parents, guardians, and teachers can share these cards with others in their schools.
- These cards can be inserted into Christmas cards and gift boxes.
- They could be shared with a stranger who seems down or burdened.

#Renewal stories
Let the children come to me



During this season of Renewal, I would like to share the story of Ysabelle Galang - a living embodiment of pastoral renewal in our parish. Ysabelle is a young woman who just received her Sacrament of Confirmation last year.

As part of the preparation for Confirmation, our booklet required the confirmandi to complete a Mass book. This involved attending mass and answering specific questions related to the service, such as the opening song, the book of the Bible from which the Gospel was read, and reflections on the homily.


Ysabelle demonstrated great interest in this task, often asking me to help fill in any blanks she missed during mass. I would show her the Lectionary to reference the book. Her curiosity led to engaging dialogues during these encounters. Upon reviewing the rest of the confirmation booklet, she realized that she needed to serve the church or community in some capacity. When asked for suggestions, I proposed altar serving. She embraced this role with enthusiasm, attentiveness, and excellence. After confirmation, Ysabelle began to contemplate other areas where she could serve. She felt drawn towards proclaiming the Word of God, which evolved into a calling to serve as a catechist

in children's liturgy. Upon discussing this new development, I informed her that her mother, Bibiana, would need to assist, as the children's liturgy requires an adult with police clearance. Prompted by Ysabelle's persistence, Bibiana completed the necessary steps, allowing Ysabelle to serve in children's liturgy ever since. She also readily steps back into her role as an altar server when needed.

The beauty of being called to serve is its contagious nature.

Last year, the bishop resumed Confirmations in the parishes. One of the letters that stood out for him was from Sophia Nguyen, an [ESPP](#) program graduate from our school. After her Confirmation, Sophia expressed interest in serving in children's liturgy. I introduced her to Ysabelle, and now Sophia's mother is also undergoing the process to become a police-checked volunteer in the parish.

Witnessing God's call alive and active is truly wonderful: "Let the little children come to me," says the Lord.




Christmas in Rome follows the celebration of the Nativity throughout time. 26min video.

It is free

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