

# St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Parish

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25 DECEMBER 2023  
**CHRISTMAS—THE  
NATIVITY OF THE LORD**  
&  
31 DECEMBER 2023  
**SOLEMNITY OF  
MARY, THE HOLY  
MOTHER OF GOD**

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## USUAL SUNDAY EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS (See Christmas Season Mass Times for Exceptions)

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

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

## WEEKDAY EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS (See Mass Intentions for Christmas schedule)

- **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

### 4<sup>th</sup> 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

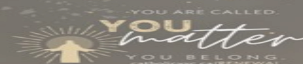
### NEW YEARS - Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

### 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

Merry  
CHRISTMAS



**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
SUN	DEC 24	See Christmas Schedule
MON	DEC 25	See Christmas Schedule
TUE	DEC 26	<b>7:00 pm NO Mass</b>
WED	DEC 27	<b>8:15 am NO Mass</b>
THU	DEC 28	<b>8:00 am NO Mass</b>
FRI	DEC 29	<b>1:00 pm NO Mass</b>
SAT	DEC 30	<b>5:00 pm Anticipated Sunday Mass</b> (St Gabriel School) INTENTION: MELISSA BRUHA
SUN	DEC 31 2023	<b>9:00 am NO Mass</b> <b>10:30 am Sunday Mass</b> (St Gabriel School) INTENTION: ALL PARISHIONERS INTENTION <b>5:00 pm New Year's Eve Mass</b> (St Gabriel School) INTENTION: ALL PARISHIONERS INTENTION
MON	JAN 1 2024	<b>9:00 am NO Mass</b> <b>10:30 am New Year's Day Mass</b> (St Gabriel School) INTENTION: ALL PARISHIONERS INTENTION
TUE	JAN 2	<b>7:00 pm Mass</b> (Rectory Chapel) INTENTION: RODOLFO & MELECIA ABAT (60TH)
WED	JAN 3	<b>9:00 am Mass—special time and place</b> (Rectory Chapel) INTENTION: MARY ORR
THU	JAN 4	<b>9:00 am Mass—special time and place</b> (Rectory Chapel) INTENTION: EMELIE DUNAY
FRI	JAN 5	<b>1:00 pm Mass</b> (Rectory Chapel) INTENTION: CECILIA DUNAY
SAT	JAN 6	<b>9:00 am Saturday Mass</b> (Rectory Chapel) <b>5:00 pm Anticipated Sunday Mass</b> (St Gabriel School) INTENTION: JIM POGSON, RIP
SUN	JAN 7	<b>9:00 am Sunday Mass</b> (St Gabriel School) INTENTION: ALVINA BRUHA <b>10:30 am Sunday Mass</b> (St Gabriel School) INTENTION: ALL PARISHIONERS INTENTION

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION	
<b>BAPTISM</b>	For adult baptisms, please call Fr. James. For infants, print and fill out Baptism Registration available in our website <a href="https://www.saintgabrielparish.ca/baptism.html">https://www.saintgabrielparish.ca/baptism.html</a>
<b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</b>	<b>Jan 11 at 6 pm</b> First Communion Session #1 at OLW school. Children will receive a new book at that session (if you are going elsewhere please contact the office for the workbook).
<b>CONFIRMATION</b>	This Sacrament is for anyone who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Reconciliation. Age 12 and up. If you haven't done so, please <b>register now</b> as classes begin <b>Jan 18 at 6:00 pm!</b> Please see our website <a href="#">Here</a> .  Anyone missing any of the required Sacraments, please email the parish office.
<b>RCIA</b> Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults	<i>Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.—Matt. 11:28</i>  There will be a new inquiry group starting in January to answer this call from God! Please contact Fr. James at 403.455.0196.

**Kid's challenge this week:**[Kids' Bulletin for Fourth Sunday of Advent](#)[Fourth Sunday of Advent Colouring Page](#)[Kids' Bulletin for Christmas](#)[Christmas Colouring Page](#)[Kids' Bulletin for Holy Family and Mary Mother of God](#)[Holy Family Colouring Page](#)

Christmas Connections:

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is born as one of the poor. Laid in a manger in a stable, because there was no room at the inn, he comes into the world through obscure and surprising means. Yet, as the angel proclaims this good news to the shepherds, this infant is announced as the Messiah and Lord. In the song of the angels, all are invited to give glory to God for this miraculous birth, in which God comes to share our humanity. (Loyola Press for Mass at Midnight)

**Christmas Message from Fr. James**

Emmanuel—God is with us. This title for Jesus was given to him before he was born. Mary and Joseph were the first to hear it, but it is a message meant for everyone. Our God chose to be one with us. It is amazing to realize that God chose us so radically. And not because we deserve it, but because we need it.

I love how St. Luke incorporates this truth into his Christmas story. St. Luke has Jesus born in a manger; Jesus came for rich and poor alike. So Jesus is born as poor people might, to be with every person, regardless of their economic status.

St. Luke has the message of Jesus' birth go out to shepherds. Shepherds were the lowest social class at the time. So Jesus is announced to the lowest social class so that every person, regardless of social status might be one with God.

St. Luke reminds us that Mary and Joseph could not find room in the inn when they came to Bethlehem. So Jesus is born with the lowest form of housing, so that no matter where you live, every person might know that God is with us.

No matter how we find ourselves, God chooses to be with us. It is not a gift we deserve, it is not a gift we have earned. But it is given to us nonetheless—God is with us, Emmanuel.

**Emmanuel****PLENARY INDULGENCE****by praying before a Nativity scene in a Franciscan church**

From Dec. 8, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to Feb. 2, 2024, the feast of the Presentation in the Temple of Our Lord Jesus Christ

[Read more on CNA site](#)  
**St. Francis Church**

**NO MASSES**

There will not be weekday Masses  
from Dec. 26 to Dec 29.

**Parish Office Closure**

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

**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.**

**Applications are open for Fall 2024 at St. Mary's University**

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.



**Theology of the Body Conference**

Join experts Dr. Christopher West, Sister Helena Burns FSP, Fr. Cristino Bouvette, and internationally acclaimed songwriter, Mike Mangione, as they introduce and reflect St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

When/Where: **Friday, Feb. 9, 2024 from 6 pm to 10 pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church** (10827 24 St SW Calgary). [Register online](#). For any questions, please contact [theologyofthebodyconference@gmail.com](mailto:theologyofthebodyconference@gmail.com)

**Transitions**

In this 18-week God-centered program, participants find strength in healing after separation or divorce, fostering growth through mutual understanding and connection. When/Where: **Every Tuesday, from Feb 13, 2024, from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Catholic Pastoral Centre** (120 – 17th Avenue SW, Calgary). No fee registration | Limited spots available. Register now at [catholicyc.ca/transitions](http://catholicyc.ca/transitions)



Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. - Excerpt from Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*

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