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An inviting faith community building up the body of Christ.

December 7th-8th & December 14th-15th
2nd & 3rd Sundays of Advent 2019

Repent,
for the kingdom of has come near.
Gospel Reading Matt 3.1—12,
2nd Sunday of Advent

Lord,
come and save us. Alleluia!
Responsorial Psalm,
3rd Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER— Dedicated to the Divine Infancy

New to Sacred Heart?
Not New, but Haven't Registered?

WELCOME!

We encourage everyone to register at the office, or fill out a Census Form from the Foyer or Website and drop it in a collection basket during weekend Masses.

Why register ?

*Family Sacramental Records
*Income Tax Receipts
*Emailed bulletins & notices

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Check out "*Deacon's Corner*" Radio Talk Show

Tune in to ***89.1 FM Hawk Radio*** every Wed at 3:30pm to hear Deacon Leo Farley's half hour program covering topics and issues of our day from a Christian perspective.

Sacred Heart Church Schedule
*See Calendar of Events for any changes

Weekend Mass Times
Saturday—5:30PM **Sunday**—9:30AM
Weekday Masses
Tuesday & Friday—9:00am
Wednesday—9:00am **except** every 2nd Wednesday each month @ 11am at the Hospital Chapel (unless otherwise noted)
Thursday—6:30pm
1st Saturday Mass each month 9:00am—in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Confessions
-**Saturdays**: 4:00-5:15pm **Sundays**: 9-9:20am
-**1st Fridays**: 10-11am
-Also by Appointment
Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament **(Note: incense used)**
Saturdays 4:00-5:15pm and after 1st Friday 9am Mass until 4pm
Rosary
Before every Mass

Our Lady of Seven Sorrows - Maskwacis

Sunday 11:30AM Mass
Friday 12 Noon Mass
Adoration TBA
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St. Theresa's –Ma-Me-O Beach

Sundays — 10:00am

Fr. Roger Rouleau
Deacon Leo Farley
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Part Time Staff
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Appointments
To set up an appointment with the priest please call the parish during office hours.

Office Hours
Tuesday—Friday 8:30am—4pm

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Sacraments
Anointing of the Sick
In emergencies, on any day at any hour, please contact Fr. Roger **780-352-4513**
Baptisms
Parents wishing to baptize their child are required to take the Baptism Preparation course; offered once per month. Contact the Parish Office to register.
Marriages
Please contact the parish office immediately after your engagement to prepare for your Marriage. Preparation process takes at least 6 months.
First Holy Communion/Confirmation
Please call parish office for classes and dates.
Holy Orders— www.caedm.ca/PastoralOffices/Vocations/VocationstothePriesthood.aspx

Communion for the Sick
****Currently in Need of Volunteers****
If you are hospitalized, please be sure to identify yourself as Catholic when being admitted. If a family member or friend is in the hospital, or homebound, please contact the parish office
Hospital Regular visits each weekend–usually Saturday mornings.
Seniors' & private homes
Visits are made after both weekend Masses

Funerals
For preparations, please call the office 780-352-2365

Dates	Mass Times / Adoration & Reconciliation	Intentions
Sat Dec 7	9:00am *1st Saturday Mass* **5:30pm** Adoration & Confessions 4:00-5:15	+Hanna Labonte +Irmgard Sieweke
Sun Dec 8	9:30am *2nd Sunday of Advent* Confession 9:00—9:20	PRO POPULO
Mon Dec 9	**6:30pm Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**	Michael Dyjur
Tues Dec 10	9:00am	+Ronnie MacNeil
Wed Dec 11	**11:00am Mass at the Hospital**	Sr. Maureen Byrne
Thur Dec 12	**6:30pm Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**	+Pacita Arat
Fri Dec 13	9:00am	+Hanna Labonte
Sat Dec 14	5:30pm *3rd Sunday of Advent* Adoration & Confessions 4:00-5:15	+Mac Kennedy
Sun Dec 15	9:30am *3rd Sunday of Advent* Confession 9:00—9:20	PRO POPULO
Tues Dec 17	9:00am Advent Penitential Service at 7pm	Zeke & Tasha Dorman-Watson
Wed Dec 18	9:00am	Lemieux Family
Thur Dec 19	**9:00am** (moved from 6:30pm)	+Lois Costales
Fri Dec 20	**9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart School**	+Curtis Effert
Sat Dec 21	5:30pm *4th Sunday of Advent* Adoration & Confessions 4:00-5:15	+Irmgard Sieweke
Sun Dec 22	9:30am *4th Sunday of Advent* Confession 9:00—9:20	PRO POPULO

Do you know what YEAR it is?

The New Liturgical Year begins on the 1st Sunday of Advent and cycles through Years A, B and C. We are now in Year A for the 1919-20 Liturgical Calendar year.

***2019-20 Sunday Missals** have sold out. A few additional copies are coming- $6ea.

Please consider serving at the Masses you plan to attend for Christmas and New Year's.

Copies of the **"Catholic Faith Calendar"** will be in soon!

PLEASE NOTE: Donations submitted by Dec 31st qualify for contributions for the **2019 Tax Year.** **2020 Envelopes** are now available for registered parishioners. **Not registered?** Contact the office to receive tax receipt for your donations.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Dec 8—Pancake Breakfast
Dec 9– Mass at 6:30pm—Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Dec 11—Mass at 11am at Hospital
Dec 17—Penitential Service at 7pm
Dec 19—Mass moved from 6:30 to 9am
Dec 20—Mass at 9:30am at the School
Dec 26 & 27—No daily Masses
Jan 2—Mass at 9am (moved from 6:30pm)

Advent Penitential Service

Several priests from our Camrose Deanery will be available for Confessions at Sacred Heart Church **Tuesday, Dec 17 @ 7pm.**

NOTE: Additional Times for Confession will now be regularly available
-9am before every Sunday morning Mass
-4pm before every Saturday evening Mass
-10am-11am after every 1st Friday Mass

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASSES

—Christmas—
The Nativity of the Lord
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Sacred Heart—Wetaskiwin
Tuesday, December 24
Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass — 5pm
Mass During the Night — 9pm
Wednesday, December 25
Mass During the Day — 11am

St. Theresa's—Ma-Me-O Beach
Tuesday, December 24
Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass — 7pm

Our Lady of Seven Sorrows—Maskwacis
Tuesday, December 24
Mass During the Night — Midnite

—New Year's—
The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday, December 31, 2019
Sacred Heart—5pm
Wednesday, January 1, 2020
Sacred Heart—9:30am
St. Theresa's—10am
Our Lady of Seven Sorrows—11:30am

The Pope's Universal Intention for December: *The Future of the Very Young*—That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

Excerpt from Archbishop Smith's Pastoral Letter **"Living in the Word of God"** Link: caedm.ca/letter

-The hearing of Christ's Word demands a silent and attentive listening. This requires effort and determination. Living in a world of noise, we must be always cultivating, with the help of God's grace, an inner stillness in which we are disposed to hear and be transformed by the Word of God.

ADVENT Reflections on FORMED

Looking for ways your family can enter into the Advent season together? Get the whole family spiritually prepped for Christmas with daily reflections for you and your kids delivered direct to your inbox! Sign up at formed.org/advent to receive daily meditation, formation, and motivation in preparation for Christ's coming.
Sign the kids up too at the same time! The whole family can Join **Brother Francis** for **Advent-themed** songs, teaching and prayers.

Upcoming Faith Formation

Sacred Heart Parish will be hosting the series:
Lectio: Evangelization

There is no better place to look for guidance in the New Evangelization than the Acts of the Apostles...(It) gives us the blueprint for the life and mission of the Church today. In ***Evangelization and the Acts of the Apostles***, **Dr. Mary Healy** combines Bible study with Church teaching and practical wisdom to show us how modern Catholics can effectively lead people to Jesus Christ.

****Please see the Bulletin Board in the Foyer for Info & to Sign up for the 10 Episodes being presented weekly at Sacred Heart Church beginning in January.***

CALLED TO PROTECT

The Archdiocese requires all volunteers to take the "Called to Protect" course, to protect those served **&** the volunteers. For a Schedule of upcoming workshops: https://www.caedm.ca/CalledtoProtectCalendar

Holiday Office Hours

Please note the Church Office will **close** at 4pm on Friday, Dec 20th and **reopen** Thursday, Jan 2nd.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

DID YOU KNOW?

*****Our Catholic Women's League Members do a thorough **Kitchen Clean-up** 2 times per year, including fridge and freezer, to keep our kitchen facility sparkling & safe!

*****At the CWL's Dec 5th Christmas Party members collected and donated $381 to Neighborhood Outreach Wetaskiwin's **"Backpack Campaign"**, which supplies those in need with basic necessities.

Thank you ladies for sharing your Time, talents and treasure!

Food Bank Donations

Let us remember those in need during this Holy Season. Non-perishable food items collected will go to local community organizations that support local families & the homeless.

Did You Know?

Did you know you can pin Grandin Media to your home screen on the smart phone or tablet? Get instant access to Catholic stories, columns and videos. It's easy – check out the instructions and stay up to date with news within our Archdiocese, Alberta, Canada, the Vatican & the world.

Flower Ministry

Those making donations to our **2020 Flower Ministry** may choose a weekend that has special significance for them. Please fill out a **Flower Donation Envelope** then call or drop in to the office to select a date.

Dec 15, 2019—Ano Family
Dec 22, 2019 ——Rose Engbloom

Donations are now accepted to purchase **Poinsettias for the Advent and Christmas season.**

Please check off "Poinsettias" ☑ and include your name on the **Flower Donation Envelopes** which can be found on one of the back tables in the Foyer. Thank you for contributing to the beauty of our Christmas & New Year's Liturgical celebrations!

Reflections for the Sunday Readings

Taken from The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops Website: www.cccb.ca

DEC 8, 2019 – 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Year A: *Repentance brings us God's life.*

Doesn't repentance sound like a great idea – for all the people who have wronged me? I'm less inclined to be excited about my own repentance! When John lives out his vocation to prepare his contemporaries for Jesus' first coming, he starts by telling them to repent. Perhaps there is a reason he lived in the wilderness? To avoid the reactions of the people he spoke to in town? But the message is so necessary, then and now. If we want a world of peace and joy, we need to start with seeing, and then turning away from, our own attractions to and love for the very habits, attitudes and behaviours which prevent us from receiving God's life. What valleys and mountains do you cling to that are obstructing God's path to your heart? Is it your desire for things to be easy? Your addiction to the little white lies that seem easier than facing the truth? Make an appointment with your journal . . . make a plan to go to Reconciliation this week. Turning away from your own sin feels great – once you can see how it is not helping you. So turn around and let God in. You'll be glad you did!

DEC 15, 2019 – 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Year A: *We need a Saviour, and He's already come to give us new life.*

We all need a Saviour. Some of us don't want one, so we spend our lives trying to save ourselves, only to discover that life undoes us all at some point. Others of us know we need one, but we want to be saved on our own terms. Jesus came. He died and rose again so we could have new life, but we have to be willing to be rescued, and we have to let God's timing and terms reign. Our salvation is being worked out in the course of our lives right now. Whatever we are going through, God will use to bring about good. When death, suffering and tragedy surround us, all this is especially hard to believe, let alone appreciate or participate in. But it is the promise. We would do well to pray with the Psalmist wherever we find ourselves today: "Lord, come and save us." Whatever is happening today, in every moment of our lives, God can work new life. May we believe it, and ask for it.

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