

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 8th, 2012

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Feast Day: January 3rd, 2012



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This day in many parts of the world is called Three Kings Day because of today's Gospel reading about the visit of the three kings or magi to see the child Jesus. The church's name for that day, Epiphany, is based on a Greek word that means "to reveal" or "make visible." Here, the child Jesus is honored not by his own people – and certainly not King Herod – but by strangers from afar. Only

Matthew's Gospel tells their story. There are not many details about the magi, but pious legends have built up around them over the centuries. A modern version is the operetta Amahl and the Night Visitors, which used to be seen on television at this time of the year. The Jewish hope for centuries had been that a Messiah, God's Anointed One, would be sent to the Jewish people to save them from their sins and deliver them from their enemies. But here we see that God reveals the Son not just to the Jews but to the Gentiles, people like us who are also seeking a Savior, one whom They recognize with joy. We have expected the Savior all through Advent; we have celebrated the wonderful gift of his birth during Christmas; and now, in this new calendar year, what gifts will we present to him in return? New Year's resolutions often include a decision to work off all those extra pounds that we have gained from all our feasting and celebrating. That is all well and good as far as it goes, but why not resolve to do something extra for those you love and something more for the community in which you live? Show the love of God that is at work in your heart, or as Saint Francis of Assisi is thought to have said, "Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words."

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Office Hours:

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Wednesday to Friday:
8:30am – 12:00pm
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Website:

www.stjohnsparish.ca

Weekday Masses:

Tues – Friday Mornings:
9:00am Mass

Celebrated at the Office Chapel.

Evening Mass: Tuesday

6:30 pm Rosary
7:00 pm Mass

Celebrated at the Office Chapel.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am
10:30am
12:00pm

All weekend Masses are held at: **SVEC - Sandstone Valley Ecumenical Centre (1100 Berkshire Blvd. NW)**

Secretary: Rena Maurer office@stjohnsparish.ca

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PLEASE KEEP THE SICK OF OUR PARISH
IN YOUR PRAYERS



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Federico and Lucia Sciarra
Flora DiLello

That their souls may rest in peace in heaven.

Thank you for your Support!

Weekly Offerings for December 31st and January 1st.

General Collection:	\$ 2186.30
Pre-authorized Payment:	\$ 623.00
Total collection:	\$ 2,809.30

Cost to operate our Church
each week (2012 Budget): \$ 3,543.41

Deficit this week: \$ 734.11

Building Fund: \$ 140.00

Mass Attendance: 427

Mark your Calendar for our Next Fundraiser

International Gala Night "The Philippines"

Saturday, February 11, 2012

at

Beddington Heights Community Centre
375 Bermuda Drive NW, Calgary

Filipino Cuisine – Entertainment – Games
Silent Auction – Wine Bar

Everyone Welcome!
Come as a Family and Bring your Friends!

Advance Tickets Only:

13 years & Over: \$30.00

6 – 12 years: \$20.00

5 years & Under: Free

(Tickets available through the Office or at Mass)

Your Love ♥ Will Help Build St. John's Church

SACRAMENTS DATES AND MEETINGS



Baptism Preparation:

First Saturday of every month, 9:00am - Parish Office.
Please call to make arrangements.

Baptism:

Celebrated on the 2nd and 3rd weekend of each month, at
either the Saturday 5:00pm Mass or the Sunday 9:00am &
10:30am Masses.

Reconciliation:

By appointment only, please call office.

Marriages:

Please contact the office at least one year in advance to
make arrangements.

RCIC/RCIT/RCIA: Please call the office for further
information.

SACRAMENT EVENT SCHEDULE

CONFIRMATION

Session 4 – Reconciliation: January 24th, 2011. 6:30pm-8:30pm at
St. John's Parish.

Rehearsal: February 2nd, 2011. 7:00pm-8:00pm at Ascension Parish.

Ceremony: February 8th, 2011. 7:00pm-9:00pm at Ascension Parish.

FIRST COMMUNION

Parent Meeting and Registration: March 14th, 2012. 7:00pm-
8:00pm at St. John's Parish.

For details contact **Shannon Martel**, Sacramental Preparation
Coordinator at: sacramentalprep@stjohnsparish.ca or call
the office **Tuesday - Friday, 9:20am - 11:20am.**

Many Hands make Light Work . . .

We need your help to make our **International
Gala Night** successful. If you can volunteer for
ticket sales, set-up / take-down, decorating,
kitchen help, serving, silent auction collection and
packaging, etc. Please contact Heather
Meadows (403-275-7842) or the Parish Office
ASAP.

Thank you for getting involved ♥ !!

Philippines Floods Appeal

The Catholic Diocese of Calgary is participating in the appeal for aid in the
southern region of the Philippines by forwarding all donated funds to the
Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. Development
and Peace is currently accepting donations towards humanitarian aid in the
region. Donations can be made as follows:

- **Directly to Development and Peace** by telephone (1-888-234-8533) or
online at www.devp.org

- **By sending a cheque payable to your parish**, earmarked "D&P -
Philippines Floods"

- **By sending a cheque payable to the RC Diocese of Calgary**,
earmarked "D&P – Philippines Floods" and sent to the Pastoral Centre at
120 17th Ave S.W., Calgary, AB T2S 2T2

ANNOUNCEMENTS from Calgary Diocese, etc.

- **Life: Stewardship Forum on Faith** will be held on **January 27th 2012** at **St. Mark's Parish located on 5552 Madigan Drive NE, Calgary from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.** For more information please see the attached poster. With questions, please contact stewardship@calgarydiocese.ca or Eden D'Souza, Stewardship Coordinator at 403-218-5520.

- **Effective Co-Parenting: Putting Kids First** will be offered on **Tuesdays** evenings from **7:00-9:00 pm.** on the following dates: **February 7, 14, 21, 28, and March 6.** This program provides tools to create effective communication skills for parents who are separated or divorced. It is recommended that parents do not enroll in the same course. For more information please call the Diocese – Life & Family Resource Centre at 403-218-5504.

- **You Can Help Your Marriage** – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the Spring program beginning with a weekend on **Feb.17-19, 2012** please call Life & Family Resource Center at the Diocese at **403-218-5504** (daytime) or **403-616-4976** (evenings). Email: coordinator@helpourmarriagecalgary.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

- **Social Support Group at Catholic Family Service** - an ongoing social support group for men and women that focuses on bringing people together who would like to make connections to others and develop self-confidence in building relationships. New members are welcome the first Tuesday of every month. **Meetings are Tuesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.,** located at the Catholic Family Service office at 250-707 10 Ave SW. Fees are set on a sliding fee scale. Call 403.233.2360 to register or for more information.

- **St. Mary's High School** will have an **Open House on Wednesday February 8th, 2012 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.** The evening will showcase: Academics, International Baccalaureate, extended French, Athletics, Fine Arts, International Languages. Parents and students also have an opportunity to meet our dynamic staff and tour our school facilities. There will also be an **Information Evening. Tuesday January 17th, 2012 at 7:00pm.**

- **Men's and Women's Silent Retreats at Sanctum:** Sanctum Retreat (near Caroline, Alberta) is offering two silent retreats in January and February for men and women. Come celebrate a gift for the soul! Pause to refocus and pray, coming to the quiet to be with God in the solitude.

January 27-29, 2012 – Men's Retreat. For more information or to register, please contact Tim at (780)430-8277, Len at (403)240-4576 or Kevin at (780)438-6171, or visit www.sanctumretreat.ca.
February 3-5, 2012 – Women's Retreat. For more information or to register, please call 1-888-442-0285, email info@sanctumretreat.ca or visit www.sanctumretreat.ca.

Today's Reading: Epiphany of the Lord

Matthew is the only evangelist who tells the story of wise men from the East who follow a star in their search for the newborn King of the Jews.

These 'wise men' might be practitioners of Eastern mystical traditions, Babylonian astrologers, Arabian magicians, or rich adventure-seekers. They come from another world and are seeking something out of the ordinary. We can easily see in these travellers the restless searchers of our own age – people who keep looking for the ultimate experience, the perfect path, the next big thing.

We continue to tell and reflect upon their story as part of our own journey, more than 2,000 years later. The wise men are more than just 'new agers' from an ancient time. They follow the signs and they show us the star.

That star, pointing to the Christ child, is still part of our world today. Sometimes our work may be to polish the star and make it shine when it has been obscured by clouds of doubt, scandal or suspicion. Sometimes we have the privilege of pointing it out to restless searchers; and sometimes we are the ones out in the dark, cold night, needing to get back up on the camel and follow the star again... until it leads us once more to the Christ child who brings life and joy for the whole world.

Marilyn Sweet, Windsor, NS

PALIO COUNTRY FAMILY FAIR

2012

will be held on
Saturday, September 15th
at the Strathmore Rodeo Grounds. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend this wonderful Diocesan Family celebration. Tickets will be available for purchase from our parish office early in the new year.

Need Volunteers for Hospitality / Ushers

We are in urgent need of volunteers for Hospitality for the 12:00pm mass. Please consider volunteering for this ministry.

Children's Liturgy Schedule

Sunday January 15th (10:30 a.m.): Children's Liturgy will resume and our scheduled volunteers will be present.

Please encourage your children to join us for their own special worship time!



Knights of Columbus

- We are offering the **Store Card Program**, please help by purchasing these cards after every mass.

- The next **Knights of Columbus meeting is January 11th.** If you require details or are interested in learning more about what the Knights can offer please contact **David Cooper** at david.cooper@shaw.ca.

-Please note that the bottle collection being advertised at the Church is for **Ascension** and that **St Johns will be holding one of our own a few weeks after.**

