

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish

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Deacon John Hagan



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 2nd, 2011

St. Leger

Feast Day: October 2nd, 2011



St. Leger

Leger was raised at the court of King Clotaire II and by his uncle, Bishop Didon of Poitiers. Leger was made archdeacon by Didon, was ordained, and in about 651, became abbot of Maxentius Abbey, where he introduced the Rule of St. Benedict. He served Queen Regent St. Bathildis and helped her govern when Clovis II died in 656, and was named

bishop of Autun in 663. He reconciled the differing factions that had torn the See apart, introduced reforms, fortified the town, and was known for his concern for the poor. On the death of Clotaire III, he supported young Childeric II for King against his brother Thierry, who had been backed by Ebroin, mayor of the palace. Ebroin was exiled to Luxeuil and became a bitter enemy of Leger, who became Childeric's adviser. When Leger denounced the marriage of Childeric to his uncle's daughter, he also incurred the enmity of Childeric, and in 675 Leger was arrested at Autun and banished to Luxeuil. When Childeric was murdered in 675, his successor, Theodoric III, restored Leger to his See. Ebroin was also restored as mayor of the palace after he had had the incumbent Leudesius murdered and persuaded the Duke of Champagne and the bishops of Chalons and Valence to attack Autun. To save the town, Leger surrendered. Ebroin had him blinded, his lips cut off, and his tongue pulled out. Not satisfied, several years, he convinced the King that Childeric had been murdered by Leger and his brother Gerinus. Gerinus was stoned to death, and Leger was tortured and imprisoned at Fecamp Monastery in Normandy. After two years Leger was summoned to a court at Marly by Ebroin, deposed, and executed at Sarcing, Artois, protesting his innocence to the end. Though the Roman Martyrology calls him Blessed and a martyr, there is doubt among many scholars that he is entitled to those honors. His feast day is October 2.

Office Address:

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Office Hours:

Monday: 8:30am–4:30pm
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 [No masses next
week Tuesday to Thursday]

Evening Mass: Tuesday

6:00 pm Reconciliation
6:30 pm Rosary
7:00 pm Mass
Held at Sandstone Valley
Ecumenical Centre.
[No mass next week]

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am
10:30am
12:00pm
Reconciliation –
Saturday: 3:30pm
All weekend Masses are
held at: **SVEC - Sandstone
Valley Ecumenical Centre
(1100 Berkshire Blvd. NW)**

Secretary: Rena Maurer office@stjohnsparish.ca

Sacramental Preparation Coordinator: Shannon Martel sacramentalprep@stjohnsparish.ca

I would like to sincerely THANK everyone for your support of my recent climb up Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa. I heard your prayers all the way up, making it to Gilman's Point, 5648 metres high! Your donations raised a total of \$2,220.00 for St. John's Building Fund, with a remainder of \$240.00 still to be collected. God Bless, Heather Meadows

Attention all Bakers!!

St. John's Parish will be having a **BAKE SALE** to raise funds for our church building. Any homemade baking you could provide would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to contribute could you bring to either the 9:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. mass on **Sunday, October 16th**. If you would prefer to have us pick it up, please contact Dianne or Brittany Teixeira at 403-275-2903 or nteixeira@shaw.ca. For allergy purposes, could you advise if there are any nuts in your baked goods.

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| Needs of the Church: | \$ | 110.00 |
| Building Fund: | \$ | 20.00 |

Mass Attendance: 389



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:
Tuesday 6:30PM – St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish or by appointment.

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

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Parent Meeting and Registration: October 11th, 2011. 7:30pm-8:30pm at St. John's Parish

Ceremony: November 15th, 2011. 7:00pm-8:30pm at St. John's Parish

CONFIRMATION

Session 1 – Church Ministries: October 18th, 2011. 7:00pm-8:00pm at Church Gym at SVEC – Sandstone Valley Ecumenical Centre.

Session 2 – Service Project: November 1st, 2011. 7:00pm-8:00pm at Church Gym at SVEC – Sandstone Valley Ecumenical Centre.

Session 3 – Rosary: December 6th, 2011. 6:00pm-7:00pm at Church Gym at SVEC – Sandstone Valley Ecumenical Centre.

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.**

*** Please be mindful and not park your vehicles along the Fire Lane Curbs or in the priest & Handicap Reserved Parking spaces. We ask you to please respect the parking laws and avoid parking in these areas for the safety of all. There is ample parking in the Calgary Transit lot right next to our church.

Important Parish Announcement:

There will be NO Weekday Masses (Morning or Evening) from Tuesday to Thursday next week as Father Luciano will be away for the Priest Study Days. The morning Mass will resume on Friday October 7th, 2011. Thank you for understanding.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Catholic Women's Convention. October 26 – 30, 2011.** In beautiful Banff National Park. Information is available at: www3.telus.net/convention2011/RC/

-**Visiting Jesus in the Holy Land:** Holy Spirit Parish will be organizing a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from March 13-25, 2012, to trace back the steps in the life of Our Lord Jesus, from Nazareth and Bethlehem to Golgotha. We celebrate Mass at the Mount of Beatitudes, enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, take a swim in the Dead Sea and visit the town of Simon Peter. If you have any questions, please call Sharon at 403-251-3381 or e-mail to: pilgrimage@holyspiritparish.net. The pilgrimage will be led by Father Jack. **Information evening: October 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Jubilee Room at the Holy Spirit Church.

-**Concert for Acadia Place Helping End Family Homelessness, October 28th, 2011, 7:30 p.m. at Symons Valley United Church (38 Kincora Rise NW)**
Ticket Prices: ONLY \$25.00 per person. **PURCHASE TICKETS Online at:**
involve.calgaryhomeless.com/events/acadia-place-concert
or by contacting Gillian at 403.237.6456 or gillian@calgaryhomeless.com **DONATE AUCTION ITEMS** 50 more items needed for the silent auction. **Please help us!** Call Sharyn at 403 262 2921 ext223 or sbrown@calgaryhomeless.com

- The community of **St. Paul's Catholic Church in Airdrie**, would love to invite members of **St John the Evangelist's Parish** to come and join us for the celebration of **Fr. Andrew Pyon's 25th anniversary** as a Priest, The Celebration will take place on Friday October 28th. The program is:
5:00PM: Mass at St. Paul's Catholic Church - Presider Fr. Andrew Pyon (1305 Main Street, Airdrie, AB)
6:00PM: Reception at the Town and County Centre (275 Jensen Dr. NE, Airdrie, AB)
7:00PM: Supper at the Town and County Centre (275 Jensen Dr. NE, Airdrie, AB)
All those interested in attending, please, RSVP before October 17, 2011 to Lino Ramirez - phone: 403-980-8036 or by email at Lino.M.Ramirez@gmail.com
Note: there is no cost for attending the event. We are looking forward to seeing you there.
God Bless!

- Come to the Mountains **Joyful Bearers of Good News**. This is the **Western Conference of Catholic Religious Educators** and will be held in Banff **Nov. 10-13, 2011**. This conference is open to everyone and is an opportunity for those attending to live and learn the Gospel in a supportive and nurturing faith community. For more information please check the website: www.calgarydiocese.ca

- **FCJ Christian Life Centre**, invites your friends and family to a Benefit Concert on **November 25th, 2011 at 7:30pm** with Folk Singer Barry Luft. The concert will be held at: FCJ Christian Life Centre, 219 – 19 Avenue SW, Calgary, AB. \$20.00 Adults, \$10.00 Children (age 12 – 16 years), No Charge (under 12 years). Call 403-228-4215 for tickets. Check our website at: www.fcjsisters.ca/fcjcentre

Today's Reading: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's gospel, Jesus tells a harsh and bloody story that makes a direct and uncompromising point. It must have sent a chill down the spines of his unhappy listeners. After all, who would like being compared to thieves and murderers? Who would like to be told they are going to lose everything?

Almost 2000 years later, we can still feel that uncomfortable chill. And that shouldn't be surprising, for Jesus is speaking just as much to us now as he was to those standing right in front of him in the Temple then. When he says, "the kingdom of God will be taken away from you," he is looking at us, too.

Jesus' message might be painfully clear, but he also never shuts the door. In the very same sentence, he adds that God's kingdom will be "given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom."

But what are the fruits of the kingdom and how can we become the kind of people who produce them? Luckily, Paul offers some help today in his letter to the Christians of Philippi. He tells them: Don't worry; pray and ask God for help; then act honourably, justly and with a pure heart.

And if we plant and tend these fruits of the kingdom, we will taste their sweetness at harvest time – "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding."

Patrick Gallagher, Toronto, ON

Annual Bishop's Dinner 2011.

A Southern Alberta Celebration and Charity Benefit.

Thursday October 13, 2011.

\$150 per person.

Theme: "The Growing Issue of Elder Care"

Proceeds benefiting Lacombe Assisted Living Project for Priests and Father Lacombe Health Care Foundation.

Location: Commonwealth Hall, Calgary

To purchase tickets please call: **403-218-5531**

Or Contact the Parish Office.

MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT

Fr. Luciano will be leading a Married Couples Retreat at Mount St. Francis in Cochrane on Saturday, December 10th, from 9:00am to 5:30pm with Mass to follow. Daycare services will be provided by students from our parish. Registration is \$30.00 and includes lunch. To sign up, please contact Rena at St. John's Parish Office or sign up on the sheet provided on the Welcome Table after Mass.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Donation Envelope #521 and St. John's Envelope #73 User

If you are the owner of the above Donation Envelopes, can you please contact the secretary, Rena, at St. John's office as soon as possible. If we do not have your name – we will be unable to give you a tax receipt for your donations. Thank you.

Children's Liturgy Schedule
Sunday October 9th (10:30 a.m.) We welcome all preschool to Grade 2 children to attend.

