

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Monday,	Feb. 13	Inn From the Cold Set-up @6pm
Monday,	Feb. 13	Choir @ 7:00pm
Tuesday,	Feb. 14	5:00pm Inn From the Cold
Tuesday,	Feb. 14	7:30pm K/C Mtg.
Tuesday,	Feb. 14	7:30pm CWL Exec. Mtg.
Wednesday,	Feb. 15	RCIA/RCIC 7:00pm
Wednesday,	Feb. 15	RCIA Inquiry @ 7:00pm
Wednesday,	Feb. 15	7:30pm Choir
Thursday,	Feb. 16	Over 60 Club 1-4pm
Thursday,	Feb. 16	1:30pm Monterey Seniors Mass
Thursday,	Feb. 16	7:15pm Dogmatic Theology Session/DVD Presentation
Friday,	Feb. 17	Church Cleaning @ 7:00pm Team #7
Sat./Sun.,	Feb. 18/19	Wedding Anniversary Weekend
Sunday,	Feb. 19	K/C Shrove Pancake Breakfast after the A.M. Masses

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

1. Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012.
2. Wedding Anniversary Sunday on the weekend of February 18/19, 2012. For marriages only in multiples of 5 years, i.e. 5, 10, 15 etc.
3. Shrove Pancake Breakfast on February 19th after the Sunday A.M. Masses.
4. Charismatic Lenten Retreat with Mr. Aneel Aranha from Dubai on March 22, 23 & 24, 2012,
5. Stewardship Retreat with Fr. Andrew & Team from Denver, Colorado on May 25, 26 & 27, 2012.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 22, 2012 MASSES WILL BE AT 9:00AM & 7:00PM

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Feb. 11	9:00am	+Lulette Embate
Saturday	Feb. 11	5:30pm	+Phyllis & Stanley Fernandes
Sunday	Feb. 12	9:30am	For the People
Sunday	Feb. 12	11:30am	+Lydia Manalansan
Sunday	Feb. 12	5:00pm	+Denyse Gonsalves
Monday	Feb. 13	9:00am	Intention, Fr. Denis Fleming
Tuesday	Feb. 14	7:00pm	+Ibo & Vaz Astrid Gomes
Wednesday	Feb. 15	9:00am	Intention, Sisters of St. Martha Extended Care
Thursday	Feb. 16	9:00am	+Gaudencio Claro
Thursday	Feb. 16	6:45pm	Intentions, Clara D'Souza
Friday	Feb. 17	9:00am	+Therese Byrne

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time Stewardship Reflection

To act faithfully is a matter of your own choice. (Sirach 15.15)

The U.S. Bishop's pastoral letter on stewardship states, *Once one chooses to become a disciple of Jesus Christ, stewardship is not an option.* The Lord, in His love, respects our freedom. Yet, our free choice to become disciples carries with it the responsibility of stewardship.

SUNDAY COLLECTION: this week's collection was \$8,271.07.

YOUR 2011 TAX RECEIPTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER FOR PICK UP. THANK YOU!

CWL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE – The CWL will be in the foyer this weekend for their Annual Membership Drive.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK February 11, 2012
At 9:00am Mass there will be anointing of the Sick.

God of compassion,
You are the hope of all who suffer.
Your Son Jesus touched the sick,
Shared the sorrow of those who mourn,
And consoled all who longed for
Healing of any kind.
Gift us now so that we may discover
Through suffering and fear,
The strength to live with grace and humor.
May we discover through doubt and wholeness.
Bless our caregivers and
Help them to be a consoling presence
Among us. Amen.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS: Our next preparation class for infant Baptism will be on Sat., March 5th @ 10am. Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment to see one of the Priests and to register for this next class.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY – THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND TO REGISTER: On the weekend of February 18 and February 19 we will be celebrating Wedding Anniversary Sunday. The occasion is meant to recognize honor and celebrate the vocation of Christian Marriage. At all the Masses that weekend, we will bless the married couples who are celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries in multiples of five anytime during 2012. If you are celebrating or have celebrated a 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, etc., wedding anniversary (as high as it goes in multiples of five), you will receive a blessing, a celebration pin and there will be a reception. Please sign your names, the number of years, and your phone number, make sure before you sign up that you will be able to attend.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE: will be the weekend of April 13/14. Registration deadline date is Friday, March 16th @ 12Noon. For more information on how to register, please call the Parish office @ 403-285-3773.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE: Boxes are available for parishioners to pick up and use, please fill the information sheet completely. **PLEASE DO NOT USE YOUR 2011 BOX.**

WELCOME TO OUR FAITH FAMILY: Congratulations to Illyanna Coady who was baptized in our parish this past weekend.

ASH WEDNESDAY CELEBRATIONS @ SCHOOLS:
9:00am Our Lady Of Fatima 10:15am St. Thomas More
9:00am John XXIII 11:00am Fr. Scollen
10:00am John Paul II 1:00pm Msgr. Hetherington
1:15pm Light of Christ 2:00pm St. Wilfrid

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS) INQUIRY PROGRAM: Please call the parish office if you or someone you know would like to become Catholic or interested in receiving sacraments missed as a child (Holy Eucharist and Confirmation).



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary
Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre for
February 12th 2012, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Permanent Diaconate Program Information Session for all interested in Permanent Diaconate Program, **February 18th 1:00pm at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, Calgary.** For more information call Sr. Maria at 403-218-5528.

Office of Liturgy Indonesian-English Bilingual Liturgy at St. Joseph's Parish

The Indonesian Catholic Community in Calgary is holding a bilingual Indonesian-English Mass at St. Joseph Church (640 – 19 Ave NW, Calgary) on **Sunday, February 19th, 2012 at 2.00pm.** A social gathering with refreshments will follow. All are welcome. Please contact Monika at 403-607-5846 for more information.

Sing in the Chrism Mass Choir: Special opportunity for musicians and choristers to share their artistic gifts with the Diocese and at the annual Mass of Chrism. **Current opening: 5 more altos, 1 more tenor and 3 more baritones/bass.** The Diocesan Sacred Music Committee and Office of Liturgy invite you to join the Chrism Mass Choir for 2012. For details and to register visit <http://liturgy.Calgarydiocese.ca>.

Holy Spirit Parish, Calgary is in need of an enthusiastic pianist or director to accompany the Saturday 5pm mass. Please consider joining the dedicated and generous singers of this choir. Contact Thomas at 403-251-1381 for more information.

Religious Education Secretariat 2012 Catholic Conference: Open Wide the Doors...Welcome the New Evangelization, March 9-10, 2012 in Calgary, Alberta. The conference brings together speakers from across the province exploring topics ranging from marriage, faith and culture to pastoral and palliative care and inter-church relationships. The keynote speakers at this year's conference are Archbishop Gerard Pettipas and Steve Angrisano. For more information and to register please visit www.acsta.ab.ca.

Health Care Apostolate Office**Alzheimer Best Friends™ Workshop**

The Health Care Apostolate, Diocese of Calgary and Grace Anglican Church are pleased to offer this excellent workshop, presented by the Alzheimer Society and Brian Pickering, on **Saturday, March 3, 2012 from 8am – 3:30pm at New Life Community Church, 7642 – 22 St. SE Calgary, AB.** Registration Fee is \$40.00 which includes lunch, nutrition breaks and handout materials. Registration or further information please contact Sue at 403-457-3811, suehart@shaw.ca, or Alicia at 403-218-5501, or 403-218-5508, or healthcareprograms@calgarydiocese.ca.

Stewardship Office Save the Date: Saturday, March 24, 2012 from 7:00 to 10:00pm join us at **St. Mary's Cathedral Hall** for an evening of fun, food and music! The Stewardship Office in partnership with the University of Calgary Catholic Community is hosting a benefit concert featuring local artists to raise funds and awareness in support of the **Feed the Hungry Program.** Sponsorship opportunities are available. Please call Eden D'Souza at stewardship@calgarydiocese.ca or 403-218-5520.

Youth Ministry

Our **Youth Rally for 2012** is a one day faith extravaganza for grades 7-12. Come and join us on **May 5, in Lethbridge, AB.** To meet the promise of this day we need the energy and help of eighty (80) volunteers. Please come & join us. Some parishes and / or schools outside of Lethbridge will send their own busses. For information on being a volunteer, or for transportation needs please contact Mary Ann at maryann.donaleshen@calgarydiocese.ca or 403-218-5516.

Life and Family Resource Centre

The next **Effective Co-Parenting: Putting Kids First** will be offered on **Tuesdays evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 pm.** on the following dates: **Feb 28, March 6, 13, 27, and April 3.** 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 403-218-5504.

Freedom to Love Conference, with Christopher West. Date: **June 9, 2012;** Time: **8:00 am - 5:00 pm;** Place: **Clearwater Academy Gymnasium (Currie Barracks), 2550 Dieppe Avenue SW, Calgary.** Fee: \$40.00. For more information or registration contact Eden Ben at 403-999-5456 or Jun Cruz at 403-272-5747 or Merci Mercado at 403-455-7678 or e-mail: register2012@gmail.com.

40 Days for Life. Come out and pray for an hour a day, a week, or whenever you can, to end abortion during the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil, occurring every day from **Feb 22 - April 1, 2012, 8am - 8pm,** across from the Kensington Clinic, 24th St and 5th Ave NW. Many available hours. Peaceful, prayerful, loving, public witness. For details and sign-up go to: www.40daysforlife.com/calgary or call Dave & Kay'd at 403-453-2084.

The **Calgary Diocesan Marriage Preparation** program "For Better and For Ever", has been adapted for couples in one or more of the following circumstances: living together, previously married, beginning marriage with children, couples 45+, or those who wish to have their marriage blessed in the Church. For information and/or to register call the Life and Family Resource Centre at 403-218-5504 email lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca.

Catholic Family Services Marriage Preparation program upcoming weekend sessions will be held on the following dates: **Feb. 24-26, March 6-11 and April 13 – 15**. Call Catholic Family Service at 403-233-2360 to register.

Still time to sign up for a Valentine's gift for couples experiencing difficulty - Retrouvaille is a program that has helped tens of thousands of married 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** call **403-218-5504** (daytime) or **403-616-4976** (evenings) or email: coordinator@helpourmarriagecalgary.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

For Life & Family ministries, programs and events please visit our website at www.calgarydiocese.ca, or call 403-218-5504 for more information.

THINKFAST 2012: We invite all youth ages 10-18 to join a 2-day Lenten Retreat, THINKFAST 2012 to be held on March 9, 10, 11, 2012 here at St. Thomas More. THINKFAST is an educational and spiritual retreat to teach young people through fasting the social issues around the world. THINKFAST is hosted by the St. Thomas More Squirettes in partnership with the St. Thomas More Youth Group. We will be accepting registrations beginning this weekend, February 4/5. We are also launching the IMBY (In My Backyard) jar to raise funds for Development and Peace. For more information on THINKFAST 2012, please contact Dan Tran or Cherie Pulver @ 403-827-6785.

JESUS' PRAYER BEFORE DYING:

Vatican City, (VIS) - The prayer of Jesus at the moment of His death, as narrated by St. Mark and St. Matthew was the theme of Benedict XVI's catechesis during his general audience, held this morning in the Paul VI Hall. "In the structure of the narrative", the Pope said, "Jesus' cry rises at the end of three hours of darkness, which had descended upon the earth from midday to three o'clock in the afternoon. Those three hours of darkness were, in their turn, the continuation of an earlier period which also lasted three hours and began with the crucifixion. ... In biblical tradition darkness has an ambivalent meaning: it is a sign of the presence and action of evil, but also of the mysterious presence and action of God Who is capable of vanquishing all darkness. ... In the scene of Jesus' crucifixion darkness envelops the earth, the darkness of death in which the Son of God immerses Himself, in order bring life with His act of love". "Insulted by various categories of people, surrounded by a darkness covering everything, at the very moment in which He is facing death Jesus' cry shows that, along with His burden of suffering and death apparently accompanied by abandonment and the absence of God, He is entirely certain of the closeness of the Father, Who approves this supreme act of love and of total giving of Self, although we do not hear His voice from on high as we did in earlier moments". Yet, the Holy Father asked, "what is the meaning of Jesus' prayer? The cry addressed to the Father: 'my God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'" He explained that "the words Jesus addresses to the Father are the beginning of Psalm 22, in which the Psalmist expresses the tension between, on the one hand, being left alone and, on the other, the certain knowledge of God's presence amongst His people. ... The Psalmist speaks of a 'cry' to express all the suffering of his prayer before the apparently absent God. At moments of anguish prayer becomes a cry. "This also happens in our own relationship with the Lord", the Pope added. "In the face of difficult and painful situations, when it seems that God does not hear, we must not be afraid to entrust Him with the burden we are carrying in our hearts, we must not be afraid to cry out to Him in our suffering". "Jesus prays at the moment of ultimate rejection by man, at the moment of abandonment. However, He is aware that God the Father is present even at the instant in which He is experiencing the human drama of death. Yet nonetheless, a question arises in our hearts: how is it possible that such a powerful God does not intervene to save His Son from this terrible trial?" The Holy Father explained that "it is important to understand that the prayer of Jesus is not the cry of a person who meets death with desperation, nor that of a person who knows he has been abandoned. At that moment Jesus appropriates Psalm 22, the Psalm of the suffering people of Israel, at that moment He takes upon Himself not only the suffering of His people, but also that of all men and women oppressed by evil. ... And He takes all this to the heart of God in the certainty that His cry will be heard in the resurrection. ... His is a suffering in communion with us and for us, it derives from love and carries within itself redemption and the victory of love. "The people at the foot of Jesus' cross were unable to understand, they thought His cry was a supplication to Elijah. ... We likewise find ourselves, ever and anew, facing the 'today' of suffering, the silence of God - many times we say as much in our prayers - but we also find ourselves facing the 'today' of the Resurrection, of the response of God Who took our sufferings upon Himself, to carry them with us and give us the certain hope that they will be overcome". "In our prayers", the Holy Father concluded, "let us bring God our daily crosses, in the certainty that He is present and listens to us. The cry of Jesus reminds us that in prayer we must cross the barrier of 'self' and our own problems, and open ourselves to the needs and sufferings of others. May the prayer of the dying Jesus on the cross teach us to pray with love for so many brothers and sisters who feel the burden of daily life, who are experiencing moments of difficulty, who suffer and hear no words of comfort, that they may feel the love of God Who never abandons us. **08-02-2012 - Anno XXII - Num. 28**

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FEBRUARY 11TH /12TH, 2012 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PASTOR: Fr. John Alex Pinto, OCD

PERMANENT DEACON : Deacon Norman Dumais

ACCOUNTANT: Anna McKiernan

CARETAKING: Parish Volunteer Teams

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE: Monday 9:00am;
Tuesday 7:00pm; Thursday 6:45pm;
Wednesday to Saturday 9:00am;

ROSARY: Sun. at 8:50am & 10:50am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: 1st Tues. 7:30-8:30pm

RECONCILIATION: Tues. 6:15-6:45pm;

Sat. 4:30-5:15pm

PRAYER REQUEST LINE: Call 285-3773 #2

BAPTISMS: An initial appointment with one of the

Priests is required before attending a session.

CONFIRMATION: Mandatory Orientation/Registration
Is May 2012.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Fr. Gabriel Dias, OCD

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT : Lori Tremblay

HOSPITALITY: Everyone in the Parish!

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:
SATURDAY 5:30PM YOUTH FOCUSED
SUNDAY 9:30AM, 11:30AM & 5:00PM

MORNING PRAYER: Mon. 8:40am & Wed. to Sat. 8:40am

PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA: Tues at 6:45pm

ADORATION & PRO-LIFE PRAYERS: 1st Sat. 7:30-8:30pm

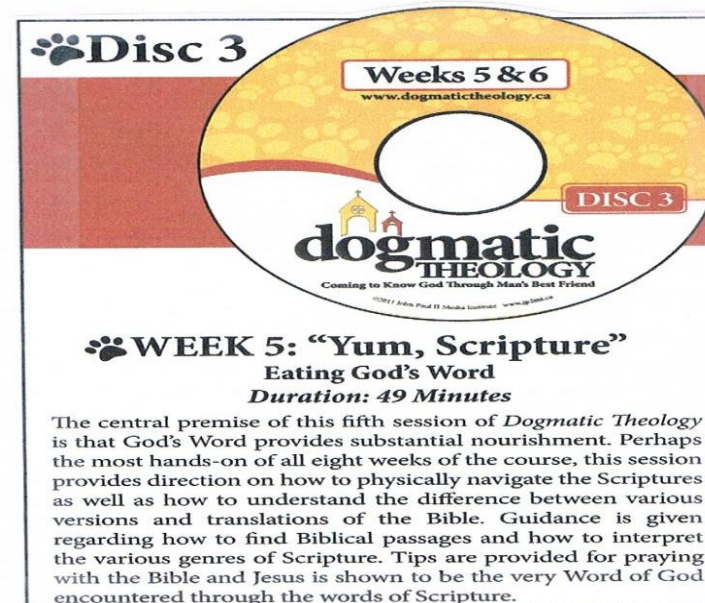
INFANT JESUS NOVENA: Thurs at 6:45pm

CANCER MASS AT 7:00PM: Feb. 21, 2012; May 22, 2012; Aug. 21, 2012;
Nov. 20, 2012

FIRST EUCHARIST (COMMUNION): Registration in Jan. 2013

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Registration September 2012

MARRIAGES: Minimum of 6 months notice, if there has been no
Previous marriage.



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WEEK 5: "Yum, Scripture"
Eating God's Word
Duration: 49 Minutes

The central premise of this fifth session of *Dogmatic Theology* is that God's Word provides substantial nourishment. Perhaps the most hands-on of all eight weeks of the course, this session provides direction on how to physically navigate the Scriptures as well as how to understand the difference between various versions and translations of the Bible. Guidance is given regarding how to find Biblical passages and how to interpret the various genres of Scripture. Tips are provided for praying with the Bible and Jesus is shown to be the very Word of God encountered through the words of Scripture.

DOGOMATIC THEOLOGY
PLACE: ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH
TIME: 7:15PM EVERY THURSDAY
BEGINNING ON JANUARY 19TH TO MARCH 8TH, 2012

WEEK 6: "The Leash and The Collar"
Living Under the Lordship of Christ
Duration: 51 Minutes

The focus of Week 6 is the lifestyle of discipleship with the image of being yoked to Christ (Matthew 11:28-30) as a model. The title of "Lord" is explored and offered up as a particularly fitting name and role for Jesus. Practical suggestions are given regarding how to daily live under Christ's Lordship and how to be yoked to others through the Church. It is also shown that through this relationship with Jesus, Christians are transformed to become like Him.