

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sat./Sun.	Jan. 7/8	First Communion Registration Begins this weekend
Monday,	Jan. 9	Inn From the Cold Set up @ 6:00pm
Monday,	Jan. 9	Choir @ 7:00pm
Tuesday,	Jan. 10	7:30pm K/C Mtg.
Tuesday,	Jan. 10	7:30pm Stewardship Committee Mtg.
Wednesday,	Jan. 11	RCIA/RCIC 7:00pm
Wednesday,	Jan. 11	Choir @ 7:30pm
Thursday,	Jan. 12	Over 60 Club 1-4pm
Thursday,	Jan. 12	1:30pm Rosary & 2:00pm Whitehorn Seniors Mass
Friday,	Jan.. 13	Church Cleaning @ 6:00pm Team 2
Saturday,	Jan. 14	11:00am Funeral Mass for Apolinaria Rubite
Saturday,	Jan. 14	Squirettes 1-3:00pm

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS) INQUIRY PROGRAM: If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic or in receiving sacraments missed as a child (Holy Eucharist and Confirmation), please contact the parish office at 403-285-3773 for more information or to register for the program. The next Inquiry Program will begin on Wednesday, February 1, 2012.

2012 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Are again out in the foyer for pick up. They are in Alphabetical Order. Please make sure you pick yours up before January 12/13, 2012 weekend. After January 13th they will be removed and re-issued to Parishioners who wish to call the parish office to get a box, or visit the registration table to pick one up. If you have any questions or need more assistance, please call the parish office @ 403-285-3773.

MISSALS FOR 2012: There are still missals available in the foyer @ \$4.00 each.

*****FIRST EUCHARIST (COMMUNION) REGISTRATION*****

Registration forms will be made available this weekend at the Sacramental Bulletin Board in the church foyer until January 22, 2012. The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated on May 5, 2012 at 5:30pm and May 6, 2012 at 9:30am and 11:30am.

LITURGICAL LANGUAGE & NEW ROMAN MISSAL:

The revised English translation of our Roman Missal gives us a chance to purify and deepen our communion in the Body of Christ, the Catholic Church, in two ways. First, it invites us to attend more closely to the words and spirit of the apostolic tradition of our sacred liturgy. Second, it confronts us with the need to work at our common prayer and approach the liturgy as disciples rather than masters. *By Father Bernard Mulcahy, O.P.*

Epiphany of the Lord Stewardship Reflection

They offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Matthew 2:11)

The Magi brought these gifts to honour the qualities of kingship, priesthood, and mortality present in the Messiah. Through your stewardship you can manifest the gifts that God has given you in order to proclaim the praise of the Lord.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE: This Course is only for those who are living in civil union (Civily Married) and living common law. If you are interested in having your Marriage blessed in the Church, we are offering a short (one day) Marriage preparation course on Saturday, January 21, 2012 from 10:00am to 4:30pm. The course fee is \$25.00 per couple. You need to register before January 15, 2012.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS: Our next preparation class for infant Baptism will be on Saturday, February 4th @ 10:00am. Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment to see one of the Parish Priests and to register for this next class.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Jan. 7	9:00am	+Ernst Ortholf
Saturday	Jan. 7	5:30pm	For the People
Sunday	Jan. 8	9:30am	+Vivian & Ivy Studden
Sunday	Jan. 8	11:30am	+Patrick & Candid Mendes
Sunday	Jan. 8	5:00pm	+Francis Marc Resurreccion
Monday	Jan. 9	9:00am	+Rogelio Cristobal
Tuesday	Jan. 10	7:00pm	+Giza & John Pinto
Wednesday	Jan. 11	9:00am	Intentions Saibeen Padmaraj
Thursday	Jan. 12	9:00am	Souls In Purgatory
Thursday	Jan. 12	6:45pm	+Rose & Mathias Mitchell & Lily Dixon
Friday	Jan. 13	9:00am	Thanksgiving Eutropia Valencia
Friday,	Jan. 13	7:00pm	Rev. John Murphy, CSB

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

1. Memorial Mass @ St. Thomas More for Rev. John Murphy, CSB on Friday, January 13, 2012 @ 7:00pm with Rev. Robert Kasun, CSB presiding.
2. Dogmatic Theology DVD Presentation (by Rev. James Mallon of the Diocese of Halifax, Nova Scotia), on Thursday's starting on Thursday, January 19, 2012 to Thursday, March 8, 2012 @ 7:15pm.
3. Charismatic Lenten Retreat with Mr. Aneel Aranha from Dubai on March 22, 23 & 24, 2012, more info to come.
4. Stewardship Retreat with Fr. Andrew & Team from Denver, Colorado on May 25, 26 & 27, 2012, more info to come.

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY: Training Session will be held on Saturday, January 28th @ 9:00am for all who signed up at our last Stewardship Weekend and for anyone else who is interested in becoming a Minister of Hospitality.



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre for
January 8th 2012, the Epiphany of the Lord.

Social Justice Office

“Ending Homelessness” - Bishop Henry will be speaking at the 2012 Kick-Off of Theology on Tap on the topic of Ending Homelessness. The talk will be held on **Sunday, January 22nd from 7:00-9:00pm at James Joyce Irish Pub**. For more information, e-mail theologyontapcalgary@gmail.com and join the Theology on Tap Calgary Facebook page.

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

Chair of Christian Thought is hosting Dr. John Rook to speak on **Homelessness** - Two talks will be given by Dr. John Rook, who holds a Master of Divinity and a doctorate in biblical studies, on the issues of Homelessness. The first presentation titled, “Am I My Sister’s and Brother’s Keeper? The Ethics of Homelessness and Programs that Work”, will be held **Monday, January 30th at 7:30pm at Grace Presbyterian Church** (1009 – 15th Ave. S.W.) and the second talk, “Homeless Shelter Residents:

Who are They and What Are Their Needs In a Time of Rapid Economic Growth”, will take place on **Tuesday, January 31 at 12:30pm at Taylor Family Digital Library Gallery Hall (University of Calgary)**. For further information, call 403-220-5886 or visit the Chair of Christian Thought website at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/christchair/events>.

Religious Education Office

Heads up! Join us for the **2012 Catholic Conference: Open Wide the Doors...Welcome the New Evangelization**. To be held on **March 9-10, 2012 in Calgary, Alberta** the Catholic 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.

Stewardship Office

FaithLife: 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.

Youth Office

2012 ONE ROCK Tickets can be purchased on line at www.onerock.ca The dates for One Rock are **August 17 & 18th, 2012**. You can also book your campsite early through the website.

Office of Liturgy

Initiation Ministry: Are you a person of prayer with experience in initiation ministry and Catechesis? Are you committed to your own ongoing faith formation? Do you enjoy working as part of a team? If so, maybe you are called to serve on the Diocesan Forum on Initiation. Check our website for a description of the ministry and contact information: <http://www.calgarydiocese.ca/liturgy/initiation.html>

Life and Family Resource Centre (LFRC)

Transitions – a 15-week program for those newly separated/divorced. New program will start on **Monday, January 23, 2012**. For more information or registration call 403-218-5504.

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 403-218-5504.

The next **Calgary Catholic Medical Association** committee meeting will take place on **Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 9:45 am** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre. Please indicate your participation by contacting the Life & Family Resource Centre by phone or e-mail.

Project Rachel offers a journey of healing and reconciliation for people suffering distress from a past abortion experience. Two options are available: individual counseling or a small group retreat. For more information call Project Rachel at 218-5506 or toll-free 1-877-597-3223.

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 **403-218-5504** (daytime) or **403-616-4976** (evenings) email: coordinator@helpourmarriagecalgary.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

The **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

Because you believe in the sanctity of life, you should know that Calgary Pro-Life Association offers FREE programs intended to educate regarding respect for all life. Please go to www.calgaryprolife.com to print a membership and donation form today.

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.

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

CHRISTMAS MEANS BRINGING GOD'S JOY AND LIGHT TO OTHERS

VATICAN CITY, 4 JAN 2012 (VIS) Benedict XVI dedicated his catechesis to the mystery of the Lord's Nativity, noting that "our first reaction to this extraordinary event of God Who becomes a child ... is joy". This "arises from a sense of heartfelt wonder at seeing how God comes close to us and cares for us; how He acts in history. ... It arises from a contemplation of the face of that humble child because we know that it is the Face of God. ... Christmas is a time of joy ... because God - Who is the goodness, life and truth of mankind - comes down to man's level in order to raise man to Himself. God comes so close that we can see and touch Him". For this reason, the Pope explained, "Christmas is the point at which heaven and earth unite. ... In that needy Child ... what God is (eternity, strength, sanctity, life, joy) unites with what we are (weakness, sin, suffering death)".

The phrase "admirabile commercium" is current in the theology and spirituality of the Nativity, used to describe this "admirable exchange between the divine and the human. ... The first act of that exchange comes about in Christ's own humanity. The Word assumed our humanity and, in exchange, human nature was raised to divine dignity. The second act of the exchange consists in our real and intimate involvement in the divine nature of the Word. ... Thus Christmas is the feast in which God comes so close to man as to share the very act of being born, showing men and women their most profound dignity: that of being children of God. Humanity's dream which began in the Garden of Eden - we want to be like God - is realized in an unexpected way, not through the greatness of man, who cannot make himself God, but through the humility of God Who came down among us in His humility, raising us to the true greatness of His being".

Benedict XVI also turned his attention to another aspect of Christmas, symbolized by light. "Christ's coming dissipates the shadows of the world and fills the holy night with a celestial splendor, spreading the radiance of God the Father over the faces of men, even today", he said. "After having spoken and intervened in history through messengers and signs, 'He appeared', He came out of His inaccessible light in order to illuminate the world". All Christians must be aware of their mission and responsibility to bear witness to the new light of the Gospel, and to bring it to the world. The Church receives the light of Christ "to be illuminated thereby and to spread it in all its splendor. And this must also come about in our own lives".

"Christmas means pausing to contemplate the Child, the Mystery of God Who became man in humility and poverty. Above all it means once again making that Child, Who is Christ the Lord, part of ourselves so as to live our lives from His, so as to make His feelings, His thoughts, His actions our feelings, thoughts and actions. To celebrate Christmas is to express the joy, novelty and light which that Birth brought into our lives, that we too may bring others joy, true novelty and the light of God". AG/ VIS 20120104 (620)

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JANUARY 7TH / 8TH , 2012 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

PASTOR: Fr. John Alex Pinto, OCD

PERMANENT DEACON : Deacon Norman Dumais

CARETAKING: Parish Volunteer Teams

HOSPITALITY: Everyone in the Parish!

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Fr. Gabriel Dias, OCD

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT : Lori Tremblay

ACCOUNTANT: Anna McKiernan

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

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

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

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. 7-22, 2012

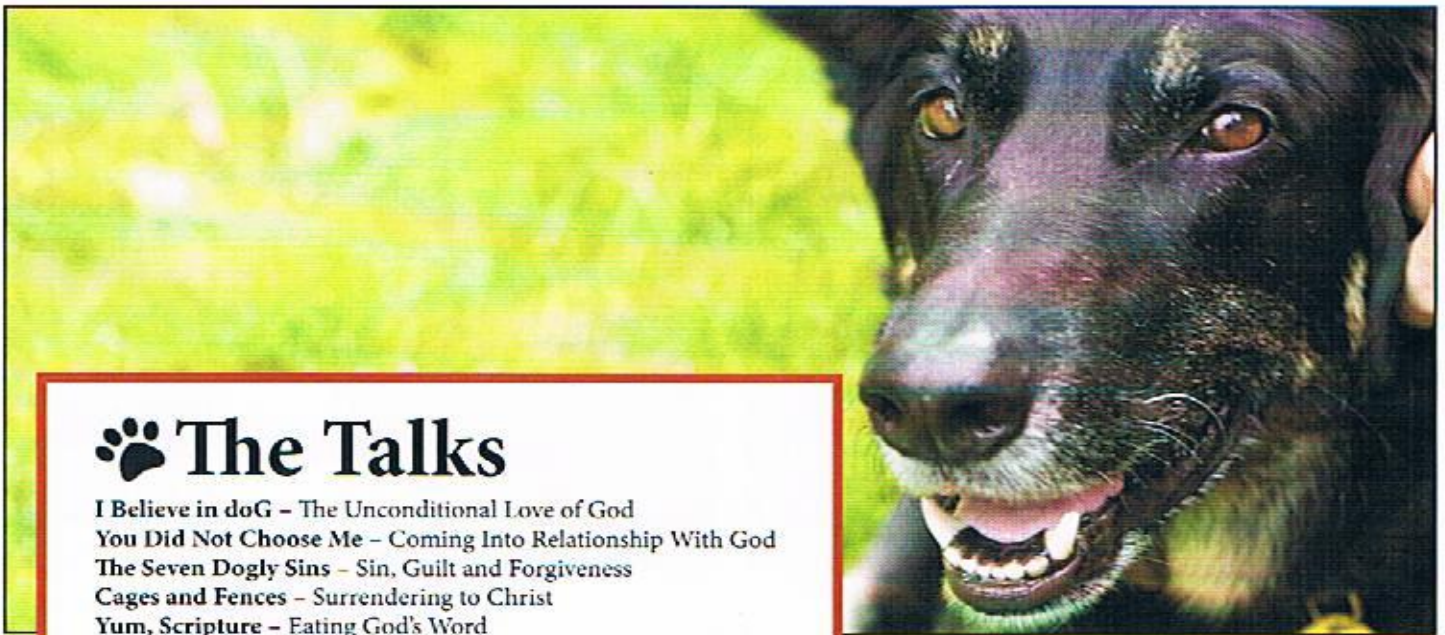
FIRST RECONCILIATION: Registration in September 7:15PM 2012

MARRIAGES: Minimum of 6 months notice, if there has been no previous marriages.

DOG MATIC THEOLOGY

PLACE: ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

TIME: 7:15PM EVERY THURSDAY BEGINNING ON JANUARY 19TH TO MARCH 8TH



The Talks

I Believe in doG – The Unconditional Love of God
You Did Not Choose Me – Coming Into Relationship With God
The Seven Dogly Sins – Sin, Guilt and Forgiveness
Cages and Fences – Surrendering to Christ
Yum, Scripture – Eating God's Word
The Leash and The Collar – Living Under the Lordship of Christ
It's a Dog's Life – The Problem of Suffering
Do Dogs Go to Heaven? – Mortality, Grief and Eternal Life

 **Format**

We recommend that each *Dogmatic Theology* session consist of four parts: