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#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPER CAMPAIGN

Our Society of the St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank all and each one of our volunteers, who were involved in our Christmas Hamper Campaign, and made it possible the delivery to the needy families of our Community. Our committee assembled and delivered **112 Christmas Hampers** with the assistance of: St. Michael's Church, Our Lady of The Assumption School, St. Basil's School, Our Lady of The Assumption Church and St. Bernard's Parish. This major event was accomplished quickly and efficiently, thanks to the many cheerful volunteers and the generous donations of food and financial assistance from parishioners and other donors. For the year ending 2016, St. Vincent de Paul committee delivered **516 Hampers** (including the Christmas Hampers), with food supplies for 974 adults and 392 children. Thanks again to all contributors to our successful mission. Please note that our next committee meeting is Jan 17, 2017 at St. Bernard's Parish, after the 7:00 pm Mass. New members will be introduced to our mission & procedures. **All monetary donations are also tax deductible.** Food donations are always very welcome. **Donation envelopes** are available at the back of the Church. Thank you for your support!



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From international charitable partnerships with **Special Olympics**, the **Global Wheelchair Mission** and **Habitat for Humanity** to our own **Food for Families** and **Coats for Kids** projects and other local charities, the opportunity to work together with fellow Knights and their families is virtually endless. **STB/OLA** meetings will continue in 2017 and until April at their usual time 2:00 pm every first Sundays of each month. Please joining us for our charitable activities, this is our opportunity to work for our Community.



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The CWL will be hosting a **Pot Luck Dinner** to be held at STB/OLA January 28 at 6:00 pm. Turkey and ham will be provided by CWL. Please bring a dish to feed at least 6. There will be no admission fee; however, we would like you to RSVP to know how many to expect. Please call or email Elizabeth to RSVP at [cwlpardishdinner@gmail.com](mailto:cwlpardishdinner@gmail.com) or 403-270-0125.

## Announcements From The Diocese Of Calgary

Marriage Preparation (February 13 & March 3 – 4, 2017)

Couples are required to attend one orientation evening at least two weeks prior to the weekend sessions to allow time for completion of questions for reflection and dialogue in "For Better & For Ever". This is followed by the weekend sessions. The per-couple registration fee includes all materials, refreshments at all sessions and Lunch on Saturday. You can also register by cheque prior to the orientation session, just call the Life & Family Resource Centre at 403 218 5505 to reserve your spot. This orientation session is being held on Monday, February 13 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The Weekend Sessions are held on Friday, March 3 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Saturday, March 4 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

### RCIA Catechist Workshop (Lethbridge)

Series of four workshops to train catechists as they journey with candidates through the stages of inquiry, catechumenate, purification and enlightenment, and mystagogy. The workshops are not sequential. It is not necessary to attend all four in the series, but each will cover a different period of the RCIA process. Workshops in Lethbridge (Saturdays):  
March 25, 2017 (10:00 am – 12:00 pm): Pre-Catechumenate (Inquiry) Period  
March 25, 2017 (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm): Catechumenate Period  
April 29, 2017 (10:00 am – 12:00 pm): Period of Purification and Enlightenment  
April 29, 2017 (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm): Period of Mystagogy  
Please bring a bag lunch if you are staying for both sessions on one day. The workshops are free of charge, but advanced registration is required. For more information, contact 403 218 5511/2, or [liturgy@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:liturgy@calgarydiocese.ca).

### Marriage Preparation "For Better & For Ever"

"For Better & For Ever..." Marriage Preparation, accepts all couples preparing for marriage. Due to the small group setting it allows us to focus on 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. Upcoming Dates: January 16/February 3-4, 13/March 3-4. For more dates, registration or information, contact 403-218-5505 or email [lifefamily@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:lifefamily@calgarydiocese.ca).

### Marriage Preparation – Catholic Family Service

Join us for one of our upcoming weekends January 13-15, 2017. Call CFS at 403 233 2360 or visit [www.cfs-ab.org](http://www.cfs-ab.org) for registration, information and more weekends.



**Our Lady Of  
The Assumption Church**  
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#### Mass Times:

Sun · 11am | Thu · 7pm | Fri · 9am

#### FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be a time of Eucharistic Adoration on the **First Friday of every month**. It will take place at Our Lady of the Assumption Church following the 9:00 am Mass and end with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 11:00 am. All are welcome to join us for a time of silent prayer and adoration before Our Eucharistic Lord.

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Reflection of the Gospel: [Matthew 2: 1-12](#)

**A Fourfold Feast** ( Four times as great or as numerous )

Epiphany originally celebrated four different events, in the following order of importance: the **Baptism of the Lord**; Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana; the **Nativity of Christ**; and the visitation of the **Wise Men** or Magi. Each of these is a revelation of God to man: At Christ's Baptism, the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of **God the Father** is heard, declaring that Jesus is His Son; at the wedding in Cana, the miracle reveals Christ's divinity; at the Nativity, the angels bear witness to Christ, and the shepherds, representing the people of Israel, bow down before Him; and at the visitation of the Magi, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles - the other nations of the earth.

#### The End of Christmastide

Eventually, the celebration of the Nativity was separated out, in the West, into Christmas; and shortly thereafter, Western Christians adopted the Eastern feast of the Epiphany, still celebrating the Baptism, the first miracle, and the visit from the Wise Men. Thus, Epiphany came to mark the end of Christmastide – the **Twelve Days of Christmas** (celebrated in the song), which began with the revelation of Christ to Israel in His Birth and ended with the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles at Epiphany.

# St. BERNARD'S PARISH

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#### Mass Times:

Sat · 8am · 5pm | Sun · 9am | Tue · 7pm  
Wed · 7pm

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The sacrament of Reconciliation will be available 45 MINUTES before the start of All Masses, (with the exception of the 11:00 am Sunday Mass at Assumption), and will continue to be available after the Tuesday evening Mass 7:30 · 8:30 pm

#### ROSARY

Begins 35 minutes before Sunday Masses.

#### HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

Tuesdays · 7:30 · 8:30 pm at St. Bernards.  
Confessions will be available during Adoration.

#### PASTORAL CARE MASSES

Brentwood Care Centre: Wednesday 10:30am (2nd & 4th week)  
Bow View Care Centre: Thursday 11:00am (2nd & 4th week)  
Bow Crest Care Centre: Friday 10:30am (2nd & 4th week)  
Col. Belcher Care Centre: Saturday 10:30am  
Valley Ridge Lodge: Second Tuesday of the month - 10:45am  
Shouldice Lodge: Second Wednesday of the month - 2:00 pm

#### OFFICE LOCATED AT:

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# — EPIPHANY OF THE LORD —

JANUARY 8, 2017

## FEASTS THIS WEEK

Monday, January 9:	Baptism of the Lord	Thursday, January 12:	St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Virgin
Friday, January 12:	OM: St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor	Saturday, January 14:	OM: Our Lady's Saturday

## ORDINARY TIME

During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The People of God offers praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

On the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, God assembles the beloved people to hear the Word, to reflect upon it, to offer the living sacrifice of praise, and to eat and drink the banquet of the Lord. Then God sends them forth to proclaim this love by their words and actions. Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, following the tradition handed down from apostolic times, for this was the day of the Lord's resurrection. Today's Christians communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the risen Lord.



## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	STB	Jan. 7	8:00 am	Ian Mahood	INT.
Saturday	STB	Jan. 7	5:00 pm	Edward Saunders	INT.
Sunday	STB	Jan. 8	9:00 am	<b>Pro Populo</b>	INT.
Sunday	STB	Jan. 8	11:00 am	Dieter Winn	RIP.
Tuesday	STB	Jan. 9	7:00 pm	Marge Patipatanakoon	INT.
Wednesday	STB	Jan. 11	7:00 pm	Luisa and Orande Sivacoe	INT.
Thursday	OLA	Jan. 12	7:00 pm	Janifer Usyk	INT.
Friday	OLA	Jan. 13	9:00 am	Maria Kon	RIP.
Saturday	STB	Jan. 14	8:00 am	<b>All Souls of Purgatory</b>	INT.
Saturday	STB	Jan. 14	5:00 pm	Danjoe Hallissey	RIP.
Sunday	STB	Jan. 15	9:00 am	Ana Morson and Family	INT.
Sunday	OLA	Jan. 15	11:00 am	Joseph Varkey	RIP.

## TIA 2016

Our TIA 2016 Goal was: \$ 16,808.28 Donations up to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016: \$ 15,974.00 We were only short by \$834.27. A big applause for our faith Community of St. Bernard's Parish and its generous charitable work. **TIA Commitment Accomplished !!!**

## COLLECTION FOR JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Envelopes: \$ 2,477.00 Loose: \$ 414.45 TIA: \$495.00 New Year's Donations: \$ 720.00

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition Of The Blessed Sacrament, to atone for abortions. St. John's Convent, 409 - 10A St. NW. begins on Sunday, January 8 at 3:00 pm and concludes Monday, January 9 with Mass at 5:00 pm. **Come and Pray.** To be a Holy Hour Keeper call Dolores at 403 272 5683.



## 2016 TOGETHER IN ACTION CAMPAIGN – ( TIA ) —



The calendar year came to its conclusion, and our annual Together In Action (TIA) Campaign was a success. The community of St. Bernard's and Our Lady of The Assumption raised \$15,974.00, almost reaching our Parish TIA commitment of \$16,808.28. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our TIA commitment this year. Together In Action assists Charitable Organizations and initiatives in the Diocese of Calgary, in addition to offering assistance to International Charitable Works. All monetary donations are subject to tax deductions. I would invite all parishioners to continue helping others around the world with their own contribution, no matter if big or small, but to continue instilling the love of God to help others. God Bless! Fr. Nathan.

## PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION

Registration, preparation and celebration of First Reconciliation in our parish will occur on the following dates:

### Registration and First Session:

Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

### Second Session:

Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

### Retreat:

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017, 9:30 am - 11:30 am

### Third Session and Celebration of First Reconciliation:

Sunday, Feb. 26 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

All sessions will take place at St. Bernard's Church. Children in Grades 3 & 4 are invited to prepare for this sacrament. Any child who is making their First Communion this year is also welcome to prepare for their First Reconciliation. Registration forms for First Reconciliation can be picked up at the back of our churches, at the parish office or on our parish website.

## MOUNT ST. FRANCIS

**Retreat:** January 13 to 15. **Theme:** Encountering Mercy. Come to reflect and meditate. It is a peaceful, silent retreat and a wonderful opportunity to reflect, meditate on the session topics, read a book from their library, and marvel at the beauty of the surrounding nature. To walk the country road or the paths within the property to visit the Stations of the Cross, are nourishment for mind and body. Please visit [www.mountstfrancis.ca](http://www.mountstfrancis.ca) for more information. Register or inquire with Marilyn Meek at [marilyn-m1@shaw.ca](mailto:marilyn-m1@shaw.ca) or call 403 254 9726.

## FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord this year on Monday, January 9th. The Holy Mass will be celebrated on this day at 8:00 am at St Bernard's.

## BIBLE TIMELINE

A reminder that the course will resume on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. The Bible Timeline is a 24 session journey through the entire Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. This course will take place after the 7:00 pm Thursday evening Mass at Our Lady of The Assumption Church.

## 2017 COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Collection envelope boxes for some parishioners are still remaining to be picked up in both parishes, please search for your assigned number and pick up your Collection Envelopes at the back of the Churches. **All monetary donations are also tax deductible.** If you would like to receive the Collection Envelopes, please contact the Parish office by phone at 403 283 3746, or via email at [office@stbernardsparish.ca](mailto:office@stbernardsparish.ca).

## GOSPEL (Matthew 2.1-12)

### Sunday January 8, 2017

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

**“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”**

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.