



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre
For March 19th, 2017 | 3rd Sunday of Lent

LENTEN ECUMENICAL PRAYER WITH BISHOP MCGRATTAN

Join Lutheran Leaders and Bishop McGrattan at Hope Lutheran Church to pray for Christian Unity during Lent. There is also a free Soup and Bread Supper beforehand. Bishop McGrattan will be preaching with Lutheran leaders leading prayer. Hope Lutheran Church, 3527 Boulton Rd NW, Calgary, AB T2L 1M5, March 22nd, 6:00-7:45pm. Also please join St. Luke's Catholic Church, Mar. 29th 6:00pm: free soup and bread supper, 7:00-8:00pm prayer for Christian unity.

SPIRITUALITY OF STEWARDSHIP: THREE DAY LENTEN MISSION

With Father Daryl Befort from Wichita, Kansas. The Lenten Mission will focus on a Threefold Call of Discipleship: Deny Yourself, Take up Your Cross and Follow Christ.

-Lenten Mission at All Saints Parish & St. Martha's Parish (355 Columbia Blvd W, Lethbridge) March 26 - 28, 2017. March 26, 2017 at 2:00pm to 3:30pm (Adoration and Confessions will be included) March 27, 2017 and March 28, 2017 at 6:30pm to 8:00pm (Adoration and Confessions will be included)

-Lenten Mission at St. Thomas More Parish (15 Templebow Road NE, Calgary) March 29 - 31, 2017.

March 29, 2017 & March 30, 2017 at 6:30pm to 9:00pm (Holy Mass, Adoration and Confessions will be included). March 31, 2017 at 6:30pm to 9:00pm Day 3: Follow Christ (Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Confessions will be included). Contact: Eden D'Souza, Stewardship Coordinator at 403-218-5520 or stewardship@calgarydiocese.ca.

YOUTH RALLY 2017

The Youth Office invites all youth ages 12 - 18 to participate in this year's Youth Rally on April 22, 2017 in St. James Parish in Okotoks. Come and join Michael Chiasson, Fr. Daniel Gurnick OFM and the Panic Squad for a day filled with music, awesome talks and great fun. For more information and to register please visit: www.theyellowtree.ca or ask your Youth Group Coordinator or your Parish Priest.

Youth Rally Volunteers Needed: Volunteers for this year's Youth Rally are needed. If you are over 18 years of age and screened through your parish or the diocese, please consider volunteering on April 22nd at St. James Parish in Okotoks. For more information please contact Harriett in the Youth Office at 403-218-5507 or harriett.cariaga@calgarydiocese.ca

MEMORIAL LITURGY FOR THOSE MOURNING A MISCARRIED OR STILLBORN INFANTS

When families lose a baby in the womb, the cries of birth go unheard; the grasp of tiny fingers slips away. This profound loss needs articulation. Join us in a prayer gathering to commend our children communally into the embrace of our merciful God and to support those who are grieving the loss of a child. Memorial Liturgy will be held on Friday, March 24, 2017 at 7pm, at Sacred Heart Church (1307 14 St SW, Calgary, AB). Please register at www.miscarriageliturgy.ca - or call 403-218-5500. E-mail: MemorialLiturgy@calgarydiocese.ca

PRISON MINISTRY EDUCATION WORKSHOP

The next Prison Ministry education workshop will be on March 21st, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 120 - 17 Ave SW. The workshop is open to current volunteers or anyone interested in prison ministry. This second session will be on prison ministry and our faith with Friar Dan Gurnick. To register or for more information, please contact Marilou at 403-218-5519 or marilou.legeyt@calgarydiocese.ca.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE RETREAT AND ASSEMBLY

The woman Christ meets at the well is excluded from her community and lives her life on the margins. Too often, many people are excluded and unable to have a voice in political processes. Participation is an important teaching in Catholic Social Thought. Development and Peace has been working with the Congolese Catholic Church to encourage citizen participation and ensure a fair electoral process since the first democratic elections in the DRC in 2006. Go online to <http://www.devp.org/en/50years> to find out more or join us for the 2017 Development & Peace Retreat and Assembly on April 28-30, 2017 at the FCJ Centre, 219, 19 Avenue SW. Bishop McGrattan will give

the opening address. Other speakers include Dr. Peter Baltutis, St. Mary's University and Lance Dixon, CCSD. To register, contact marilou.legeyt@calgarydiocese.ca.

DIOCESAN PALLIATIVE CARE EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Spring 2017 Diocesan Palliative Care Education Program Part 1 and Part 2 will take place at St. Bonaventure Parish, 1600 Acadia Drive SE, on April 28 & 29, and May 5 & 6, 2017. The Program is on the two Friday evenings and all day both Saturdays. Registration fee: \$50. For more information or to register, please call 403- 218-5501, Email: healthcareprograms@calgarydiocese.ca, or online at www.calgarydiocese.ca.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL CARE COURSE

The Spring 2017 Diocesan Pastoral Care Training Program will begin on Thursday May 4, 2017 and run for 7 consecutive Thursday evenings from 6:30pm - 9:30pm until June 15, 2017. The program will be held at St. Bernadette's Parish, 7103 - 20A St. SE. This course will introduce you to the basic visiting skills required for Pastoral Care Ministry in the health care facilities or parish. Registration fee: \$50. For more information and to register, call: 403-218-550, Email: alicia.zubot@calgarydiocese.ca, or online at www.calgarydiocese.ca.

BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD -- BASIC TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP (PART 1)

The NFP Association of Alberta is in urgent need of Billings Ovulation Method® Teachers to meet increasing demand for service throughout Southern AB. Training involves 2 workshops and supervised practicum. Candidates will be prepared to offer personalized education to couples facing infertility, wishing to postpone pregnancy, and/or monitor reproductive health. March 24-26 at St. Bonaventure Parish, Calgary. To register: billingslife.ca/get-involved/become-a-teacher.

EFFECTIVE CO-PARENTING: PUTTING KIDS FIRST

An educational 5-week program for separated and divorced parents to help raise their children through this difficult time and increase the understanding of needs of children for developing self- esteem and security. It will offer skills about managing diverse shared parenting situations and provide strategies for improving communication, resolving conflict, and managing day to day children's issues between parenting partners. Parents are encouraged to attend separately. The next program will run 7:00pm - 9:00pm on Wednesdays, May 3-31. For more information or registration contact the Life & Family Resource Centre at 403-218-5505 or email lifeandfamily@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: April 10/28-29, May 15/June 9-10, June 5/23-24. For more dates, registration or information, contact 403-218-5505 or email lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca.

PROJECT RACHEL POST ABORTION COUNSELLING

The ministry offers a journey of healing and reconciliation for women and men who are suffering distress from a past abortion experience. Clients will be referred to a professional counselor who specializes in dealing with the trauma associated with this experience. For more information call Project Rachel at 403-218-5506 or toll free at 1-877-597-3223 or email: info@projectrachelsa.ca.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

-Parish Communications Coordinator - 1 year Contract - St. Michael Parish in SW Calgary. This employment opportunity will be posted until the **competition closes on April 7, 2017**.

-Book Keeper -Full Time- Ascension Parish in NW Calgary

-Parish Secretary - Part Time - St. Anthony Parish in SW Calgary. This employment opportunity will be posted until the competition closes on **March 20, 2017**.

For more see the Diocesan website at <http://www.calgarydiocese.ca/articles/employment-opportunities.html>.

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