

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph's Chapel

Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 9:30 am, 11:00 am
& 7:00 pm

Kateri Chapel

Monday & Wednesday 12:10 pm
Tuesday & Thursday 12:30 pm
Friday: Rosary only at 12:10 pm
*No Weekday Masses on
Statutory Holidays.*

RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's Chapel

Tuesday 11:15 - 12:20 pm
Saturday 3:30 - 4:15 pm
And by appointment

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St. Joseph's Chapel

Sunday 9:30 am & 11:00 am

CHAPEL COLLECTION

2019
Dec 08 total: \$2,555*

2018
Dec 09 total: \$2,340

*Plus a special donation of \$750,
For a total of \$3,305

BUILDING CLOSURE AND ACCESS

From December 21 until January 2 the only access to the chapel will be through the west door of the College (the one nearest the chapel). Remember that the 7:00 pm masses will be cancelled on December 22 and December 29.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION

(For Children in Grades 2/3/4) Registration deadline Jan 14, 2020. Sacramental preparation will be done at St. Thomas More Parish. Those who would like to register or have questions, please contact Cecilia at ceci_mocha@hotmail.com.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Daily masses continue until December 19.

Advent Penance Service: December 17 at 7:00 pm

There are no 7:00 pm masses on December 22 or December 29.

Christmas Eve masses are at 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm.

There is carolling at 8:30 pm, and

There is a Potluck/Reveillon after the 9:00 pm mass.

Christmas Day mass is at 10:00 am.

New Year's Eve mass is at 7:00 pm.

New Year's Day mass is at 12:00 noon.

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UPDATE ON MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING

Grandin media reports that the province of Quebec “will open a consultation on allowing medically assisted death for people who can no longer give informed consent or who will die of an illness in the more distant future. Right now, Quebec permits Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) for terminally ill adult residents with an incurable disease who are undergoing great suffering, face imminent death, and give informed consent.”

This development is completely foreseeable. In February of 2015 the Supreme Court struck down the law against assisted suicide, ruling that it was unconstitutional to deny assisted suicide to “a competent adult person who clearly consents to the termination of life and has a grievous and irremediable medical condition, including an illness, disease or disability, that causes enduring suffering that is intolerable to the individual in the circumstances of his or her condition.”

However, almost every one of these conditions is open to challenge. Like: why should a mature teenager be forced to undergo intolerable suffering when we do not require that of an adult? Or: why must strong painkillers be withdrawn from a suffering individual so that they can “clearly consent” at the time of death? Or: why must dementia patients be forced to suffer in conditions that others do not have to endure? And so on.

Regardless of the exact conditions and limitations, the current law requires health care workers to cooperate in assisted suicide. Empathize with their plight: imagine if you were asked to kill someone under your care. Yes, it is a painful and difficult situation, but wouldn't you rather let nature take its course, and leave the exact time of death up to God?

Except in very limited circumstances (usually involving the defense of others), the intentional taking of a life is a terrible burden. It is hard to see how one person's desire for death can justify imposing this burden on the conscience of a health care worker. Please pray for those who face these agonizing crises of conscience.

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

St. Joseph's College will be hosting a Called to Protect Workshop on Saturday, February 1, 2020, from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon. All volunteers, faculty, staff and parishioners are urged to attend.

AT A GLANCE...

Email sjccm@ualberta.ca for more information

SUNDAY, DEC 15

Last 7:00 pm Sunday mass

TUESDAY, DEC 17

Advent Penance Service

~6:30 pm until finished
SJC Chapel

THURSDAY, DEC 19

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~7:00 – 8:00 pm
SJC Boardroom

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Dec 24: 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm
Carols at 8:30 pm
Potluck after the 9:00 pm
December 25: 10:00 am

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Dec 31: 7:00 pm
Jan 1: 12:00 noon

SUNDAY, JAN 5

7:00 pm Sunday mass resumes

MONDAY, JAN 6

Weekday masses resume

TUESDAY, JAN 14

Registration deadline for **First Reconciliation** and/or **First Communion**. See the front of this bulletin for more information.

BAPTISM

Contact the SJC Chaplain at least 2 months prior to date of Baptism.

MARRIAGE

Contact the SJC Chaplain at least 1 year prior to date of Marriage.

SACRAMENTS

For other sacraments, please contact the SJC Chaplain.