

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT HOLY NATIVITY

WEEKLY December 19-25

SUN.	8:00AM	Holy Communion	Sanctuary
	9:00AM	Choir Practice	Music Room
	10:00AM	Holy Communion	Sanctuary
	11:15AM	Christmas Choir Practice	Music Room
MON.	8:00PM	Fireside Group (AA)	Parish Hall
	8:00PM	Simply Serenity Al-Anon	Friendship Room
TUES	10:00AM	Crafts & Chats	Friendship Room
WED.	6:30PM	Guides	Parish Hall
	6:30PM	Pathfinders	Music Room
THURS.	10:00AM	Worship	Chapel
	10:30AM	Bible Study	Music Room
FRI.	4:00PM	Family Service	Sanctuary
	7:00PM	Holy Communion and Carols	Sanctuary
	10:00PM	Sung Eucharist and Carols	Sanctuary
SAT.	9:00AM	Holy Communion	Sanctuary

If you wish to use the church for a meeting, gathering or any other use, please call the office to determine availability and to book space. It is very limited during the week.



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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 19, 2010



Welcome to Holy Nativity Anglican Church, Calgary

Our Mission: "To be God's people, demonstrating God's love"

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Children are welcome to remain in the service or to go to the Nursery or Sunday School at their parents' discretion. Sunday School starts at 10:00 a.m. and children return to receive communion with their families.

8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

Presider: The Rev. Jim Popham
Lay Reader: Simpson Laing
The Book of Alternative Services

The Community Gathers Before God

Words of Welcome and Announcements
Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Presider: God our Father, the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary that she was to be the mother of your Son. Though Mary was afraid, she responded to your call with joy. Help us, whom you call to serve you, to share like her in your great work of bringing to our world your love and healing. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

All: **Lord Jesus, Light of the world, blessed is Gabriel who brought good news; blessed is Mary your mother and ours. Bless your Church preparing for Christmas; and bless us your children who long for your coming. Amen.**

Dominical Greeting *p. 230*

The Collect for Purity *p. 230*

The Commandments *p. 231*

The Prayer over the Community

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Story of Faith is Proclaimed

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16 - See page 4

Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18 - See page 5

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7 - see page 5

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25 - see page 6

Sermon

The Rev. Kathy Ratuski

(A time for silent reflection)

Advent and Christmas Schedule

Sunday	December 19	Fourth Sunday of Advent
		8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
		10 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Friday	December 24	Christmas Eve
		4 p.m. Children's Christmas Holy Eucharist
		7 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir and Carols
		10 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir and Carols
Saturday	December 25	Christmas Day
		9 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Sunday	December 26	Boxing Day
		9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know anyone in the parish who might need or appreciate some extra support or a visit at Christmas time? Please, let Jim know so we can respond appropriately.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on Wednesday evenings beginning January 5 for four sessions on “ The Power of a Whisper.” We will use a video series by Bill Hybels that considers “ the attitudes and actions that help us hear God’s voice more clearly” and follow with time for informal discussion. Our time starts at 7:15 and ends before 9 p.m. For more information, please contact Alan or Barb Scott at 403-278-1643.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Please join us Thursday mornings as we take a closer look at the Gospel readings for the coming week. We meet weekly in the Music Room at 10:30 a.m. following the Thursday Morning Worship service. Each session is a stand-alone study. We invite the congregation to join us through Advent for a Soup and Bun lunch on Thursdays following the Bible Study.

TIP OF THE WEEK: EMAIL ETIQUETTE

Using a salutation (“Dear John,” “Hi, Friends”) is courteous and shows respect for the recipient(s). Starting an email cold (e.g., “I have attached a notice...”) may seem abrupt and even unfriendly.

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

In the event of a pastoral emergency such as an unexpected death, critical medical emergency, or hospital admission, please, contact the church office as soon as possible. After hours, please, do not hesitate to call Jim at 403-891-3706. Please, respect that this number should be used only for true emergencies. While we always are happy to hear your comments, suggestions, and questions, please, catch Jim at the office for these non-emergency matters .

Responding to God

The Creed	<i>p. 234</i>
Prayers of the People	<i>p. 236</i>
Confession and Absolution	<i>p. 238</i>
The Peace	<i>p. 240</i>

The Sacred Meal is Shared

Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer *p. 245*

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Doxology *p. 247*

We are Sent Into the World

The Blessing

Dismissal

Assisting in Liturgy Today

Hospitality
Sidesperson

Dorothy Spring, Dode Stiles
Ken Rambaran, Roger Takaoka

10:00 AM Sung Eucharist

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Lay Reader: Wayne Power
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all stand

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All: **Lord Jesus, Light of the world, blessed is Gabriel who brought good news; blessed is Mary your mother and ours. Bless your Church preparing for Christmas; and bless us your children who long for your coming. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: # O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

all stand

The Greeting

p. 230 / all stand

The Collect for Purity

p. 230 said by all/standing

The Summary of the Law

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Kyrie Eleison

p. 231/all stand

The Prayer of the Community

said by all/standing

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The Story of Faith is Proclaimed

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

all seated

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too

News and Views

IMPORTANT MEETING FOR OUR CHRISTMAS EVE CREW

If you are a lay reader, server, scripture reader, chalice bearer, or prayers of the people leader at one of the Christmas Eve services, please, meet with Jim in the parish hall after the 10 a.m. service today. The meeting will last about 15 minutes. Just need to be sure that we all know the order of service and special aspects of the Christmas Eve services.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

In fact, it is upon us. Three unique services are scheduled for Christmas Eve at 4, 7, and 10 p.m. Plan to arrive early!

YEAR END. IT'S TIME!

Have you fulfilled your pledge for 2010? It's year end and time to be sure you get your pledged amounts in so you can take advantage of applicable tax credits for 2010! And remember the church counts on your pledged amount to stay on budget. And as of now, we remain \$18,750 under budgeted income for 2010. Please, be sure you are up-to-date on your pledge and contributions at year end. Our thanks and God's blessings for your generosity.

PLEDGE PROGRESS

We are delighted to report that the we already have received 33 pledges totaling \$69,548. So we are well on the way to matching or even exceeding last year's total of \$104,000. If you have not submitted your pledge card yet, please, do so as soon as possible. The "ask" has been simple: Pledge a bit more than last year so that Holy Nativity can realize its vision for being God's people and demonstrating God's love in this time of change and challenge. Please, place your pledge cards in the offering plate or in the box in the Friendship Room or mail it to the envelope secretary in care of the church office. If you did not receive a pledge package, please, contact the church office on Monday (403-278-0001) or holynat@shaw.ca. And if you did not bring your pledge card to church today, just bring it next Sunday. Again, our thanks and God's blessings for your generosity.

POINSETTIAS

Buy a poinsettia for \$15 to decorate the altar for Christmas. You can pick your poinsettia up on Christmas Day after the 9:00 a.m. service. Please contact the church office at 403.278.0001 to place an order.

SUNDAY BRUNCH FORUM

Mark your calendars today for the first Holy Nativity Sunday Brunch Forum on January 16. Our speaker will be new Alderman Peter Demong from Ward 14. We are delighted to have the alderman with us. Keep an eye on News & Views for more details.

AGAPE: Please join us after the service in the parish hall for refreshments and fellowship.

Assisting in the Leadership of Today's Liturgy

<i>Altar Guild</i>	Group 5
<i>Chalice Bearers</i>	Pat Hopkinson, Stan Reid
<i>Counters</i>	John Bray, Nigel Long
<i>Hospitality</i>	Pam Hicks
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Wayne Power
<i>Music Director</i>	Johnson Philip
<i>Scripture Reader</i>	Alan Scott
<i>Servers</i>	Nicholas Chan
<i>Sidespersons</i>	Don Hudson, Tim Yaworski
<i>Sunday School</i>	Julie Davies, Helen Wheeler

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God in memory of our parents, Nan and Jack Hughes, and Myrtle and Gilbert Stiles by Dode and Gib Stiles. We are blessed and give thanks for a wonderful family.

COPIES OF THE SERMON
If hearing is a concern, you may pick-up a copy of the Sunday sermon as you enter the church. Just ask one of the sidespeople.

little for you weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

all stand

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.
Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Restore us, O God of hosts; show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
And so will we never turn away from you; that we may call upon your name.
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

all seated

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn: # 117 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming *all stand*

Verses 1-2

All turn to face the Book of the Gospel as it is carried into the midst of the people.

Verse 3

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Hear the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew.
People **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Presider The Gospel of Christ
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon
(A time for silent reflection)

The Rev. Kathy Ratuski

Responding to God

The Nicene Creed
Exchange of the Peace

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p. 240/all stand

The Sacred Meal is Shared

Offertory Hymn: # 88 Of Eternal Love Begotten *all stand*
Offertory Prayer *said by presider alone*
Prayer over the Gifts *said by all /standing*

Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B *p.243/stand or kneel*

The Lord's Prayer *p.245/stand or kneel*

The Breaking of the Bread *p. 246/stand or kneel*

Song: Lamb of God

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Ushers will assist in directing you to the Communion rail. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please come to the Communion rails. Carrying a book, or crossing your arms across the chest will signal your intention to the Communion ministers. For sanitary reasons, communicants are asked to refrain from dipping the Eucharistic bread into the Cup.

Prayer after Communion *all stand*

Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

Doxology *p. 247/all stand*

We are Sent Out into the World

Blessing

Closing Hymn: # 123 Once in Royal David's City *all stand*

Dismissal