

# You are Welcome!



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**W**ELCOME to Holy Nativity Anglican Church. We begin a new decade with a spirit of optimism and hope. Though Holy Nativity, like all of Christianity, faces real challenges, we are living into our mission statement, "To be God's people, demonstrating God's love." Whether you are only with us for a short while or you would like to join us as a church family, we hope that you will experience the grace and love of God in this place.

**WORSHIP** Our primary purpose in gathering as a Christian community is to worship God. In the Anglican Church the principal service is the Holy Eucharist / Holy Communion / The Lord's Supper. You can worship with us on Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., when we celebrate the Holy Eucharist. On Thursdays, join us for Holy Eucharist in the chapel at 10 a.m. All are welcome. At Holy Nativity, you will find a mix of traditional and more contemporary, innovative worship.

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH** Children and youth are an integral part of life here at Holy Nativity. We see their spiritual growth as vital to our shared future. You may bring children to the service or take them to our Sunday school in the parish hall during the 10 a.m. service. The children in Sunday school return to their parents in the service at the Exchange of Peace after the sermon. Baptized children are welcome to receive communion with the approval of their parents. Children may also come to the communion rail during times of worship to receive a blessing without taking communion.

**AGAPE (Coffee hour)** After service, you are invited to join us for "coffee hour" in the Friendship Room at the rear of the church. There you can enjoy coffee, tea, and snacks and have a moment to meet members of the Holy Nativity congregation. Please, do not hesitate to ask any questions you may have about Holy Nativity, the Anglican tradition, or the community.

**GETTING AROUND** All our facilities are located at ground level. You will find washrooms and the nursery on the east side of the main hallway, between the offices and the parish hall. Our washrooms are accessible to those with physical challenges.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** You can join us for Bible Study and Christian Education on Wednesday evenings, 7:15 – 8:45 p.m. or Thursday mornings after the 10 a.m. service. Each session is designed as a stand alone, so come anytime. Our monthly Men’s Fellowship Breakfast features interesting and inspiring speakers. Consult our website, the Sunday bulletin, and our education brochure for details.

**OUTREACH** You are invited to help us as we extend our outreach efforts to charitable and social justice agencies, such as the Primates World Relief and Development Fund, CAWST, the Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank, and EXIT Community Outreach. We also serve as a resource to community groups, providing meeting space to such diverse groups as Girl Guides and AA.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES** All our offerings of worship are supported by active lay ministries. Your participation would be welcomed. Our liturgical ministries include the altar guild, choir, lay readers, scripture readers, prayers of the people leaders, servers, sidespeople, audio-visual assistants, Sunday school teachers, communion ministers, and chapel prayer leaders.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS** To experience the joy of community as we gather not only for worship, but also for special events like the Fall Dinner, the Annual Bazaar and Tea Room, and the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. As we begin a new year, we will inaugurate our Sunday Brunch Forum.

**NEWS & VIEWS.** You can find out what’s happening at Holy Nativity in the News & Views section of the Sunday bulletin or on our website: [www.holynativity.ca](http://www.holynativity.ca).

## **LOOKING AHEAD!**

As a community we are more than ready to go forward together to confront those challenges and meet them with an offer of God’s love

- A full-blown strategic planning effort now is complete, setting forth our vision and plans to live out our mission statement.
- When we have developed our parish profile, we will begin our search for a new rector.
- In our period of interim ministry, we will be tidying up loose ends, maintaining direction, and taking a few exploratory steps down a new path or two.

In short, we are ready to go forward together into a new and exciting decade.

All this good news derives from the teamwork of our clergy, staff, and countless volunteers – and from the willingness of our parishioners to invest their treasure in our holy work. The strength of our ongoing ministries enables Holy Nativity to be a secure spiritual home for growing number of families and individuals of all ages.

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## **CONTACT US**

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