

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT HOLY NATIVITY

WEEKLY February 27 - March 5

SUN.	8:00AM	Holy Eucharist	Sanctuary
	9:00AM	Choir Practice	Music Room
	10:00AM	Holy Eucharist	Sanctuary
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.	7:15PM	Bible Study	Friendship Room
	10:00AM	Worship	Chapel
	10:30AM	Bible Study	Music Room

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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The Eighth Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday, February 27, 2011



Welcome to Holy Nativity Anglican Church, Calgary

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

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Welcome to Newcomers and Guests

Your presence is a blessing to us. Do join us after the service for coffee in the Friendship Room at the back of the church. You also will find a "Welcome" brochure and a flyer describing Anglican worship in the pew rack and in the narthex (lobby). Getting to know you would be a privilege, so, please, fill out a blue welcome card and return it to the priest or one of the sidespersons (ushers).

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 at the Peace to be their families.

The Sunday School, nursery, and washrooms are located off the main hallway.

8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

Presider: The Rev. Kathy Ratuski
Lay Reader: Simpson Laing
The Book of Common Prayer

The Community Gathers Before God

Words of Welcome and Announcements
The Collect for Purity *p. 67*
The Commandments
The Prayer over the Community

Almighty God, grant us the Spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we who can do nothing good without you, may live according to your holy will; 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 49:8-16 - See page 4
Psalm 131 - See page 5 *said by all*
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 - See page 5
Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34- See page 6
Sermon
(A time for silent reflection)
The Creed *p. 71*
The Offering
Prayers of the People
Confession and Absolution *p. 77*

The Sacred Meal is Shared

The Great Thanksgiving *p. 78*
Communion *p. 84*
The Lord's Prayer *p. 85*
Prayer after Communion
Gloria in Excelsis *p. 86*

Living the Questions

WEDNESDAYS

MARCH 2, 16 & 23

7:15 – 8:45 P.M.

This video and discussion series seeks to express the Christian message in terms relevant to today's world.

- FEBRUARY 2 TAKING THE BIBLE SERIOUSLY
- FEBRUARY 9 COMPASSION: THE HEART OF JESUS' MINISTRY
- FEBRUARY 16 EVIL, SUFFERING & A GOD OF LOVE
- FEBRUARY 23 THINKING THEOLOGICALLY
- MARCH 2 RESTORING RELATIONSHIPS
- MARCH 9 *ASH WEDNESDAY* (NO SESSION)
- MARCH 16 PRAYER: INTIMACY WITH GOD
- MARCH 23 SOCIAL JUSTICE: REALIZING GOD'S VISION

As usual, each session stands alone, so never hesitate to attend even though you may have missed a previous session.

REMINDER TO LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Please, remember that if you are serving as a liturgical minister (lay reader, server, scripture reader, prayer of the people, chalice bearer, counter, choir, etc.) to meet with the Jim in the chapel five minutes before the service for last-minute instructions and prayer.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Prayers for healing are conducted in the chapel following the 10 a.m. service each Sunday. All are welcome to bring their cares and concerns.

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 .

CHURCHES DOING GOOD STUFF - ANNUAL KAIROS EVENT MARCH 19, 8:30 - 3:00

KAIROS Calgary invites you to attend a day of leaning and reflection entitled Stories of Climate Change: Shaping Our Future. Join us as we hear from those who have experienced and have come to understand our changing world first hand. Come and be a part of the dialogue about how we, as people of faith, can shape this future that we are entering. Guest Speakers are Alanna Mitchell, journalist and author of "Sea Sick: Global Oceans in Crisis and Dancing at the Dead Sea" and Sam Ocung who works with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank in Uganda. Theological reflections led by Mishka Lysack. At Our Lady of Grace Parish, Main Hall, 1714 14 Ave NE, Calgary. More information and registration can be found at <http://www.kairos-calgary.ca/> or contact 403 243-5478 or e-mail pwrdfcalgary@telus.net. The cost \$25 includes lunch and is payable at the door.

SILENCE AND AWARENESS MEDITATION RETREAT 2011

FCJ Christian Life Centre in Calgary will be the site of this retreat, which begins on Friday, April 29 and ends on Sunday May 8, 2011. This nine day silent retreat with Dr. Mary Jo Meadow teaches the Buddhist practice of insight meditation within the framework of Christian contemplative prayer found in Carmelite spirituality, especially in the life and writings of St. John of the Cross and the illuminating writings of Teresa of Avila.

We are Sent Into the World

The Blessing
Dismissal

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

Presider: The Rev. Kathy Ratuski
Lay Reader: Marianne Robertson
The Book of Alternative Services

The Community Gather Before God

Words of Welcome & Announcements
Opening Hymn: # 425 - Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
The Collect for Purity
Glory to God
Kyrie Eleison
The Prayer of the Community

all standing
p. 185/all standing
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said by all/standing

The Story of Faith is Proclaimed

First Reading: Isaiah 49:8-16

all seated

Thus says the LORD: In a time of favour I have answered you, on a day of salvation I have helped you; I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages; saying to the prisoners, 'Come out', to those who are in darkness, 'Show yourselves.' They shall feed along the ways, on all the bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. And I will turn all my mountains into a road, and my highways shall be raised up. Lo, these shall come from far away, and lo, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene. Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones. But Zion said, 'The LORD has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me.' Can a woman forget her nursing-child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.

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

Psalms 131

said by all/seated

O LORD, my heart is not lifted up,
my eyes are not raised too high;

News and Views

CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, AND REAFFIRMATION

Confirmation is a rite of the Church that confers empowerment of the Holy Spirit beyond that already received in Baptism. It is available to adults and children of sufficient age and maturity to appreciate its significance and the commitment it entails. Confirmation involves preparation over a period of time. Only a bishop may confirm. We hope to initiate a confirmation preparation class within the next month or so and schedule confirmation before the end of the year. Those of other Christian denominations who have joined Holy Nativity might consider confirmation or reception into the Anglican Church (if they already have been confirmed validly). And anyone may reaffirm their Baptismal vows during the same service as confirmation and reception. If you or your children are interested in confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation, please, see or contact Jim before February 15.

FELLOWSHIP 2011

Do you enjoy the social events at Holy Nativity? Would you be willing to help in organizing a social activity? Do you have any new ideas for our social calendar? If so, please join us for a short meeting in the Choir room after the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, February 13. At this meeting we would like to plan the year's activities.

WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY

Living the Questions will begin on Wednesday, February 2, 2011. Please see page 11 of the bulletin for information.

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 in the Music Room at 10:30 a.m. following the Thursday Morning Worship service. Each session is a stand-alone study.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer will take place on March 4, 2011 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church located at 1600 Acadia Drive SE. The theme this year is "How Many Loaves Have You?" The Service this year was written by the women of Chile. If you have any questions, please speak to Myrtle Fisher or Pat Gilroy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement to be made on Sunday, please, let Jim know before the service. And when the announcements begin, please, be in place at the lectern or waiting in line at the lectern, so announcements can be heard well by all and can proceed expeditiously.

Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus:
*Great is Thy Faithfulness, Great is Thy Faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

Dismissal

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 3
<i>Chalice Bearers</i>	Francesca Chan, Andre Visscher
<i>Counters</i>	Don Hudson, Nigel Long
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Marianne Robertson
<i>Music Director</i>	Johnson Philip
<i>Prayers of the People</i>	Nigel Long
<i>Scripture Reader</i>	Bob Mummery
<i>Servers</i>	Leagh Vermeylen
<i>Sidespersons</i>	Don Hudson, Don Huska
<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 by the parish of Holy Nativity.

I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvellous for me.

But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.

O Israel, hope in the LORD
from this time on and for evermore.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

all seated

Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they should be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgement before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: # Seek Ye First

all stand

(Sing as a round; Side nearest piano/organ repeat verse one before singing chorus)

Seek Ye First The Kingdom of God, And His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you, Allelu, alleluia.

Chorus:
Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia.

Man shall not live by bread alone, But by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of God, Allelu, alleluia. *Chorus*

Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, alleluia. *Chorus*

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 6:24-34

‘No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

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

Sermon *all seated*
(Time for silent reflection)
The Nicene Creed *p. 189/all stand*
Prayers of the People *stand or kneel*

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: In our Anglican cycle of Prayer we pray for the Most Rev. Dr. John Chew, Archbishop of Southeast Asia & Bishop of Singapore, and the Rt. Rev. Rennis Ponniah, Suffragan Bishop of Singapore.

Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands: In our companion diocese of the Windward Islands, we pray for St. Matthew, Biabou with St. Sylvan and St. Mark, St. Vincent and The Grenadines and their priest, the Rev. Ashton Francis.

Diocese: In our diocesan cycle of prayer we remember the parish of All Saints, Hanna and their priest, the Rev. Andrew Lees, and St. John, Acme and their priest the Rev. David Asher.

Parish: Here at Holy Nativity we pray for all our parish families and individuals, and for those desiring individual prayers. Today we especially pray for Joy, Vance & Pat, Frank, Eric, Joan, Mary, Sharon, Chase, Ellen, Sara, David and Louise, and any others on our hearts today.

Confession and Absolution *p. 191/stand or kneel*
Exchange of the Peace *p. 192/all stand*

The Sacred Meal is Shared

Offertory Hymn: # 401 My Life Flows On *all stand*
Prayer over the Gifts *said by all /standing*

Merciful God, your word inspires us to bring an offering of our love. May we always be ready to work according to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer 2 *p. 196/stand or kneel*
The Lord’s Prayer *p.211/stand or kneel*
The Breaking of the Bread - Sentence # 1 *p. 212/stand or kneel*
Song: Lamb of God
Communion

All baptized Christians of all ages 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, as we are nourished by heavenly food, may we live according to your will and show the fruits of your love. 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: Great is Thy Faithfulness *all stand*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.