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November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent

It is the mission of St. Barnabas Anglican Church to use the gifts that God has given us in Christian service to others.

In the spirit of respect and truth, we honour the peoples of the Treaty 7 Territory and the Métis Nation of Alberta as we share this land.

Welcome to St. Barnabas Anglican Church. The altar flowers have been donated by Maria Batti in memory of her aunt Teresina Rossi and uncle Bruno Ciano. And also for Jutta Hinrichs, who touched many lives and was a member of St. Barnabas for many years.

8:30 AM: Holy Communion

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Celebrant: The Rev. Kersi Bird



## 1st Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew 24:36-44 But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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We pray for our Diocese: St. John, Olds; St. Cyprian, Lacombe: The Rev. Dr. Robert Sears; Vocational Deacons

We pray for members of our parish family: Dawn Jones, Matthew Jones, Paula King.

We pray for those in need of God's healing gifts: Gwyneth, Don, the family of Tahir, Stephen, Marilyn, JJ, Jenaya, Sunny, Lilla, Des, Solomon, Paul, Doreen, Eric, Douglas, David, Evie, Lochlan, Angela, Nicole.

We pray for Christ's Holy Catholic Church: ACC: The people of the Anglican Church of Canada. ELCIC: The people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada. MOR: The people of the Moravian Church of Canada.

We pray for our Companion Diocese of the Windward Isles: St. Matthew, Biabou with St. Sylvan, Stubbs and St. Mark, Greggs, on St. Vincent: The Ven. Junior Ballantyne.

CCLI Licence #11392823. Readings for December 7: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1 -7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

To include a name in the intercessory prayers for the month of December, please email office@stbarnabas.ca by December 3.

We are looking for adults and children to take part in the Christmas nativity play with lessons and carols on December 14 at 10:15 AM. The acting roles are non-speaking - to become involved, speak to Kersi or email priest@stbarnabas.ca.

The 6th Calgary St. Barnabas Venturers and the St. Barnabas Outreach committee are running a Christmas food drive for the Calgary Food Bank for our December project. There is a decorated box in the narthex for the community to drop off non-perishable items. The need is great and we are thankful for all donations received and for this partnership with our scouting community.

From the Alongside Hope World of Gifts brochure, we have chosen to support women in rural Colombia to buy beehives. See the poster in the church; envelopes are available for your donation.

Our Christmas Eve services are at 4:00 PM and 7:30 PM; and on Christmas Day at 11:00 AM.