



POSITIVELY PRO-LIFE

CALGARY PRO-LIFE ASSOCIATION

DECEMBER 2022

We're Expecting a Baby... Jesus!



Such exciting words. And now, all Christians are celebrating this special time of waiting. We are preparing our homes, and our hearts, to receive the infant Jesus. We are pro-life at Christmas when we give to the poor, feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, and visit the lonely, ill, or imprisoned. We are pro-life when we give to charity; when we babysit for a neighbour, shovel the snow (for the safety of community); remember to compost, and recycle, all to make the world better for all the people in God's creation, those who are here already, and those yet to be born.

This Christmas, as you reflect on the nativity scene, look at your tree, and open your presents, remember the true gifts (presence) of each person in your family, and every person beyond your circle, who is part of our bigger family. Renewed in Christian charity, give generously, your time, talent and treasure to promote a culture of Life.

May God bless each of you and your families, including the young, the vulnerable and the aged.

*On behalf of the Board of Directors, and
Monique Achtman, educational resource consultant, we
pray you have a Blessed Advent, and Holy Christmas!*

We have a collection of beautiful Christian pro-life display banners for lending.

One of our banners is particularly relevant for December 12, feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. She appeared to St. Juan Diego in 1531, and since then has become the patroness of the Indigenous, the unborn and of the Americas. If you would like to borrow a banner to display at your church or school to share her message, please email us at pro-life@shaw.ca and we will arrange delivery.

A Christmas Day Prayer

Praise to You, Lord God!

You have become one of us — You have become a human being, while still retaining all your power and holiness as God!

You, O Lord, made the journey of the unborn child. By being an embryo, a fetus, and a newborn, you joined all unborn and newborn children to you!

From the beginning of history, O Lord, You were the Creator of every human life. Now, with Christmas, You join Yourself in an unthinkable way with the life You created.

Let this Christmas, O God, fill all of us with awe and wonder at how close human life is to You. Cleanse the world of all that tarnishes and rejects this gift. Purify our hearts of all that fears this gift.

*Let our Christmas joy be the joy of welcoming every human life!
Amen!*

~ Priestsforlife.org



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Thank you for your continued support!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Breakfast with the Bishop was held on November 26, celebrating life-affirming work with Alberta's First Nations communities. Our Indigenous guests spoke eloquently as they poignantly shared their experiences; they entertained us with music; displayed, and sold beautiful paintings, and art. Bishop McGrattan gave a warm address to all in attendance. Our board of directors attended, and our pro-life banners were displayed prominently as a witness to life.

Holy Trinity Church, Siksika Nation – Calgary Pro-Life Assn. is pleased to present an Our Lady of Guadalupe banner to Holy Trinity Church on the Siksika Nation this month. We look forward to sharing our *Respect Life* programs with our Indigenous neighbours in the new year.

Tax Receipts for 2022 will be sent by January 31, 2023.



UPCOMING DATES

December 25, 2022

Blessed Christmas Day

Celebrating Mary's "Yes" and the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

December 31, 2022

Feast of the Holy Family (Catholic trad.)

February 16 and 17, 2023

See us at the Calgary Teachers Convention

May 13, 2023

43rd Annual Hike for Life

Place and time TBA



School Presentations

February - June 2023

Teachers are invited to book your free classroom presentation(s) using our convenient online booking calendar:
<https://koalendar.com/e/meet-with-cpl-life-affirming-programs>



PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

*Oh Mary, Mother of Jesus and
Mother of Life,*

*We honor you as Our Lady of
Guadalupe.*

*Thank you for pointing us to Jesus
your Son,*

The only Savior and hope of the world.

Renew our hope in him,

*That we all may have the courage to
say Yes to life,*

*And to defend those children in danger
of abortion.*

Give us your compassion

*To reach out to those tempted to
abort,*

*And to those suffering from a past
abortion.*

Lead us to the day when abortion

*Will be a sad, past chapter in our
history.*

*Keep us close to Jesus, the Life of the
World,*

Who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.