

**SAI RAM SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF
SRI SATHYA SAI BABA CENTRE OF CALGARY**

**SALUTATIONS AND HUMBLE PRANAMS AT THE
LOTUS FEET OF
BHAGAWAN SRI SATHYA SAI BABA**

**OUR CENTRE WILL
CELEBRATE GANESH CHATHURTHI COMING
SUNDAY.**

**DEVOTEES CAN BRING PRASHADS THAT ARE EASY TO
SERVE**

Schedule for August 27, 2017 & Venue:

Hindu Mandir Calgary
2225 24th Avenue N.E.
Calgary T2E 8M2
[\(403\) 291-2551](tel:4032912551)

2:00 – 3:30pm – SSE play practice

3:15 – 3:45pm – Bhajan practice

**3:50 – Invocation prayers and Ganesh
Pancharatnam chanting**

→Devotees can practice this from the following
YouTube link <https://youtu.be/J-clA4CyG18>

4:05 – Bhajans

Arathi and Concluding Prayers

Announcements:

1. Edmonton Sai Spiritual Retreat – Sep 1st to 4th 2017

Sri Sathya Sai Baba Centre of Edmonton cordially invites you and your family to the Western Canada Sai Spiritual Retreat, September 1st to 4th 2017.

Please click the link below to register.

<https://goo.gl/forms/s7YBULKMTkTWqDiy1>

2. Food Bank Collection

Our Centre has started to collect items for the Calgary Food bank as there is a huge shortage of emergency items for children and adults. We kindly request the devotees to bring some non-perishable canned veggies, pasta, sauce, baby diapers, juice etc. We will setup a drop box to collect these items and will be dropped off at the Food bank regularly.

3. Seva Activities for September to December 2017

Sri Sathya Sai Baba Centre of Calgary has been given an opportunity to cook one meal for the families every month at the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC). RMHC helps families with a place to stay while their child is being treated at a nearby hospital.

You can learn more about them at their website

<http://www.rmhcscsca.org/what-we-do/southern-alberta/>

The Seva activity is called "Home for Dinner". The activity (brunch/dinner) is scheduled on every first Saturday of the month until December 2017. The interested devotees can sign up for the item that they like to cook and serve at the house. Please note that there is a limit of 8 to 10 volunteers for every visit.

Please click the link below to sign up

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1BmBeTBFjWvJSXmP6qBuTflf5YCS3UX9zk6JTtKY5OQ/edit#gid=0>

In Sai Seva,
Dr. Naga Mudigonda
Seva Coordinator

Upcoming Events:

Please mark your calendars for the following upcoming events at the Sri Sathya Sai Baba Centre of Calgary in 2017.

Date	Day	Festival
September 4	Monday	Onam
September 30	Saturday	Vijay Dasami (Dasera)
October 19	Thursday	Deepavali (Diwali)
November 11, 12	Saturday, Sunday	Global Akhanda Bhajans
November 19	Sunday	Ladies Day
November 22	Wednesday	Convocation of SSSIHL
November 23	Thursday	Bhagawan's Birthday
December 25	Monday	Christmas

'Vinayaka' means the One who is the Master of Himself. The mouse is the vehicle of Vinayaka. What is the inner significance of the little mouse? The mouse symbolises your attachment to worldly tendencies (*vasanas*). The mouse moves quickly and can see well in the dark. As Vinayaka's vehicle, the mouse leads you from darkness to light. The Vinayaka principle thus means that which removes all the bad qualities, bad practices and bad thoughts in every person and inculcates good qualities, good conduct and good thoughts. Another name for Vinayaka is 'Vighneshwara'. Easwara is one who is endowed with every conceivable form of wealth - riches, knowledge, health, bliss, beauty, etc. Vighneshwara nourishes all these forms of wealth and removes all obstacles to your righteous enjoyment. He confers all these forms of wealth on those who worship Him. Hence, Vinayaka is described as the first deity who should be worshipped (*Prathama Vandana*). Understand the inner meaning, and worship Him.

- *Divine Discourse, Sep 12, 1991.*
