

St. Albert the Great Parish

"O taste and see that the Lord is good" Ps 34.8

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FEBRUARY 13, 2022

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SACRAMENTS:

*Baptisms: A preparation course is required prior to having your child baptized. Please feel free to send an email to Dan D'Agostino at baptism@stalbertthegreat.ca for information.

*Child Sacraments: Parents who wish to have their child participate in First Eucharist, First Reconciliation and / or Confirmation, please email sacraments@stalbertthegreat.ca.

*Marriage: Minimum six to nine months notice required. Couples who are planning a wedding in the parish are expected to regularly worship with a Catholic Community & participate in a Marriage Preparation Program. Please email Fr. Andrew Maruszczak, SDS at pastor@stalbertthegreat.ca for more information.

*Please visit the parish website for more information.

UPDATED OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays: Closed

MASS TIMES:

Weekend Mass:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 am & 6:30 pm Mass Saturday: 9:00 am Mass

CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION:

Tuesday to Friday: 9:30 – 10:30 am Tuesday to Thursday: 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Saturday:

3:30 pm to 4:30 pm



Monday	Feb 14					
Tuesday	Feb 15	9:00 am	All Souls (RIP)	6:30 pm	Alfredo Piro (RIP)	
Wednesday	Feb 16	9:00 am	Joanne Dutton (RIP)	6:30 pm	Susana Zarate (RIP)	
Thursday	Feb 17	9:00 am	Carmel Gatt (RIP)	6:30 pm	Margaret Smerdely (INT)	
Friday	Feb 18	9:00 am	Geddes siblings (INT)	6:30 pm	Barry Agnew (RIP)	
Saturday	Feb 19	9:00 am	Jose Luis & Mana Galaz (RIP)	5:00 pm	n Maria Piro (RIP)	
Sunday	Feb 20	9:00 am	Cayetano Tan (RIP)			
Sunday	Feb 20	11:00 am	St. Albert the Great Community (INT)	5:00 pm	Alfredo Piro (RIP)	

Today's Reading:	Next Week's Readings:		
Jeremiah 17.5-8	1 Samuel 26.2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25++		
1 Corinthians 15.12, 16-20	1 Corinthians 15.45-49		
Luke 6.17, 20-26	Luke 6.27-38		

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*							
CFC Daily Rosary	Sun	13-Feb	8:00 PM				
CWL Rosary Circle	Mon	14-Feb	2:00 PM				
CFC Daily Rosary	Mon	14-Feb	8:00 PM				
St. Vincent de Paul	Tues	15-Feb	7:00 PM				
Parish Council	Tues	15-Feb	7:00 PM				
CFC Daily Rosary	Tues	15-Feb	8:00 PM				
CFC Daily Rosary	Wed	16-Feb	8:00 PM				
RCIA	Wed	16-Feb	8:00 PM				
CFC Daily Rosary	Thurs	17-Feb	8:00 PM				
CFC Daily Rosary	Fri	18-Feb	8:00 PM				
CFC Daily Rosary	Sat	19-Feb	8:00 PM				

^{*} All meetings are held virtually using Zoom or other online conferencing tools.

2021 TAX RECEIPTS

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations in 2021. You can request to have your 2021 tax receipts emailed to you, send your request to accounting@stalbertthegreat.ca. Those tax receipts that are not requested by email, will be mailed out before the end of February. Thank you for considering having your tax receipt emailed to you, this will ensure that you receive your tax receipt earlier, and you will be helping the parish to save on the postage costs.

Some E-transfers were sent in with only a first name or without an address. Please contact Carla Jane at accounting@stalbertthegreat.ca to update your information so that you can receive your 2021 tax receipt. Thank you again, for your generous support of St. Albert the Great Parish.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: WANT NOT WASTE NOT ANGELS

We are an unregistered volunteer group named Want Not Waste Not Angels. The volunteers travel to Costco in Okotoks daily to pick up carts full of baked goods and produce that would otherwise be thrown out and take this to various organizations. This has been in operation for about 11 years, and as time goes on, new volunteers are needed. All driving is on a volunteer basis, so if you choose to be available even one day per month, that would be helpful and appreciated. We usually pick up from Costco between 9 - 11:30 am. Thank you for considering helping so many in need. Please contact Adele Caton for more information 403-251-0010 (direct landline), 403-803-3018 (cell) or email Caton.team@gmail.com.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Albert the Great St. Vincent de Paul needs **dish detergent** and **canned soup**. Please drop your donations in the St. Vincent de Paul box in the Narthex. Thank you for your support!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Our readings today remind us of the great privilege we have in calling ourselves both children and disciples of the Most High God.

The First Reading from Isaiah describes a vision of the prophet in which angels surround the Lord proclaiming, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" Our God invites us to such deep intimacy and friendship with Him that sometimes we can forget just how majestic and unspeakably holy He truly is.

In the Gospel passage, from Luke, Jesus instructs Simon to lower his nets for a catch despite an unsuccessful night of fishing. Peter is skeptical but obeys and is amazed at the catch of fish that he makes. He kneels down before Jesus in astonishment.

This sense of awe and reverence before God should motivate us to deepen our stewardship way of life. As we contemplate the holiness of God, we come to a heightened awareness of what a privilege it is that He has chosen to include us in His work of spreading the Gospel to others through the grateful sharing of the gifts He has given us. Aware of this privilege, we will then make the words of Isaiah our own: "Here I am Lord, send me!"

CCEF 2022 CASH RAFFLE

The Calgary Catholic Education Foundation supports over 57,000 students in the 117 schools in the Calgary Catholic School District. All tickets are entered into the Grand Prize Draws of \$10,000 and \$15,000 on March 1, 2022. Tickets are available online at https://bit.ly/22Raffle. All net proceeds fund grants for the CCSD schools.

COUPLES NIGHT OUT: CONFLICT MANAGEMENT - FEB. 19

While couples enjoy tasty drinks and treats Marriage and Family Therapist Brian O'Neill will present on how master couples manage conflict. Activities will be facilitated so couples can begin establishing the habits that foster lasting, satisfying marriage and growth in love, virtue, and holiness – the ultimate purpose of every vocation. To register or for more information, contact brian@intotheheart.ca.

Venue: St. Stephen Protomartyr Ukrainian Catholic Church Rates: Early-bird rate \$50 (until February 13). Thereafter: \$75. (Live stream option: \$40)

SHARE LENT - PEOPLE & PLANET FIRST - FEB. 26

Learn about Development and Peace-Caritas Canada and the work of the partners in the Global South on Saturday, February 26 from 9:30 AM-12 pm. Learn about how you can act to share the mission of the preferential option for the poor in your communities, parishes and schools during this season of Lent. Register now.

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR - FEB. 26

The Coldest Night of the Year (Feb. 26) is a winterrific family-friendly walk to raise money for local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger and homelessness.

- Walk with us. Join Coldest Night of the year and selforganized a walk on February 26 (or whatever day in February you decide to walk). Gather with your covidsafe bubble (or on your own), register, and figure out a safe 2-5 km route.
- Want to join an existing group of if you want your CNOY group promoted, <u>let us know</u>

To register or for more information, visit here.

BEAUTIFUL ATTITUDE WITH THE BEATITUDES - FEB. 26

Please join us Saturday February 26 from 2:00 pm, to Sunday February 27 at 2:00 pm for our young adult's retreat at Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre, Cochrane. The retreat theme is focused on the Beatitudes Christ shared during His sermon on the mount. Please contact us if you need a ride to this retreat. Sign-up link.

This retreat will feature 3 speakers, fellowship and meals together, perpetual adoration, opportunity for confession, a prayer walk, and Sunday Mass.

Please contact <u>maritzachouza@gmail.com</u> or clara.nguyen@ucalgary.ca for further information.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - MAR. 4

Theme: "I Know the Plans I Have for You"

Friday, March 4, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. Hosted by: St. Bonaventure Parish (in person).

The parish sits 130 people safely. World Day of Prayer is prepared by the women from England, Wales and Northern Ireland. For more information, go to www.wicc.org. Join us for one hour video of service, songs and prayers. No food.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Employment opportunities in parishes and Catholic organizations throughout the Diocese.

- Administrative Assistant (Part-Time) Our Lady of the Rockies, Canmore
- Bookkeeper (casual) St. Michael's, Pincher Creek
- Assistant Coordinator (casual) Feed the Hungry, Calgary
- Pastoral Assistant (part time) Ste. Famille, Calgary
- Support Staff (casual relief) Elizabeth House, Calgary

Please visit catholicyyc.ca/careers for more information and application details.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION FOR ADULTS

Are you an adult Catholic but never had the opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation?

Please register for the sacrament of Confirmation for adults: http://stalbertthegreat.ca/adultconfirmation

We are offering adult candidates guidance through a homebased study that will help you prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation (which will take place in May 2022, dates TBD).

Please be aware: if divorced and remarried, or married outside the Church (in a civil marriage or married in another Christian denomination), the process of annulment or convalidation (sometimes referred to as having a marriage "blessed" in the Church) prior to the reception of Confirmation may be required. In some cases, this could delay the Confirmation for the candidate as necessary.

OFFERTORY GIFTS AND REGULAR DONATIONS

Our parish relies on our regular offertory giving for maintenance and growth. By making your pre-authorized offertory gift, you are providing crucial support to care for your parish during this difficult time. Please click the link the appropriate link to donate using the following methods:

- Pre-authorized debit
- Pre-authorized credit card
- One-time donation using credit card
- E-transfer to donations@stalbertthegreat.ca
 Please include your envelope number or address in the
 memo section of your EFT for tax receipt purposes.
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 to the parish, which will have a lasting impact on the
 lives of the people we serve.

JOIN YOUR PARISH COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

CFC - DAILY ROSARY

Daily Rosary @ 8 PM Join via Zoom link

CWL - WEEKLY ROSARY CIRCLE

Mondays @ 2:00 pm

Join via this **Zoom link** Passcode: SATGRosary

Everyone is welcome!



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 The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time -Bulletin Shorts, free to use

Mass Readings | Believing Justice and Mercy. In Luke's Sermon on the Plain, Jesus speaks to more than just his own people. We hear four blessed and four related woes. He first calls all those in the crowd, and now calls us to rejoice and leap for joy at the blessed activities dealing with justice and mercy. The implication: do the blesseds; avoid the woes.

- How will I be just in dealing with others all week long?
- How will I be merciful to everyone just as God is merciful?
- What mercy work will I do? It will be for _____.

 (Source: Diocese of Springfield)

2. Resources for children: The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- o Gospel Reflection: Jesus teaches us to share, to be patient, and to show concern for others. These actions bring us true happiness and help us share Jesus' peace. How might you share Jesus' peace when you're playing with other children? (Loyola Press)
 - **Kid's challenge this week:** Write your own set of Beatitudes. Are there groups of people in the world today who Jesus would call us to show a special love for?

 (CAFOD)
 - Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday
 - Colouring page this Sunday #1
 Colouring page this Sunday #2
 - Sunday Connection 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gr. 1-8 & family)

Children's Sunday Liturgy for 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

- Children's Liturgy for leaders/parents
 (with intercessions and activities) by
 CAFOD | Illustration
- Children's Liturgy of the Word with Miss Heidi (Catholic TV)

3. God Squad Men's Conference with Jeff Cavins & Brett Powell

Save the date for God Squad Men's Conference 2022: March 18 & 19 at St. Michael's Church, Calgary. Theme is "Change on the Rise; Ushering in the New Springtime! God Squad is excited to have Bishop McGrattan celebrate the opening mass, and they will be

hosting keynote speakers Jeff Cavins and Brett Powell. For more information or to register

4. Sts. Cyril and Methodius (Feast day: Feb 14)

Born into a prestigious senatorial family in Thessalonica, in 815 and 826 respectively, Sts. Cyril and Methodius renounced their wealth and status. They chose instead to become priests. On Feb. 14, the universal Church honours them, the "Apostles of the Slavs," for their tireless work in spreading the Gospel throughout Eastern Europe in the ninth century. Read more

5. Faithful Living: You are not alone

We live in a very connected world. We hear about the bad things happening across the world in an instant. Good and heartwarming videos can easily go viral. And yet sometimes it feels like the people you live with do not even know what you're going through. While it certainly feels like you are alone, you are not alone! Get some tips from Faithful Living to help those who feel disconnected, lost and alone.

6. Loving and serving the Poor | Fr. Mark Mary Ames

How do we view those less fortunate than us? How do we love them, serve them, and help them encounter Christ? Christ calls us to so much more: a life fully alive in service to others. Let Franciscan friar Fr. Mark Mary Ames, CFR be your guide to clarity around this challenging topic with stories, ideas, strategies, and challenges for Catholics of every background. His course will truly transform your mind, heart, and life as a disciple on mission and as a Christian in service to others. Watch now in Formed.org

7. Why is St. Valentine's feast day not on the Church's calendar?

While nearly the entire Western world celebrates "St. Valentine," the Church directs our attention to a pair of obscure Slavic saints. Why is that?

8. This Valentine's Day, share tokens of real affection

Every Valentine's Day, couples face a dilemma even more puzzling than Hamlet's To be or not to be": What is the best gift to demonstrate my love? This year, mark this day in a number of special ways.

9. Catholic Sisters - Frontline heroes of modern slavery

While not many people are aware of the extent of modern slavery, even fewer know that Catholic sisters are doing more than any other group globally to stop it. As is frequently the case with Catholic sisters, they're on the front lines. Read more



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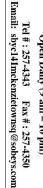


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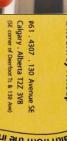


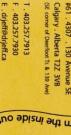














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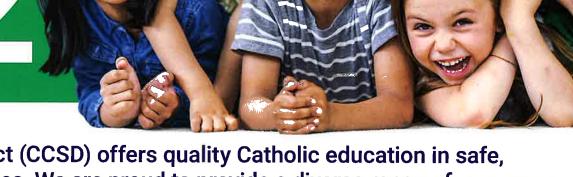






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The Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD) offers quality Catholic education in safe, supportive and inclusive communities. We are proud to provide a diverse range of programs, services and exciting learning opportunities to meet your child's unique needs.

Programs offered are subject to change. Please visit our website at cs.alp.ca/programs for the most up-to-date information.

Kindergarten

All Calgary Catholic elementary schools offer a half-day kindergarten program. A child who turns five years old on or before December 31, 2022, is eligible to register for kindergarten in the fall of that same calendar year. Your child's birth certificate is required at the time of registration.

Grade 1

A child who turns six years old on or before December 31, 2022, is eligible to register for Grade 1 in the fall of that same calendar year. The child's birth certificate is required and one parent's Catholic baptismal certificate is requested at the time of registration. Children do not need to register for Grade 1 if they attended kindergarten at the same school.

Early French Immersion

The French Immersion program enables students to develop functional fluency in French. No background in French is necessary. Entry point into this program is in kindergarten or Grade 1.

Fine Arts

The Fine Arts are comprised of art, drama and music. Students are involved as creators, performers, historians, critics and consumers. This program is offered at the elementary level at St. Augustine School, St. Dominic School and St. Philip School.

Italian Language and Culture

Students in this program will develop Italian language and communication skills and will participate in various cultural activities. Students may enter this program in kindergarten or in Grade 1. This program is offered at the elementary level at St. Alphonsus School and St. Maria Goretti School.

Online Learning

Online learning is available for students in grades 1-9 at St. Isidore School, our first virtual school. Curriculum mandated by Alberta Education will be followed and students will participate in daily classes. At St. Isidore School, Catholic education remains a key focus and appropriate resources are used to support student Faith development.

Spanish Bilingual

This program allows students to gain insight into the Spanish language and the culture of Spanish-speaking countries around the world. Entry point into this program is in kindergarten or Grade 1. This program is offered at the elementary level at St. Benedict School, St. John Paul II School and St. Margaret School.

Diverse Learning Needs

Students with diverse learning needs are asked to register at their local school. Through a referral process, a student's diverse learning needs are identified and discussed in order to help determine how best to support that student.

ALL FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO INQUIRE.

Visit <u>cssd.ab.ca/district-register</u> or contact 403-500-2000 for more information. Registration is ongoing throughout the school year.

Students born outside of Canada will need to first contact St. John Reception Centre by calling 403-500-2007.

To register, Contact your local Calgary Catholic school.

