



St. Albert the Great Parish

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

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7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 20, 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 21				
	Tuesday	Feb 22	9:00 am	Sebastian Shala-Lehmann (INT)	6:30 pm	Marion Diment (RIP)
	Wednesday	Feb 23	9:00 am	Steve Sanesh (RIP)	6:30 pm	Ava Smerdely (INT)
	Thursday	Feb 24	9:00 am	Kevin Charles (RIP)	6:30 pm	Juan Paulo Cruz (RIP)
	Friday	Feb 25	9:00 am	Jamie Joseph (RIP)	6:30 pm	Heidi Seubert (RIP)
	Saturday	Feb 26	9:00 am	Olive Songui (RIP)	5:00 pm	Geoff Tipping (INT)
	Sunday	Feb 27	9:00 am	Ruth Sanesh (INT)		
	Sunday	Feb 27	11:00 am	St. Albert the Great Community (INT)	5:00 pm	Cecilia Doborznski (RIP)

Today's Reading:	Next Week's Readings:
1 Samuel 26.2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25++	Sirach 27.4-7
1 Corinthians 15.45-49	1 Corinthians 15.54-58
Luke 6.27-38	Luke 6.39-45

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

CFC Daily Rosary	Sun	20-Feb	8:00 PM
CWL Rosary Circle	Mon	21-Feb	2:00 PM
CFC Daily Rosary	Mon	21-Feb	8:00 PM
CWL Executive	Tues	22-Feb	7:00 PM
CFC Daily Rosary	Tues	22-Feb	8:00 PM
CFC Daily Rosary	Wed	23-Feb	8:00 PM
RCIA	Wed	23-Feb	8:00 PM
CFC Daily Rosary	Thurs	24-Feb	8:00 PM
CFC Daily Rosary	Fri	25-Feb	8:00 PM
CFC Daily Rosary	Sat	26-Feb	8:00 PM

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

MASSES OPEN TO FULL CAPACITY

St. Albert the Great Parish is open to full capacity for all masses! We ask all those coming to celebrate with us to exercise respect, charity, and kindness toward others and to recognize the varying comfort level of people especially during these steps of transition.

Our hard-working volunteers will do their utmost to continue to provide a setting where everyone feels safe and comfortable. People who have symptoms not related to a pre-existing condition should avoid going to the church or being in public as a courtesy to others. Masking remains mandatory for all those 13 years of age and older.

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.

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](#).



Like the [St Albert the Great Facebook](#) page for regular updates.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, taken from the sixth chapter of Luke, Jesus offers a very challenging, seemingly impossible approach to daily life. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak do not withhold even your tunic." It makes one want to say, "Seriously, Lord?" And He doesn't stop there. Jesus adds, "Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back."

It seems so unfair! That is, unless we look at this way of life from a stewardship point of view. Then, not only does it seem doable (though challenging), but it also actually makes perfect sense. A steward understands clearly that all he has and all that he is — his very life — is a gift from God given to him from an unfathomable abundance of love. This changes everything! This means "my" cloak, "my" tunic, "my" money, and time — all of it ultimately belongs to God. He has entrusted these things to each of us in love to use for His purposes and His glory.

Does this mean we are to be passive "doormats" to anyone who wants to take advantage of us? Certainly not. Jesus explains this in the next verse of this passage when He says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." There is nothing wrong with loving oneself since God loves us and has made us in His own image and likeness. Jesus is simply asking that we also approach others, and the sharing of our gifts, with this same attitude. He is giving us a definition here of real love, a steward's love!

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.

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 maritzachouza@gmail.com or clara.nguyen@ucalgary.ca for further information.

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 self-organized a walk on **February 26** (or whatever day in February you decide to walk). Gather with your **covid-safe** bubble (or on your own), [register](#), and figure out a safe 2-5 km route.
- Want to **join an existing group** if you want your CNOY group promoted, [let us know](#)

To register or for more information, visit [here](#).

DIVINE RENOVATION EVENT – MAR. 1

As we slowly emerge into a post-pandemic world, mission-minded parish leaders know we have an incredible opportunity to recommit our energies to finding bold and new ways to evangelize. But there are important questions many are wrestling with: What is God saying to the Church throughout the last two years? Join a live online event with Fr. James Mallon, Bishop Robert Barron, and Revd. Nicky Gumbel. When: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 11 am MT. [Register now](#).

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.

GOD SQUAD MEN'S CONFERENCE – MAR. 18 & 19

God Squad is excited to have Bishop McGrattan celebrate the opening Mass, and they will be hosting keynote speakers Jeff Cavins and Brett Powell. When: March 18 & 19 at St. Michael's Church, Calgary. Theme is "Change on the Rise; Ushering in the New Springtime!" [For more information or to register](#).

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!

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Albert the Great St. Vincent de Paul needs **ketchup and mac and cheese dinners**. Please drop your donations in the St. Vincent de Paul box in the Narthex. Thank you for your support!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Employment opportunities in parishes and Catholic organizations throughout the Diocese.

- Pastoral Assistant (Part-time) - Ste. Famille, Calgary
- Bookkeeper (Casual) - St. Michael's, Pincher Creek
- Administrative Assistant (Casual) - St. Michael's, Pincher Creek
- Administrative Assistant (Part-Time) - Our Lady of the Rockies, Canmore

Please visit catholiccycc.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 home-based study that will help you prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation (which will take place in early May 2022).

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.

We thank you for your support through your donations to the parish, which will have a lasting impact on the lives of the people we serve.



1. **The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Bulletin Shorts, free to use**

[Mass Readings](#) | **Believing and Doing Five Things.** Jesus, today, continues his preaching from last week. He tells us five things we must do as his followers. Love even those who do not love us. Be merciful as God is merciful. Stop judging other's actions and motives. Forgive in order to be forgiven. Give, give, give. What a list! It makes for a busy week for each of us. And that is the pattern for every week that follows.

- How can my prayer and action be: "Lord, bless those I love and even those I do not love."?
- How will I be merciful? What gifts will I give?
- Whom must I forgive?
(Source: Diocese of Springfield)

2. **Resources for children: The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- **Kid's challenge this week:** Can you remember a time when you received a gift? Maybe it was your birthday, or Christmas or another special occasion? How did it make you feel to receive the gift?
Write a prayer thanking God for all the gifts that they have been given. (CAFOD)
 - [Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday](#)
 - [Colouring page this Sunday](#)
- [Sunday Connection - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time](#) (Gr. 1-8 & family)
- **Children's Sunday Liturgy for 7th 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. **Why is there a feast day for a chair?**

February 22 in the Catholic Church is officially the "Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter. At first glance the title is a bit strange. Why do we devote an entire day in the calendar to a chair? [Learn more](#)

4. **St. Polycarp's Feast Day (Feb 23)**

Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, disciple of Saint John the Apostle and friend of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, was a revered Christian leader during the first half of the second century. At 86, Polycarp was led into the crowded Smyrna stadium to be burned alive. But the flames did not harm him. Like the Good Shepherd, he laid down his life for his sheep and kept them from more persecution in Smyrna. [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. **Fruitful love: Inviting Jesus in**

Jessica Cyr sits down with two Calgarian couples, to ask them how the Church and the Sacraments have nourished their marriages. [Read more](#)

7. **2022 Virtual Bible Conference "The Rosary and the Word of God"**

Want a more transformative prayer experience of the rosary and a greater Biblical understanding of its mysteries? When we know the Biblical backing of the mysteries of the rosary, we are equipped to enter a whole new level of mental prayer. Learn the Biblical backing of the 20 mysteries of the rosary at the free [2022 Virtual Bible Conference](#).

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A Lenten Silent Retreat – March to Your Own Beat

March 4-6

Silence begins after supper at 6:30 pm Friday evening,
and the retreat is finished with lunch at 12:00 on Sunday

Cost of a weekend is \$195.00.

Everyone comes on a retreat with their own purpose.

This silent retreat will offer prayer options such as: Mass,
drumming sessions with Lectio Divina (meditating on the Sunday Readings),
campfire, and a guided prayer walk.

You are free to take part in any activity or simply
enjoy the solitude and stillness of the Mount.

Day Away – Living a Resurrected Life

March 9 - 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Registration at 8:30 am with Coffee and Muffins.

Day includes presentation, quiet reflection, Eucharist, noon meal and prayer.

Twilight Retreat – After the Winter Slumber

March 22 - 6:00 pm

Registration at 6:00 pm, Supper at 6:30 pm

Evening includes a guided reflection, time for quiet, and prayer.

Day Away – Life-Giving Spirit

April 6 - 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Registration at 8:30 am with Coffee and Muffins.

Day includes presentation, quiet reflection, Eucharist, noon meal and prayer.

Holy Week Retreat: Charity of the Cross –

A Woman's Mercy, A Man's Help: The Call of the Cross

April 13 - 9:00 am – 3:00 pm or 6:30 – 9:00 pm

Guided by St. Francis and St. Clare's love of the cross this Holy Week Retreat
provides the opportunity to enter into the Paschal Triduum with hope.

Retreat includes a guided reflection, time to walk the Way of the Cross,
the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation,
thoughtful activities, time for quiet and a delicious meal.

Day Retreat begins with 8:30 am Registration. Coffee and Muffins served.

Twilight Retreat begins with 5:30 pm Registration with time for quiet until supper.

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To register: 403-932-2012 / mtfrancis@shaw.ca

Monday-Friday 9 am - 4:30 pm

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