

St. Albert the Great Parish

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

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JANUARY 16, 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	Jan 17					
Tuesday	Jan 18	9:00 am	Ian Smith (INT)	6:30 pm Paula Barcelona (INT)		
Wednesday	Jan 19	9:00 am	Ken Stewart (RIP)	6:30 pm	6:30 pm Bryan Balsamo (RIP)	
Thursday	Jan 20	9:00 am	Joanne Dutton (RIP)	6:30 pm	6:30 pm Elizabeth Honish (INT)	
Friday	Jan 21	9:00 am	Maria Nguyen (RIP)	6:30 pm	6:30 pm Hazel Los Banos (RIP)	
Saturday	Jan 22	9:00 am	Annie McLeman (RIP)	5:00 pm	5:00 pm Richard Zarich (RIP)	
Sunday	Jan 23	9:00 am	Gabino Ducut (RIP)			
Sunday	Jan 23	11:00 am	St. Albert the Great Community (INT)	5:00 pm	Ashley, Alex & Family (INT)	

Today's Reading:	Next Week's Readings:		
Isaiah 62.1-5	Nehemiah 8.2-4a, 5-6, 8-10++		
1 Corinthians 12.4-11	1 Corinthians 12.12-30 or 12.12-14, 27		
John 2.1-12	Luke 1.1-4; 4.14-21		

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*							
CFC Daily Rosary	Sun	16-Jan	8:00 PM				
CWL Rosary Circle	Mon	17-Jan	2:00 PM				
CFC Daily Rosary	Mon	17-Jan	8:00 PM				
Parish Council	Tues	18-Jan	7:00 PM				
CFC Daily Rosary	Tues	18-Jan	8:00 PM				
CFC Daily Rosary	Wed	19-Jan	8:00 PM				
RCIA	Wed	19-Jan	8:00 PM				
St. Vincent de Paul	Thurs	20-Jan	7:00 PM				
CFC Daily Rosary	Thurs	20-Jan	8:00 PM				
CFC Daily Rosary	Fri	21-Jan	8:00 PM				
CFC Daily Rosary	Sat	22-Jan	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 etransfers 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.

CCEF 2022 CASH RAFFLE



Have you got your tickets yet? Our first Early Bird Draw for \$2500 CASH is this Friday, January 14 at Noon! Don't forget your 50/50 Add On and win up to \$50,000! Purchase your tickets online.



Like the <u>St Albert the Great Facebook</u> page for regular updates.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Today's Gospel reading from John recounts the familiar story of the wedding feast at Cana when Jesus launched His public ministry by performing His first miracle at his mother's request.

In the midst of the feast, the Blessed Mother noticed that the wine had run out and pointed out the problem to Jesus. Then, she gave the servants instructions that are equally applicable to us modern-day stewards, saying, "Do whatever He tells you." Jesus gives the servants a simple and seemingly mundane task, telling them to fill some stone jars with water. They did what He told them to do. And Jesus used their obedience in the accomplishment of that simple task to perform His first miracle, turning the water into the choicest wine.

Our Lord didn't have to include those servants in order to perform this miracle — He chose to. And today, 2,000 plus years later, He still chooses to include us in the performance of His miracles through our cooperation with Him in using the gifts and talents He has given us. What a privilege! Let us take care to listen to our Blessed Mother: let's examine our lives this week to see if we really are "doing whatever He tells us," cooperating with God to make the best use of the gifts He has given us for the benefit of those around us. If we all take this call seriously, He will perform miracles in our families and our parish.

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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (JAN 18-25)

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on January 18-25. The 2022 theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him" (Mt 2:2), was prepared by the Middle East Council of Churches, based in Beirut, Lebanon. Join the Evening of Prayer at Ascension Catholic Parish (1100 Berkshire Blvd.). Prayers will focus on the unification of Christians. When: Tuesday, Jan. 25 at 6 to 7 pm.

13TH ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH THE BISHOP POSTPONED

Due to the current COVID-19 restriction, Breakfast with the Bishop on Jan 22 has been postponed until further notice.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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

LAUDATO SI' ACTION PLATFORM LAUNCH

Join us for the Canadian Launch of the *Laudato Si* Action Platform in Canada. On Saturday, Feb. 12 at 9 AM (MT) with Norman Lévesque, Bishop Jon Hansen, C.Ss.R. (Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith) and the rest of your Catholic family from across Canada to learn more about how your community can engage in the works of Laudato Si. There will be some time for discussion and sharing, so bring a friend and join us.

- Register here to receive the online meeting link
- Learn more about <u>Laudato Si' Action Platform</u>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Employment opportunities in parishes and Catholic organizations throughout the Diocese. Highlighted this week:

- NEW! Human Resources Manager Catholic Pastoral Centre, Calgary
- NEW! Pastoral Ministry Coordinator Catholic Pastoral Centre, Calgary
- Admin Assistant (part time) Ste. Famille, Calgary
- Pastoral Assistant (part time) Ste. Famille, Calgary
- Support Staff (casual relief) Elizabeth House, Calgary

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

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.

PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES!

At the Masses this weekend, we will be acknowledging and praying for the candidates from our parish that are beginning preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation.

Please keep our candidates in prayer as they journey towards reception of that sacrament, a renewed faith, and the beginning of their journey as a fully-initiated Christian!



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 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.

JOIN YOUR PARISH COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

CFC - DAILY ROSARY

Daily Rosary @ 8 PM

Join via Zoom link Password: 112233

CWL - WEEKLY ROSARY CIRCLE

Mondays @ 2:00 pm

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

Everyone is welcome!



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

Mass Readings | Believing Signs. At first glance, these readings lead us to bride and groom, gifts, and marriage. But there are important things underneath, important truths at the heart of these proclamations. God has not and will not abandon us (Isaiah). Charisms, that is, gifts of the Spirit, are given to everyone to use for the common good, not just one's own good (Corinthians). The miracle of water to wine is the first of many signs of the Messiah, the Christ (John). God's signs and good activity are everywhere.

- What evidence do I have that God is with us still?
- What gifts that I have, given by the Spirit, will I put to use for the good of another?
- Christ is active all the time. What little and big signs of this goodness can I be part of? What signs will I rejoice in? (Source: Diocese of Springfield)

2. Resources for children: The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- o Gospel Reflection: In today's Gospel, we hear about a time when Jesus' mother, Mary, noticed that something was wrong and asked Jesus to help address the need. We follow Mary's example when we present these needs to God, confident that God will respond in extraordinary ways. (Loyola Press)
 - **Kid's challenge this week:** Try to do something this week to make *a real difference to another person*, either locally or overseas.
 - <u>Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday</u>
 - Colouring page this Sunday Invite the children to colour in the accompanying illustration and on the back to write or draw one thing that they would like to change about the world.
 - Sunday Connection <u>2nd Sunday in</u> <u>Ordinary Time</u> (Gr. 1-8 & family)
 - Video: <u>Studio 3:16</u> | Weekly Comedy for kids (anticipating the Sunday Gospel)
- Children's Sunday Liturgy for the The Baptism of the Lord
 - <u>Children's Liturgy for leaders/parents</u> (with intercessions and activities) - by CAFOD | <u>Illustration</u>

 Children's Liturgy of the Word with Miss Heidi (Catholic TV)

3. Reminder: Sunday of the Word of God (Jan 24)

Parish resources, activities and prayers for celebrating Sunday of the Word of God is available on our website here.

4. St. Anthony the Abbot, or St. Anthony the Great (Feast day: Jan 17)

St. Anthony was inspired by the Gospels to sell all his possessions and live a life of solitude in the Egyptian desert. He established for himself a quiet hermitage away from the world, but he wasn't able to completely escape from his most persistent enemy. Read how St. Anthony defeated the devil

5. St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr (Feast day: Jan 21)

Saint Agnes was twelve years old when she was led to the altar of Minerva at Rome and commanded to obey the persecuting laws of Diocletian by offering incense. In the midst of the idolatrous rites she raised her hands to Christ, her Spouse, and made the sign of the life-giving cross. Read more

6. Combating the habit of running late

If you struggle with always being late.... It's a new year and an opportunity for an improved version of you! Get practical tips from Jackie Angel (Ascension Press) on how to.overcome.this.bad habit.

7. Finding joy in the bleak winter months

Sara Francis, Fr. Nathan Siray and Dr. Wojciech Brzezinski speak about maintaining winter wellness and beating the winter blues during this season. Read Dr. Brzezinski's 3-part prescription to help finding joy in the bleak winter months.

8. Evening prayer thanking God for being alive another day

When we are healthy, we don't always thank God for the gift of another day. We take it for granted and simply believe that we will keep on living. Before going to bed, it's good to be thankful to God for the gift of another day.

9. Humility and trust: Finding the keys to the synodal journey

As many Catholics try to understand what Pope Francis might mean by a "synodal church," he highlighted some of the essential characteristics — especially humility and trust. Read more | Find info about Diocesan phase of Synod consultation



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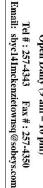


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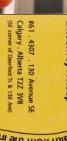


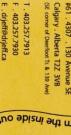














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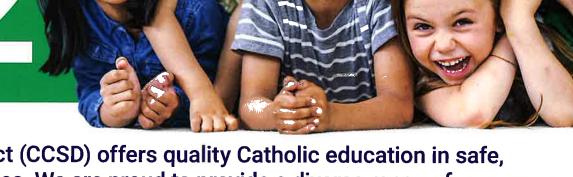






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The Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD) offers quality Catholic education in safe, supportive and inclusive communities. We are proud to provide a diverse range of programs, services and exciting learning opportunities to meet your child's unique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

