

St. Albert the Great Parish

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

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 9, 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 10				
	Tuesday	Jan 11	9:00 am	Ken Stewart (INT)	6:30 pm	All afflicted (INT)
	Wednesday	Jan 12	9:00 am	Joanne Dutton (RIP)	6:30 pm	Loree MacDonald (INT)
	Thursday	Jan 13	9:00 am	All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)	6:30 pm	James McDermott (RIP)
	Friday	Jan 14	9:00 am	Syprian & Marthon Anthony Family (RIP)	6:30 pm	James McDermott (RIP)
	Saturday	Jan 15	9:00 am	William Murphy (RIP)	5:00 pm	Acelita & Alberto Rosales (RIP)
	Sunday	Jan 16	9:00 am	Theresa & Faustina Chan (INT)		
	Sunday	Jan 16	11:00 am	St. Albert the Great Community (INT)	5:00 pm	Lucille & Norman Bieker Family (INT)

Today's Reading:	Next Week's Readings:
Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7	Isaiah 62.1-5
Acts 10.34-38	1 Corinthians 12.4-11
Luke 3.15-16, 21-22	John 2.1-12

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

CFC Daily Rosary	Sun	9-Jan	8:00 PM
CWL Rosary Circle	Mon	10-Jan	2:00 PM
CFC Daily Rosary	Mon	10-Jan	8:00 PM
CFC Daily Rosary	Tues	11-Jan	8:00 PM
CFC Daily Rosary	Wed	12-Jan	8:00 PM
RCIA	Wed	12-Jan	8:00 PM
CFC Daily Rosary	Thurs	13-Jan	8:00 PM
CFC Daily Rosary	Fri	14-Jan	8:00 PM
CFC Daily Rosary	Sat	15-Jan	8:00 PM

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

OPTIONAL REGISTRATION FOR WEEKEND MASSES

To help eliminate the last-minute crunch at the weekend Masses, and allow our wonderful volunteers the opportunity to celebrate Mass, we have introduced [optional registration](#) for weekend Mass. Those who are registered will be guaranteed a seat for Mass, provided you arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the commencement of Mass. Anyone not registered or arriving less than 15 minutes prior to Mass, will be seated until we reach our capacity, or when the doors are locked 5 minutes prior to Mass.

PARKING LOT UPDATE

St. Albert the Great Parish has experienced unwanted visitors partying in our parking lot late at night. This disturbs our neighbors and could present a potential danger to our assets and our neighbors. When the ground has thawed, we intend to install gates to prevent access to trespassers. In the meantime we have retained Paladin Security to patrol our parking lot, secure the church building and identify and remove trespassers. We are also looking into having screw piles installed at the entrances so that we can put up chains to close off the parking lot in the evenings. This would allow us to keep the east entrances blocked off except for weekend masses, leaving the west entrance open while the church is open and locking it at night. We appreciate the patience of our neighbors and our parishioners as we work on solving this problem.

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.

I AM BLESSED – THANK YOU!

We would like to thank you for your support and participation during the #IamBlessed campaign. The last day of the campaign is this Sunday, Jan. 9, on the Feast of Baptism of the Lord. Thank you for being there for those in need!



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

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

As we celebrate this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we can study His actions at the Jordan River as a powerful example of servant leadership. We see in Jesus a type of leadership that is characterized by humility and leading by example.

Certainly, the sinless Savior did not need a baptism of repentance! But Jesus humbly made Himself one with his people to draw us to Him and create a relationship with us so that we would be open to His teachings and influence. As a servant leader, we also see that Jesus leads by example. He doesn't just tell the people they need to be baptized. He shows them how and does it Himself to teach them. To lead like Jesus, we, too, must "walk the walk" and not just "talk the talk." If we want those who we lead to be generous and hard-working, then we must show them how to do this by demonstrating generosity and hard work ourselves.

Immediately after His baptism, we learn of the powerful affirmation of the Father who opens the heavens, sends the Holy Spirit upon Jesus in bodily form, and says audibly, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased." Let us be filled with gratitude for our amazing God and be reminded that when we are grateful followers of Jesus and servant-leaders in imitation of Him, the Father will be well-pleased with us, too.

AIRDRIE KNIGHTS DREAM VACATION DRAW

The Airdrie Knights of Columbus invites you to buy ticket(s) for the annual Airdrie Dream Vacation Draw, with monthly draws starting on April 3. There are over \$39k in prizes and all proceeds are going to the [charities they support](#). For more information, visit airdriedreamvacation.ca.

ST. MARY'S CWL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS

St. Mary's Cathedral Council extends their thanks to everyone who participated in its 2021 Quilt Raffle in support of Elizabeth House and CWL initiatives. All tickets were sold. [Read more](#)

ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS (FEAST DAY JAN. 12)

Marguerite Bourgeoys was canonized in 1982 by Pope John Paul II and thus became the first female saint of Canada. An important Quebec religious figure, she, among other things, participated in the construction of the first chapel in Montreal. She also founded a Catholic religious congregation. [Read more](#) | Watch "[In the footsteps of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys](#)"

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Albert the Great St. Vincent de Paul needs **canned fruit** and **feminine hygiene products**. 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. Highlighted this week:

- 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 catholicycyc.ca/careers for more information and application details.

ORDINARY TIME CAN BE CALLED THE "SEASON OF SAINTS"

Ordinary Time has focuses on the years of ministry of Jesus Christ and the need for growth in the life of the Christian. Connected to this spiritual theme is the "universal call to holiness," and a particular focus during Ordinary Time on the celebration of saints' feast days. [Read more](#)

FIVE ESSENTIAL SAINTS TO ACCOMPANY YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THROUGH 2022

The start of a new year brings a mix of excitement and anxiety for what is to come. Traverse the uncertain months ahead with the support of these examples of faith, hope, and perseverance. [Read more](#)

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.

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!



1. **The Baptism of the Lord - Bulletin Shorts, free to use**
[Mass Readings](#) | **Prayer.** Jesus himself is baptized by John. Then he prays. In his praying, the Spirit comes and the Father speaks words of possessive pleasure.
 - How will I pray this last day of the Christmas season?
 - When I am quite enough, what do I hear God say?
 - What mercy work does the Spirit empower me to do? (*Source: Diocese of Springfield*)
2. **Resources for children: The Baptism of the Lord**
 - [Gospel](#) Reflection: After Jesus was baptized, he prayed and the Holy Spirit came to him. The Holy Spirit comes to us in Baptism. We become members of God's family. God is our Father. We are brothers and sisters in Christ. As members of God's family, we take care of one another and welcome new members. (*Loyola Press*)
 - [Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday](#)
 - [Colouring page this Sunday](#)
 - Sunday Connection for [The Baptism of the Lord Sunday](#) (Gr. 1-8)
 - Video: [Studio 3:16](#) | *Weekly Comedy* for kids (anticipating the Sunday Gospel)
 - **Children's Sunday Liturgy** for the The Baptism of the Lord
 - [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. **The Word of God as a source of prayer**
The Eucharist is essential to human flourishing. But, as Jesus makes clear in that passage, the Word of God is just as essential to our existence and life. If we want to pray "as we ought," we need to meditate and "chew" on it daily. [Read more](#)
4. **Adult formation activity on Sacred Scripture**
To deepen awareness of how God reveals himself to us in Sacred Scripture and to learn how God invites us to know him so to enter more deeply into a relationship with him, consider [this adult formation activity](#).

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Programs offered are subject to change. Please visit our website at cssd.ab.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 cssd.ab.ca/district-register 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.**



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