



St. Albert the Great Parish

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

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8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 27, 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 28				
	Tuesday	Mar 1	9:00 am	Robert McCracken (RIP)	6:30 pm	Epifania Vivas (RIP)
	Wednesday	Mar 2	9:00 am	Ross Szentmiklossy (INT)	6:30 pm	Heidi Seubert (RIP)
	Thursday	Mar 3	9:00 am	Mitchel Antoniszyn (INT)	6:30 pm	Maria Piro (RIP)
	Friday	Mar 4	9:00 am	Sanesh family (INT)	6:30 pm	Ethan Smerdely (INT)
	Saturday	Mar 5	9:00 am	Maryna Cadena de Lopez (RIP)	5:00 pm	Alfredo Piro (RIP)
	Sunday	Mar 6	9:00 am	Joanne Dutton (RIP)		
	Sunday	Mar 6	11:00 am	St. Albert the Great Community (INT)	5:00 pm	Adriana Maria Martinez (INT)

Today's Reading:	Next Week's Readings:
Sirach 27.4-7	Deuteronomy 26.4-10
1 Corinthians 15.54-58	Romans 10.8-13
Luke 6.39-45	Luke 4.1-13

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Today's readings exhort us Christian disciples to form ourselves — mind and heart — in imitation of Christ so we can better reflect His goodness in our daily lives.

The first reading from Sirach offers timeless counsel: "the fruit of a tree shows the care it has had: so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks." Jesus uses the very same analogy in today's Gospel reading from Luke: "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit."

Everything we have is a gift from God to be used for His honor and glory. This includes the gift of speech and, even more broadly, all forms of modern-day communication — email, text, Twitter, Facebook, and the rest. What comes forth from our mouths, or keyboard, or phone, reflects what is in our minds and hearts. Our ability to communicate with each other is itself a gift which we must steward well.

In the same Gospel passage, Jesus reminds us, "No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher." The more time we spend with Jesus, our teacher, through regular prayer and a strong sacramental life, the more we will become like Him. Then all that we do and say (and tweet and post) will bring others to closer to Him. This is the life's work of the Christian steward. It is privileged work indeed.

LENT @ ST. ALBERT THE GREAT PARISH

Ash Wednesday Masses are at 9 am, 5 pm and 7 pm. The 7 PM Mass will be live streamed for those who cannot attend in person. No registration is required as Mass is open to full capacity. Please arrive early! 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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be available on Friday mornings 9:30 am – 10:30 am and Wednesday evenings 7 – 8 pm. During the Adoration on Wednesday evenings, we will recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet and have a short reflection on Divine Mercy.

There will be **prayers before morning Mass** on Tuesdays to Fridays. The Liturgy of the Hours starts at 8:30 am followed up the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays after the 6:30 pm Mass. This will be live streamed for those who cannot attend in-person.

This year, we will distribute crosses on **Palm Sunday**. Blessed palms from previous year(s) can be dropped off at the office or in the Church.

DISCOVERY FAITH STUDY

Invest in your faith this Lent! DISCOVERY faith studies are back. This six-week faith study will take you back to basics in the context of small groups. Encounter Jesus Christ in a new and personal way through the DISCOVERY faith study. We have men's and women's groups starting in-person on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings starting March 3rd for 6 weeks. Sign-up link: <https://tinyurl.com/LENTDiscovery>. For more information contact Michelle @ comeasyouare.yyc@gmail.com or call/text 403-968-3105.

LENT GOSPEL-ENCOUNTER GROUP

Jump-start your prayer life this Lent and learn how to pray with Scripture. Praying with Scripture leads to deeper encounter with Jesus in a personal way. We will meet as a small group on Saturday mornings after Mass during Lent, beginning March 5th, and we will be guided by a spiritual director. There are limited spots available. Please contact Michelle @ comeasyouare.yyc@gmail.com or call/text 403-968-3105.

THIS LENT, LET'S PUT PEOPLE AND PLANET FIRST

This Lent, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's *People and Planet First* campaign calls you to support our sisters and brothers in the Global South in defending their rights and the planet. Do this by:

- Donating online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on April 3, the 5th Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 85 projects in 27 countries around the world!
- Learning more by reading the [Mini-magazine](http://devp.org/mini-magazine) and other resources available at devp.org/learn/resources
- Signing the petition for strong laws to control Canadian corporations' behaviour abroad at devp.org/act

For more information, contact [Carol Hollywood](mailto:Carol.Hollywood@caritascanada.ca).

CCEF 2022 CASH RAFFLE

Last chance to purchase your tickets for the CASH Raffle! Please support our local Catholic schools with enhanced learning opportunities. Purchase your tickets before February 28, 2022, at www.theccef.ca/raffle

LEARN ABOUT BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD – FEB. 28

For those wanting to learn about the natural cycles of fertility and infertility without chemical, mechanical or artificial means, join the [online introduction of Billings Ovulation Method](http://www.billingsmethod.com/online-introduction-of-billings-ovulation-method) on Feb. 28 at 8 PM MST.



Like the [St Albert the Great Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/StAlberttheGreat) page for regular updates.

2021 TAX RECEIPTS

Thank you to everyone who requested to have their tax receipt sent to them by email, we had a great response and it was greatly appreciated. If you requested your tax receipt by email, and have not seen it, please check your junk/spam folder. All other tax receipts over \$50 were mailed out on February 24, 2022.

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.

RETRouvaille WEEKEND – MAR. 4 – 6

Retrouvaille Calgary provides [a weekend retreat](#) to help couples looking for answers on how to bring love, understanding, intimacy, forgiveness and deeper communication back into our marriages. When: March 4-6.

PARENTING WITH PURITY WITH JASON EVERT – MAR. 10

How do you talk to your kids about chastity, especially when your parents never had "the talk" with you? Jason Evert offers a wealth of communication techniques and effective strategies to transmit the message of purity to your kids at any age. Join [this virtual event](#) with Jason Evert. When: March 10 at 8 pm MST.

ST. JOSEPH SEMINARY TRIVIA NIGHT – MAR. 11

Join the [Trivia Livestream](#) to support St. Joseph Seminary, Ad Gentes Committee, a charitable organization for the sake of those in need on March 11 at 7 pm. [Donation page](#)

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Albert the Great St. Vincent de Paul needs **feminine hygiene products** and **soda crackers**. Please drop your donations in the St. Vincent de Paul box in the Narthex. Thank you for your support!

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.](#)

SACRED HEART CHURCH FUNDRAISER

We are currently in the midst of fundraising seeking to raise the necessary funds to begin renovating the old IGA building in Strathmore into our new spiritual home. Please watch the new extended [virtual walkthrough video](#) to see the gorgeous design that our architecture team have developed for our new Church. Sacred Heart Church thanks you for supporting our community! Help [raise funds to build Sacred Heart's new church](#). Raffle prize: \$10k! Draw date: March 19. [Get tickets now](#)

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](#)

CWL - WEEKLY ROSARY CIRCLE

Mondays @ 2:00 pm

Join via this [Zoom link](#) Passcode: SATGRosary

Everyone is welcome!



1. **The 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Bulletin Shorts, free to use**

[Mass Readings](#) | **Believing in the**

Resurrection of the Dead. We have been reading and hearing Saint Paul to the Corinthians since the middle of January. He proclaims the resurrection of Jesus as victory over death. This belief, this word from the creed – he...rose again on the third day” – is central to faith. It lays the foundation for our own being raised one day because death is not the end of us. We say in faith each Sunday: “I look forward to the resurrection of the dead.”

- Even though November is past, how can I still remember the dead? For whom will I pray? Whom among them will I ask to pray for me?
- How am I preparing now for my own resurrection from the dead at some later time?
- How will I act and speak in this life knowing that there is life to come after death?

(Source: Diocese of Springfield)

2. **Resources for children: The 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- **Kid's challenge this week:** When we do good deeds, we show others that we have the good, loving heart of a disciple. Being a disciple of Jesus means that we show our love for God in what we say and do. What will you do and say today to show others that you have the heart of a disciple? *(Loyola Press)*
 - [Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday](#)
 - [Colouring page this Sunday](#)
- [Sunday Connection - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time](#) (Gr. 1-8 & family)
- **Children's Sunday Liturgy for 8th Sunday in 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. **Theme for 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees**

The Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development announces the theme of this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees. [Pope Francis has chosen “Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees,”](#) as the theme for the 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, to be celebrated on Sep. 25.

4. **Holy See invites entries for Jubilee 2025 Official Logo**

The Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization launches a [competition open to all, for the creation of the Official Logo for the Jubilee 2025](#). The contest begins on Feb. 22 and ends on May 20, 2022.

5. **Pope Francis: Pray for those who wrong you**

During the Sunday Angelus, Pope Francis invites people to follow the example of Jesus and react to wrongdoing with kindness rather than anger or violence. “Turning the other cheek,” commented Pope Francis, “does not mean suffering in silence, giving into injustice. With his question, Jesus denounces what is unjust. But he does so without anger nor violence, rather with kindness.” [Read more](#)

6. **Faithful Living: Be a thermostat and not just a thermometer!**

We can choose to either be passive and we become bystanders in life, or we can choose to be active and contribute to the life of others. Christ calls us to be "salt" that changes the flavour of everything. [Read more](#)

7. **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Employment opportunities in parishes and Catholic organizations throughout the Diocese.

- Support Staff (Part-time), Elizabeth House Calgary
- Support Staff (Casual), Elizabeth House, Calgary
- Assistant Coordinator, Feed the Hungry Calgary
- Caretaker (Casual) - St. Ambrose, Coaldale
- Pastoral Assistant (Part-time) - Ste. Famille, Calgary
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Please visit catholicyyc.ca/careers for more information and application details.

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