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TODAY'S READINGS

Numbers 21: 4-9 | Responsorial Psalm 78: 1-2, 34-38

Philippians 2: 6-11 | John 3: 13-17



On 13 September 335, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (also called the Church of the Resurrection) was dedicated. The following day, the cross that Empress Helena had discovered on 14 September 320, was venerated in a solemn ceremony. In 614, the Persian King, Chosroes II, waged war on the Romans. After conquering Jerusalem, he confiscated many treasures, among which was the Cross of Jesus. The Byzantine emperor Heraclius initiated peace negotiations, but was rejected. He then waged war and won near Nineveh, asking for the restitution of the Cross, which then returned to Jerusalem.

Today, the cruelty of the Cross is not what is exalted, but the Love that God manifested to humanity by accepting death on the Cross: "Who, though in the form of God, emptied himself, taking the form of a slave. This is the glory of the Cross of Jesus!" (Pope Francis).

Excerpt taken from the Vatican News site:

[Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Vatican News](#)

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St. Albert the Great
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sept 14, 2025

Mass Schedule

Monday:	No Mass
Tuesday:	9:00 AM & 6:30 PM
Wednesday:	9:00 AM & 6:30 PM
Thursday:	9:00 AM & 6:30 PM
Friday:	9:00 AM & 6:30 PM
Saturday:	9:00 AM 5:00 PM (Anticipatory)
Sunday:	9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM

Adoration

Friday:	9:30 AM – 10:30 AM
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Confession

Tuesday:	9:30 AM & 7:00 PM
Wednesday:	9:30 AM & 7:00 PM
Thursday:	9:30 AM & 7:00 PM
Friday:	9:30 AM & 7:00 PM
Saturday:	3:30 PM

Office Hours

Mon to Fri: 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM*

*Closed for lunch from 12:30 to 1:00 PM

Closed Weekends & all Statutory Holidays

MASS INTENTIONS

UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, Sept 16	at 9:00 AM	Lukia Policrinades (INT)
Tues, Sept 16	at 11:00 AM	Souls of the Gutierrez Family (RIP)
Tues, Sept 16	at 6:30 PM	Victor Comeros (RIP)
Wed, Sept 17	at 9:00 AM	Adam Marchinowski (RIP)
Wed, Sept 17	at 6:30 PM	Romeo Senior Zabala (RIP)
Thur, Sept 18	at 9:00 AM	Anna Francisca Sequeira (RIP)
Thur, Sept 18	at 6:30 PM	Abraham Koottappillil (RIP)
Fri, Sept 19	at 9:00 AM	Rufino & Gregoria Florendo (RIP)
Fri, Sept 19	at 6:30 PM	Gil - Torres Family (INT)
Sat, Sept 20	at 9:00 AM	Norman & Lucille Bieker (INT)
Sat, Sept 20	at 5:00 PM	Ruth Escandor & Cesar Lucas Villamaria (RIP)
Sun, Sept 21	at 9:00 AM	Souls of Dias Family (RIP)
Sun, Sept 21	at 11:00 AM	St. Albert the Great Parish Community
Sun, Sept 21	at 5:00 PM	Michelle Diment (INT)

MASS INTENTION AVAILABILITY

November is open for booking.

To request a Mass intention please visit the parish office downstairs during office hours, call [403.257.6054](tel:403.257.6054) or

Our parish serves over 9000 families; intentions are limited to two per family within the three-month period.

Thank you for honoring this system. Please contact the office with questions.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS MEMORIAL



MON, SEP
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**YOU
ARE
called**
YOU MATTER.
YOU BELONG.

THE MEMORIAL OF
**Our Lady of
Sorrows**

On **Monday, Sep 15**, the Church reflects on Mary's faith and perseverance as she shared in the suffering of her Son at the Cross. Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows began in the Middle Ages, centered on her Seven Sorrows. The feast was extended to the whole Church and established on September 15 by Pope Pius X.

The Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrow invites us to draw strength from her example and to trust in God even in times of sorrow.

Prayers & resources can be found on our diocesan blog here:

[Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows - ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CALGARY](#)

Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows O most holy Virgin, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, by the overwhelming grief you experienced when you witnessed the martyrdom, the crucifixion, and death of your divine Son, look upon me with eyes of compassion, and awaken in my heart a tender commiseration for those sufferings, as well as a sincere detestation of my sins, in order that being disengaged from all undue affection for the passing joys of this earth, I may sigh after the eternal Jerusalem, and that henceforward all my thoughts and all my actions may be directed towards this one most desirable object. Honour, glory, and love to our divine Lord Jesus, and to the holy and immaculate Mother of God. Amen.

(Prayer commonly attributed to St. Bonaventure).

PRAYER BOARD

“Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” – Hebrews 4:16

Al Eberle	Dlaysush Nduaguba	Kathleen Megrn	Norman Bieker
Al Johnson	Don Gelfund	Kathryn Boyer	Nunufekede Bekele
Alfred Cust	Edith Tyndall	Katrina G. Hamedani	Obroh Family
Amelia Aureo	Elaine Hopfner	Kellyanne Banks	Owen Dorfman
Ane Zabala	Ernesto Valbuena	Kevin Brill	Patricia Atkinson
Anna Becker	Felicia Nduaguba	Kristin Bell	Paul Schneider
Anna Langley-Butt	Francise Nduaguba	Landon Miller	Peter Hammel
Arton Berisha	Gertrude Hosemann	Len Grose	Rachel Torbella
Augustus Nduaguba	Gin Udtohan	Lennon Casebeer	Raymond Soriano
Bert Dormendo	Gustavo Gil	Leo Elder	Restituto Jacobe
Bill Yont	Haenok F. Bekele	Leticia Okanknwo	Robert Schimpf
Bob Tetriak	Hammond Family	Linda Foo	Robert Visockas
Brad Orr	Harold Freeman	Linda Shaw	Roque Jacobe
Camilla Kosariyeganeh	Henry Retzlaff	Lori Cadrin	Rose Panglinan
Carnduff Family	Ifeoma Sogwu	Lucia Nduaguba	Ryan Alexander
Carol Meredith	Isabel Maclean	Luz Estela Gallego	Sam Secreti
Casmas Nduaguba	Isnardo Forero	Marc Maceren	Sandra Rorbak
Charlotte Stapleton	Ivan D'Souza	Marcus McCallum	Sara Teklemariam
Chioma Odili	Iwona Pisko	Margaret Diaze	Saturnino Jacobe
Chris G	Jane Eduaputa	Maria Elder	Sharon B. Wong
Claire Doyle	Jane Grant	Maria Luis	Shawn Freeman
Clara Kosariyeganeh	Janyce Anderson	Maria Martinelli	Shawn McCormick
Claude Durocher	John Millar	Michael Dudey	Susanne Smith
Claudia Gomez	John Posluszny	Michelle Fiorillo	Taylor (Boswell) Ramoutar
Clement Okanknwo	Jonathan Ramoutar	Mike Watson	Taylor Rohrer
Dcn. Tony Klein	Jordan Gibson	Myrna Rolfes	Ulrich Hart
Divy Dormendo	Kamran P. Mosavari	Neil Atwater	Victoria McEachern

PRAYER BOARD: The Prayer Board is intended for any living person requiring prayers. Due to the size of the Parish and our prayer board requests, we now require follow-ups within three months of a request. Please contact the office to have someone added or removed from the board at secretary@stalbertthegreat.ca

PARISH SACRAMENT REGISTRATION

Registration for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation for 2025-2026 are now open. Click here to register: [Sacraments - St Albert The Great](#)

Registration will close on September 30th. Baptisms are on-going throughout the year.

Please contact Dan D’Agostino with any questions you might have: sacraments@stalbertthegreat.ca

PARISH EVENT SCHEDULE



Sunday, September 14th , 10:00 AM: Sunday Social, Main Hall, Parish Basement
St. Vincent De Paul Silent Collection, Narthex – After all Masses
Monday, September 15 , 7:30 PM: Sunday 5pm Choir Ministry Practice
Tuesday, September 16 , 9:30 AM: Arts & Crafts Group, St. Albert Room
11:00 AM; Auburn Heights Retirement Residence Mass
1:15 PM; Office closed for Staff Meeting, boardroom
7:00 PM; New Canadian Family Ministry Monthly Meeting, St. Francis Room
Wednesday, September 17 , 9:30 AM: Prayer Ministry, Library
7:00 PM: RCIA, Parish Basement -all rooms
Thursday, September 18 , 1:30 PM: Private Celebration, Church
6:30 PM: ECYD Youth Ministry, Main Hall & St. Johns Hall
7:00 PM: St. Vincent de Paul Society Monthly Meeting, St. Albert Room
7:00 PM: 9am Choir Ministry Monthly Practice
Friday, September 19 , 5:00 PM: Couples for Christ – Teaching Night, Parish Basement – all rooms
7:00 PM: CAYA – Adoration Night, Church
Saturday, September 20 , 10:30 AM: Group Baptisms, Church
Noon: Private Baptism, Church
3:00 PM: Altar Server Training, Church
5:00 PM: Christian Life Program Session 2, St. Albert, St. Francis & Fr. Pat's Room
6:00 PM: Parish Ministry Fair, Basement Main Hall
Sunday, September 21 , Parish Ministry Fair after all Masses, Basement Main Hall

PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

This weekend our members will be present after each mass with collection baskets for St Vincent de Paul.

Thank you, St. Albert the Great parishioners for your kind generosity and warm greetings.

We accept e transfers at email svdp.satg.donations@gmail.com

“God, grant us the grace to see things with the same eyes as you do.” — [St. Vincent de Paul](#)

August 2025 Summary

Hampers delivered: **71** [increase of 23% over Aug 2024]

Adults served: **161**

Children served: **95**

Cost of hampers: \$16,520

Gift cards: \$2,640 [to help purchase dairy, meat and produce]

Total: \$19,160



**Society of
Saint Vincent de Paul**

PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

St. Alberts Men's Group's next meet up is **Saturday, September 13th after the 9:00 AM Mass**. Meetings are in the Parish basement, St. Johns Hall. Everyone is welcome. Learn more here: [St. Albert's Men's Group - St Albert The Great](#)

DISCOVERY Faith Studies are BACK JOIN A SMALL GROUP THIS FALL! Make new friends, and encounter Jesus Christ through the DISCOVERY faith study. DISCOVERY is a 6-week personally challenging look at the Gospel message, explained clearly and simply. Men's and women's groups Thursday evenings, Oct 2- Nov 13, 7-8:30pm. Sign-up at www.tinyurl.com/faithstudies. Interested in the Source Faith study? Email us! comeasyouare.yyc@gmail.com

COME AS YOU ARE returns Sept 19th! "I have called you my friends, says the Lord." Come for an evening of renewal and encounter. COME AS YOU ARE is back Friday, Sept 19th @ 7pm. We will share testimonies, have Adoration with worship music, an opportunity for Confession as well as Prayer Ministry. Food and social to follow! Come and encounter God in a personal and meaningful way.

CALLING ALL ARTISANS – VENDORS WANTED for our first Arts & Crafts Fair taking place **November 15th & 16th**. \$20 Table Fee, includes 1 table and 2 chairs. Hosted by our Arts & Crafts Group – To book a table or for more information please email secretary@stalbertthegreat.ca

SAVE THE DATES: St. Albert the Great's **Homecoming weekend** is fast approaching. We hope to see you for our Ministry Fair located in the parish basement after each **Sunday Mass Sept 20th 5pm, Sunday Masses Sept 21, 9am, 11:30am & 5pm.**

September 20 & 21st is also Name Tag weekend: be sure to bring your own (an old work one will do) or we can make you one when you arrive. It's a great way to meet your fellow parishioner here at SATG.

September 27th is our annual volunteer appreciation BBQ: All volunteers and their families are invited to attend. Be sure to register via the QR code or this link: <https://forms.gle/4aGUnEnhmWEo1oR77>

RSVP Here:



ECYD Catholic Youth Ministry: Who is ECYD? They are an international Catholic association of adolescents. What does ECYD stand for? Encounters; ECYD offers adolescents **encounters** with themselves, Jesus Christ and with others that can transform their lives. **Convictions;** From these encounters, the adolescent then form **convictions** that become pillars in their lives. **Your Decisions;** These convictions impel them to make decisions in their lives.

St. Albert the Great Parish is excited for the new Youth Ministry Program which includes two Official ECYD Programs. Their Catholic Curriculum fosters a deep relationship with Jesus Christ and forms adolescents as Christian leaders to transform culture. The Challenge Program here at St. Albert the Great Parish is for girls in grades 5-12 and Our Conquest Program is for boys in grades 5-12.

The first part of our program this year is training our Team Leaders – Youth in grades 9-12 in September to December who will then lead the younger youth in grades 5-8 from January, 2026 to May. With special events planned for all our youth in October & December.

Registration for Youth in grade 9 to 12 is now open | Registration is \$20

To register please click here: <https://forms.office.com/r/7ibgMty9nN?origin=lprLink>

Oct 18/19th Registration for the second part of our program will kick off | **Registration is \$30**

For questions please contact: youth@stalbertthegreat.ca | [ECYD Youth Ministry - St Albert The Great](#)

PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

What is Prayer Ministry?

You may have noticed we are offering prayer ministry at First Friday evening Holy Hours, as well as at Come As You Are Adoration nights. Prayer ministry is a form of spiritual care where you come before the Lord together with trained prayer ministers. Jesus promised, ***“Wherever two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”*** You will be welcomed to share any specific needs, struggles or prayer intentions, in confidentiality and without judgement. The prayer minister will lead a prayer of intercession, then invite the Holy Spirit to speak and move. At its heart, prayer ministry is coming together with another, presenting your needs to the Lord, and allowing space to encounter God’s healing love.

Development and Peace: Wrap-up, Reaping our Rights on Parliament Hill. Over **41,000 Canadians** signed our [Reaping our Rights](#) campaign petition for strong laws to prevent our corporations from harming peasant, rural and Indigenous communities in the Global South.

Upcoming events:

Sept 18, Webinar: *Women at the heart of change*. How does our approach of prioritizing women resonate with the mandate of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)? Get answers from animator Daniela Salcedo and national council member Brenda Arakaza, who attended the CSW’s 69th session this past spring. Join them for the Women at the heart of change webinar at 6:30 p.m. ET on Thursday, September 18, 2025. [Register here:](#)

October 4: Join our [national launch webinar](#) featuring leading experts on debt crises in Africa and Latin America at **1:30 p.m. ET on Saturday, October 4.** [Register here:](#)

More information can be found here: [Turn debt into hope | Development and Peace](#) or <https://devp.org>

Pastoral Care Ministry: The Diocese of Calgary invites individuals who feel called to assist their parish in a healing ministry. Our upcoming Pastoral Care Training is designed for those who wish to support the sick, elderly, dying, homebound, and bereaved members of their community.

Participants will develop visiting skills, learn to foster a ministry of presence, support individuals in various life stages (end of life, grief, sickness), and enhance empathy and compassion. The training helps create a deeper connection between individuals and their parish.

Notes: Participants approved by their Pastor or Pastoral Care Coordinator are welcome. Contact pastoralcare@stalbertthegreat.ca for screening requirements. Be sure to attend the entire course as you’ll receive a Certificate of Completion at the end of the course.

- When: **Saturdays, October 18 and 25, from 9 am – 4 pm**
- Where: **St. Peter’s Parish** (541 Silvergrove Dr NW, Calgary).
- Cost: **\$45/person**, which includes participant’s manual, lunch and refreshments.
- **Register online** at: <https://www.catholiccy.ca/pastoralcare.html>

St. Albert the Great Catholic Grandparents Group invites you to join them starting **October 9th at 10:00AM** in the Parish Basement, St. Albert room. Join our group of Catholic Grandparents as we navigate the joys of grand-parenthood and support the raising of our grandchildren in the Catholic Faith. Our group meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month.

We are excited to announce special guest Dcn. John Walsh who will be joining us at one of our upcoming meetings. Everyone is welcome. Please contact the office with questions: secretary@stalbertthegreat.ca

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We thank all of our wonderful volunteers for everything they do here at our parish. As you might recall in a previous bulletin big changes are happening here at St. Albert the Great Parish and many of our volunteers have taken on new opportunities within the church or they have decided to peruse other endeavors. As such **we are currently seeking positive, faith driven volunteers to fill our most needed positions below.**

11:30 AM SUNDAY SOCIAL – has been temporarily suspended until we can fulfil the following roles.

- 1) Team 1 Lead Coordinator
- 2) Team 3 Lead Coordinator
- 3) Team 4 Lead Coordinator
- 4) Along with the lead coordinators we are also seeking support volunteers to serve food & drinks, bake goodies, set up tables, and clean.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There is no Children's Liturgy for Sunday 11:30 am and 5pm masses at this time due to not enough volunteers

- Coordinators (Adult)
- Teachers (Adult)
- Assistant Teachers (Adult)
- Student Helpers (8-17 years old)

FUNERAL RECEPTION

This ministry is looking for volunteers to help set up the main hall for receptions, including lifting and moving tables, serving food, clean-up, and other general duties.

9:00 AM WEEKDAY LECTORS

This ministry is looking for volunteers to support our weekly masses in reading the word of God.

GENERAL VOLUNTEERS to help with events, such as table & chair setup/takedown, parking coordination, etc.

At times, determining how we can play a more active role in our parish can be a difficult exercise. We each have gifts that sometimes lay undiscovered. During our time of discernment, we turn to the Holy Spirit to motivate, direct, and inspire us so that we can harmoniously join together to do the Church's work effectively. If you feel that you have a gift to offer please complete our [volunteer form](#). You can email any questions to volunteers@stalbertthegreat.ca and one of our Volunteer Coordinators will connect with you.

PARISH DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Financial support from our parishioners, visitors and guests is always appreciated.

Our parish relies on regular offertory giving for maintenance and growth. By making an offertory gift, you are providing crucial support to our parish.

***TAX RECEIPT NOTE:** anyone seeking a tax receipt for their donation must ensure **A)** that you provide your full name, address and email (On the physical envelope, or by forwarding your first e-transfer confirmation email to donations@stalbertthegreat.ca and providing us your information) or **B)** that you are [registered](#) with the parish.

Donations can be made a variety of ways, cash, cheque, e-transfer, tip tap pay and more.

Please visit our website for more details: [Donations - St Albert The Great](https://stalbertthegreat.ca/donations) | <https://stalbertthegreat.ca/donations>

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

NEW "Sing for SATG Charity" ALL parishioners are invited to sing!

Do you like Christmas Carols? Would you like to have fun and help our SATG Parish?

Then you qualify to sing in "A Season of Carols" which includes a benefit concert for SATG Parish.

It's free to join. All music, sing along vocal tracks, and other materials you need are provided for free.

Rehearsals start Wednesday, Sept 18 and run for 10 weeks. SATG gets 100% of the proceeds from the concert.

Thank you to the Stampede City Mixed Chorus for sponsoring, partnering, and singing with us to make this possible.

In return, SATG has agreed to help by providing some of the singers. We are close to reaching our target numbers but we still need a few more.

Please contact Greg Verhappen (Saturday 5 pm music minister) for more info: 587-288-5226 or stampedeccc@gmail.com

NEW From Symptoms to Solutions Information Session – Saturday September 27th at 7pm At St. Albert the

Great Parish. Do you have symptoms of a hormone imbalance? For many women who suffer from painful periods, infertility, PCOS, PMS, fatigue, brain fog and burn out it can feel like there is no solution. Join Heather Patel, Certified FertilityCare Practitioner & Hormone Coach for an information night. You'll walk away with how to track your cycle with Creighton, hormone balancing tips, understanding what's normal in your cycle and how to spot signs of hormone imbalance.

\$5 at the door. Registration required. <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/from-symptoms-to-solutions-tickets-1553227107089?aff=oddtcreator>

Join us for a two-day **AI Symposium in the Diocese of Calgary**, where faith and technology come together in conversation. Scholars and practitioners, including Steven Umbrello, Matthew Harvey Sanders, Louise Lodevole, Dr. Ed Tse, and Bishop William T. McGrattan, will examine Artificial Intelligence through the lenses of Catholic doctrine, human dignity, family life, and its impact on society.

With keynote addresses, panel discussions, and guided reflection, this event will engage both heart and mind on one of today's most urgent questions: What are the promises and perils of AI, and how can the Church provide guidance in this new era?

- **Symposium theme:** AI is transforming society: Are Catholics ready?
- **Who should attend?**
Clergy, religious, educators, students, tech professionals, and anyone interested in the future of faith in an AI-driven world.
- **When:** Friday & Saturday, October 17 & 18, 2025
- **Where:** McGivney Hall, St. Mary's University (14500 Bannister Rd SE, Calgary, AB)

REGISTER NOW: catholiccycc.ca/aisymposium | **Space is limited!**

For the complete list of Diocesan News & Events click:

[News & Events - ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CALGARY \(catholiccycc.ca\)](https://catholiccycc.ca)

[Formed | On-Demand Catholic Movies, Audio Books, Podcasts & More](#)

[Faithfully - ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CALGARY](#)

Sunday Resources for children

[Catholic Mom Gospel Coloring Pages](#)

[Sunday Connection \(Gr. 1-8\)](#)

[Children's Liturgy of the Word July & August](#)

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