ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CATHOLIC PARISH

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TODAY'S READINGS

Amos 8: 4-7 | Responsorial Psalm 113: 1-2, 4-8 1 Timothy 2: 7 | Luke 16: 1-13 or Luke 16: 10-13



The MINISTRY FAIR is happening this weekend! Be sure to pop down into the basement after one of our Sunday Masses for baked goods donated by our Sunday Social Ministry and to visit our ministry tables.

Be sure to wear your name tag so you can meet your fellow parishioners. It can be an old one, a new one, a work one, or a volunteer one – if you don't have one, one of our volunteers will make you one.

St. Albert the Great

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept 21, 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

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

Charitable Registration Number/BN 107909939 RR0084

MASS INTENTIONS

UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Tues,	Sept	23	at	9:00 AM	Jeffery Cruz (RIP)	
Tues,	Sept	23	at	6:30 PM	Carol Morin - Neil (RIP)	
Wed,	Sept	24	at	9:00 AM	Lamberto Jr. & Gillberto Billones (RIP)	
Wed,	Sept	24	at	6:30 PM	Roque Suares (RIP)	
Thur,	Sept	25	at	9:00 AM	Maximo Santos (RIP)	
Thur,	Sept	25	at	6:30 PM	Sara Boom (RIP)	
Fri,	Sept	26	at	9:00 AM	Sumi Thomas (INT)	
Fri,	Sept	26	at	6:30 PM	Rosa Denmillo Mendoza (RIP)	
Sat,	Sept	27	at	9:00 AM	Fr. Jerome Lavigne (INT)	
Sat,	Sept	27	at	5:00 PM	Rudolfo Crespo, Senior (RIP)	
Sun,	Sept	28	at	9:00 AM	Christina & Linh Ngoc Pham (RIP)	
Sun,	Sept	28	at	11:00 AM	St. Albert the Great Parish Community	
Sun,	Sept	28	at	5:00 PM	Fernando & Teresita Nidoy (RIP)	

MASS INTENTION AVAILABILITY

November & Dec is open for booking.

To request a Mass intention please visit the parish office downstairs during office hours, call 403.257.6054 or email secretary@stalbertthegreat.ca

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEMORIAL SEPT. 27TH

St. Vincent de Paul was a great apostle of charity, and brought a great revival of the priesthood in the 17th century. He was born near Dax in 1581 in the Landes (in the old Province of Gascony), France in 1581. As a young priest he was captured by Moorish pirates who carried him to Africa. He was sold into slavery, but freed in 1607 when he converted his owner. St. Vincent worked tirelessly to help those in need: the impoverished, the sick, the enslaved, the abandoned, the ignored. He died in 1660 at St. Lazarus House, Paris. His motto: "God sees you."

"Let us love God; but at the price of our hands and sweat of our face."

Patronage: against leprosy; charitable societies (given on 12 May 1885 by Pope Leo XIII); charitable workers; charities; horses; hospitals; hospital workers; lepers; lost articles; prisoners; volunteers; spiritual help; Brothers of Charity; Saint Vincent de Paul Societies; Sisters of Charity; Vincentian Service Corps; Madagascar; diocese of Richmond, Virginia; Madagascar; San Vincente, Misiones, Argentina.

On this day of his memorial let us pray: O God, who for the relief of the poor and the formation of the clergy endowed the Priest Saint Vincent de Paul with apostolic virtues, grant, we pray, that, afire with that same spirit, we may love what he loved and put into practice what he taught. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen. This excerpt is taken from the Catholic Culture website you can view the complete article here:

Memorial od St. Vincent de Paul

The **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul** (**SVP** or **SVdP or SSVP**) is an international voluntary organization in the <u>Catholic Church</u>, founded in 1833 for the sanctification of its members by personal service of the poor. Started by <u>Frédéric Ozanam</u> and <u>Emmanuel-Joseph Bailly de Surcy</u> and named after <u>Vincent de Paul</u>, the organization is part of the global <u>Vincentian Family</u> of Catholic organizations.

Innumerable Catholic parishes have established "conferences", most of which affiliate with a diocesan council. Among its varied efforts to offer material help to the poor or needy. Our own conference of St. Vincent de Paul helps out many in our communities. You can learn more about our SATG conference here: https://stalbertthegreat.ca/project/st-vincent-de-paul/

PRAYER BOARD

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." -1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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

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

Oh Jesus Christ, Divine Physician and Healer of the Sick, we come to You at this time for those who are very sick. Dear Lord, You who is our dearest Comforter when we are troubled, please, reduce our sorrows and worries with Your gentle love.

Grant us Dear sweet Jesus the grace and strength to bear this burden of illness. We place all our worries in Your mighty hands.

We ask that You restore Your servants back to good health again, and above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge Your Holy will.

Help us to know that whatever You do, You do for the love of us. Amen.

PARISH EVENT SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 21, Parish Ministry Fair after all Sunday Masses, Basement Main Hall							
Monday, September 22, 7:30 PM: Sunday 5pm Choir Ministry Practice							
Tuesday, September 23, 9:30 AM: Arts & Crafts Group, St. Albert Room							
Wednesday, September 24, 7:00 PM: RCIA, Parish Basement -all rooms							
Thursday, September 25, 6:30 PM: ECYD Youth Ministry, Main Hall & St. Johns Hall							
7:00 PM: Knights of Columbus 4 th Degree Bi-Monthly Assembly, St. Albert Room							
Friday, September 26, 1:00 PM: St. Albert the Great School Opening Mass, Church							
6:00 PM: Canasta Group Meet up, St. Albert Room							
Saturday, September 27, 9:30 AM: St. Albert's Men's Group 4 th Saturday Meeting, St. Albert Room							
9:30 AM: Couples for Christ – Covenant Orientation Teaching, Fr. Pat's Room, St. Francis Room & Library							
10:30 AM: Group Baptisms, Church							
3:00 PM: Altar Server Training (Pre-registration Required), Church							
7:00 PM: Fertility Awareness Presentation with speaker Heather Patel, Main Hall							
Sunday, September 28, Knights of Columbus Bottle Drive							

PARISH GUEST SPEAKER EVENTS

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=oddtdtcreator

Pro-Life Conversation Skills Workshop

For many, conversation about abortion can be intimidating and awkward, but they don't need to be.

Join Cam Côté, St. Albert the Great parishioner and host of the world's largest pro-life apologetics podcast, on *Monday, October 6th from 8:00-9:30pm* in the parish hall for an interactive workshop focused on how to have compelling and compassionate conversations about abortion.

With these tools, you will be equipped to have productive conversations with friends, family members, and members of our community, together building a Culture of Life.

Contact Cam with questions at ccote@endthekilling.ca.



PARISH SACRAMENT REGISTRATION

Registration NOW OPEN for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation.

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 MINISTRIES & GROUPS

<u>DISCOVERY Faith Studies are BACK</u> 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

CALLING ALL ARTISIANS – VENDORS WANTED for our first **Arts & Crafts Fair** taking place **November 15**th **& 16**th. \$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

"Charity is the cement which binds communities to God and persons to one another."

- St. Vincent de Paul

St. Albert the Great parishioners: **THANK YOU** for your generous contributions last weekend. Monetary donations can be made through e transfers to **email svdp.satg.donations@gmail.com**

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

You are invited to listen to Dr. Donna Beegle who often speaks at SVP conferences and educates many to truly understand poverty and how to work with those living it. "Hope is the wings for grabbing an opportunity." She offers her personal experience of poverty and how she broke free (Ctrl+Click): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=biWaRqXYrp8

Next Saturday, September 27th is the feast day of St. Vincent de Paul (died on September 27, 1660).

KofC Bottle Drive Weekend Sept 27/28



The Knights of Columbus are conducting their first Bottle Drive of the fall on the weekend of September 27 and 28. If you plan on attending any of the 4 weekend masses or if you will be taking advantage of the Volunteer Appreciation event on Sept 27, please remember to bring your empty bottles to church and support their numerous local charities.



What is a Jubilee?

Celebrated every 25 years in the Catholic Church, a jubilee is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, in which people are invited to come back into right relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. The tradition is inspired by the biblical year of jubilee, a time when debts were canceled, slaves were set free, and the land was allowed to rest (Lev. 25, Deut. 15).

This year, under the theme "Pilgrims of Hope," Pope Francis invites Catholics to renew their hope and adopt a vision that can "restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone." You can support them today by visiting: https://devp.org/en/give-now-2/

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We thank all of our wonderful volunteers for everything they do here at our parish, we are currently seeking positive, faith driven volunteers to fill our most needed positions. 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.

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

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

For the months of September and October all Tip Tap Pay donations will go towards the parish Cooling system Fundraiser.

CCCB LETTER ON CHARITABLE STATUS CONCERNS

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you born, I consecrated you" Jeremiah 1:5

On Fri, Sep 12, 2025, CCCB President Bishop William T. McGrattan sent a letter to the federal Minister of Finance regarding potential threats to the charitable status of pro-life centres and organizations that promote religion. This follows an earlier letter from the Permanent Council on Mar 8, 2025, to which no response was received.

The letter is available on the CCCB website: English | French

If you are unaware of this threat, Marilyn Byberg with National House of Prayer wrote a good article about it on November 1st, 2024 titled <u>"Liberals Propose Motion to Revoke Charitable Status for Pro-Life Organizations"</u>

You can read the January 6th, 2025 Petition to the House of Commons in Parliament Assembled 441-00764 (Social affairs and equality) here: Petition 441-00764 - Petitions

Please continue to pray for the unborn and for those fighting against this motion to remove the charitable status of Pro-Life Organizations.

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

NEW Be a Light In Our World Young Adult Bible Study *at* St Bonaventure Parish (in the St Anthony Room) Join our Young Adult Bible Study as we learn about Sacred Scripture and Tradition, strengthen our faith, and become sources of hope and truth for others in our troubled world.

When: Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:30 PM, October 2 to December 18, January 8 to March 26, April 16 to June 5

Who: Young Adults ages 18+ RSVP to: Michelle Saromo at (204) 951-8844

NEW Alberta Life Issues Educational Society (ALIES) is an 11th hour pregnancy options information centre across the street from the abortion clinic in Edmonton. We encounter women on their way to their appointments, offering them life affirming options and a chance to choose life. Since we were founded in 2006, we know of 215 lives saved. At the end of this year we will be opening a client facing ministry in Calgary, supporting them in the same way as Edmonton. We are in the last stretch to raise enough funds for a property (goal \$500000, \$270000 left to go). We are so excited to change as many hearts and minds in this new city. Join them on **Thursday, October 2nd @ 6:30 pm at First Evangelical Free Church (732 - 55 Ave SW Calgary)** as they raise funds to purchase a house near the abortion clinic in Calgary, making a way for women to choose life in their 11th hour. Register at <u>alies.ca/events</u>, or email <u>executivedirector@alies.ca</u> for more information.

NEW SHE SINGS: An Evening of Song and Testimony for Women. October 3rd. Beloved Daughters Ministry invites women of all ages to join them for a time of music and fellowship at the Cardel Theatre. The evening will be a showcase of local women sharing testimonies of life and faith through song and storytelling. (Singers and Testimonies to be announced soon! Follow us on Social Media to find out!)

All are welcome to stay for light snacks and socializing after the show. Entry: \$15.00 Doors open- 6:30pm. Event starts-6:45pm. Evening Social- 8:45pm. Program Ends- 9:30pm For more information please email us at: beloveddaughtersministry@gmail.com

NEW Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles – by Holy Spirit Parish, October 3rd to 5th. The Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles will be on display at Holy Spirit Parish: Friday, Oct 3. 9:30 am to 4:00 pm & 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Saturday, Oct 4. 9:30 am to 9:00 pm. Sunday, Oct 5. 1:00 to 3:00 pm & 6:00 to 8:00 pm. All are welcome.

NEW BLESSING OF PETS October 5th 2:30– 4:00PM – Mount Saint Francis Retreat Centre 41160 Retreat Road. Blessing Ritual at 3:00 PM. Pets must be leashed or in a crate. Visit www.mountstfrancis.ca for more details.

NEW Fam Cat: Catholic Family Catechism. Joun us with your while family in our quest for formation, community, and building the kingdom of God through our domestic church! Babysitting available. What to expect: Catechism class for every member of your family, including adults. Support and lasting friendships from a community of faithful Catholics. Place: St. Mary's University Classroom Bldg. Time: Saturday's 10am to Noon. Dates: Oct 11 & 25, Nov 8 & 22, Jan 17 & 31, Feb 14 & 28, Mar 14 & 28, Apr 11 & 25. To register please email familycatechism@outlook.com visit: www.famfi.ca

NEW The Annual Nigerian Thanksgiving Mass will be held at Ascension Catholic Parish. Date: Sunday, October **12**th. Time 6 pm. Please bring non-perishable food items to donate to St. Vincent de Paul. Questions/Volunteers: contact Benardette - 587-583-1222 or Moses - 587-437-8465. Address: 1100 Berkshire Blvd. NW

NEW Please join Calgary Catholic Medical Association (CCMA) at our annual **White Mass on the Feast of St. Luke** on **Saturday, October 18th, 2025 at 9 am** at **St. Mary's Cathedral.** Fr. Nathan Siray, CCMA Chaplain, will be presiding. A social will be held in the parish hall after mass. This event is open to anyone of good will who feels called to support us!

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

NEW Momentum for Catholic Single Mothers. The Diocese of Calgary is inviting Catholic single mothers to attend an informational webinar session on the MOMENTUM program. MOMENTUM is a vibrant faith community for Catholic single mothers, offering support, healing, and spiritual growth through retreats, gatherings, and online programs. Talita Cere, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Momentum will be the speaker. When: **Thurs, Oct 23 (7 pm - 9 pm) via Zoom** (link will be shared closer to the date) **Register by Oct 21** here or contact Mara mara.capili@calgarydiocese.ca

NEW 57th Annual Calgary Leadership Prayer Breakfast. All are welcome to attend the Calgary Leadership Prayer Breakfast on **Thursday, October 23rd from 7 - 9 am** at Champions Ballroom, BMO Convention Centre, Stampede Park, Calgary. Our 2025 keynote speaker will be Jacquie Meyer, an entrepreneur with over 20 years of business development, investment, and commercial property management experience. Jacquie will be sharing her story of hope *and the call* on her life to leave a career in business to serve those ensnared in human trafficking. Jacquie's team puts themselves on the frontlines of life, death, slavery, freedom, darkness, and light every single day of the year. Her message will challenge us all to take up the individual crosses that God has given us. Everyone, including youth 13+ are invited. Click here for tickets

NEW Looking for something fun to do on a Catholic Date Night? October 25th. Swing Dance open to all ages and skill levels. No partner needed. Proceeds go to community outreach. Entrance at North door from upper parking. (Parental/adult accompaniment required for dancers under 15 years of age.) Doors open 7:00 pm | Introductory Lesson: 7:15-8:00 | Dance: 8:00-10:15 | Cost: age 12-14: \$5, age 15 plus: \$10, Families: \$25 | Location: St Stephen Protomartyr Catholic Church 4903 45 Street Southwest.

NEW Clear Water Academy Women's ENDOW Group. All Catholic mothers with children from newborn to school age are invited to join the Clear Water Academy Women's ENDOW Group a 6 week course where mothers deepen their faith, build lasting friendships, and support one another. For more info contact mrosa@clearwateracademy.com

When: Fridays, October 31 - December 12 | Time: 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm | Where: 3910 Quesnay Wood Drive SW, Calgary

REMINDER "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 started Wednesday, Sept 18 and run for 10 weeks. There is still time to join! 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. For more info please connect with Greg V. (Saturday 5 pm music minister) at stampedecc@gmail.com

NEW Back-to-school season signals the beginning of a new year of faith formation. Each year, the Catholic Church in the United States designates the third Sunday in September as "Catechetical Sunday"—a day on which to celebrate and pray for the Church's mission to teach the Gospel to all people. This year's theme is, "Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope." (1 Peter 3:15) If you are a Catechist or you would like to learn more please visit Catechetical Sunday Please take a few moments to pray in thanksgiving for our catechists.

For the complete list of Diocesan News & Events click:

News & Events - ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CALGARY (catholicyyc.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