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TODAY'S READINGS

2 Samuel 5: 1-3 | Responsorial Psalm 122: 1-5
Colossians 1: 12-20 | Luke 23: 35-43



World Youth Day on Christ the King

'You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me' (Jn 15:27) is the verse that guides Pope Leo XIV's Message for the 40th World Youth Day (WYD), which this year will again be celebrated in particular Churches throughout the world on the Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe, Sunday 23 November 2025.

This year's theme invites young Catholics to recognize how Christ accompanies them and sends them out as witnesses of hope. Read now: [Message of the Holy Father Leo XIV for the 40th World Youth Day](#)

ATTENTION: Our Evening Mass & Confession Schedule has been modified to accommodate school liturgies & concerts and on the following evenings there will be **NO Mass or Confession**.

Dec 3, Dec 4, Dec 9, Dec 10 or Dec 11.



St. Albert the Great
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

CHRIST THE KING
Nov 23, 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

UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

"Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up." – Luke 18:1

Tues,	Nov	25	at	9:00 AM	De La Cruz family (INT)
Tues,	Nov	25	at	6:30 PM	Carmen Urbina (RIP)
Wed,	Nov	26	at	9:00 AM	Louise Brill (RIP)
Wed,	Nov	26	at	6:30 PM	Francoise Lefebvre (RIP)
Thur,	Nov	27	at	9:00 AM	Frank Drescher (RIP)
Thur,	Nov	27	at	6:30 PM	Maximo Santos (RIP)
Fri,	Nov	28	at	9:00 AM	Anthony Family (RIP)
Fri,	Nov	28	at	6:30 PM	Carla Jane Romeo (INT)
Sat,	Nov	29	at	9:00 AM	Roque Suares (RIP)
Sat,	Nov	29	at	5:00 PM	Rodolfo & Jeffery Cruz (RIP)
Sun,	Nov	30	at	9:00 AM	Andrew Honish (INT)
Sun,	Nov	30	at	11:30 AM	St. Albert the Great Parish Community
Sun,	Nov	30	at	5:00 PM	Erlinda Cagbababua Gonzales (RIP)

MASS INTENTION AVAILABILITY

February is open for booking. Please note December & January are full.

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

BAPTISM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

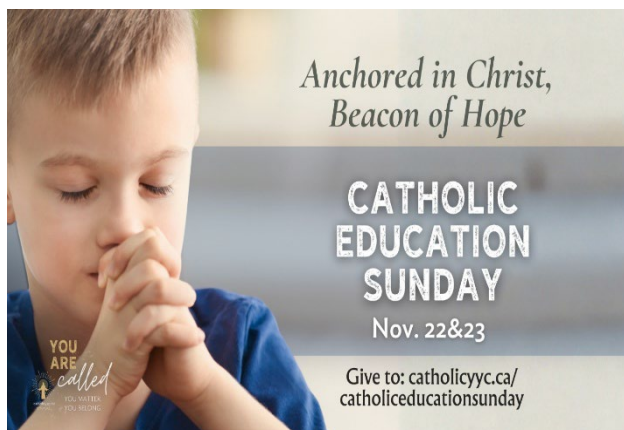
Are you looking for a way to help/volunteer but don't have a great deal of time to commit? We have the perfect ministry for you!

We need a few more helpers for our baptism ministry. Time required would be less than 2 hours every 4 weeks (or less if we get some more help). This ministry would involve greeting families arriving to have their child/children receive the beautiful sacrament of baptism; showing the families to their seats, and assisting the presiders as needed.

Group baptisms take place at the church on most Saturday mornings at 10:30 am. Your time commitment would be from about 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

This ministry is suitable for adult singles, couples or even a parent/child team. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Rosanna at the church office: 403-257-6054, extension 225 or baptisms@stalbertthegreat.ca

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY



Catholic Education Sunday. This weekend, parishes across the Diocese of Calgary join together in gratitude for 140 years of Catholic education in Alberta. We give thanks for the teachers, staff, and families who help our students grow in faith and learning each day.

A second collection will be taken in all parishes in support of Catholic education throughout the diocese.

Your generosity helps ensure that Catholic education remains faith-filled and full of hope for generations to come. Donations can be made at your parish this weekend or online until **Nov 22–23** at www.catholicyc.ca/catholiceducationsunday.

PRAYER BOARD

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans." – Romans 8:26

Al Eberle	Dcn. Tony Klein	Kellyanne Banks	Owen Dorfman
Al Johnson	Dick Flynn	Kristin Bell	Patricia Atkinson
Alfred Cust	Edith Tyndall	Landon Miller	Paul Schneider
Amelia Aureo	Elaine Hopfner	Lawrence McNally	Peter Hammel
Anna Langley-Butt	Eleanor Cutshaw	Len Grose	Rob M
Anna Marie Kolesar	Elizabeth Emefiene	Lena Reichert	Robert Schimpf
Anne Zabala	Frank Parto	Lennon Casebeer	Robert Visockas
Anthonia Ifeora	Georgia Little	Leo Elder	Rod P
Arton Rizah Berisha	Gertrude Hosemann	Linda Foo	Rosanne Pinchin
Baby Noel Rodgers	Graeme McLean	Linda Shaw	Ryan Alexander
Baby Pheonix Rodgers	Harold Freeman	Lori Cadrin	Ryan Riddell
Bill Yont	Henry Retzlaff	Luz Estela Gallego	Sam Secreti
Bob Tetriak	Ifeoma Sogwu	Malcom Little	Sandra Rorbak
Boris Jovica	Isabel Maclean	Margaret Diaze	Sharon Berisha Wong
Burke Masse	Ivan Jovica	Maria Elder	Shawn Freeman
Camilla Kosariyeganeh	Iwona Pisko	Maria Luis	Shawn McCormick
Carol Meredith	Janyce Anderson	Marnie Helash	Slavica Jovica
Cheryl Mioamico	John Millar	Marta Marengo	Sogwu Family
Chris G	John Posluszny	Michelle Fiorillo	Steve Clarmo
Chris Lloyd	Judy Look	Mike Watson	Susanne Smith
Clara Kosariyeganeh	Kamran P. Mosavari	Myrna Rolfes	Taylor Rohrer
Claude Durocher	Karen Wong	Nash Hallett	Ulrich Hart
Clay Cutshaw	Kathryn Boyer	Natalie Little	Victoria McEachern
Darren Little	Katrina G. Hamedani	Neil Atwater	

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

Prayer To Jesus For Healing

Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to you.

Allow Your healing Hand to heal me.

Touch my soul with Your compassion for others;

touch my heart with Your courage and infinite love for all;

touch my mind with Your Wisdom,

and may my mouth always proclaim Your praise.

Teach me to reach out to You in all my needs,

and help me to lead others to You by my example.

Most loving Heart of Jesus, bring me health in body and spirit

that I may serve You with all my strength.

Touch gently this life which you have created,

now and forever.

Amen.

WEEKLY PARISH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 23 , CWL Advent Wreath Sales & Sunday Missal Sales by Youth Ministry in the Narthex
10:00 AM: Sunday Social, Parish Main Hall
6:15 PM: Children's Christmas Mass rehearsal, Church
Monday, November 24 , 6:30 PM: CFC Chapter Teaching Night, St. Albert Room, St. John's Hall
7:30 PM: Sunday 5pm Choir Ministry Practice
Tuesday, November 25 , 9:30 AM: Arts & Crafts Group, St. Albert Room
7:00 PM: CWL Executive Monthly Meeting, St. Albert Room
Wednesday, November 26 , 9:30 AM: 50+ Fabulous Group Meet Up, St. Albert Room, Parish Basement
7:00 PM: RCIA, Main Hall
Thursday, November 27 , 6:30 PM: Youth Ministry, Children's Liturgy Rooms
7:00 PM: Connect Night, Main Hall
7:00 PM: KofC 4 th Degree Bi-Monthly Assembly Meeting, St. Albert Room
Friday, November 28 , 1:00 PM: Prayer Ministry, Library
3:00 PM: Festival of Crèches Set -up, Parish Basement
6:00 PM: Canasta Group 4 th Friday Meet-up, St. Albert Room
6:30 PM: Simbang Gabi Choir Practice, Church
Saturday, November 29 , 9:30 AM: St. Albert's Men's Group, St. Johns Hall
10:30 AM: Group Baptism, Church
12:00 Noon: Festival of Crèches, Parish Basement
12:30 PM: Advent Decorating, Church
2:30 PM: Private Baptism, Church
4:30 PM: Simbang Gabi Mass Prep, Fr. Pat's Room & St. Francis Room
6:30 PM: Simbang Gabi Caroling & 7:00 PM Mass, Church

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS – SAVE THE DATES

Simbang Gabi 2025 Join us **Nov 29th at 6:30 pm** for caroling and 7:00 pm for mass. Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Christmas tradition. It is a series of nine dawn masses on the days leading up to Christmas. In the Philippines, it begins on December 16th and ends on the 24th of December when a midnight mass is held. This year 13 Calgary Catholic Churches have committed to celebrate the Simbang Gabi. We hope to see you there!

Showcase your Nativity at the Festival of Crèches. Parishioners are invited to showcase their Nativity sets at the upcoming Festival on **November 29th & 30th**. Do you have a **Crèche** from around the world, one that tells a special story? We would love to showcase it. Interested Parishioners are welcome to **call the office with questions and or to participate please email: festivalofnativitiesyyc@gmail.com**

Advent Renewal Diocesan Retreat at St. Albert the Great. **Sat, Dec 6, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm** in the St. Albert the Great Church Hall. Enter into the holy season of Advent with a renewed spirit of listening. Join Archbishop Terrence Prendergast for a reflective diocesan retreat on how the living Word of God shapes our hearts for discipleship and mission. Parishioners are invited to gather in person in our parish to participate together, as Archbishop Prendergast joins through livestream.

PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

Into the Deep, Finding Peace Through Prayer **Thursday, Nov 27th at 7pm** in the parish hall. No registration required, just show up! What sets authentic Christian prayer apart from the many "spiritual" practices being promoted today? How does one pray? How does one find true peace? We continue our monthly series on "INTO THE DEEP - Finding Peace through Prayer. This video series includes small group discussions and fellowship. Based on the book by Dan Burke, founder of the Avila Foundation and former president of EWTN.

IT'S OFFICIAL OUR BREEZE OF BLESSINGS 75/25 RAFFLE 2025 – CFC SOUTH B FOR SAINT ALBERT THE GREAT IS HERE!

Draw Date: November 29, 2025 There is still time to get your tickets!!

Join us in an exciting way to give back and win big! 🏆 Your participation will help support the Saint Albert the Great Parish Air Conditioning Project, keeping our church cool and comfortable for everyone. ❄️👷

☐ TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR EARLY BIRD PACKAGE!

Grab your tickets early and enjoy special perks before the rush! Don't miss this chance to save more and bless more! 🧡💖

💰 GRAND PRIZE: 25% of total ticket sales!

🎁 MINOR PRIZES: More surprises to be announced as we get closer to the draw date! 🧐

☐ Get your tickets now and be part of this mission of love and generosity.

👉 Fill out the form here: <https://forms.gle/fBrGWTbd1WeAo7EQ7>

♥ Because when we share our blessings, everyone wins both here on earth and in heaven!

SVdP Christmas Hampers 2025

We are four weeks away from delivering Christmas joy to 250 families and still needing your help:

Volunteer teams (2 adults must be in each team) **are still needed** to deliver the Christmas Hampers on Saturday December 20th. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex after masses and our members are available to assist you and answer any questions you may have.

Please take a tag from one of our Giving Christmas Trees in the Narthex and purchase a gift card (Superstore, Canadian Tire or Walmart) and bring them in by Sunday December 14th.

The purchase cards can be given to any SVP member before or after weekend masses, placed in the regular collection baskets at any mass, deposited into the locked SSVP collection box above the SVP bin in the Narthex or delivered to the church office.

Attend **The Flight Before Christmas Concert** in our church on December 6 and support our SVP efforts. Check out the poster and come together to enjoy this festive experience as Christmas draws near.

Donations can be made by cash, cheque (to SSVP or Society of St. Vincent de Paul) or e-transfer to svdp.satg.donations@gmail.com. However you choose to donate, be sure to note if you are sponsoring a family and always include your name and contact information so we can send you a tax receipt. Your gift is greatly needed and appreciated! Tax receipts will be issued in February 2026.

Proverbs 22:9 *The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.*

Elizabeth House Fundraiser - Help make this Christmas special for the moms and babies of Elizabeth House again this year, by donating items from their Christmas Wishlist. [Print/Download Christmas Wish List](#) | [Print/Download Adopt a Family Wish List](#) in partnership with SATG Knights of Columbus. Please drop off donations in the clearly labeled boxes in the West side of the Narthex by Nov 30th.

Save the date: December 3rd to 12th Knights of Columbus Council of SATG will be doing a rosary novena after the 6:30pm weekday mass and 5pm Saturday & Sunday masses from **December 3rd to the 12th** in honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the 494th anniversary of the tilma.

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First Friday Devotion We have First Friday Holy Hour coming up on **December 5th**, to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This will happen following the evening Mass, from 7-8pm. We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, and Prayer Ministry!

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest: The **Knights of Columbus** are hosting a poster contest for children in grades K to 8. Students can create a poster that reflects the theme of "Keep Christ in Christmas". 2. Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person. 3. Posters should be 11X17 inches in size. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic. Posters may be in color or in black and white. **Posters are Due December 12th at Noon.** Stop by the Knights table this weekend and pick up an entry form. Bring your posters back to the parish office during office hours or the welcome desk on the weekends – be sure to give it to a volunteer please do not leave it on the counter.

WELCOME HOME!



Whether you are new to the Parish; haven't joined us in a while; or have dutifully attended the same Mass every week for years, you are greeted by the smiling faces of our Welcome Ministry - volunteers dedicated to making each and every person who crosses the threshold into our church feel like you are coming home.

More than just greeters, our Welcome Ministry volunteers assist our faithful in seating for Mass, answering questions about the Parish, its programs and services, and even help to reunite you with a lost Missal or that pair of gloves that didn't make it home after Mass. They arrive early and stay after Mass to ensure that the church and its facilities are tidy for the next Mass.

The Welcome Ministry is an ideal ministry for someone looking to get involved who doesn't have much time to give outside of regular Mass times. It's the ideal Ministry for newcomers or those looking to meet new people. You can serve once a month or every week. It's also great for families. While these volunteers are primarily adults, we have several older children who serve alongside their mom or dad.



As a growing Parish, we always have room for anyone who would like to serve. If you are interested in serving, please speak to one of our volunteers or email us at volunteers@stalbertthegreat.ca

As you arrive at Mass or when you leave, please take a moment to say THANK YOU to these wonderful stewards of our Parish.

THEY CAN'T PRAY FOR THEMSELVES

As we come to the end of November, the month dedicated to the Holy souls in purgatory The Catholic Company.com reminds us that They suffer in silence. But not without hope. The Holy Souls in Purgatory are our brothers and sisters, and many of them have no one praying for them. They cannot pray for themselves. But we can. And our prayers can speed them on their way to heaven.

What is Purgatory—and why does it matter? The Catechism teaches that Purgatory is a place of **purification** for souls who have died in a state of grace but still need healing before entering the perfect holiness of Heaven:

"After death, [some souls] undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned." (CCC 1030)

It is a place of **mercy**, not punishment. And most importantly—it is a place where **our love and prayers are incredibly important**. There are countless verified stories of apparitions from Purgatory, including souls who beg for prayers and sacrifices to speed them on their way to heaven.

The most common prayer that can be said was given to us by St. Gertrude.

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

PREPARING FOR ADVENT

Advent begins on Sunday November 30th and we want to help make Advent a season of renewal filled with God's grace as we prepare the way for Jesus. The season of Advent is a time of expectation, when we prepare our home and our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. The word Advent is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "coming". Advent is a season of hope, a time to nurture peace and experience joy in anticipation for the love that is made incarnate with the birth of Jesus.

If you haven't thought about Advent yet, that's okay – you aren't alone. There are so many of God's gifts and blessings that can be felt throughout the season of Advent. With our busy lives it can often seem like there is no time to breathe. This year we encourage you to stop and take time to connect with God.

Here are some great ways to learn more about Advent and to help you enrich this upcoming season whether you live alone or with your family – there is something for everyone.

- **Consider the tradition of the Advent wreath** and purchase one from the CWL in the Narthex this weekend.
- **Pick up an Advent Booklet in the Parish Narthex**
- **Advent Resources for everyone:** <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/advent/>
- **Consider the tradition of the Jesse tree for Advent:** [Pop-Up Catechesis: An Advent Jesse Tree](#)
- **Explore the gifts of the Advent season from the ease of your e-mail inbox.** [The Gifts of Advent](#)
- **Say an Advent Novena:** [Advent Novena](#)
- **Save the dates:**
 - Dec 6:** Feast of St. Nicholas
 - Dec 8:** Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
 - Dec 12:** Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
 - Dec 13:** Feast of St. Lucy

Whether you connect through silent prayer, or Sunday family dinners we pray that this season of Advent is a joyous one shared with loved ones and friends with Jesus in the centre of it all.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

End-of-Life Care Formation Course. Ascension Parish invites all compassionate Catholics, caregivers, and those accompanying the dying to join Understanding the Human Experience of Dying, the second session in this valuable end-of-life care formation series. **When: Tue, Nov 25 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm at Ascension Parish, Calgary.** Learn how to make informed decisions and provide faith-filled support to loved ones nearing the end of life. For more information, call or text Karen Driscoll at 403-554-5889. More

The Living Nativity will take place on **Saturday, December 6, 2025, from 4-8 pm in the field next to the St. James Church,** Okotoks parking lot. The address is 338040 32nd Street. East, Okotoks. Admission is free. Donations will be gratefully accepted and given to local charities. There will be refreshments available for purchase in the church hall. We hope to see you there.

Save the date: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - Jubilee Mass with Bishop McGrattan | Save the date and join Bishop William McGrattan for the final Jubilee Mass of the Holy Year, celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. **When: Mon, Dec 8 at 7 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral.** This Mass will include the Apostolic Blessing with a plenary indulgence.

This Christmas, Give the Gift of Hope. Mary's Meals provides a nutritious daily meal to over three million children every day in their place of education. In communities where poverty and conflict can make it difficult for children to attend school, this meal offers a lifeline of hope. Just \$31.70 feeds a child for an entire school year. Learn more or make a gift at www.marysmeals.ca

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>

As of Dec 1st, our Tip Tap Pay will be leaving the Narthex and regular donation collection will continue. All Tip Tap Pay donations will continue go towards the parish Cooling system Fundraiser until that time.

SEEDS OF THE WORD: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." Can you lead others to make this request of our Lord and King? Give your life to Jesus and others are sure to hear, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Derek Remus, Associate Director of the Office of Vocations - Early Discernment & Seminary Admissions. Email: derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca | <https://www.catholiccyyc.ca/vocations>

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