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TODAY'S READINGS

Zephaniah 2:3, 3: 12-13 | Responsorial Psalm 146: 6-10

1 Corinthians 1: 26-31 | Matthew 5: 1-12



St. Albert the Great
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb 1, 2026

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

FEBRUARY
2
5 pm

World Day for Consecrated Life

MASS WITH BISHOP MCGRATTAN

CANDLEMAS | FEAST OF THE
Presentation of the Lord

Monday, February 2, 2026 at 5 pm
St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary
Reception to follow in the Parish Hall

Bring candles to be blessed

YOU ARE called
YOU MATTER. YOU BELONG.

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PRAYER BOARD

Al Eberle	Darren Little	Jonathan Banks	Maria Elder	Sandra Rorbak
Albert Joseph Egana	Dcn. Tony Klein	Jose Loya Jr.	Maria Luis	Semra Algan
Alfred Cust	Dick Flynn	Julia Dacosta	Marnie Helash	Sharon Berisha Wong
Amelia Aureo	Dieter Hosemann	Kamran P. Mosavari	Michelle Fiorillo	Shawn Freeman
Anna Langley-Butt	Don Gelfund	Kaon	Mike Watson	Slavica Jovica
Anne Zabala	Elaine Hopfner	Katrina G. Hamedani	Myrna Rolfes	Steven Ross
Annette Lerminiaux	Felipe Manalo	Kristin Bell	Natalie Little	Susanne Smith
Arton Rizah Berisha	Georgia Little	Landon Miller	Neil Atwater	Taylor Rohrer
Bill Yont	Gertrude Hosemann	Lawernce McNally	Owen Dorfman	Theresa Buie
Boris Jovica	Harold Freeman	Len Grose	Patricia Atkinson	Therese Wiebald
Bud Montgomery	Henry Retzlaff	Lena Reichert	Peter Hammel	Tiara Ricci Roldan
Camilla Kosariyeganeh	Isabel Maclean	Lennon Casebeer	Richard Roldan	Tim Berlando
Carol Meredith	Ivan Jovica	Linda Foo	Robert Garagam	Tun Kim Shoute
Charito Balaoing	Iwona Pisko	Linda Shaw	Robert Rivard	Ulrich Hart
Cheryl Wiswell	Janyce Anderson	Lori Cadrin	Robert Schimpf	Victoria McEachern
Chris G	Jared Heath Roldan	Luc Joseph Maillet	Robert Visockas	Vojtek
Christine Roldan	Jasper Bonifacio	Luz Estela Gallego	Rod P	Yolanda Duke
Clara Kosariyeganeh	Jeannette Simpson	Malcom Little	Ryan Alexander	
Coleen McCormick	John Millar	Margaret Diaze	Ryan Riddell	
Consortia Palad	John Posluszny	Maria	Sam Secreti	

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 .

UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Tues,	Feb	3	at	9:00 AM	Joe/Bronnistan/Elfryda/Butkiewicz (RIP)
Tues,	Feb	3	at	10:00 AM	Florencia Sabarre (RIP)
Tues,	Feb	3	at	6:30 PM	Earl & Perry Brown (RIP)
Wed,	Feb	4	at	9:00 AM	Bernie Seneviratne (INT)
Wed,	Feb	4	at	10:30 AM	Virginia Limcangco (RIP)
Wed,	Feb	4	at	6:30 PM	Michael Hill (RIP)
Thur,	Feb	5	at	9:00 AM	Maria Fe & Victor Bianco (RIP)
Thur,	Feb	5	at	1:30 PM	Jean Hooper (RIP)
Thur,	Feb	5	at	6:30 PM	Ambrose Quadros (RIP)
Fri,	Feb	6	at	9:00 AM	Erlinda & Basilio Sicio Jr. (RIP)
Fri,	Feb	6	at	6:30 PM	Doug Ring (RIP)
Sat,	Feb	7	at	9:00 AM	Maria & Stanistan Zarow (RIP)
Sat,	Feb	7	at	5:00 PM	Earl & Perry Brown (RIP)
Sun,	Feb	8	at	9:00 AM	Brian Côté (RIP)
Sun,	Feb	8	at	11:30 AM	St. Albert the Great Parish Community
Sun,	Feb	8	at	5:00 PM	Nick & Mary Giuliano (RIP)

MASS INTENTION AVAILABILITY

The fourth week of April is now open for booking.

January, February and March 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 9500 families; intentions are limited to two per family within the three-month period.

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

"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

WEEKLY PARISH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 1, CWL Membership Drive after all Sunday Masses
Monday, February 2, Feast Day of The Presentation of the Lord
1:00 PM: Funeral & Reception, Church & Main Hall
6:30 PM: K of C District Meeting of Grand Knights, St. Francis Room
6:30 PM: Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist Parent Session, Church
7:00 PM: Men's Bible Study, St. John's Hall
7:30 PM: Sunday 5pm Choir Ministry Practice, Choir Pit, Church
7:30 PM: Eucharistic Ministry Faith Formation & Training, St. Albert Room
Tuesday, February 3, 9:30 AM: Arts & Crafts Group, St. Albert Room
10:00 AM: Mass at Rivera Care Centre, McKenzie Towne
7:00 PM: K of C Monthly Executive Council Meeting, St. Francis Room
7:00 PM: CWL Executive Meeting, St. Albert Room
Wednesday, February 4, 9:30 AM: 50+ Fabulous Group, St. Francis Room
10:00 AM: Catechesis of the Good Shepard, Children's Liturgy Rooms
10:30 AM: Mass at Age Care Seton, Seton
7:00 PM: RCIA, Parish Basement
Thursday, February 5, 9:30 AM: SVdP School Food Drive, Main Hall
1:30 PM: Mass at The Journey Club, Mahogany
6:30 PM: ECYD Catholic Youth Ministry, Main Hall, St. John's Hall
Friday, February 6, 6:30 PM: First Eucharist Preparation Session, Main Hall
7:00 PM: First Friday Holy Hour, Church
Saturday, February 7, 10:30 AM: Group Baptisms, Church
6:00 PM: Gifts from the Holy Land, Main Hall (Available after all Sunday Masses)

MULTIPLY THE HOPE



The Diocese of Calgary launched *Multiply the Hope*, a Jubilee matching initiative that invests up to \$12 million in local parish renewal in 2025. This matching opportunity will continue through 2027, giving us additional time to reach our goal.

During this three-year period, every dollar contributed to our parish's Building Fund is matched by the Diocese, up to our parish designated goal of \$366,115.

You can learn more here: <https://www.catholiccyyc.ca/multiplythehope.html>

Many parishes carry financial burdens that limit their ability to welcome, to meet growing needs, and to evangelize. *Multiply the Hope* gives us a chance to make a difference. Together, we can help ease our parish from financial pressures, allowing us to focus more fully on renewal: forming missionary disciples, being a church of encounter and witness, strengthening our family life, and offering a place of belonging for those who come alone or with family. We need your donations now more than ever!

In this season of Renewal, we are invited to strengthen our parish communities in hope. Together, let us multiply the hope that builds up our parish homes and prepares hearts for the future.

PARISH DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

2025 Tax Receipts are being emailed out. If you have not provided the office with your email address, please do so. If you are unable to print your tax receipt and need a printed copy, please contact Carla Jane either by email at accounting@stalbertthegreat.ca or call her at 403-257-6054 extension 224. Tax receipts for less than \$50 will not be mailed out.

Thank you for your generous support of St. Albert the Great Parish, through your donations.

Collection in our parish is done after Mass at the main doors; our volunteers are there with baskets. Collection that takes place during the offertory song during the Mass goes to the [Holy Childhood association](#) (HCA) part of the Pontifical Mission Societies.

***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) and **B)** that you are [registered](#) with the parish.

Donations can be made a variety of ways, debit or credit, cash, cheque, e-transfer.

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

We thank everyone who contributes to our parish, without you we could not operate. Our parish relies on regular offertory giving for maintenance and growth. By donating you are providing crucial support to our parish.

PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

Men's Bible Study Group: Do you wish you had a deeper understanding of God's Word, as well as a chance to connect with other men in a Christ-centered community? Beginning **February 2nd at 7 PM** we'll have that opportunity as we come together to broaden our relationship with God through the Gospel of Luke, and the Story of Salvation Fulfilled!

We'll be following a study by Jeff Cavins and Jeffrey Morrow, on a journey from the foretelling of the birth of John the Baptist through to Christ's ascension into heaven. Our aim is to begin a journey to a deeper prayer life and strengthen your relationship with Christ. There is strength and faith in numbers, so please know you are welcome. We will meet biweekly starting Monday, **Feb 2 from 7-9 PM downstairs**. To register please visit <https://forms.gle/DE4iXVTJEVcTtEjb7>

The **Catholic Women's League** (CWL) meets the 1st Tuesday of the month, at St. Albert the Great Church, beginning with Mass at 6:30 pm. and meeting to follow. Our meetings are 60 - 90 minutes, including fellowship.

We are holding a membership information session after each Mass this weekend. We would love to talk to you. Come visit us at our table. Learn more about us here: [Catholic Women's League \(CWL\) - St Albert The Great](#)

Funeral luncheon ministry: If you love working with food and serving people, this is the ministry for you. Show your creativity, plate trays of vegetables, fruit and desserts. Your time will certainly impact the service we provide, to our parishioners who have recently lost a loved one. Enjoy fellowship as we prepare and serve together. We need volunteers for food prep, setup crews, servers and launder tablecloths. The commitment is 2-4 hours a month, but it is not mandatory that you make yourself available every time. Please visit our webpage for more information: [Funeral Reception - St Albert The Great](#) interested in volunteering; please visit: [Volunteer - St Albert The Great](#)

First Friday Devotion

We have First Friday Holy Hour coming up on **February 6**, 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! All are welcome.

PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

We are so very grateful for our priests, Father Andrew and Father Kryz who support the SVP program at our St. Albert the Great Parish.

Donors, if you have requested emailed tax receipts you should have received them this weekend.

Thank you all for your ongoing support of gifts and prayers allowing us to continue our service.

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

NATIONAL CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE WEEK



OUR SACRED LEGACY

Catholic health care is the cornerstone of health care in Alberta.
Discover how this legacy lives on today.

Visit covenantfoundation.ca/oursacredlegacy



The annual National Catholic Health Care Week starts Sunday, February 1 to Saturday, February 7, 2026.

National Catholic Health Care Week leads into The World Day of the Sick on February 11, a Catholic day of observance established by Pope John Paul II to encourage prayers and reflections for those who are ill and for all those who care for them.

Open Hearts, Healing, Hope

This year's theme **Open Hearts, Healing, Hope** reflects the profound belief that healing is communal. It emphasizes the ways in which we are bound together by our shared humanity, and how compassion, justice, and solidarity guide our work to serve all people, especially those who are vulnerable or marginalized. Inspired by Catholic social teaching, the theme invites us to reflect on how our daily actions, decisions, and relationships contribute to a health system and a society where everyone belongs. It calls us to recognize the dignity of each person, to listen deeply to the needs of our communities, and to foster participation, inclusion, and hope—principles rooted in our Catholic tradition and lived every day through the care we provide. In a world marked by division and uncertainty, **Open Hearts, Healing, Hope** celebrates the strength that comes from walking together and building relationships grounded in respect, compassion, and justice.

Catholic Health Care

During National Catholic Health Care Week, we invite you to reflect on and share your personal story. Catholic health organizations across Canada, are united in a 400-year healing mission and are inspired by a calling to care for all with compassion and humanity—body, mind and spirit. We are driven to improve health care for all Canadians, especially those at greatest risk, as innovators, advocates and strong partners across our health care system. We are driven to make the world a better place, where everyone finds belonging, dignity and worth. In this, we reach out and take action with others to mend and bridge gaps, open doors and create the conditions for a society where all are seen and heard.

Learn more at www.chac.ca

POPE LEO'S PRAYER TO ST. FRANCIS



The Jubilee Year of Saint Francis

Jan 10, 2026
to Jan 10, 2027

Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord.

You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall.

You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries.

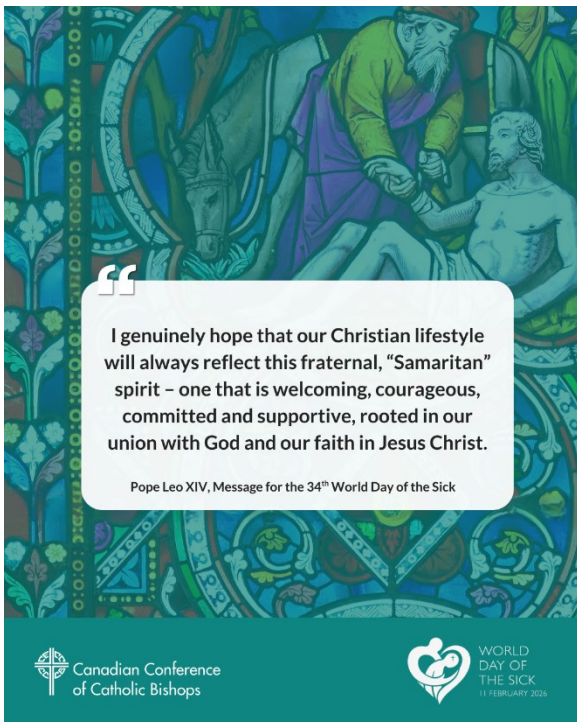
In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen.

POPE LEO XIV



From **Jan 10, 2026 to Jan 10, 2027**, the Church marks a special **Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi** on the 800th anniversary of his death. This Jubilee invites not only celebration, but a deeper imitation of St. Francis through a Gospel life lived simply, faithfully, and daily. [Read more](#) (Year of St. Francis, Vatican News) | [Info on Plenary Indulgence on the occasion of the Year of St. Francis](#)

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK



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I genuinely hope that our Christian lifestyle will always reflect this fraternal, “Samaritan” spirit – one that is welcoming, courageous, committed and supportive, rooted in our union with God and our faith in Jesus Christ.

Pope Leo XIV, Message for the 34th World Day of the Sick

On Tuesday, 20 January 2026, [Pope Leo XIV's message](#) for the World Day of the Sick 2026, which will be observed on Tuesday, February 11, 2026 entitled **“The compassion of the Samaritan: loving by bearing another's pain”**, was presented at the Holy See Press Office.

In his message, the Holy Father takes up the parable of the Good Samaritan as a central image of Christian charity: to truly love means to stop, to draw near, and to care for those who suffer. Compassion, in fact, is not only a feeling but translates into concrete gestures and shared commitment, particularly towards the sick.

Loving one's neighbor thus becomes a visible proof of love for God and implies a healthy and true way of loving oneself. In this perspective, caring for the sick and the most fragile is not an optional gesture, but one of the clearest signs of fidelity to the Gospel. * [World Day of the Sick 2026 - Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development](#)

[Message from Pope Leo XIV for the occasion of the 34th World Day of the Sick](#)

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

CCMA Bishops Breakfast. Healthcare providers and those who support them are invited to join Bishop McGrattan as he continues his reflection on the vocation and profession of healthcare, *Forming One's Character*. **When: Sat, Feb 7, from 10 am to 1 pm at Railway Café, Heritage Park, Calgary.** This gathering offers formation, fellowship, and networking with colleagues. **Cost: \$40 CCMA members, \$50 non-members, \$25 students.** Please RSVP and e-transfer to catholicmedyyyc@gmail.com by **Mon, Feb 2**. Cash accepted at the door.

Rosary Brigade Feb 7th. Please join the Public Square Rosary Crusade on the **1st Saturday of each month** after the 11:15 am Mass. Complimentary coffee and tea are available afterwards. Soup is also available for \$3.00. Located at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 1423 8th Ave SE in Cross Memorial Hall.

Online Prayer Service with IWIN. IWIN (I'm Worth It Now) invites you to its annual Prayer Service for the International Day of Prayer Against Human Trafficking, a time to pray, reflect, and stand in solidarity with those affected by human trafficking. All are welcome. **When: Sun, Feb 8, 3 pm MST (online).** **Zoom ID: 841 4111 0108 | Passcode: 287004.**

Through the Desert God Leads Us to Freedom - Pre-Lenten Retreat. As Lent approaches, this retreat invites participants to reflect on God's call to freedom and renewal of heart. Rooted in the Exodus story and the season of grace, the retreat offers prayer, teaching, and reflection to prepare for the journey from bondage to new life in Christ. **When: Fri, Feb 13, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm and Sat, Feb 14, from 9 am to 3 pm.** **Cost: \$20 (Friday) or \$60 (Saturday, includes snacks and lunch).**
[Register here](#)

Film Night: Documentary: Buying Her. *Buying Her* (Buying Her), a one-hour documentary by Exodus Cry Films, examines the injustice of sex trafficking by exploring the lives of sex buyers and what drives demand. **When: Thu, Feb 26, from 7 pm to 9 pm at St. Michael's, Calgary.** Hosted by IWIN and CWL, the evening includes the film and a Q&A with a former human trafficking investigator, highlighting services available to those seeking to transition out of the sex trade. **Viewer discretion advised. No children under age 16.**

Retrouvaille Calgary is inviting couples to their Weekend Program on **Friday, Feb 27 – Sunday, Mar 1**. This program is designed for couples who are experiencing challenges in their marriage.

Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that helps couples learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their marriages. We all started, as you have started, looking for answers on how to bring love, understanding, intimacy, forgiveness and deeper communication back into our marriages. This program has helped hundreds of thousands of couples around the world do just that. It only requires the will and perseverance of a committed couple to make the drastic changes you are looking for.

For more information, contact **Brian & Lee Weatherill** at [403.282.9531](tel:403.282.9531) or by email at coordinator@retrouvaillecalgary.com visit [Retrouvaille Calgary](#) for more information on the program.

St. Joseph Chastity Group for Men (Young Adults 18-35). St. Francis Xavier Church (SFXC) is offering a men's weekly chastity group for young adults, focused on prayer, formation, and small-group discussion. The group meets **Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in Room 120 at the Catholic Pastoral Centre**, providing a supportive and faith-centered space for men seeking to grow in virtue and accountability. For more info, contact **Sergio Plazas** at [403.389.3863](tel:403.389.3863)

29th Annual Calgary Men's Conference by God Squad Canada. Men needed for an incredible mission, **A HEROIC CALL TO ACTION**. No wages, cold shoulders, long hours of thankless work. Life-changing friendships and real brotherhood. **March 13 - March 14, at St. Peter's Church Calgary.** Register today at [God Squad Conference 2026](#) or visit www.heriocmen.ca for more information.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Calgary Live-In Retreat in Okotoks, AB. By Calgary Live-In Retreat Society. A Live-In is a weekend retreat to grow in faith with Jesus. Starts Friday evening and ends Sunday afternoon. The next retreat is **March 20-22, 2026, in Okotoks**. Please contact us by e-mail: calgarylivein@telus.net or Phone Don at [403.510.1208](tel:403.510.1208) for more information or to register.

Gentle Fitness Class. Looking for a gentle way to stay active this winter? St. Mary's Parish offers a welcoming **Gentle Fitness Class** suitable for all ages and fitness levels. Classes run **Wednesdays from 1 pm to 2 pm, runs until Mar 25, at St. Mary's Cathedral Parish Hall, Calgary**. No equipment needed, just comfortable clothing and running shoes. **\$8 per class, with the first class free**. Register with **Antoinette** at [825.449.0080](tel:825.449.0080) or agodbout@gmail.com.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Catholic Pastoral Centre

Your application package must include a completed Application of Employment Form, a resume and a cover letter describing suitability for the position.

- [Administrative Assistant \(Part-time\) - Tribunal](#)
- [Administrative Assistant \(Full-time\) - Pastoral Renewal & Pastoral Ministry](#)
- [Assistant Coordinator \(Casual\) - Feed the Hungry](#)

Parishes in the Diocese of Calgary

Your application package must include a completed Application of Employment Form, a resume and a cover letter describing suitability for the position.

- [Administrative Assistant \(Full-time; reduced summer hours\) - St. Cecilia's, Calgary](#)
- [Receptionist \(Part-time\) - St. Mary's, Cochrane](#)
- [Administrative Assistant \(Part-time\) - St. Mary's, Brooks](#)
- [Bookkeeper \(Casual\) - St. Mary's, Brooks](#)

Vocation Seeds "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven..." Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering being a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Derek Remus, Associate Director of the Office of Vocations - Early Discernment and Seminary Admissions.

Email: derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca | <https://www.catholiccycc.ca/vocations>

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Sunday Resources for children

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