

# ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CATHOLIC PARISH



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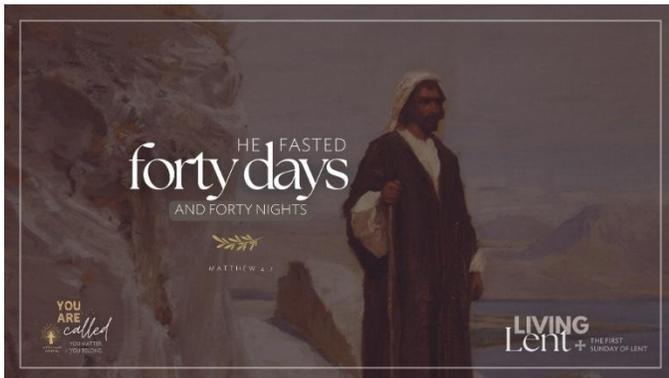
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## TODAY'S READINGS

**Genesis 2: 7-9, 16-18, 25; 3 1-7** | Responsorial Psalm 51: 1-4, 10-15

**Roman 5: 12-19** | **Matthew 4: 1-11**



As we begin the season of Lent, the Church invites us into 40 days of renewal and refocusing. Lent is not only about giving something up, but about making room for God. For Christian stewards, this season invites us to reflect on how we are using the time entrusted to us.

In the first reading, Adam and Eve turn their attention away from God and allow doubt to take root. Trust is replaced by self-reliance, and the harmony of the Garden is broken. These same temptations remain familiar when our days become crowded with distractions that pull us away from God.

In the Gospel, Jesus shows us a different path. In the desert, He gives time to prayer and fasting, remains grounded in Scripture, and places His complete trust in the Father. By intentionally giving time to God, Jesus resists temptation and remains faithful.

Lent invites us to do the same. By making space in our schedules for prayer, Scripture, and quiet reflection, we grow in trust and gratitude. When we place God at the center of our time, stewardship becomes a way of life, and our hearts are prepared to celebrate the joy of Easter.

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**First Sunday of Lent**  
**Feb 22, 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

## 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

## Stations of the Cross

After Friday evening Mass during Lent

## 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**

# PRAYER BOARD

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

**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](mailto:secretary@stalbertthegreat.ca) .

## UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Tues,	Feb	24	at	9:00 AM	Shawn McCormick (RIP)
Tues,	Feb	24	at	6:30 PM	All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
Wed,	Feb	25	at	9:00 AM	Gerard, Kathryn & Jessica Shanahan (INT)
Wed,	Feb	25	at	6:30 PM	Richard Shim (RIP)
Thur,	Feb	26	at	9:00 AM	Ann & Joseph Thomas (INT)
Thur,	Feb	26	at	6:30 PM	Alfredo & Adela Dequina (INT)
Fri,	Feb	27	at	9:00 AM	Fr. Rufus (INT)
Fri,	Feb	27	at	6:30 PM	Miquel Angel Ordonez (RIP)
Sat,	Feb	28	at	9:00 AM	Paul Ogorevc (INT)
Sat,	Feb	28	at	5:00 PM	Morley Seis (RIP)
Sun,	Mar	1	at	9:00 AM	Antonio Bozac (RIP)
Sun,	Mar	1	at	11:30 AM	St. Albert the Great Parish Community
Sun,	Mar	1	at	5:00 PM	Timothy Zak (RIP)

### MASS INTENTION AVAILABILITY

**The fourth week of May is now open for booking.**

**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](mailto: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

<b>Sunday, February 22</b> , Sunday Social after 9:00 and 11:30 AM Masses
Ministry Fair in Narthex after all Masses
1:30 PM: Couples for Christ- HOLD Sisters Christian Life Program, St. Albert Room
<b>Monday, February 23</b> , 5:00 PM: Couples for Christ – Household Leaders Training, St. Francis & Fr. Pat’s Room
6:30 PM: Confirmation Preparation Session 3, Main Hall
7:00 PM: Women’s Bible Study, St. John’s Hall
7:30 PM: Sunday 5pm Choir Practice, Church
<b>Tuesday, February 24</b> , 9:30 AM: Arts & Crafts Group, St. Albert Room
1:00 PM: CWL Executive Meeting, St. Albert Room
6:30 PM: Confirmation Preparation Session 3, Main Hall
7:00 PM: Parish Pastoral Council Monthly Meeting
<b>Wednesday, February 25</b> , 9:30 AM: 50+ Fabulous Group, St. Francis Room
6:30 PM: Confirmation Preparation Session 3, Main Hall
7:00 PM: RCIA, Parish Basement
<b>Thursday, February 26</b> , 7:00 PM: Connect Night, Main Hall
<b>Friday, February 27</b> , 9:30 AM: Adoration, Church
6:30 PM: Reconciliation Preparation Session 2, Main Hall
6:30 PM: Canasta Group, St. Albert Room
<b>Saturday, February 28</b> , 9:30 AM: Pastoral Care 2 Day Course, Main Hall
9:30 AM: St. Albert’s Men’s Group Monthly Meeting, St. John’s Hall
10:30 AM: Group Baptisms, Church
12:00 PM: Private Baptism, Church

# WHAT TO DO WITH BLESSED OBJECTS

We often get asked, “*What should I do with my old, blessed palms? I also have some broken statues and rosaries that were blessed?*”

Once a religious object is blessed and dedicated for divine worship or veneration, it must be treated with reverence and not be used in either an improper or profane way (cf. *Code of Canon Law*, no. 1171).

The basic rule for the disposition of these items is to burn or to bury them.

If you have any palms, please bring them back to the parish and leave them in one of the baskets located on the entry tables or at the parish office during office hours.

For all other items, please contact the office at 403-257-6054 to make arrangements.

# VOLUNTEER WITH US

As our parish community continues to experience exceptional growth in attendance at weekend Mass, we must grow our weekend Mass schedule. Thanks to everyone who took part in our survey in December, a new weekend Mass schedule has been approved by Bishop McGrattan.

***Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm and 5:00pm***

A date to commence this schedule has not yet been decided. We first need to recruit more volunteers to serve in our Mass Ministries so that we can properly serve everyone at Mass.

Please join us in the Narthex following all Masses this weekend to learn more about these important Ministries and how you can answer God's call to serve. A small commitment from you of a couple of hours every 6 to 8 weeks, or more should you choose, will allow us to better serve our growing family.

Mass Ministries include:

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**LECTORS**

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

**SACRISTANS**

**SUNDAY SOCIAL**

If you are not able to join us this weekend, or already know where you would like to serve, please complete the form found [HERE](#) or by scanning the QR code below.



# PARISH TAX RECEIPT & DONATION INFORMATION

Thank you for your generous donations in 2025. Tax receipts have been emailed to all donors who provided an email. All other tax receipts can be picked up from the Welcome desk in the Narthex. Tax receipts \$50 and over, not picked up by February 22 will be mailed. Help us to use your donations effectively by providing your email address to save on postage. This year we saved \$1,715.20 in postage by emailing 1,340 tax receipts.

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](mailto: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.

## 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.catholicyc.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.

## SPECIAL REQUESTS

We are here to help! Please email [secretary@stalbertthegreat.ca](mailto:secretary@stalbertthegreat.ca) or call the office at 403-257-6054 for the following requests:

- Parish Registration
- Copies of Parish Forms, such as donation forms or volunteer paperwork
- Special Event Requests

# PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

**St. Vincent de Paul** Thank you, St. Albert the Great Parishioners for helping us fill our baskets and envelopes!

Our Lenten journey has begun with Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. Thank you for allowing us to bring hope to those who have humbly reached out to us for help. We accept e transfers at email [svdp.satg.donations@gmail.com](mailto:svdp.satg.donations@gmail.com)

Some of you have asked about monthly donations options. Please click this [link](#) for details.

Donors, if you had not advised SVP to email your tax receipts, your 2025 tax receipt have already been sent via Canada Post.

**“Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.” – St. Gregory Nazianzen**

**Current Hamper Needs: Peanut Butter and Jam** | Please drop donations in the St. Vincent de Paul box in the Narthex.

All non-perishable, unopened food is appreciated. Thank you.

**Into the Deep** Prayer is the heart of our relationship with God, but not everyone feels confident in how to pray. To help strengthen our prayer lives, we invite all parishioners to attend the third session of Into the Deep: Finding Peace Through Prayer. This will take place on **Thursday Feb 26th at 7pm** in the parish hall. This is for both beginners and those experienced in prayer.

**St. Albert's Men's Group** invites you to join them on **February 28th after 9:00 AM** Holy Mass in the St. John's Hall, located in the church basement for a coffee and chat. Navigating the world as a Catholic man can be challenging, this group aims to build friendships and provide a safe space for open discussions. No registration required.

## Catholic Women's League BABY BOTTLE LENTEN CHALLENGE

**St. Albert the Great CWL invites you to take part in our annual Baby Bottle Lenten Project!**

- ◆ **Pick-up a baby bottle after Mass on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> & Feb 28<sup>th</sup> - March 1<sup>st</sup>**
- ◆ **Fill it with loose change throughout Lent**
- ◆ **Return it by Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**



**Can't pick up a bottle? Email [satgcwl@gmail.com](mailto:satgcwl@gmail.com)**

**Cheques payable to: St. Albert the Great CWL**

**E- donations: [satgcwl@gmail.com](mailto:satgcwl@gmail.com) Memo: Baby Bottles**



**This year's proceeds will support charities dedicated to children and youth:**

♥ Basically Babies ♥ Elizabeth House ♥ Children's Cottage Society ♥ St. Anne's  
Pantry ♥ SVdP, New Baby Program - SATG ♥ Mary's Meals ♥ Stardale ♥ SATG-Children's  
Liturgy ♥ Calgary Pro-Life ♥ SATG-Youth Group

**Join us in this family-friendly Lenten journey of faith, generosity,  
and community!**

**Thank you for your support, and may God bless you!**

## OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

**Share Lent Workshop** Discover the Share Lent campaign On Track for Justice, learn about the work of Brazilian partner Justiça nos Trilhos (Justice on the Rails), and deepen your understanding of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada and its mission. **Sat, Feb 28 from 10 am to 12 noon (Online via Zoom)** Register online. For more information, contact Carmen at [Carmen.Michaud@dvp.org](mailto:Carmen.Michaud@dvp.org)

**Retraite de famille 2026** Sainte Famille Parish invites you to a French-language parish family retreat on **Sat, Feb 28, 2026, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, at Sainte Famille, Calgary.** The day includes music, teachings, adoration, and confession, with activities for adults, youth, and children (ages 5+). Register by email: [sfamille@shaw.ca](mailto:sfamille@shaw.ca) .

**Contemplative Prayer for Lay People (in Spanish)** Hosted by Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish and the Catholic Secular Association of Missionaries of God's Love for Spanish-speaking individuals and communities, this gathering promotes the practice of contemplative prayer in the life of the layperson. A time to order the heart, quiet anxieties, and discern God's will together in daily life. When: **Fourth Tuesday of each month, from 7 pm to 8:30 pm at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, Calgary** (en español). The evening begins with Mass and continues in the John Paul II Hall. Organized by the Society of Missionaries of the Love of God. For more info, contact Luis at [403-800-6108](tel:403-800-6108) .

**Taize Lenten Prayer Retreat** Canadian Martyrs Parish invites all to a Taizé-style Lenten prayer with meditative chant led by St. Luke's 7:30 pm Choir and a reflection by Fr. Gabriel Arihi. When: **Fri, Mar 6 at 7 pm at Canadian Martyrs Parish, Calgary.** All are welcome.

**Men's Conference at St. Peter's, Calgary. Weekend of Mar 13–14 at St Peter's Parish, Calgary** – A men's conference focused on faith, brotherhood, and commitment, with the theme: A Heroic Call to Action. [Register here](#)

**Divine Mercy Healing Lenten Retreat.** A healing Lenten retreat with a focus on overcoming fear, loneliness, and hopelessness, with Sisters of Divine Mercy. There will be Adoration, Confession, Rosary, Mass, talks, healing prayer, and anointing. When: **Sat, Mar 21, 9:30 am to 2 pm at Our Lady of the Assumption, Calgary.**

**Tenebrae - with St. John Choir Schola.** Join the Choirs of St. John Choir Schola for a holy evening of Lenten Scripture and sacred music. When: **Palm Sunday, Mar 29 at 7:30 pm at St. Anthony's, Calgary.**

**LIVE-IN AND GETTING TO KNOW JESUS!** A Live-In is a weekend retreat to grow in faith with Jesus. Starts Friday evening and ends Sunday afternoon. Our next retreat is **March 20-22, 2026 in Okotoks.** Please connect with us at [calgarylivein@telus.net](mailto:calgarylivein@telus.net) or Phone Don at 403-510-1208 for more information or to register. If you have attended your own Live-In, come be the hands and feet of Jesus to others and serve.

**Triduum Retreat at St. Bonaventure Parish, Calgary** A three-evening Lenten Triduum Retreat centered on Love, Peace, and Harmony with Fr. Troy Nguyen, Fr. Colin O'Rourke, and Fr. Lawrence Manolache. When: **Tue, Mar 24 to Thu, Mar 26, from 7 pm to 8 pm at St. Bonaventure Church, Calgary.**

**Heroic 30 Men's Challenge** A transformative 31-day program of daily challenges to build heroic virtue, spiritual renewal, and fraternal missionary outreach. Sign up today and team up with another man for accountability. Challenge your brothers to join the adventure - register at <https://heroicmen.org/h30>

# HOW TO REGISTER AS A PARISHIONER

We need your information on file for various reasons; the main one being issuing tax receipts. The other is for volunteering. To register please fill out this form: [SATG Registration](#)

For those unsure if you have previously registered, please call [403 257 6054](tel:4032576054) to verify with the office. It's important that your information is kept up to date, if you have a new cell number, address or email let us know by email at [secretary@stalbertthegreat.ca](mailto:secretary@stalbertthegreat.ca)

## BLESSING'S & PRIVATE APPOINTMENT'S

Private appointments are required with a Priest for the following requests:

- House/Vehicle Blessings
- Confessions
- Spiritual Discussions & Conversations
- Weddings
- Funeral Planning
- Document Completion, such as referrals
- Annulments
- Special Requests

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Career opportunities in the Diocese of Calgary and Beyond

- [Assistant Coordinator \(Casual\) Feed the Hungry Program](#)
- [Volunteer Coordinator \(Part-time\) - Elizabeth House](#)
- [Family Faith Coordinator \(Part-time\) - St. Mary's, Brooks](#)
- [Administrative Assistant \(Part-time\) - St. Augustine/St. Joseph, Taber](#)
- [Caretaker and Maintenance Worker \(Full-time\) - St. James, Okotoks](#)
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For detailed job descriptions and the application process, visit our [Careers page](#)

**Vocation Seeds:** Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Derek Remus, Associate Director of the Office of Vocations - Early Discernment and Seminary Admissions. Email: [derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca) | <https://www.catholicccc.ca/vocations>

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