

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CATHOLIC PARISH



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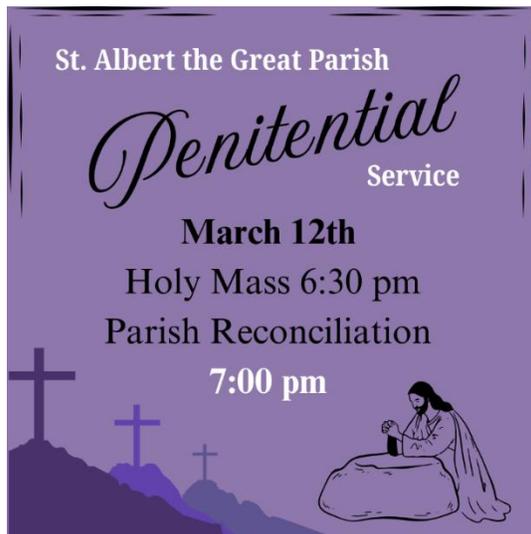
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TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 12: 1-4 | Responsorial Psalm 33: 4-5, 18-22

2 Timothy 1: 8-10 | Matthew 17: 1-9



A Lenten penitential service in the Catholic Church is a communal service where several penitents assemble to receive sacramental absolution. This service is a fitting preparation for the sacrament by a celebration of the word of God, where the faithful listen together to God's mercy and invite conversion. It is a time for individual penitents to examine their lives in accordance with the word of God and to help each other through common prayer.

The service is designed to show the ecclesial nature of penance and to prepare the faithful for the sacrament of reconciliation.

Excerpted from The Archdiocese of Newark

We will have several priests available to hear individual confessions.

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Second Sunday of Lent
March 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

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

UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Tues,	Mar	3	at	9:00 AM	Shyann Parks (INT)
Tues,	Mar	3	at	10:00 AM	Thelma Petryna (RIP)
Tues,	Mar	3	at	6:30 PM	Catholic Women`s League (INT)
Wed,	Mar	4	at	9:00 AM	Sumi Mathew (INT)
Wed,	Mar	4	at	10:30 AM	Andy Levesque (RIP)
Wed,	Mar	4	at	6:30 PM	Richard Shim (RIP)
Thur,	Mar	5	at	9:00 AM	Fr. Max Oliva (INT)
Thur,	Mar	5	at	1:30 PM	Alfred Cust (INT)
Thur,	Mar	5	at	6:30 PM	France Boily (RIP)
Fri,	Mar	6	at	9:00 AM	Hilton D`Silva (RIP)
Fri,	Mar	6	at	6:30 PM	Filomeno Bautista & Herbert Pilorin (RIP)
Sat,	Mar	7	at	9:00 AM	Eduardo Guiao (RIP)
Sat,	Mar	7	at	5:00 PM	Gordon Kirby (RIP)
Sun,	Mar	8	at	9:00 AM	Zoey & Alba Buie (INT)
Sun,	Mar	8	at	11:30 AM	St. Albert the Great Parish Community
Sun,	Mar	8	at	5:00 PM	Alberto Valencerina (RIP)

MASS INTENTION AVAILABILITY

May is now open for booking.

March and April 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, March 1, Sunday Social after 9:00 and 11:30 AM Masses
Monday, March 2, 6:30 PM: First Eucharist Preparation Session 2, Main Hall
7:00 PM: Men's Bible Study, St. John's Hall
7:30 PM: Sunday 5pm Choir Practice, Church
7:30 PM: Eucharistic Ministry Faith Formation & Training, St. Albert Room
Tuesday, March 3, 10:00 AM: Arts & Crafts Group, St. Albert Room
10:00 AM: Rivera Care Centre Mass, McKenzie Towne
6:30 PM: First Eucharist Preparation Session 2, Main Hall
7:00 PM: CWL General Monthly Meeting, St. Albert Room
7:00 PM: K of C Monthly Exec Council Meeting, St. Francis Room
Wednesday, March 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
6:30 PM: First Eucharist Preparation Session 2, Main Hall
7:00 PM: RCIA, Parish Basement
Thursday, March 5, 1:30 PM: Mass at the Journey Club, Mahogany
6:30 PM: ECYD Youth Ministry, Main Hall
7:00 PM: Men of the Cross Meeting, St. Albert Room
Friday, March 6, 9:30 AM: Adoration, Church
7:00 PM: Marriage Prep Course Part 1, Main Hall
7:00 PM: First Friday Holy Hour, Church
Saturday, March 7, 9:00 AM: Marriage Prep Course Part 2, Main Hall
9:30 AM: St. Albert's Men's Group Monthly Meeting, St. John's Hall
10:30 AM: Group Baptisms, Church
4:00 PM: Couples for Christ Chapter Prayer Assembly, Main Hall

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 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 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. Albert's Men's Group invites you to join them on **March 7th (Rescheduled from March 14) 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.

Grand Parents Group: St. Albert the Great's Catholic Grandparents Group invites you to join them **March 12th at 10am** in the Parish Basement, St. Albert room. Everyone is welcome. 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 this meeting.

St. Vincent de Paul We are truly very thankful for our generous parishioners! We also recognize money is tight for most everyone right now. Would you consider offering up the cost of one bought beverage during this week of Lent for our basket collection on March 14 & 15? Thank you.

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

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

All donors should have already received the 2025 tax receipts.

Current Hamper Needs: Canola Oil & Canned Fruit | Please drop donations in the St. Vincent de Paul box in the Narthex.

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

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. 21st - 22nd & Feb 28th - March 1st**
- ◆ **Fill it with loose change throughout Lent**
- ◆ **Return it by Palm Sunday, March 28th & 29th**



Can't pick up a bottle? Email satgcwl@gmail.com

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

E- donations: 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

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](#)

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 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.

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.**

NEW Young Adult Lenten Retreat taking place on **Saturday, March 21, 2026 (9:00 AM – 7:00 PM) at St. Bonaventure Parish.** This full-day retreat is designed especially for young adults seeking to deepen their faith during Lent. We are blessed to have the **Seeds of the Word Community** guiding us throughout the day. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, and refreshments will all be provided.

- **Fr. John (St. John the Evangelist Church)** will lead the morning portion.
- **Fr. Troy** will celebrate the **9:00 AM Mass.**
- Confessions and Musical Adoration will also be offered.

Click here to register: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4BADA62DA1F49-62167142-stbonaventure>

NEW Who Is the Man of the Shroud? Fr. Andrew Dalton L.C. reflects on the suffering (1), death (2) and resurrection (3) of Christ in the light of the Shroud of Turin at St. Michael's Catholic Community on **March 22, 23, and 24, 2026**, respectively. Fr Dalton will celebrate Mass before the talks: **Sunday, March 22, 5pm, Monday, March 23, 6pm and Tuesday, March 24, 6pm.** Reception follows the 5pm Mass on Sunday before the talk at 7pm, and after the talks on Monday and Tuesday. If you plan to attend, please [click here](#) to register.

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.**

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.**

Christian Young Professionals (ages 20's to 40's) Silent Retreat. This Silent Retreat for Christian Young Professionals is an opportunity to unplug and disconnect from our busy lives, and experience the beauty in resting in silence, as we engage in personal reflection, prayer and meditation. The weekend will also include reflective talks and short supports to guide you in your silent reflection/prayer/meditation time. **When: May 8-10, 2026 | Where: Mount St. Francis Retreat Center (41160 Retreat Road, Cochrane AB) | [To REGISTER & for full details CLICK HERE](#) | [Retreat Captain contact](#) - Chika at cypretreat@gmail.com**

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

BLESSING'S & PRIVATE APPOINTMENTS

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](#)
- [Administrative Assistant \(Part-time\) - St. Augustine/St. Joseph, Taber](#)
- [Caretaker and Maintenance Worker \(Full-time\) - St. James, Okotoks](#)
- **NEW!** [Administrative Assistant \(Full-time\) - St. Pius X, Calgary](#)
- **NEW!** [Administrative Assistant \(Part-time\) - St. Mary's, Brooks](#)
- [Various Positions with St. Mary's University](#) | [Calgary Catholic School District](#) | [Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools](#) | [Holy Spirit Catholic School Division](#) | [Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education](#) | [Conseil scolaire FrancoSud](#) | [Clear Water Academy](#) | [Covenant Health](#)

Vocation Seeds: Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our life.

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 | <https://www.catholicyc.ca/vocations>

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[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](#)

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