

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CATHOLIC PARISH



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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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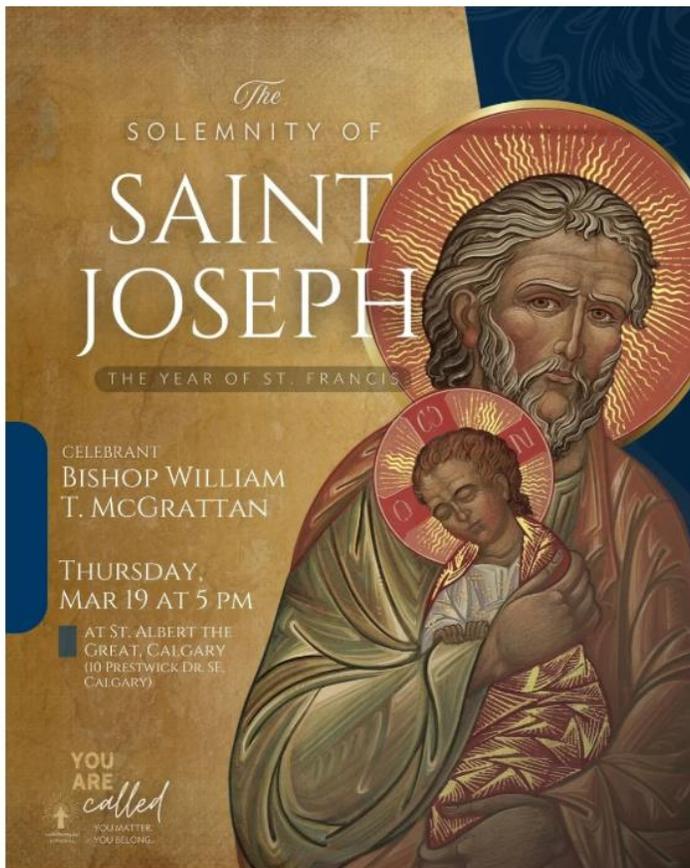
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TODAY'S READINGS

**1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13 | Responsorial Psalm 23: 1-6
Ephesians 5: 8-14 | John 9: 1-41**



**Solemnity of St. Joseph – Mass with Bishop McGrattan
Thu, March 19 at 5 pm at St. Albert the Great Parish**

Join Bishop William T. McGrattan for the celebration of the Solemnity of St. Joseph. All are welcome to attend the Mass!

Regular 6:30 pm Mass will be at 7pm, followed by confession.

Charitable Registration Number/BN 107909939 RR0084

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**4th Sunday of Lent
March 15, 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	Clara Kosariyeganeh	Jasper Bonifacio	Luca Lalonde	Robert Schimpf
Alan Riddell	Cohen Finkbiner	Jeannette Simpson	Luz Estela Gallego	Robert Visockas
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Anne Zabala	Dorian Audette	Kaon	Maria Elder	Sharon Berisha Wong
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Bud Montgomery	Gertrude Hosemann	Len Grose	Neil Atwater	Taylor Rohrer
Camilla Kosariyeganeh	Harold Freeman	Lennon Casebeer	Owen Dorfman	Theresa Buie
Carol Meredith	Henry Retzlaff	Linda Foo	Patricia Atkinson	Tun Kim Shoute
Cheryl Wiswell	Isabel Maclean	Linda Shaw	Peter Hammel	Ulrich Hart
Chris G	Iwona Pisko	Lori Cadrin	Robert Garagam	Victoria McEachern
Christa Hellingwerf	Janyce Anderson	Luc Joseph Maillet	Robert Rivard	Vojtek

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	17	at	9:00 AM	Fran Bailes (INT)
Tues,	Mar	17	at	11:00 AM	The Woodard Family (INT)
Tues,	Mar	17	at	6:30 PM	Carmen Toole (INT)
Wed,	Mar	18	at	9:00 AM	Fr. Andrew (INT)
Wed,	Mar	18	at	6:30 PM	Maria Sander (INT)
Thur,	Mar	19	at	7:00 PM	Leo Zabala (RIP)
Thur,	Mar	19	at	5:00 PM	Lenten Renewal Gathering (INT)
Thur,	Mar	19	at	7:00 PM	Marcel Mailette (RIP)
Fri	Mar	20	at	9:00 AM	Estela Valencia (RIP)
Fri	Mar	20	at	6:30 PM	Consuelo Rojaf (RIP)
Sat	Mar	21	at	9:00 AM	Louise Siliedoue (RIP)
Sat	Mar	21	at	5:00 PM	Miles McCall (RIP)
Sun,	Mar	22	at	9:00 AM	Ralph Reynolds (RIP)
Sun,	Mar	22	at	11:30 AM	St. Albert the Great Parish Community
Sun,	Mar	22	at	5:00 PM	Bien Eway (INT)

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 9700 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 15, Sunday Social after 9:00 and 11:30 AM Masses
3:00 PM: Altar Server Training, Church
4:00 PM: Vatican Choir Practice, St. Albert Room
Monday, March 16, 6:30 PM: Confirmation Preparation Session 4, Main Hall
7:00 PM: Men's Bible Study, St. John's Hall
7:30 PM: Sunday 5pm Choir Practice, Church
Tuesday, March 17, 10:00 AM: Arts & Crafts Group, St. Albert Room
11:00 AM: Rivera Long Term Care Centre Mass, McKenzie Towne
6:00 PM: CGS Room Prep, St. Raphael Room
6:30 PM: Confirmation Preparation Session 4, Main Hall
Wednesday, March 18, 9:30 AM: 50+ Fabulous Group, St. Francis Room
10:00 AM: Catechesis of the Good Shepard, Children's Liturgy Rooms
6:30 PM: Confirmation Preparation Session 4, Main Hall
7:00 PM: RCIA, Parish Basement
Thursday, March 19, 1:00 PM: CWL Coffee Meet Up, St. Albert Room
5:00 PM: Lenten Renewal Mass with Bishop McGratton, Church
5:30 PM: Lenten Renewal Leaders Gathering, Parish Basement
6:00 PM: 9 AM Choir Monthly Practice, St. John's Hall
7:00 PM: St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Meeting, St. Albert Room
Friday, March 20, 9:30 AM: Adoration, Church
10:30 AM: Decorating for Palm Sunday, Church
6:30 PM: First Eucharist Preparation Session 3, Main Hall
7:00 PM: Costume Prep, St. Francis Room
Saturday, March 21, 9:30 AM: Library Organizing, Library
10:30 AM: Group Baptisms, Church
2:00 PM: Older Child Baptism Preparation, Church
4:00 PM: Couples for Christ – Teaching Night, St. Albert Room & St. Johns Hall
7:00 PM: K of C Silver Rose Ceremony, Church

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

March 21 & 22nd: Mazovia Dance group will be back again after all Sunday masses selling Easter goodies, please see the poster in the Narthex or basement bulletin board for pre-order details.

Thursday, April 30th: Bring your struggles to Jesus Heals, a Shalom World Conferences healing program, and be transformed in body, mind, and soul. This is a free event, and all are welcome! Led by Fr. Hayden Williams, a gifted priest and global speaker. This event includes Holy Mass, Eucharistic adoration, spiritual talk, special prayers for healing and blessing the sick. St. Albert the Great is hosting this event on Thursday April 30 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. More information available at <https://conferences.shalomworld.org/>

PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

Development & Peace: *On Track for Justice – from father to daughter.* Lives in the village of Piquiá de Baixo in Brazil began being disrupted in the 1980s, with the arrival of several polluting industries in their backyard. The villagers formed an association to defend their rights. Flavia's father started the fight, and she picked up the torch.

Last year, after a 20-year struggle, 312 families affected by industrial pollution moved to the new, cleaner, safer village of Piquiá da Conquista. The support of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner, *Justiça nos Trilhos* (JnT), made this relocation possible for 1,300 people.

Learn more about JnT's in our [Mini-magazine](#) and meet Flavia and her daughter Aylla by watching their testimonies at devp.org/lent.

St. Vincent de Paul Gladden Hearts in Sharing...

This weekend our members will be present after each mass with collection baskets for St Vincent de Paul hampers. If you are unable to make a monetary offer, please consider a non-perishable food donation from your pantry to ours.

Donations: All non-perishable, unopened food is appreciated. Physical donations are accepted daily, during the parish hours of operations or during mass. The **Drop Off** locations in our parish are in the St. Vincent de Paul wooden box located on the East side of the Narthex, or in the plastic containers outside the office door.

For those wanting to donate financially, we accept e-transfers at email svdp.satg.donations@gmail.com and via cash or cheque payable to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Albert the Great, which can be dropped in our donation box at our bulletin board on the East side of the Narthex or at the parish office.

Some of you have asked about monthly donations options. Please click here: [Monthly Donation Option for SSVp at St](#) for details.

Current Hamper Needs: Ketchup & Mayonnaise | Please drop donations in the St. Vincent de Paul box in the Narthex. All non-perishable, unopened food is appreciated. Thank you.

"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

CWL: Proposed Resolution on Religious Freedom – Bill C-9: What We Can Do: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops wrote a letter to several Government of Canada elected officials in December to express their deep concern with government plans to **remove the long-standing religious exemption in Section 319 (3)(b) of the Criminal Code as part of Bill C-9 amendments.** Bill C-9 is a bill that was intended to define hate speech and behaviors and to allow for greater protection from hate crimes for minority groups.

For many years there has been a narrowly framed exemption in the Criminal Code of Canada that ensures Canadians are not criminally prosecuted for non-violent expressions of beliefs grounded in long-standing religious traditions and texts. The removal of this provision risks creating uncertainty when expressing and teaching traditional moral or doctrinal teachings that could be misinterpreted as hate speech. Will our faith teachers and leaders remain comfortable expressing traditional faith-based beliefs that are different than some secular beliefs?

Concern about the removal of Section 319(3)(b) from the Criminal Code has raised concern among other Christian organizations and civil liberties groups who view it as important for freedom of religion and expression. Bill C-9 also proposes to remove the consent of the Attorney General that is needed to lay charges for hate crimes. Some groups warn that this acts as a safeguard against politically motivated prosecutions.

On January 26, 2026, the House Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights voted to pause further debate on Bill C-9. Currently it is in the committee stage. **We hope it will remain there!**

YOUR DONATIONS MATTER

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.

All 2025 tax receipts have been mailed or emailed. Thank you for your generous support of St. Albert the Great Parish, through your donations.

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

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE?

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 visit our table 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
- WELCOME MINISTRY



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

BECOME AN RCIA SPONSOR TODAY



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

The RCIA ministry is still in need of *five more sponsors* (three men and two women) this April for our newest seekers, who are on their journey towards baptism/full communion with the Catholic Church. Sponsors do not have to teach the faith; they just need a great love for Jesus and a desire to share it with others!

If the Holy Spirit is calling you to spiritually support and walk alongside someone on the path to entering the Catholic Church, please contact Tanya for more information at RCIA_sponsors.SATG@shaw.ca.

SCAM ALERT

A message that appears to come from someone you trust can sometimes be the very thing designed to deceive. Recent scam attempts reported within our diocesan community remind us to pause and verify unexpected requests.

Be cautious of unexpected messages asking for money, personal information, or links to click.

Recent scam emails reported in our diocesan community are a reminder to stay alert. Here are a few reminders to help you recognize and avoid suspicious messages. [More](#)



HUMAN RIGHTS IN CANADA

Canada is one of the only countries in the world with no law on abortion. Not only that, polls consistently show that the majority of Canadians want abortion restrictions, do not support tax-payer funded abortion and want greater regulations like parental and informed consent. Currently, public policy does not reflect public opinion on this issue because we have a government that is out of touch with not only the concerns of Canadians, but the safety of women and preborn children. The only way we will see legislation passed in the House of Commons, is to nominate and elect pro-life candidates across the country who will pass life-saving legislation. It starts with you and it starts [RightNow](#) .



IT STARTS RIGHT NOW

**BAN LATE-TERM ABORTIONS
AFTER 20 WEEKS (5 MONTHS)
OF PREGNANCY IN CANADA**

Recent investigative reports have drawn attention to late-term abortion practices in Canada. A national petition campaign is now asking Parliament to introduce legislation banning late-term abortion.

Note:

- You do not have to provide your phone number.
- A donation page will open after you submit your petition, you are by no means expected to donate.

Sign petition
online



Learn more:

itstartsrighnow.ca

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HELP NOT HARM

**THOSE STRUGGLING WITH
MENTAL ILLNESS DESERVE
CARE, NOT DEATH**

Bill C-218, the Right to Recover Act, would ensure that mental illness alone cannot be used as the sole reason for Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD). The bill recognizes that mental illness deserves care, treatment, and hope, not assisted suicide.

- Mental illness is often treatable
- Many Canadians lack adequate mental health support
- Vulnerable people deserve protection and care

Learn more:

HelpNotHarmCanada.ca

[Help Not Harm Petition organized by the Archdiocese of Toronto]



More about
Bill C-218



Email your
MP now



We anticipate a vote on this legislation sometime in April 2026 so please contact your Member of Parliament today.

Chances are you know someone with a mental illness—1 in 5 Canadians are affected each year. Our duty is to offer care, hope, and protection—not death. [Bill C-218](#), *The Right to Recover Act*, proposes two changes to the criminal code:

1. Makes it a criminal offence to provide MAiD to a person whose sole underlying condition is mental illness and;
2. Amends the criminal code so that a mental health disorder is not a “grievous and irremediable medical condition when it is the sole underlying condition. In short, being diagnosed with a mental health condition alone would not make one eligible for medical assistance in dying.

Why Support Bill C-218

- **Ethical duty to protect life during crisis.** Mental health crises are often temporary. Society has a responsibility to offer care, hope, and protection—not a permanent solution to temporary suffering.
- **MAiD contradicts suicide prevention efforts.** Allowing MAiD for mental illness sends a conflicting message at a time when Canada is investing in suicide prevention and crisis support.
- **Potential for expansion over time.** Many Canadians worry that eligibility criteria and safeguards could gradually weaken, expanding access beyond what was originally intended.
- **“Irremediable” mental illness cannot be reliably determined.** There is no medical consensus on when a mental health condition is truly untreatable, making accurate and ethical assessments extremely difficult.

OUTDOOR WAY OF THE CROSS

NEW Save the date for the Outdoor Way of the Cross Fri, Apr 3, at 8:30 am | St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary

Join Bishop McGrattan and the faithful of the Diocese of Calgary for the Outdoor Way of the Cross, now returning to its Downtown route. This solemn pilgrimage invites us to walk together in prayer and reflection on the **Passion of Christ**, meditating on His suffering, sacrifice, and love for the world. The journey begins at **St. Mary's Cathedral** at 8:30 am. All are welcome to take part in this powerful witness of faith.

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](#)

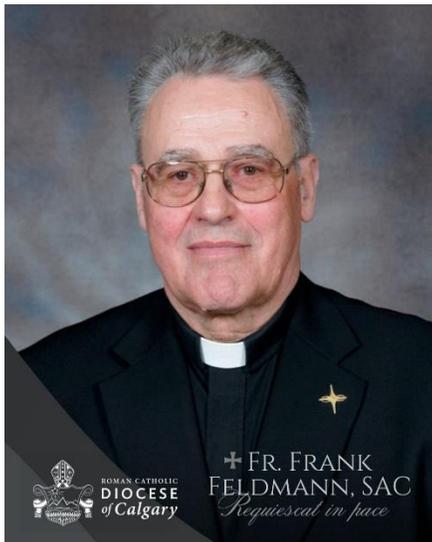
For those unsure if you have previously registered, please call [403 257 6054](tel:4032576054) to verify with the office. It's important that your information is kept up to date, if you have a new cell number, address or email let us know by email at secretary@stalbertthegreat.ca

BLESSING'S & PRIVATE 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

IN MEMORIAM



In memoriam: Fr. Frank Feldmann

In the charity of your prayers, please remember Fr. Frank Feldmann, SAC, who passed away on March 9, 2026, in Germany. Fr. Feldmann served for many years in the Diocese of Calgary. During his ministry here, he served as Pastor of St. Paul's Parish in Airdrie, St. James' Parish in Okotoks, and St. Cecilia's Parish in Calgary.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Vocation Seeds: "We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day." Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? 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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[News & Events - ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CALGARY \(catholicyc.ca\)](#)

[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](#)

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