

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CATHOLIC PARISH



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TODAY'S READINGS

**Procession with Palms; Matthew: 21: 1-11
Isaiah 50: 4-7 | Responsorial Psalm 22: 7-8, 16-23
Philippians 2: 6-11 | Matthew 27: 11-54**



We anticipate significantly large numbers in attendance at all our Holy Week and Easter Celebrations.

For safety reasons, when we reach the maximum capacity, we will need to lock the doors and cannot allow anyone else inside the church until the conclusion of the Liturgy. To avoid disappointment, please plan to arrive early with everyone in your party (if the doors are locked, those with seats saved inside will not be permitted in). You may consider attending a Liturgy at a time where the congregation is smaller. For Good Friday, please consider attending at 12:00pm as 3:00pm will be much busier. Easter Sunday the busiest Masses will be 9:00am and 11:30am. Please consider 2:00pm or 5:00pm. Or you may wish to consider attending the Easter Vigil at 8:00pm on Saturday April 4th, which will fulfill your Easter Sunday obligation.

Entrance for all celebrations will be through the main front doors only. Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to you joining us.

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Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026

Regular 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

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

The Parish Office will be closed at 12:30pm on Thursday April 2nd, and will reopen Tuesday April 7, 2026, at 9:30am.

PRAYER BOARD

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

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 31	at 9:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
Tues, Mar 31	at 6:30 PM	Albert Egana (INT)
Wed, Apr 1	at 9:00 AM	Isabel Lakowski (RIP)
Wed, Apr 1	at 9:00 AM	Walfredo Zoleta (RIP)
Wed, Apr 1	at 6:30 PM	Dr. Jose Luis Martinez Guevara (RIP)
Thur, Apr 2	at 7:00 PM	Institution of the sacrament of the priesthood
Fri, Apr 3	at 12:00 PM	Friday of the Passion of the Lord
Fri, Apr 3	at 3:00 PM	Friday of the Passion of the Lord
Sat, Apr 4	at 8:00 PM	For all RCIA Candidates
Sun, Apr 5	at 9:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
Sun, Apr 5	at 11:30 AM	St. Albert the Great Parish Community
Sun, Apr 5	at 2:00 PM	Ifmael Picazo (RIP)
Sun, Apr 5	at 5:00 PM	Abraham Romero (RIP)
Mon Apr 6	at 9:00 AM	Easter Monday

MASS INTENTION AVAILABILITY

**June is now open for booking.
April and May 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 22, PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Monday, March 30, 7:00 PM: Choir Rehearsal, St. Albert Room
7:00 PM: Men's Bible Study, St. John's Hall
7:30 PM: Sunday 5pm Choir Practice, Choir Pit
Tuesday, March 31, 10:00 AM: Arts & Crafts Group, St. Albert Room
9:30 AM: SVdP -School Food Drive Delivery, Main Hall
1:15 PM: CWL Executive Meeting, St. Albert Room
6:00 PM: Altar Server Training, Church
7:30 PM: 11:30 AM Choir Ministry Practice, Choir Pit
8:00 PM: RCIA Rehearsal, Church
Wednesday, April 1, 9:30 AM: Decorating, Church
10:30 AM: Mass at Age Care Center, Seton
7:00 PM: Choir Practice, Choir Pit
7:00 PM: RCIA, Parish Basement
Thursday, April 2, HOLY THURSDAY
10:30 AM: Sacristan Prep for Triduum, Church
Friday, April 3, FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
9:30 AM: Decorating, Church
Saturday, April 4, HOLY SATURDAY
9:00 AM: RCIA Retreat, Parish Basement
12:30 PM: Set up for The Resurrection of the Lord, Church
3:30 PM: Blessing of the Food Liturgy, Church
9:00 PM: RCIA Champagne Reception, Main Hall

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Saturday, March 28th: Please join us for a parish movie night fundraiser on Saturday, March 28th at 6:15 PM in the parish hall. We will be showing *Triumph of the Heart*, an inspiring film about the life of St. Maximilian Kolbe, the Polish priest who gave his life for another prisoner at Auschwitz. Tickets are \$15, and all proceeds will support Elijah, a student from our parish community, who will be participating in a school pilgrimage to Italy this April. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

Weekend of April 11 & 12: Bella Vita will be back again in the Narthex with another pop-up shop, selling religious jewelry.

Thursday, April 30: 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/>

Weekend of May 2 & 3: Perpetua Press is an Alberta based award winning catholic publisher with a variety of faith studies, children's books, fiction and non-fiction, something for everyone. All are welcome to join them downstairs to explore and get a little gift for the first 100 to stop by.

PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Please lend us your hand setting up and packing up the chairs we need to accommodate everyone celebrating with us Palm Sunday through Easter.

Set up: **Saturday March 28**, immediately following 9:00am Mass

Pack up: **Monday April 6**, immediately following 9:00am Mass

We will meet in the main hall downstairs.

CWL LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT: St. Albert the Great CWL would like to announce that our Baby Bottle Lenten Project for this year is coming to a close this weekend, on Palm Sunday. The baby bottle that you have taken home that has been filled with loose change throughout Lent, should be **returned on Palm Sunday**. If you still wish to donate to this worthy cause, please contact satgcwl@gmail.com.

This year, the proceeds will go to CWL supported charities focused on children and youth. We thank you for your unwavering support of our charitable endeavors and sincerely hope your family has enjoyed this Lenten activity filled with fun, learning and spiritual growth!

May God bless you abundantly for your giving! Thank you from St. Albert the Great CWL.

Coming Alive Camp: It's that time of year again! Our Coming Alive Camp is now looking for Adult Volunteers, for Lessons, Recreation, Crafts and Mass and to help our youth leaders and campers through the day. Childcare is provided for volunteers' children who are too young to attend camp. Please email Liisa at comingalivecamp@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer.

Couples for Christ is inviting all married couples and singles ages 21 and up to come and join:

What: Christian Life Program (CLP) | **When:** Saturdays, starting April 18 to June 13, 2026, at 6pm to 9pm for 8 weeks

Where: St. Albert the Great Parish, Church Basement. Light meal and childminding for participants are available

Through this Christian Life Program, it will help you find Christ in your life. You will be able to experience true peace and happiness with the Lord's guidance. It will enhance your understanding of our beautiful Catholic belief. You will be inspired and motivated by the sharing and experiences of our brothers and sisters in Christ

Sign up at: <https://forms.gle/mH6rxJhh9tpadMn7>

St. Vincent de Paul Thank you, St. Albert the Great parishioners! During this Lenten season if you cannot spare any coin, we are grateful to receive something from your pantry to ours. Your prayers in support of our SVP conference here, as well as for those who are experiencing food insecurity are appreciated.

For those wanting to donate financially, we accept e-transfers at email svdp.satg.donations@gmail.com

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

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

Development & Peace: **Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2026!** Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the **On Track for Justice** campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity This will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or donate online at devp.org/give.

Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

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.

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

WHEN TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRIEST

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

WE ARE HIRING



CAREER OPPORTUNITY for Volunteer Screening Coordinator (Part-time) St. Albert the Great Parish, Calgary

Come join our team! We are seeking a part-time Volunteer Screening Coordinator. This position helps to organize and process volunteer paperwork, communicating with the necessary ministry leads.

The posting closes at noon, Thursday April 9, 2026.

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

To view the posting please visit:

[volunteer screening coordinator apr2026 v2.pdf](#)

For more information and to download the application for employment please visit: [Careers - Diocese of Calgary - ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CALGARY](#)

OVERVIEW

The Volunteer Screening Coordinator helps to organize and process volunteer paperwork, communicating with the necessary ministry leads.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Volunteer Screening Coordinator:

- Ensures the appropriate management of all screening documentation and record maintenance.
- Assesses and assigns risk levels for all parish volunteer positions.
- Uses and annually revises ministry position descriptions for all volunteer positions.
- Complies with diocesan standards in the Volunteer Policies, Procedures & Screening Manual.
- Support the processing of the vulnerable sector police checks and the Praesidium online Sexual Abuse Prevention training by providing volunteers with the required links and access.
- Participates in communication and reporting between the parish and the diocese.
- Attends appropriate training sessions of the diocesan Human Resources office.
- Provides orientation and training on the 10 steps of volunteer screening for all ministry coordinators and volunteers.
- Works closely with parish administration staff on volunteer records maintenance.
- Other related duties assigned to assist the parish in its ministry.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Has experience as a parish volunteer and is responsible, flexible, reliable and trustworthy.
- Is a good listener, organizer, and effective communicator.
- Is comfortable with being accountable and is sensitive to the observance of proper boundaries and Diocesan standards of care and curriculum.
- Previous experience in a similar environment an asset (i.e. parish or Catholic Pastoral Center).
- Demonstrated knowledge of Microsoft Office: Outlook, Word, Excel and PowerPoint.
- Excellent organizational skills.
- Ability to work as a team and independently.
- Ability to support and nourish families and individuals with a gentle, pastoral approach.
- Ability to relate and communicate clearly.

EASTER VIGIL AND CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION



We are approaching the holiest night of the liturgical year – the **Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 4th** after sunset (8 pm). This is the night we hear the story of our salvation and celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. It is a beautiful celebration that begins in darkness while, outside, we light the Easter candle and process into the church. During the Vigil we welcome those individuals who, through RCIA, are joining our faith.

Following the Vigil there will be a reception downstairs to celebrate with our newly confirmed parishioners. Yes, it will be a late, but wonderful, night!

YOU'RE INVITED TO A SPONSOR INQUIRY SESSION

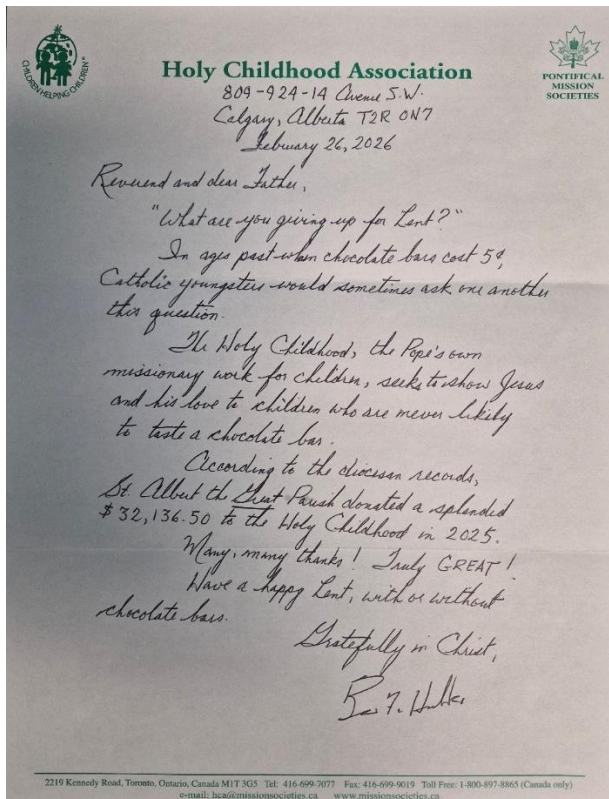
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

The RCIA ministry is still in need of sponsors *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!* More information will be provided at a session for potential sponsors on **Wednesday, April 8 at 7:30pm**. If you are free most Wednesday evenings beginning this April and believe the Holy Spirit may be calling you to spiritually support someone on the path to entering the Catholic Church, please contact Tanya to register for this information session at

RCIA_sponsors.SATG@shaw.ca



CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN



We recently received a letter from the Holy Childhood Association thanking us for our continued financial support.

It reads.

Reverend and dear Father,

“What are you giving up for Lent?”

In ages past when chocolate bars cost 5cents, Catholic youngsters would sometimes ask one another this question.

The Holy Childhood, the Pope’s own missionary work for children, seeks to show Jesus and his love to children who are never likely to taste a chocolate bar.

According to the diocesan records, St. Albert the Great Parish donated a splendid \$32, 136.50 to the Holy Childhood in 2025.

Many, many thanks! Truly GREAT!

Have a happy Lent, with or without chocolate bars.

Gratefully in Christ,

NEWS & EVENTS

NEW Vocations Rally. God calls each of us through our baptismal call to live a life of holiness and service. This call unfolds uniquely in every person, whether through priesthood, consecrated life, marriage, the permanent diaconate, or lay vocations. Join us in fostering a culture where every vocation is nurtured and celebrated!

Save the date for the Vocations Rally 2026: **Trinity Sunday, May 31, 2026 - from 11 am to 4:30 pm at St. Michael Catholic Community.** Discover, support, and pray for vocations in our diocese!

- More information about speakers will be available at catholicyycc.ca/vocationsrally
- [Register for Vocations Rally](#)

NEW Blooms & Blossoms: Elizabeth House Charity Dinner - May 26

Join us for an elegant evening of fine dining, live music, and a lively silent auction to support mothers building a brighter future at Elizabeth House.

Your presence will help fund much-needed renovations, including an additional bedroom to welcome more women and babies into a safe, supportive home.

- When: **Sat, May 23, 2026, from 6 to 9:30 pm** at the Calgary Italian Cultural Centre
- More information or to purchase tickets or visit catholicyycc.ca/blooms

NEWS & EVENTS

The Diocese of Calgary will celebrate the **Chrism Mass on Monday, Mar 30 at 7 pm, at St. Mary's Cathedral**. The door opens at 6 pm. During this mass, the priests, deacons, and all the faithful gather around Bishop McGrattan, who blesses the Holy Oils for use in the coming year. All are welcome!

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.

To help in assisting with various roles, contact 403-218-5500 | [Register online to volunteer](#)

NEW The Sacred Arts Guild of Alberta invites Youth ages 11-16 to participate in a St. Francis Jubilee Illumination Workshop with artist and teacher Maria Muszinski. The workshop will take place at Swinton's Art Supply on **Tuesday, April 7, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm**. Details and registration are available on our web site at

www.sacredartsguildofalberta.com/stfranciswithmariayouth

NEW Join **Beloved Daughters Ministry** for their fourth annual women's conference entitled, "Who You Say I Am." Conference will be held from **May 22-23, 2026**, at Our Lady of Fatima Church (Calgary, AB) with guest speakers Sr. Hope, SV and Sr. Fidelity Grace, SV from the Sisters of Life as well as Fr. Cristino Bouvette. For more information visit: www.beloveddaughtersyyc.com

NEW Pastoral Letter: Alberta Bishops on Bill 18 - Safeguards for Last Resort Termination of Life Act

On March 25, 2026, The Catholic Bishops of Alberta wrote a Pastoral Letter on Alberta Bill 18.

"As our province debates Bill 18, new provincial legislation that will introduce changes concerning Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) in Alberta, we, the Catholic Bishops of Alberta, write this pastoral letter not only to acknowledge our ongoing concern for the practice of euthanasia and physician assisted suicide, but also to express our hope that this proposed legislation will contribute important measures to protect those who are vulnerable in our province." Please click below to continue reading: [Letter to the Faithful](#)



St. Isidore School - Online Learning for Grades 1-9

FLEXIBLE LEARNING FOR FAMILIES ON THE GO!

Registration is ongoing. > [Learn more: stisidore.cssd.ab.ca](http://stisidore.cssd.ab.ca).



Vocation Seeds: "Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord!" Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? 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.catholicyyc.ca/vocations>

For the complete list of Diocesan News & Events click:

[News & Events - ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CALGARY \(catholicyyc.ca\)](#)

[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](#)

For more information on Diocesan News & Events please visit <https://www.catholicyyc.ca/news>