

# ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CATHOLIC PARISH



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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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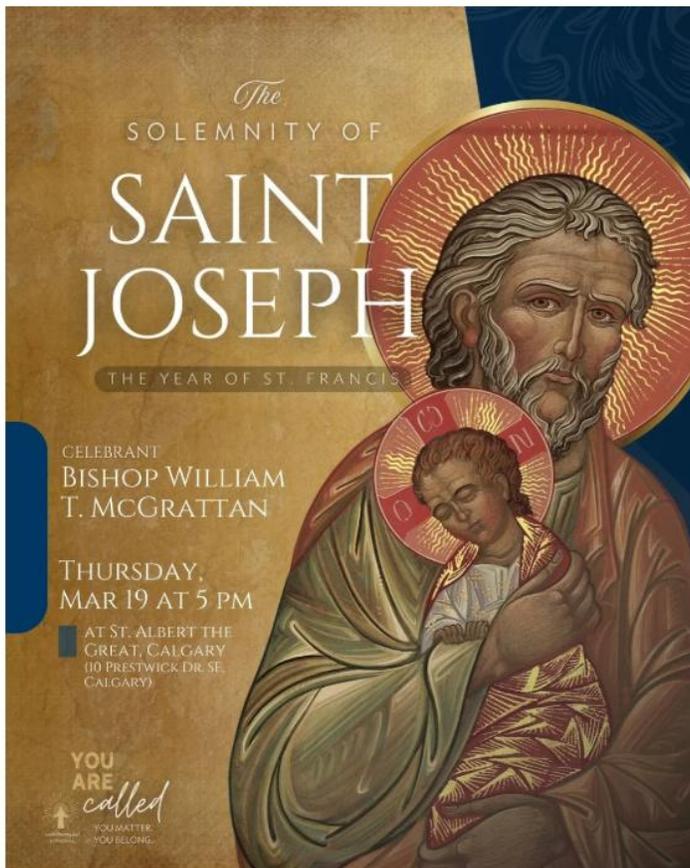
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## TODAY'S READINGS

**Exodus 17: 3 - 7 | Responsorial Psalm 95: 1 - 2, 6 - 9**

**Romans 5: 1 - 2, 5 - 8 | John 4: 5 - 42**



**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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**Third Sunday of Lent  
March 8, 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](mailto:secretary@stalbertthegreat.ca) .

## UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Tues,	Mar	10	at	9:00 AM	Norma Alvarez Urrutia (RIP)
Tues,	Mar	10	at	11:00 AM	The Woodard Family (INT)
Tues,	Mar	10	at	6:30 PM	Carmen Toole (INT)
Wed,	Mar	11	at	9:00 AM	Carey Chomyn (RIP)
Wed,	Mar	11	at	6:30 PM	Francisca Tjandra Dewi Sumantri (RIP)
Thur,	Mar	12	at	9:00 AM	Claude Boily (RIP)
Thur,	Mar	12	at	6:30 PM	Zoe Pongo (RIP)
Fri,	Mar	13	at	9:00 AM	Bev McMullan (RIP)
Fri,	Mar	13	at	6:30 PM	Sharon Edwards (RIP)
Sat,	Mar	14	at	9:00 AM	Elsy R. Camargo Barros (RIP)
Sat,	Mar	14	at	5:00 PM	Eva & Mike Bodner (RIP)
Sun,	Mar	15	at	9:00 AM	Pia Rubertelli-Bozac (RIP)
Sun,	Mar	15	at	11:30 AM	St. Albert the Great Parish Community
Sun,	Mar	15	at	5:00 PM	Steven Ross (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](mailto: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

<b>Sunday, March 8,</b> Sunday Social after 9:00 and 11:30 AM Masses
4:00 PM: Vatican Choir Practice, St. Albert Room
<b>Monday, March 9,</b> 7:00 PM: Women's Bible Study, St. John's Hall
7:30 PM: Sunday 5pm Choir Practice, Church
<b>Tuesday, March 10,</b> 10:00 AM: Arts & Crafts Group, St. Albert Room
11:00 AM: Rivera Long Term Care Centre Mass, McKenzie Towne
1:00 PM: Parish Tour with Christ the King School, Church, Main Hall
6:00 PM: CGS Room Prep, St. Raphael Room
7:00 PM: K of C Monthly General Council Meeting, St. Albert Room
<b>Wednesday, March 11,</b> 9:30 AM: 50+ Fabulous Group, St. Francis Room
10:00 AM: Catechesis of the Good Shepard, Children's Liturgy Rooms
7:00 PM: RCIA, Parish Basement
<b>Thursday, March 12,</b> 10:00 AM: Grandparents Group Monthly Meeting, St. Albert Room
1:00 PM: CWL Meeting, St. Albert Room
1:15 PM: Office Closed for Monthly Staff Meeting
6:30 PM: ECYD Youth Ministry, Main Hall
6:30 PM: Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service, Church
<b>Friday, March 13,</b> 9:30 AM: Adoration, Church
6:30 PM: Canasta Meet-up, St. Albert Room
7:00 PM: Costume Prep, St. Francis Room
<b>Saturday, March 14,</b> 10:00 AM: St. Vincent de Paul New Member Orientation, St. Albert Room
10:30 AM: Group Baptisms, Church
12:00 PM: Music Ministry Vocal Workshop, Choir Pit

## PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

**Development & Peace: Women protecting the Earth.** In Brazil, the lives of several rural communities are disrupted by industrial agriculture, mining and the Carajás railway. Women are at the heart of the fight to protect the land and the environment from the air, water and soil pollution that they cause. This pollution damages their kitchen gardens and harms the health of their children, families and neighbours. Courageously, these women resist to continue to exist on their land. To assert and protect their rights, they formed a women's association called *Seeds of the Earth* with the support of **Justiça nos Trilhos** (JnT), a partner of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada. Discover JnT's work in our [Mini-magazine](#) and learn more about the women by watching their testimonies at [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent).

**Grand Parents Group:** St. Albert the Great's Catholic Grandparents Group invites you to join them **March 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

# PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

## **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!**

On **Thursday, March 12 at 1:00 pm.** the Catholic Women's League of St. Albert the Great Parish are holding an information session to answer any questions and how to communicate our concerns with Government of Canada elected officials. All are welcome to join us in the St. Albert the Great room downstairs. For more information contact Gayleen Hamilton:

[ggh2003@telus.net](mailto:ggh2003@telus.net)

<https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/2025-12-04-Letter-to-PM-Religious-Freedom-EN.pdf>

**St. Vincent de Paul** Next weekend we will be present after each mass with collection baskets for St Vincent de Paul hampers. We are happy to double the buying power of your loonies and toonies. Your kind generosity keeps hungry people fed. With very humble hearts, WE Thank YOU!

### **February 2026 Summary**

Hampers delivered: **72 (an increase of 20% over 2025)**

Adults served: **139**

Children served: **75**

Cost of the hampers **\$14,238.00**

+ Gift Cards given **\$ 2,140.00**

for a Total of **\$ 16,378.00**

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.

All donors should have already received the 2025 tax receipts.

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

**Matthew 25:40**

**'I assure you, as often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.'**

# YOUR DONATIONS MATTER

**All tax receipts have been mailed or emailed. 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

# 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 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 SOCIUAL**



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

## RCIA RENEWAL IN OUR DIOCESE



Read Bishop McGrattan's message on the renewal of RCIA in the Diocese of Calgary and the growing number of people preparing to enter the Church this Easter. Discover how parishes are being encouraged to accompany those seeking Christ through deeper formation, prayer, and community.

- [Read article](#)
- [View Photo Album from 2026 Rite of Election](#)

## RCIA IN OUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** The RCIA ministry is in need of sponsors (especially men!) 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](mailto:RCIA_sponsors.SATG@shaw.ca).

# OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

**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.

**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.

**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.**

**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>

**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](mailto: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](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](#)
- [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:** “But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty.” Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose?

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.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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