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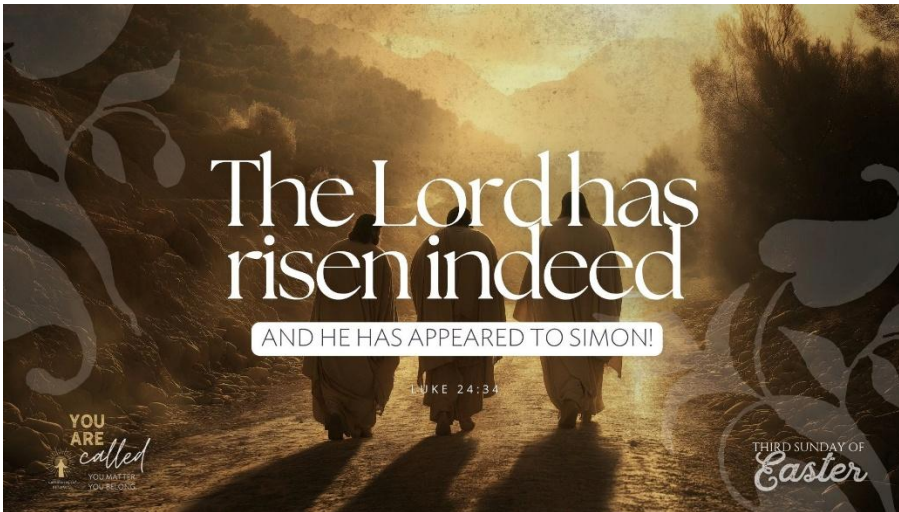
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TODAY'S READINGS

**Acts 2: 14, 22-28 | Responsorial Psalm 16: 1-5, 7-11
1 Peter 1: 17-21 | Luke 24: 13-35**



Gospel Reading Reflection by the Diocese of Saskatoon

Luke 24:13-35

This account by Luke of one of the resurrection appearances reflects deep eucharistic and liturgical movements that we still encounter in today's celebration of the Mass. Hearing the stranger open up the scriptures upon the Road to Emmaus, and then sharing table fellowship with the stranger opens the two travelers to insight and communion. By interpreting the Scriptures and breaking bread with the two disciples, Jesus reveals himself.

Jesus still reveals himself to us in the celebration of the Eucharist. The "burning within us" described by the disciples attests to the validity of their experience, a revelation that turns the depressed disciples into courageous witnesses once again.

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3rd Sunday of Easter April 19, 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**

Please visit our parish website for the
Mass & Confession schedule for other
Liturgical celebrations.

PRAYER BOARD

Agnes Devine	Clara Kosariyeganeh	Iwona Pisko	Lori Cadrin	Robert Garagam
Al Eberle	Cohen Finkbiner	Janyce Anderson	Luc Joseph Maillet	Robert Schimpf
Alan Riddell	Collen Boyer	Jared Heath Roldan	Luca Lalonde	Robert Visockas
Alfred Cust	Dante Okoro	Jeannette Simpson	Luz Estela Gallego	Rod P
Amelia Aureo	Dcn. Tony Klein	John Posluszny	Lynda McLaughlin	Roger Reid
Amy Fisher	Dick Flynn	Jose Loya Jr.	MacKenzie Whitney	Ryan Alexander
Anna Langley-Butt	Don Gelfund	Julia Dacosta	Margaret Diaz	Sam Secreti
Anna-Marie Kolesar	Dorian Audette	Kamran P. Mosavari	Margaret Young	Sandra Rorbak
Anne Zabala	Drahomira Drapalova	Kaon	Maria	Sharon Berisha Wong
Annette Lerminiaux	Edith Repatacodo	Kathy Hammel	Maria de Refugio	Shawn Freeman
Arton Rizah Berisha	Edith Tyndall	Katrina G. Hamedani	Mary MacDonald	Shirely Chavez
Bill Yont	Elaine Hopfner	Kristin Bell	Maurice Lavinge	Susanne Smith
Bob Robison	Elssa Liliana Gil	Landon Miller	Maurice Vignal	Taylor Rohrer
Camilla Kosariyeganeh	Erwin Leong	Len Grose	Mike Watson	Tiara Ricci Roldan
Carissa Holloway	Francesca Mancuso	Lennon Casebeer	Myrna Rolfes	Ulrich Hart
Carol Meredith	Grace Khan	Leonardo Andres Jr	Neil Atwater	Victoria McEachern
Chloe Fisher	Harold Freeman	Liliana Santos	Owen Dorfman	Vojtek
Chris G	Henry Retzlaff	Linda Foo	Patricia Atkinson	Werrner Fricky
Christa Hellingwerf	Ifeoma Sogwu	Linda Shaw	Peter Hammel	Wilf Richard

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,	Apr	21	at	9:00 AM	Staff & Students of St. Mary's University (INT)
Tues,	Apr	21	at	11:00 AM	Shi Family (INT)
Tues,	Apr	21	at	6:30 PM	Rebecca Tablizo (RIP)
Wed,	Apr	22	at	9:00 AM	Valerie Wassill (RIP)
Wed,	Apr	22	at	6:30 PM	Maretta Eyolissom (RIP)
Thur,	Apr	23	at	9:00 AM	Gil Frontain (RIP)
Thur,	Apr	23	at	6:30 PM	The Ibe Family (INT)
Fri,	Apr	24	at	9:00 AM	Jacob Wassil (RIP)
Fri,	Apr	24	at	6:30 PM	Gil Frontain (RIP)
Sat,	Apr	25	at	9:00 AM	Gerry Cadrin (RIP)
Sat,	Apr	25	at	5:00 PM	Okoye Family (INT)
Sun,	Apr	26	at	9:00 AM	Allistair & Maria Fernandes (RIP)
Sun,	Apr	26	at	11:30 AM	St. Albert the Great Parish Community
Sun,	Apr	26	at	5:00 PM	Michael Griffin (RIP)

MASS INTENTION AVAILABILITY

**The third week of July 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

NEW MASS TIMES

New Mass Times... More Time to Pray Together. Come, and See.

The Lord continues to bless our parish in so many ways, and we are grateful to share some joyful news with you. As our parish family continues to grow, we will be introducing a new weekend Mass schedule.

Beginning May 2-3 our new Mass times will be:

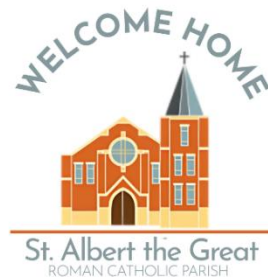
Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:30 am (Livestreamed), 12:30 pm, and 5:00 pm

This is a beautiful opportunity for us as a parish—more opportunities to gather in worship, to pray together, and to warmly welcome both familiar faces and those who are seeking a place to belong.

In the coming weeks, we will share more details, but for now, we invite you to begin prayerfully discerning which Mass time may be the best fit for you and your family.

Let us ask the Lord to guide us through this transition, and to continue to shape our parish as a true “Welcome Home” for all who come seeking Him.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: The RCIA ministry is always looking for 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!

If you are free most Wednesday evenings 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

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION FOR ADULTS

Are you an adult who was baptized Catholic but never received the sacrament of Confirmation? If so, you are invited to register for [adult preparation for Confirmation](#) at St. Albert the Great Church. [Registration is available through the parish website](#). Preparation for the sacrament will take place over three Sunday afternoons (April 19, April 26, and May 3) and will culminate in a Confirmation celebration with Bishop Hansen at the end of May. More details will be provided once registered. Contact [Dan D'Agostino](#) through the parish office with any questions.

WEEKLY PARISH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 19, Sunday Social after 9am & 11:30am Mass
2:00 PM: Confirmation Prep for Adults, St. Albert Room
4:00 PM: Altar Server Training, Church
Monday, April 20, 5:00 PM: Couples for Christ – Household Leaders Training, St. Francis & Fr. Pat’s Room
6:30 PM: Confirmation Preparation Session 5, Main Hall
7:00 PM: Women’s Bible Study, St. John’s Hall
7:30 PM: Sunday 5pm Choir Practice, Choir Pit
Tuesday, April 21, 10:00 AM: Arts & Crafts Group, St. Albert Room
11:00 AM: Mass at Auburn Heights Retirement Centre, Auburn Bay
6:00 PM: CFC – Leaders Teaching Night, St. Johns Hall & St. Albert Room
6:30 PM: Confirmation Preparation Session 5, Main Hall
Wednesday, April 22, 9:30 AM: 50+ Fabulous Group Meeting, St. Francis Room
6:30 PM: Confirmation Preparation Session 5, Main Hall
7:00 PM: RCIA, Parish Basement
7:00 PM: Eucharistic Minister Training, Church
Thursday, April 23, 7:00 PM: Connect Night, Main Hall
7:00 PM: Lector Training, Church
Friday, April 24, 11:00 AM: Funeral & Reception, Church, Main Hall
1:30 PM: Faith Day Mass for Teachers, Church
4:30 PM: Wedding Rehearsal, Church
6:00 PM: Canasta Group Meet-up, St. Albert Room
Saturday, April 25, 9:30 AM: St. Alberts Men’s Group Meet-up, St. John’s Hall
1:00 AM: Wedding, Church
4:00 PM: Christian Life Program, Main Hall

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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. You can visit their site here: [Perpetua Press – Books That Build Faith And Family](#)

Weekend of May 16 & 17: Art of the Icon will be back again in the basement after all Sunday Masses. To preview their items, please visit their website here: [Traditional Christian Icons and Jewelry - The Art of the Icon](#)

PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

Twelve Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care May 11th: “Palliative Care is an expression of the truly human attitude of taking care of one another, especially of those who suffer. It is a testimony that the human person is always precious, even if marked by illness and old age.” Pope Francis

As Canada becomes increasingly secular, spiritual values are often overshadowed by societal tendencies toward comfort, instant gratification and aversion to suffering. Yet, our Catholic faith challenges us to emphasize respect for life in all its vulnerabilities from the moment of conception until natural death. There is a great need for prayer and a strong emphasis on palliative/hospice care when faced with end-of-life decisions. All are invited to pray and meditate in the Nave for improved palliative/hospice care on **May 11th from 9am-9pm**. The Catholic Women’s League will lead prayers, rosaries, and meditations. Drop in whenever it is convenient. Stay for thirty minutes or three hours.... All are welcome.

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.

HIKE FOR LIFE: The 46th Annual Hike for Life in Calgary is scheduled for **May 9, 2026**. This event is a significant fundraiser for the Calgary ProLife Association, aiming to support their mission to raise awareness of the beauty, purpose, and dignity of every human life. **The event will feature a 10 km walk through Princess Island Park**, live music, games, prizes, and a complimentary lunch, making it a family-friendly and enjoyable experience for all ages and abilities. You can donate online and support our parish efforts here: [46th Annual Hike for Life on May 9, 2026 - St. Albert the Great Parish - Canadahelps](#)

The Knights of Columbus are pleased to inform parishioners of some of our upcoming programs.

- **April 26:** Sunday Morning Pancake Breakfast (by donation) after 9am & 11:30am Mass
- **May 2:** Highway cleanup service program
- **May 9:** Prolife Hike For life participation and sponsorship
- **May 10:** Mothers Days Roses on sale \$5 each
- **May 23/24:** Bottle drive in Church Parking lot
- **June 20:** Annual Lobster Boil (with expanded menu, tickets available soon)



St. Vincent de Paul THANK YOU, St. Albert the Great parishioners for your kind generosity in helping to fill our baskets last weekend, whether by cash or e-transfer.

This week we recognize birthdays relevant to SVP; April 23 (1813) for Federic Ozanam (who founded the Society of St. Vincent de Paul also on April 23 in 1833) and on April 24 (1581) for St. Vincent de Paul (Patron Saint of Christian charity). Please keep our service in your prayers on those dates.

Speaking of birthdays, one of our gracious parishioners recently celebrated a birthday and creatively suggested donations be made to SVP in lieu of presents. We were thrilled to receive such gifts in honour of this parishioner. Should anyone consider this option for themselves, we absolutely support it!

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 SSSVP at St](#) for details.

Current Hamper Needs: Cookies & Rice | Please drop donations in the St. Vincent de Paul box in the Narthex. 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.'

PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St Albert the Great is looking for assistants for their program next Fall - Wednesday morning 10 - noon. A short course for Atrium assistants is being offered April 26 (3-7 pm) & 27 (2-4 pm) at St Peter's parish. If you wish to attend, please contact Sheila cgsalsouth@gmail.com or [403-617-9530](tel:403-617-9530) .

St. Albert's Men's Group invites you to join them after 9am Holy Mass on **Saturday, April 25th** in the St. John's Hall located in the parish basement. Come for coffee, stay for wholesome discussion. Questions contact the office at [403-257-6054](tel:403-257-6054)

Connect Night Presents: Into the Deep, Finding Peace Through Prayer Join us for the last session **Thursday, April 23 at 7PM** in the Parish basement. Want greater peace in your life? Want to go deeper in the topic of prayer? Join us for a monthly series for anyone desiring to begin or deepen their prayer life. What sets authentic Christian prayer apart from the many "spiritual" practices being promoted today? How does one pray? Journey with us the fourth Thursday of each month through a video formation series - INTO THE DEEP - with small group discussions and fellowship. Based on the book "Into the Deep: Finding Peace Through Prayer" by Dan Burke, founder of the Avila Foundation and former president of EWTN.

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.

NEWS & EVENTS

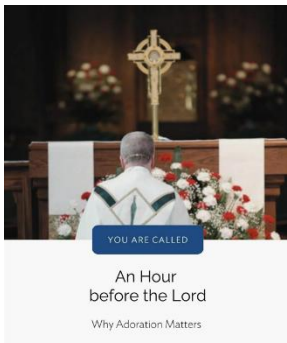
National Volunteer Week - Apr 19-25. This year, as we mark the Year of St. Francis, we are drawn again to a simple and challenging call: *serve one another humbly in love* (Galatians 5:13). St. Francis showed us that renewal in the Church begins not with grand plans, but with small, faithful acts of love lived each day.

In our parishes, this is already happening. In quiet acts of service, in faithful presence, in generosity that often goes unseen, our volunteers help make Christ known. Through their willingness to serve where needed, they foster a spirit of welcome, reverence, and care that shapes the life of our communities.

To our Volunteers and Parish Ministers: **"Serve one another humbly in love." (Galatians 5:13)**

Thank you for your steady and faithful witness. In a time when the Church is called to renewal and mission, your service becomes a concrete expression of the Gospel. You show us that the call of every baptized person is not distant or abstract, but lived here and now, in love freely given.

2026 Young Women's Nun Run: Young Women: Visit seven convents in one day and meet women living their vocation with joy and purpose. A unique opportunity for young women to encounter religious life firsthand and hear their stories. When: **Sat, Apr 25 at 9 am** - starts at 150 Providence Blvd. SE, Calgary. Register online here, or by email at sisterdianne.turner@calgarydiocese.ca



40 Hours Devotion for Vocations

Upcoming dates for 40 Hours Devotion:

- [St. Gerard's, Calgary](#) - Tue, May 12 to Fri, May 15, daily from 9 am to 7 pm.
- [Our Lady of the Rockies, Canmore](#) - Fri, Jul 2 at 3 pm to Sun, Jul 5 at 7 am.

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.beloveddaughtersyc.com

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 catholiccyc.ca/blooms

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 is available at catholiccyc.ca/vocationsrally

Fr. Kevin Tumback, Pastor of All Saints Parish, Lethbridge, invites you to join this 11-day pilgrimage through Ireland and Northern Ireland with him. Visit places of deep faith including Knock Shrine, Clonmacnoise, and sites connected to St. Patrick, with daily Mass and time for prayer throughout the journey. There are still 15 spots available. Details and registration: <https://www.qstours.com/pilgrimage-tours/rooms/pilgrimage-to-ireland-and-northern-ireland/>

POPE LEO XIV CALLS FOR PEACE

Reflection on the Holy Father's Call for Peace, Human Dignity, and Moral Responsibility in Public Life *Thursday, April 16, 2026*

Ottawa — In light of recent public commentary surrounding the Holy Father's appeals for peace, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' (CCCC) Communications Service wishes to reiterate several principles of Catholic teaching that remain especially relevant in times of war and international tension. Please read the latest news release from the CCCC here: [Reflection on the Holy Father's Call for Peace, Human Dignity, and Moral Responsibility in Public Life - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops](#)

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

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DIOCESE

- **NEW!** [Communications Assistant \(Full-time\)](#)
- [Assistant Coordinator \(Casual\) - Feed the Hungry](#)
- [Bookkeeper \(Casual\) - St. Catherine's/St. Ambrose Parish, Coaldale](#)
- [Bookkeeper \(Casual\) - Our Lady of the Rockies Parish, Canmore](#)
- [Administrative Assistant/Sacrament Preparation Coordinator \(Part-time\), Our Lady of the Rockies Parish, Canmore](#)
- [Administrative Assistant \(Full-time\) - St. Pius X Parish, Calgary](#)
- [Weekend Caretakers \(2 Casual Positions\) - Ascension Catholic Parish, Calgary](#)
- [Music Director \(Casual\) - St. James, Calgary](#)
- [Administrative Assistant \(Part-time\) - St. Augustine/St. Joseph, Taber](#)

Vocation Seeds Do you recognize Christ in your life? Does your heart burn in his presence? How are you being called - 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.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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