

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CATHOLIC PARISH



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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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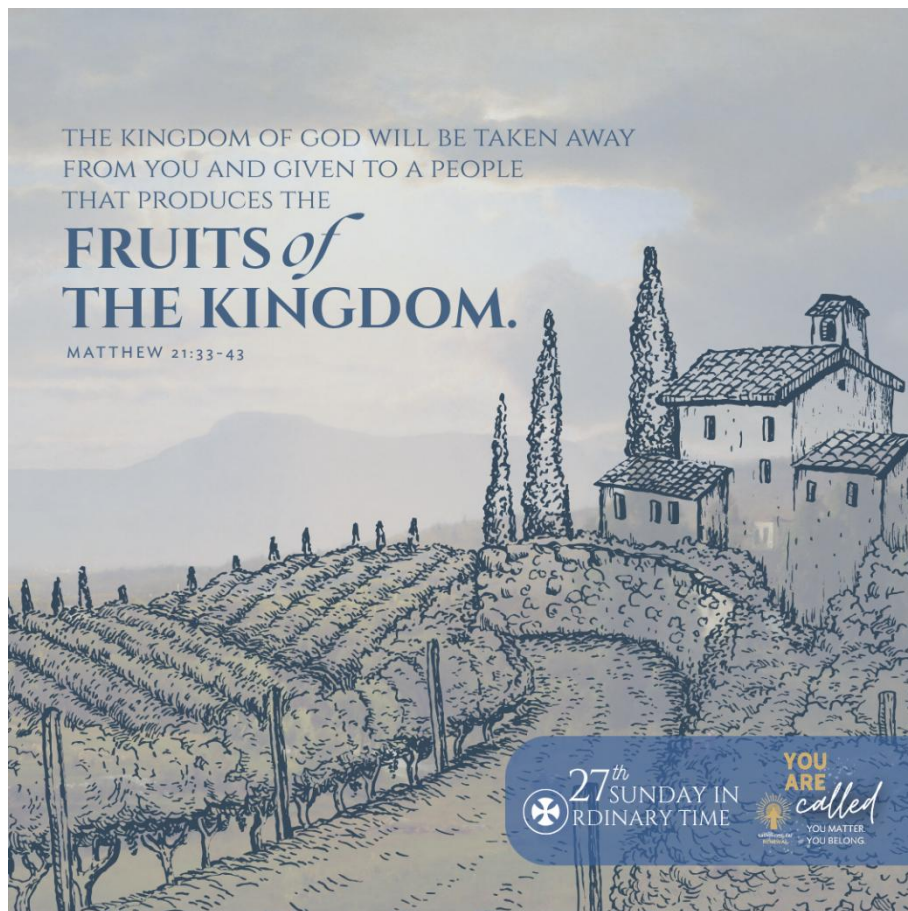
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TODAY'S READINGS

[Isaiah 5:1-7](#) | [Psalm 80:8+11,12-13,14-15,18-19](#)

[Philippians 4:6-9](#) | [Matthew 21:33-43](#)



NEXT WEEKS READINGS

[Isaiah 26:6-10a](#) | [Psalm 23:1-3a,3b-4,5,6](#)
[Philippians 4:12-14,19-20](#) | [Matthew 22:1-14](#)

Charitable Registration Number/BN 107909939 RR0084

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 4th, 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:	8:30 AM 10:30 AM (Livestreamed) 12:30 PM 5:00 PM

Adoration

Friday:	9:30 AM to 10:30 AM
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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

Monday to Friday: 9:30 AM to 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

Aiza Bartolome	Deb M	Iwona Pisko	Lynne Boyer	Rod P
Alan Riddell	Dean Schattenkirk	Janyce Anderson	MacKenzie Whitney	Roger Boyer
Alfred Cust	Dick Flynn	Jeannette Simpson	Maria	Roger Reid
Amelia Aureo	Dieter Hosemann	John Posluszny	Mario Andres	Roger Viernes
Amy Fisher	Don Gelfund	Jose Loya Jr.	Mark Wong	Ron Gratton
Anna Langley-Butt	Doug Fernley	Joselyn Alba Gutierrez	Maurice Lavigne	Rosario Ferrer Gutierrez
Anna-Marie Kolesar	Drahomira Drapalova	Joy Hanley	Maurice Vignal	Rodolfo Crespo, Jr
Anne Zabala	Edith Repatacodo	Kamran P. Mosavari	Mercado-Roldan family	Ryan Alexander
Annette Lermينياux	Eduardo Barrenechea	Karen Wong	Mehrdad Sohrabi Rad	Sam Secreti
Art Carbo	Elaine Hopfner	Katie Leslie	Mike Fears	Sandra Rorbak
Arton Rizah Berisha	Elizabeth De Morante	Kathryn Boyer	Mike Watson	Sheila Ang
Audrey Schimpf	Elssa Liliana Gil	Kathy Hammel	Monette Pe Benito	Shannon Ross
Caitlin & Baby Anna	Erlinda Cuilao	Katrina G. Hamedani	Myrna Rolfes	Sharon Berisha Wong
Camilla Kosariyeganeh	Erwin Leong	Kristin Bell	Neil Atwater	Shawn Freeman
Chris G	Estrella Andres	Landon Miller	Nestor Eduardo Valbuena	Shirely Chavez
Chris M family	Francesca Mancuso	Len Grose	Nila Remigio	SK Yeong + family
Clara Kosariyeganeh	Frankie Pe Benito	Lennon Casebeer	Norma Andres	Taylor Rohrer
Cody family	Frantiska Drapalova	Leonardo Andres Jr	Owen Dorfman	Wilf Richard
Cohen Finkbiner	Fred Reinbold	Leslie family	Patricia Atkinson	Victoria McEachern
Colleen Boyer	Gertrude Hosemann	Liliana Santos	Peter Hammel	Vojtek
Cristina Andres	Grace Khan	Linda Shaw	Prince Albert Dy	
Dante Okoro	Graham Austin	Luc Joseph Maillet	Robert Garagam	
David Nolke	Harold Freeman	Luca Lalonde	Robert Schimpf	
Dcn. Tony Klein	Irene Zuzulak	Lynda McLaughlin	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

Tue,	Oct	6	at	9:00 AM	No Mass; Frank Romeo (INT)
Tue,	Oct	6	at	6:30 PM	No Mass; Catholic Womens League (INT)
Wed,	Oct	7	at	9:00 AM	No Mass
Wed,	Oct	7	at	6:30 PM	No Mass
Thu,	Oct	8	at	9:00 AM	No Mass
Thu,	Oct	8	at	6:30 PM	No Mass
Fri,	Oct	9	at	9:00 AM	FR. Chris (INT)
Fri,	Oct	9	at	6:30 PM	Prospero Tablizo (RIP)
Sat,	Oct	10	at	9:00 AM	Paula Dhulst (RIP)
Sat,	Oct	10	at	5:00 PM	Janet Horn (INT)
Sun,	Oct	11	at	8:30 AM	Agnes & Denis Lobo (RIP)
Sun,	Oct	11	at	10:30 AM	Remi Cote (RIP)
Sun,	Oct	11	at	12:30 PM	St. Albert the Great Parish Community
Sun,	Oct	11	at	5:00 PM	Rizalino & Erlinda Garcia (RIP)

MASS INTENTION AVAILABILITY

The First week of January is now open for booking.

November and most of December 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 10,000 families. Intentions are limited to two per family within a three-month period.

Thank you for honouring this system. Please contact the office with

"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

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASS UPDATE: There will be **NO MASS** from Tuesday October 6th – 8th. As all Priests from the Calgary Diocese will be away on Study Days. Mass will resume on Friday October 9th at 9:00am

Rosary Rally

On **October 10, 2026, at noon**, a nationwide **Canada Needs Our Lady - Rosary Rally** will take place in front of [St. Albert the Great Church](#).

Please join us as we come together in prayer and pray the Holy Rosary for our country and our families.

We warmly invite you to join us and be part of this special time of prayer.

Thank you for your support, and we hope to see you there!

Emergency Relief for Nepal

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is calling for urgent support following catastrophic flooding in Nepal on Aug. 26. By Aug. 28, 584 people had died, more than 2,000 were missing, and thousands, including at least 17,000 children, had been affected. [Read More](#) . [Give Now](#) .

Emergency Relief for Columbia

Following the devastating earthquake in Columbia, parishioners are invited to support emergency relief efforts through **Development and Peace – Caritas Canada & Caritas Colombiana** [Read More](#) . [Give Now](#) .

Sacramental Registration

Registration is open at St. Albert the Great Church for the sacrament of Confirmation. We invite families to visit our [parish website](#) to complete the registration process and take this important next step in their child's faith journey. If you have any questions, please contact Dan at sacraments@stalbertthegreat.ca. We look forward to accompanying your family as we celebrate this special milestone of faith together.



Knights of Columbus Apple Sale

The **Knights of Columbus High River Council 9521** will be selling freshly picked apples after the following Masses:

- **Saturday, October 3** at 5:00 PM
- **Sunday, October 4** at 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM

The apples will be **freshly picked in Creston, BC** during the week of September 29, 2026.

\$20 per bag

Cash or cheque accepted.

Your support is greatly appreciated! Thank you for supporting the Knights of Columbus and their work in our community.

Supporting Catholic Education in Our Community

Catholic education forms the whole person—**mind, body and spirit**—while helping young people grow in faith, service and love of neighbour. On **October 17/18**, parishes will take up a **second collection for Catholic Education Sunday**. Donations supporting the Calgary Catholic Education Foundation help provide **enhanced learning opportunities for students in 120 Calgary Catholic schools** across Calgary, Airdrie, Cochrane and Chestermere. Together, we can help Catholic education continue to flourish.

Learn more: [Catholic Education Sunday](#)

HOMEcoming 2026 RECAP

Homecoming is our annual celebration of renewal and thanksgiving as we live out *You are called; You matter; You belong!*

We began with Ministry Fair – an opportunity for all Parishioners new and not-so-new to be introduced to the many ministries, groups and organizations active in the Parish. It is where many come to answer God's call to serve. This year more than 150 of you answered that call and chose to serve.

This past weekend, Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Renewal Team and the Knights of Columbus hosted our annual Volunteer Appreciation Tailgate BBQ. Close to 330 volunteers and their families came out to enjoy some delicious BBQ and wonderful fellowship.

This past weekend was also our first "Feast Day Like No Other". We honoured the Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul by challenging all who came to Mass to bring just one food item to help replenish the St. Vincent de Paul pantry as the need for their services grows each and every day, and the Christmas Hamper program is right around the corner.

A special thank you goes to the students, parents and staff at St. Gianna School for holding a special food drive in support.

The total value of food items and cash donated during the weekend was approximately \$6,420!

The members and volunteers from our Society St. Vincent de Paul send an enormous THANK YOU to everyone for your support, not just this past weekend, but all year long.

We closed out Homecoming with 2 very special dedications.

When our church was built 23 years ago, most rooms were given the names of Saints who have a special connection to the Parish. Downstairs, one of the storage rooms was named in honor of St. Maria Goretti. That storage room initially had a small section reserved for St. Vincent de Paul to store food. As our Parish grew, so did the need for food storage. Eventually St. Vincent de Paul took over most of the space in that room. It only seemed right that the name of that room should honour the Saint who inspired its use.

St. Maria Goretti holds a special significance in our Parish. Did you know a relic of this Saint is embedded in our Altar? We had to have an appropriate space dedicated to her as well.

On Sunday afternoon we dedicated the room most used by St. Vincent de Paul in his name, and our main hall was dedicated as the St. Maria Goretti Hall.

Thank you to everyone who made this Homecoming so special.
Welcome Home!



WEEKLY PARISH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, Oct 4, Sunday Social after 8:30am and 10:30am Mass
Monday, Oct 5, 6:30 PM: First Reconciliation Preparation Session 1; St Maria Goretti Hall
Tuesday, Oct 6, 10:00 AM: Arts & Crafts Group; St Albert Room
6:30 PM: First Reconciliation Preparation Session 1; St Maria Goretti Hall
6:30 PM: KofC Council - Exec Meeting; St Francis Room
7:00 PM: CWL; St Albert Room
Wednesday, Oct 7, 6:30 PM: First Reconciliation Preparation Session 1; St Maria Goretti Hall
7:00 PM: RCIA; St Albert Room; St John's Hall
Thursday, Oct 8, 10:00 AM: Grandparents Group; St Albert Room
6:30 PM: ECYD – Youth Group; St Maria Goretti Hall ; Kitchen; St John's Hall
Friday, Oct 9, 9:30 AM: Adoration; Church
6:30 PM: Canasta Group; St. John's Hall
Saturday, Oct 10, 9:00 AM: KofC Bottle Drive Collections: Parking Lot
10:00 AM: CFC - HOLD Worship Workshop; St Albert Room
12:00 PM: Couples for Christ - Youth General Assembly; St Maria Goretti Hall ; Kitchen
4:00 PM: Couples for Christ - Christian Life Program; St Albert Room; St John's Hall; Kitchen; St Maria Goretti Hall

HOW TO REGISTER AS A PARISHIONER

We need to have your information on file for a couple of important reasons, including issuing tax receipts and keeping our volunteer records up to date.

If you haven't registered yet, please complete the [SATG Registration](#)

If you're unsure whether you have registered previously, please call the office at [403 257 6054](tel:4032576054) to confirm.

It's also important that we have your most current information. If you've recently changed your **phone number, address, or email**, please let us know by emailing secretary@stalbertthegreat.ca

WHEN TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT WITH A 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

UPCOMING DIOCESE RETREATS

Retreats in the Diocese & Beyond

- **October 1 to 3 – Like a Mighty River Conference** [St. Luke's Catholic Church](#) , Calgary AB
- **October 17 – Under Our Lady's Mantle Women's Retreat** at [St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church](#) , Calgary AB
- **November 20 to 22 – Contemplative Prayer Retreat**, at [Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre](#) , Cochrane AB

PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

WOW! Last weekend was amazing... a Blessing!

THANK YOU, everyone at St. Albert the Great!

It was Incredible, Impressive, Spectacular, even Overwhelming!!! We were also so happy to meet many of you and to show you exactly how your contributions translate to filling our hampers.

We were thrilled to have counted **1784 items** from you by the end of St. Vincent de Paul's feast day.

For those who have asked, YES, we will continue to receive your donations intended for this food drive.

Next weekend is our monthly basket collection weekend. Vincentians will be present with the SVP baskets after the weekend Masses.

We always accept e transfers at email svdp.satg.donations@gmail.com. Some of you have asked about monthly donations options. Please click the following link for details: [Monthly Donation Option for SSVVP](#)

Current Hamper Needs: [Soup and Soda Crackers](#)

Please drop your donations in the St. Vincent de Paul box in the Narthex.

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



Society of
Saint Vincent de Paul

St Vincent's slogan: [Our care is an act of love.](#)

Arts & Crafts Group

The Arts & Crafts Group invites you to join us for our next gathering on **Tuesday, October 6 at 10:00 a.m.** in the **parish basement, St. Albert Room**.

Come enjoy a morning of creativity, conversation, and fellowship! No experience is necessary. Bring along your own craft project, knitting, crochet, or whatever you enjoy creating.

Everyone is welcome!

We look forward to crafting and connecting with you!

Knights of Columbus – Bottle Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a bottle drive on the weekend of **October 3rd and 4th**. Please bring all your bottles, aluminum cans, milk and juice cartons to the trailer in the church parking lot after all Saturday and Sunday Masses or anytime during the day that weekend. Proceeds will be used to support various Knights initiatives such as support for seminarians, Elizabeth House and Coats for Kids.

St. Albert the Great Catholic Grandparents Group Invitation

Welcome, New and Returning Members!

We warmly invite all new and returning members to join us for our first meeting of the year!

Thursday, October 8, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Albert Room

Our first meeting will be a wonderful opportunity to **meet and get to know one another**, reconnect with familiar faces, and welcome new members to our group.

We look forward to seeing you and beginning another wonderful year together!

All grandparents are welcome!



PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Program Update

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word program is being refreshed to provide a more organized, secure, and enriching experience for children ages 4 to 7. Registration is now required each year, with a **\$25 fee per child or \$65 per family of three or more children**. Parents/guardians must also check children in at least **15 minutes before Mass**, and check-in must be completed by a parent or legal guardian.

We are also looking for **Adult Volunteers (18+)** and **children aged 8+ to serve as Student Leaders**. Student Leaders can continue participating in the ministry while helping younger children.

For more information or to get involved, please contact childrensliturgy@stalbertthegreat.ca

Funeral Luncheon Ministry – Male Volunteers Needed

We are looking for strong, willing men to help with the setup and takedown of tables and chairs for our funeral luncheons. You don't need to commit to every luncheon—even helping occasionally makes a difference. If you are able and willing to lend your strength and time, please consider joining our Funeral Luncheon Ministry team. Many hands make light work, and your help is truly appreciated! This is an important ministry that allows us to comfort grieving families with care, kindness, and practical help during a very difficult time.

Please call the parish office at [403-257-6054](tel:403-257-6054) or contact Lil at lszent70@gmail.com.

St. Alberts Men's Group's

Next meet up is **Saturday, October 10th after the 9:00 am Mass**. The meeting will take place in **St. Johns Hall**. Everyone is welcome. Learn more here: [St. Albert's Men's Group](#).

Canasta Group

Come join us for a fun and social game of **Canasta**! Whether you're a seasoned player or just looking to enjoy a friendly game and good company, everyone is welcome. It's a great opportunity to connect, learn, laugh, and enjoy an evening together. **Our next group gathering is Friday, October 9th at 6:30 pm!**

Couples for Christ – Fall Christian Life Program

You are warmly invited to join us for the Couples for Christ Fall Christian Life Program!

The Christian Life Program (CLP) is an 8-week program designed to help participants deepen their relationship with God and develop a renewed understanding of His call in their lives as Christian couples or individuals.

Through faith, fellowship, reflection, and meaningful discussions, the program provides an opportunity to grow closer to God, strengthen relationships, and discover how we can live out our Christian faith more fully in our families and everyday lives.

Our Couples for Christ community is excited to welcome and invite our fellow St. Albert the Great parishioners to take part in this special faith-building journey. Whether you are joining as a couple or as an individual, you are warmly welcome!

Registration: Sign up in the Narthex from September 19 to October 4 or scan the QR code on the poster to register.

September 26 – November 14. Every Saturday at St. Albert the Great Parish – Basement

COUPLES FOR CHRIST INVITES YOU TO THE
CFC SOUTH B
Fall
CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord; plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."
JEREMIAH 29:11

BEGINNING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
SATURDAY - 6:00PM

WHERE
ST. ALBERT THE GREAT
PARISH BASEMENT

Light meal and child minding available for participants

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT

Boys/Lara 403-808-4089	George/Vivian 403-804-8446
Christian/Margie 778-364-1688	Kel/Terresyl 587-582-8532

SCAN TO REGISTER

YOUR DONATIONS MATTER

In our parish, the regular collection is taken after Mass. Our volunteers will be at the main doors with collection baskets for your convenience.

The collection taken during the Offertory hymn during Mass supports the [Holy Childhood Association \(HCA\)](#), which is part of the **Pontifical Mission Societies**.

***Tax Receipt Information:** If you would like a tax receipt for your donation, please ensure that:

- You provide your full name, address, and email address. For envelope donations, please include this information on the physical envelope. For e-transfers, you can forward your first e-transfer confirmation email to donations@stalbertthegreat.ca along with your contact information.
- You are [registered](#) with the parish.

Donations can be made by debit or credit, cash, cheque, and E-transfer.

For more information on how to donate, please visit our website: [Donations - St Albert The Great](#) | <https://stalbertthegreat.ca/donations>

We are truly grateful to everyone who supports our parish. Your generosity allows us to continue operating, maintaining our facilities, and growing our parish community. Regular offertory giving is essential to the ongoing life and growth of our parish. **Thank you for your continued support!**

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.

Many parishes carry financial burdens that limit their ability to welcome, 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.

Together in Action Notice: Any 2026 Together In Action Surplus will go towards our building fund. Our goal for 2026 is \$78,445 and as of the end of August 2026 we have collected \$66,765.75 towards our goal. Remember that our **Multiply the Hope** goes towards our building fund and is matched by the Diocese. Thank you for your generous donations.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

We are here to help! Please email secretary@stalbertthegreat.ca or call the office at [403-257-6054](tel:403-257-6054) for the following requests:

- Parish Registration
- Copies of Parish Forms, such as donation forms or volunteer paperwork
- Special Event Requests

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Calgary Diocese News and Events page

You can view up to date Calgary Diocese News and Events at this [link](#) .

Pray with the Pope

Pope Leo XIV dedicates his **October prayer intention for mental health ministry**.

Pope Leo invites us to pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses. Click [here](#) for more info.

Pet Blessing

Join us for our annual **Pet Blessing** at Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre on **Sunday, October 4, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** In the spirit of St. Francis, who called animals his brothers and sisters, all pets and their owners are welcome! Pets should be leashed or crated, and the **Blessing Ritual will take place at 2:30 p.m.** There will also be a blessing at the wolf statue. Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre is located at [41160 Retreat Road](#). For more information, contact [403-932-2012](tel:403-932-2012) or office@mountstfrancis.ca

Clear Water Academy Open House | October 16

We would be very grateful if you could share our Open House with families who may be considering a Catholic education. It is a wonderful opportunity to visit our school, meet our community, and learn more about our Christ-centered education and Integral Formation.

Learn more and reserve a spot here: [Clear Water Academy - Open House](#)

White Mass – for Healthcare Workers

Join the Catholic Christian Medical Association (CCMA) for the annual St Luke Mass on **Sat, Oct. 17 at 11 am at [St. Mary's Cathedral](#)**, celebrated by Bishop William T. McGrattan.

This year's celebration includes a special blessing for attendees with the relics of the CCMA's patron saints, St. Gianna Beretta Molla and St. Brother André Bessette.

A social will follow in the Cathedral Hall.

All are welcome.

Calgary Live – In Prayer Breakfast

October 17, 2026 after 9:00 AM Mass at [St. Bonaventure Church](#)

Be not afraid to learn, to unlearn and to dare to learn again. That is how the Kingdom of God is built!

Shelley is a member of our Live-in community, completing her Live-in in Hinton, AB. She was born in this time in history to witness how to grow closer to God, our true selves and others, even from the darkest of places. Shelley's strength is her faith and identity. She has seen the Glory of God at work and she has experienced the right order of her own being as becoming worthy to worship Him. Over 25 years, Shelley has followed Jesus into the depth and width of the human experience that has been broken by sin, abuse and neglect. With prayer and deep listening, she has shared thousands of hours in trauma recovery work with individuals and couples who are seeking authentic peace and a fulfilled purpose for their lives.

Musicians, bring your instruments for praise and worship.

Prayer teams will be available following our speaker's talk for individuals wishing to receive personalized prayer.

This is hosted by the Calgary Live-In Retreat Society and is open to everyone.

Please bring a friend!

Register: with QR code or call Jackie at [403-399-6063](tel:403-399-6063) or use online Registration link below

[Registration Form](#)



OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Diocesan Pastoral Care Ministry to the Sick & Homebound 2026 Campaign

"I am with you always." — Matthew 28:20

Pastoral Care to the Sick and Homebound

No one should feel forgotten or alone. Through the Ministry of Pastoral Care to the Sick & Homebound, our parish reaches out to those who are sick, elderly, homebound, isolated, or unable to join us at Mass. By bringing Holy Communion, through visits, prayer, and friendship, we bring the compassionate and healing presence of Christ to those who cannot easily come to us.

If you or someone you know would like to receive this ministry, please call the parish office.

Could God be calling you to this ministry? If you would like to learn more about becoming involved in Pastoral Care to the Sick and Homebound, please contact the parish office.

The Saint John's Bible Luncheon

Experience **The Saint John's Bible Heritage Edition**, an extraordinary handwritten and illuminated Bible, at a special luncheon on **Thursday, October 23, at Hotel Blackfoot**, as part of the Flourish Festival of Letters & Art.

Enjoy lunch, hear the story behind this remarkable work, and view the beautiful volumes up close.

Tickets: \$75 | Everyone welcome

Church groups and tables of 8 to 10 are encouraged. For details and tickets: [Saint John's Bible](#)

Mass for Life

Come to a Eucharistic Celebration, giving thanks to God, the Author of Life, and praying for the dignity and sanctity of every human life on **Oct 28, 5pm, at [St. Mary's Cathedral](#), Calgary.**

Mass for Life, with Bishop William T. McGrattan.

ENDOW Women's Study Group | October 30–December 11

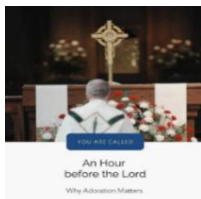
We are also offering an ENDOW study group for Catholic women, particularly mothers with young children who don't go to our school. The group will meet Fridays from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. and will provide an opportunity to grow in faith, build community, and reflect on their vocation. Childcare is available for children ages 2 to 5 and nursing babies. The registration fee includes the study booklet and snacks.

Learn more about ENDOW: [here](#) Register: [here](#)

Memorial Liturgy

For those grieving the loss of a child through miscarriage or stillbirth. Join Bishop McGrattan in a prayer gathering to commend our children communally into the embrace of our merciful God and to support those who are grieving the loss of a child.

All are welcome to a memorial liturgy on **Tues, Nov 10, 2026, at 7pm at [St. Mary's Cathedral](#)**



40 Hours Devotion for Vocations

Upcoming dates for 40 Hours Devotion:

- [St. Cecilia's Parish, Calgary](#) - Fri, Nov 20 at 9:30am to Sun, Nov 22 at 8am

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Career opportunities in the Diocese of Calgary and Beyond

- [Pastoral Assistant \(Part-time\) - St. Pius X, Calgary](#)
- [Caretaker \(Part-time\) - St. Mary's, Brooks](#)
- [Sacrament Preparation Coordinator \(Casual\) - St. James, Calgary](#)
- [Assistant Coordinator \(Casual\) - Feed the Hungry](#)
- [Various Positions with St. Mary's University](#) | [Calgary Catholic School District](#) | [Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools](#) | [Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education](#) | [Conseil scolaire FrancoSud](#) | [Clear Water Academy](#) | [Covenant Health](#) | [Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College](#) | [St. John Choir Schola](#) | [CCIS](#)

Volunteer Opportunities | Catholic Pastoral Centre

- [Volunteer Chancery Clerk\(s\) - Catholic Pastoral Centre](#)
- [Volunteer Opportunity - Tribunal Auditor](#)

You can also view the careers page on the Diocese website [here](#) .

THE LATEST FAITHFULLY



Released: September 28th, 2026

- Latest [Faithfully link](#) or [Subscribe to Faithfully](#)

Some highlights:

- Thank you Knights of Columbus for hosting Sister's Night!
- Catholic School Trustees gather for a Eucharistic Retreat with Bishop McGrattan
- Help support the upcoming Elizabeth House Thrift Sale
- Read about our Jubilarians, Fr. Dominic Nguyen, Fr. Vincent Dinh Ngoc Thao and Fr. Andrew Pyon

Vocation Seeds: World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest, deacon or religious? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Derek Remus, Associate Director of the Office of Vocations - Early Discernment and Seminary Admissions. Email: derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca | <https://www.catholiccycc.ca/vocations>

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SACRAMENTS

First Reconciliation / First Eucharist

For baptized children in Grades 2-5

First Reconciliation:

Parish Welcome for First Reconciliation (any Mass time:

Saturday 5:00pm or Sunday 8:30am/10:30am/12:30pm/5:00pm):
September 26 or 27

First Reconciliation Parent Session:

Monday, September 28, 6:30pm (in the church)

First Reconciliation Preparation Sessions

(Fridays, Mondays, Tuesdays, or Wednesdays, 6:30pm):

Session 1: October 2, 5, 6, or 7

Session 2: November 6, 2, 3, or 4

Session 3: November 20, 23, 24, or 25

Session 4: December 4, 7, 8, or 9

Session 5: January 8, 11, 12, or 13

Session 6: January 22, 25, 26, or 27

First Reconciliation Rehearsal

(Fridays, after 6:30pm Mass):

January 29 or February 5

First Reconciliation Celebration (Saturdays, 1:00pm):

January 30 or February 6

First Eucharist:

First Eucharist Parent Session:

Monday, February 8, 6:30pm (in the church)

Parish Welcome for First Eucharist (any Mass time:

Saturday 5:00pm or Sunday 8:30am/10:30am/12:30pm/5:00pm):
February 13 or 14

First Eucharist Preparation Sessions

(Fridays, Mondays, Tuesdays, or Wednesdays, 6:30pm):

Session 1: February 19, 22, 23, or 24

Session 2: March 12, 15, 16 or 17

Session 3: April 9, 12, 13, or 14

Session 4: April 30, May 3, 4, or 5

Session 5: May 14, 17, 18, or 19

Session 6: May 29, 31, June 1, or 2

First Eucharist Rehearsal:

Friday at 5:00pm: June 18 or 25 OR

Saturday at 2:30pm: June 12 or June 26

First Eucharist Celebration:

Saturday at 5:00pm: June 19 or 26 OR

Sunday at 2:30pm: June 13 or June 27

Confirmation

For baptized youth in Grade 6 and up who have received First

Communion

Confirmation Parent Session:

Monday, January 4, 6:30pm (in the church)

Parish Welcome for Confirmation (any Mass time,

Saturday 5:00pm or Sunday 8:30am/10:30am/12:30pm/5:00pm):
January 9 or 10

Confirmation Preparation Sessions

(Mondays, Tuesdays, or Wednesdays, 6:30pm):

Session 1: January 18, 19, or 21

Session 2: February 1, 2, or 3

Session 3: March 1, 2, or 3

Session 4: March 22, 23, or 24

Session 5: April 5, 6, or 7

Session 6: April 26, 27, or 28

Confirmation Rehearsal:

TBD

Confirmation Celebration:

TBD

School-Age Baptism

For unbaptized children in Grades 2-5

School-Age Baptism Preparation Sessions

(Sundays, 1:30pm):

Session 1: November 22

Session 2: December 13

Session 3: January 10

School-Age Baptism Celebration

(Saturday, 10:30am):

January 16

Young Adult Baptism & Preparation for the Sacraments

For candidates, Grades 6-12, in need of baptism or other sacraments

TBD (Preparation will take place in Youth Group on certain Thursdays.
Contact the Parish for more information.)

Adult Preparation for Confirmation

For adult candidates that never received the sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation Preparation Sessions for Adults

(Sundays, 1:30pm):

Session 1: March 14

Session 2: March 21

Session 3: April 11



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