ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CATHOLIC PARISH

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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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TODAY'S READINGS

Proverbs 31:10-13,16-18,20,26,28-31 | Psalm 128:1-2,3,4-5
1Thessalonians 5:1-6 | Matthew 25:14-30



NEXT WEEKS READINGS

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17 | Psalm 23:1-2,2-3,5-6
1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28 | Matthew 25:31-46

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 15th, 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

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.

Charitable Registration Number/BN 107909939 RR0084

PRAYER BOARD

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

PRAYER BOARD: The Prayer Board is intended for any living person requiring prayers. Due to the size of the Parish and our prayer board requests, we now require follow-ups within three months of a request. Please contact the office to have someone added or removed from the board at secretary@stalbertthegreat.ca .

UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Tue,	Nov	17	at	9:00 AM	Lori Cadrin (RIP)
Tue,	Nov	17	at	11:00 AM	Auburn Heights Retirement Residence
Tue,	Nov	17	at	6:30 PM	Marian Van Tighem (INT)
Wed,	Nov	18	at	9:00 AM	Antonio & Urbano Fomez-Suarez (RIP)
Wed,	Nov	18	at	6:30 PM	Mia Altura (INT)
Thu,	Nov	19	at	9:00 AM	Miles McCall (RIP)
Thu,	Nov	19	at	6:30 PM	Shayne Lopez (INT)
Fri,	Nov	20	at	9:00 AM	Miles McCall (RIP)
Fri,	Nov	20	at	6:30 PM	Emperatriz Forero (RIP)
Sat,	Nov	21	at	9:00 AM	Keith Plettell (RIP)
Sat,	Nov	21	at	5:00 PM	Eduardo Asban (RIP)
Sun,	Nov	22	at	8:30 AM	Milagros Ducut (RIP)
Sun,	Nov	22	at	10:30 AM	Zofia Adamska (RIP)
Sun,	Nov	22	at	12:30 PM	St. Albert the Great Parish Community
Sun,	Nov	22	at	5:00 PM	Derek Randall Trent (RIP)

MASS INTENTION AVAILABILITY

The Third week of February is now open for booking. December and most of January are full.

To request a Mass intention please visit the parish office downstairs during office hours, call 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 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

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Missals

We're pleased to announce that our new Sunday Missals have arrived!
They will be available for purchase in the Narthex after all weekend Masses or in the Parish Office during regular office hours. Thank you for your patience as we awaited their arrival. We are happy to have them available for everyone to purchase in preparation for the upcoming liturgical year!

Grant Gay's Ordination to the Permanent Deaconate

Following 5:00 PM Mass this Sunday November 15, there will be a small reception in the Narthex to celebrate Deacon Grant Gay's Ordination. This will be our opportunity as a parish community to congratulate Grant and show our support for him and his family as they begin this new journey of service to the Church.

School-Age Baptism

Baptism preparation for school-age children in Grades 2-5, who never had the opportunity to be baptized (and who have at least one baptized Catholic parent), will be starting soon. Candidates attend 3 baptism preparation sessions, then will be baptized in January.

Visit the parish website to register.

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.



CWL – Advent Wreaths & Candles

Get ready for the Advent season! The Catholic Women's League (CWL) will be selling Advent wreaths and replacement candle sets in the narthex on **November 14 and 15** following all Masses. Stop by and pick one up as we prepare our homes and hearts for the coming of Christ!

Children's Christmas Mass – All Roles Filled!

We are excited to share that all roles for our Children's Christmas Mass on **December 24th at 4:00 PM** have now been filled! A heartfelt thank-you to all the families who signed up their children and showed such wonderful enthusiasm and support. We're looking forward to a beautiful and memorable Christmas celebration with our young parishioners!

Practice Begins November 15th at 6:00 PM!

Become an RCIA Sponsor

The RCIA ministry is looking for sponsors to accompany our newest seekers as they journey toward Baptism and/or full communion with the Catholic Church.

Being a sponsor doesn't mean you need to be an expert in the faith or teach others about Catholicism. What matters most is having a deep love for Jesus and a desire to share that love with someone who is discovering or growing in their Catholic faith.

Could the Holy Spirit be calling you to this special ministry?

If you are a baptized and confirmed Catholic, over the age of 18, actively practicing your sacramental life in the Church, and available most Wednesday evenings, we invite you to prayerfully consider becoming a sponsor.

Your role is to offer encouragement, friendship, prayer, and spiritual support as someone takes important steps in their faith journey.

An information session will be held this November for anyone interested in becoming a sponsor or who would simply like to learn more.

To register or ask questions, please contact Tanya at: rcia_sponsors.SATG@shaw.ca

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE! December 5 - 6, 2026

A Weekend of Faith, Fellowship & Parish Renewal at St. Albert the Great!

We have an exciting weekend planned as we celebrate the first anniversary of our Parish Renewal Plan and look ahead to all that the Holy Spirit has in store for us!

- **Saturday, December 5 | Annual Advent Renewal Mission**

  "We Have Seen His Glory – The Word Made Flesh"

  Join us for our **Annual Advent Renewal Mission**, a special morning of faith, reflection, and fellowship with Fr. Geoffrey Young, Director of Formation at St. Joseph Seminary in Edmonton. Together, we'll rediscover the beauty and deeper meaning of Advent, exploring the customs and traditions that help us prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

  - **When:** Saturday, December 5, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
  - **Where:** St. Maria Goretti Hall, St. Albert the Great Parish
  - **Social to follow!**

  Please see the attached poster at the back of the bulletin for more details.

- **December 5 - 6 | Annual Parish Renewal Celebration Weekend**

  It's time to celebrate! As we mark the first anniversary of our Parish Renewal Plan, we're excited to look back on the first year of putting our plan into action, share the fruits of our efforts, and celebrate the many ways the Holy Spirit has been working through our parish community.

  We'll also be sharing an exciting look ahead at the initiatives and opportunities planned for 2027, as we continue our journey of Parish Renewal together!

  Join us after each weekend Mass for a time of celebration, fellowship, and an opportunity to learn more about our Parish Renewal Plan and what lies ahead!

- **A Special Preview – Sharing the Fruits of Renewal**

  During our celebration weekend, we'll also be introducing the Diocese of Calgary's **Year Four Pastoral Renewal video**, featuring Bishop McGrattan and inspiring stories of faith, collaboration, and renewal from parishes across our diocese.

  Can't wait until then? Take a sneak peek!

  Watch here: https://youtu.be/9KP8OIzWvS8

Together, let's continue to grow in faith, welcome one another, and follow where the Holy Spirit is leading us!

WEEKLY PARISH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, Nov 15:	**Sunday Social after 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Mass**
	6:00 PM: Rehearsal for Children's Christmas Mass;
Monday, Nov 16:	No Events Scheduled
Tuesday, Nov 17:	10:00 AM: Arts & Crafts Group; St Albert Room
	10:00 AM: Catechesis of the Good Shepard; St John Bosco Room; St Raphael Room
	7:00 PM: Finance meeting; Board Room
Wednesday, Nov 18:	7:00 PM: Men of the Cross Gathering; St Francis Room
	7:00 PM: RCIA - Catechumenate & Inquiry; St Albert Room; St John's Hall
Thursday, Nov 19:	2:00 PM: CWL - Coffee with ladies; St Albert Room
	6:00 PM: ECYD - Youth Group; Kitchen; St John's Hall; St Maria Goretti Hall
	7:00 PM: St. Vincent de Paul Society Monthly Member Meeting; St Albert Room
Friday, Nov 20:	9:30 AM: Adoration; Church
	6:00 PM: PRT Meeting; St Francis Room
	6:30 PM: First Reconciliation Preparation Session 3; St Maria Goretti Hall
Saturday, Nov 14:	9:30 AM: Library - Organizing Meeting; St John the Baptist
	10:30 AM: Group Baptism; Church
	4:00 PM: Couples for Christ - Teaching Night; St Albert Room; St John's Hall; Kitchen

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 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

- **Oct 24 to Dec 8 - Mary's Mantle Consecration Retreat,** by St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church , Calgary AB
- **November 20 to 22 – Contemplative Prayer Retreat,** at Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre , Cochrane AB

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

THE 2026 CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM HAS LAUNCHED!

Together, we can bring Christmas **JOY** to our neighbours in need.

"The Lord is the refuge of the poor." (Psalm 14:6)

As Christians, we are called not only to seek refuge in God, but also to be a refuge for the poor.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

GIVE

Choose a tag from the Giving Tree and purchase a Walmart or Superstore gift card for a family with children. Gift cards help parents choose a special gift. **Please note: toys are no longer accepted.**

DELIVER

Sign up at the SVP Information Table to deliver a Christmas Hamper on Saturday morning, December 19. Delivery teams require a minimum of two adults. Families and groups are welcome.

BAKE

Provide baking from December 16 through December 19 to help fuel volunteers setting up packing stations and the delivery teams. Items may be delivered to the kitchen.

DONATE

Help purchase food for Christmas hampers and sustain assistance throughout the coming year. Sponsor a family with a gift of $375 or $525.

IMPORTANT DATES

NOV. 14-15
Program launch, Giving Tree and World Day of the Poor weekend

DEC. 16-19
Baking needed for volunteers and delivery teams

DEC. 19
Christmas Hamper delivery morning

Your gift is greatly needed and deeply appreciated.

Thank you for helping bring Christmas joy to our neighbours this year.

300+	$90,000+	$375 / $525
Families anticipated	Anticipated program cost	To sponsor a family

WAYS TO DONATE

- Cash or cheque: payable to SSVP - SATG or SSVP-St. Albert the Great.
- **E-transfer (preferred):** svdp.satg.donations@gmail.com
- To sponsor a family, write "family sponsorship" in the message and provide your name and contact information for a tax receipt.
- Tax receipts will be issued in February 2027.
- Return gift cards by December 13 to a Vincentian in the Narthex after weekend Masses, the locked SSVP donation box, the regular collection basket, or the church office.

QUESTIONS

- Visit the table in the Narthex for program pamphlets, a list of foods packed in the hampers, delivery sign-up sheets and answers from SVP members (Vincentians). Or **Email:** satg.svp@gmail.com

May you be richly blessed for bringing Christmas joy to our many friends this year.

PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

Men of the Cross

There will be a gathering of the Men of the Cross on **Wednesday, Nov. 18th at 7 PM in the St. Francis Room following the 6:30 PM Mass.** All Men of the Cross and ***those interested in learning more about the Men of the Cross*** are invited to attend.

The gathering will be informal and will focus on what it means, and the importance, of being a witness to Christ. The discussion will be based on Luke 12: 8-12 which can be found in your Living with Christ gospel reading on Saturday, October 17th. Time permitting, our discussion will be followed by some testimonials on the experience of wearing the cross.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The 2026 Christmas Hamper Program has arrived!

Christians are called to acknowledge every poor person and every form of poverty.
On December 19th, 300+ families will receive a Christmas Hamper thanks to our generous parishioners.
Please see the information page in this bulletin or take a paper copy from the Narthex. We are needing donations of money and food, your time to help, baking for volunteers and delivery teams.
Christmas is an opportunity for all of us to find ways to spread hope and joy to the many families experiencing rough times.

We will resume the monthly SVP basket collection in the new year.

We always accept E transfers at svdp.satg.donations@gmail.com. If you have a celebration or memorial where gifts are customary, consider making a donation in honour of that person. Some of you have asked about monthly donations options. Please click the following link for details: Monthly Donation Option for SSVP

Current Hamper Needs: **Dry Pasta and Pasta Sauce**
Toothbrushes in unopened packaging are always needed

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Please drop your donations in the St. Vincent de Paul box in the Narthex. All non-perishable, unopened food is appreciated. Thank you.

"May God, who gives us food in due season, bless you who are sharing this food with your brothers and sisters. May Christ, our living bread, satisfy your heart and the hearts of all people who hunger for justice. Amen."

Arts & Crafts Group

The Arts & Crafts Group invites you to join us for our next gathering on **Tuesday, November 17th at 10:00 AM** 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!

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, November 13th at 6:30 PM!**

St. Albert's Men's Group's

Next meet up is **Saturday, November 14th 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 .

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.

You can learn more here: https://www.catholicyyc.ca/multiplythehope.html

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 **October, 2026 we have collected $82,972.17** 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.

We have raised **$188,166.45** of the **$250,000.00** for the cooling system to the end of October. We need to raise another **$61,834.00** to pay for this project.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

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

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

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Pray *with* the Pope

Pope Leo XIV dedicates his **November prayer intention for the proper use of wealth.**

Pope Leo invites the faithful and all people of good will to pray, remembering and deepening the conviction that "by sharing, we build the future". Click HERE for more info.

ENDOW Women's Study Group | October 30 to 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 PM 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

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World

Come and see the **International Exhibition: The Eucharistic Miracles of the World** at St. Cecilia's Parish Calgary, AB! Everyone is invited to experience this inspiring exhibit, which also features Confession and 40 Hours Devotion for Vocations. Admission is completely free and donations are warmly appreciated.

Dates & Times:

- **Friday, Nov. 13, 2026:** 9:30 AM to 8 PM
- **Saturday, Nov. 14, 2026:** 9:30 AM to 8 PM
- **Sunday, Nov. 15, 2026:** 9:30 AM to 3 PM

Diocesan Pastoral Care Ministry to the Sick & Homebound 2026 Campaign

The Diocese of Calgary invites individuals who feel called to support the sick, elderly, dying, homebound, and bereaved members of their community.

Upcoming training days:

- Saturdays, Nov 7 & 14 from 10 AM to 4 PM at St. Bonaventure's Church, Calgary (1600 Acadia Dr. SE, Calgary).

Register at catholicyyc.ca/pastoralcare

WYD 2027 Kickoff Mass on Christ the King

Join Bishop William T. McGrattan for the Solemnity of Christ the King Mass as we kick off preparations for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea. Pilgrims, supporters, and all young adults are invited! When: **Sunday, Nov. 22 at 4 pm - at St. Mary's Cathedral.** Following Mass, join the Bishop for a **Pub Night at National on 17th** for an evening of fellowship and conversation!



40 Hours Devotion for Vocations

Upcoming dates for 40 Hours Devotion:

- St Augustine, Taber – Tue, Nov 16 at 3:00 PM to Wed, Nov 17 at 7:00 PM

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Red Wednesday Mass

Join Catholics around the world in praying for persecuted Christians on Red Wednesday, **Nov 18**. Wear red and join Bishop McGrattan for Mass at **7:30 PM at** **St. John Apostle Chaldean Church** pray and show our solidarity with persecuted Christians and the millions who face oppression, persecution, and threats for their faith.

Diocesan Advent Renewal Mission Dec 5

Parishes are invited to gather their parishioners and plan their local gatherings for an Advent Renewal Mission, "We Have Seen His Glory," on **Saturday, Dec. 5, 2026 from 9 AM to noon** with Fr. Geoffrey Young, a priest of the Diocese of Saskatoon, Director of the formation team at St. Joseph Seminary and professor at Newman Theological College in Edmonton.

Spiritual Direction Training Program Information Night

Have you felt a nudge in your heart or from others to consider becoming a Spiritual Director but are not quite sure how to go about it or even what it would entail? The FCJ Spiritual Direction Training Program may be what you have been looking for. Come and learn more about this formative, informative, theological, and experiential training program. This evening is designed to explore your questions and offer clarifications as you discern your call to accompany others on their faith journey.

Wednesday, November 18, 2026 | 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM **FCJ Christian Life Centre (FCJ Retreat and Conference Centre)**

Call **403-228-4215** **or Click** **HERE** **to register.**

Online via Zoom: Introduction to Natural Family Planning (NFP)

Engaged and married couples in the Diocese of Calgary are invited to a standalone introductory session on Natural Family Planning (NFP), a practical and ethical approach to understanding fertility for achieving or avoiding pregnancy.

Each date offers the same introductory session, so participants only need to attend one.

Choose the date that works best for you:

- **Thu, Nov. 19, 2026** | 7 to 9 PM
- **Thu, Jan. 7, 2027** | 7 to 9 PM
- **Thu, Mar. 4, 2027** | 7 to 9 PM
- **Thu, May 6, 2027** | 7 to 9 PM

Sessions are held online via Zoom. The link will be shared with registered participants closer to the date.

Register online or call 403-218-5521 .

Reflections on the Advent Sunday Gospels with Sr. Terry Smith, fcJ

For four Thursdays, we gather as a community to study, pray, and reflect on the readings of each Advent Sunday, creating space for Scripture to speak to our hearts in new and deeply personal ways. Through shared prayer, quiet reflection, and gentle conversation, we are invited to listen more attentively to God's voice.

ONLINE on Thursday, November 26, December 3, 10, and 17, 2026 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Call **403-228-4215** **or Click** **HERE** **to register.**

Elizabeth House Joy of Giving

Share the joy of giving this Christmas by donating baby supplies, personal care items, and household essentials to support the young moms and children at Elizabeth House. Drop off donations at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary) on **Nov. 30 to Dec. 3 from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM or Dec. 7 from 12:30 PM to 5:30 PM.**

Contact Suzanne.lehbauer@elizabethhousecalgary.ca .

Feed the Hungry Winter Gifts

Share God's love this Christmas by supporting the Feed the Hungry Winter Gifts Drive! Donate new mittens, gloves, socks, and toques to bring warmth and comfort to Feed the Hungry guests during the winter months**. Donations can be dropped off at** **St. Mary's Parish Office** **Tue to Fri, from 8:30 AM to 4 PM until Thu, Dec. 17, 2026.**

Calgary Diocese News and Events page

You can view up to date Calgary Diocese News and Events at this link .

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Career opportunities in the Diocese of Calgary and Beyond

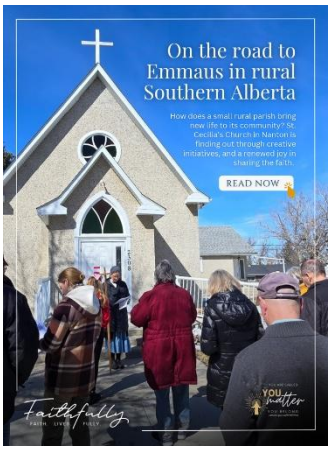
- Assistant Coordinator (Casual) - Feed the Hungry
- Director of Liturgy - Archdiocese of Hamilton, ON
- Executive Assistant to the Bishop - Archdiocese of Hamilton, ON
- Coordinator of Marriage Services - Archdiocese of St. Boniface, Winnipeg, MB
- Various Positions with Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College | 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 | St. Mary's University

Volunteer Opportunities | Catholic Pastoral Centre

- Volunteer Chancery Clerk(s) - Catholic Pastoral Centre

You can also view the careers page on the Diocese website here .

THE LATEST FAITHFULLY



Released: November 9th, 2026

- **Latest Faithfully link or Subscribe to Faithfully**

Some highlights:

- St. Cecilia's in Nanton is putting faith into action and building stronger community through pastoral renewal.
- Alice Matisz shares her reflections interviewing the seven deacons-to-be.
- Meet four of our future Permanent Deacons.
- Leslie Wingrowich found renewed faith after a life-changing MS diagnosis.
- Career Opportunities
- Upcoming events and more

Vocation Seeds: World Day of Prayer for Vocations

What will you say when you meet God face to face? Better still, what will God say to you? Will you be able to answer that you served faithfully? Can you answer that now? If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, 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

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News & Events - ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CALGARY (catholicyyc.ca)
Formed | On-Demand Movies, Audio Books, Podcasts & More
Faithfully - ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CALGARY

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ADVENT
RENEWAL
MISSION

We have seen His Glory

THE WORD MADE FLESH

Saturday

Dec. 5, 2026
9 am - 12 pm

St. Albert the Great
St. Maria Goretti Church Hall
Social to Follow

Fr. Geoffrey Young
will join via livestream.



WITH SPEAKER

Fr. Geoffrey Young

Director of Formation,
St. Joseph's Seminary, Edmonton

Join Fr. Geoffrey for an Advent morning exploring the mystery of the Incarnation, the beauty of Advent & Christmas traditions, and ways to deepen our faith at home.

WELCOME HOME

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