

ST. CECILIA'S PARISH

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32nd SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Nov 11/Nov 12, 2023

MASS TIMES & PARISH INFO

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Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 9am & 11am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Saturday
9:00am

First Friday

Mass at 7pm (no 9am Mass)

PARISH OFFICE

Office is closed on Mondays

Tues to Thurs 9am to 4pm

Lunch break 12:00 – 1pm

Are you **NEW** or recent to our parish?

Welcome! If you have been coming consistently for 6 months or more, please pick up a registration form from our Information Desk in the foyer.

Confessions



Every Saturday

3pm – 4pm

Or by appointment

Adoration

Fridays:

9:30am - 6:00pm

First Friday:

9am to 6pm




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Come and Adore
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EVERY FRIDAY

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Nov 11
9:00am: †Marcus Dayrit
5:00pm: †John Elifoh

Sunday, Nov 12
9:00am: †Vallian and Douglas
11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

Monday, Nov 13
No Mass

Tuesday, Nov 14
9:00am: Int. Henry and Eileen Hogan

Wednesday, Nov 15
9:00am: Int. Brian Gallant—health

Thursday, Nov 16
9:00am: †Linda Bohn

Friday, Nov 17
9:00am: †Edgar Conrad

Saturday, Nov 18
9:00am: †Tony Planicka, Senior
5:00pm: Int. Drahomir & Frantiska Drapal—44th
Wedding Anniversary


Sunday, Nov 19
9:00am: †Maria Loreto and Estevan Palomo
11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

Mass Readings


<u>Saturday, Nov 11 (9am)</u> Romans 16.3-9, 16, 22-27 Luke 16.9-15	<u>Sun, Nov 12</u> Wisdom 6.12-16 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18 Matthew 25.1-13
<u>Mon, Nov 13 (no Mass)</u> Wisdom 1.1-7 Luke 17.1-6	<u>Tuesday, Nov 14</u> Wisdom 2.23—3.9 Luke 17.7-10
<u>Wednesday, Nov 15</u> Wisdom 6.1-11 Luke 17.11-19	<u>Thursday, Nov 16</u> Wisdom 7.22—8.1 Luke 17.20-25
<u>Friday, Nov 17</u> Wisdom 13.1-9 Luke 17.26-37	<u>Saturday, Nov 18 (9am)</u> Wisdom 18.14-16; 19.6-9 Luke 18.1-8
<u>Sunday, Nov 19</u> Proverbs 31.10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31 1 Thessalonians 5.1-6 Matthew 25.14-30	

The Pope's Prayer Intention

Nov 2023



For the Pope We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

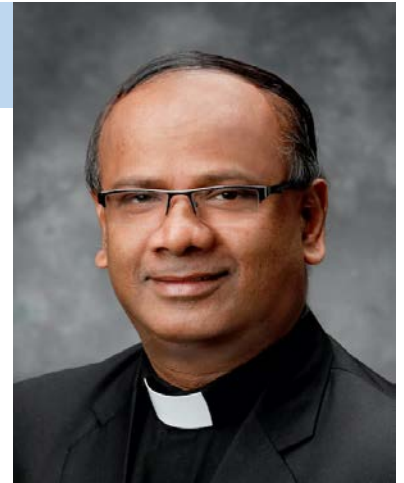
 **Got bottles for refunding?** We have a large, marked wooden box in the hall where the double doors are for those who wish to donate their bottles. All the refunds collected from these donations support our Youth Group. Please rinse bottles before donating.

FR. PAUL'S COLUMN

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. GERTRUDE, VIRGIN

NOV 16th



St. Gertrude the Great, or St. Gertrude of Helfta, was born on Jan 6, 1256, in Germany. Pope Benedict XIV gave her the title, "**the Great**," making her the only woman saint to be called, "the Great."

St. Gertrude the Great was placed in the care of the Benedictine nuns at Rodalsdorf when she was five years old. She **became a nun** in the same monastery, of which she was **elected Abbess**. The following year she was obliged to take charge of the monastery at Helfta, to which she moved with her nuns.

St. Gertrude the Great was always in a **deep relationship with the Lord in prayer** that led to her being hailed as **a mystic**. She was also regarded as **a great theologian**. Her book, **Spiritual Exercises**, a compilation of prayers, meditations, and spiritual practices, helps the reader grow in devotion, virtue, **a love for the Eucharist**, and **devotion to the Sacred Heart**.

St. Gertrude the Great was **exceptionally devout** and saw to it that the sisters regularly contemplated the boundless love of Christ. The daily life at the monastery consisted of singing, praying the Divine Office, studying Scripture and the Church Fathers.

St. Gertrude the Great died in 1302. **Patron saint of nuns and West Indies**. She is often **invoked for souls in purgatory**.

Saying of the saint

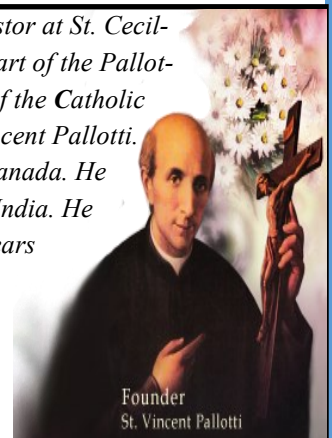
"Every time we **look at the Blessed Sacrament** our place in heaven is raised forever." - **St. Gertrude the Great**.

"**Angels constantly guard** the clients of this Blessed Virgin from the assaults of Hell." - **St. Gertrude the Great**.

Fr. Paul Raj, SAC has been the pastor at St. Cecilia's since November 2014 and is part of the Pallottine Fathers Community (Society of the Catholic Apostolate) who's patron is St. Vincent Pallotti.

St. Cecilia's is his first parish in Canada. He comes from the Tamil province of India. He was also in the Philippines for 3 years serving and studying.

*To learn more about the Pallottine Fathers please visit their website:
www.pallotti.org*



Founder
St. Vincent Pallotti

Parish News Update

SACRAMENT CLASS SCHEDULE

Class Dates for 1st Rec (Sat. at 10am): Nov 18, Dec 9, Jan 13

Retreat and Celebration of Sacrament on Saturday, March 9, 2024

Class Dates for 1st Comm (Sat. at 10am): Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 16, Apr 13, Jun 1

Celebration of Sacrament on Saturday, June 2, 2024 at the 11am Mass

Class Dates for Confirm. (Sat. at 10am): Nov 25, Dec 30, Jan 20, Feb 10, Mar 23

Celebration of Sacrament still to be determined



The Catholic Women's League of our parish is celebrating its **60th anniversary** on Nov. 18th. Tickets for a sit down roast beef dinner are available for \$35 and are available to non-members. Come out to celebrate the 60 years of incredible work these women have done for this parish and the community.

BAPTISM CLASSES



Sat. Dec 2 @ 9:30am

Sat. Jan 6 @ 9:30am

You must sign up through the office.

MASS INTENTIONS 2024

We are now taking Mass Intentions for 2024. We will only be accepting Intentions for January to April at this time. We will also not be permitting the booking of multiple Saturday evenings or Sunday mornings. The stipend per Offering is \$10.00

St. Vincent de Paul Society 403-252-2790 ext. 223

Spiritual

"Faith gives us the promise of peace and makes known the demands of love." Jesus said, "The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest." Selfishness blurs the vision of faith causing us to judge the poor, criticize those of other races, ignore the homeless, etc. The way to live this faith is to build a human community of love and justice. Giving of our time, and our many gifts is one way to expand our faith.

Pantry

At this time our pantry could use the following: **cookies, canned fruit, strawberry jam.** Please drop pantry items in our large white wooden box located in the church entrance (leading to the washrooms). Thank you!



Parish financial support -Thank you!

	Oct 7/Oct 8	Oct 14/Oct 15	Oct 21/Oct 22
Parish support (Envelopes + Loose)	\$3,926.00	\$3,802.72	\$3,011.50
Together in Action	\$110.00	\$170.00	\$65.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$385.00	\$575.00	\$195.00
Building Maintenance	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$45.00
World Mission Collection	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$507.00

DIRECT DEBIT FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER: \$9,860.00 (includes special donations outside of parish support)

St. Cecilia Musical Fiesta

Our annual musical fiesta will be held on Sunday, November 26th. Doors will open at 5pm for the shared potluck at 5:30pm, followed by the music/dance program at 7pm. If



you would like to contribute a musical/dance selection, please notify music director Ross Ferby by Friday, November 17th. This event is traditionally a finger-food potluck. If you plan to eat, please bring a dish to share. Thank you.

WANTED:

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Len White: 403-271-6055

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Knights of Columbus



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sign up sheets for the Christmas Eve Children's Pageant are in the foyer on the Divine Mercy Altar. The Pageant takes place at the beginning of the 5pm Mass. Practice dates TBD.

WINTER CLOTHES FOR KIDS



Our parish Knights of Columbus are collecting winter clothing for school-aged children for our 3 schools that serve Kindergarten up to Grade 9. If you have clothes to donate, please bring to the foyer.



CWL

COOKIE WALK

Saturday

November 25th

9:30am—12pm

small container \$15

large container \$25



2023 TIA GOAL:

31,539 Raised: 20,979.00 (67%)

Together in Action (formerly known as the Annual Bishop's Appeal) makes it possible for the Diocese to financially support ministries and programs that help families, individuals and communities (Elizabeth House, Mission Mexico, Care of Retired Priests, Vocations, etc). **THESE DONATIONS CONTRIBUTE TOWARD YOUR TAX RECEIPT**

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#RenewalGathering in Medicine Hat

The Renewal Gatherings in Calgary and Lethbridge have been completed. We are filled with gratitude for the warm hospitality extended by the hosting parishes. Now, we are eagerly looking forward to our upcoming visits to High River (tonight) at St. Francis de Sales Parish and Medicine Hat at Holy Family Parish this Monday. Your continuous support and assistance in spreading the message of the Renewal Gathering within your communities has played a crucial role. For this, we are profoundly thankful! What did participants say about the #RenewalGathering and their takeaways?

"Jesus is always calling, we just need to listen and act. I liked the activity, the reflection, how our Bishop talked with love, he cares and I saw that."

"This is the most exciting day I have had in a long time!"

"I'm so blessed to be here! Thank you for this invitation and opportunity!"

"Getting to know Bishop McGrattan as a man – as a very human being – just like us. Many Catholics in our Diocese want renewal."

"Like Zacchaeus, there are many out there who are waiting to be invited in, to become a part of something that makes people joyful. Reach out. Invite them in."

"Gathering peoples to share deeply their thoughts and reflections on renewal was a great experience. We shared some insights that touched each of us."

Vocations talk with Sr. Michelle, FCJ

Join Serra Club of Calgary for a vocations talk with **Sr. Michelle, FCJ** who is making her final vows. The talk will take place **Saturday, Nov. 18** at the FCJ Centre, 219 - 19th Avenue SW, Calgary from 9 - 10 am, followed by the Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate at St. Mary's Cathedral at 11 am. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend. Discover your vocation.

RED WEDNESDAY In solidarity with Christians who suffer for their faith, Aid to the Church in Need (ACN Canada, Pontifical Charity) will hold its 9th annual **Red Wednesday** on **Nov. 15 and invites parishes and schools to do so between Nov. 15 to 19, 2023. Here at St. Cecilia we will dedicate our morning 8:30 rosary to this cause, followed by Mass at 9am. After Mass we will have Adoration from 9:30am to 10:30am and then conclude with Divine Mercy. We encourage everyone to wear red on Wednesday.**



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Check out new **[career opportunities](#)** in the Diocese:

Assistant Coordinator (Casual) - Feed the Hungry
Ecclesiastical Tribunal Case Worker (Full Time)
Cook (Full-Time) - St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary

Visit www.catholicyyc.ca/careers for more information and details.

Pastoral Care Ministry Training

The Diocese of Calgary is offering a [Pastoral Care Ministry Training](#) for those who feel called to assist their parish in a healing ministry to the sick, elderly, dying, homebound and bereaved members. This workshop is applicable for new or those previously trained in Pastoral Care Ministry. Participants must be pre-approved by their Pastors and/or Pastoral Care Coordinator. Please contact your parish for screening requirement.

When: Saturdays, Nov. 11 and Nov. 25, at Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary)

Fee: \$50/person. Covers training costs, lunch for both sessions, and refreshments. **Fee should not be a deterrent.** No one will be denied participation. Please contact Anthony to make other arrangements. To register, [complete the registration form](#) by Nov. 3

Memorial Liturgy for those grieving the loss of child from a miscarriage or stillbirth

It is difficult to put pain adequately into words, but rituals speak beyond words alone because they consist of symbolic actions and language. They sanctify our experiences and entrust them to God's loving care and compassion. Parents grieving a loss of a child through miscarriage and stillbirth are invited to join Bishop McGrattan in an annual prayer gathering to commend their children communally into the embrace of our merciful God. We also invite family members and friends to come and support those who are grieving this profound loss in their midst. When: **Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 2023, at 7 pm - St. Mary's Cathedral.** Parents are invited to [register here](#) or visit miscarriageliturgy.ca.

Beach Carnival Join us for a fun-filled, family-friendly fundraiser at The Beach YYC, Calgary's exclusive indoor beach facility, in support of Elizabeth House. When: **Saturday, Nov. 25 from 2:30 pm to 5 pm at The Beach YYC, Calgary.** By purchasing a ticket, you're not just securing a day of beach games and fun, but also helping Elizabeth House raise \$10k for operational expenses. Please share this event with your family and friends!

Inspiration Unplugged: The Filthy Feet of Sacred Service Come to "Inspiration Unplugged - The Filthy Feet of Sacred Service: What Happens When Prayer Gets Off Its Knees" - Anchored in a reflection on the Washing of the Disciples' Feet, Dr. Troy Davies will take us on a tour of the 'soul of service' using examples drawn from the awe-inspiring work of Alberta's own Catholic Social Services. When: **Thu, Nov. 28 at 6 pm to 8 pm - McGivney Hall, St. Mary's University, Calgary.**



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Vocatio Have you ever thought of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Join **Vocatio**: An event for men discerning the Priesthood and men and women discerning the Consecrated Life. **Vocatio** begins with anticipated Mass at 5 pm, followed by pizza, presentations and discussions, and Night Prayer. There will be separate groups for men and women. When: **Saturdays: Nov. 11, and Dec. 9, from 5 pm to 9 pm.** To register, contact Fr. Derek Remus at derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca or Sr. Dianne Turner at sisterdianne.turner@calgarydiocese.ca.

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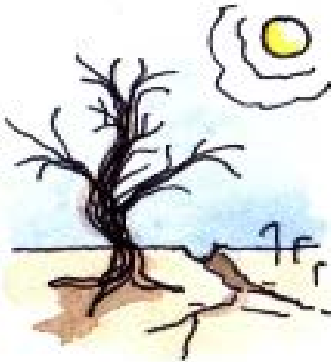
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Psalm 63 Word-Find

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in this part of today's Psalm. The leftover letters will spell out a little prayer to God when you write them in the blanks at the end.



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M W Y S B A N Q U E T W
O I T H I R S T S U L I
S L I P S T O W A R D T
A L T H P H U F L E S H
N A M E I G L O R Y I O
C A L L N O I R S T W U
T G A Z E D V S F O A T
U B L E S S E M O U T H
A L I F E H A N D S E R
R I C H E S G O O D R T
Y H E E K I N D N E S S

O GOD, you are my God whom I SEEK;
for you my FLESH PINES and my soul THIRSTS
like the EARTH, PARCHED and WITHOUT WATER.

Thus have I GAZED TOWARD you in the SANCTUARY
to see your POWER and your GLORY,
for your KINDNESS is a greater GOOD than LIFE;
my lips shall glorify you.

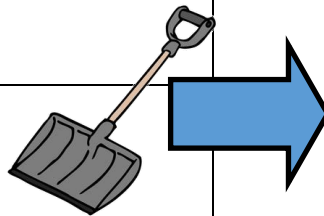
Thus WILL I BLESS you while I LIVE;
lifting up my HANDS, I will CALL upon your NAME.
As with the RICHES of a BANQUET shall my SOUL be
satisfied,
and with exultant LIPS my MOUTH shall praise you.

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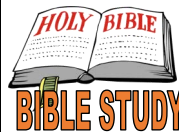
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Tuesday	Nov 14	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Bible Study (Boardroom) 7:00pm—RCIA (Boardroom)
Wednesday	Nov 15	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 6:00pm—Finance Council (Boardroom) 7:00pm—Sunday Choir Practice
Thursday	Nov 16	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am)
Friday	Nov 17	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am)
Saturday	Nov 18	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Sacrament Class 3:00pm-4:00pm—CONFESSION 5:00pm— MASS Evening: CWL 60th Celebration Dinner in the Hall
Sunday	Nov 19	9:00am— MASS 11:00am— MASS



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Every First Friday beginning with the 7pm Mass. Night concludes by 9pm.
Next meeting: Dec 1



Tuesdays after the 9am Mass. New members welcome!



Prayer Shawl Ministry: last Tuesday of the month after the 9am Mass. New knitters welcome. Yarn available. **Next meet: Tues. Nov 28th**

The Knights of Columbus from Holy Spirit Parish in neighbouring Braeside is having a snow shovel fundraiser here in our parking lot next weekend! They are aluminum with a bent handle and foam grip. Only \$30 each! They will accept cash, debit or e-transfer.