

# ST. CECILIA'S PARISH

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MATTHEW 25:23

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ARE**  
*called*  
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YOU BELONG.



CATHOLICISM OF  
RENEWAL

**33<sup>rd</sup>** SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME



# Nov 18/Nov 19, 2023

# MASS TIMES & PARISH INFO

## Parish priest:

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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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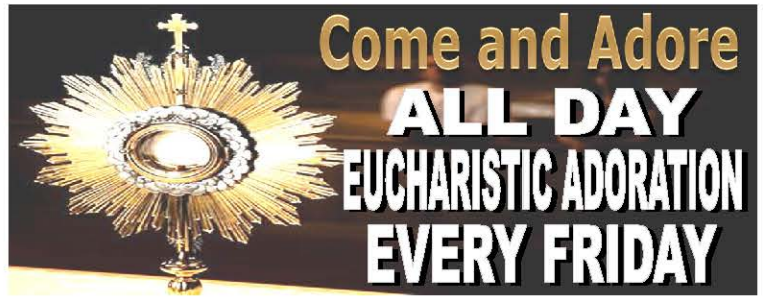
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## Mass Intentions



*Saturday, Nov 18*

9:00am: †Tony Planicka, Senior

5:00pm: Int. Drahomir & Frantiska Drapal—44th

Wedding Anniersary

*Sunday, Nov 19*

9:00am: †Maria Loreto and Estevan Palomo

11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

*Monday, Nov 20*

No Mass

*Tuesday, Nov 21*

9:00am: †David Pelchat

*Wednesday, Nov 22*

9:00am: Int. Joe Myers

*Thursday, Nov 23*

9:00am: †Clement

*Friday, Nov 24*

9:00am: †Chuck Cummins

*Saturday, Nov 25*

9:00am: †Mary McCabe

5:00pm: †Salus Fernandes

*Sunday, Nov 26*

9:00am: †Nicola Pagliano

11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

## Mass Readings

Saturday, Nov 18 (9am)

Wisdom 18.14-16; 19.6-9  
Luke 18.1-8

Sun, Nov 19

Proverbs 31.10-13, 16-18,  
20, 26, 28-31  
1 Thessalonians 5.1-6  
Matthew 25.14-30

Mon, Nov 20 (no Mass)

1 Maccabees 1.10-15, 41-  
43, 54-57, 62-64  
Luke 18.35-43

Tuesday, Nov 21

2 Maccabees 6.18-31  
Luke 19.1-10

Wednesday, Nov 22

2 Maccabees 7.1, 20-31  
Luke 19.11-28

Thursday, Nov 23

1 Maccabees 2.15-29  
Luke 19.41-44

Friday, Nov 24

1 Maccabees 4.36-37, 52-  
59  
Luke 19.45-48

Saturday, Nov 25 (9am)

1 Maccabees 6.1-13  
Luke 20.27-40

Sunday, Nov 26—Christ the King

Ezekiel 34.11-12, 15-17

1 Corinthians 15.20-26, 28    Matthew 25.31-46

## 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.



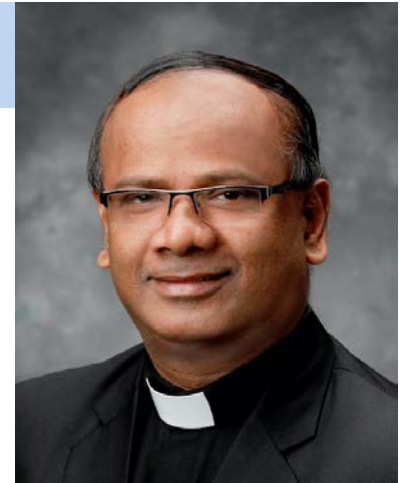
**Got bottles for refunding?** We have a large, marked wooden box in the hall where the double doors are for those who wish to donate their bottles. All the refunds collected from these donations support our Youth Group. Please rinse bottles before donating.

# FR. PAUL'S COLUMN

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

**ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA,  
VIRGIN AND MARTYRS**

NOV 25<sup>TH</sup>



**St. Catherine** was born around 287 in Alexandria, Egypt. At that time, Alexandria was one of the finest cities in the world, and a center of learning and culture as well as faith. When she was fourteen years old, **she experienced a moving vision of Mary and the infant Jesus** that moved her to become a Christian.

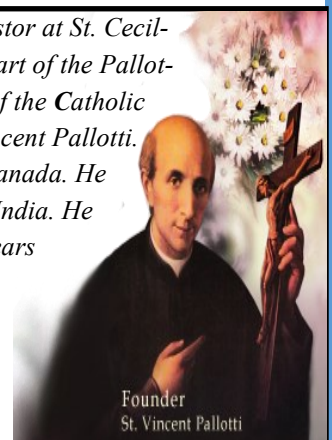
When **St. Catherine** heard that the **Roman emperor Maxentius** was persecuting Christians, she publicly protested. Stunned by her bravery, Maxentius sent fifty famous philosophers to try to change her mind, but Catherine, **with her clever arguments, converted every one of them** to Christianity. The emperor then tried to persuade Catherine to become his bride. Catherine refused, saying **that she was already a bride of Christ**.

Maxentius became furious and **commanded that St. Catherine be tortured** on the infamous spiked wheel, later it was called the "**Catherine wheel**". But the wheel broke, and the spikes flew off, injuring onlookers but leaving Catherine unharmed. She was eventually **beheaded around 305**, and **angels carried her body up to Mount Sinai**.

**St. Catherine** is also recognized as the **Great Martyr and Saint by the Orthodox Church**. She is the **Patron saint of students, unmarried girls, apologists and all who work with wheels**.

*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](http://www.pallotti.org)*



Founder  
St. Vincent Pallotti

# Parish News Update

## SACRAMENT CLASS SCHEDULE

**Class Dates for 1st Rec (Sat. at 10am):** 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 Angel Tree is now in the foyer. Please take a gift card and bring back with the value amount written on. We would like increments of \$20 or \$25, preferably from Walmart. Cards are due by December 10th.

### 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/ Sunday mornings. The stipend per Offering is \$10.00

Coming Up in December to look out for!

*Poinsettias in memory of your loved ones (envelopes will be out Dec 2/3 weekend)*

*Advent Penitential Service—Thursday, December 21st 6:30pm to 7:30pm*

*Advent Family Calendar*

*Simbang Gabi—Sunday, December 17th, evening*

**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, jello-powder, mr. noodle dried soup, apple juice.** Please drop pantry items in our large white wooden box located in the church entrance (leading to the washrooms). Thank you!

**NEW!**



### Parish financial support -Thank you!

	Oct 28/Oct 29	Nov 4/Nov 5	Nov 11/Nov 12
Parish support (Envelopes + Loose)	\$2,943.00	\$8,817.00	\$3,907.85
Together in Action	\$87.00	\$822.00	\$435.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$855.00	\$885.00	\$355.60
Building Maintenance	\$495.00	\$55.00	\$40.00
World Mission Collection	\$40.00	—	—
Catholic Education	—	\$80.00	\$1,017.00

**DIRECT DEBIT FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER: \$10,165.00** (includes special donations outside of parish support)

# St. Cecilia Musical Fiesta

Our annual musical fiesta will be held on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. 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, this is your last call to notify Ross asap. 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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Men who would like to  
make a difference!

Len White: 403-271-6055

or fs4878@kofc.ab.ca

## 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: 22,603.00 (72%)

*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**

## e-bulletin

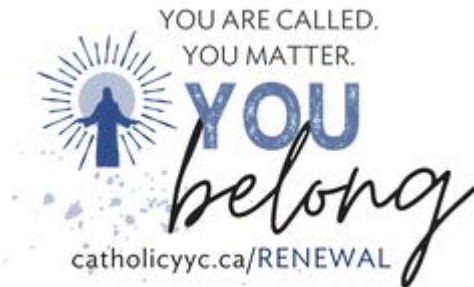
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# Diocesan News

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Our series of renewal gatherings reached its culmination at Holy Family Parish, where over 230 parishioners from the Medicine Hat deanery gathered in joyous celebration on Monday, Nov. 13, 2023. In his homily, the Bishop emphasized the vital role of faith as the foundation for renewal and our collective responsibility to share it with others.

Our deepest appreciation to all the Renewal Gathering hosting parishes: Mary, Mother of the Redeemer (Calgary), All Saints Parish (Lethbridge), St. Francis de Sales (High River), and Holy Family (Medicine Hat). Your enthusiasm, support, hardwork, kindness, and presence, demonstrate the Renewal in action and we are really moved with your generosity and welcoming heart to all the faithful in the Diocese. Thank you!

Please take the time to read about and [share the experiences from the Renewal Gatherings](#). Listen to what participants have said, and view the encouraging photos of our diocesan faithful at work. Photos and a writeup for Medicine Hat Renewal Gathering have been added to the page. [Read now](#)



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*Assistant Coordinator (Casual) - Feed the Hungry*  
*Ecclesiastical Tribunal Case Worker (Full Time)*

Visit [www.catholicyyc.ca/careers](http://www.catholicyyc.ca/careers) for more information and details.

## Elizabeth House Christmas Wish List

Let us bring a joyful Christmas to the residents of Elizabeth House and help them fulfil their wish list! Elizabeth House currently serves 7 women, 6 babies (one on the way) in residence, and 3 women and 3 babies in outreach. If you want to check the current most needed items from the list, please contact Sarah Cormier at [sarah.cormier@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:sarah.cormier@calgarydiocese.ca). Donations are accepted from the [Wish List](#) on **December 14 between 9 am to 12 pm and 1-3 pm** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary). Volunteers will be at the Pastoral Centre to accept your donations. Please stop on 17th Avenue in front of the main doors and we will gratefully accept your donation.

## Winter Gifts for Guests at Feed the Hungry

As the winter chill sets in, let's warm hearts and hands together! We cordially invite you to participate in the "Feed the Hungry winter gifts drive". Your contribution, be it **new mittens, gloves, socks, toques or \$10 gift cards** from fast food places, can make a significant difference our guests. These tokens of care will be distributed to Feed the Hungry's guests closer to Christmas. The deadline to drop off Winter gifts for guests of the Feed the Hungry is **Wednesday, Dec. 6** at St. Mary's Cathedral during business hours. If you have any questions, please email: [feedthehungry@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:feedthehungry@calgarydiocese.ca) or call 403-218-5532.

**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: **Tue, 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: **Saturday: Dec. 9, from 5 pm to 9 pm.** To register, contact Fr. Derek Remus at [derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca) or Sr. Dianne Turner at [sis-terdianne.turner@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:sis-terdianne.turner@calgarydiocese.ca).



# KIDS' PAGE



*The first man here received five talents. The second received two and the third man one. When the master returned, how many did each man have? Colour them this way to find out:*



Colour the coins with faces gold.



Colour the coins with letters silver.



Colour the coin with dots bronze.

# DIRECTORY

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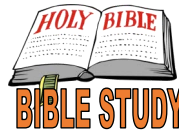
ROOM BOOKINGS		
Monday	Nov 20	7:00pm—St. Vincent South Particular (Boardroom)
Tuesday	Nov 21	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Bible Study (Boardroom) 7:00pm—RCIA (Boardroom)
Wednesday	Nov 22	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 7:00pm—Sunday Choir Practice
 <b>FEAST OF ST. CECILIA</b>		
Thursday	Nov 23	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am)
Friday	Nov 24	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 11:00am—Memorial Mass for <i>Luigi and Catarina Barile</i> 6:00pm—Couples For Christ (Auditorium)
Saturday	Nov 25	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) CWL COOKIE WALK 9:30am—12pm 10:00am—Sacrament Class 3:00pm-4:00pm—CONFESSION 5:00pm—MASS
Sunday	Nov 26	9:00am—MASS 11:00am—MASS 5:30pm potluck (shared) 7:00pm Music Program in the Hall!



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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**

## That Man Is You!

A great program for fathers and grandfathers, held at St. James Parish (Okotoks) hall on Saturday mornings from 7am to 9am.

Contact Ken Moen for more info:

[kenmoen19@gmail.com](mailto:kenmoen19@gmail.com)