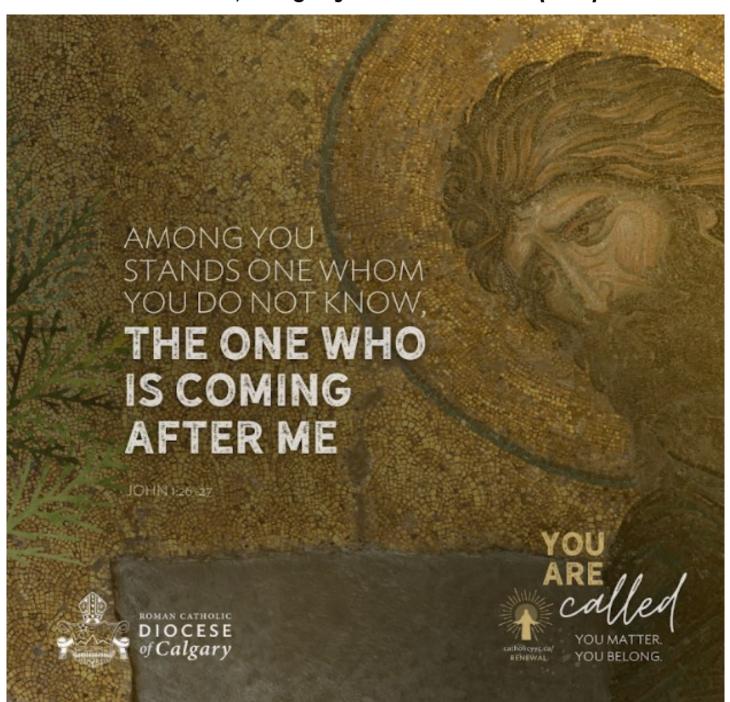
ST. CECILIA'S PARISH

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Dec 16/Dec 17, 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 Fri 9am to 4pm Lunch break 12:00 - 1pm

Are you NEW or recent to our parish?

Welcome! If you have been 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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FR. PAUL'S COLUMN SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. JOHN OF KANTY, PRIEST

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St. John of Kanty, born in 1390, grew up in Poland and became a priest and professor at the University of Krakow, Poland. He was a serious man, brilliant at studies and a good teacher. He ate no meat, slept on the floor, and rested little. He was known everywhere for his humility and spontaneous generosity.

St. John of Kanty was known to all the poor of Kraków for his kindness. His goods and his money were always at their disposal, and time and again they took advantage of him. He kept only the money and clothes absolutely needed to support himself.

St. John of Kanty taught his students this philosophy again and again, "Fight all errors, but do it with good humor, patience,

kindness, and love. Harshness will damage your own
soul and spoil the best cause."

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St. Cecilia's is his first parish in Canada. He

Patron Saint of Poland and serving and studying.

Lithuania

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St. Vincent Pallotti

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





Mass Intentions



Saturday, Dec 16

9:00am: †Noel Ryan

5:00pm: †Romy Camarillo

Sunday, Dec 17

9:00am: Int. Cecile Suple-Rattan—Birthday

11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

Monday, Dec 18
No Mass

Tuesday, Dec 19

9:00am: Int. Fr. Paul Raj, 30th Ordination Anniversary

Wednesday, Dec 20

9:00am: Int. Olivia D'Souza—4th Birthday

Thursday, Dec 21

9:00am: †Ernesto Balagtas

Friday, Dec 22

9:00am: †Maria Rajammal

Saturday, Dec 23

9:00am: Int. Elaine & Dan Barth

5:00pm: †Salus Fernandes

Sunday, Dec 24 (4th Sunday of Advent)

9:00am: Jack Couture

11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

Mass Readings

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Saturday, Dec 16 (9am) Sirach 48.1-4, 9-11 Matthew 17.10-13	Sun, Dec 17 Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24 John 1.6-8, 19-28		
Mon, Dec 18 (no Mass) Jeremiah 23.5-8 Matthew 1.18-24	<u>Tuesday, Dec 19</u> Judges 13.2-7, 24-25a Luke 1.5-25		
Wednesday, Dec 20 Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d Luke 1.26-38	Thursday, Dec 21 Zephaniah 3.14-18a Luke 1.39-45		
<i>Friday, Dec 22</i> 1 Samuel 1.24-28 Luke 1.46-56	Saturday, Dec 23 (9am) Malachi 3.1-4; 4.5-6 Luke 1.57-66		

Sunday, Dec 24 (4th Sunday of Advent)

2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Romans 16.25-27 Luke 1.26-38

The Pope's Prayer Intention Dec 2023

For persons with disabilities We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, at institutions may offer inclusive programs

and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



<u>Got bottles for refunding</u>? 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. This is a great place to drop bottles from any holiday celebrations!

Parish News Update



<u>This is the last week</u> to make a donation toward the altar poinsettias in memory of a loved one. Please use the special envelopes found at the Information Desk in the foyer. The names will be printed in the Christmas bulletin.

2023 donations must be in by December 31st. All cheques dated after December 31, 2023 will not be included in your 2023 Tax Receipt.



Pageant Practice: Sunday, December 17th at 10am

The pageant is held at the beginning of the 5pm Christmas Eve Vigil

Donation boxes for 2024 are now out for pickup!

Would the person who took **box 213** please call the parish office as soon as possible. You need to register your number otherwise we won't know who is making the donation.

This is the last bulletin until January 6/7 weekend, but there will still be the annual Christmas letter with the Mass Intentions.

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to recognize and thank you, the parishioners of St Cecilia Parish. Your support over the past year and especially the support of our Christmas Hamper project either financially, or with time is so gratefully appreciated. For our Christmas Hamper project, we packed and delivered 78 hampers helping 152 adults and 104 children. Thank you to everyone that volunteered to help with sorting food, and packing boxes. We couldn't have done it without you. Also thanks to the wonderful ladies that provided food for everyone during the week. We would like to thank X-Treme packaging who donated the boxes for our Christmas Hamper project.

Parish financial support -Thank you!					
	Nov 25/Nov 26	Dec 2/Dec 3	Dec 9/Dec 10		
Parish support (Envelopes + Loose)	\$3,242.00	\$7,017.00	\$4,824.25		
Together in Action	\$105.00	\$755.00	\$426.00		
St. Vincent de Paul	\$900.00	\$530.00	\$695.00		
Building Maintenance	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$40.00		
Catholic Education – \$50.00 –		_			
Mission Mexico	_	\$40.00	\$362.00		
DIRECT DEBIT FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER: \$9,250.00 (includes special donations outside of parish support)					

UPCOMING BAPTISM PREP CLASSES



Sat. Jan. 6 at 9:30am

Sat. Feb. 3 at 9:30am

Sat. Mar. 2 at 9:30am

You must sign up through the office.



Class Dates for 1st Rec (Sat. at 10am): 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): Dec 30, Jan 20, Feb 10, Mar 23 Celebration of Sacrament still to be determined

We are still in need of volunteers for our **Southwood Nursing Home Mass** on Tuesday mornings. Please contact Connie Claeys or the office if you can help out. Training is provided.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE FOR OUR PARISH

Thursday, December 21st 6:30pm—7:30pm



after Tuesdays 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. January 30th

2023 TIA GOAL:

31,539 Raised: 24,234.00 (77%)

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 CON-

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Sunday, December 17th 3rd Sunday of Advent			9:00am and 11:00am	
Monday, December 18th			No Mass	
Tuesday, December 19th			9:00am	
Wednesday, December 20th			9:00am	
Thursday, December 21st			9:00am	
Friday, December 22nd			9:00am	
Saturday, December 23rd			9:00am Daily Mass 5:00pm Mass (4th Sun. of Advent)	
Sunday, December 24th 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve Vigil	Mass Opt Sat evening + Sur Sat evening + Mo Sun morning + Mo	n evening n morning in evening	9:00am and 11:00am (4th Sunday of Advent) 5:00pm Vigil Mass with Pageant 11:00pm Vigil Mass	
Monday, December 25th Christmas Day Sun morning + Mon morning Christmas Day			9:00am and 11:00am	
Tuesday, December 26th			9:00am	
Wednesday, December 27th	9:00am			
Thursday, December 28th	9:00am			
Friday, December 29th			9:00am	
Saturday, December 30th Mass			9:00am Daily Mass 5:00pm Mass (Holy Family)	
Sunday, December 31st Holy Family <u>and</u> New Year's Eve—Solemnity of the Mother of God		Options same as above	9:00am and 11:00am (Holy Family) 5:00pm Vigil Mass 11:00pm Vigil Mass	
Monday, January 1st New Year's Day—Solemnity of the Mother of God			9:00am and 11:00am	



Diocesan News

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Advent Season Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation. During Advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

Non-Permissibility of Euthanasia & Assisted Suicide in Catholic Health Facilities | The statement on the Non-Permissibility of Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide within Canadian Health Organizations with a Catholic Identity is available: Read/Download: Statement by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on the Non-Permissibility of Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide within Canadian Health Organizations with a Catholic Identity (PDF)

Christmas Note Cards The Diocese provides Christmas note cards for parishioners to use in conveying care to others this Advent and Christmas. Here are some ideas on how to use them: Parishioners can convey God's love and care to colleagues at work by leaving these cards at their desks, either signed or anonymously; Students, parents, guardians, and teachers can share these cards with others in their schools; These cards can be inserted into Christmas cards and gift boxes; They could be shared with a stranger who seems down or burdened. **Look for these cards in your parish before Christmas!**



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Theology of the Body | Join experts Dr. Christopher West, Sister Helena Burns FSP, Fr. Cristino Bouvette, and internationally acclaimed songwriter, Mike Mangione, as they introduce and reflect St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

• When/Where: **Friday, Feb. 9, 2024 from 6 pm to 10 pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church** (10827 24 St SW Calgary) Register online

For any questions, please contact theologyofthebodyconference@gmail.com

Advent Mission: Called to be Missionary Disciples Each year, Advent invites us to prepare for the greatest event in human history - The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. You are invited to St. Michael's Advent Mission with speaker Peter Thompson:

<u>When</u>: Mon, Dec. 18 at 7 pm | Theme: God's love affair with humanity **Tue, Dec. 19 at 6 pm** (Mass followed by Mission) | Theme: Who do you say that I AM? Matthew 16:15

Wed, Dec. 20 at 7 pm | Theme: His mercies never come to an end. Lamentation 3:22

Location: St. Michael's Parish (800 85 St. SW, Calgary. Mission will be livestreamed at <u>St. Michael's Youtube page</u>.

Transitions | Transitions provides a God-centered group environment that encourages discussion through an 18-week program. In this supportive setting, individuals can share and discuss their personal journey with others going through separation and divorce.

When/Where: Every Tuesday, from Feb 13, 2023, 7 pm to 9 pm at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 – 17th Avenue SW, Calgary)

No fee registration | Limited spots available Register now at <u>catholicyyc.ca/transitions</u>



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"Welcome Home" Webinar Resources

250 participants joined our recent online session, "Welcome Home: How to make our parishes more inviting". If you missed it, or would like a recap, please find the following:

<u>Summary notes from the webinar</u> (Powerpoint & resources list included) <u>Recorded webinar video</u>

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES FOR SOUTH CALGARY

St. Anthony's: December 19 (Tues) 7:30pm

St. Bonaventure: December 20 (Wed) 7:00pm—9:00pm



Office Hours over the holidays

The parish office will be open regular hours on Friday, December 22nd and will be closed the following week from Dec 25th to January 1st. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd at 9am.



SIMBANG GABI FILIPINO MASS

Sunday, Dec 17th at 7pm. Caroling at 6:30pm

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Christmas tradition. It is a series of nine dawn masses on the days leading up to Christmas. In the Philippines, it begins on December 16 and ends on the 24th of December when a midnight mass is held. In other countries, Filipinos are creative in scheduling their Simbang Gabi. This year 12 Calgary Catholic Churches have committed to celebrate the Simbang Gabi.



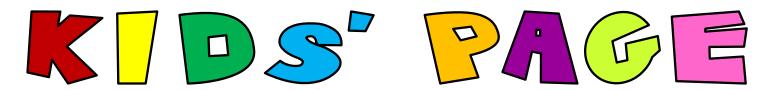
A cell phone text message has gone around under the number 516-494-9226 claiming to be Fr. Paul. Please keep vigilant during this season of high scam activity. Fr. Paul won't text you asking for help, money or gift cards.

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RE: Nominations to the Executive of St. Cecilia's Catholic Women's League—Council #19 for the term 2024-2025

The CWL Nomination Ballot Box will be situated on the shelf outside the Library. Eve-

ry CWL member is expected to give due thought to the nomination of a member; and if asked, that member be generous enough to agree to serve. Copies of the Nomination form and description of the duties of executive members will be found in the wire basket (under the CWL bulletin board) and near the Nomination Box. The Closing Date for Nominations will be Thursday, December 28th 2023.



The Messenger of Peace Word-find

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See if you can find the words in CAPITALS from today's first reading in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks in the reading.

The SPIRIT of the Lord God is upon me, because the LORD has ANOINTED me; he has SENT me to bring GLAD TIDINGS to the POOR, to heal the

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and RELEASE to the PRISONERS, to ANNOUNCE a YEAR of FAVOUR from the Lord and a day of VINDICATION by our GOD.



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	ROOM BOOKINGS					
Mon	Dec 18		Tuesday Dec 26—Friday Dec 29 no bookings or activity going on except the <u>9am Daily Mass</u>			
Tues	Dec 19	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 7:00pm—RCIA (Boardroom)	Sat De	Dec 30	10:00am—Sacrament Class	
Wed	Dec 20	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 6:00pm—Couples For Christ (Aud) 7:00pm—Sunday Choir Practice			3:00pm-4:00pm—CONFESSION 5:00pm— MASS (Holy Family)	
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Fri	Dec 22	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am)			5:00pm— NEW YEAR'S EVE VIGIL MASS 11:00pm—NEW YEAR'S EVE VIGIL MASS	
Sat	Dec 23	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 3:00pm-4:00pm—CONFESSION 5:00pm—MASS (4th Sunday of Advent)	Monday Jan 1—Thursday Jan 4 no bookings or activity going on except the <u>9am Daily Mass</u>		,	
Sun	Dec 24	9:00am—MASS (4th Sunday of Advent) 11:00am—MASS (4th Sunday of Advent) 5:00pm—CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS +		Jan 5 9:00am—ALL DAY ADORATION 3:00pm—Divine Mercy 7:00pm—MASS + YOUTH		
درای 		CHILDREN'S PAGEANT 11:00pm—CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS	Sat	Jan 6	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 9:30am—Couples For Christ (Church + Aud)	
Mon	Dec 25	9:00am—CHRISTMAS DAY MASS 11:00am—CHRISTMAS DAY MASS			9:30am—Baptism Class (Boardroom) 3:00pm-4:00pm—CONFESSION 5:00pm— MASS	
*			Sun	Jan 7	9:00am— MASS 11:00am— MASS	