

# ST. CECILIA'S PARISH

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JOHN 1:39

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ORDINARY TIME



# Jan 13/14, 2024

# 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 Fri 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

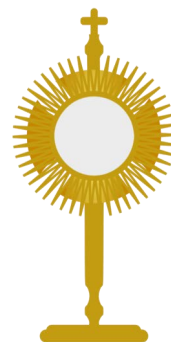
## Adoration

Fridays:

9:30am - 6:00pm

First Friday:

9am to 6pm



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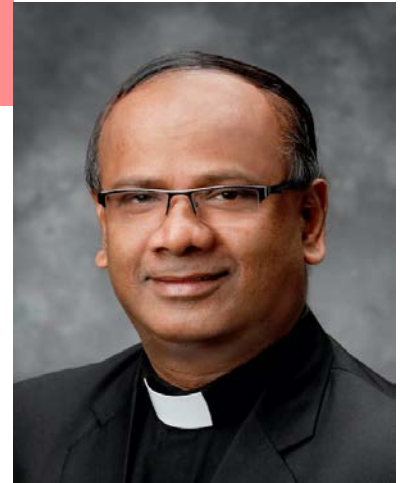
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# FR. PAUL'S COLUMN

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

*Father Paul is away at home in India  
and will resume on February 10.*



### Upcoming Saint Days:

St. Anthony—January 17

St. Fabian and St. Sebastian—January 20

St. Vincent—January 22

St. Marianne Cope—January 23

St. Francis de Sales—January 24

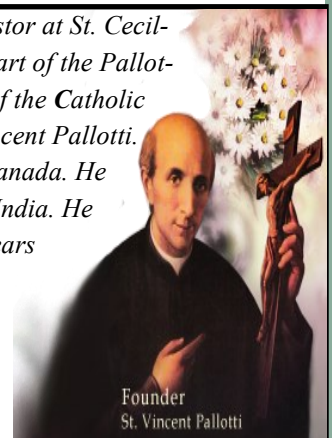
Sts. Timothy and Titus—January 26

St. Angela Merici—January 27

St. John Bosco—January 31

*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)*



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**EVERY FRIDAY**

## Mass Intentions

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*Saturday, Jan 13*

9:00am: †Loreto and Estevan Palomo  
 5:00pm: Int. Reyes Family; †Digna L. Fernando

*Sunday, Jan 14*

9:00am: †Joseph and Mary Stang  
 11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

*Monday, Jan 15*  
 No Mass

*Tuesday, Jan 16*

9:00am: Int. Elvie de la Paz

*Wednesday, Jan 17*

9:00am: Int. James Neil Larway

*Thursday, Jan 18*

9:00am: Int. Susan Spencer—Birthday

*Friday, Jan 19*

9:00am: †Cary Cummins

*Saturday, Jan 20*

9:00am: Int. Jana Siller de Leon—Birthday  
 5:00pm: †Dr. Wong Yau Sing


*Sunday, Jan 21*

9:00am: †Nicola Pagliano  
 11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased


<i>Mass Readings</i>	
<u><i>Saturday, Jan 13 (9am)</i></u> 1 Samuel 9.1-4, 17-19; 10.1a Mark 2.13-17	<u><i>Sunday, Jan 14</i></u> 1 Samuel 3.3b-10, 19 1 Corinthians 6.13c-15a, 17-20 John 1.35-42
<u><i>Mon, Jan 15 (no Mass)</i></u> 1 Samuel 15.16-23 Mark 2.18-22	<u><i>Tuesday, Jan 16</i></u> 1 Samuel 16.1-13 Mark 2.23-28
<u><i>Wednesday, Jan 17</i></u> 1 Samuel 17.32-33, 37, 40-51 Mark 3.1-6	<u><i>Thursday, Jan 18</i></u> 1 Samuel 18.6-9; 19.1-7 Mark 3.7-12
<u><i>Friday, Jan 19</i></u> 1 Samuel 24.2-20 Mark 3.13-19	<u><i>Saturday, Jan 20 (9am)</i></u> 2 Samuel 1.1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Mark 3.20-21
<u><i>Sunday, Jan 21</i></u> Jonah 3.1-5, 10 1 Corinthians 7.29-31    Mark 1.14-20	

## The Pope's Prayer Intention

# Jan 2024



**For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church** Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.



**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. This is a great place to drop bottles from any holiday celebrations!

# Parish News Update



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.



**UPCOMING BOTTLE DRIVE:** Our Youth Group will be having a bottle drive on Saturday, February 3rd from 10am to 12pm. They are fundraising for a field trip to the St. Francis of Assisi Retreat Centre and will be going around the neighbourhood collecting, as well as receiving drop offs to the hall doors (parking lot doors). If you would like to have your bottles picked up, please provide your address to the parish office so we can ensure a pickup is done.

## SACRAMENT CLASS SCHEDULE

*Retreat & Celebration of Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation 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):** Jan 20, Feb 10, Mar 23

*Celebration of Sacrament: Wednesday, May 29th at 7pm*

### UPCOMING BAPTISM PREP CLASSES



Sat. Feb. 3 at 9:30am

Sat. Mar. 2 at 9:30am

Sat. Apr. 6 at 9:30am

**You must sign up through the office.**

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

*We might find ourselves feeling a little let-down or lonely after the Christmas season, especially because it seems cold and dark. This is a good time for us to contemplate with Jesus, what we are looking for and how much we want to turn and follow him. We can pray to Jesus for the strength to leave the patterns and habits of our lives that so often turn us away from him and ask for the grace to make a new beginning in our lives. Let the love of Christmas continue through the New Year.*



## WANTED:

### KOFC

Men who would like to make a difference!

Len White: 403-271-6055

or fs4878@kofc.ab.ca

## Knights of Columbus

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.

# Adult Confirmation Classes



If you are an adult in need of Confirmation, and have been baptized and made your 1st Communion, then we are offering 3 classes to prepare you for Confirmation. Classes are once a month in February, March and April (all 3 classes required). Please contact Kelly Sereda (Sacrament Coordinator) to register. There is no fee.




The Catholic Women's League (CWL) Membership Drive is taking place next weekend January 20/21. If you have ever thought about becoming a member, this is a great time to have the conversation. We have a wonderful team here in the parish!



## What's happening over at our schools?

We have within our parish boundary: St. Matthew School (K-9), St. Cecilia School (K-6) and St. William School (K-6)



Living and **LEARNING** in our Catholic Faith, so that **STUDENTS**, centred IN CHRIST, realize their full potential.

St Matthew's monthly newsletter:  
[https://stmatthew.cssd.ab.ca/documents/4d8c89b3-b21d-4e54-8cdd-e28660c447c4/December%202023%20Newsletter%20\(1\)%20\(4\).pdf](https://stmatthew.cssd.ab.ca/documents/4d8c89b3-b21d-4e54-8cdd-e28660c447c4/December%202023%20Newsletter%20(1)%20(4).pdf)



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Parish financial support -Thank you!				
	Dec 16/Dec 17	Dec 24/Dec 25	Dec 30/Dec 31	Jan 6/7
Parish support (Envelopes + Loose)	\$3,954.50	\$4,680.00	\$1,726.00	\$2,905.00
Together in Action	\$330.00	\$1,930.00	\$426.00	\$483.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$331.00	\$20.00	\$390.00	\$140.00
Building Maintenance	\$35.00	\$135.00	\$20.00	\$45.00
Christmas/New Year	—	\$6,270.00	\$2,442.00	\$60.00
Mission Mexico	\$129.25	\$10.00	—	—
<b>DIRECT DEBIT FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER: \$11,380.00</b> (includes special donations outside of parish support)				



# Diocesan News

NEWS.CalgaryDiocese.ca | FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING in the DIOCESE. Contact: 403-218-5500 | communications@calgarydiocese.ca

**2024 is the Year of Prayer** In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope,' 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer. The Holy Father encourages us to highlight the importance of both communal prayer and individual prayer this year. To learn about the Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope" - visit: [catholiccycc.ca/blog/yearofprayer](http://catholiccycc.ca/blog/yearofprayer)

**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 [catholiccycc.ca/transitions](http://catholiccycc.ca/transitions)

Check out new **career opportunities** in the Diocese:

Assistant Coordinator (Casual) - Feed the Hungry

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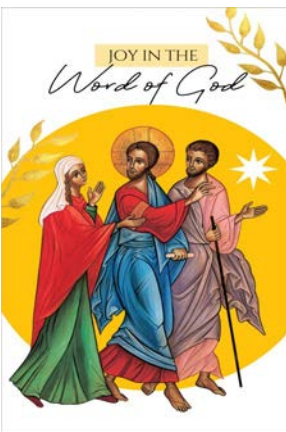
**Theology of the Body** | Join experts Dr. Christopher West, Sister Helena Burns FSP, Fr. Cristino Bouvette, and internationally acclaimed songwriter, Mike Mangione, as they introduce and reflect St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

- 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](mailto:theologyofthebodyconference@gmail.com)

*During the Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, following the tradition handed down from Apostolic times, for this is the day of the Lord's Resurrection. Today's Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the risen Lord.*

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity | Jan 18-25** The Catholic Churches in Canada and all Christians are called to celebrate The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18-25. Throughout this Week, parishes and all the faithful are to pray for Christian Unity and seek a deeper understanding of ecumenism. The 2024 theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is **"You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself"**. (Luke 10:27)



**Sunday of the Word of God | Jan 21** Pope Francis has declared that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God, which falls on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, **Jan 21**.

**Make Scripture a part of everyday life this year.** Check out these practical tips from the Vatican to encourage the love of Scripture [here](#).

**Liturgical & Pastoral Handbook** for 2024 Sunday of the Word of God - [Download](#)

**Enthroning the Bible in your home/class/school** - [click here](#)



Join Father Troy Nguyen as he launches the **ABLAZE** Youth Ministry at St. Bonaventure, Calgary, which is also open to youth in the Diocese. **Please share** this information with parents, teachers, and guardians with youth in their care! [Register now](#).

**When: Friday evenings**

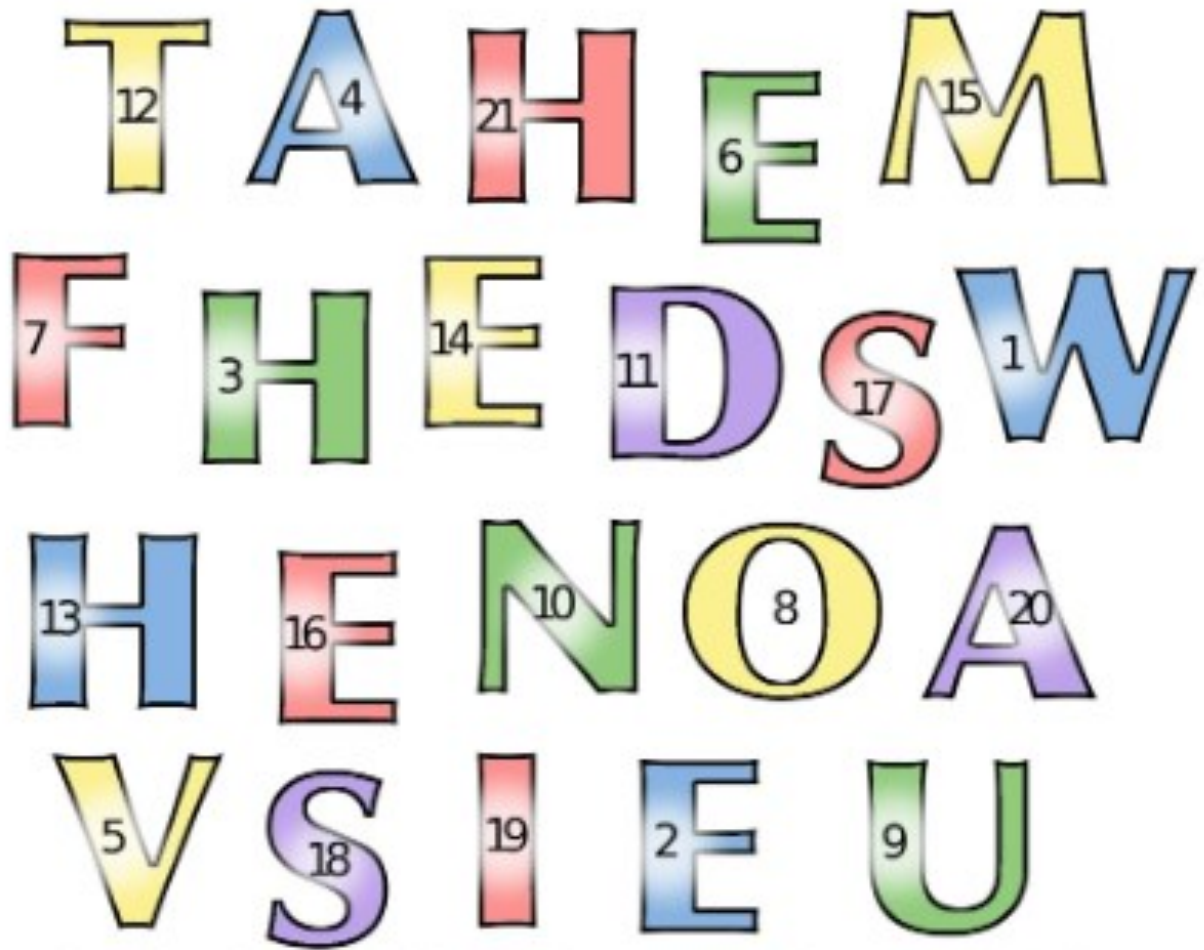
**Jan 12 (Gr. 9-12) from 7 pm to 9 pm** - with FacetoFace Ministries at St. Bonaventure, Calgary;

**Jan 19 (All ages) from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm** - Family Adoration and Board Game at St. Bonaventure's, Calgary

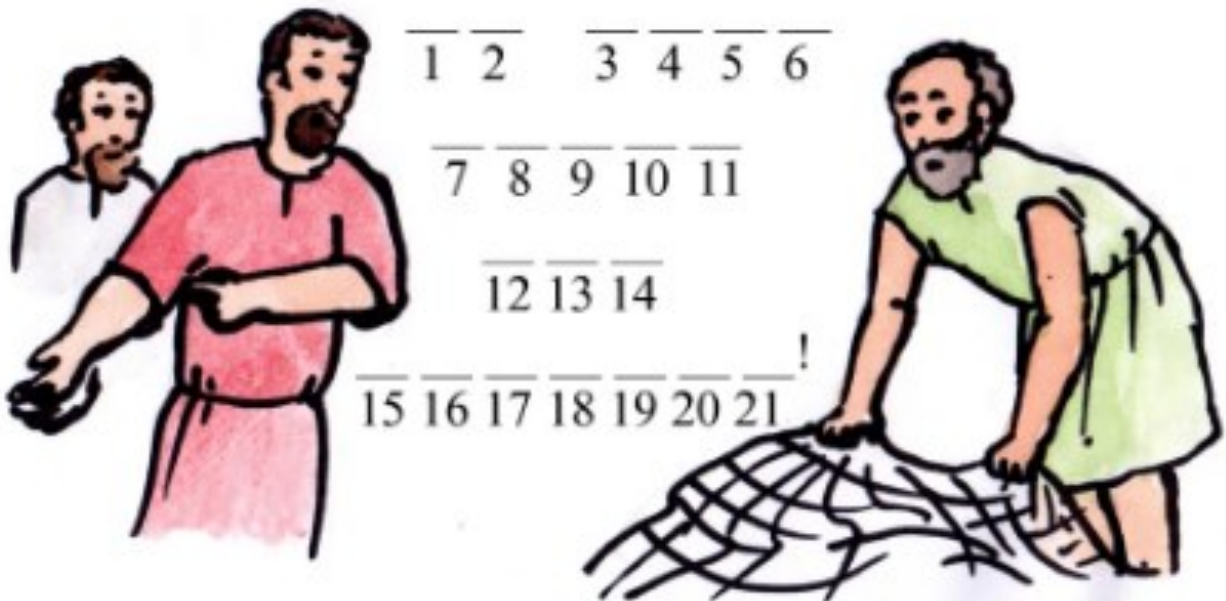
**Jan 26 (Gr. 7-12) from 7 to 9 pm** - Impact Night with Tony Melendez and Access52 - at St. Michael's, Calgary.



# KIDS' PAGE



*What did Andrew say to his brother Simon in today's Gospel reading?  
Fill the spaces with the letters in the right order to find out!*



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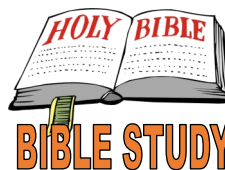
ROOM BOOKINGS		
Mon	Jan 15	7:00pm—St. Vincent de Paul (Boardroom)
Tues	Jan 16	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 7:00pm—RCIA (Boardroom)
Wed	Jan 17	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 7:00pm—Sunday Choir Practice
Thur	Jan 18	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am)
Fri	Jan 19	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 3:00pm—Divine Mercy
Sat	Jan 20	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Sacrament Class 3:00pm-4:00pm—CONFESSION 5:00pm—MASS 6:00pm—Couples for Christ (Auditorium)
Sun	Jan 21	9:00am—MASS 11:00am—MASS 1:00pm—Singles For Christ (Auditorium)



**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** last Tuesday of the month after the 9am Mass. New knitters welcome. Yarn available.  
**Next meet: Tues. Jan 30th**



Every First Friday beginning with the 7pm Mass. Night concludes by 9pm.  
**Next meeting: Feb 2**



Tuesdays after the 9am Mass. New members welcome!



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