


# ST. CECILIA'S PARISH

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# Feb 3/4, 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

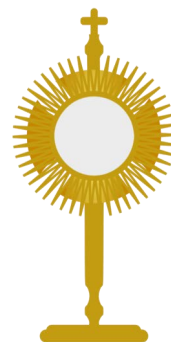
## Adoration

Fridays:

9:30am - 6:00pm

First Friday:

9am to 6pm



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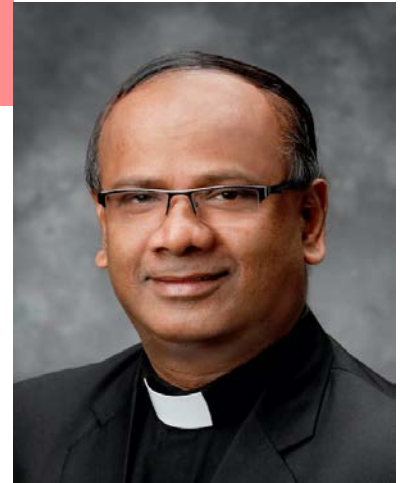
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# FR. PAUL'S COLUMN

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

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



### Upcoming Saint Days:

St. Agatha—February 5

St. Paul Miki and Companions—February 6

St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita—Feb 8

St. Scholastica—February 10

**ASH WEDNESDAY**—February 14

The Seven Holy Fathers of the Servite Order—Feb 17

St. Peter Damian—February 21

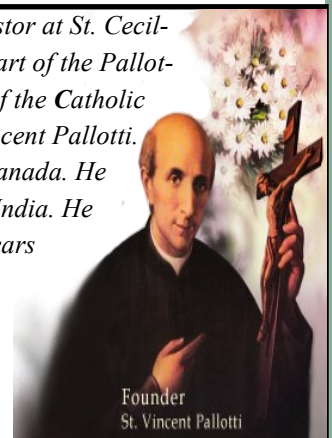
The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle—February 22

St. Polycarp—February 23

St. Gregory of Narek—February 27

*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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## Mass Intentions

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*Saturday, Feb 3*  
 9:00am: Int. Anna Macht—Birthday  
 5:00pm: †Jesus Telebrico

*Sunday, Feb 4*  
 9:00am: †Adoracion and Josue Suple  
 11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

*Monday, Feb 5*  
**No Mass**

*Tuesday, Feb 6*  
 9:00am: †Marcel Boni

*Wednesday, Feb 7*  
 9:00am: †Patrick McCabe

*Thursday, Feb 8*  
 9:00am: Int. Dan St. Germain—healing

*Friday, Feb 9*  
 9:00am: †Estevan & Loreto Palomo


*Saturday, Feb 10*  
 9:00am: †Lourdes de Ala  
 5:00pm: †Leo Bunz

*Sunday, Feb 11*  
 9:00am: †Angelito de la Paz  
 11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

<i>Mass Readings</i>	
<p><u><i>Saturday, Feb 3 (9am)</i></u>            1 Kings 3.4-13            Mark 6.30-34</p>	<p><u><i>Sunday, Feb 4</i></u>            Job 7.1-4, 6-7            1 Corinthians 9.16-19, 22-23            Mark 1.29-39</p>
<p><u><i>Mon, Feb 5 (no Mass)</i></u>            1 Kings 8.1-7, 9-13            Mark 6.53-56</p>	<p><u><i>Tuesday, Feb 6</i></u>            1 Kings 8.22-23, 27-30            Mark 7.1-13</p>
<p><u><i>Wednesday, Feb 7</i></u>            1 Kings 10.1-10            Mark 7.14-23</p>	<p><u><i>Thursday, Feb 8</i></u>            1 Kings 11.4-13            Mark 7.24-30</p>
<p><u><i>Friday, Feb 9</i></u>            1 Kings 11.29-32; 12.19            Mark 7.31-37</p>	<p><u><i>Saturday, Feb 10 (9am)</i></u>            1 Kings 12.26-32; 13.33-34            Mark 8.1-10</p>
<p><u><i>Sunday, Feb 11</i></u>            Leviticus 13.1-2, 45-46            1 Corinthians 10.31—11.1     Mark 1.40-45</p>	

## The Pope's Prayer Intention

# Feb 2024



**For the terminally ill**     We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.



**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.

# 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.

**Thank you very much to Fr. Terry Gubiana and Fr. Andy Pacoli for saying Mass for us this past month. You are appreciated!**

**Fr. Paul returns to us on Saturday, February 10th beginning with 3pm Confession. Please keep him in your prayers for safe travels.**

## SACRAMENT CLASS SCHEDULE

*Retreat & Celebration of Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation on Saturday, March 9, 2024*

**Class Dates for 1st Comm (Sat. at 10am):** 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):** Feb 10, Mar 23

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

### UPCOMING BAPTISM PREP CLASSES



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

*Spiritual: The gospel reminds us that a repentant and loving community is God's secret weapon against the power of evil in our world today. God wants to heal us of all the demons that oppress us. Can we be God's helping hands by helping those in need?*

**Pantry Needs:** canned soup and flakes of ham

**New!**



**WANTED:**

**KOFC**

**Men who would like to make a difference!**

Len White: 403-271-6055

or fs4878@kofc.ab.ca

**Knights of Columbus**

Volunteer opportunities: We are still in need for help with our Southwood Nursing Home Mass on Tuesday mornings. We also need help with the monthly Mass at Rockyview Hospital. 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, April and May (all 3 classes required). Previous announcements had a March class but we are moving it to May. Please contact Kelly Sereda (Sacrament Coordinator) to register. There is no fee.

Tax receipts for 2023 are now in the foyer for pickup for three weekends before we mail them out the week of February 19th.

# 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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## Monthly Cake

We currently have sponsors for February and March for our monthly cake that celebrates birthdays and anniversaries. The cost to sponsor is \$150 and the parish looks after the order and pickup. If you would like to sponsor a month, let the office know.



Our Youth bottle drive (all depositables) is this Saturday, February 3 from 10am to 12pm. However, you can drop off bottles to the hall any time to the big box where the double doors are. To the best of your ability, please try to rinse out the bottles and milk jugs. The money from the returns goes to support our youth group activities.

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)				

We are currently awaiting a new bookkeeper so we appreciate your patience and understanding in the delay for updating our weekly and monthly donations.





# 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)



Development and Peace - **Caritas Canada's Share Lent** campaign this year is called "Create Hope – Reaping Our Rights". Your parish may have already received free resources to support this campaign, including posters and mini-magazines with all the campaign information.

**Bishop McGrattan invites parishioners** to participate in this campaign through generosity, engagement, and solidarity and you can find his message in the mini magazines.

## Pray for our Seminarians

Our Diocese welcomes five new seminarians who have begun their formation at St. Joseph Seminary in Edmonton. They have joined the eight returning seminarians who have already been discerning the priesthood for our Diocese. Please remember to pray for our Seminarians and all those actively discerning the priesthood in our Diocese: *Lord Jesus Christ, eternal High Priest, lead our seminarians daily in your footsteps, that they may become priests aflame with love for God and all. Amen. St. Joseph, pray for us.*

## World Day of the Sick - Feb 11

The World Day of the Sick is celebrated each year on **February 11**. It is an occasion to pray for individuals who are suffering, and find concrete ways to draw nearer to them. The theme chosen for the 2024 is "It is not good that man should be alone." (Gen 2:18) It was subtitled, "Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships."

***Here at St Cecilia's:*** As usual, Father Paul will anoint anyone who wishes after each of the weekend Masses Feb 10/11

# ASH WEDNESDAY

## February 14th

Masses: 9am and 7pm





# KIDS' PAGE



*At the end of today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells Simon that they will go to the nearby villages to preach.  
Can you find your way through the maze to the nearby village?*

# Directory

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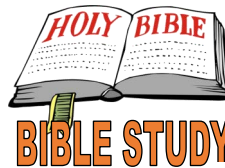
ROOM BOOKINGS		
Mon	Feb 5	
Tues	Feb 6	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) CWL Executive 7:00pm—RCIA (Boardroom)
Wed	Feb 7	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 6:00pm—Couples For Christ (Auditorium) 7:00pm—Sunday Choir Practice
Thur	Feb 8	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am)
Fri	Feb 9	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 3:00pm—Divine Mercy
Sat	Feb 10	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Sacrament Class 12:00pm—Couples for Christ (Auditorium) 3:00pm-4:00pm—CONFESSION 5:00pm—MASS
Sun	Feb 11	9:00am—MASS 11:00am—MASS



**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** last Tuesday of the month after the 9am Mass. New knitters welcome. Yarn available.  
**Next meet: Tues. Feb 27th**



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



Tuesdays after the 9am Mass. New members welcome!



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