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Feb 17/18, 2024

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 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

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Fridays:

9:30am - 6:00pm

First Friday:

9am to 6pm



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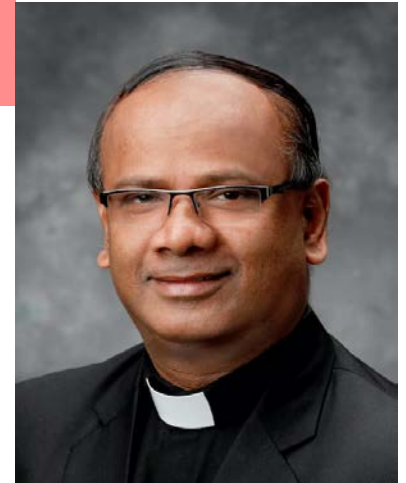
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FR. PAUL'S COLUMN

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

FEB 10TH



St. Scholastica was born into a wealthy family around the year 480 AD, in the town of Nursia, central Italy. **St. Scholastica, sister of St. Benedict**, consecrated her life to God from her earliest youth. St. Benedict and St. Scholastica are now honoured as great saints. **Both had a powerful influence upon monastic life** as we have it today: St. Benedict being the father of Western monasticism and St. Scholastica its mother.

In his book *Dialogues*, **Pope Saint Gregory** captures **the holy love that St. Benedict and St. Scholastica shared**. Though Scholastica's convent was only a few miles from Benedict's monastery, the two would only get together once a year, **in keeping with their strict rule of life**.

St. Scholastica died about the year **543** and her holy brother beheld her soul in a vision as it ascended into heaven. He sent his brethren to bring her body to his monastery and laid it in the tomb he had prepared for himself.

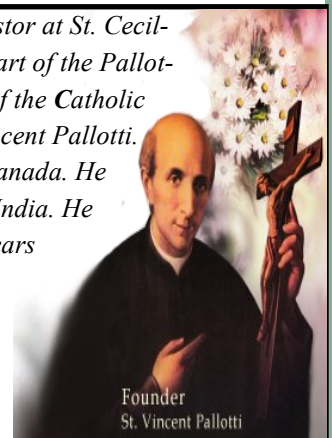
St. Scholastica is the **Patron Saint of nuns, school, tests, reading, convulsive children**. She was also **invoked against storms and rain**.

Sayings of the Saint

“I asked you for a favor and you would not listen, so **I asked God, and he did listen.**” **St. Scholastica.**

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*



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Mass Intentions

Saturday, Feb 17
 9:00am: Int. Leonila Balagtas—Birthday
 5:00pm: Int. Jeannette Carter

Sunday, Feb 18
 9:00am: †Nicola Pagliano
 11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

Monday, Feb 19
No Mass

Tuesday, Feb 20
 9:00am: †Paolo Ignomiriello

Wednesday, Feb 21
 9:00am: Int. Fr. Lukas Drapal—Birthday

Thursday, Feb 22
 9:00am: †Gerald and Joan Thibeault

Friday, Feb 23
 9:00am: Int. Katelyn D'Souza—Birthday


Saturday, Feb 24
 9:00am: †Sally Braid
 5:00pm: Int. Adam Bunz

Sunday, Feb 25
 9:00am: †Felix & Miguela Latorena
 11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

<i>Mass Readings</i>	
<u><i>Saturday, Feb 17 (9am)</i></u> Isaiah 58.9b-14 Luke 5.27-32	<u><i>Sunday, Feb 18</i></u> Genesis 9.8-15 1 Peter 3.18-22 Mark 1.12-15
<u><i>Mon, Feb 19 (no Mass)</i></u> Leviticus 19.1-2, 11-18 Matthew 25.31-46	<u><i>Tuesday, Feb 20</i></u> Isaiah 55.10-11 Matthew 6.7-15
<u><i>Wednesday, Feb 21</i></u> Jonah 3.1-10 Luke 11.29-32	<u><i>Thursday, Feb 22</i></u> 1 Peter 5.1-4 Matthew 16.13-19
<u><i>Friday, Feb 23</i></u> Ezekiel 18.21-28 Matthew 5.20-26	<u><i>Saturday, Feb 24 (9am)</i></u> Deuteronomy 26.16-19 Matthew 5.43-48
<u><i>Sunday, Feb 25</i></u> Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18 Romans 8.31b-35, 37 Mark 9.2-10	

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.

Lenten Penitential Service



Thursday, March 14

6:30pm—7:30pm

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday (Mar 24): 9am & 11am

Holy Thursday (Mar 28): 8pm

Good Friday (Mar 29): 10am Outdoor Way of the Cross, Passion at 3pm

Easter Vigil (Mar 30): 8pm

Easter Sunday (Mar 31): 9am & 11am

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): 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: It is easier to be grateful for obvious things like family, health, and life itself, than to look for the ordinary gifts in our life that we too easily take for granted. Before Lent, make a list of at least 10 things you take for granted and let gratefulness lift you up in times of your troubles. God has given them for your benefit and for you to share with others who need a lifting hand.

Pantry Needs: canned fruit and pancake mix (just add water)

New!



STATIONS of the CROSS

Every Friday during Lent at 7pm

- February 16 Knights of Columbus
- February 23 Catholic Women's League
- March 1 **7:30pm** Parish & Finance Council
- March 8 Couples For Christ
- March 15 Youth & Altar Servers
- March 22 Pastoral Care, SSVP, Bible Study
- March 29 **10am** Good Friday Way of the Cross



Please support the [CWL Meat & Fish Fund Raiser](#). Orders are done on line with the following link: [St. Cecilians CWL 2024 Spring – Fund Forward](#) Contact Elaine Barth eldan@telus.net with any questions.

BISHOP'S PARISH PASTORAL VISIT

Bishop William McGrattan will be here with Deacon Stephen Robinson to make his official Parish Pastoral Visit March 1-3, 2024. He will be Presiding and Preaching at each of the Masses that weekend. While here he will visit all of our schools, our nursing home, and meet with all of the ministry groups. The schedule for the visit is here in the bulletin and has been posted in the foyer.

Tax receipts for 2023 are being mailed this week. If you have not received yours please contact the parish office.

10-Minute Way of the Cross

We will again be doing the 10-minute Way of the Cross after each Mass on the weekend during the Lenten season. We encourage as many of you to stay as possible.



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 schools:

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

St. Matthew School

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)

St. William School

Monthly Newsletter

<https://stwilliam.cssd.ab.ca/newsletters>

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	—	—
DIRECT DEBIT FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER: \$11,380.00 (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.



Bishop McGrattan Pastoral Visit SCHEDULE

PARISH: St. Cecilia Parish
ADDRESS: 321 90 Avenue SE Calgary | 403-252-2790
PASTOR: Fr. V. Irudaya Paul Raj, SAC
VISIT DATES: March 1-3, 2024

Bishop & Parish Priest		Assisting Deacon Stephen Robinson	
Friday, March 1st			
Time	Event	Time	Event
9:30am	Visit to St. Cecilia School	9:00am	Meet with staff & review records
10:20am	Visit to St. William School		
11:15am	Visit to St. Matthew School		
Noon	Lunch with St. Matthew School	Noon	Lunch with Office Staff
1:00pm	Visit to Southwood Nursing Home		
(1:00pm)	(Tour of St. Cecilia Parish Building, in the event of an outbreak at Southwood)		

Bishop & Parish Priest & Assisting Deacon		
Time	Event	Where
1:00pm	(Tour of St. Cecilia Parish Building in the event of an outbreak at Southwood)	
2:00pm	Meet with Pastoral Care & Adoration, Library	Library
2:30pm	Meet with Church Store and Bible Study	Boardroom
3:00pm	Meet with Church Ministers: Lectors, Euch, Hosp., Ushers, Laptop	Sanctuary
4:00pm	Meet with Money Counters	Counting Room
4:30pm	Meet with St. Vincent de Paul Society	Boardroom
5:00pm	Dinner and meeting with Couples For Christ	Hall
7:00pm	Mass: Bishop William McGrattan to preside & preach; Deacon Assisting	Sanctuary
7:30pm	Way of the Cross	Sanctuary

Conclusion of Day 1



Bishop & Parish Priest & Assisting Deacon		
Saturday, March 2 nd		
Time	Event	Where
8:15am	Office of the Reading with Bishop William McGrattan	Sanctuary
8:30am	Rosary with Bishop William McGrattan	Sanctuary
9:00am	Mass: Bishop William McGrattan to preside & preach; Deacon Assisting	Sanctuary
9:45am	Meet with Sacramental Prep Teams – Children’s, RCIA, Baptism	Boardroom
10:30am	Meet with Saturday and Sunday Choirs	Sanctuary
11:00am	Meet with CWL, Funeral Lunch, Prayer Shawls	Hall
12:00pm	<i>Lunch and meeting with</i> Knights of Columbus	Auditorium
2:00pm	Meet with Youth and Altar Servers	Hall
2:30pm	Meet with Finance Council	Boardroom
3:30pm	Meet with Maintenance	Hall
5:00pm	Mass: Bishop William McGrattan to preside & preach; Deacon Assisting	Sanctuary
6:00pm	Coffee time to meet with parishioners	Hall
6:45pm	<i>Dinner and meeting with</i> Parish Council and Parish Renewal Team	Boardroom

Conclusion of Day 2

Bishop & Parish Priest & Assisting Deacon		
Sunday, March 3 rd		
Time	Event	Where
9:00am	Mass: Bishop William McGrattan to preside & preach; Deacon Assisting	Sanctuary
10:00am	Coffee time to meet with parishioners	Hall
11:00am	Mass: Bishop William McGrattan to preside & preach; Deacon Assisting	Sanctuary
12:00pm	Coffee time to meet with parishioners	Hall
12:30pm	Lunch with CWL	Boardroom

Conclusion of Day 3



Diocesan News

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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: catholiccyc.ca/blog/yearofprayer



As part of the Diocesan Renewal, the Office of Vocations is excited to launch the 40 Hours Devotion for Vocations in the Diocese of Calgary - catholiccyc.ca/40hours. This initiative invites us to pray continuously for forty hours before the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with a focus on increasing vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

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A Pastoral Message from Bishop McGrattan on *Lent & Social Media*

As we approach Lent, Bishop McGrattan reminds us to take a step back, pause, and reflect on our use of social media. Using insights from the latest CCCB pastoral letter, "Let Your Speech Always be Gracious," and the Holy Father's Lenten message, the Bishop highlights the seven commitments we should make to witness to core Christian values and help build a healthy online environment that serves the common good. **Read the Bishop's message [here](#).**



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.*

Journey through Lent Reflections

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) invites you to join their Journey through Lent video series. This year's presenters are the Most Reverend Martin Laliberté, P.M.É., Bishop of Trois-Rivières (in French), and the Most Reverend Stephen A. Hero, Bishop of Prince Albert, as well as the Most Reverend Mark Hagemoen, Bishop of Saskatoon (in English).

In English: <https://www.cccb.ca/oec/journey-through-lent/>

In French: <https://www.cecc.ca/oec/cheminer-ensemble-durant-le-temps-du-careme/>

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Knights of Columbus

KIDS' PAGE



What was the story mentioned in today's first reading that talks about God washing away the sins of the world and making a covenant with His people?

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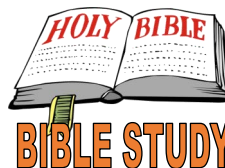
Mon	Feb 19	7:00pm—St. Vincent de Paul (Board)
Tues	Feb 20	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 7:00pm—RCIA (Boardroom) 7:00pm—Couples For Christ (Aud)
Wed	Feb 21	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 7:00pm—Sunday Choir Practice
Thur	Feb 22	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 7:00pm—Parish Council (Board)
Fri	Feb 23	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 3:00pm—Divine Mercy 6:00pm—Renewal Team Meeting 7:00pm—Station of the Cross 7:30pm—Couples For Christ (Aud)
Sat	Feb 24	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Sacrament Class 3:00pm-4:00pm—CONFESSION 5:00pm— MASS 6:00pm—Couples For Christ (Aud)
Sun	Feb 25	9:00am— MASS 11:00am— MASS 1:00pm—Lithuanian 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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