# ST. CECILIA'S PARISH

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Feb 24/25, 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 consistently for 6 months or more, please pick up a registration form from our Information Desk in the foyer.

### **Confessions**





### **Adoration Fridays:**

9:30am - 6:00pm

**First Friday:** 

9am to 6pm



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## FR. PAUL'S COLUMN SAINT OF THE WEEK

### ST. GREGORY OF NAREK, ABBOT, AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH



St. Vincent Pallotti

FEB 27, 2024

St. Gregory of Narek was a 10th-century Armenian monk, poet, and mystical writer and composer. We know very little about his life. St. Gregory of Narek is recognized as a Saint in both the Catholic Church and in the Armenian Apostolic Church, being venerated in a particular way among Catholics of the Armenian Rite.

St. Gregory's most well-known literary work is a book of prayers, known as the "Book of Lamentations". It is considered a masterpiece of Armenian literature. St Gregory himself defined the work as an "encyclopedia of prayer for all nations," and hoped that it would provide guidance in prayer for people of all walks of life. This classic of Armenian literature has been translated into 30 languages.

In 2015 as the world observed the 100th anniversary of the Armenian genocide in the Ottoman Empire, Pope Francis concelebrated a Mass at the Vatican with Patriarch Nerses Bedros XIX Tarmouni and declared the monk, poet,

and saint of the Armenian Apostolic Church, Gregory of Narek, a Doctor of the Church and inscribed on the tine Fathers Community (Society of the Catholic Church Calendar as an Optional **Memorial by Pope Francis in 2021.** 

St. Gregory died in the early 11th century and was buried within the To learn more about the Pallottine walls of the Narek monastery where he had spent his life.

Fr. Paul Raj, SAC has been the pastor at St. Cecilia's since November 2014 and is part of the Pallot-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.

Fathers please visit their website: www.pallotti.org





### Mass Intentions



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

Monday, Feb 26
No Mass

Tuesday, Feb 27

9:00am: †Eladio Tagle & †Felisa del Monte

Wednesday, Feb 28

9:00am: Int. Lucille Hernandez & Family

Thursday, Feb 29 9:00am: †Leo Boyko

Friday, March 1

7:00pm: †Ponpon & Peterson Family

Saturday, March 2

9:00am: †Adoracion and Josue Suple 5:00pm: Int. Pavla D'Souza—Birthday

Sunday, March 3

9:00am: Int. Elise D'Souza—6th Birthday 11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

Mass Readings		
Saturday, Feb 24 (9am) Deuteronomy 26.16-19 Matthew 5.43-48	<u>Sunday, Feb 25</u> Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18 Romans 8.31b-35, 37 Mark 9.2-10	
Mon, Feb 26 (no Mass) Daniel 9.3, 4b-10 Luke 6.36-38	<u>Tuesday, Feb 27</u> Isaiah 1.10, 16-20, 27-28, 31 Matthew 23.1-12	
Wednesday, Feb 28 Jeremiah 18.18-20 Matthew 20.17-28	<i>Thursday, Feb 29</i> Jeremiah 17.5-10 Luke 16.19-31	
Friday, Mar 1 Genesis 37.3-4, 12- 13a, 17b-28 Matthew 21.33-43, 45- 46	Saturday, Mar 2 (9am) Micah 7.14-15, 18-20 Luke 15.1-3, 11-32	
<u>Sunday, Mar 3</u>		

# The Pope's Prayer Intention Feb 2024

Exodus 20.1-17

John 2.13-25

1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25

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



<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.

## Parish News Update



Would **box 213** please call the parish office. 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

Due to the Bishop's Pastoral Visit, the parish office will be closed on Friday morning, March 1st and will reopen at 1pm.

The Silver Rose sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be on Thursday, February 29th at 6pm. The program begins with the rosary and this prospreads gram the message of Our Lady Guadalupe. more information: https://www.kofc.org/ en/what-we-do/faithin-action-programs/ life/silver-rose.html



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

Class Dates for 1st Comm (Sat. at 10am): 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**



March 8

March class cancelled Sat. Apr. 6 at 9:30am

Please sign up via the office.



### Every Friday during Lent at 7pm

**Couples For Christ** 

February 23 Catholic Women's League

March 1 <u>7:30pm</u> Parish & Finance Council

March 15 Youth & Altar Servers

March 22 Pastoral Care, SSVP, Bible Study
March 29 **10am Good Friday Way of the Cross** 

### 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.

<u>Pantry Needs</u>: canned fruit and pancake mix (just add water)





Please support the CWL Meat & Fish Fund Raiser. Orders are done on line with the following link: St. Cecilias CWL 2024 Spring – Fund Forward Contact community fundraisers Elaine Barth eldan@telus.net with any questions.

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 have been mailed. If you do not receive 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.

1st Friday, March 1: Due to the Bishop's Visit we will not be having Adoration or Divine Mercy on March 1.

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



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#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

are open on March 5th for bookings from May to August only. We will not be giving more than 2 Sundays/Saturday evenings, to allow other people to book those days.



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 \$426.00 \$483.00 \$1,930.00 St. Vincent de Paul \$331.00 \$20.00 \$390.00 \$140.00 \$135.00 \$20.00 \$45.00 **Building Maintenance** \$35.00 **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, N	March 1 <sup>st</sup>			
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)			

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:oopm	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				
Saturda	Saturday, March 2 <sup>nd</sup>			
Time	Event	Where		
8:15am	Office of the Reading with Bishop William McGrattan	Sanctuary		
8:30am	Rosary with Bishop William McGrattan	Sanctuary		
9:ooam	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	Lunch and meeting with 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:oopm	Coffee time to meet with parishioners	Hall		
6:45pm	Dinner and meeting with Parish Council and Parish Renewal Team	Boardroom		

Conclusion of Day 2

Bishop 8	k Parish Priest & Assisting Deacon	
Sunday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Time	Event	Where
9:ooam	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

**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: <a href="catholicyyc.ca/blog/yearofprayer">catholicyyc.ca/blog/yearofprayer</a>



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 - <u>catholicyyc.ca/40hours</u>. 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.

Check out new career opportunities in the Diocese:

no available positions at this time

Visit <u>www.catholicyyc.ca/careers</u> for more information and details.



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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.



### KARA PROGRAM



SOW SEEDS OF COMPASSION: LENTEN LOVE FOR PREGNANT & PARENTING STUDENTS

**FEBRUARY 14 - MARCH 31, 2024** 

#### **Pastoral Renewal Teams Orientation**

On February 10, nearly 300 Parish Renewal Team members from across the Diocese convened for a Renewal orientation with the Renewal Leadership Team and Bishop McGrattan. This meeting was held simultaneously in Calgary, Lethbridge, and Medicine Hat, with Zoom enabling connections between all sites. You can view photos from the gathering locations and get insights from the attendees. All in all, it was a blessed beginning!

### 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: <a href="https://www.cccb.ca/oec/journey-through-lent/">https://www.cccb.ca/oec/journey-through-lent/</a>

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

This Lenten season, Calgary Catholic Education Foundation (CCEF) invites us to come together to make a meaningful impact in the lives of pregnant and parenting students in our Catholic community.

**Donate online at:** theccef.ca

#### World Day of Prayer -Mar 1

The World Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Friday in March. It is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically and recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our country, and our community. To assist celebrations of the World Day of Prayer, services have been prepared for adults, youth, and children. Resources can be downloaded from the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada website at wicc.org





### ABRAHAM'S SACRIFICE PUZZI

Do the math! Answer the math problems to find the right words to fit in the spaces to answer the questions!

God wanted to test Abraham's faith. He told him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac.

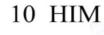
Did Abraham trust in God? 3-3=\_\_\_

Did God let Abraham sacrifice his son, or did he stop him?

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1+5= 5-3=\_\_\_

- 0 YES
- 1 NO
- 2 SHEEP
- 3 COW
- 4 SENT
  - 5 KILLED
- 6 INSTEAD
  - 7 STOPPED
- 8 BURNED
- 9 SWORD

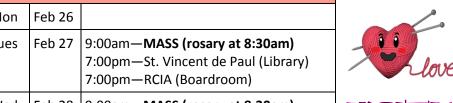




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5pm Choir	Marie Hill	403-252-3456	St. Vincent de Paul	Heather Sereda 403-252-2790	ext. 223 (voicemail)
Campus Flowers	Sandra Dawson	403 259-3829	<b>Couples for Christ</b>	George Fournier	403-804-8446
Finance Council	George Fournier	403-271-4628		Orly Alcantara	403-263-3510
🔆 Parish Council	Joy Obah	403-831-1483	Library	Connie Claeys	403-931-4840
<b>*</b> Maintenance	Christian Amizola		Prayer Shawl	Donna Suderman	403-252-2718
*	st.cecilia.maintenance.coord	@gmail.com	Ministry		
Pastoral Care	Connie Claeys	403-931-4840	Francis Klein Ctr	Lisa Van Gent	403-255-4480
Altar Servers	Cecilia McLaughlin ceciliama	rymcl@gmail.com	<b>Natural Family</b>	Pavla D'Souza	403-278-9677
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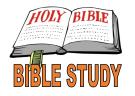
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Prayer Shawl Ministry: last Tuesday of the month after the 9am Mass. New knitters welcome. Yarn available. Next meet: Tues. Feb 27th



Every First Friday beginning with the 7pm Mass. Night concludes by 9pm. Next meeting: Sat. Mar 2 with the Bishop!



Tuesdays after the 9am Mass. New members welcome!



This month's cake has been generously sponsored by Nella Ignomiriello



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