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# March 2/3, 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

## Adoration

Fridays:

9:30am - 6:00pm

First Friday:

9am to 6pm



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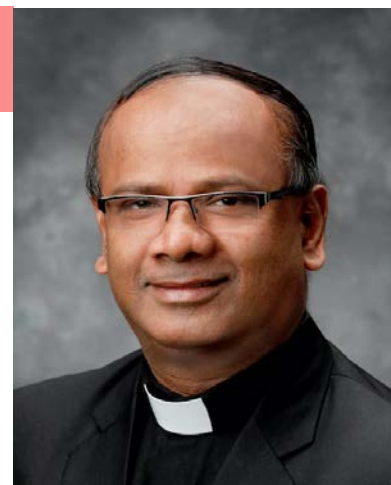
## Welcome

to His Excellency

*Bishop William McGrattan and  
Deacon Stephen Robinson!*

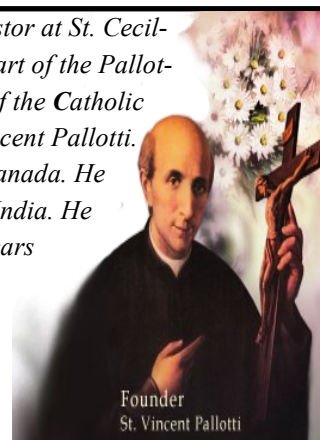
I pray that this Pastoral Visit  
becomes a blessing, grace and  
renewal to our parish, to all the  
ministries and to all the  
parishioners.

God Bless.



*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, 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

*Monday, March 4*  
 No Mass

*Tuesday, March 5*

9:00am: Int. Joseph Jayawickram—Birthday

*Wednesday, March 6*

9:00am: †Michael Bulger

*Thursday, March 7*

9:00am: †Pat McCabe

*Friday, March 8*

9:00am: †Neil Thibeault

*Saturday, March 9*

9:00am: †Estevan & Loreto Palomo  
 5:00pm: Int. Everline Casiño—Birthday

*Sunday, March 10*

9:00am: †Michael Bulger  
 11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

<i>Mass Readings</i>	
<u><i>Saturday, Mar 2 (9am)</i></u> Micah 7.14-15, 18-20 Luke 15.1-3, 11-32	<u><i>Sunday, Mar 3</i></u> Exodus 20.1-17 1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25 John 2.13-25
<u><i>Mon, Mar 4 (no Mass)</i></u> 2 Kings 5.1-15a Luke 4.24-30	<u><i>Tuesday, Mar 5</i></u> Daniel 3.25, 34-43 Matthew 18.21-35
<u><i>Wednesday, Mar 6</i></u> Deuteronomy 4.1, 5-9 Matthew 5.17-19	<u><i>Thursday, Mar 7</i></u> Jeremiah 7.23-28 Luke 11.14-23
<u><i>Friday, Mar 8</i></u> Hosea 14.1-9 Mark 12.28b-34	<u><i>Saturday, Mar 9 (9am)</i></u> Hosea 5.15b—6.6 Luke 18.9-14
<u><i>Sunday, Mar 10</i></u> 2 Chronicles 36.14-17a, 19-23 Ephesians 2.4-10      John 3.14-21	

## The Pope's Prayer Intention

### March 2024



**For the new martyrs** We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



**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

## 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



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



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

## SACRAMENT CLASS SCHEDULE

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

**Please sign up via 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)



STATIONS of the CROSS  
Every Friday during Lent at 7pm

- March 1 **7:30pm** Parish & Finance Council
- March 8 Couples For Christ
- March 15 Youth & Altar Servers
- March 22 Pastoral Care, SSV, Bible Study
- March 29 **10am** Good Friday Way of the Cross

# BISHOP'S PARISH PASTORAL VISIT

**Welcome to Bishop William McGrattan  
and  
Deacon Stephen Robinson  
here for the Parish Pastoral Visit**

## 10-Minute Way of the Cross

*We will 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.*

## 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.

## 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 have a new bookkeeper who will be here next week. Due to the backlog of envelopes it will take time to enter them all so we appreciate your continued patience as we await the updated financials.*





# Diocesan News

**NEWS.CalgaryDiocese.ca** | FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING *in the* DIOCESE. Contact: 403-218-5500 | [communications@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto: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: [catholiccyc.ca/blog/yearofprayer](http://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](http://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.

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

*no available positions at this time*

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

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

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: [thecccf.ca](http://thecccf.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](http://wicc.org)

## **WANTED:**

### **KofC**

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

**Len White: 403-271-6055**

**or [fs4878@kofc.ab.ca](mailto:fs4878@kofc.ab.ca)**

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# KIDS' PAGE

## Jesus at the Temple Word-Find



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*Find all the words in CAPITALS and then  
use the letters that are left over  
to fill in the blanks at the end.*

Jesus made a whip out of cords and DROVE them all out of the TEMPLE area, with the SHEEP and the OXEN, and SPILLED the COINS of the MONEY-changers and OVERTURNED their TABLES, and to those who sold DOVES he said, "Take these OUT of here, and STOP making my FATHER'S house a market place." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, ZEAL for your HOUSE will consume me. The JEWS said to Him, "What sign can you SHOW us for doing this?" Jesus answered them and said, "Destroy this temple, and in THREE days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for FORTY - SIX years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking of

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## ROOM BOOKINGS

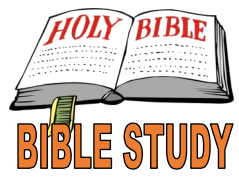
Mon	Mar 4	
Tues	Mar 5	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Bible Study (Boardroom) 7:00pm—RCIA (Boardroom)
Wed	Mar 6	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 6:00pm—Couples For Christ (Auditorium) 7:00pm—Sunday Choir Practice
Thur	Mar 7	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 6:00pm—Couples For Christ (Auditorium)
Fri	Mar 8	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 6:00pm—Couples For Christ (Auditorium) 7:00pm—Stations of the Cross
Sat	Mar 9	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 12:00pm—Couples For Christ (Aud) 3:00pm-4:00pm—CONFESSION 5:00pm—MASS
Sun	Mar 10	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: Sat. Mar 2 with the Bishop!**



Tuesdays after the 9am Mass. New members welcome!



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