

ST. CECILIA'S PARISH

321 90 Avenue SE, Calgary AB T2J 0A1 (403) 252-2790

UNLESS A
GRAIN OF
WHEAT
FALLS

INTO THE EARTH AND DIES, IT
REMAINS JUST A SINGLE GRAIN; BUT
IF IT DIES, IT BEARS MUCH FRUIT.

JOHN 12:24

YOU
ARE



catholicccc.ca
RENEWAL

called

YOU MATTER.
YOU BELONG.



FIFTH SUNDAY
OF LENT

March 16/17, 2024

MASS TIMES & PARISH INFO

Parish priest:

Fr. V. Irudaya Paul Raj SAC
vipaulraj45@gmail.com

Administrative Assistant:

Christine Thibeault
office@stceciacalgary.com

Sacramental Coordinator:

Kelly Sereda
sacraments@stceciacalgary.com

Music Director:

Ross N. Ferby
ross@stceciacalgary.com

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

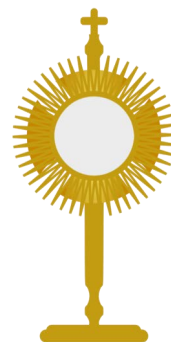
Adoration

Fridays:

9:30am - 6:00pm

First Friday:

9am to 6pm



ROYAL LEPAGE **Justyna Jakimowicz**
Your Local Realtor®
C.C.S.
(Certified Condominium Specialist)
403-909-2337

justynajakimowicz@royallepage.ca
justynajakimowicz.royallepage.ca
[justyna_jakimowicz_real_estate](https://www.justyna_jakimowicz_real_estate.com)
[justyna_jakimowicz_real_estate](https://www.justyna_jakimowicz_real_estate.com)

NO Obligation Free Home Evaluation
I'm happy to answer all question you may have!



CERTIFIED
ALARMS & SURVEILLANCE
Protecting People, Property, and Profits

Surveillance Access Control Intrusion ULC Fire Monitoring

HIKVISION KANTECH ALARM.COM DSC ULC ULC Standards

Phone: 403-253-7820 x 0 or 221 info@certifiedalarms.ca <http://www.certifiedalarms.ca/>

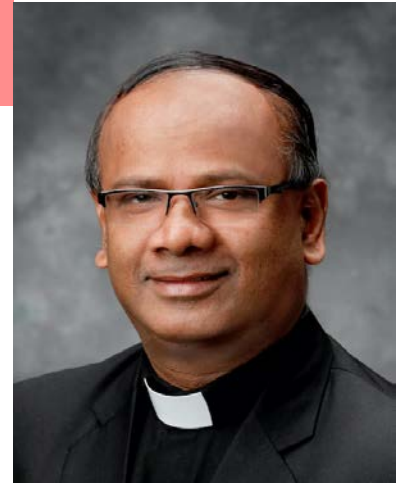
FR. PAUL'S COLUMN

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS

1384 - 1440

MAR 9TH 2024



Saint Frances of Rome was born of a wealthy parent in Rome, Italy in 1384. She was **drawn to a life of prayer, simplicity, bodily penance and fasting** and was **attracted to the religious life** during her youth. But her parents objected and **married her to Lorenzo de' Ponziani**.

St. Frances embraced her marriage with her whole heart. She loved her husband, and he loved her. **Her humble affection and devotion to him were so great** that it has been said that **during their forty years of married life, they never once had an argument**. She loved and served God as a wife, mother, and religious. She learned to embrace God's will over her own.

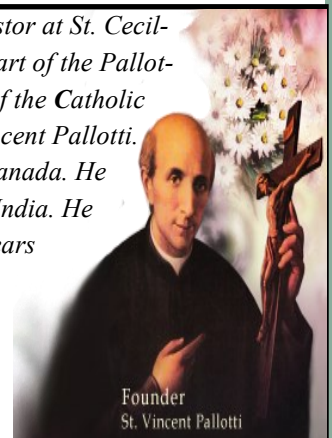
St. Frances and other holy women in Rome were working hard to care for the poor and infirm. To help this work flourish, **she organized a lay association of Benedictine Oblates for single and widowed women**. She died on March 9, 1440, Rome and was canonized in 1608. **Patron Saint** of motorists and widows.

Saying of the Saint

"A married woman must, when called upon, leave her devotions to God at the altar to find Him in her household affairs." St. Frances of Rome.

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



Founder
St. Vincent Pallotti

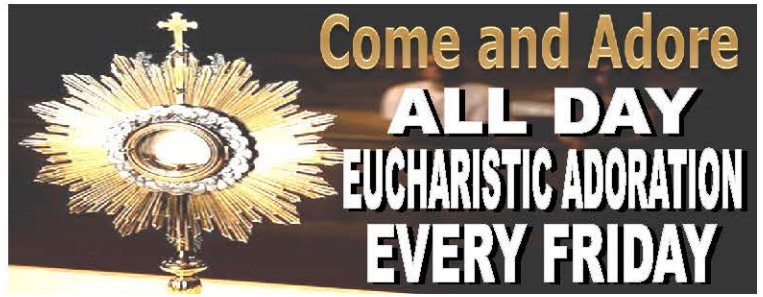


Susie Varem
Epicure Ambassador
 Phone or text: 403.478.7814
 Email: svarem@shaw.ca

Dedicated to sharing quick, healthy and delicious meal solutions.



<https://susievarem.epicure.com>



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 16

9:00am: Int. Betty Gregorash—Birthday
 5:00pm: †Roderick Sibthorpe

Sunday, March 17

9:00am: †Pearl Ferby
 11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

Monday, March 18
 No Mass

Tuesday, March 19

9:00am: †Nicola Pagliano

Wednesday, March 20

9:00am: †Lourdita Diaz

Thursday, March 21

9:00am: Int. Alexander Wade—12th Birthday

Friday, March 22

9:00am: Int. Cathy Doran—Birthday

Saturday, March 23

9:00am: Int. Eden D'Souza—Birthday
 5:00pm: †Leo Boyko

Sunday, March 24

9:00am: †Bruce Ross
 11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

<i>Mass Readings</i>	
<u><i>Saturday, Mar 16 (9am)</i></u> Jeremiah 11.18-20 John 7.40-53	<u><i>Sunday, Mar 17</i></u> Jeremiah 31.31-34 Hebrews 5.7-9 John 12.20-33
<u><i>Mon, Mar 18 (no Mass)</i></u> Daniel 13.1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-64 John 8.1-11	<u><i>Tuesday, Mar 19</i></u> 2 Samuel 7.4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Romans 4.13, 16-18, 22 Matthew 1.16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2.41-51a
<u><i>Wednesday, Mar 20</i></u> Daniel 3.13-20, 24, 49-50, 91-95 John 8.31-42	<u><i>Thursday, Mar 21</i></u> Genesis 17.3-9 John 8.51-59
<u><i>Friday, Mar 22</i></u> Jeremiah 20.7, 10-13 John 10.31-42	<u><i>Saturday, Mar 23 (9am)</i></u> Ezekiel 37.21-28 John 11.45-56
<u><i>Sunday, Mar 24—Passion Sunday</i></u> Mark 11.1-10 or John 12.12-16 Isaiah 50.4-7 Philippians 2.6-11 Mark 14.1—15.47	

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

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.

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.

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



Sat. Apr. 6 at 9:30am

Sat. May. 4 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 15	Youth & Altar Servers
March 22	Pastoral Care, SSV, Bible Study
March 29	Good Friday Way of the Cross <i>Outdoor</i>



The **Seeds of the Word** will be here the weekend of March 23/24 with their new *Lectio Divina* and homemade bread and cookies!



Parishioner Danny Barth will be participating in this year's Hike For Life, collecting pledges and donations for Pro Life Calgary. Envelopes and pledge forms can be found in the foyer. Please make out any cheques to the Calgary Pro Life Association

Our schools:

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

AN IRISH BLESSING

May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, The rain fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of his hand.



MASS INTENTIONS

are open 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.



St. Matthew School
Monthly Newsletter
<https://stmatthew.cssd.ab.ca/newsletters>



St. Cecilia School
Monthly Newsletter
<https://stcecilia.cssd.ab.ca/newsletters>



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)				

Thank you and welcome to our new bookkeeper **Ryan Summers!** Due to the backlog it will take time to catch us up so we appreciate your continued patience as we await the updated financials. All methods of your donations have always been getting put through to the bank, there was no change there.



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: 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.

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

no available positions at this time

Visit www.catholiccyc.ca/careers for more information and details.



Dr. Daniel Lowe

Quality Eyewear
Thorough Eye Health Exams
Contact Lenses
One Hour Lens Lab

Suite 601, Chinook Centre Professional Building
(403) 253-0234
www.chinookclinic.com

Bring in this ad for a \$25 discount on glasses



McInnis & Holloway
Funeral Homes

Proud to Serve the Catholic Community

**Family Owned in the
Heart of your Community**

www.mhfh.com

403-243-8200



PREVENT MECHANICAL

- HVAC
- HEATING
- PLUMBING
- ELECTRICAL
- HANDYMAN SERVICE
- PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

403-271-8821

DRIVING DOWN YOUR MAINTENANCE COSTS



KARA PROGRAM

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

FEBRUARY 14 - MARCH 31, 2024

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

Pastoral Care Ministry Training

The Diocese of Calgary invites individuals who feel called to assist their parish in a healing ministry. This Pastoral Care Training is designed for those who wish to support the sick, elderly, dying, homebound, and bereaved members of their community. Whether you're a new minister or someone with prior training in Pastoral Care Ministry, this workshop warmly welcomes you. When: Sat. Apr 20 (9am-4pm) and Sat. May 4 (9am-4pm) at the Catholic Pastoral Centre. Register here catholicyyca.ca/pastoralcare by April 15. The cost is \$70

God Squad Men's Conference "The Way to the Father"

Encourage the men in your parish to attend the upcoming 2024 God Squad conference. As Brother Simon and Brother John Paul put it, this is an opportunity "to renew our yes, our life to him, as a man who surrenders ourselves to him." [For more information & tickets](#)

YOU ARE called
YOU MATTER
YOU BELONG.

THE Outdoor WAY OF THE CROSS

+ GOOD FRIDAY
MARCH 29, 2024
AT 9 AM

A NEW ROUTE! ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY TO FATHER LACOMBE CENTRE

with **BISHOP WILLIAM T. MCGRATTAN**

HOW DO I GET THERE?

C-TRAIN Take the Fish Creek-Lacombe Station stop.

DRIVING Use the Providence Blvd. SE driveway of St. Mary's University, park on the street on Providence Blvd. SE, or park at the Fish Creek-Lacombe Station parking lot and use the walking bridge to the university campus.

CATHOLICYCA.CA/WAYOFTHECROSS

All are invited to join Bishop McGrattan on the **Outdoor Way of the Cross on Good Friday, March 29, 2024 at 9 am**. We are introducing a new route this year that begins at St. Mary's University and leads us to the Father Lacombe Centre. Remember to dress appropriately for the outdoors.

WANTED:

K of C

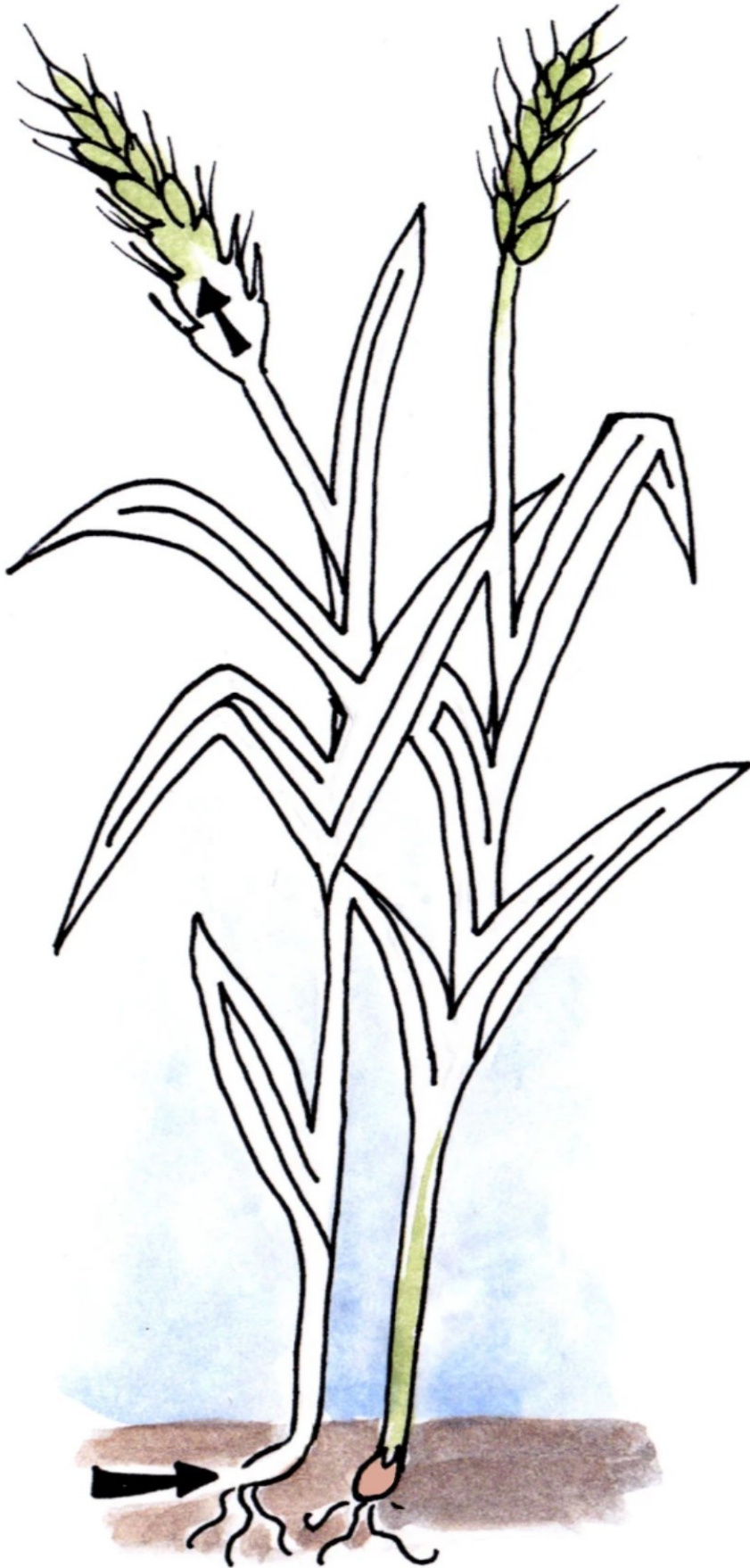
Men who would like to make a difference!

Len White: 403-271-6055

or fs4878@kofc.ab.ca

Knights of Columbus

KIDS' PAGE



In today's Gospel reading Jesus says, "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

Can you find your way from this grain of wheat to the new seeds at the top?

Directory

Pastor Fr. V. Irudaya Paul Raj, SAC 403-700-9345
 Parish Office Christine Thibeault 403-252-2790
office@stceciliacalgary.com
 Choir Director/ Organist Ross N. Ferby 403-253-6757
ross@stceciliacalgary.com
 5pm Choir Marie Hill 403-252-3456
 Bookkeeper Ryan Summers
 Finance Council George Fournier 403-271-4628
 Parish Council Joy Obah 403-831-1483
 Maintenance Christian Amizola
st.cecilia.maintenance.coord@gmail.com
 Pastoral Care Connie Claeys 403-931-4840
 Altar Servers Cecilia McLaughlin ceciliamarymcl@gmail.com
 Ministry Kelly Sereda
 Scheduling sacraments@stceciliacalgary.com
 Sacrament Kelly Sereda
 Coordinator sacraments@stceciliacalgary.com

RCIA Kelly Sereda sacraments@stceciliacalgary.com
 Knights of Columbus Danny Barth 403-278-4347
 Campus Flowers Sandra Dawson 403 259-3829
 St. Vincent de Paul Heather Sereda 403-252-2790 ext. 223 (voicemail)
 Couples for Christ George Fournier 403-804-8446
 Orly Alcantara 403-263-3510
 Library Connie Claeys 403-931-4840
 Prayer Shawl Donna Suderman 403-252-2718
 Ministry Lisa Van Gent 403-255-4480
 Francis Klein Ctr Pavla D'Souza 403-278-9677
 Natural Family Planning
 St. Matthew Sch Annie Desrochers (Principal) 403-500-2030
 St. Cecilia's Sch Christine Hooey (Principal) 403-500-2040
 St. William Sch Candice Olsen (Principal) 403-500-2055
 Bible Study Gabriella Hernandez 403-258-1558
 CWL Pauline Michaniuk 403-899-0118
 Youth Coordinator Veronica Planicka st.cecilaparish.youth@gmail.com

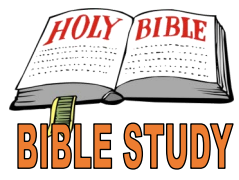
ROOM BOOKINGS		
Mon	Mar 18	7:00pm—St. Vincent de Paul (Board)
Tues	Mar 19	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Bible Study (Boardroom) 7:00pm—RCIA (Boardroom)
Wed	Mar 20	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 6:00pm—Finance Committee (Boardroom) 7:00pm—Sunday Choir Practice
Thur	Mar 21	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am)
Fri	Mar 22	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 7:00pm—Stations of the Cross
Sat	Mar 23	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	Mar 24	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. Mar 26th**



Every First Friday beginning with the 7pm Mass. Night concludes by 9pm. **Next meeting: Apr 5**



Tuesdays after the 9am Mass. New members welcome!



EVAN J. STRONG
FUNERAL SERVICES

South Calgary
5502 2 Street SW • 403-265-1199

e-bulletin
Subscribe today!

Email the parish office to be added to the list. By signing up you can expect the following: **Help reduce our printing cost, Diocese News, Parish Alerts** (emergencies, last minute notices). Your email address is kept private and is not visible to anyone.

Services and Prices Online
www.evanjstrong.com
Catholic Family Owned