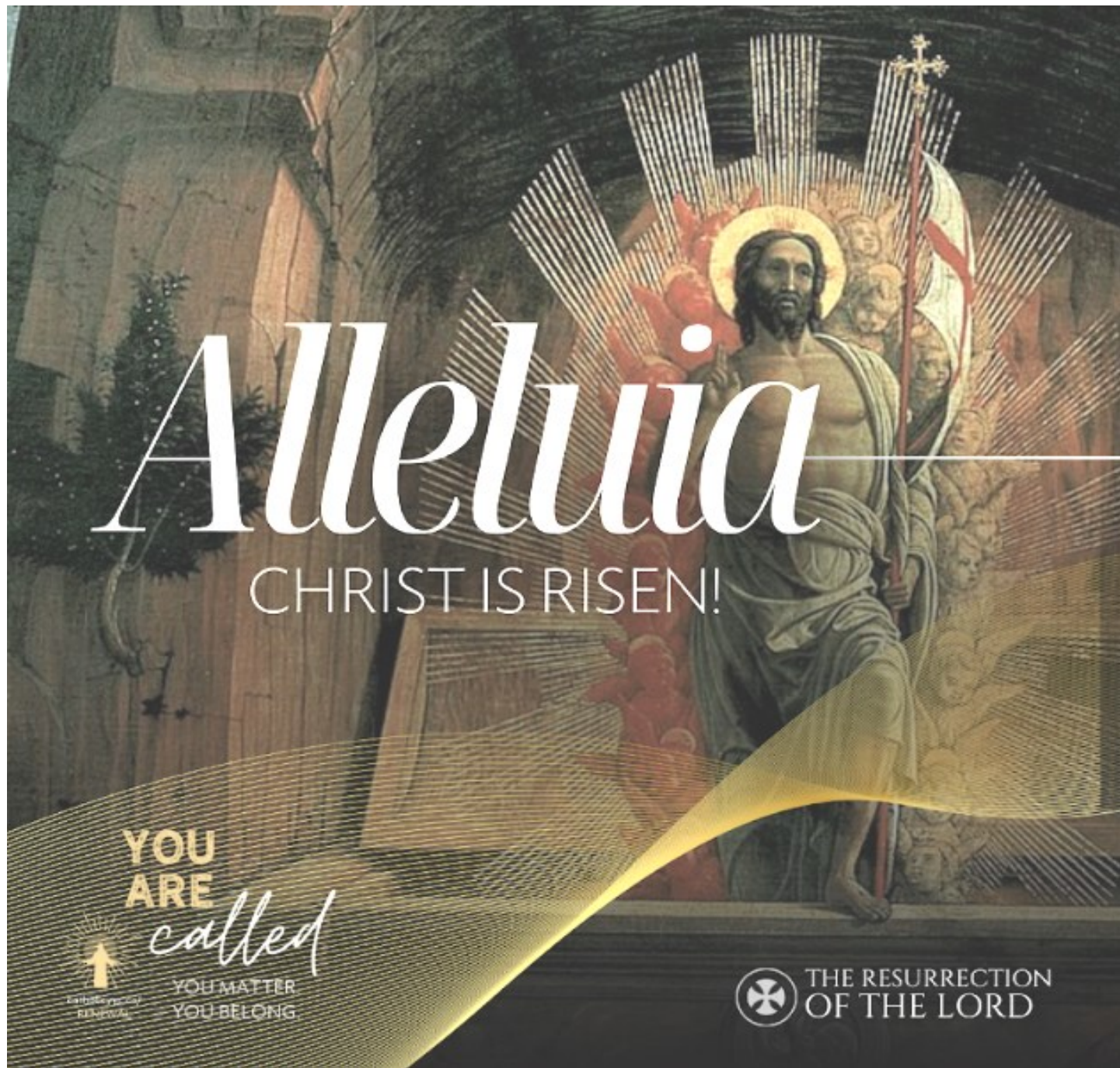


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March 30/31, 2024

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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



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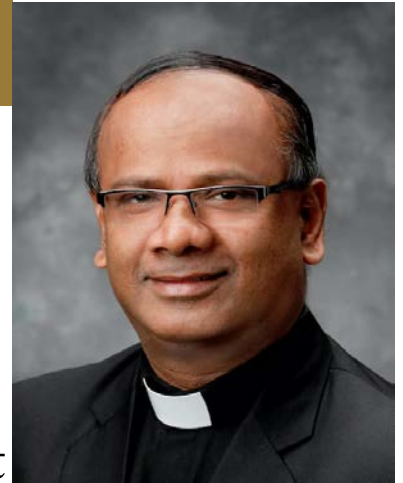


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Dear Parishioners,

Jesus is Risen Alleluia, Alleluia.

Resurrection is a **remembrance of what God has done for us through Jesus**. We should also **remember what God has done for us** through our parents, grandparents, spouses, siblings, relatives, and friends.

Easter is the **resurrection of Jesus and our own resurrection**. Let us **rise from all negativities and enter the positivity of life, peace, joy, and happiness**.

Resurrection is a **celebration of God's peace** in our lives. Let us also **share that peace with one another through our love, care, and concern**.

Wishing all of you and your family a **HAPPY EASTER**.

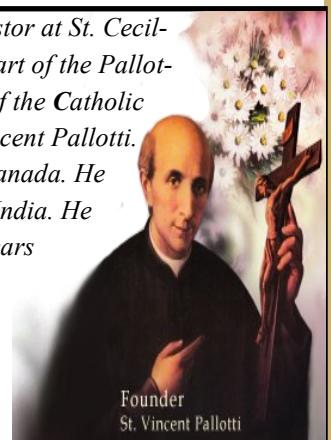
GOD BLESS.

With love and prayers

Fr. Paul Raj SAC
Pastor.

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:
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 30—Easter Vigil
 8:00pm: †Teodoro Reyes

Sunday, March 31—Easter Sunday
 9:00am: †Jean-Paul & Rémi Maillot
 11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

Monday, April 1
 No Mass

Tuesday, April 2
 9:00am: Int. Alfonso Family

Wednesday, April 3
 9:00am: †Adoracion and Josue Suple

Thursday, April 4
 9:00am: †Estevan & Loreto Palomo

Friday, April 5
 7:00pm: †Pat McCabe


Saturday, April 6
 9:00am: †Douglas and Vallian
 5:00pm: Int. Lamberto Macalino—health

Sunday, April 7—Divine Mercy
 9:00am: †Leonardo Cano, 1st death ann.
 11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

<i>Mass Readings</i>	
<u><i>Saturday, Mar 30 (8pm)</i></u> Genesis 1.1-2.2, Exodus 14.15-31; 15.20, 1, Isaiah 55.1-11, Ezekiel 36.16-17, 18-28, Romans 6.3-11, Mark 16.1-8	<u><i>Sunday, Mar 31—Easter</i></u> Acts 10.34a, 37-43, Colossians 3.1-4, John 20.1-18
<u><i>Mon, Apr 1 (no Mass)</i></u> Acts 2.14, 22-33, Matthew 28.8-15	<u><i>Tuesday, Apr 2</i></u> Acts 2.36-41, John 20.11-18
<u><i>Wednesday, Apr 3</i></u> Acts 3.1-10, Luke 24.13-35	<u><i>Thursday, Apr 4</i></u> Acts 3.11-26, Luke 24.35-48
<u><i>Friday, Apr 5</i></u> Acts 4.1-12, John 21.1-14	<u><i>Saturday, Apr 6</i></u> Acts 4.13-21, Mark 16.9-15
<u><i>Sunday, April 7—Divine Mercy Sunday</i></u> Acts 4.32-35 1 John 5.1-6 John 20.19-31	

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



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

UPCOMING BAPTISM PREP CLASSES



Sat. Apr. 6 at 9:30am
Sat. May. 4 at 9:30am

Please sign up via the office.

SACRAMENT CLASS SCHEDULE

1st Reconciliation Retreat & Sacrament: April 13th

Class Dates for 1st Comm (Sat. at 10am): Apr 20, May 11 Retreat June 8

Celebration of Sacrament on Saturday, June 9, 2024 at the 11am Mass

Class Dates for Confirm. (Sat. at 10am): Retreat May 25th

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

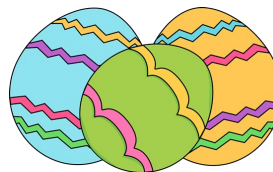


Our monthly cake to celebrate all of the March birthdays and wedding anniversaries will be celebrated next weekend, April 6/7.



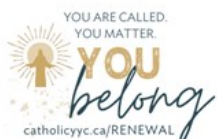
Parishioner Danny Barth will be participating in this year's Hike For Life, collecting pledges and donations for Pro Life Calgary. Envelopes and pledge forms can be found in the foyer. Please make out any cheques to the Calgary Pro Life Association

We will again be having our annual egg colouring in the hall kitchen on Easter Saturday at



10am. Coloured eggs will then be given out after the Easter Vigil.

40 HOURS
DEVOTION
FOR VOCATIONS
in the Diocese
of Calgary



We will be holding our 40 Hour Devotion starting at 6am on Friday, April 26th until 10pm Saturday, April 27th.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

403-252-2790 ext. 223

Happy Easter from the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry! We appreciate our parish community so much for all of your support of food and monetary donations.

Pantry Needs: Canned lunch meat, canned corn



Very big congratulations to our RCIA Candidates who came into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Let us continue to welcome them, pray for them and journey with them.

As we celebrate the Easter Octave as One Great Week, we invite you to attend our weekday Masses, Tuesday to Saturday at 9am

Next weekend, we will observe **Divine Mercy Sunday**. Following each Mass next weekend the Divine Mercy chaplet will be prayed, with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with Benediction.

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her *Diary* entry 699:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity... The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter.

Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina — nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter^[1]. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/celebrate/greatgrace/dms>

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/newsletters>



St. Cecilia School

Monthly Newsletter

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



St. William School

Monthly Newsletter

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

Easter food will be blessed at all Easter Masses this weekend.



Parish financial support -Thank you!

	Dec 30/Dec 31	Jan 6/7	Jan 13/14	Jan 20/21
Parish support (Envelopes + Loose)	\$1,726.00	\$2,905.00	\$3,957.00	\$3,457.00
Together in Action	\$426.00	\$483.00	\$30.00	\$45.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$390.00	\$140.00	\$20.00	\$160.00
Building Maintenance	\$20.00	\$45.00	\$60.00	\$5.00
Christmas/New Year	\$2,442.00	\$60.00	\$270.00	—
Catholic Education	—	—	—	\$10.00

DIRECT DEBIT FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER: \$11,380.00 (includes special donations outside of parish support)

Our new bookkeeper **Ryan Summers** has been diligently working through the backlog, though it will take time to catch us up so we appreciate your continued patience as we await the most up-to-date financials. All methods of your donations have always been getting put through to the bank, there was no change there.

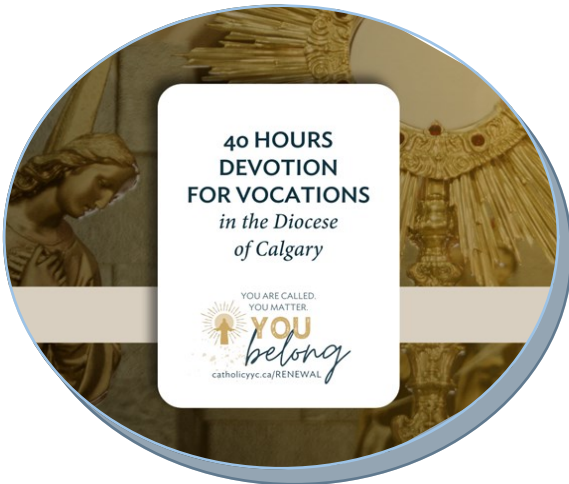


Diocesan News

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Young Adults 19-30: Hope on the Horizon Summer Mission in Downtown Vancouver

Join the "Hope on the Horizon" Summer Mission from **August 6-21, 2024** hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver and Catholic Street Missionaries. This event, for young adults aged 19-30 in downtown Vancouver, offers an immersive experience into street missionary work. Participants will engage in prayer, service, and outreach to the homeless, alongside training and recreational activities. Food and accommodation included. For details and registration, visit: catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon.



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 - catholiccycc.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:

[Interim Assessment Coordinator - Clear Water Academy](#)

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Vocations Rally

Our Church is facing a crisis of vocations - for both priesthood and religious life. Together, how can we strengthen the future of the Church? You are invited to the Diocesan Vocations Rally, co-hosted by the Benedict XVI Institute of Newman Theological College. It is an afternoon of formation, information, and fellowship on Vocations! Come learn how to build a culture of vocation, whether you are discerning a religious vocation or not. Through the grace of God, the future of the Church depends on us all. Bring as many people from your parish as you can. Lunch is on us. When: **Sun, Apr 21, from 11 am to 3:30 pm.**

Men's Renewal: Life Compass Workshop

Men: Here is an invitation for you to join the "Life Compass" Workshop Retreat at St. Anthony's, Calgary. Ideal for men seeking a deeper sense of identity, purpose, or those feeling lost about their next step. Experience fellowship, spiritual growth, personal value clarification, and goal setting. Includes a full day of activities, follow-up mastermind, prayer time, sacraments, materials, snacks, coffee, and a hot lunch. Empower yourself to create a guiding LifeCompass. **When: Sat, Apr 13 from 8 am to 4 pm.**

A Great Symphony of Prayer: The Our Father as a Programme of Life Embark on a spiritual journey with the CCCB's engaging webinar series, "A Great Symphony of Prayer," in response to Pope Francis's Year of Prayer initiative, hosted by Dr. Josephine Lombardi. Crafted by the Jubilee Office in Rome, this series offers deep dives into prayer through specially prepared booklets. This is a unique opportunity to connect with the divine and join a global community in prayer. When: **Tuesdays at 11 am MT from Apr 2 to Apr 30, 2024.** [Register Now](#)

YOU ARE called
YOU MATTER
YOU BELONG

THE Outdoor WAY OF THE CROSS

+ GOOD FRIDAY
MARCH 29, 2024
AT 9 AM

with BISHOP WILLIAM T. MCGRATTAN

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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:

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Men who would like to make a difference!

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KIDS' PAGE



Early on Easter morning some women went to the tomb and saw that Jesus' body was gone!

Can you help the women find their way to the tomb?



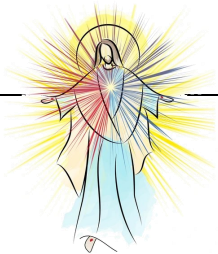
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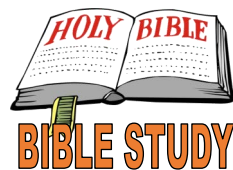
Mon	Apr 1	
Tues	Apr 2	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Bible Study (Boardroom) 7:00pm—RCIA (Boardroom)
Wed	Apr 3	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am)
Thur	Apr 4	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am)
Fri	Apr 5	9:00am—ADORATION ALL DAY 3:00am—Divine Mercy 6:00pm—Couples For Christ (Auditorium) 7:00pm—MASS
Sat	Apr 6	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 3:00pm-4:00pm—CONFESSION 5:00pm—MASS 6:00pm—Couples For Christ (Auditorium)
Sun	Apr 7	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. Apr 30th**



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Tuesdays after the 9am Mass. New members welcome!



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