

ST. CECILIA'S PARISH

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April 6/7, 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

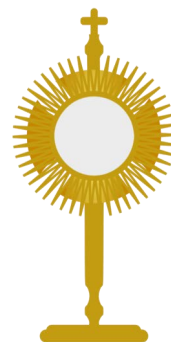
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9:30am - 6:00pm

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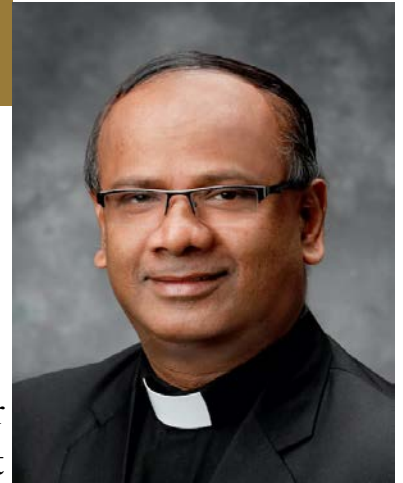
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FR. PAUL'S COLUMN

ST. STANISLAUS, BISHOP, AND MARTYR

1030 - 1079

APR 11TH 2024



St. Stanislaus, the Polish bishop, and martyr was born near Krakow in Poland. His parents were wealthy as well as devout and charitable. They did not have a child for many years and when his mother conceived Stanislaus later in their lives, **his parents saw their child as a gift from Heaven.**

St. Stanislaus from his youth was **very devout, charitable** toward the poor, fervent in mortifications, and grow in virtues. St. Stanislaus spent seven years in parish studying canon law and theology. After his parents died, he received a huge inheritance, which he **gave to the poor.**

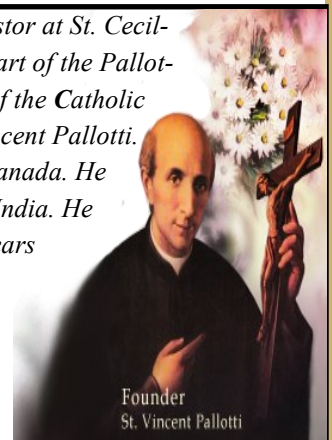
St. Stanislaus was **ordained to the priesthood by the Bishop of Krakow.** When the Bishop of Krakow died, St. Stanislaus was chosen as his successor by popular acclaim. He refused to accept it but on the **explicit order from Pope he accepted** and was ordained a bishop around the age of forty-two.

When Boleslaw II was King of Poland, it was said that **Bishop Stanislaus** had purchased land for the church from a man named Piotr. **After the death of Piotr,** his three sons disputed the sale and complained to the king. The King sided with them and ordered the return of the property. **St. Stanislaus asked for three days to produce Piotr as his witness.** All laughed and the king gave him three days. After three days of fasting and prayer, **Bishop Stanislaus went to the cemetery in procession and dug the grave and ordered him to rise.** He rose and testified to the king that he sold the property and scolded his sons before returning to his grave.

Patron Saint of Poland, soldiers in battle, moral order and was **canonized by Pope Innocent IV** on September 17, 1253, in Assisi, Italy.

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, 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

Monday, April 8
No Mass

Tuesday, April 9
9:00am: †Nicola Pagliano

Wednesday, April 10
9:00am: Int. Alfonso Family—Thanksgiving

Thursday, April 11
9:00am: Int. Leo Macht—Birthday

Friday, April 12
9:00am: Int. Mark Drapal—Birthday


Saturday, April 13
9:00am: Int. Anita and Barry Blatz
5:00pm: †Jonathan Casas

Sunday, April 14
9:00am: †Bruce Ross
11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

<i>Mass Readings</i>	
<u><i>Saturday, Apr 6</i></u> Acts 4.13-21 Mark 16.9-15	<u><i>Sunday, Apr 7—Divine Mercy</i></u> Acts 4.32-35 1 John 5.1-6 John 20.19-31
<u><i>Mon, Apr 8 (no Mass)</i></u> Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d Hebrews 10.4-10 Luke 1.26-38	<u><i>Tuesday, Apr 9</i></u> Acts 4.32-37 John 3.7b-15
<u><i>Wednesday, Apr 10</i></u> Acts 5.17-26 John 3.16-21	<u><i>Thursday, Apr 11</i></u> Acts 5.27-33 John 3.31-36
<u><i>Friday, Apr 12</i></u> Acts 5.34-42 John 6.1-15	<u><i>Saturday, Apr 13</i></u> Acts 6.1-7 John 6.16-21
<u><i>Sunday, April 14</i></u> Acts 3.13-15, 17-19 1 John 2.1-5 Luke 24.35-48	

The Pope's Prayer Intention

April 2024



For the role of women We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



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



A huge thank you to our March cake sponsors, Tony & Nelly Braunmuller. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all our March celebrants! If you would like to sponsor the monthly cakes, the cost is \$150. You do not need to order or pick up the cakes, we take care of that!



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

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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Over and over, we are invited to place our trust in God. We can imagine the terrified followers of Jesus hiding behind locked doors. This might be a good time to spend with Jesus looking at the fears in our own lives, which keep us locked up from asking for Jesus' help. The needy too are afraid to ask for help.

Pantry Needs: Canned lunch meat, canned corn



Thank you very much to Sandra and Michael Dawson for arranging our beautiful altar flowers for Easter. And thank you to the Gregorash Family and Hanna Family for their memorial contribution, and from Mercedes Lopez in memory of the deceased memories of the Lopez and Hernandez Families.

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

This weekend, we observe **Divine Mercy Sunday**. Following each Mass 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>

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

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.ccssd.ab.ca/newsletters>



St. Cecilia School

Monthly Newsletter

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St. William School

Monthly Newsletter

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

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.

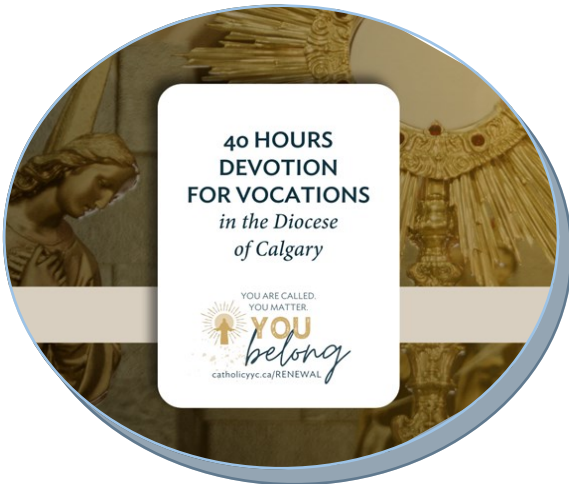


Diocesan News

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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.

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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](#)

Outdoor Way of the Cross Nearly a thousand people gathered for the solemn Outdoor Way of the Cross at St. Mary's University. We extend our gratitude to all the staff, volunteers, and attendees who participated in the prayer. Thank you for your unwavering dedication and commitment, and may God bless you abundantly!

Come & See | Mass & Healing Service

CCCRS invites you to the Holy Eucharist and Healing Service on **Friday, April 12 at 6:30 pm to 9 pm** - at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Calgary with speakers from the Charismatic Renewal Services of Canada (CRSC): Brian Sullivan and team. All are welcome!

[More info](#)

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Len White: 403-271-6055

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KIDS' PAGE

The Annunciation

This year we celebrate the feast of the Annunciation on Monday April 8th. The Annunciation is the day that Jesus became a tiny baby inside Mary.

Finish this story by filling in the blanks with words from the lists and using the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

God _ _ _ an angel to a virgin who was engaged to _ _ _ _ .

Her _ _ _ was Mary.

He told her that the _ _ _ was with her.

But Mary was _ _ _ _ _ about what the angel said.

So the _ _ _ said to her,
"Do _ _ be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with _ _ _"

Then the angel told her that she would have a Baby and that He would be the

_ _ _ _ _ .

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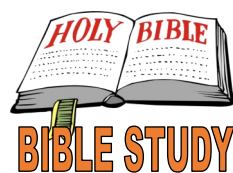
Mon	Apr 8	7:00pm—St. Vincent de Paul (Library)
Tues	Apr 9	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Bible Study (Boardroom) 7:00pm—RCIA (Boardroom)
Wed	Apr 10	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 7:00pm—Sunday Choir Practice 7:00pm—Finance Council (Boardroom)
Thur	Apr 11	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 1:00pm—Pastoral Care (Boardroom) 7:00pm—Adult Confirmation Class 2 (Boardroom)
Fri	Apr 12	9:00am— ADORATION ALL DAY 3:00am— Divine Mercy 7:00pm— MASS
Sat	Apr 13	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Sacrament Class 3:00pm-4:00pm— CONFESION 5:00pm— MASS All Day—Couples For Christ (Aud)
Sun	Apr 14	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**



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



Tuesdays after the 9am Mass. New members welcome!



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