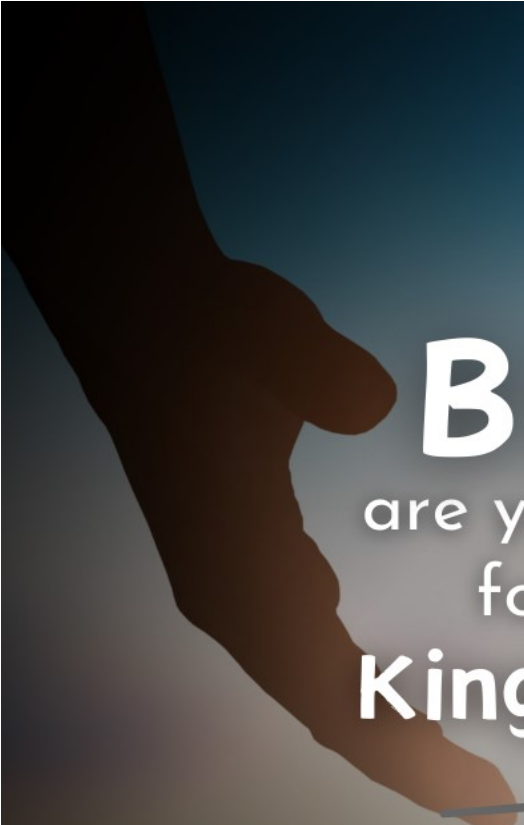


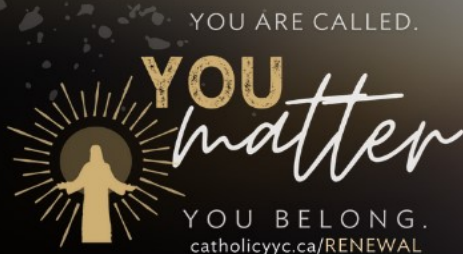
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Blessed
are you who are poor,
for yours is the
Kingdom of God

Luke 6: 20



February 15-16, 2025

MASS TIMES & PARISH INFO

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Weekend Masses | Weekday Masses

Saturday 5pm **Tues to Saturday**
Sun 9am & 11am **9am**

First Friday Mass

7pm (no 9am Mass)

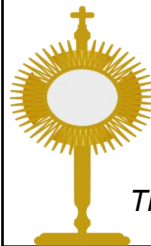
Confessions

Every Saturday 3 - 4pm
or by appointment



Adoration

Fridays 9:30am—6pm
First Friday: 9am—6pm



There must be at least 2 people at all times sitting with our Lord.

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.



Every First Friday beginning with the 7pm Mass which is now run by the Youth Group. Meeting concludes by 9pm.

Next meetings:
Mar 7, Apr 4

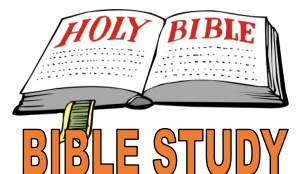
Prayer Shawl Ministry: last Tuesday of the month after the 9am Mass. New knitters welcome. Yarn is available.

Next meet: February 25th

Prayer shawls can be picked up from the parish library or parish office. They are free for everyone and make a wonderful comfort gift to someone in the hospital, those grieving, shut-ins, etc.



Acts of the Apostles | Every Tuesday after the 9am Mass in the boardroom.

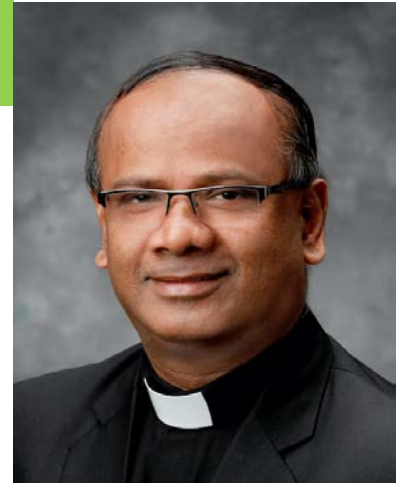


FR. PAUL'S COLUMN

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. GREGORY II, THE POPE

FEB 13TH



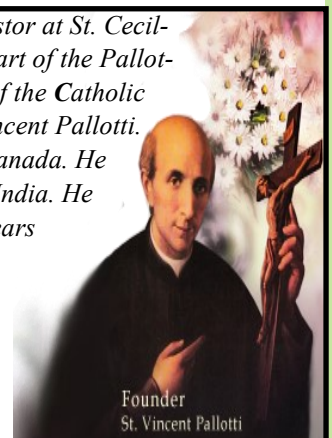
St. Gregory II, the Pope was born around the year 669 and was a member of the wealthy **Savelli family** in Rome and his parents were Honesta and Marcellus. He was **sent to help with the papal court** at a young age. He **worked under Pope Sergius I** and became the treasurer of the court. He was later ordained as a sub deacon and then made a deacon. This led to him **working in the Vatican Library**.

St. Gregory II was elected to the papacy in 715 as the 89th pope in the Church and ruled for more than 15 years. His papacy goes hand in hand with the **rule of Emperor Leo III**. Leo passed a new rule that increased taxes, but that rule would eliminate the reserves that the Church had. **St. Gregory fought back**, which would lead to the emperor dropping the rule but continue his opposition to the papacy.

St. Gregory II sponsored the missionary activities of **St. Boniface** in Germany, and, like Gregory I, Gregory II **converted his family mansion into a monastery**. He also performed a **Miracle at the Battle of Toulouse in 721**. **St. Gregory died of natural causes in 731** after surviving an assassination attempt.

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) whose 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*



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 15

9:00am: †Angelo and Vincenzo Ignomiriello

5:00pm: †Juanita Villaruel

Sunday, February 16

9:00am: Int. Father Paul Raj, SAC

11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

Monday, February 17

No Mass

Tuesday, February 18

9:00am: Int. Fe Baptista—Thanksgiving

Wednesday, February 19

9:00am: †Alan Wood

Thursday, February 20

9:00am: †Stanley Fonseka

Friday, February 21

9:00am: †Paolo Ignomiriello

Saturday, February 22

9:00am: †Eric Jayatilleke

5:00pm: †Gerald and Joan Thibeault

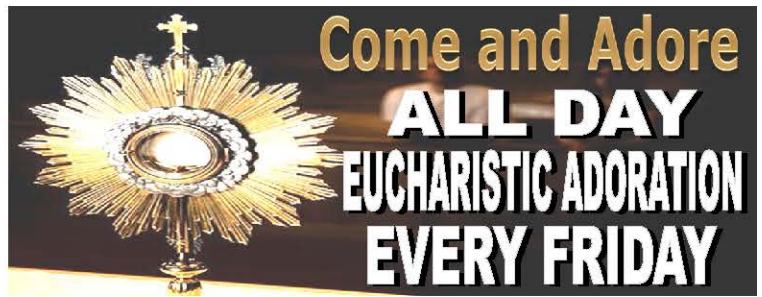
Sunday, February 23

9:00am: Int. Judith Karunanayake—Health

11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased



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.



Mass Readings

Saturday, Feb 15 (9am)

Genesis 3.9-24

Mark 8.1-10

Sunday, Feb 16

Jeremiah 17.5-8

1 Corinthians 15.12, 16-20

Luke 6.17, 20-26

Mon, Feb 17 (no Mass)

Genesis 4.1-15, 25

Mark 8.11-13

Tuesday, Feb 18

Genesis 6.5-8; 7.1-5, 10

Mark 8.14-21

Wednesday, Feb 19

Genesis 8.6-13, 20-22

Mark 8.22-26

Thursday, Feb 20

Genesis 9.1-13

Mark 8.27-33

Friday, Feb 21

Genesis 11.1-9

Mark 8.34-38—9.1

Saturday, Feb 22 (9am)

1 Peter 5.1-4

Matthew 16.13-19

Sunday, Feb 23

1 Samuel 26.2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25

1 Corinthians 15.45-49

Luke 6.27-38

The Pope's Prayer Intention Feb 2025



For vocations to the priesthood and religious life Let us pray that the

ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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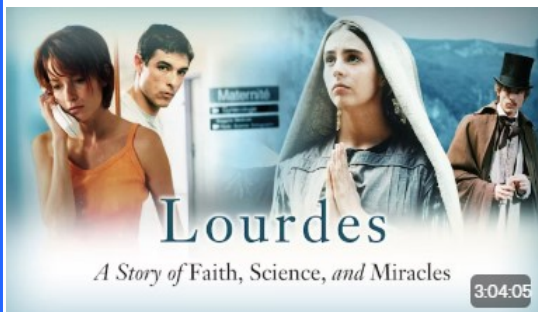
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Parish News Update

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Our parish is very happy to offer to you a free subscription to FORMED, commonly dubbed "Catholic Netflix". Sign up by searching our parish postal code, register your email and enjoy watching!



Bernard Guillaumet, a non-Christian French journalist, is assigned the job of doing a story on Lourdes in the late 1990s. Just before he leaves for Lourdes, Bernard learns that his wife is pregnant. However, he is not told that this pregnancy could

put her life at risk--and that doctors are suggesting an abortion. While researching for his report on Lourdes, Bernard comes across the pages of an old family manuscript. The manuscript was written by his ancestor, Henri Guillaumet, a positivist scientist and nonbeliever who met Bernadette at Lourdes in 1858, a meeting which profoundly affected Henri and forced him to reconsider the miracles performed following the apparitions of the Madonna of Lourdes. One of the most important miracles H. Guillaumet had to reconsider was the healing of his wife Claire, who had been on her death bed as a result of tuberculosis, and was completely restored by the miraculous waters of the grotto in which Bernadette saw Our Lady. This intriguing film uses the pages of the manuscript to trace the stories of three lives—Bernadette, Henry, and Bernard—three characters whose lives intertwine as they pursue parallel journeys according to the designs of Providence.

UPCOMING BAPTISM PREP CLASSES



Sat. Mar 1 at 9:30am
Sat. Apr 5 at 9:30am
Sat. May 3 at 9:30am

**Please sign up via
the office.**

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK



This weekend, Feb 15/16 we commemorate World Day of Sick in recognition of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (Feb 11). Father Paul will be anointing after the 5pm and 9am Mass, and during the 11am Mass following the homily.

*Come on out Thursday, Feb 20 after the 9am Mass to make crafts together. Bring your own or join one provided.
Event hosted by our CWL.*



**Welcome back
Fr. Paul!**



St. Vincent de Paul Society

403-252-2790 ext. 223

All of us get challenged and pushed in our daily lives. Even when we are following a faithful path, there are forces, conflicting demands, tempting alternatives, differing values that batter us. It takes grace and courage to trust that Jesus is with us and understands our issues. Each morning, take a moment, to ask for what you desire. "Lord, whatever comes at me today, I want to stay in touch with you. Thank you"



PANTRY NEEDS

Apple Juice

Cheese Whiz

Overview of scheduled events:

Mar. 5: Ash Wednesday, 9am and 7pm Mass

Mar 7: World Day of Prayer

Mar 7: Stations of the Cross, 7:30pm

Mar 14: Stations of the Cross, 7pm

Mar 21: Stations of the Cross, 7pm

Mar 28: Stations of the Cross, 7pm

Apr 4: Stations of the Cross, 7:30pm

Apr 11: Stations of the Cross, 7pm

Apr 13: Palm Sunday

Apr 17: Holy Thursday, 8pm Mass

Apr 18: Good Friday. Way of the Cross 10am
Passion 3pm

Apr 19: Easter Vigil, 8pm

Apr 20: Easter Sunday

Apr 27: Divine Mercy Sunday

May 3-4: **GARAGE SALE** if we have volunteers

Please let us know if you can help. We need people to receive, sort and put price stickers on items.

May 31: Fr. Paul's birthday

June 22: Corpus Christi Procession 12pm

July 6: Stampede Breakfast if we have volunteers

Please let us know if you can help. We need people to setup/takedown tables & chairs, prepare & serve various foods, collect refuse, etc

SACRAMENT CLASSES

Confirmation Class 5: Feb 13, 7pm

1st Rec Celebration: Feb 22, 10am

Confirmation Class 6: Mar 6, 7pm

1st Com Class 2: Mar 8, 10am

1st Com Class 3: Mar 22, 10am

1st Com Class 4: Apr 12, 10am

1st Com Class 5: Apr 26, 10am

Confirmation Celebration: May 23, 7pm

1st Com Class 6: May 24, 10am

1st Com Retreat: May 31, 10am

1st Com Celebration: June 1, 9am Mass

Our schools:

Fr. Paul visits all 3 of our schools monthly, offering class visits, Confession, Adoration, and liturgies, all as requested. As well, if your child has received an award or accomplishment, please let Father Paul know so he can recognize them to the parish!



St. Matthew School

Monthly Newsletter

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



St. Cecilia School

Weekly Newsletter

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St. William School

Monthly Newsletter

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World Day of Prayer

In cooperation with our neighbouring churches, this year St. Cecilia's is hosting the World Day of Prayer on Saturday, March 8th. The theme this year is "I made you wonderful" inspired by Psalm 139:14. The origins of World Day of Prayer date back to the 19th century when Christian women of United States and Canada initiated a variety of cooperative activities in support of women's involvement in mission at home and in other parts of the world. In the second half of 1926 the women of North America distributed the worship service to as many countries and partners in mission as they could. From 1927 up to now, women gather to pray with women from a different country.



This year we pray with the women from Cook Islands. **The prayer service will begin at 1pm following by refreshments in the hall.**



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CHURCH WEDDING FOR
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Your love brought you together, but there's a grace that only God can give—a grace that transforms your union into a sacred bond, reflecting His eternal love. By celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony in the Catholic Church, you invite Christ to be at the heart of your marriage, strengthening your love and guiding you both on the journey to holiness. It's never too late to take this step of faith! Let's celebrate the love God has planned for you.

Why Choose a Sacramental Marriage?

Experience God's Grace: Receive the spiritual strength to grow in love, face challenges, and live out your vocation together.

Strengthen Your Family: Build a foundation centered on faith, hope, and love for your home and future generations.

Witness God's Love: Let your marriage be a light to others, showing the beauty of a life lived with Christ.

As part of the Diocesan Pastoral Renewal in this 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, all civilly married couples are warmly invited to celebrate of the Sacrament of Matrimony, presided over by Bishop William T. McGrattan on **Saturday, September. 13, 2025 at 1:30 pm, at St. Mary's Cathedral.**

Your marriage is a Gift - Make it a Sacrament.

JOIN THE INFO SESSION

Thursday, March 6
at 6 pm

[St. Michael's Parish](#)

800 85 St SW

Sunday, March 9
at 6 pm

[St. Thomas More Parish](#)

15 Templebow Rd NE

Sunday, March 16
at 6 pm

[St. Patrick's Parish](#)

1414 Shawnessy Blvd SW



Transitions Winter/Spring

Transitions is a 16-week peer-led, God-centred support group that is designed to foster healing in its participants. It is facilitated within a confidential, safe, and respectful environment of community and belonging for individuals working through the pain of separation and divorce. The group meets every **Tuesday, beginning February 18, 2024** (7 to 9 pm). No fee to register – limited spots are available. Register now at catholiccyyc.ca/transitions

Reason for Your Hope: Jubilee Parish Mission

Join us this winter for a transformative retreat weekend to rediscover your hope. In partnership with Catholic Christian Outreach, three Jubilee Parish Missions will be held in our Diocese, running Friday night to Saturday afternoon. For more info, visit catholiccyyc.ca/reasonforyourhope

Fri, Feb 28 - Sat, Mar 1 at St. Peter's Parish [Register now](#)

Fri, Mar 7 - Sat, Mar 8 at St. Bonaventure's Parish [Register now](#)

Pastoral Care Ministry Training

If you are called to minister to the sick, elderly, dying, homebound, and bereaved - and approved by your pastor or Pastoral Care Coordinator, you can register for the Pastoral Care Ministry Training at catholiccyyc.ca/pastoralcare or contact Mara at 403-218-5521.

Sat, Mar 15 & Mar 29, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm at **St. Gerard's Parish, Calgary**. Register by Mar. 9 at catholiccyyc.ca/pastoralcare

Sat, May 24 & Jun 7, 9:30 am - 3 pm at **Ascension Parish, Calgary**. Register by May 21 at catholiccyyc.ca/pastoralcare

Caring for Seniors -Preventing Elder Abuse & Embracing Cultural Sensitivity Workshop

The Diocese of Calgary invites clergy, pastoral care volunteers, hospital chaplains, and family members to this workshop, designed to equip those serving the elderly with the tools to address elder abuse and provide culturally sensitive support to ethnocultural elderly. For more information and to register: <https://www.catholiccyyc.ca/seniors> or call Mara at 403-218-5521.

Date: Wed. March 12, 10am to 3pm. Catholic Pastoral Centre. Lunch and refreshments provided.

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

[Various Positions with St. Mary's University](#)

[Calgary Catholic School District](#)

[Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools](#)

[Holy Spirit Catholic School Division](#)

[Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education](#)

[Conseil scolaire FrancoSud](#)

[Clear Water Academy](#)

[Covenant Health](#)

[Director of Musical Worship - St. Andrew's Cathedral,](#)

[Diocese of Victoria](#)

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



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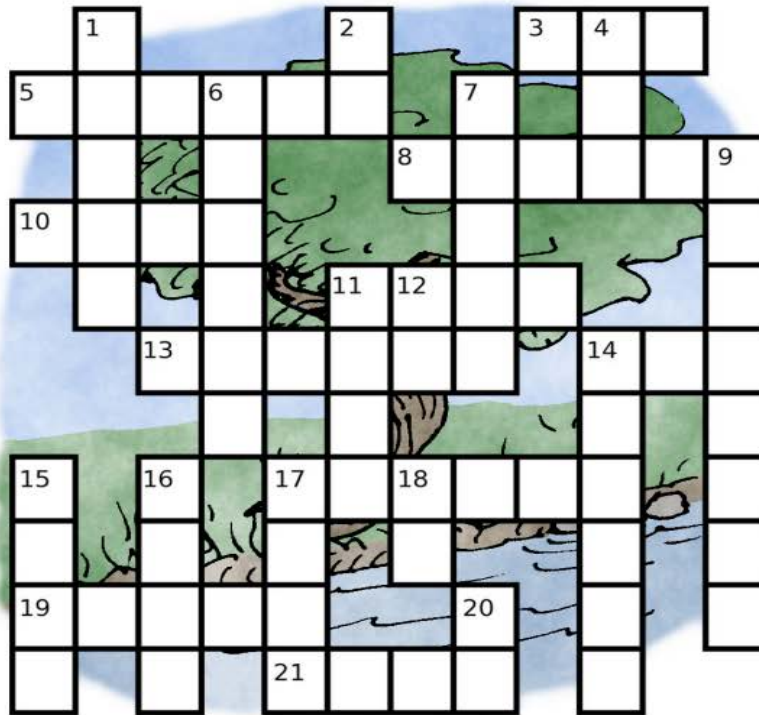
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Trust in the Lord Cross-Word



beings	it
distress	tree
stream	is
human	but
trusts	who
cursed	he
beside	in
roots	his
barren	bush
green	Lord
heat	that
year	from

*Here is today's first reading, from Jeremiah.
Fill in the blanks using the words from the list and fit
them into the puzzle.*

Thus says the Lord:

8a is the one who trusts in 7d 17a,

3a seeks 4d strength 18d flesh,
whose heart turns away 16d the Lord.

12d is like a 13a 17d in the desert

11a enjoys no change of season,

14a stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth.

Blessed is the one who 5a in the Lord,

whose hope is the 15d.

He 2d like a 11d planted 14d the waters that
stretches out its 19a to the 6d:

it fears not the 21a when 20d comes; its leaves stay 1d;

in the 10a of drought it shows no 9d,

but still bears fruit.

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			Prayer Shawl	Donna Suderman	403-252-2718
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			Youth Coordinator	Veronica Planicka	st.cecilaparish.youth@gmail.com
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ROOM BOOKINGS		
Mon	Feb 17	7:00pm—SSVP (Boardroom) 7:00pm—K of C (Auditorium)
Tues	Feb 18	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Bible Study (Boardroom) 7:00pm—RCIA (Auditorium)
Wed	Feb 19	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 7:00pm—Sunday Choir Practice
Thur	Feb 20	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 9:30am—CWL Crafting (Boardroom)
Fri	Feb 21	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 3:00pm— Divine Mercy 5:00pm—Legion of Mary—(Boardroom)
Sat	Feb 22	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Sacrament Class (Auditorium) 3:00pm-4:00pm—CONFESSION 5:00pm— MASS
Sun	Feb 23	9:00am— MASS 11:00am— MASS



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