

ST. CECILIA'S PARISH

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just as your
Father
is
Merciful



LUKE 6:36

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February 22-23, 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)

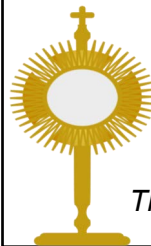
Confessions

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

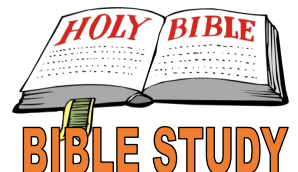
Prayer Shawl Ministry: last Tuesday of the month after the 9am Mass. New knitters welcome. Yarn is available.

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.

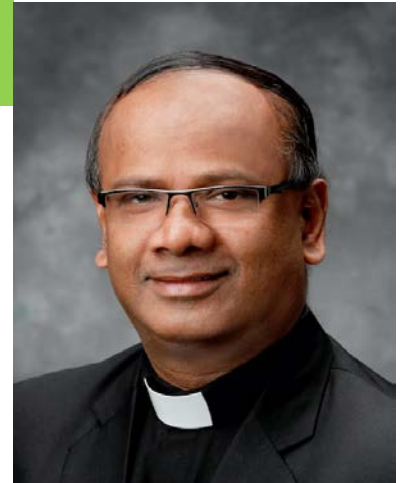


FR. PAUL'S COLUMN

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. HILARY, the POPE

FEB 28



St. Hilary, the Pope, was born around 400 in Sardina, Italy. St. Hilary was **used by Pope St. Leo the Great on many assignments**. When Leo died, **Hilary was elected pope** and consecrated on November 19, 461 as 46th Pope. He was Pope from 461 - 468.

St. Hilary—who was a **firm defender of the divinity of Christ**—was a gentle and courteous man, devoted to writing some of the greatest theology on the Trinity. He **worked diligently to strengthen the Church** in France and Spain, calling councils in 462 and 465.

St. Hilary rebuilt many Roman churches and **erected the chapel of St. John Lateran**. He also **built three chapels** adjoining the Lateran Baptistry: one dedicated to **St. John the Baptist**, another to **St. John the Evangelist**, and a third to **the Holy Cross**. He was also **the guardian of Church unity**.

St. Hilary died around the **age of 68**, on February 29, 468, a **leap year day**.

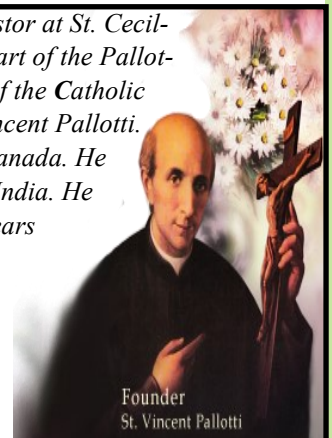
Sayings of the Saint

“The chief service I owe you, O God, is that every thought and word of mine should speak of you”. St. Hilary.

“No matter how sinful one may have been, if he has devotion to Mary, it is impossible that he be lost”. St. Hilary.

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 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

Monday, February 24

No Mass

Tuesday, February 25

9:00am: †Swarna Jayatielleke

Wednesday, February 26

9:00am: †Nicola Pagliano

Thursday, February 27

9:00am: †Anton Planicka

Friday, February 28

9:00am: †Venramino Constantino

Saturday, March 1

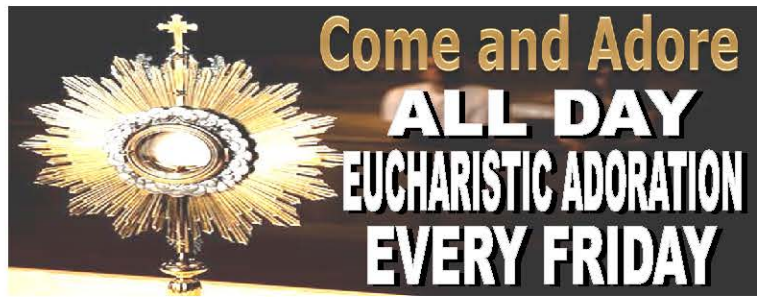
9:00am: †David Oster

5:00pm: †Tony Braunmuller

Sunday, March 2

9:00am: Int. Nihil & Kusum Karunanayake—
Thanksgiving

11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased



Mass Readings

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

Mon, Feb 24 (no Mass)

Sirach 1.1-10
Mark 9.14-29

Tuesday, Feb 25

Sirach 1.1-10
Mark 9.30-37

Wednesday, Feb 26

Sirach 4.11-19
Mark 9.38-40

Thursday, Feb 27

Sirach 5.1-8
Mark 9.41-50

Friday, Feb 28

Sirach 6.5-17
Mark 10.1-12

Saturday, Mar 1 (9am)

Sirach 17.1-4, 6-8, 10-15
Mark 10.13-16

Sunday, Mar 2

Sirach 27.4-7
1 Corinthians 15.54-58 Luke 6.39-45



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.



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.

@bulletin

Email the parish office or scan the QR code 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.



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!



Join Dr. Christopher Mooney, assistant professor of theology at the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, as he answers some of the internet's most popular questions about the pope and the papacy. Why does the Catholic Church have a pope? Is the pope Catholic? Do Catholics have to obey everything the pope says?

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.

CHANTELLE DUR

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Thank You!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your prayers, support, and trust. I am honored to serve as your Catholic School Board Trustee and will work diligently to uphold our Faith, support families, and ensure our schools remain true to their mission. Please continue to pray for our Catholic education system and for wisdom in this role.

With gratitude,
~Chantelle Dur

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ChantelleDur.com | Call/Text: 403-554-0249

Parish RENEWAL

Our Parish Renewal Team has some exciting things coming up beginning in March! We will be hosting a special lunch on the 3rd Sunday of the month from 1pm to 3pm for specific groups of people to discuss our faith experiences and journeys. The lunch on March 16th will be a gathering for recent baptism families. And the 4th Sunday of the month we will have a brief faith testimony at the end of each weekend Mass.



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

Canola Oil

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 10: **LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE 6-8pm**

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

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.**

SACRAMENT CLASSES

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

<https://secure.smcore.com/n/51t24>



St. William School

Monthly Newsletter

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

Support Catholic education through the CCEF Annual 50/50 Raffle, where the jackpot could reach up to \$1 million! As Catholics, we have a duty to support our schools, ensuring that future generations of students are guided by faith. With **early bird draws** and a portion of ticket sales benefiting local schools, your participation helps strengthen Catholic education across our community. Buy your tickets now at www.cceffaffle.com.



Diocesan News

NEWS.CalgaryDiocese.ca | FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING in the DIOCESE.



CHURCH WEDDING FOR
CIVILLY MARRIED COUPLES

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



Pope Francis is currently facing significant health challenges. As he undergoes treatment at Gemelli Hospital in Rome, he remains in good spirits and has expressed gratitude for the prayers and support from the faithful worldwide. Join us in prayer: *"We thank you for the loving service of Pope Francis and the hope he has inspired in so many in your great mercy. May the Lord, through Our Lady's powerful intercession, grant him renewed strength, health, and energy in his vocation to serve the Church as the Successor of Peter and the Vicar of Christ on earth."*

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:

[Case Worker \(Full-time\) - Elizabeth House](#)
[Sacrament Preparation Coordinator \(Part-time\) - St. James, Okotoks](#)
[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, Dio. of Victoria](#)
[Stewardship and Fund Development Lead - Archdio. of Edmonton](#)

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David and King Saul Word-Find

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*See if you can
find all the words
in CAPITALS in
this story of
David and
King Saul.*

*Use the leftover
letters to fill in
the blanks at
the end.*

LONG AGO GOD chose SAUL to be the king of the ISRAELITES. Sometimes Saul WAS a good RULER and sometimes he wasn't. When David became a great WARRIOR the people STARTED to love HIM more than they LOVED King Saul. The king became ENVIOUS and wanted to kill DAVID, so he took his SOLDIERS and WENT HUNTING for him. But that night when the KING and his soldiers were SLEEPING, David FOUND them. He could have easily KILLED King Saul, but he CHOSE to be MERCIFUL INSTEAD. He went AWAY without HURTING Saul.



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Sacrament	Kelly Sereda		St. Cecilia's Sch	Teresa Cusano (Principal)	403-500-2040
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			Bible Study	Parish Office	403-252-2790
Campus Flowers	Sandra Dawson	403 259-3829	Youth Coordinator	Veronica Planicka	st.cecilaparish.youth@gmail.com
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ROOM BOOKINGS		
Mon	Feb 24	
Tues	Feb 25	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 9:30—Prayer Shawls 10:00am—Bible Study (Boardroom) 7:00pm—RCIA (Auditorium) 7:00pm—Prayer Vigil †John Wojtowicz 7:00pm—SSVP (Library)
Wed	Feb 26	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 11:00am—Funeral †John Wojtowicz 7:00pm—Sunday Choir Practice
Thur	Feb 27	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am)
Fri	Feb 28	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 3:00pm—Divine Mercy 5:00pm—Legion of Mary—(Boardroom) 6:00pm—Couples For Christ (Auditorium)
Sat	Mar 1	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Baptism Class (Auditorium) 3:00pm-4:00pm—CONFESSION 5:00pm—MASS
Sun	Mar 2	9:00am—MASS 11:00am—MASS



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The tax receipts for 2024 have now all been mailed. The St. Vincent de Paul tax receipts were all be mailed a few weeks ago for those who gave through their envelopes (*donations made to SSVP through a parish envelope will be on your parish tax receipt*).