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PARISH STAFF		WEEKEND MASSES:
Pastor: Rev. Derek Remus	derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca	Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Parish Secretary: Aann Abraham	office@stceciliacalgary.com	WEEKDAY MASSES: Tuesday to Saturday : 9:00 am First Friday : 7:00 pm (No 9 am Mass)
Sacrament Preparation: Kelly Sereda	sacraments@stceciliacalgary.com	
Music Director: Ross N. Ferby	ross@stceciliacalgary.com	Confessions: Tues to Sat: 8:15am-8:45am Saturday : 3:00pm - 4:30 pm Sunday: 8:00am - 8:30 am or by appointment
Bookkeeper: David Mu	office@stceciliacalgary.com	
PARISH OFFICE HOURS:	Adoration 	
Tuesday to Friday: 8:00am - 3:30pm Closed during Mass hours and 12:30pm to 1:00pm	Fridays 9:30am - 6:00pm First Friday: 9:00am - 6:00pm	
Please submit items for the next bulletin to the office before Wednesday.		

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

This Tuesday, in the midst of our Lenten observance, we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. St. Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland, was born in Roman Britain in the late fourth century. Though baptized, he did not take his faith seriously until, at age 16, he was captured by Irish pirates, who took him to work as a slave in pagan Ireland. During his captivity, Patrick "recognized [his] failings" and "turned with all [his] heart to the Lord" (St. Patrick's Confessio).

Eventually, Patrick escaped to Europe, where he had a vision of the people of Ireland asking him to come back and walk again among them. After being ordained a priest and bishop, Patrick returned to Ireland to proclaim the light of the Gospel to those held captive by the darkness of paganism. Patrick used the shamrock to help explain the doctrine of the Most Holy Trinity - one God in three Persons. Legend says that he drove all the snakes out of Ireland, which is probably symbolic of his efforts to root out pagan practices.

By the end of Patrick's life, Ireland was Catholic. During the Dark Ages, Irish monasteries helped preserve Western civilization, and from the 6th century onward, Ireland has provided countless missionaries to other parts of the world.

A Happy St. Patrick's Day to all of you!

This Week in the Parish

- Sat, Mar 14
 - 9:00 am MASS : Raymunda Martinez(Int)
 - 10:00 am: First Communion Session (Upper Hall)
 - Mass in Anticipation of the 4th Sunday of Lent
 - 5:00 pm MASS: Saturnino Guinto(+)
- Sun, Mar 15 —4th Sunday of Lent
 - 9:00 am MASS: Nick & Pearl Ferby (+)
 - 11:00 am MASS: Parishioners (Int)
 - Coffee & Social after all weekend Masses
- Mon, Mar 16
 - 6:30 pm: SSVF (Board Room)
 - 7:00 pm: KofC Speaker Program (Upper Hall)
- Tues, Mar 17
 - 9:00 am MASS: Abigail D'Souza (Int)
 - 10:00 am: Bible Study (Board Room)
 - 7:00 pm: RCIA (Upper Hall)
- Wed, Mar 18
 - 9:00 am MASS : John Brilz & Anton Barth (+)
- Thurs, Mar 19
 - 9:00 am MASS : Raymond Dan seseanu(+)
 - 6:00 pm MASS :
 - 7:00 pm: Confirmation Class (Upper Hall)
- Fri, Mar 20
 - 9:00 am MASS: Jose Martinez(+)
 - 9:30 am: Adoration
 - 6:00 pm: Benediction
- Sat, Mar 21
 - 9:00 am MASS : Betty Gregorash (Int)
 - Mass in Anticipation of the 5th Sunday of Lent
 - 5:00 pm MASS: Wilfredo Bungabong & Manny Greg(+)
 - 7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross
- Sun, Mar 22 —5th Sunday of Lent
 - 9:00 am MASS: Nishen & Nimalka (Int)
 - 11:00 am MASS: Parishioners (Int)
 - Coffee & Social after all weekend Masses



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CWL Update

Don't miss your last chance to order before midnight on Sunday, March 15: <https://fundforward.ca/>. Orders will be available for pickup at St. Cecilia's Church on Wednesday, March 25 from 4:00–5:00 PM.

Knights of Columbus Speaker Series

The Knights of Columbus are resurrecting their monthly speaker series this Monday, March 16 at 7PM. Our guest speaker is Monique Achtman from Calgary Pro-life, who has been speaking to audiences of all ages for the past few years about respecting all human life from conception until natural death. This not-to-be-missed presentation about God's Greatest Gift is open to all members of St Cecilia's in the upper hall of the parish.

Please join us for an outstanding presentation, light refreshments, and a great time to socialize with others from the church.

Children's Sacraments

First Communion Schedule
Saturday, March 28th 2026 (10 am to 11:30am.
Sacrament of Holy Communion: Sun, May 31 @11am
Sacrament of Confirmation
Thurs, March 19 (7:00pm. to 8:30pm.)
Sacrament of Confirmation: Sun, May 3-11am Mass
Sacrament of Baptism
Email: sacraments@stceciliacalgary.com to register.

40 Days for Life

This Lent, our parish is joining 40 Days for Life, an international campaign promoting respect for human life through prayer, fasting, outreach, and peaceful witness. Parishioners are invited to pray near the Kensington abortion clinic on Thursday, March 26 from 12–4 PM. To sign up, visit the 40 Days for Life table in the narthex or contact Ken Moen at (403) 888-8833.

Getting Connected to Formed.org

The Parish Renewal Team will be available in the narthex after all weekend Masses during Lent to assist anyone that would like to be connected to Formed.org. - an online platform for Catholic books, movies, articles, programs & podcasts. Our parish has a subscription to Formed, which means that it is available to all parishioners for free.

Are you new 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.

Homebound?

If you know of a parishioner who is homebound and in need of the Sacraments, Contact parish office: (403) 252-2790.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer Shawl Ministry will resume gathering on Tuesday, March 31st after the 9am Mass .Please bring the completed work to be blessed after 9 am Mass. For further details , Contact: Donna Suderman @ (403) 252 2718.

Mass Intention Requests

Parishioners are welcome to request Mass intentions for the living or deceased.

How to Request

- In person: Visit the parish office
- Online: <https://forms.gle/LSLNu9BeLUDik1oc9> (or scan the QR code on the parish bulletin board)
- Email: stceciliaparishoffice@gmail.com

Please include the name of the person, indicate RIP (Rest in Peace) or Living, and your preferred Mass date (if unavailable, the next available date will be assigned).

Mass Stipends:

May be submitted by e-transfer (Office@stceciliacalgary.com) or by envelope in the collection basket/parish office marked "Mass Intention."



A confirmation email will be sent once the request and offering are received.

Mass intentions are currently being accepted for 2026.

Lenten Penitential Service

Our Lenten Penitential Service is on Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 PM. All are invited to come and prepare spiritually for Easter through prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Mass for the Solemnity of St. Joseph

Thursday, March 19 is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church and of Canada. Besides the regular 9 am Mass, there will be a Mass at 6 pm for those who may not be able to attend Mass in the morning.

Stations of the Cross

During the Lenten season, there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7 PM.

Confessions will be heard before the Stations from 6-6:45 pm and after the Stations.

Horizons of Hope Workshops

The Diocese of Calgary invites individuals and families to deepen their understanding of palliative care and the Catholic Church's teaching on end-of-life care through Horizons of Hope. Where: St. Mary's Cathedral Hall (221 18 Ave SW, Calgary).

When: Thursdays, Mar 19 & 26, from 6 pm to 8 pm (Mass at 5 pm)

2026 Together in Action

Thank you for the collective efforts you have given to the 2025 Together in Action in our parish! The 2026 Together in Action campaign began on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026. This year's TIA is inspired by the Jubilee Year of St. Francis. "But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith." (James 2:18)

This year's TIA also marks the final year of the financial commitment of the Diocese to the National Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. Our TIA goal is \$31,539.00

Multiply the Hope

In the spirit of the Jubilee Year proclaimed by Pope Francis last year, our Diocese has launched a matching financial campaign for parishes called Multiply the Hope.

Our fundraising goal is \$158,425.00

The campaign lasts until the end of 2027. To be eligible for the match, we must first meet our operating budget and TIA goal. Find out more about this campaign at www.catholicyc.ca/multiplythehope

Outdoor Way of The Cross - Volunteer Opportunities

Join Bishop McGrattan and the faithful of the Diocese of Calgary for the Outdoor Way of the Cross.

When: Fri, Apr 3, at 8:30 am | St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary.

Help bring this prayerful re-enactment of Christ's Passion to life by assisting with various roles. [Register to volunteer](#)

Lorica of St. Patrick

I arise today
Through a mighty strength,
the invocation of the Trinity,
Through a belief in the Threeness,
Through confession of the Oneness
Of the Creator of creation...
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me,
Christ in the ear that hears me.
--Lorica of St. Patrick