

# ST. CECILIA'S PARISH

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FOR THE SON OF MAN  
CAME NOT TO BE SERVED  
BUT TO SERVE, AND TO

*give his life*

AS A RANSOM  
FOR MANY

MARK 10:45



# October 19/20, 2024

# 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)

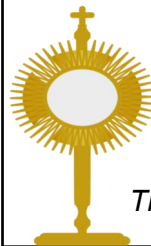
**Confessions**

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. Meeting concludes by 9pm.

**Next meetings:**

**Nov 1, Dec 6, Jan 3, Feb 7**

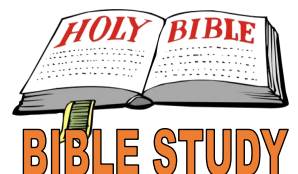
**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** last Tuesday of the month after the 9am Mass. New knitters welcome. Yarn is available.

**Next meet: October 29th**

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. New members are always welcome!

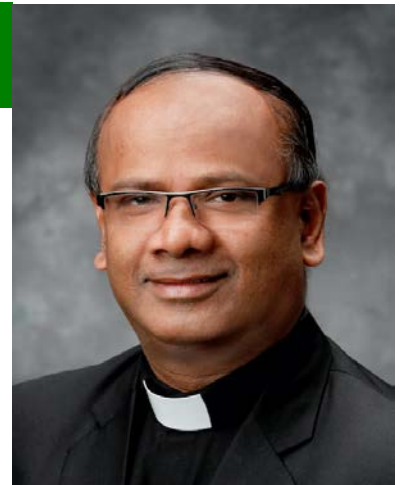


# FR. PAUL'S COLUMN

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### ST. HEDWIG, RELIGIOUS

1174 - 1243 OCT 16<sup>TH</sup> 24



**St. Hedwig** was born in Andechs, Bavaria, Germany, the daughter of the Duke of Croatia and Dalmatia. She was the **aunt of St. Elizabeth of Hungary**. The Catholic faith was central to her family's life, making her devout from a young age. Around the age of twelve, Hedwig **married Henry I the Bearded, Duke of Silesia**, thereby becoming the Duchess of Silesia. **Duke Henry and Duchess Hedwig were both deeply faithful**. She bore him seven children, and they had a happy marriage.

**St. Hedwig** wanted to live even more exclusively for her faith, so she **convinced Henry to join her in taking a vow of chastity**. She lived a humble lifestyle, often dressing in second-hand clothing. She kept a few personal possessions and was known to eat simple food and read aloud from the Bible at meals. Together, they **founded numerous monasteries, hospitals, and churches**, and in 1202, they even used their own land and wealth to establish and endow the first house of religious women in Silesia: **the convent of the Cistercian nuns at Trebnitz**.

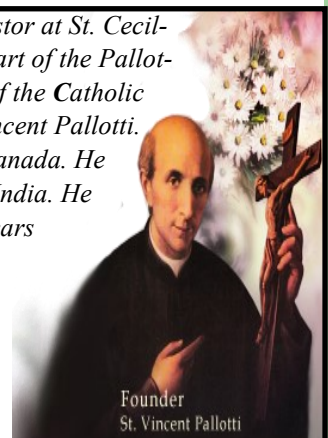
**St. Hedwig** engaged in **severe penances**, **cared for the poor**, visited prisoners, and even **washed the feet of lepers on Holy Thursday**. One of her **greatest joys** was caring for monasteries, including supplying them with food and clothing.

**St. Hedwig** died at Trebnitz on October 15, 1243. She was canonized by Pope Clement IV on March 26, 1267. **During the canonization ceremony**, it is said that Pope Clement IV called upon her intercession for the cure of a blind girl, and the **cure was immediate**.

**St. Hedwig** is **Patron Saint of brides, widows, duchesses**, those whose children have died, and **difficult marriages**.

*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](http://www.pallotti.org)



Founder  
St. Vincent Pallotti

## Mass Intentions

*Saturday, October 19*

9:00am: Int. Natalie Drapal—*Birthday*

5:00pm: †Elvira D'Costa

*Sunday, October 20*

9:00am: †Ernesto, Delia, and Antonio Pron

11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

*Monday, October 21*

No Mass

*Tuesday, October 22*

Int. David D'Souza—*birthday*

*Wednesday, October 23*

†Cristina Navora

*Thursday, October 24*

†Alex and Jeannette Sereda

*Friday, October 25*

9:00am: Int. Jim Myhre—*health*

*Saturday, October 26*

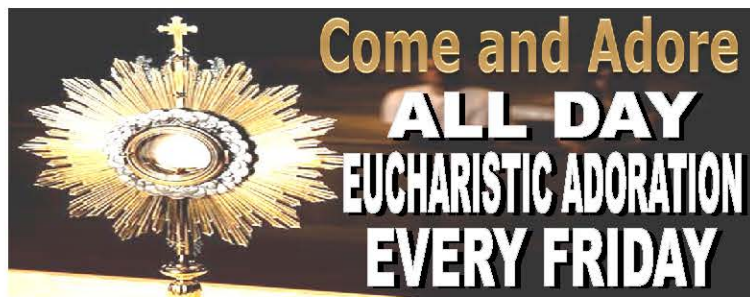
9:00am: †Alan Wilcock

5:00pm: †Cristina Navora

*Sunday, October 27*

9:00am: †Cristina Navora

11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased



## Mass Readings

Saturday, Oct 19

2 Timothy 4.9-17a  
Luke 10.1-9

Sunday, Oct 20

Isaiah 53.10-11  
Hebrews 4.14-16  
Mark 10.35-45

Mon, Oct 21 (no Mass)

Ephesians 2.1-10  
Luke 12.13-21

Tuesday, Oct 22

Ephesians 2.12-22  
Luke 12.35-38

Wednesday, Oct 23

Ephesians 3.1-12  
Luke 12.39-48

Thursday, Oct 24

Ephesians 3.13-21  
Luke 12.49-53

Friday, Oct 25

Ephesians 4.1-6  
Luke 12.54-59

Saturday, Oct 26

Ephesians 4.7-16  
Luke 13.1-9

Sunday, Oct 27

Jeremiah 31.7-9  
Hebrews 5.1-6     Mark 10.46-52

### 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 Oct 2024

**For a shared mission** We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

**e-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!



Welcome to True Reformers: Saints of the Catholic Reformation, a study crafted to teach about those who led the Church's rebirth from the ashes of confusion caused by the Protestant Reformation. In these six sessions, participants will learn about the true benefactors of the human race: the saints. The saints of the Catholic Reformation show us just how powerful—and beautiful—is the human heart's free response to God's generous grace.

A Four Part Video Series for Thriving in Parenting, by Families of Character. You were never meant to do this parent thing alone. With the help of theological scholars, psychologists, and educators, discover what it means to parent with God; how to unlock each family member's uniqueness; and how to learn to love and be loved. Jake and Heather are two ordinary parents navigating the adventure of parenting. They host four short episodes where they share information with you to help take your parenting from surviving to thriving.



## UPCOMING BAPTISM PREP

### CLASSES



Sat. Nov. 2 at 9:30am  
Sat. Dec. 7 at 9:30am

**Please sign up via the office.**

We are in need of a full time volunteer **SACRISTAN**. If anyone is willing to take up the role please speak with Fr. Paul.



The Knights of Columbus are hosting Grey Cup Raffle tickets for \$2 each with proceeds going to the St. Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Hamper. Tickets can be purchased at the Knights of Columbus table in the foyer or from any Knights of Columbus member.



The annual CWL Craft and Bake Sale is coming up in two weeks on the weekend of Nov 2/3 after each Mass. Come out to support them and the great work they do.



## St. Vincent de Paul Society

403-252-2790 ext. 223



*Brief prayers or conversations throughout our day sustain a connection with the Lord helping us as we encounter people and responsibilities. How healthy and rich is the soil of our own soul? Can we feel the longing we have to make our hearts more receptive to the message of Jesus? "Lord, let me do your will. Thank you for being with me."*

## PANTRY NEEDS

Pasta,  
Spaghetti  
Canned tomatoes  
Peanut Butter  
Jam

## Overview of scheduled events:

Oct 19/20 Weekend: Catholic Education  
Sunday

Nov 2: All Souls' Day Mass 5pm

Nov 2/3: CWL Craft & Bake Sale in the hall

Nov 7: Peter Thompson talk on purgatory  
"Church of Suffering", 7pm

Nov 11: Remembrance Day Mass 10:55am

Nov 20: **Red Wednesday** for Christian  
Martyrs

Nov 22: *St. Cecilia's patron feast day*

Nov 24: St. Cecilia **FIESTA** potluck and music  
night, 5:30pm

Nov 30: CWL Cookie Walk in the Hall

Nov 30/Dec 1: Library Kids' Colouring for Advent  
after each Mass

Dec 3-5: Diocese-Wide Advent Mission over  
Zoom, parish gathering

Dec 8: Simbang Gabi Filipino Mass

Dec 9-14: St. Vincent Christmas Hamper  
packing **VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED**

Dec 20: **Advent Penitential Service**,  
6pm-8pm

Dec 24: Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 5pm & 11pm

Dec 25: Christmas Day Mass 9am & 11am

Dec 31: New Year's Ever Mass 5pm & 11pm

**CONCRETE REPAIR WORK:** The crew was here all week and removed the sidewalks around the church from beside the Rachel Garden around to the hall doors, as well as the cement pad in front of the hall doors that had sunk. They also added a ramp to the pad in front of the hall! After leveling and framing, they poured the cement on Friday afternoon. It is hard after 24 hours, though technically it takes a month to cure. In order to maintain the warranty, we have informed the snow removal company **not** to use salt or ice melt on the sidewalks for this winter. Please be mindful throughout the winter that we will only be using sand on the sidewalks that are new.

## **SACRAMENT PROGRAM 2024-2025**

1st Rec Class 2: Nov 9, 10am

Confirmation Class 2: Nov 21, 7pm

1st Rec Class 3: Nov 23, 10am

Confirmation Class 3: Dec 19, 7pm

1st Rec Class 4: Dec 28, 10am

1st Rec Class 5: Jan 11, 10am

Confirmation Class 4: Jan 16, 7pm

1st Rec Class 6: Jan 25, 10am

## **Our schools:**

*We have within our parish boundary: St. Matthew School (K-9), St. Cecilia School (K-6) and St. William School (K-6). Fr. Paul conducts monthly classroom visits!*



### **St. Matthew School**

**Monthly Newsletter**

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



### **St. Cecilia School**

**Newsletter**

<https://secure.smores.com/n/t5dgy>



### **St. William School**

**Monthly Newsletter**

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

*Together in Action* (formerly known as the Annual Bishop's Appeal) makes it possible for the Diocese to financially support ministries and programs that help families, individuals and communities (Elizabeth House, Mission Mexico, Care of Retired Priests, Vocations, etc). **THESE DONATIONS CONTRIBUTE TOWARD YOUR TAX RECEIPT**

**2024 TIA GOAL: 31,539**  
Raised: \$10,385





**YOU ARE called**  
 YOU MATTER.  
 YOU BELONG.

# Diocesan News

[NEWS.CalgaryDiocese.ca](http://NEWS.CalgaryDiocese.ca) | FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING *in the* DIOCESE.

## AN OINTING OF THE SICK

If you have been admitted to any of the following hospitals in Calgary and would like the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, you may contact your parish priest or call the Diocese of Calgary Call Center

**403-231-9505**

Serving the following hospitals

- Alberta Children's Hospital
- Foothills Hospital
- Peter Lougheed Hospital
- Rockyview General Hospital
- South Health Campus

The Anointing of the Sick is a Sacrament that offers peace, strength, and healing during times of illness. It reminds us of God's desire for wholeness, that even in times of serious illnesses, we are never without His grace. To provide parishioners access to this Sacrament, the diocesan call centre will request the patient's information and will dispatch the request to the priest on call. If you have been admitted to any of Calgary's hospitals and would like the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, you can contact your parish priest or call the Diocese of Calgary Call Centre at 403-231-9505. This service is available for Alberta Children's Hospital, Foothills Hospital, Peter Lougheed Hospital, Rockyview General Hospital, and South Health Campus.

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

[Properties Manager \(Full-time\) - Catholic Pastoral Centre](#)

[Parish Volunteer Screening Coordinator \(Part-time\) - St. Peter's, Calgary](#)

[Sacrament Preparation & Family Life Coordinator \(Casual\), St. Augustine's, Taber](#)

[Sacrament Preparation & Volunteer Screening Coordinator \(Full-time\), Sacred Heart, Calgary](#)

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# ADVENT RENEWAL MISSION

## SAVE THE DATES!

DECEMBER

3-5

FROM 7 PM TO 8:30 PM

- TUE, DEC 3 - WITH BRETT POWELL
- WED, DEC 4 - WITH BISHOP SCOTT MCCAIG
- THU, DEC 5 - WITH MARY ROSE BACANI VALENTI

**Save the dates (Dec 3-5):** Join us from 7 to 8:30 pm for an inspiring Diocesan Advent Mission featuring three renowned speakers reflecting on our Pastoral Renewal priorities:

**Tue, Dec 3:** Brett Powell (Archdiocese of Vancouver) on *Forming Missionary Disciples*

**Wed, Dec 4:** Bishop Scott McCaig (Military Ordinariate of Canada) on *Being a Church of Encounter and Witness*

**Thu, Dec 5:** Mary Rose Bacani Valenti (Salt + Light TV) on *Strengthening Family Life*

**Grief Support Group** | The GriefShare ministry at St. Michael's, Calgary is offering an 8-week support group program for individuals who have lost loved ones recently. Meetings will take place every **Tuesday evening until Oct 29, from 7 to 9 pm**. The program will include a video seminar, group support discussions, and a personal workbook. [More info](#)

Let us unite this week with our community to support and give thanks for Catholic education in Alberta. Your dedicated donation will provide enhanced learning opportunities for Calgary and area Catholic students. For more information, please visit <https://thecccf.ca/who-we-are/news-events/catholic-education-sunday.html>

**Journeying Together: Hope and Healing through Surrender** | A workshop offering support for those grieving a miscarriage or infant loss. Connect with others who understand your pain and hear from compassionate keynote speakers Eunice Peterson and Fr. Adrian Martens. There will be prayers, inspirational talks, food, refreshments, and daycare! When: **Week-end of Oct 25-26, 2024** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary). For more information, visit [miscarriageliturgy.ca/workshop](http://miscarriageliturgy.ca/workshop) please contact 403-218-5521 or email [mara.capili@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:mara.capili@calgarydiocese.ca)

## WANTED:

### KofC

Men who would like to  
make a difference!

Len White: 403-271-6055

or [fs4878@kofc.ab.ca](mailto:fs4878@kofc.ab.ca)

## Knights of Columbus

# KIDS' PAGE

JUSTIFYJES  
CRUSHLIFEI  
AFFLICTION  
UUFSDIEDFF  
PLEASEDEFFI  
GLROROALER  
INIURSYIRM  
VENINSSGII  
ESGUILTHNT  
SSERVANTGY

## *Isaiah 53*

### *Word- Find*



*Try to find in the puzzle the words written in CAPITALS  
in today's first reading.*

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

The Lord was PLEASED  
to CRUSH him in INFIRMITY.

If he GIVES his life as an OFFERING for sin,  
he shall see his descendents in a long LIFE,  
and the will of the Lord will be accomplished  
through him.

Because of his AFFLICTION  
he shall see the LIGHT in FULLNESS of DAYS;  
through his SUFFERING, my SERVANT shall  
JUSTIFY many,  
and their GUILT he shall bear.

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	Orly Alcantara	403-263-3510
Library	Lucia Graham	403-710-7995
Prayer Shawl	Donna Suderman	403-252-2718
Ministry		
Francis Klein Ctr		403-255-4480
Natural Family Planning	Pavla D'Souza	403-278-9677
St. Matthew Sch	Josie Caruana (Principal)	403-500-2030
St. Cecilia's Sch	Teresa Cusano (Principal)	403-500-2040
St. William Sch	Erin MacLachlan (Principal)	403-500-2055
Bible Study	Parish Office	403-252-2790
CWL	Pauline Michaniuk	403-899-0118
Youth Coordinator	Veronica Planicka	<a href="mailto:st.cecilaparish.youth@gmail.com">st.cecilaparish.youth@gmail.com</a>

## ROOM BOOKINGS

Mon	Oct 21	6:30pm—Pastoral Care Training Course (Auditorium) 7:00pm—SSVP (Boardroom) 7:30pm—K of C (Church and Hall)
Tues	Oct 22	9:00am— <b>MASS (rosary at 8:30am)</b> 10:00am—Bible Study (Boardroom) 7:00pm—RCIA (Auditorium)
Wed	Oct 23	9:00am— <b>MASS (rosary at 8:30am)</b> 6:00pm—Finance Council (Aud) 7:00pm—Sunday Choir Practice
Thur	Oct 24	9:00am— <b>MASS (rosary at 8:30am)</b> 7:00pm—PPC, Finance, PRT (Aud)
Fri	Oct 25	9:00am— <b>MASS (rosary at 8:30am)</b> 9:30am—All Day Adoration 3:00am— <b>Divine Mercy</b> 7:00pm—Couples For Christ (Aud)
Sat	Oct 26	9:00am— <b>MASS (rosary at 8:30am)</b> 3:00pm-4:00pm—CONFESSION 5:00pm— <b>MASS</b>
Sun	Oct 27	9:00am— <b>MASS</b> 11:00am— <b>MASS</b>



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