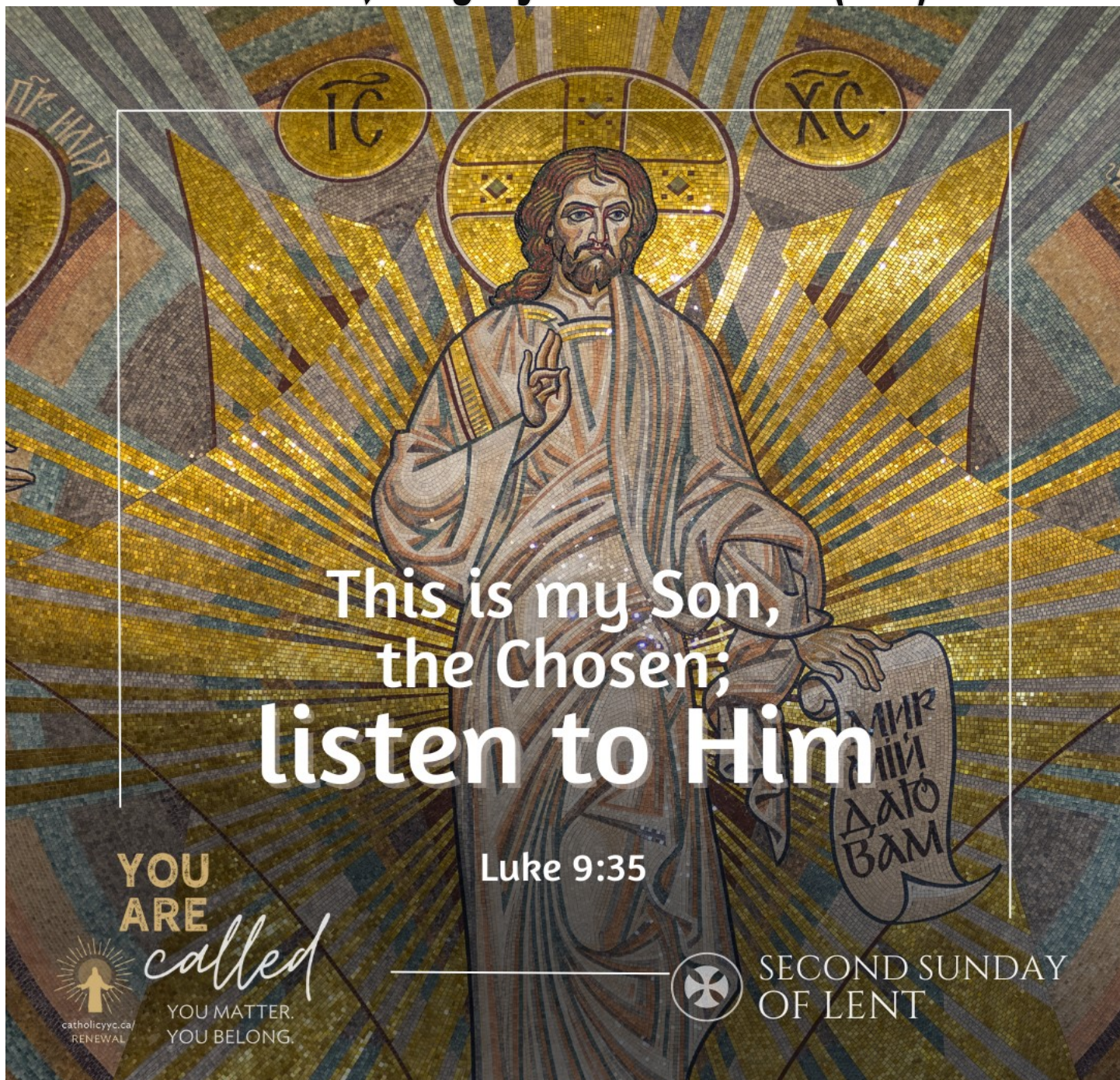


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This is my Son,
the Chosen;
listen to Him

Luke 9:35

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RENEWAL

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YOU BELONG.



SECOND SUNDAY
OF LENT

March 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)

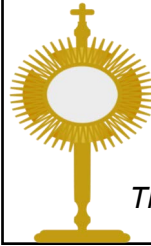
Confessions

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:

Apr 4, May 2, June 6

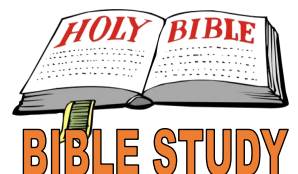
Prayer Shawl Ministry: last Tuesday of the month after the 9am Mass. New knitters welcome. Yarn is available.

Next meet: March 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.

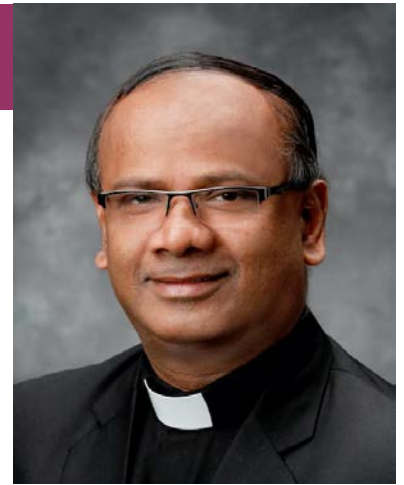


FR. PAUL'S COLUMN

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

MARCH 12TH



St. Gregory I, also known as “**the Great**”, was born around 540 in Rome. St. Gregory was well educated and **excelled in all his studies**, and an expert in law, that he **became the Prefect of Rome** at the age of 33. After five years in office he resigned, **founded six monasteries on his Sicilian estate**, and **became a Benedictine monk** in his own home at Rome. He **lived a monastic life** that emphasized **humility, prayer, and service**.

St. Gregory the great was a **prolific writer**, producing theological works that shaped Christian doctrine. His **integration of monastic values, administrative skills, and theological insight** helped shape the **spiritual and structural direction of the Church** during the medieval period and beyond. St. Gregory was a **reformer and excellent administrator**. His influence extended to Christian worship practices. He was **known as “the Father of Christian Worship”** for his extensive reforms.

St. Gregory the great has been given a place with Augustine, Ambrose, and Jerome, as one of the **four key doctors of the Western Church**. He suffered from arthritis in his last years. He **died on March 12, 604 AD**. He was **immediately proclaimed a saint by means of popular acclaim**. His **relics remain in St. Peter's Basilica** to this day. He is the **patron saint of musicians, singers, students, and teachers**.

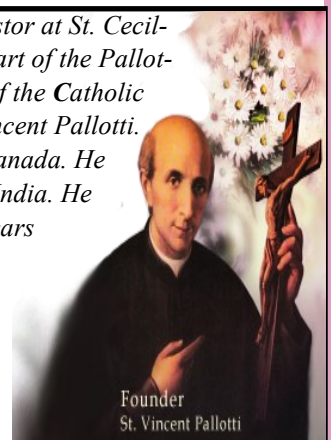
Sayings of the Saint

To do penance is to bewail the evil we have done, and to do no evil to bewail.
- *Pope St. Gregory I.*

You cannot acquire the gift of peace if by your anger you destroy the peace of the Lord. -
Pope St. Gregory I.

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*



Founder
St. Vincent Pallotti

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 15

9:00am: †Anton Barth and †John Brilz

5:00pm: †Robert Leung

Sunday, March 16

9:00am: †Nick and Pearl Ferby

11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

Monday, March 17

No Mass

Tuesday, March 18

9:00am: †Fr. Bruce Schutte, SAC

Wednesday, March 19

9:00am: †Sanka Fernando

Thursday, March 20

9:00am: Int. Alana Macohonic—health

Friday, March 21

9:00am: Int. Ewan MacLennan—Birthday

Saturday, March 22

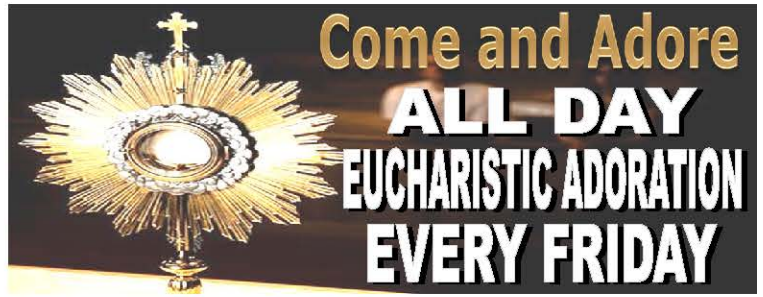
9:00am: Int. Betty Gregorash—Birthday

5:00pm: †Juanita Villaruel

Sunday, March 23

9:00am: †Rémi Maillot

11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased



Mass Readings

Saturday, Mar 15 (9am)

Deuteronomy 26.16-19
Matthew 5.43-48

Sunday, Mar 16—Lent 2

Genesis 15.5-12, 17-18
Philippians 3.17—4.1
Luke 9.28b-36

Mon, Mar 17 (no Mass)

Daniel 9.3, 4b-10
Luke 6.36-38

Tuesday, Mar 18

Isaiah 1.10, 16-20, 27-28, 31
Matthew 23.1-12

Wednesday, Mar 19

2 Sam. 7.4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Matthew 1.16, 18-21, 24a

Thursday, Mar 20

Jeremiah 17.5-10
Luke 16.19-31

Friday, Mar 21

Genesis 37.3-4, 12-13a,
17b-28
Matthew 21.33-43, 45-46

Saturday, Mar 22 (9am)

Micah 7.14-15, 18-20
Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

Sunday, Mar 23—3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15
1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12 Luke 13.1-9



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 March 2025

For families in crisis Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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!



Fearless: A Lenten Video Series

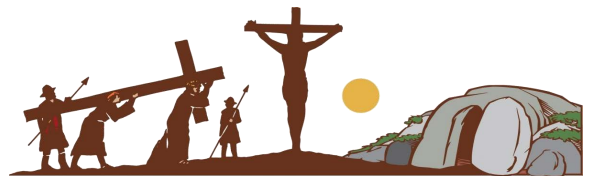
Fearless is a video series to accompany you on your Lenten journey. Time and again, the people of God are called to 'be courageous' and 'be not afraid.' Yet, we live in a time where fear seems to guide our very existence. Don't miss this exciting series with a special guest each week as we seek to follow Jesus into the wilderness this Lent.

BAPTISM PREP CLASSES



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

Please sign up via the office.



STATIONS of the CROSS

Every Friday during Lent at 7pm

- Mar 14 Catholic Women's League
- Mar 21 Parish & Finance Council
- Mar 28 Couples For Christ
- Apr 4 **7:30pm** Youth & Altar Servers
- Apr 11 Pastoral Care, SSVF, Bible Study
- Apr 18 **10am** Good Friday Way of the Cross

Parish RENEWAL

We will be hosting a special lunch once a month from 1pm to 3pm for specific groups of people to discuss our faith experiences and journeys. The next lunch on April 27th will be a gathering for the 2024 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion children and their families.

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



St. Vincent de Paul Society

403-252-2790 ext. 223

During Lent we can reflect upon who in our lives need us and whether we love them as we want to be loved. And we can look at the deeper things, like our anger or how we treat others, and our response to those who are our "enemies." What is most important, beyond a sharper examination of our consciences, is to see this as a time for God's grace to work in us and a time to ask God for the graces we need.



PANTRY NEEDS

Jam

Mayo/Whipped Dressing

Overview of scheduled events:

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

10-Minute Way of the Cross

Throughout Lent we do the 10-minute Way of the Cross after each Mass on the weekend. We encourage as many of you to stay as possible.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday (Apr 13): 9am & 11am

Holy Thursday (Apr 17): 8pm

Good Friday (Apr 18): 10am Outdoor Way of the Cross, Passion at 3pm

Easter Vigil (Apr 19): 8pm

Easter Sunday (Apr 20): 9am & 11am

SACRAMENT CLASSES

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.ccssd.ab.ca/newsletters>



St. Cecilia School

Weekly Newsletter

<https://secure.smores.com/n/v2z7tk>

Playground Donation Link:
<https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/ParksFoundationCalgary/schools.html>

BOTTLE DRIVE—Sunday, March 30th 10am—2pm
Save your empties to support our playground! The playground will be removed this summer. Currently enough funds have not been raised to begin the replacement. Please place bottles at the front of your home for pickup, or drop-off at the school. **We need your help!**



St. William School

Monthly Newsletter

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

Lenten Penitential Service



Thursday, April 10

6:00pm—8:00pm



Diocesan News

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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.

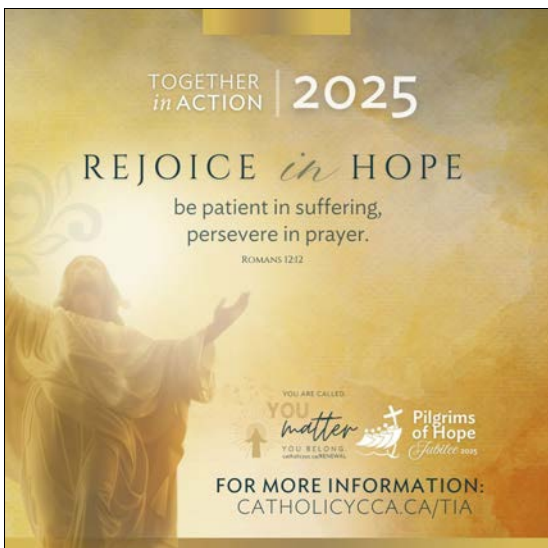
JOIN THE INFO SESSION

Sunday, March 16

at **5 pm**

[St. Patrick's Parish](#)

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Thank you for your dedication and generosity in supporting **Together in Action 2024!** Your contributions have made a real difference, helping sustain vital ministries and outreach programs across the diocese. And now we are excited to launch *Together in Action 2025*, inspired by Romans 12:12: “Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.”

Join Bishop William T. McGrattan in celebrating the Solemnity of St. Joseph on **Wednesday, March 19 at 7 pm** at this special Jubilee Year Mass with Apostolic Blessing. Attending this Mass is one of the ways to receive a Plenary Indulgence during the Jubilee Year 2025, under the usual conditions of sacramental of reconciliation, Holy Communion, and prayer for the Holy Father's intentions. All are welcome!

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 catholicyc.ca/pastoralcare or contact Mara at 403-218-5521.

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



The Diocese of Calgary is on a [journey of Renewal](#)—but Renewal isn't about programs or plans. Renewal begins with you. A personal Renewal draws us closer to Jesus, and when we grow in Him, we become better disciples. This Lent, we invite you to take up the challenge of personal Renewal. No pressure, no perfection—just a step toward Christ. Consider these simple ways to pray for renewal in our heart, our parish, and our diocese this Lenten season:

Pray daily the [Holy Spirit Prayer](#), asking for Renewal in your heart, parish, and diocese.

Pray the Rosary with the intention of Renewal.

Offer up a Mass—try attending a weekday Mass.

Spend time in [Adoration](#), resting in Christ's presence.

Pray the [Way of the Cross](#), reflecting on His sacrifice.

Practice [Friday abstinence or fasting](#) as an offering for Renewal.

Simply pray: "Holy Spirit, show me what I can do for Renewal."

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

NEW! [Payroll & Benefits Coordinator \(Full-time\)](#)

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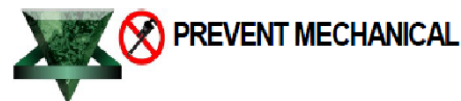
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KIDS' PAGE

Jesus shone like the sun when He took his three friends up the mountain.

Luke 9:28-36




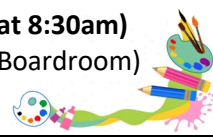

Peter was confused and said something without thinking. What did he say he could make?

Connect the dots to find out!

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ROOM BOOKINGS		
Mon 	Mar 17	7:00pm—SSVP (Boardroom) 7:00pm—K of C (Auditorium)
Tues	Mar 18	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Bible Study (Boardroom) 7:00pm—RCIA (Auditorium)
Wed	Mar 19	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 7:00pm—Maintenance Meeting (Aud)
Thur	Mar 20	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 9:30am—CWL Crafting (Boardroom) 
Fri	Mar 21	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 3:00pm—Divine Mercy 5:30pm—Legion of Mary—(Boardroom) 7:00pm—STATIONS OF THE CROSS 
Sat	Mar 22	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Sacrament Class (Auditorium) 3:00pm-4:00pm—CONFESSION 5:00pm—MASS
Sun	Mar 23	9:00am—MASS 11:00am—MASS

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