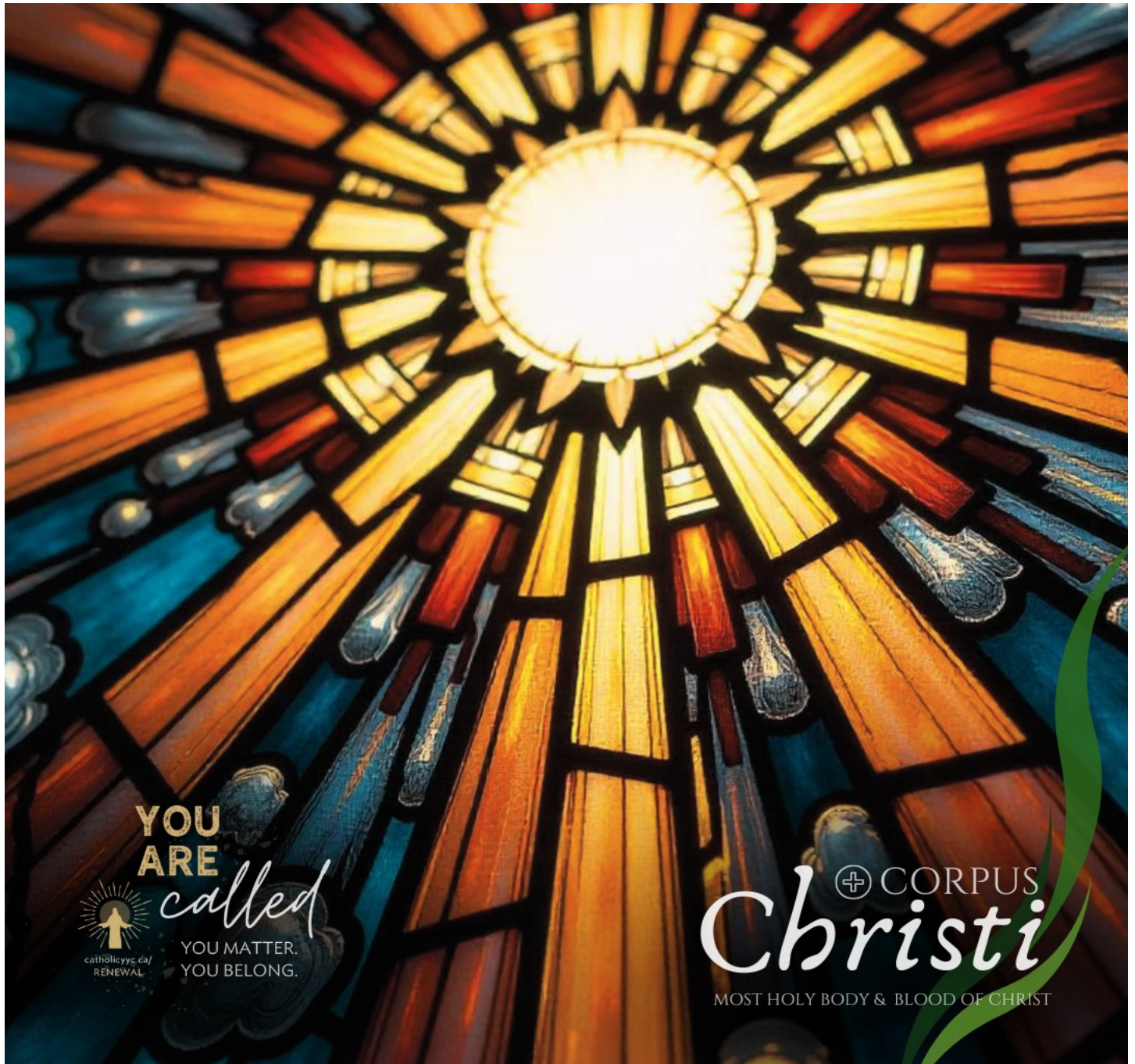


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# June 21-22, 2025

# 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)

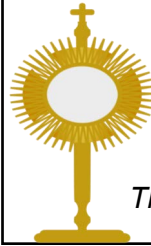
**Confessions**

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  
Summer Hours: 9am-12pm T-F

## 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: July 4, Aug 1**

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

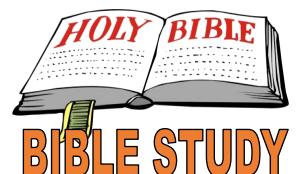
**Next meet: June 24th**

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.



**2026-2027 Study of Genesis**

| This year's study has now concluded. We will restart in September and work through Genesis. New members welcome!

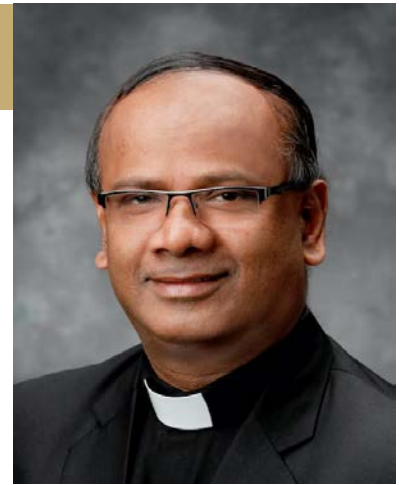


# FR. PAUL'S COLUMN

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### ST. EPHREM

JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>



**St. Ephrem** was born in Nisibis, Syria in 306. His life was marked by both **hardship and spiritual contributions**. At the age of 18, his **conversion to Christianity led to his baptism**, an act that provoked his pagan parents to banish him from their home. He **became a deacon** but consistently **refused ordination as a priest**.

St. Ephrem was poet, teacher, orator, and defender of the faith, he is the **only Syriac Christian recognized as a doctor of the Church**. He became a **disciple of St. Jacob, the Bishop of Nisibis**. He accompanied St. Jacob to the historic Council of Nicaea in 325, an event that significantly shaped the early Church's doctrinal foundations. He became **one of the first to introduce song into the Church's public worship** as a means of instruction for the faithful. His many hymns have earned him the title "**Harp of the Holy Spirit**."

St. Ephrem preferred a **simple, austere life, living in a small cave** overlooking the city of Edessa.

Despite his deep knowledge and spiritual authority, he **chose humility over advancement**. His life, marked by **sacrifice, humility, and service**, continues to **inspire and guide the faithful**. He **died around 373**.

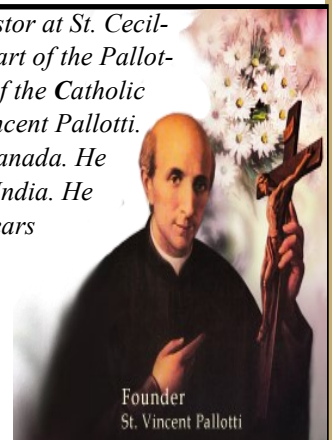
#### Sayings of the Saint

**"Faith is the foundation, hope is the pillar, and love is the crown of all virtues." - St. Ephrem.**

**"Love is the power that transforms enemies into friends." - St. Ephrem.**

*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)*



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## Mass Intentions

*Saturday, June 21*

9:00am: Int. Mikayla D'Souza—*Birthday*

5:00pm: †Paige and Rachel

*Sunday, June 22*

9:00am: Int. Mary Jeanne Perez—*Health*

11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

*Monday, June 23*

No Mass

*Tuesday, June 24*

9:00am: †Rudolf Valario

*Wednesday, June 25*

9:00am: Int. Baby MacLennan

*Thursday, June 26*

9:00am: Int. Luke Fraser—*Birthday*

*Friday, June 27*

9:00am: Int. Fr. Paul Raj, *Feast Day*

*Saturday, June 28*

9:00am: Int. Staff & Students of Fr. Doucet School

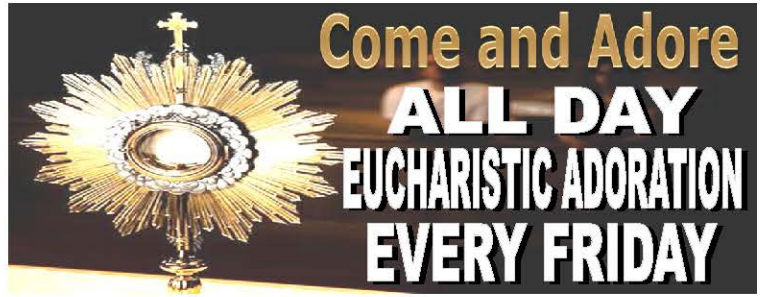
5:00pm: †Ben and Maria Espinosa

*Sunday, June 29*

9:00am: Int. Maureen Barton—*Happy Belated Birthday*

11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

*\*Mass Intentions for the rest of summer  
will be posted in the foyer\**



## Mass Readings

<p><u>Saturday, June 21</u> 2 Corinthians 12.1-10 Matthew 6.24-34</p>	<p><u>Sunday, June 22—Corpus Christi</u> Genesis 14.18-20 1 Corinthians 11.23-26 Luke 9.11b-17</p>
<p><u>Mon, June 23 (no Mass)</u> Genesis 12.1-9 Matthew 7.1-5</p>	<p><u>Tuesday, June 24</u> <i>St. John the Baptist</i> Isaiah 49.1-6 Acts 13.22-26 Luke 1.57-66, 80</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, June 25</u> Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18 Matthew 7.15-20</p>	<p><u>Thursday, June 26</u> Genesis 16.1-12, 15-16 Matthew 7.21-29</p>
<p><u>Friday, June 27— Sacred Heart</u> Ezekiel 34.11-16 Romans 5.5b-11 Luke 15.3-7</p>	<p><u>Saturday, June 28</u> Genesis 18.1-15 Matthew 8.5-17</p>
<p><u>Sunday, June 29—Peter and Paul</u> Acts 12.1-11 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 17-18      Matthew 16.13-19</p>	

## SUMMER BREAK

**This is the last bulletin until September.** Office hours will be 9-12 beginning July 2nd. Mass Intentions for the summer will be posted in the foyer. THANK YOU to all of the volunteers and ministry groups who help run the parish and serve the community. Have a restful summer!

## The Pope's Prayer Intention June 2025



**That the world might grow in compassion** Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

**@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

## Corpus Christi



**PROCESSION** around the Church parking lot after the 11am Mass next weekend, June 22. Knights of Columbus will serve hot dogs after as per tradition. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this beautiful devotion.

### Farewell, or “See You Later” Send-off Potluck for Fr. Paul

As all of you have most certainly heard or read the news, our dear Father Paul is posted to St. Luke’s Parish, Calgary, effective August 1st. We have scheduled a night of fellowship, food, sharing and comfort on Friday evening, July 11th at 6pm following the closing of Adoration. There will be sign-up sheets in the foyer this weekend for food and drinks. We would also like to encourage you to bring plates, cutlery, etc and any lawn or camping chairs for sitting outside. Prior to attending the party, we also encourage you to sit in Adoration to offer prayers of support for Father Paul in his move, the parish during this time of transition, and of course for our incoming priest Fr. Derek Remus.



### St. Vincent de Paul Society

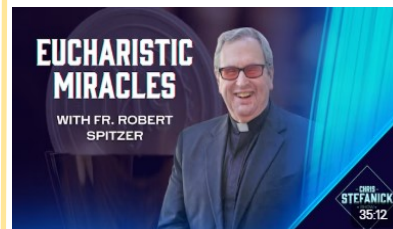
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It can sometimes take great amounts of courage to follow Jesus. A great temptation is to consider that we are not worthy to follow in this call of Jesus. We may be aware of things we have done or people we have wronged that might “disqualify” us from following Jesus as we think he intends. This summer, maybe we can find times in our day where we can consider this question...“Why do I follow Christ?” Then at the end of each day, we can spend a few moments in thanks. “Lord, thank you for knowing me, and calling me down your path.”

**PANTRY NEEDS:** Peanut Butter, Luncheon Meat, Beans in Tomato - Sauce, Apple Juice, Canned Tomatoes

### THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**



The Eucharist is one of the greatest signs of Christ’s love for us; not only did he want to be with us for 33 years and save us from our sins, but he also wanted to be united with us after his ascension in a radical way. Did you know there are miracles that back up the true presence of the Eucharist? Fr. Robert Spitzer will tell us about the incredible science behind them. You’ll also get a primer on the metaphysics of the Eucharist, what “transubstantiation” means and the incredible stories of

### BAPTISM CLASSES

Sat. Jun 7 at 9:30am  
Sat. Jul 5 at 9:30am  
**Please sign up via the office.**

*\*We expect to have the application form submitted before the class\**

### 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.

## Overview of scheduled events:

June 22: Corpus Christi Procession 12pm

June 28/29: Last Bulletin for summer

July 1: **CANADA DAY—Office Closed**

July 2—Aug 29: Office Hours 9-12

July 6: Stampede Breakfast



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

July 11: Parish Potluck—Farewell “See You Later” to Fr. Paul

August 1: Welcome Fr. Derek!

August 4: Parish Birthday (62 years)

September 2: Office hours back to 9-4

September 6/7: Bulletin returns

October 18-19: Catholic Education Weekend

November 22: Feast of St. Cecilia



## BOOK CLUB START UP

There has been interest expressed through the Renewal Process to start a book club! Come on out, Thursday June 26th to our parish library at 1pm for an informal gathering and collaborative discussion on what the club should look like. If possible, please confirm to Connie Claeys 403-931-4840 or the parish office.



A report of the recent CWL fundraisers:

From our Spring fundraiser, we raised \$417.30, and we also received a \$100 donation. From our recent Coffee and Tea Fundraiser, we raised \$314 from both online and in-person orders.

This brings the total to : \$831.30!!

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity. We appreciate it immensely.

Each year the CWL supports several local charities and all our fundraising money goes towards these donations. Thank you for helping us continue to do that. May God bless each one of you always. Have a safe summer!

## SACRAMENT CLASSES

Registration forms for the 2025-2026 school year are **now available** in the foyer. We have also sent the forms to the schools.

## 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.smores.com/n/yfej2>

**Playground Donation Link:**

<https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/>



### St. William School

Monthly Newsletter

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

# TIA: \$7,465

24%

Parish financial support -Thank you!				
	January	February	March	April to date
Parish support (Env + Loose)	\$20,016.00	\$18,917.35	\$24,024.85	\$21,656.24
Together in Action (Goal \$31,539)	\$240.00	\$1,090.00	\$2,645.00	\$1,260.25
St. Vincent de Paul (Parish Env's + SSVp env's)	\$502.00	\$839.25	\$1,045.00	\$961.00
Building Maintenance	\$160.00	\$140.00	\$520.00	\$135.00
Direct Debits (CC and Bank) inc. special days	\$10,730	\$8,225	\$11,655	\$11,110



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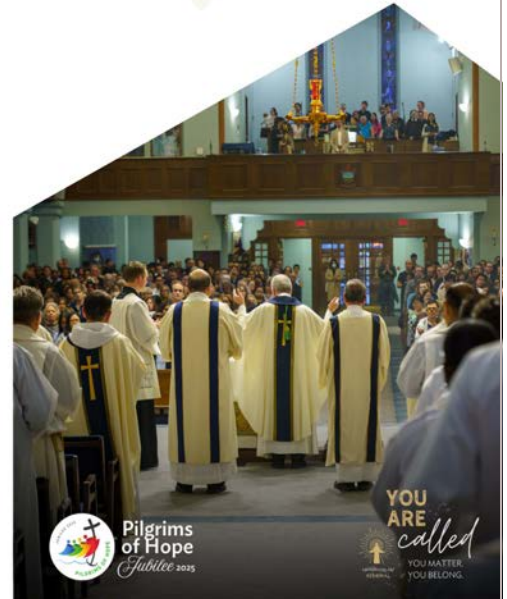
## 2025 Worship Conference THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Renewing the Heart of Liturgical Ministry

- Keynote talks will explore the liturgy as a living encounter with the Paschal Mystery, principles of liturgical renewal, and leadership in service of the Body of Christ.
- Participants can choose workshops tailored to their current liturgical ministry.
- Workshops will cover theological and historical foundations, diocesan guidelines, and best practices.
- Emphasis on deepening a spirituality of holiness through active ministry.

SAVE THE DATE  
**OCTOBER 3-4, 2025**

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A Call to Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land and Middle East

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## A Call to Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land & the Middle East

Amid rising violence in the Holy Land and Middle East, the Bishops of Canada invite the faithful to pray for peace during this month of the Sacred Heart. *"Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus focuses our attention on the Lord's inexhaustible love for humanity, and His desire that all be saved."*

## WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY

JULY 27

"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT LOST HOPE"  
 SIR 14:2



THE DIOCESE OF CALGARY JOYFULLY INVITES YOU TO THE PRIESTLY ORDINATION OF REV. MR.

**PETER AN**

by His Excellency,

THE MOST REVEREND WILLIAM T. MCGRATTAN,  
 BISHOP OF CALGARY, ON THE FEAST OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

FRIDAY **27** JUNE

2025

7 PM AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL  
 - RECEPTION TO FOLLOW -



<https://www.catholiccyyc.ca/2024impactreport.html>

## Cemetery Masses with Bishop McGrattan

Join Bishop William McGrattan for the celebration of Holy Mass at our cemeteries—sacred grounds where we honour our loved ones, commend them to God’s mercy, and strengthen our hope in the Resurrection. All are welcome!

Tue, August 19, at 7 pm at Mountain View Cemetery Chapel;  
Thu, August 21, at 7 pm at Edenbrook Cemetery Chapel;  
Tue, August 26, at 7 pm at Queen’s Park (outdoor); and  
Thu, August 28, at 7 pm at St Mary’s Cemetery (outdoor)

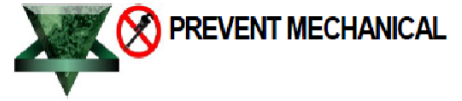
## Mary, Mother of Hope: Jubilee Marian Week & Cross of Hope Pilgrimage



**Aug 15–18: Young Adults Jubilee Weekend & Pilgrimage** (ages 18–35) in **St. Mary’s Church, Banff** – with indoor camping, fellowship, hikes, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Cross of Hope Pilgrimage from Banff to Canmore along the scenic Legacy Trail! Spots will be limited (max 50). Registration will be available soon!

**Aug 18–22: Jubilee Marian Week** for all pilgrims at the **Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Rockies, Canmore** – featuring pilgrimage walk, daily Mass, Confession, Adoration, Marian devotion and formation, Sacred Music, and a **Jubilee**

**Mass on Friday, Aug 22 at 7 pm, the Feast of the Queenship of Mary, with Apostolic Blessing imparted by Bishop McGrattan**, followed by a Marian Coronation and reception. More details will be at [catholiccyyc.ca/jubilee](http://catholiccyyc.ca/jubilee)



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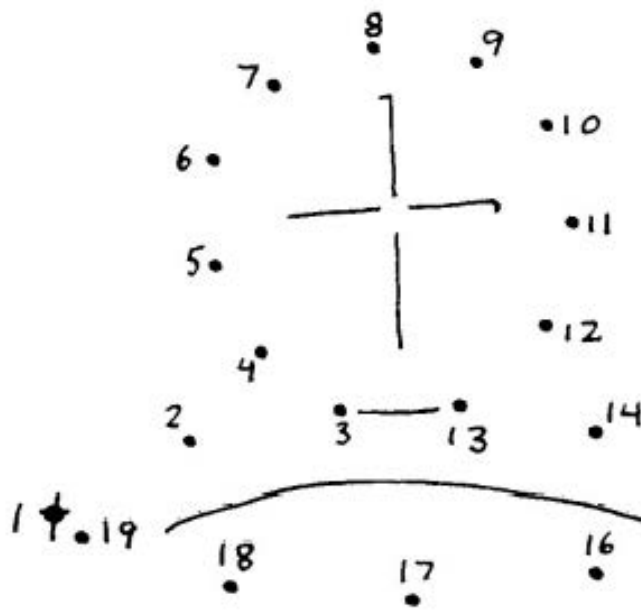
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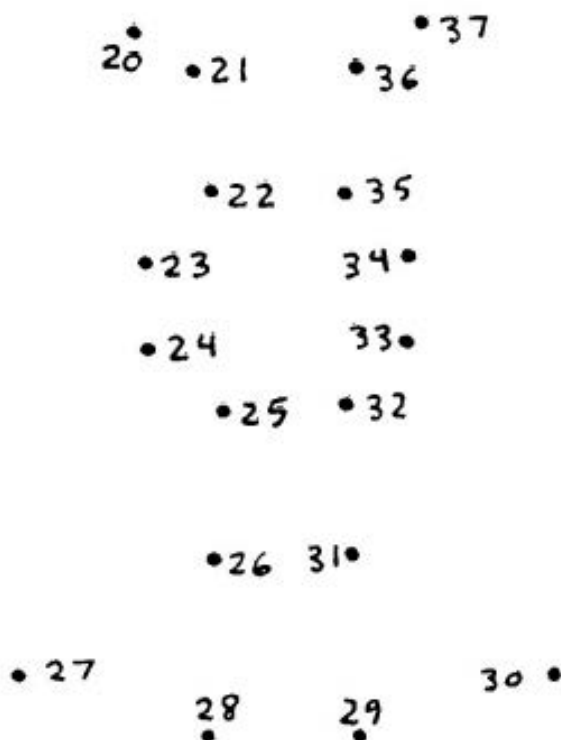


*Today is the feast  
day of the  
Body and Blood  
of Jesus.*

*When He died  
on the cross  
He offered up  
His Body and  
Blood for us.*

*Jesus also gave  
us His Body and  
Blood to eat and  
drink at the Last  
Supper.*

*Connect the dots  
to see where He  
comes to us now!*



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ROOM BOOKINGS		
Mon	June 23	
Tues	June 24	9:00am— <b>MASS (rosary at 8:30am)</b> 1:30pm—St. Matthew School Mass 7:00pm—St. Vincent de Paul (Library)
Wed	June 25	9:00am— <b>MASS (rosary at 8:30am)</b>
Thur	June 26	9:00am— <b>MASS (rosary at 8:30am)</b> 1:00pm—Book Club Meeting (Library) 7:00pm—Parish Council (Boardroom)
Fri	June 27	9:00am— <b>MASS (rosary at 8:30am)</b> 3:00pm— <b>Divine Mercy</b> 5:30pm—Legion of Mary—(Boardroom)
Sat	June 28	9:00am— <b>MASS (rosary at 8:30am)</b> 3:00pm-4:00pm— <b>CONFESSION</b> 5:00pm— <b>MASS</b>
Sun	June 29	9:00am— <b>MASS</b> 11:00am— <b>MASS</b>
Fri	July 4	9:00am—All Day Adoration 3:00pm— <b>Divine Mercy</b> 5:30pm—Legion of Mary—(Boardroom) 7:00pm— <b>MASS</b>
<i>Summer Bookings</i>		
Sat	July 5	9:30am—Baptism Class (Auditorium)
Sun	July 6	STAMPEDE BREAKFAST ALL MORNING
Mon	July 7	7:00pm—Couples For Christ (Hall)
Fri	July 11	<b>6:00pm—Farewell "See You Later" Potluck (Hall + Outside)</b> <i>*Please bring a dish. Plates and/or camping chairs encouraged*</i>
Sun	July 20	1:00pm—Renewal Lunch (Hall)




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## Monthly Cake

On the last weekend of every month we celebrate all of those who had a birthday or wedding anniversary during that month. The June cakes have been generously sponsored by Bless and Jana De Vera. The July cakes have been sponsored by Lu, Gloria, Ofelia, Virginia and Nila. The August cakes have been sponsored by Estanita and Elma Vallos, and Linda Cabugon. **If you would like to sponsor the monthly cakes the cost is \$150. We look after the order and pickup!**