

ST. CECILIA'S PARISH

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MARK 10:52

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YOU BELONG.



30th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

October 26/27, 2024

MASS TIMES & PARISH INFO

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Weekend Masses | Weekday Masses

Saturday 5pm

Sun 9am & 11am

Tues to Saturday

9am

First Friday Mass

7pm (no 9am Mass)

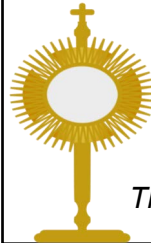
Confessions

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

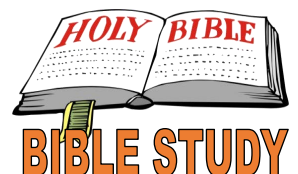
Prayer Shawl Ministry: last Tuesday of the month after the 9am Mass. New knitters welcome. Yarn is available.

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!

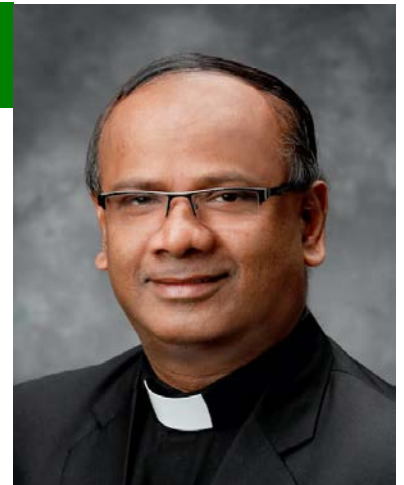


FR. PAUL'S COLUMN

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. GERARD MAJELLA

OCT 16TH 24



St. Gerard was born on April 6, 1726, in Muro, Italy. He grew up in poverty with a **great respect for the poor**. His father, Dominic Majella, died while he was a child. His pious mother, owing to poverty, was obliged to apprentice him to a tailor.

St. Gerard tried to join the local Capuchins, but he was **turned down twice** due to his youth and poor health. He also **tried to become a hermit**, but that too was not God's will for him. He then **entered the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer** in 1749 and professed of perpetual vows under the Redemptorist's founder, Saint Alphonsus Liguori, in 1751. His **only ambition was to be like Jesus Christ** in his sufferings and humiliations.

St. Gerard became **known for his extraordinary supernatural gifts** of bilocation, prophecy, ecstasies, visions, and infused knowledge. He was most successful in converting sinners and was widely **known for his sanctity and charity**. Throughout his years of life, **several reported miracles are tied to Majella** including restoring a boy's life after he fell from a high cliff, and he also **multiplied bread for the poor on several occasions**.

St. Gerard died of tuberculosis on October 16, 1755, at the **age of 29** in Caposele. He was beatified by Pope Leo XIII on January 29, 1893, and was canonized on December 11, 1904, by Pope Saint Pius X. He is the **patron saint of mothers**, motherhood, expectant mothers, childbirth, children, pregnant women, unborn children, the pro-life movement, the falsely accused, good confessions, and lay brothers.

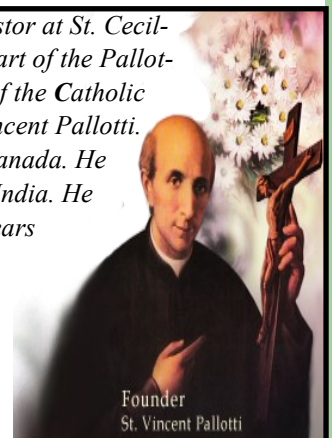
Sayings of the saint

"I see in my neighbor the Person of Jesus Christ". - St. Gerard Majella.

"The Most Blessed Sacrament is Christ made visible. The poor sick person is Christ again made visible". St. Gerard Majella.

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, October 26

9:00am: †Alan Wilcock

5:00pm: †Cristina Navora

Sunday, October 27

9:00am: †Cristina Navora

11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

Monday, October 28

No Mass

Tuesday, October 29

†Loreto & Estevan Palomo

Wednesday, October 30

†Victoria Oblefias Ratio

Thursday, October 31

†Ross Spencer

Friday, November 1

7:00pm: †Bernardo Family Members

Saturday, November 2

9:00am: †Osvalda Ferreira

5:00pm: †All Souls in Purgatory

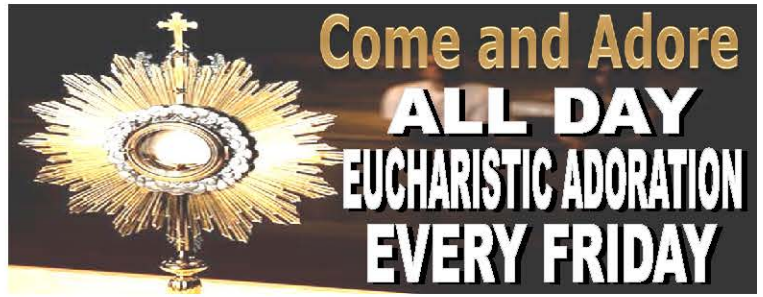
Sunday, November 3

9:00am: †Camarillo Family Members

11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased



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.



Mass Readings

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

Mon, Oct 28 (no Mass)

Ephesians 2.19-22

Luke 6.12-19

Tuesday, Oct 29

Ephesians 5.21-33

Luke 13.18-21

Wednesday, Oct 30

Ephesians 6.1-9

Luke 13.22-30

Thursday, Oct 31

Ephesians 6.10-20

Luke 13.31-35

Friday, Nov 1

Revelation 7.2-4, 9-14

Matthew 5.1-12a

Saturday, Nov 2 (9am Mass)

Job 19.1, 23-27

1 Corinthians 15.20-23

John 12.23-26

Sunday, Nov 3

Deuteronomy 6.2-6

Hebrews 7.23-28 Mark 12.28-34

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.

KIDS COLOURING in the library next weekend Nov 30/ Dec 1 in preparation for Advent. Come on out!



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!



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. We are fine having two Sacristans, one for daily Mass and one for the weekend Masses.



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 next week on 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

Our Lord worked among the blind, the lame, and the helpless innocents as a servant of God. He calls us to continue to do the same giving glory to God our father by serving our brothers and sisters who need our love and care. We pray, " Lord, help us to see the needs of others and be willing to help. Amen.



PANTRY NEEDS

Pasta,
Pancake Mix
(just add water)
Pancake Syrup
Peanut Butter
Jam

Overview of scheduled events:

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 Eve Mass 5pm & 11pm

Jan 1: New Year's Day Mass 9am & 11am

Come on out to this exciting talk on a topic we so often wonder about: **Purgatory**. What is purgatory? Who goes there, and why? How can we help those who are there? Peter Thompson from Holy Spirit Parish will be here to explain it all in a night of prayer and catechesis. You don't want to miss this!

SACRAMENT CLASSES

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:



St. Matthew School
Monthly Newsletter
<https://stmatthew.cssd.ab.ca/newsletters>



St. Cecilia School
Weekly Newsletter
<https://secure.smores.com/n/t5dgy>



St. William School
Monthly Newsletter
<https://stwilliam.cssd.ab.ca/newsletters>

ST. CECILIA FIESTA: Our annual musical fiesta, in honour of our patroness, will be held on Sun. Nov 24th. Doors open at 5pm for a shared finger-food potluck at 5:30pm, followed by the music program at 7pm (only those bringing food for the potluck are meant to share in it please). If you would like to contribute a music/dance performance please notify Ross Ferby by Nov 15. Individual performances should not exceed 5 minutes.

Cakes this weekend have been very generously sponsored by Isaac & Shirley Bernard. If you would like to sponsor a monthly cake, the cost is \$150. We take care of the order and pickup! We are accepting sponsors for June-Aug 2025, and Nov-Dec 2025. Thank you so much to everyone who has been sponsoring months!



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





SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DePAUL

St Cecilia Conference

Christmas Hamper Schedule 2024



Thank you for your support over the past year. We are preparing to pack and deliver approx 75-80 Christmas Hampers. In order to make up these hampers your financial support is needed. We spend about \$26,500. If you can give financially, please use our envelopes in the pews. Cheques must be made out to Society of Saint Vincent de Paul or SSVP St Cecilia. We have a charitable number and will issue Tax Receipts. Please put your name and address on the envelope.

We are starting to buy the groceries at any sales we can find. See over for the items we will need. Our Funds are low as we have had a busy year.

We will put up the Angel Tree and Sign-Up sheets on Nov 16 and Nov 17. This year we will be giving Gift Cards to the families instead of toys etc Family members and ages will be on the Angel. We would like to give a Gift Card from a department store if possible. **(Walmart is the favorite)** If you are giving a Gift Card make sure that the dollar amount is on the card.



If you need a hamper, please phone the office. Due to the privacy laws the person needing the hamper has to phone in. If you know someone who needs a hamper ask them to phone 403-252-2790 ext 223 and leave their phone number requesting a Christmas Hamper.

Schedule Dates For 2024

- Monday Dec 9 9:00am - 10:00am Pickup at Schools
- Monday Dec 9 10:00am-3pm Set up sorting tables and labels Sort food
Make boxes Set up hamper tables
LUNCH
- Tuesday Dec 10 10:00am Number boxes Count food Ready for packing
LUNCH
- Wednesday Dec 11 10:00am -3:00pm Package the Sundry
Packing the hampers
LUNCH
- Thursday Dec 12 10:00am Sorting and Packaging Fresh Produce
LUNCH
- Friday Dec 13 10:00am Close the Boxes
LUNCH
- Saturday Dec 14 8:45am Prayers (meet in the Church Lobby)
- Saturday Dec 14 9:00am Delivery of Hampers. Drivers come in shifts.

Groceries for Christmas Hamper for Family of Four

The following items are what we have planned to put into our Christmas Hampers. We need the following items. Bring any non-perishable food item listed below and put in the SSVP Food Box located in the foyer before Dec 8

Beverages

- 1 tin Coffee or Jar of Instant
- 3 pkg Juice 1 litre (Apple Orange)
- 1 pkg Tea (Box or Sack, 72/100)

Dry Products

- 1 pkg Cookies Pkg 400g
- 1 pkg Crackers (soda) P 450g
- 4 pkg Jello (Assorted)
- 4 pkg Kraft Dinner
- 1 pkg Macaroni 900g
- 1 bag Rice long grain 907g
- 1 pkg Sugar Pkg 2kg
- 1 pkg Spaghetti 900g

Fruits Canned

- 3 tins Peaches or Pears 398ml
- 3 tins Pineapple Chunks (Tidbits etc)

Miscellaneous

- 1 jar Cheez Whiz 1kg
- 1 jar Ketchup 1L or 750ml
- 1 jar Mayonnaise 890 ml or 500ml
- 1 jar Oil Canola 946ml
- 1 tin Spaghetti Sauce tin 600ml

Seasonal Items

- 1 box Chocolates

Breakfast Foods

- 1 box Cereal Cornflakes or Cheerios
- 1 jar Jam (re; family size) 500ml
- 1 pkg Pancake Mix 1kg complete (add water only)
- 1 jar Pancake Syrup 750ml
- 1 jar Peanut Butter(family size) 1kg

Soups (canned & dry)

- 3 tins Chicken Noodle 284ml
- 3 tins Mushroom 284ml
- 3 tins Tomato 284ml
- 3 tins Vegetable 284ml
- 8 pkg Dry Soup pkgs

Vegetables Canned

- 3 tins Vegetables 341ml
- 1 tin Tomatoes 398ml
- 4 tins Beans in Tomato sauce
- 2 tins Red Kidney Beans

Meats Canned

- 3 tins Flakes of Ham 184g

Fish Canned

- 3 tins Tuna 170g

Sundry

- 2 bars Hand Soap
- 1 box Kleenex
- 2 pkg Toilet Paper
- 1 Bottle Shampoo 300ml
- 1 tube Tooth Paste



**These items
are needed by
Sunday, Dec 8**



Diocesan News

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

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.

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: **Weekend of Oct 25-26, 2024** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary). For more information, visit miscarriageliturgy.ca/workshop please contact 403-218-5521 or email mara.capili@calgarydiocese.ca

St. Mary's University is looking for volunteers for the Field of Crosses. This is a significant opportunity to commemorate those who have sacrificed their lives for the sake of the freedoms we have today. When: **Nov. 10 & 11, 2024** - in four separate shifts. [More information here](#)

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

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

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

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

Visit www.catholiccyc.ca/careers for more information and details.



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DEC 3 TUE **DEC 4 WED** **DEC 5 THU**

Speaker **Brett Powell**
 ■ FORM MISSIONARY DISCIPLES IN CHRIST

Speaker **Bishop Scott McCaig**
 ■ BE A CHURCH OF ENCOUNTER AND WITNESS

Speaker **Mary Rose Bacani Valenti**
 ■ STRENGTHEN FAMILY LIFE

TIME 7 PM TO 8:30 PM

PARISH IN-PERSON GATHERING - LED BY PRESENTERS VIA ZOOM

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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*

PRACTICE THE FAITH
at home with your family

Led by a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd catechist, this workshop equips families with tools to deepen faith during Advent through prayer, scripture, and hands-on activities.

📅 **WED, NOV 13** 📅 **WED, NOV 27** 📅 **WED, DEC 11**

Our Family Prayer & Sacred Space 7 - 8:30 pm

Meeting Jesus the Good Shepherd 7 - 8:30 pm

Our Family Advent Journey 7 - 8:30 pm

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CATHOLIC PASTORAL CENTRE
 120 17 AVE SW, CALGARY

RSVP by Nov. 10
catholiccyc.ca/renewal
 or call 403-218-5521

Led by a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd catechist, this interactive workshop series equips families with practical tools to grow in faith during Advent. Through prayer, scripture, meaningful discussions, and **hands-on activities**, families will learn to create sacred spaces and devotional items at home, turning the Advent season into a joyful, faith-filled journey that draws all family members closer to Christ.

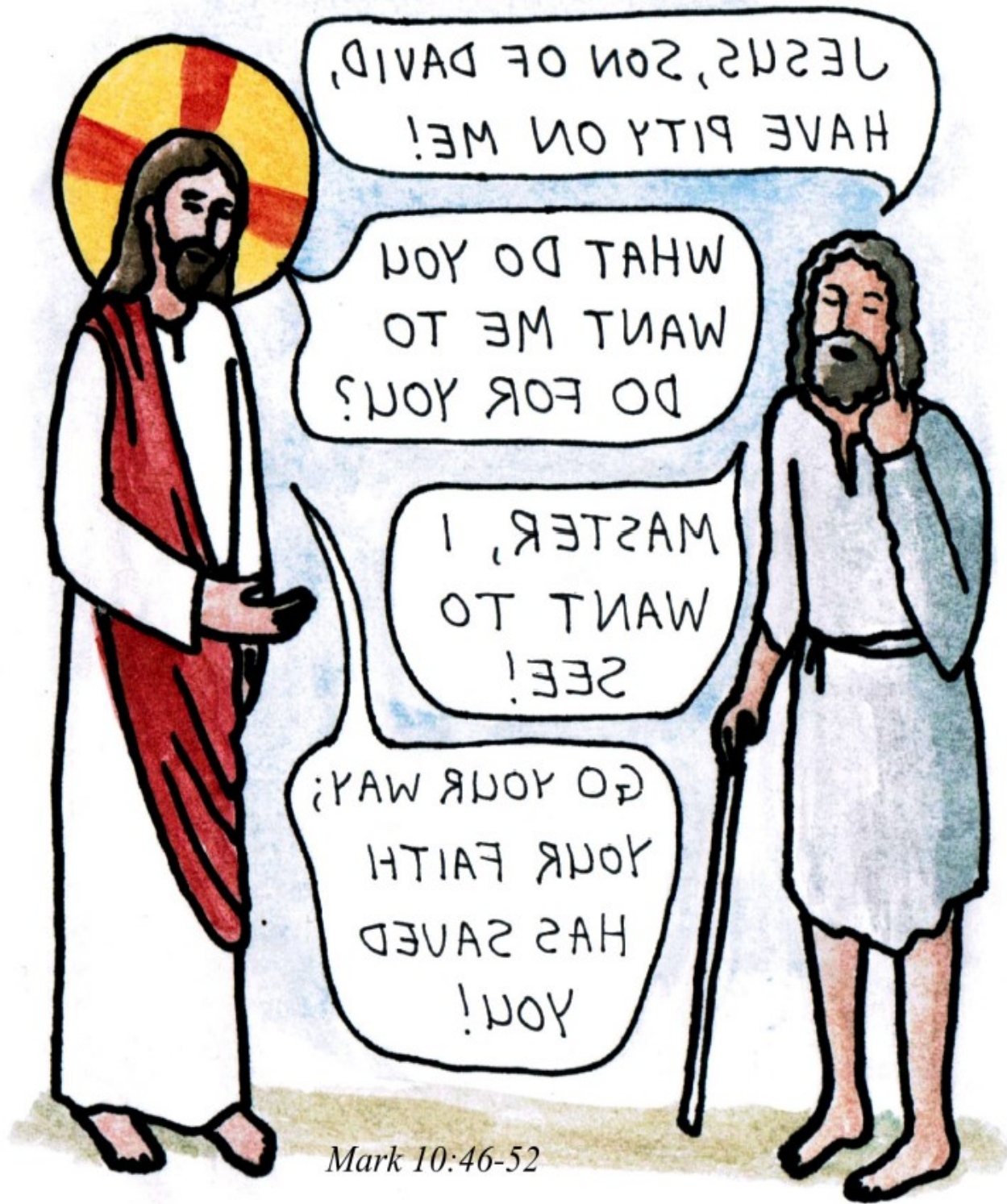
Time: 7 PM – 8:30 PM
Location: Catholic Pastoral Centre—120 17 Ave
Space is limited. Registration deadline:
 November 10, 2024

WANTED:
KofC
 Men who would like to make a difference!

Len White: 403-271-6055
 or fs4878@kofc.ab.ca

Knights of Columbus

KIDS' PAGE



*What did Jesus and the blind man say to each other in today's Gospel reading?
Look in the mirror to find out!*

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 Youth Coordinator Veronica Planicka st.cecilaparish.youth@gmail.com

ROOM BOOKINGS

Mon	Oct 28	6:30pm—Pastoral Care Course (Aud)
Tues	Oct 29	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Bible Study (Boardroom) 7:00pm—RCIA (Auditorium) 7:00pm—SSVP (Library)
Wed	Oct 30	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 7:00pm—Sunday Choir Practice
Thur	Oct 31 	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am)
Fri	Nov 1	9:00am—Faith Day School Mass 10:00am—Adoration All Day 3:00am— Divine Mercy 7:00pm— MASS + Youth Group in Hall 8:00pm—Couples For Christ (Aud)
Sat	Nov 2 	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 9:30am—Baptism Class (Auditorium) 3:00pm-4:00pm—CONFESSION 5:00pm— MASS
Sun	Nov 3	9:00am— MASS 11:00am— MASS

All Saints' Day

All Souls' Day





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