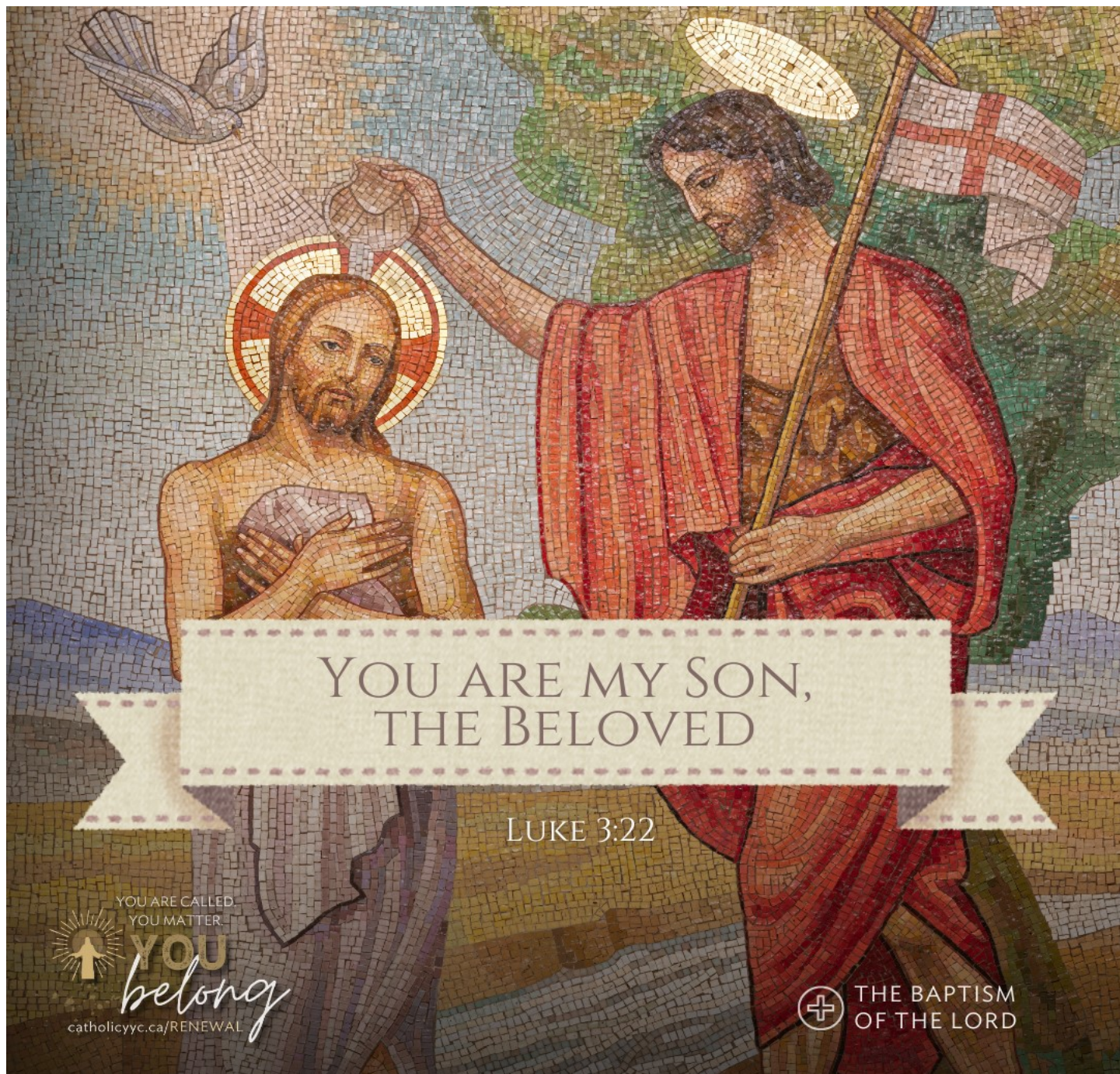


ST. CECILIA'S PARISH

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January 11-12, 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)

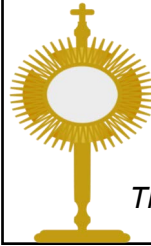
Confessions

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:
Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 4

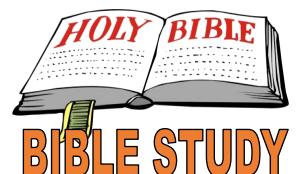
Prayer Shawl Ministry: last Tuesday of the month after the 9am Mass. New knitters welcome. Yarn is available.

Next meet: January 28th

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.



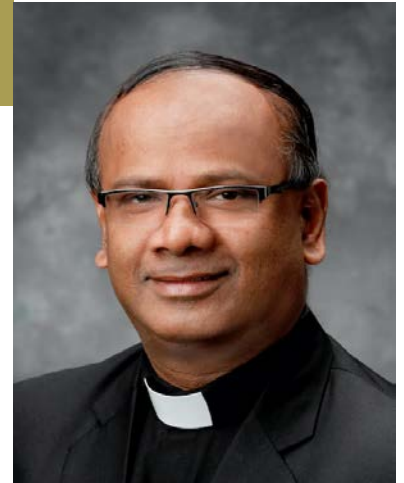
Acts of the Apostles | Every Tuesday after the 9am Mass in the boardroom.



FR. PAUL'S COLUMN

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Father Paul is away at home in India and will resume on February 12.



Upcoming Saint Days:

St. Hilary—January 13

St. Anthony—January 17

● St. Fabian and St. Sebastian—January 20

● St. Agnes—January 21

● Sts. Vincent and Marianne Cope—January 23

St. Francis de Sales—January 24

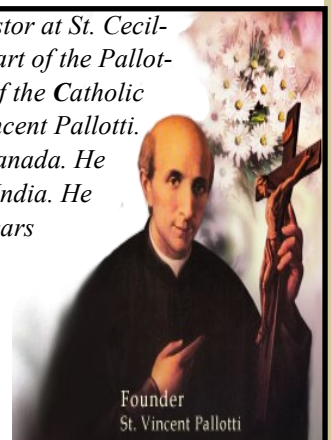
St. Angela Merici—January 27

St. Thomas Aquinas—January 28

St. John Bosco—January 31

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



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 11

9:00am: Int. Bob Macht—Birthday

5:00pm: Int. Lawrence Habash—Health

Sunday, January 12

9:00am: †Joseph and Mary Stang

11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

Monday, January 13

No Mass

Tuesday, January 14

Int. Elvie de la Paz—Thanksgiving

Wednesday, January 15

†Ken Burgess

Thursday, January 16

†Theresa Ramos

Friday, January 17

9:00am: Int. Nila and Ernesto Balagtas

Saturday, January 18

9:00am: †Richard Ziegler

5:00pm: Int. Reyes Family—Thanksgiving

Sunday, January 19

9:00am: Int. Lucille Hernandez and Family

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

<u>Saturday, Jan 11 (9am)</u> 1 John 5.14-21 John 3.22-30	<u>Sunday, Jan 12</u> Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11 Titus 2.11-14; 3.4-7 Luke 3.15-16, 21-22
<u>Mon, Jan 13(no Mass)</u> Hebrews 1.1-6 Mark 1.14-20	<u>Tuesday, Jan 14</u> Hebrews 2.5-12 Mark 1.21-28
<u>Wednesday, Jan 15</u> Hebrews 2.14-18 Mark 1.29-39	<u>Thursday, Jan 16</u> Hebrews 3.7-14 Mark 1.40-45
<u>Friday, Jan 17</u> Hebrews 4.1-5, 11 Mark 2.1-12	<u>Saturday, Jan 18 (9am)</u> Hebrews 4.12-16 Mark 2.13-17
<u>Sunday, January 19</u> Isaiah 62.1-5 1 Corinthians 12.4-11 John 2.1-12	

The Pope's Prayer Intention Jan 2025



For the right to an education Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

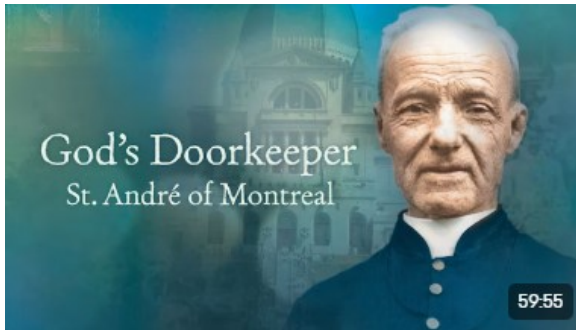
e-bulletin Email the parish office or scan the QR code to be added to the list. By signing up you can expect the following: **Help reduce our printing cost, Diocese News, Parish Alerts** (emergencies, last minute notices). Your email address is kept private and is not visible to anyone.



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!



On January 6, 1937, the death of a humble doorkeeper for a boys' college drew over a million people to Montreal for his funeral. For forty years, Brother André Bessette of the Congregation of Holy Cross welcomed people at the door and became known as a miraculous healer. God's Doorkeeper looks at the heart and legacy of Brother André—as a man of prayer, of hospitality, and of compassion, a man who draws people in to experience a God who is love. Brother André also had a tremendous devotion to St. Joseph that he shared with all who came in contact with him. On October 17, 2010, Brother André became the first Canadian-born male saint and the first saint for the Congregation of Holy Cross. He is living proof that "it is with the smallest brushes that the divine artist paints the most beautiful pictures." The film features interviews from Montreal, Rome, and the United States—with people who knew him and others who continue Brother André's work today. It also includes footage of the beatification and canonization ceremonies in Rome and the celebrations in Canada, with footage of the unforgettable events of Brother André's road to sainthood.

UPCOMING BAPTISM PREP

CLASSES



Sat. Feb. 1 at 9:30am
Sat. Mar 1 at 9:30am
Sat. Apr 5 at 9:30am

**Please sign up via
the office.**



CWL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The annual Catholic Women's League Membership Drive kicks off next weekend, Jan 18/19. If you have ever thought about becoming a CWL member or would like more information, please see the CWL table in the foyer.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

403-252-2790 ext. 223



In some parts of the world daylight is plentiful but for many of us the days are short and darkness surrounds us. This could be the time to reflect on that darkness and the light that Jesus brings into our hearts. Maybe we can light a candle at dinner and remember a special blessing we have been given or something we are grateful for in our lives.

PANTRY NEEDS

Thank you to everyone who donated over December. We were thrilled to end the year with an overflowing pantry to fill our regular hampers and will let you know which items get low.

Overview of scheduled events:

Jan 2: Fr. Paul flies to India

Jan. 31: **School Board Voting Day**

Feb. 12: Fr. Paul arrives back to Calgary

Feb 16: World Day of the Sick

Mar. 5: **Ash Wednesday, 9am and 7pm Mass**

Mar 7: World Day of Prayer

Mar 7: Stations of the Cross, 7:30pm

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 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

Support Catholic education through the **CCEF Annual 50/50 Raffle**, where the jackpot could reach up to \$1 million! As Catholics, we have a duty to support our schools, ensuring that future generations of students are guided by faith. With **early bird draws** and a portion of ticket sales benefiting local schools, your participation helps strengthen Catholic education across our community. Buy your tickets now at www.ccefracaffle.com.

SACRAMENT CLASSES

1st Rec Class 5: Jan 11, 10am

Confirmation Class 4: Jan 16, 7pm

1st Rec Class 6: Jan 25, 10am

1st Com. Parent Session: Jan 30, 7pm

1st Com. Class 1: Feb 8, 10am

Confirmation Class 5: Feb 13, 7pm

1st Rec Celebration: Feb 22, 10am

Confirmation Class 6: Mar 6, 7pm

1st Com Class 2: Mar 8, 10am

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.cssd.ab.ca/newsletters>



St. Cecilia School

Weekly Newsletter

<https://secure.smores.com/n/s9b4mq>



St. William School

Monthly Newsletter

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



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On Sun, Dec 29, 2024, the Diocese of Calgary joyfully opened the Jubilee Year of Hope with a beautiful Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral on the Solemnity of the Holy Family. Thank you to everyone who joined us as we marked the start of this year dedicated to faith and renewal as the Pilgrims of Hope. Let's journey together in hope throughout this Jubilee Year! The 2025 Jubilee invites everyone on a pilgrimage of hope—locally in our diocese or cathedral, at Canada's shrines, or in Rome. Renew your faith, seek

grace, and unite with God and one another. *"May the grace of this Jubilee Year of Hope allow us to experience the mercy of God and renew each of us in our faithful witness to Christ."* – Bishop McGrattan

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

- [Bookkeeper \(Full-time\) - Catholic Pastoral Centre, Calgary](#)
- [Controller \(Full-time\) - Catholic Pastoral Centre, Calgary](#)
- [Caretaker \(Full-time\), St. Peter's, Calgary](#)
- [Various Positions with St. Mary's University](#)
- [Calgary Catholic School District](#)
- [Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools](#)
- [Holy Spirit Catholic School Division](#)
- [Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education](#)
- [Conseil scolaire FrancoSud](#)
- [Clear Water Academy](#)
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Visit www.catholiccycc.ca/careers for more information and details.



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CCSD Board of Trustees By-Election

The Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD) Board of Trustees has set **Friday, January 31, 2025**, as the date of a by-election to fill two vacant trustee positions in Wards 4 and 7 and Wards 11 and 12. This by-election is required by the Education Act and is an opportunity to ensure Trustee representation for all wards in the City of Calgary. Eligible voters include Canadian citizens aged 18 or older as of January 31, 2025, residing in Wards 4 and 7 and 11 and 12, who share the Catholic faith. Details on candidates can be found [here](#).

Voter guides will be delivered to applicable parishes (Ward 4, 7, 11 & 12) during the second week of January to help inform Catholic voters about their options and encourage participation in this election. **These guides will be in the church foyer** for parishioners to access. This effort aims to reach all Catholic voters, including those without school-aged children, who may not otherwise be aware of the by-election.

Candidates:

Kimberly Cichon
Chantelle Dur
Laura Dennison
Steve Chapman

*Please find their respective attachments
on the next pages of the bulletin.*

Transitions Winter/Spring

Transitions is a 16-week peer-led, God-centred support group that is designed to foster healing in its participants. It is facilitated within a confidential, safe, and respectful environment of community and belonging for individuals working through the pain of separation and divorce. The group meets every **Tuesday, beginning February 18, 2024** (7 to 9 pm). No fee to register – limited spots are available. Register now at catholicyyc.ca/transitions

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan 18-25)

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan 18-25) invites us to reflect on the theme "**Do you believe this?**" (John 11:26) and marks the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. Prepared by the monastic community of Bose in northern Italy, this year's [prayers and reflections](#) focus on celebrating the shared faith of Christians expressed in the Nicene Creed.

Breakfast with the Nation

Sat, Jan 18, 2025, 8:30–11 am at St. Peter's Parish Hall | All are invited to *Bishop McGrattan's Breakfast with the Nation*, a First Nations celebration and a time of listening to elders on the path of truth and reconciliation. Get tickets [online](#) or at franciscanandfriends.ca - or call [403-397-1947](tel:403-397-1947) for more information.

Prison Ministry | We are urgently seeking volunteers to lead the Liturgy of the Word and Rosary prayers at correctional facilities in the diocese. Serve with empathy and a heart for Jesus: "I was in prison and you visited me" (Matthew 25:36). Please email receptionist@calgarydiocese.ca or call 403-218-5500. [More info](#)

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

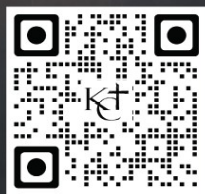
Knights of Columbus

Elect **Kimberly Cichon** for Catholic School Board Trustee, *Wards 11/12*

Mark your calendars for Jan 31st

- **Faith:** I will instill and uphold the values of Catholic education and advocate for policies that prioritize faith formation, equipping students to navigate an ever-changing world.
- **Family:** I will support parents as the primary educators – ensuring their voices are represented and creating opportunities for community collaboration.
- **Unity:** I will build strong relationships with stakeholders, students, teachers and the Catholic community founded on dignity and respect for each child.
- **Hope:** I will inspire hope by managing resources wisely, planning for the future, and creating policies that nurture students in faith, knowledge, and excellence, ensuring Catholic education remains a public priority.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As a mother of four children in our district's Catholic schools, I am deeply invested in creating a school environment that serves students, respects parental voices, and supports teachers.

There's no need to chase after passing ideological fads—CRT, DEI, Pride—when we already stand on a foundation that has held firm for centuries: the teachings of our Faith.

Publicly funded Catholic education is a treasure worth defending, but let's be clear: **if we lose the integrity of what we call Catholic education, then what exactly are we fighting for?** It is the Faith that makes it Catholic, and it is the Faith that gives it meaning and purpose. Without it, we're left with just a name. That's why I, Chantelle Dur, am running to be your Catholic School Board Trustee for Wards 11 & 12.

This January, you have the opportunity to choose a trustee who will uphold and defend the teachings of the Church.

I have served as a school council volunteer and with Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education (GrACE), working to enhance education and uphold Gospel values.

As your trustee, I will focus on:

- Strong academics
- Open communication with parents
- Faith-centered environments

Let's hold fast to what matters, ensuring our schools remain true to the values and beliefs that define Catholic education.

Find out more at ChantelleDur.com Call/Text: 403-554-0249.

Together, we can defend authentic Catholic education for generations to come.

Whether or not you have kids in school, if you pay into the Catholic school system, you have a say in the Catholic school system... Have your say on Friday, January 31st (Advance Voting: Jan. 24 & 25)

Calgary Catholic School Trustee By-Election Details:

WHO: Catholic residents 18 years or older who reside within in Wards 11 & 12*

WHAT: A by-election to fill a vacant Catholic school trustee seat.

WHEN:

- Advance Voting Day One: Friday, January 24th
- Advance Voting Day Two: Saturday, January 25th
- Election Day: Friday January 31st

WHAT NEIGHBOURHOODS ARE IN WARDS 11 & 12:

Acadia
Auburn Bay
Bayview
Bel-Aire
Braeside
Cedarbrae
Chinook Park
Copperfield
Cranston
Douglasdale/Glen
Eagle Ridge
Fairview

Garrison Green
Haysboro
Hotchkiss
Kelvin Grove
Kingsland
Lakeview
Mahogany
Maple Ridge
Mayfair
Meadowlark Park
McKenzie Towne
New Brighton

North Glenmore Park
Oakridge
Palliser
Pump Hill
Rangeview
Riverbend
Seton
Shepard
Southwood
Willow Park

ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?: *If you're still unsure about whether you are eligible to vote contact the City of Calgary at 311 or 403-268-2489

I'M ASKING FOR YOUR VOTE ON JANUARY 31, 2025 *ADV VOTE JAN 24 & 25

ELECT

LAURA DENNISON



CALGARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEE WARD 11 & 12

MY PRIORITIES

- Safeguarding and promoting publicly funded Catholic education
- Sustainable operational and infrastructure funding
- Support for classroom complexities
- Vibrant programming to support mental health

WHY LAURA?

- 16 years experience in CCSD School Council, Education Society, and Music Society
- Leadership training consultant and past business owner
- Loving wife of 27 years and mother of 2 grown children who have thrived in CCSD schools and are now pursuing post-secondary education

I've been inspired watching my children grow into confident, engaged, contributing, faith-filled individuals, with a strong sense of belonging. CCSD educators are deeply committed and passionate about each child's future, and I'm proud to give my time to such a dedicated community. I look forward to continuing my support in a trustee role to further our shared mission.

-Laura Dennison

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As a former Calgary police officer I dedicated nearly half my career working with youth in crisis situations. My final years in the detective division were focused on tackling the rise in youth gangs and their impact in our communities and schools.

I am running for School Trustee because I believe our faith-based education is at risk and we need strong advocates to stand against the rapidly evolving “progressive” forces trying to reshape today’s society. I have spent my life standing firm against those who want to impose their agenda upon others and will bring the same resolve defending our Catholic schools. Especially ensuring that parents are fully involved in the

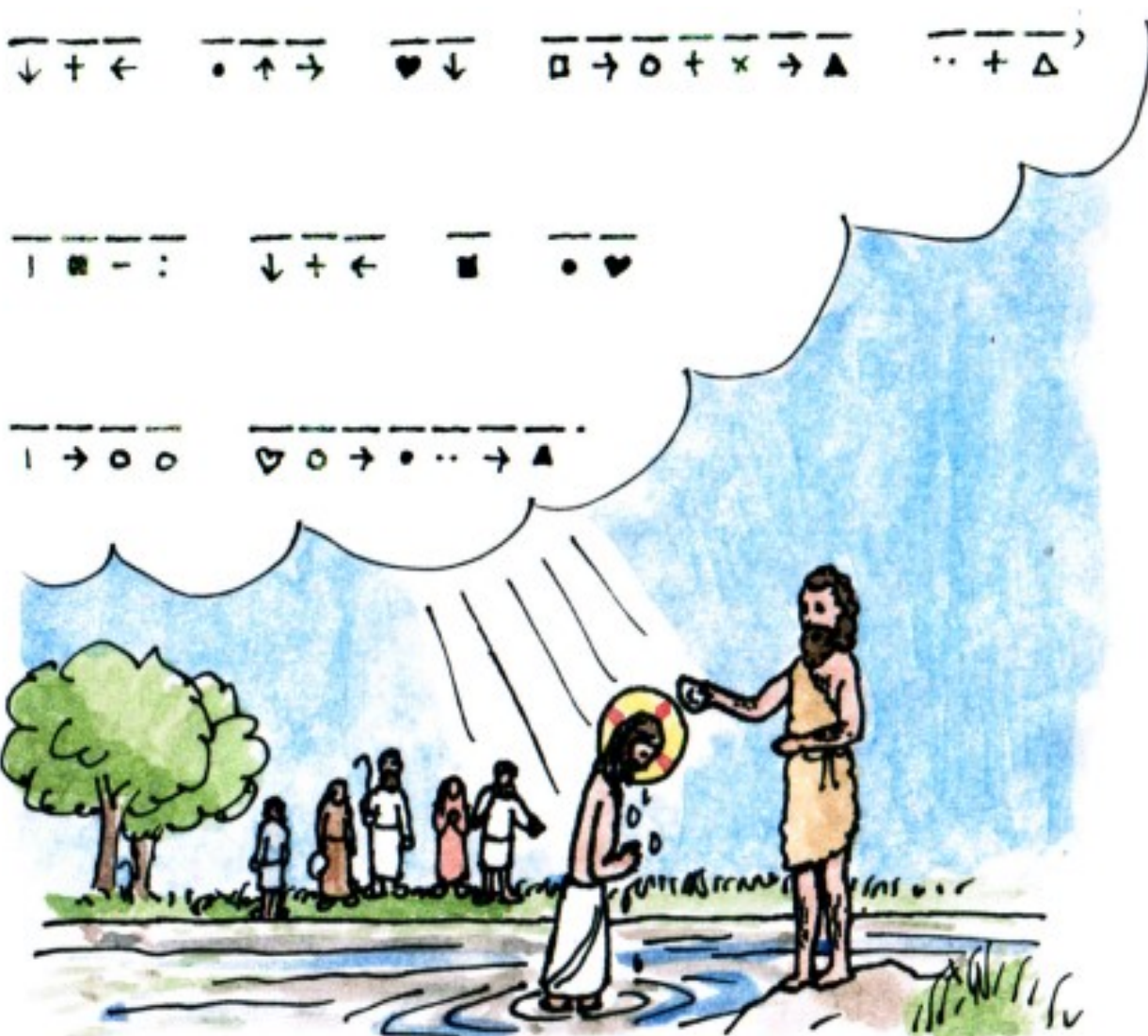
education of their children and the final authority of their well being.

When I moved to Calgary 50 years ago I had already attended 12 schools in seven cities across Canada. I was at risk of going down the wrong path. I was saved by my high school music teacher who reconnected me to my Catholic faith here at St Cecilia’s parish. He took a personal interest in my well-being and helped change the trajectory of my life. As a parent I saw the same level of commitment and care given to my son who recently graduated from Our Lady of the Rockies. As your Trustee I will ensure that every child in our Catholic school system has access to this same kind of care, guidance, and opportunity to thrive.

Over the past 20 years, I have developed strong political connections by actively volunteering on 40 campaigns. I will use the advocacy and collaboration I have earned to help secure the resources vitally needed to respond to Calgary’s rapid population growth and ensure the continuity of our faith-based approach to education.

Steve Chapman M.Sc
Candidate for Catholic School Trustee
Community Engagement Specialist
403-797-0043

KIDS' PAGE



Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

*After Jesus was baptized, a voice came from the clouds and said something to Jesus. What did it say?
Use the code to find out!*

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ROOM BOOKINGS		
Mon	Jan 13	
Tues	Jan 14	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Bible Study (Boardroom) 7:00pm—RCIA (Auditorium) 7:00pm—CWL (Hall)
Wed	Jan 15	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 7:00pm—Sunday Choir Practice
Thur	Jan 16	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 7:00pm—Confirmation Class #4 (Aud)
Fri	Jan 17	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Adoration All Day 3:00pm— Divine Mercy 5:00pm—Legion of Mary—(Boardroom)
Sat	Jan 18	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 3:00pm-4:00pm— CONFESSION 5:00pm— MASS
Sun	Jan 19	9:00am— MASS 11:00am— MASS

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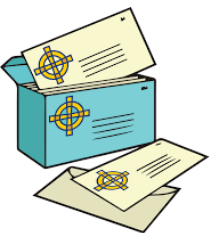
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