

# ST. CECILIA'S PARISH

321 90 Avenue SE, Calgary AB T2J 0A1 (403) 252-2790

Then Jesus said to Simon,

**"Do not be  
afraid;  
from now  
on you will  
be catching  
people."**

Luke 5: 10



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# February 8-9, 2025

# MASS TIMES & PARISH INFO

**Parish priest:**

**Fr. V. Irudaya Paul Raj SAC**  
*vipaulraj45@gmail.com*

**Administrative Assistant:**

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**Music Director:**

**Ross N. Ferby**  
*ross@stceciliacalgary.com*

**Weekend Masses | Weekday Masses**

**Saturday 5pm**      **Tues to Saturday**  
**Sun 9am & 11am**      **9am**

**First Friday Mass**

**7pm (no 9am Mass)**

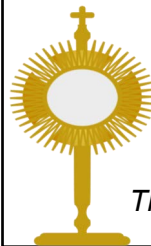
**Confessions**

**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:**  
**Mar 7, Apr 4**

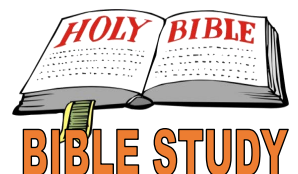
**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** last Tuesday of the month after the 9am Mass. New knitters welcome. Yarn is available.

**Next meet: February 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.

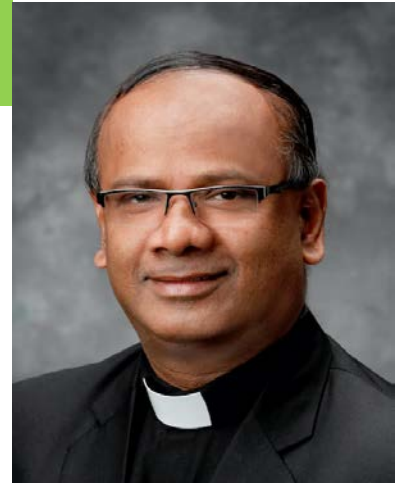




# FR. PAUL'S COLUMN

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

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



### Upcoming Saint Days:

Sts. Jerome Emiliani and Josephine Bakhita—Feb 8

St. Scholastica—February 10

Our Lady of Lourdes—February 11

Sts. Cyril and Methodius—February 14

**St. Valentine's Day—February 14**

St. Peter Damian—February 21

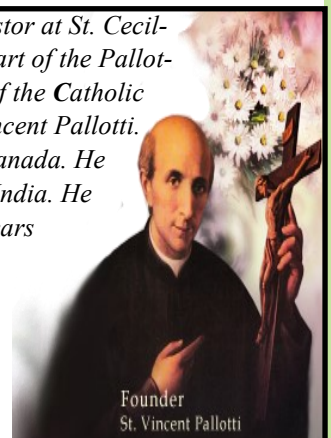
Chair of St. Peter the Apostle—February 22

St. Gregory Narek—February 27

*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)



## Mass Intentions

*Saturday, February 8*

9:00am: Int. Anna Macht—Birthday

5:00pm: †Jim McLaughlin

*Sunday, February 9*

9:00am: †Lourdes de Ala

11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

*Monday, February 10*

No Mass

*Tuesday, February 11*

†A. de la Paz

*Wednesday, February 12*

†Selvin Silva

*Thursday, February 13*

†Paul and Theresa Chomistek

*Friday, February 14*

9:00am: †Douglas, Valian and Depeeka

*Saturday, February 15*

9:00am: †Angelo and Vincenzo Ignomiriello

5:00pm: †Juanita Villaruel

*Sunday, February 16*

9:00am: Int. Father Paul Raj, SAC

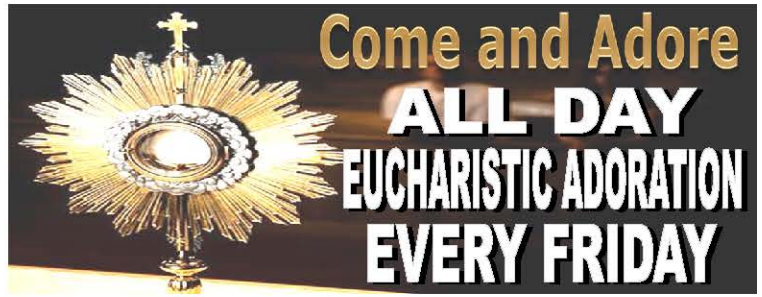
11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased



**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, Feb 8 (9am)

Heb. 13.15-17, 20-21  
Mark 6.30-34

Sunday, Feb 9

Isaiah 6.1-2a, 3-8  
1 Corinthians 15.1-11  
Luke 5.1-11

Mon, Feb 10 (no Mass)

Genesis 1.1-19  
Mark 6.53-56

Tuesday, Feb 11

Genesis 1.20 - 2.4a  
Mark 7.1-13

Wednesday, Feb 12

Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-17  
Mark 7.14-23

Thursday, Feb 13

Genesis 2.18-25  
Mark 7.24-30

Friday, Feb 14

Genesis 3.1-8  
Mark 7.31-37

Saturday, Feb 15 (9am)

Genesis 3.9-24  
Mark 8.1-10

Sunday, Feb 16

Jeremiah 17.5-8  
1 Corinthians 15.12, 16-20      Luke 6.17, 20-26

## The Pope's Prayer Intention Feb 2025



**For vocations to the priesthood and religious life** Let us pray that the

ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

**@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!



*Divine Mercy is the urgent message of hope for our world. Learn the powerful devotion and graces associated with it in this dynamic presentation with Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, filmed live at the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Divine Mercy 101 provides a clear and concise overview of Divine Mercy and the role and mission of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), the apostle of Divine Mercy whom St. John Paul II called "a gift of God to our time." Those who are new to Divine Mercy as well as those looking to achieve an advanced level of knowledge will find this presentation ideal. The instructional format makes it perfect for religious education classes, prayer groups, and individuals. Jesus told St. Faustina, "Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy."*

## UPCOMING BAPTISM PREP

### CLASSES



Sat. Mar 1 at 9:30am  
Sat. Apr 5 at 9:30am  
Sat. May 3 at 9:30am

**Please sign up via the office.**

## WORLD DAY OF THE SICK



Next weekend, Feb 15/16 we commemorate World Day of Sick in recognition of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (Feb 11). Father Paul will be anointing after the 5pm and 9am Mass, and during the 11am Mass following the homily.

### The tax receipts for 2025 are printed and in the foyer.

The St. Vincent de Paul tax receipts have all be mailed for those who gave through their envelopes (donations made to SSVP through a parish envelope will be on your parish tax receipt).



## St. Vincent de Paul Society

403-252-2790 ext. 223

*All of us get challenged and pushed in our daily lives. Even when we are following a faithful path, there are forces, conflicting demands, tempting alternatives, differing values that batter us. It takes grace and courage to trust that Jesus is with us and understands our issues. Each morning, take a moment, to ask for what you desire. "Lord, whatever comes at me today, I want to stay in touch with you. Thank you"*



## PANTRY NEEDS

Apple Juice

Cheese Whiz



## Overview of scheduled events:

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

Holy God, Thank You for the precious gift of love that You have given to us. Thank You for blessing us every day with Your love and the power and strength that we find in You. Your love sustains us. It's like food and medicine for our souls.

Lord, some people are harder to love than others. Help us to be able to express and share the gift of love with those around us. Forgive us for the times we have not done so ... and continue the work You are doing in our lives so that we might have the heart of Christ. We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

## SACRAMENT CLASSES

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/0x2ha>



### St. William School

Monthly Newsletter

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

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.cceffaffle.com](http://www.cceffaffle.com).



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# Diocesan News

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CHURCH WEDDING FOR  
CIVILLY MARRIED COUPLES

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, February 9  
at 6 pm

[St. Albert the Great  
Parish](#)

10 Prestwick Dr SE

Thursday, March 6  
at 6 pm

[St. Michael's Parish](#)

800 85 St SW

Sunday, March 9  
at 6 pm

[St. Thomas More Parish](#)

15 Templebow Rd NE

Sunday, March 16  
at 6 pm

[St. Patrick's Parish](#)

1414 Shawnessy Blvd  
SW

**REGISTER**



## 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 [catholiccyyc.ca/transitions](http://catholiccyyc.ca/transitions)

## Reason for Your Hope: Jubilee Parish Mission

Join us this winter for a transformative retreat weekend to rediscover your hope. In partnership with Catholic Christian Outreach, three Jubilee Parish Missions will be held in our Diocese, running Friday night to Saturday afternoon. For more info, visit [catholiccyyc.ca/reasonforyourhope](http://catholiccyyc.ca/reasonforyourhope)

**Fri, Feb 28 - Sat, Mar 1** at St. Peter's Parish, Calgary  
[Register now](#)

**Fri, Mar 7 - Sat, Mar 8** at St. Bonaventure's Parish, Calgary  
[Register now](#)

*\*CCO will be at our parish this weekend (Feb 8/9) to speak at all the Masses about this mission\**

## Pastoral Care Ministry Training

If you are called to minister to the sick, elderly, dying, home-bound, and bereaved - and approved by your pastor or Pastoral Care Coordinator, you can register for the Pastoral Care Ministry Training at [catholiccyyc.ca/pastoralcare](http://catholiccyyc.ca/pastoralcare) or contact Mara at 403-218-5521.

**Sat, Mar 15 & Mar 29**, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm at **St. Gerard's Parish, Calgary**. Register by Mar. 9 at [catholiccyyc.ca/pastoralcare](http://catholiccyyc.ca/pastoralcare)

**Sat, May 24 & Jun 7**, 9:30 am - 3 pm at **Ascension Parish, Calgary**. Register by May 21 at [catholiccyyc.ca/pastoralcare](http://catholiccyyc.ca/pastoralcare)

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

[Director of Pastoral Renewal, CPC](#)  
[Accounts Receivable, Payroll & Benefits Administrator, CPC](#)  
[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](#)  
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# KIDS' PAGE



*Luke 5:1-11*

*Peter had been fishing all night and caught nothing. But when Jesus told him to let the nets down again, they got filled right up! Can you draw enough fish to fill the nets?*

| DIRECTORY                   |                                                                                                                         |              |                                                                                                                          |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pastor                      | Fr. V. Irudaya <u>Paul Raj</u> , SAC                                                                                    | 403-700-9345 |                                                                                                                          |
| Parish Office               | Christine Thibeault<br><a href="mailto:office@stceciliacalgary.com">office@stceciliacalgary.com</a>                     | 403-252-2790 |                                                                                                                          |
| Choir Director/<br>Organist | Ross N. Ferby<br><a href="mailto:rossnferby@shaw.ca">rossnferby@shaw.ca</a>                                             | 403-253-6757 | Knights of Columbus Danny Barth 403-278-4347                                                                             |
| 5pm Choir                   | Marie Hill                                                                                                              | 403-252-3456 | CWL Pauline Michaniuk 403-899-0118                                                                                       |
| Bookkeeper                  | David Mu                                                                                                                |              | St. Vincent de Paul Heather Sereda 403-252-2790 ext. 223 (voicemail)                                                     |
| Finance Council             | George Fournier                                                                                                         | 403-271-4628 | Couples for Christ George Fournier 403-804-8446                                                                          |
| Parish Council              | Joy Obah                                                                                                                | 403-975-4855 | Orly Alcantara 403-263-3510                                                                                              |
| Maintenance                 | Christian Amizola<br><a href="mailto:st.cecilia.maintenance.coord@gmail.com">st.cecilia.maintenance.coord@gmail.com</a> |              | Lucia Graham 403-710-7995                                                                                                |
| Pastoral Care               | Connie Claeys                                                                                                           | 403-931-4840 | Donna Suderman 403-252-2718                                                                                              |
| Altar Servers               | Martin Elifoh                                                                                                           |              |                                                                                                                          |
| Ministry                    | Kelly Sereda                                                                                                            |              | Francis Klein Ctr 403-255-4480                                                                                           |
| Scheduling                  | <a href="mailto:sacraments@stceciliacalgary.com">sacraments@stceciliacalgary.com</a>                                    |              | Nat. Family Planning Pavla D'Souza 403-278-9677                                                                          |
| Sacrament                   | Kelly Sereda                                                                                                            |              | St. Matthew Sch Josie Caruana (Principal) 403-500-2030                                                                   |
| Coordinator                 | <a href="mailto:sacraments@stceciliacalgary.com">sacraments@stceciliacalgary.com</a>                                    |              | 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                                                                                   |
| Campus Flowers              | Sandra Dawson                                                                                                           | 403 259-3829 | Youth Coordinator Veronica Planicka <a href="mailto:st.cecilaparish.youth@gmail.com">st.cecilaparish.youth@gmail.com</a> |

| ROOM BOOKINGS |        |                                                                                                                            |
|---------------|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon           | Feb 10 |                                                                                                                            |
| Tues          | Feb 11 | 9:00am— <b>MASS (rosary at 8:30am)</b><br>10:00am—Bible Study (Boardroom)<br>7:00pm—RCIA (Auditorium)<br>7:00pm—CWL (Hall) |
| Wed           | Feb 12 | 9:00am— <b>MASS (rosary at 8:30am)</b><br>7:00pm—Sunday Choir Practice                                                     |
| Thur          | Feb 13 | 9:00am— <b>MASS (rosary at 8:30am)</b><br>7:00pm—Confirmation Class (Aud)                                                  |
| Fri           | Feb 14 | 9:00am— <b>MASS (rosary at 8:30am)</b><br>3:00pm— <b>Divine Mercy</b><br>5:00pm—Legion of Mary—(Boardroom)                 |
| Sat           | Feb 15 | 9:00am— <b>MASS (rosary at 8:30am)</b><br>3:00pm-4:00pm—CONFESSION<br>5:00pm— <b>MASS</b>                                  |
| Sun           | Feb 16 | 9:00am— <b>MASS</b><br>11:00am— <b>MASS</b><br>12:00pm—Couples For Christ (Aud)                                            |



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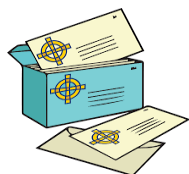



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