



ST. CECILIA'S PARISH

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 25, 2026

PARISH OFFICE

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📍 Tuesday to Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to
3:30 p.m.
Closed during 12:30-1:00pm and
during Mass.

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday to Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

First Friday: 7:00 p.m.
(No 9:00 a.m. Mass)

ADORATION

Fridays: 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

First Friday: 9:00 a.m.–midnight.

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday to Saturday: 8:15–8:45 a.m.

Saturday: 3:00–4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00–8:30 a.m.

Or by appointment

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Next weekend, we celebrate the great Triduum of Hallowtide. This three-day period of prayer begins with All Hallows' Eve (Halloween) on Oct. 31, continues the following day with the Solemnity of All Saints (All Saints' Day), and culminates on Nov. 2 with the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day). On Halloween and All Saints' Day, we, the members of the Church here on earth (the Church Militant), venerate the saints in heaven (the Church Triumphant), and on All Souls' Day, we pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory (the Church Suffering).

Following the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, Oct. 31, our parish will hold a vigil of Eucharistic Adoration until midnight. The Eucharist unites heaven and earth. During the vigil, candies will be available in the narthex. One of the origins of trick or treating is a practice in medieval England practice called "souling." On Halloween, families would bake cakes called "soul cakes." Children would go from door to door on All Saints Day and All Souls Day carrying carved-out turnips as lanterns (a kind of jack-o-lantern) and would ask for "soul cakes" in return for praying for the souls of deceased relatives and friends.

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but are still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect..." (n. 1030).

Through prayers, almsgiving, indulgences, works of penance, and especially at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we can help the souls in Purgatory enter heaven more quickly. Scripture declares, "It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins" (2 Maccabees 12:46). — Fr. Derek Remus

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Saturday, October 24

- 9:00 a.m. Mass: Tresa Planicka (Int)
Mass in anticipation of the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 5:00 p.m. Mass: Nicolasa Pacuribot (+)

Sunday, October 25 — 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9:00 a.m. Mass: Anna Pliske (+)
- 11:00 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish (Int)
- Coffee and Social after all weekend Masses

Tuesday, October 27

- 9:00 a.m. Mass: Wesley Fach (+)
- 7:00 p.m. :RCIA(Boardroom)

Wednesday, October 28

- 9:00 a.m. Mass: Concepcion Delgado (+)

Thursday, October 29

- 9:00 a.m. Mass: Roland Gelinas (+)

Friday, October 30

- 9:00 a.m. Mass: Anne Frazer (Int)
- Eucharistic Adoration: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 31

- 9:00 a.m. Mass: Tim Tran(Int)
Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints
- 5:00 p.m. Mass: Gregorio Aguilar (+)
- 6:00 p.m. : Eucharistic Adoration until midnight

Sunday, November 1 — Solemnity of All Saints

- 9:00 a.m. Mass: All Deceased members of our parish (+)
- 11:00 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish (Int)
Coffee and Social after all weekend Masses

UPDATES FROM THE PARISH

MULTIPLY THE HOPE

Thank you to everyone who continues to support St. Cecilia through your generosity, service and commitment to our parish community. As we approach year-end, our parish is working toward several important financial priorities. Our annual operating budget and Together in Action commitment have not yet been met, and we are continuing to raise funds through Multiply the Hope.

Through Multiply the Hope, we have already raised \$58,733, with another \$99,691 remaining toward our goal. This special matching opportunity will help us address important maintenance and infrastructure needs. Next weekend, George Fournier, our Parish Finance Council Chair, will speak after all Masses about our financial needs and Multiply the Hope progress.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at St. Cecilia's Parish is preparing around 80-90 Christmas hampers for families in need.

Financial donations are welcome. Please use the SSVP envelopes in the pews and include your name and address for a tax receipt. Cheques can be made payable to "Society of Saint Vincent de Paul" or "SSVP St. Cecilia".

A grocery donation list is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

The Angel Tree will be available in mid-November. We kindly welcome activated \$25 gift cards, preferably Walmart, so each recipient can purchase a Christmas gift for their family. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available starting November 28.

Important Dates:

December 14: Hamper packing begins.

December 19: Hamper deliveries.

CWL CAKE BAZAR

Everyone is invited to contribute to our bake sale by bringing baked goodies to the kitchen on Friday, November 7th, between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. The bake sale will take place after all Masses on November 7th and 8th.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you have been admitted to any of the following hospitals in Calgary and would like the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, you may contact your parish priest or call the Diocese of Calgary Call Center

☎ **403-231-9505**

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- Alberta Children's Hospital
- Foothills Hospital
- Peter Lougheed Hospital
- Rockyview General Hospital
- South Health Campus

PLENARY INDULGENCES DURING NOVEMBER

The Church grants a plenary indulgence to the faithful who, under the usual conditions for obtaining Plenary indulgence:

- on any and each day from November 1 to 8, devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the departed;
 - on All Souls' Day, devoutly visit a church or an oratory and recite an Our Father and the Creed.
- (Apostolic Penitentiary, *Enchiridion of Indulgences*)

What is an Indulgence?

"An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church" (St. Paul VI, Apostolic Constitution *Indulgentiarum doctrina*, Norm 1).

Temporal punishment due to sin is the punishment endured for sin here on earth or in Purgatory. It is distinct from the eternal punishment of hell, which is due to unrepented mortal sins. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches: "Every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. This purification frees one from what is called the 'temporal punishment' of sin" (n. 1472).

Types of Indulgence

An indulgence is either partial or plenary. A partial indulgence remits part of the temporal punishment due to sin; a plenary indulgence remits all of it.

How to Obtain an Indulgence

To obtain an indulgence, one must be in the state of sanctifying grace and say certain prayers or perform certain works prescribed by the Church. One may apply an indulgence either to oneself or to a soul in Purgatory.

Conditions for Obtaining a Plenary Indulgence

To obtain a plenary indulgence, one must also fulfill the following conditions:

- 1) be detached from all affection for sin, even venial sin;
- 2) receive the Sacrament of Confession;
- 3) receive Holy Communion;
- 4) pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (e.g. an Our Father and a Hail Mary).

While it is fitting to go to Confession, receive Communion, and pray for the Pope on the day one performs the indulgenced act, it is sufficient to do so within about 20 days before or after. "One sacramental Confession suffices for several plenary indulgences, but a separate Holy Communion and a separate prayer for the Holy Father's intentions are required for each plenary indulgence" (Apostolic Penitentiary, *The Gift of the Indulgence*).

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NEXT WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, November 2

- 7:00 p.m. Mass: All faithful Departed (+)

Tuesday, November 3

- 9:00 a.m. Mass: Felix Clarin Jr & Family (Int)

Wednesday, November 4

- 9:00 a.m. Mass: Edith Sehn (Int)

Thursday, November 5

- 9:00 a.m. Mass: Roland Gelinias (+)

Friday, November 6

- 7:00 p.m. Mass: Flora Dayrit (+)
- Eucharistic Adoration: 9:00 a.m.–Midnight.

Saturday, November 7

- 9:00 a.m. Mass: Timothy Zak(+)

Mass in anticipation of the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 5:00 p.m. Mass: Aurelle Schikosky (+)

Sunday, November 8- 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9:00 a.m. Mass: Douglas, Valian & Deepika (+)
 - 11:00 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish (Int)
- Coffee and Social after all weekend Masses*

ALL HALLOWTIDE TRIDUUM

All Hallows' Eve - Saturday, Oct. 31

Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints | 5 pm
Eucharistic Adoration | 6 pm - Midnight
Litany of the Saints & Benediction | 11:40 pm

All Saints' Day - Sunday, Nov. 1

Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints | 9 & 11 am

All Souls' Day - Monday, Nov. 2

Mass for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed | 7 pm

40 HOURS DEVOTION - ADORERS NEEDED

Adorers are needed for our 40 Hours Devotion for Vocations from Friday, Nov. 13 to Sunday, Nov. 15. The Adoration, which will be held the same weekend as the Eucharistic Miracles exhibit, begins on Friday at 9:30 am and concludes on Sunday at 8 am. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Especially needed are adorers for the nighttime hours. Fr. Derek is challenging everyone in the parish to spend one hour before the Blessed Sacrament this weekend.

"If souls but understood the Treasure they possess in the Divine Eucharist...the churches would overflow with adorers consumed with love for the Divine prisoner no less by night than by day." --Blessed Dina Belanger

FR. DEREK AWAY

Fr. Derek is away for holidays from Friday, Oct. 23 to Thursday, Oct. 29. During this time, the Mass schedule will be the same as usual, but there will be no confessions before Mass. If you or someone you know is sick or dying and in need of a priest, please call the Diocesan Call Centre: (403) 231-9505.

PARISH OFFICE UPDATE

From Tuesday, October 27, to Friday, October 30, the Parish Office will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon only. There will not be any bulletin next week. The next bulletin will be printed on the weekend of November 7-8. Please submit items for the next bulletin before November 4.

LIBRARY BOOK GIVEAWAY

St. Cecilia's library is updating our book collection and needs to make room for new books. We are giving away the older Library books for free. Please come see us in the hall during cake weekend after Mass to pick up some free books.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, Nov. 5 @ 7 pm in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT

Where: St. Cecilia's Parish Hall

When: Fri, Nov. 13 9:30 am - 8 pm, Sat, Nov. 14 9:30 am - 8 pm and Sun, Nov. 15 10 am - 3 pm

What: An exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles of the world, created by St. Carlo Acutis.

Volunteers are needed the weekend of the exhibit for 3-hour shifts. Training will be provided. If you would like to volunteer, please see the table in the narthex or call the parish office.

FIRST FIVE SATURDAYS DEVOTION

Nov. 7 is the first Saturday of November.

When the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared at Fatima in 1917, she asked that Christians practice the First Five Saturdays Devotion. Our Lady promised to assist those who practice this Devotion with the graces necessary for salvation at the hour of death. She also said that the spread of the Devotion will help bring about peace in the world and the triumph of her Immaculate Heart.

The Devotion consists of the following practices performed on the first Saturdays of five consecutive months in reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

- 1) Sacramental Confession (within 20 days before or after the first Saturday);
- 2) Holy Communion;
- 3) Five decades of the Rosary;
- 4) Meditating for an extra 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary.

First Saturday Devotion at St. Cecilia's Parish

Mass | 9 am & 5 pm

Confession | 8:15-8:45 am and 3:00-4:30 pm

Rosary | 8:30 am

Extra Meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary | 15 minutes anytime during the day

WANTED:



Men who would like to make a difference!

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