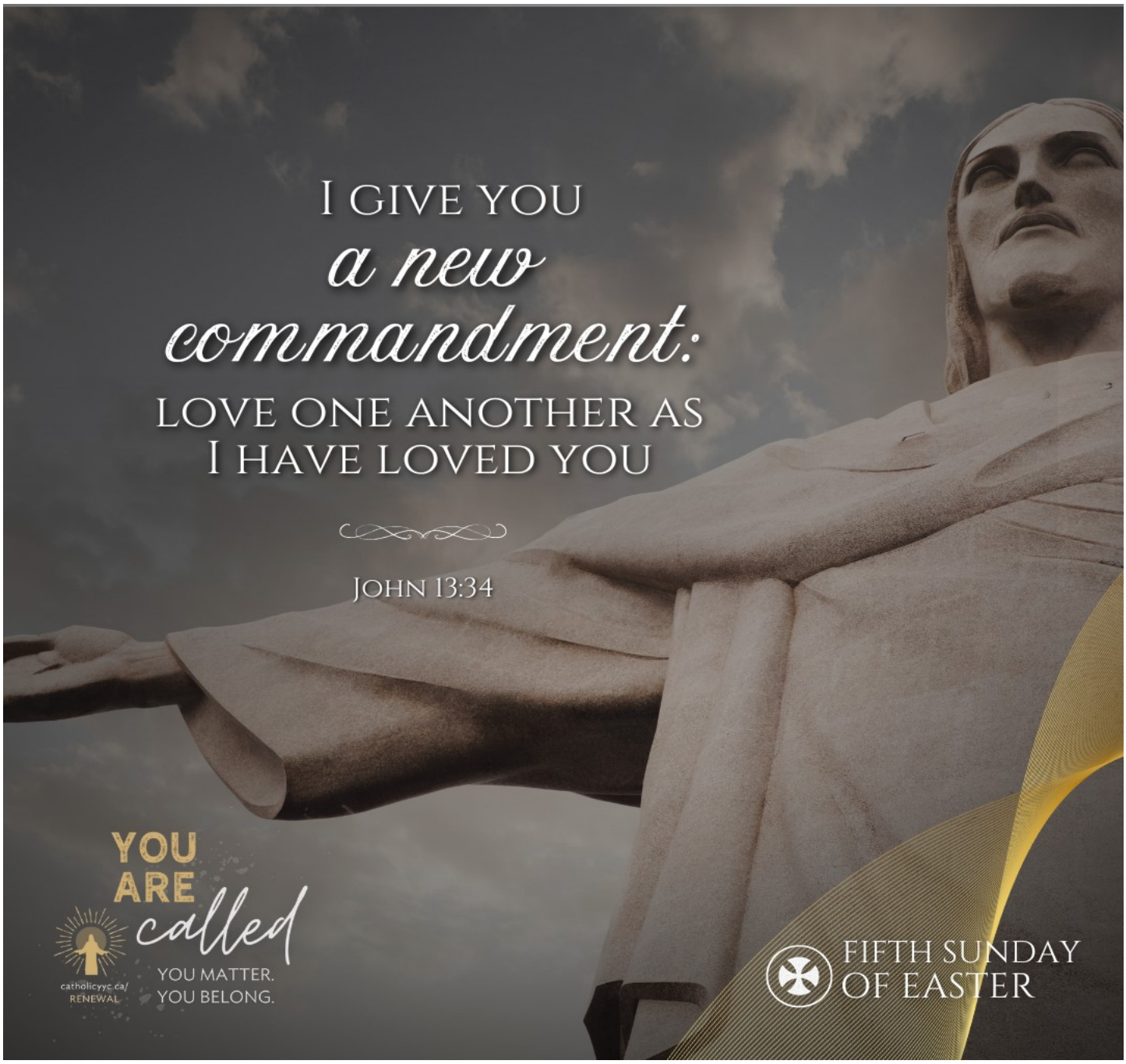
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May 17-18, 2025

MASS TIMES & PARISH INFO

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Weekend Masses | Weekday Masses

Saturday 5pm
Sun 9am & 11am

Tues to Saturday
9am

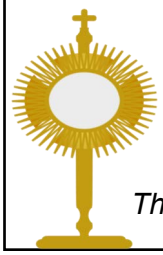
First Friday Mass

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.

YOUTH NEWS

Every First Friday beginning with the 7pm Mass which is now run by the Youth Group. Meeting concludes by 9pm.

Next meetings: June 6, July 4

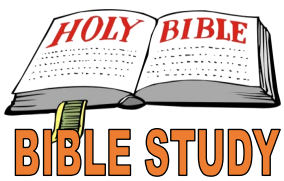
Prayer Shawl Ministry: last Tuesday of the month after the 9am Mass. New knitters welcome. Yarn is available.



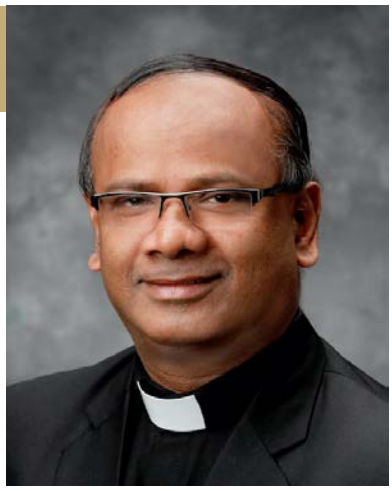
Next meet: May 27th

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. JOANNA

MAY 24TH

St. Joanna, the wife of Chuza, steward of King Herod Antipas, tetrarch of Galilee, was **a first-century lay woman who played a significant role in Jesus' ministry** and in the early Christian community. Despite her noble status, she **embraced a life of faith and discipleship**. She **became a devoted follower of Jesus.** Her **faithful devotion and unwavering love for Jesus** and his teachings were evident throughout her life.

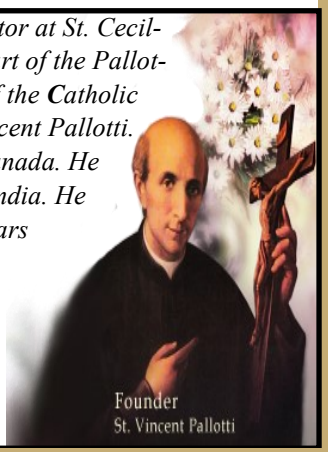
St. Joanna is often **depicted carrying an ointment box**, symbolizing **her role in preparing Jesus' body for burial**, or alongside her husband among court ladies, **listening attentively to Jesus' preaching**. She was one of the women who **helped provide for Jesus and the Apostles**. She **generously supported Jesus' ministry** and **cared for his needs** throughout his earthly journey. She is especially **venerated by the Jesuits.**

St. Joanna is often **referred to as St. Joanna the Myrrh bearer** due to her role in anointing Jesus' body after his crucifixion. She was **present at both the Passion and Resurrection of Christ**. She is one of the women Luke says (24.10) **discovered the empty tomb on the first Easter** when she went to anoint the body of Jesus. This important moment made her **one of the first witnesses to the Resurrection**, and she **played an essential role in spreading the news of Jesus' triumph over death.** She **symbolizes the devoted and courageous women** in the early Christian community.

St. Joanna does **not have a specific patronage** assigned to her. She **could be the patron** saint for undertakers, innkeepers, **Catholic women's groups**.

*Fr. Paul Raj, SAC has been the pastor at St. Cecilia's since November 2014 and is part of the Pallottine Fathers Community (**S**ociety of the **C**atholic **A**postolate) 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, May 17

9:00am: **Int. Ramon Reyes**—*Health*

5:00pm: **†Corrie Tichelaar**

Sunday, May 18

9:00am: **†Osmaida Silva**

11:00am: **All parishioners, living & deceased**

Monday, May 19

No Mass

Tuesday, May 20

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

Wednesday, May 21

9:00am: **†Leonard Chomistek**

Thursday, May 22

9:00am: **Int. Nolan O'Brien**—*health*

Friday, May 23

9:00am: **†Ken Albert**

Saturday, May 24

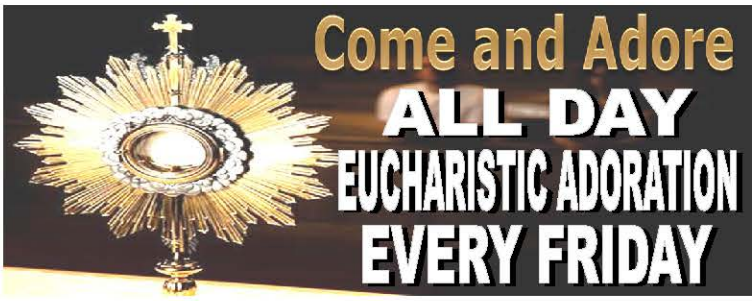
9:00am: **†Joanne Rent**

5:00pm: **†Luis Reyes**

Sunday, May 25

9:00am: **†Rui Conceicao**

11:00am: **All parishioners, living & deceased**



Mass Readings

Saturday, May 17 Acts 13.44-52 John 14.7-14	*Sunday, May 18* Acts 14.21b-27 Revelation 21.1-5a John 13.1, 31-33a, 34-35
Mon, May 19 (no Mass) Acts 14.5-18 John 14.21-26	*Tuesday, May 20* Acts 14.19-28 John 14.27-31a
Wednesday, May 21 Acts 15.1-6 John 15.1-8	*Thursday, May 22* Acts 15.7-21 John 15.9-11
Friday, May 23 Acts 15.22-31 John 15.12-17	*Saturday, May 24* Acts 16.1-10 John 15.18-21
Sunday, May 25 Acts 15.1-2, 22-29 Revelation 21.10-14, 22-23 John 14.23-29	



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.*

Our last batch brought in $90! Thank you so much!

The Pope's Prayer Intention
May 2025



For working conditions Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

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.org, commonly dubbed "Catholic Netflix". Click on "Formed for Individuals". Enter your email and click "Submit". Then type in our parish postal code (**T2J 0A1**) and click **St Cecilia** then click the blue "**Next**" button. You then type in your name and email, and that is it! You now have full access!



Produced by the award-winning filmmakers of the highly acclaimed feature film The 13th Day, this powerful and in-depth documentary combines archival footage, dramatic reenactments, original interviews with Fatima experts, and stunning visuals to tell the whole story of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima.

In a world torn apart by persecution, war, and oppression, three children in Fatima, Portugal, were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope to the world. Based on the memoirs of the oldest seer, Lucia Santos, and many thousands of independent eye-witness accounts, The 13th Day dramatizes the true story of three young shepherds who experienced six apparitions of Our Lady between May and October 1917, which culminated in the final prophesied Miracle of the Sun on October 13. Abducted from their homes, thrown into prison, and interrogated under the threat of death in the government's attempt to silence them, the children remained true to their story about the crucial messages from Mary of prayer, repentance, and conversion for the world.

Parish RENEWAL

Every month we are hosting a special lunch in the spirit of renewal. The next lunch will be in June.



OFFERTORY SIGN UP

We are restarting the sign up sheets for bringing up the gifts (bread and wine) during the Mass Offertory, we've had some families asking. The sheets will be on the Information Desk and you are welcome to sign up your family starting next month June up to May of 2026.

LOST PENDANT

Someone dropped a pendant photo in the collection last weekend. It contains a baby photo and we assume whoever lost this would love to have it back! If it is yours, or you know who it belongs to, please contact the office.



BAPTISM PREP 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

St. Vincent de Paul Society

403-252-2790 ext. 223

The mystery of our everyday lives is that Jesus is with us, but we often don't recognize him. Jesus' reflection is in everyone and everything around us. We need to reflect on his presence with us, as we continue to ask for the grace of joy with Jesus risen.

PANTRY NEEDS

-Peanut Butter
--Luncheon Meat
-Beans in Tomato -Sauce
-Apple Juice
-Fruit Cocktail

Overview of scheduled events:

May 31: Fr. Paul's birthday

June 22: Corpus Christi Procession 12pm



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



ROSARY WALK

Tuesday, May 20 at 7pm in our Rachel Garden. All are welcome.

FUNDRAISER FOR CWL:

Momma Needs Caffeine! Our next fundraiser is **coffee and tea**! Check the website here:

https://rebelbeanfundraising.com/?sca_ref=8530653.VJh6U7W1W1

See a CWL rep after Mass for assistance ordering. Ordering goes live Sat. May 17 until June 3

Rebel Bean Coffee is 100% Arabica, fairly-traded coffee, freshly roasted in Okotoks.



SACRAMENT CLASSES

Confirmation Celebration: May 21, 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.smore.com/n/h9yj2

Playground Donation Link:

https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/ParksFoundationCalgary/schools.html

As of yet, we do not have enough funds raised to begin construction of a replacement playground. The current playground will be removed this summer.

St. William School

Monthly Newsletter

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

TIA: $5,700

18%

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**

Diocesan News

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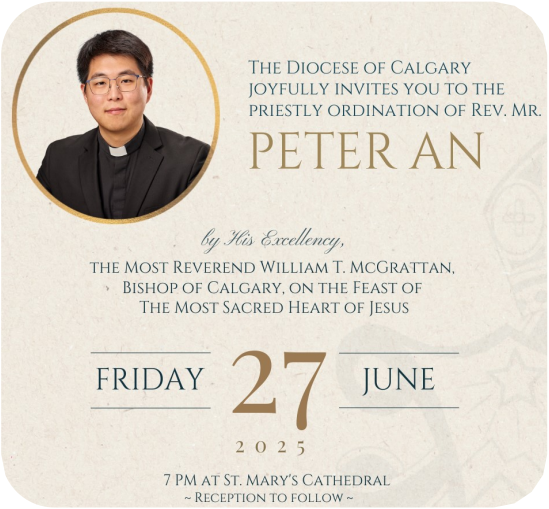
Mass of Thanksgiving

for our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV

Wednesday,
May 21, 2025 at 5 pm
St. Mary's Cathedral
with Bishop McGrattan

If anyone would like a photo/prayer card of Pope Leo XIV, please let the parish office know

We are pleased to share the upcoming ordination of Rev. Mr. Peter An, who will be ordained to the priesthood on **Friday, June 27, at 7 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral,** on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Please pray for Deacon Peter and all those discerning their vocation in the Church.



G7 Jubilee People's Forum & Public Actions

The People's Forum will be a place where people – pilgrims and activists from around the world and across Canada – will connect for community, learning, prayer and action during the G7 period. As world leaders prepare to meet for the G7 Summit, this forum calls us to reflect on the world we want to build – rooted in justice, mercy, and care for creation. Join pilgrims and advocates from across Canada and the world for workshops, interfaith prayer, and a public witness for economic and ecological justice. **Thu to Sun, June 12–15** at Ambrose University, Calgary

Pastoral Care Ministry Training

If you are called to minister to the sick, elderly, dying, homebound, and bereaved - and approved by your pastor or Pastoral Care Coordinator, you can register for the Pastoral Care Ministry Training at catholicyyc.ca/pastoralcare or contact Mara at 403-218-5521. **Jun 7,** 9:30 am - 3 pm at **Ascension Parish, Calgary**. Register by May 21 at catholicyyc.ca/pastoralcare

Elizabeth House Charity Dinner - May 24

With just 20% of seats filled, we're asking for your parish's support for the upcoming Blooms & Blossoms Charity Dinner on Sat, May 24 from 6pm to 9:30pm at the Italian Cultural Centre — an elegant evening in support of vulnerable moms and babies at Elizabeth House. Proceeds will fund critical home renovations, including better lighting, new furniture, and an 8th bedroom to welcome more women in need.

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

Catechetics & Discipleship Ministry Coordinator (Full Time) - Catholic Pastoral Centre
Case Worker (Full Time) - Elizabeth House
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
Covenant Health

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

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KIDS' PAGE

The New Jerusalem Word-Find

Try to find all the words in CAPITALS in today's second reading. The leftover letters fit into the blanks at the end.

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B R I D E A T H E M O D A
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B L M W M A K E P A D C U
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D O W N B E H O L D A G G
A I N G O D H I M S E L F

Then I, JOHN, saw a new HEAVEN and a new EARTH. The former heaven and the former earth HAD passed away, and the sea was no MORE. I also saw the holy city, a new JERUSALEM, coming DOWN out of heaven from God, PREPARED as a BRIDE ADORNED for her HUSBAND. I heard a LOUD VOICE from the throne SAYING "BEHOLD, God's DWELLING is with the HUMAN RACE. He will dwell with THEM and they will be his PEOPLE and GOD HIMSELF will ALWAYS be with them as THEIR God. He will WIPE EVERY TEAR from their EYES, and there SHALL be no more DEATH or MOURNING, WAILING or pain, for the old ORDER has passed away."

The One who sat on the THRONE said, "Behold, I MAKE all things new." *Rev.21:1-5*

This tells about what will happen after

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St. Cecilia's Sch	Denis Fortier (Principal)	403-500-2040
St. William Sch	Erin MacLachlan (Principal)	403-500-2055
Bible Study	Parish Office	403-252-2790
Youth Coordinator	Veronica Planicka st.cecilaparish.youth@gmail.com	

ROOM BOOKINGS

Mon	May 19	7:00pm—St Vincent de Paul (Boardroom) 7:00pm—K of C (Auditorium)
Tues	May 20	9:00am—**MASS (rosary at 8:30am)** 6:00pm—Finance Council (Auditorium) 7:00pm—RCIA (Auditorium) 7:00pm—**ROSARY WALK** (Rachel Garden)
Wed	May 21	9:00am—**MASS (rosary at 8:30am)** 7:00pm—**CONFIRMATION MASS**
Thur	May 22	9:00am—**MASS (rosary at 8:30am** 7:00pm—Parish Council (Boardroom)
Fri	May 23	9:00am—**MASS (rosary at 8:30am)** 9:30am—**All Day Adoration** 3:00pm—**Divine Mercy** 5:30pm—Legion of Mary—(Boardroom)
Sat	May 24	9:00am—**MASS (rosary at 8:30am)** 10:00am—Sacrament Class (Auditorium) 1:00pm—*Wedding* 3:00pm-4:00pm—CONFESSION 5:00pm—**MASS**
Sun	May 25	9:00am—**MASS** 11:00am—**MASS** 2:00pm—Couples For Christ (Hall)



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50/50

The next round of 50/50 begins this weekend with the next draw taking place on Sunday, June 8th . We are raising funds for a new dishwasher for our hall kitchen. Any donations over $20.00 made out to St. Cecilia's Parish and clearly marked for the dish-washer will receive a tax receipt. Thank you again and remember, it only takes **ONE** ticket to win. Con-gratulations to the second winner, Sheila Taylor!



CONFIRMATION 2025

Please keep all of our Confirmation students in your prayers as they reach the end of their prepara-tion.