ST. CECILIA'S PARISH

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING NOVEMBER 22, 2026

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Tuesday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
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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

Last weekend, nearly 2000 people came to our parish to see the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit and venerate the first-class relic of St. Carlo Acutis. From Friday to Sunday morning, *for two days and two nights*, people were constantly in the church to adore Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

I would like to thank everyone who made this extraordinary weekend possible - the volunteers for the exhibit, the Knights of Columbus who guarded the relic, the adorers during the 40 Hours Devotion, the sacristans, our nighttime security guard Eaton Kempster, and in a special way, our tireless Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit planning committee.

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. On the obelisk in St. Peter's Square in Vatican City are inscribed the Latin words: *Christus vincit, regnat, imperat; ab omni malo plebem suam defendat. – Christ conquers, He reigns, He commands. May He defend His people from all evil.* St. Peter Julian Eymard (1811-1868), known as the "Apostle of the Eucharist," writes:

"These magnificent words are in the present tense, and not in the past, to indicate that Christ's triumph is always actual, and that it is brought about in the Eucharist and by the Eucharist...Our Lord has fought; He has won control of the field of battle, on which He has planted His flag and pitched His tent: the Sacred Host and the Eucharistic tabernacle...[Without the Eucharist] Satan alone rules supreme, and with him all the evil passions. As for us, the Eucharist delivers us from all evil."

Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands - in the Eucharist!

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Saturday, November 21
- 9:00 a.m. Mass: Donald Linge (+)
- 5:00 p.m. Mass (anticipated Mass): David Pelchat (+)
- Eucharistic Adoration: 6:15 p.m. - Midnight

Sunday, November 22 — Solemnity of Christ the King
- 9:00 a.m. Mass: Jong Hernani (Int)
- 11:00 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish (Int)
  Coffee and Social after all weekend Masses
- Eucharistic Adoration: 12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- St. Cecilia Evening of Music: 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. (Hall)

Tuesday, November 24
- 9:00 a.m. Mass: Donald Linge (+)
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Boardroom)
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA (Boardroom)

Wednesday, November 25
- 9:00 a.m. Mass: Concepcion Delgado (+)

Thursday, November 26
- 9:00 a.m. Mass: Evon & Truvador (+)

Friday, November 27
- 9:00 a.m. Mass: Abraham Vandanath (+)
- Eucharistic Adoration: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Legion of Mary (Boardroom)

Saturday, November 28
- 9:00 a.m. Mass: Donald Linge (+)
- 10:00 a.m. First Reconciliation Class (Upstairs auditorium)
- 11:00 a.m. Altar Server Practice (Church)
- 5:00 p.m. Mass (anticipated Mass): Robert Kravosky (+)

Sunday, November 29 — 1st Sunday of Advent
- 9:00 a.m. Mass: Joseph Walsh (+)
- 11:00 a.m. Mass: People of the Parish (Int)
  Coffee and Social after all weekend Masses

UPDATES FROM THE PARISH

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

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.Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available starting November 28.

Important Dates:
December 14: Hamper packing begins.
December 19: Hamper deliveries.

SSVP ANGEL TREE

The St. Vincent de Paul Angel Tree will be up starting this weekend!

Please take an angel and return it with a gift card (preferably Walmart) by December 13th.

A member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be available at all weekend Masses to collect the gift cards. You can find them near the Food Collection Box. Please remember to write the gift card amount on the envelope.

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ST. CECILIA EVENING OF MUSIC

This weekend! Our annual evening of music, in honour of our patroness, St. Cecilia, will be held **Sunday, November 22.** Doors will open at 5:00 pm for the shared potluck at 5:45 pm, followed by the music / dance program at 7:00 pm, in the hall.

VIGIL FOR PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE

As an extension of 40 Days for Life, our parish will hold another vigil of prayer near the Kensington abortion clinic **this Thursday**, **Nov. 26** from **1 - 4 pm.** Please consider joining us for this powerful witness to the sanctity of human life. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board next to the religious goods store.

CWL CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK

Where: St. Cecilia's Parish Hall
When: Sat, Nov. 28 | 9:30 am to 11 am

Come support the CWL by purchasing Christmas cookies. Everyone welcome!

ACT OF DEDICTION OF THE HUMAN RACE TO JESUS CHRIST KING

Most sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us humbly prostrate before you. We are yours, and yours we wish to be; but to be more surely united with you, behold each one of us freely consecrates himself today to your Most Sacred Heart. Many indeed have never known you; many, too, despising your precepts, have rejected you. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to your Sacred Heart. Be King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken you, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned you; grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house, lest they die of wretchedness and hunger. Be King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbor of truth and the unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one Shepherd. Grant, O Lord, to your Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give tranquility of order to all nations; make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry: Praise to the divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to it be glory and honor for ever. Amen.

A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who piously recite this prayer. A plenary indulgence is granted, if it is recited publicly on the feast of Christ the King.

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ST. JOHN CHOIR SCHOLA

First Friday Mass

St. John Choir Schola, a Catholic choral program in Calgary, will bring their full student body to St. Cecilia's Parish for a beautiful sung Mass at **3pm, December 4,** celebrated by Fr. Derek Remus. The Mass will be preceded by the Divine Mercy Chaplet and followed by Eucharistic Adoration. Everyone is welcome to this First Friday Mass!

Nine Lessons & Carols

The Schola will be back at St. Cecilia's on **Sunday, December 13** at **7:30 pm** for Nine Lessons & Carols, an Advent service of Scripture readings and sacred choral music and Christmas carols.

RORATE MASS

On **Saturday, Dec. 5**, a **Rorate Mass** will be celebrated at St. Cecilia's Parish at **7 am**. A Rorate Mass is a Votive Mass in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrated by candelight before sunrise during Advent. The St. Hildegard Singers, a choir of the St. Francis Xavier Chaplaincy for young adults, will sing the Mass.

DIOCESAN ADVENT MISSION

Parishes are invited to gather their parishioners and plan local gatherings for an Advent Renewal Mission, "We Have Seen His Glory," on **Saturday, Dec. 5, 2026**, from **9 am to noon** with Fr. Geoffrey Young, a priest of the Diocese of Saskatoon, Director of the formation team at St. Joseph Seminary, and professor at Newman Theological College in Edmonton. ***Details for our parish coming next week.***

UPDATES FROM THE DIOCESE

FEED THE HUNGRY WINTER GIFTS DRIVE

Share God's love this Christmas through the Feed the Hungry Winter Gifts Drive! Donate new mittens, gloves, socks, and toques to bring warmth and joy to Feed the Hungry guests this winter.

When: Donations accepted until Thu., Dec. 17.
Drop-off: St. Mary's Parish Office, Tues to Fri, 8:30 am to 4 pm.

THE LIVING NATIVITY

The Living Nativity will take place on Saturday, December 5th, 2026, from 4-8 pm in the field next to the St. James Church, Okotoks parking lot. The address is 338040 32nd Street. East, Okotoks. Admission is free. Donations will be gratefully accepted and given to local charities. There will be refreshments available for purchase in the church hall. We hope to see you there.

ELIZABETH HOUSE 2026 CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

This Christmas, consider making it a family, ministry, or parish project to share the joy of giving with the young moms and children at Elizabeth House.
Please see 2026 Elizabeth Wish List (https://www.catholicyyc.ca/blog/elizabeth-house-christmas-wishlist-2026) to check the current most needed items.

Drop off: Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary): Mon, Nov 30 - Tue, Dec 3 – 9:30 am to 3:30 pm and Mon, Dec 7 – 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

"As we enter heaven, we will see them, so many of them coming towards us and thanking us. We will ask who they are, and they will say a poor soul you prayed for in purgatory." **--Blessed Fulton Sheen**

MULTIPLY THE HOPE

Thank you to everyone who continues to support St. Cecilia's Parish 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, Together in Action, and Multiply the Hope. Through Multiply the Hope, we have raised $58,733, with another **$99,691** remaining toward our goal. The Diocese of Calgary has promised to match every dollar raised for Multiply the Hope, provided that we first meet our operating budget and Together in Action. This special matching opportunity will help us address important maintenance and infrastructure needs.

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