

ST. CECILIA'S PARISH

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HEAVEN AND EARTH
WILL PASS AWAY

but my words
WILL NOT PASS AWAY

MARK 13: 31

**YOU
ARE**
called
YOU MATTER.
YOU BELONG.



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RENEWAL

33rd SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME



November 16-17, 2024

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)

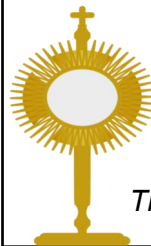
Confessions

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. Meeting concludes by 9pm.

Next meetings:

Dec 6, Jan 3, Feb 7

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

Next meet: November 26th

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. New members are always welcome!



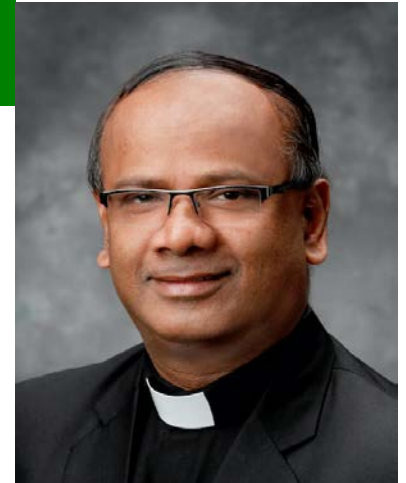
BIBLE STUDY

FR. PAUL'S COLUMN

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE, VIRGIN

NOV 18TH 24



St. Rose Philippine Duchesne was born in Grenoble, France, in 1769, into an upper-class family. Rose learned political skills from her father and a love for the poor from her mother.

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne had a desire to evangelize in the Americas, sparked by hearing a Jesuit missionary speak of his work there. She entered the Visitation of Mary convent at 19 and remained despite family opposition. As the French Revolution broke, the convent was closed, and she began taking care of the poor and sick, opened a school for homeless children, and risked her life helping priests in the underground. In 1804 she joined the Society of the Sacred Heart, which sent her to the United States in 1818.

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne was a valiant missionary and a well-known benefactress. She spent her last ten years in retirement in a tiny shack at the convent in Saint Charles, Missouri where she lived austere and in constant prayer. She is often referred to as "The Lady of Mercy," or "Woman Who Prays Always."

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne died on November 18, 1852, at Saint Charles, Missouri. She was beatified on May 12, 1940, by Pope Pius XII, and canonized July 3, 1988, by Pope John Paul II.

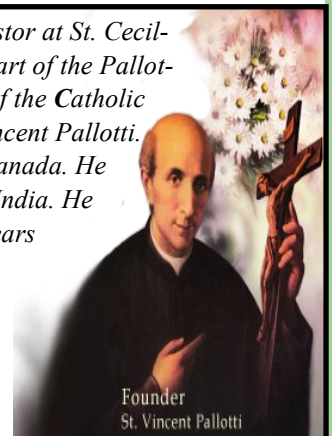
Sayings of the Saint

“Let us live simply so that others may simply live.” **St. Rose Philippine Duchesne.**

“You must cultivate a cheerful disposition and strive to be happy in God.” **St. Rose Philippine Duchesne.**

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



Founder
St. Vincent Pallotti

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 16

9:00am: †Abbot Peter Novecosky, O.S.B.

5:00pm: †Eloisa Polintan

Sunday, November 17

9:00am: Int. Drahomir & Frantiska Drapal—46th
Wedding Anniversary

11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

Monday, November 18

No Mass

Tuesday, November 19

†Tony Planicka, Senior

Wednesday, November 20

†Parvathy Amirthalingam

Thursday, November 21

†David Pelchat

Friday, November 22

9:00am: †Mary Sperling

Saturday, November 23

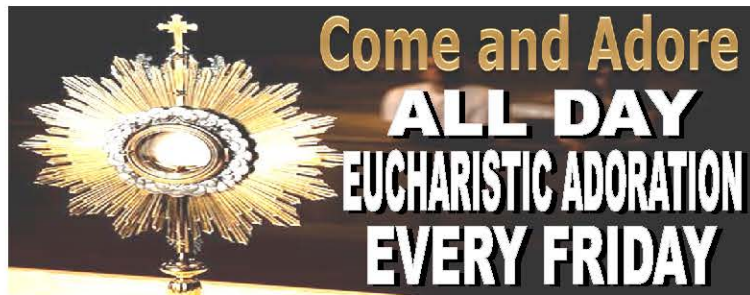
9:00am: †Clement

5:00pm: Int. Fay Mitchell—Birthday

Sunday, November 24

9:00am: †Felipé Borja

11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased



Mass Readings

Saturday, Nov 16 (9am)

3 John 5-8
Luke 18-1.8

Sunday, Nov 17

Daniel 12.1-3
Hebrews 10.11-14, 18
Mark 13.24-32

Mon, Nov 18 (no Mass)

Revelation 1.1-4; 2.1-5a
Luke 18.35-43

Tuesday, Nov 19

Revelation 3.1-6, 14-22
Luke 19.1-10

Wednesday, Nov 20

Revelation 4.1-11
Luke 19.11-28

Thursday, Nov 21

Revelation 5.1-10
Luke 19.41-44

Friday, Nov 22

Feast of St. Cecilia

Revelation 10.8-11
Luke 19.45-48

Saturday, Nov 23 (9am)

Revelation 11.4-12
Luke 20.27-40

Sunday, Nov 24—Christ the King

Dan. 7.13-14 Rev. 1.5-8 John 18.33b-37

The Pope's Prayer Intention Nov 2024



For anyone who has lost a child We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

The **Legion of Mary** will be establishing a new praesidium here at St. Cecilia's as part of the parish renewal program. This group will meet every Friday from 5pm to 6:30pm in the boardroom beginning November 29th. All those that have given your names will receive an email invitation. Any new member who would like to join please give your name to Fr. Paul.



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.

KIDS COLOURING in the library the weekend of Nov 30/Dec 1 in preparation for Advent. Come on out!



@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!



In the Gospel of Mark, the first words of Jesus are an invitation to metanoia, to repent, to change, to be converted. This series is beautifully filmed on location in the Holy Land, highlighting sacred places such as the Sea of Galilee, the River Jordan, the desert of Temptations, and many of the holy sites in Jerusalem. Each of the 10 episodes explores areas of our life where conversion is so often necessary. Metanoia will examine topics such as who is Jesus, what must we do to inherit eternal life, and many other significant matters of faith. With preaching from Fr. Dave as well as personal testimonies from men and women, young and old, religious and lay, their stories will inspire you to seek to encounter Jesus and the new life he is constantly inviting us to.

Christmas Pageant 2024: If you want to participate in the Christmas Eve Pageant which takes place at the beginning of the 5pm Mass on Dec 24th, sign up sheets are in the foyer.



UPCOMING BAPTISM PREP

CLASSES



Sat. Dec. 7 at 9:30am
Sat. Jan. 4 at 9:30am

Please sign up via the office.



Mark your calendars! The annual CWL Cookie Walk is Saturday, November 30th! How does it work? When you arrive you will purchase a small container for \$15 or large container for \$25 and walk around the parish hall filling it with cookies! The container must be able to close.

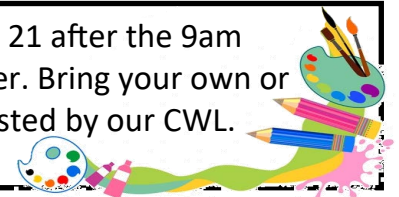


SUNDAY MISSAL



The Sunday Missal is available in the church store for \$5 each while supplies last.

Come on out Thursday, Nov 21 after the 9am Mass to make crafts together. Bring your own or join one provided. Event hosted by our CWL.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

403-252-2790 ext. 223



Our Lord worked among the blind, the lame, and the helpless innocents as a servant of God. He calls us to continue to do the same giving glory to God our father by serving our brothers and sisters who need our love and care. We pray, " Lord, help us to see the needs of others and be willing to help. Amen.

PANTRY NEEDS

Canned Fruit
Chunky Soup
Coffee
Pasta Sauce

Overview of scheduled events:

- Nov 20: **Red Wednesday** for Christian Martyrs
- Nov 22: *St. Cecilia's patron feast day*
- Nov 24: St. Cecilia **FIESTA** potluck and music night, 5:30pm potluck, music 7pm
- Nov 30: CWL Cookie Walk in the Hall
- Nov 30/Dec 1: Library Kids' Colouring for Advent
- Dec 3-5: Diocese-Wide Advent Mission over Zoom, parish gathering
- Dec 8: Simbang Gabi Filipino Mass
- Dec 9-14: St. Vincent Christmas Hamper packing **VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED**
- Dec 20: **Advent Penitential Service**, 6pm-8pm
- Dec 24: Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 5pm & 11pm
- Dec 25: Christmas Day Mass 9am & 11am
- Dec 31: New Year's Eve Mass 5pm & 11pm
- Jan 1: New Year's Day Mass 9am & 11am


SACRAMENT CLASSES

- Confirmation Class 2: Nov 21, 7pm
- 1st Rec Class 3: Nov 23, 10am
- Confirmation Class 3: Dec 19, 7pm
- 1st Rec Class 4: Dec 28, 10am
- 1st Rec Class 5: Jan 11, 10am
- Confirmation Class 4: Jan 16, 7pm
- 1st Rec Class 6: Jan 25, 10am



Our schools:



St. Matthew School
Monthly Newsletter
<https://stmatthew.cssd.ab.ca/newsletters>



St. Cecilia School
Weekly Newsletter
<https://secure.smores.com/n/9qev8>



50/50 Raffle to help save our ageing playground! Runs until Nov. 26



St. William School
Monthly Newsletter
<https://stwilliam.cssd.ab.ca/newsletters>



ST. CECILIA FIESTA: Our annual musical fiesta, in honour of our patroness, will be held next Sun. Nov 24th. Doors open at 5pm for a shared finger-food potluck at 5:30pm, followed by the music program at 7pm (only those bringing food for the potluck are meant to share in it please).

Together in Action (formerly known as the Annual Bishop's Appeal) makes it possible for the Diocese to financially support ministries and programs that help families, individuals and communities (Elizabeth House, Mission Mexico, Care of Retired Priests, Vocations, etc). **THESE DONATIONS CONTRIBUTE TOWARD YOUR TAX RECEIPT**

2024 TIA GOAL: 31,539
Raised: \$10,385



In Memoriam

In this month of Remembrance, we would like to again offer our condolences and prayers to all the families who have lost loved ones this past year, particularly those of the following who has passed on: †Marjorie Tetz, †Manuel Vaccaro, †Phyllis D'Souza, †Bruce Ross, †Vicki Baran, †Clive Lloyd, †Gil Wilde, †Emilie Capulong, †Shamini Peiris, †Cristina Novata, †Gertrude Schachinger, †Jason Borromeo, †Barry Kilb, †Gladys Evans, †Theresia Planicka



SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT dePAUL



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS 2024

Thank you for your support over the past year. If you can give financially please use our envelopes in the pews. Cheques must be made out to Society of Saint Vincent DePaul or SSVP St Cecilia

We have a charitable number and will issue Tax Receipts. Make sure that your name and address is on the envelope. Our funds are low at this time due to the very busy year we have had.

We have put up our Angel Tree. Please take an angel from the tree and bring back a gift card as Indicated on the back.

Again, this year we will be giving Gift Cards to the families instead of toys etc Family members and ages will be on the Angel. We would like to give a Gift Card from a department store if possible. (Walmart is the favorite with our families) If you are giving a Gift Card, make sure that the dollar amount is on the card.

The Gift Cards should be in increments of \$20 or \$25.

When giving a Gift Card please hand it to a St Vincent DePaul Member who will be on hand near the Food Box. This ensures the safety of the Card.

Please place all food donations in the wooden Food Box near the entry to the hall.

The Gift Cards and Food Deadline is Sunday Dec 8. All gift Cards and food must be in by then.

The sign-up sheets are out. If you can help on any day of our schedule, please sign your name and phone number.

**We will be packing hampers the week of
December 9th with
delivery on Saturday, December 14th**



Christmas Poinsettia Donation Envelopes in memory of a loved one can be found on the Information Desk in the foyer. Names will be published in the Christmas Letter. You can put the envelope in the collection basket, the marked drop box at the pamphlet rack, or bring to the office.



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Diocesan News

NEWS.CalgaryDiocese.ca | FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING *in the* DIOCESE.

RED WEDNESDAY

MASS WITH BISHOP MCGRATTAN

On Red Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2024

WEAR RED

and show our solidarity with persecuted Christians and the millions who face oppression, persecution, and threats for their faith. Please join Bishop McGrattan for the Eucharistic celebration, followed by fellowship and a shared meal in the Parish Hall.

MUSIC & MEAL

AT THE PARISH HALL
AFTER MASS

WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 20
AT 7 PM

St. Mary's Cathedral
219 18 Ave SW, Calgary

7 PM Mass with Bishop McGrattan in the church

8 PM Refreshments & meal, fellowship, and a performance by the Chaldean Children Choir at the Parish Hall

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Red Wednesday - Nov 20, 2024 |

Join the global movement on Red Wednesday on Nov. 20 to highlight the plight of persecuted Christians worldwide. Our Parish here at St. Cecilia's encourages everyone to wear red and join us for Mass, Adoration and Divine Mercy in honour of persecuted Christians.

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

- [Cook, Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre](#)
- [Various Positions with Clear Water Academy](#)
- [Various Positions with Calgary Catholic School District](#)
- [Various Positions with Covenant Health](#)
- [Various Positions with St. Mary's University](#)
- [Various Positions with Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools](#)
- [Various Positions with Conseil scolaire FrancoSud](#)

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



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DIOCESAN ADVENT RENEWAL MISSION

GATHER IN OUR PARISH, AND JOIN THE PRESENTERS ONLINE
ALL ARE WELCOME!

DEC TUE 3	DEC WED 4	DEC THU 5
Speaker Brett Powell	Speaker Bishop Scott McCaig	Speaker Mary Rose Bacani Valenti
■ FORM MISSIONARY DISCIPLES IN CHRIST	■ BE A CHURCH OF ENCOUNTER AND WITNESS	■ STRENGTHEN FAMILY LIFE

7 PM TO 8:30 PM

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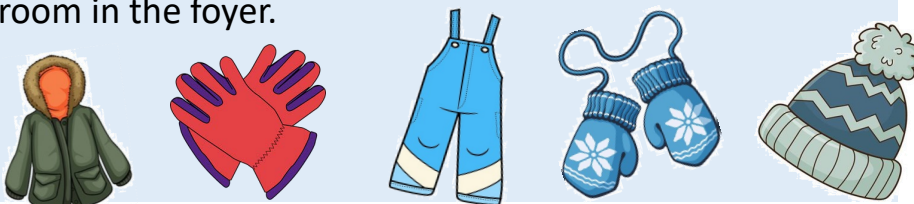
Save the dates (Dec 3-5): Join us from 7 to 8:30 pm for an inspiring Diocesan Advent Mission featuring three renowned speakers reflecting on our Pastoral Renewal priorities:

Tue, Dec 3: Brett Powell (Archdiocese of Vancouver) on *Forming Missionary Disciples*

Wed, Dec 4: Bishop Scott McCaig (Military Ordinariate of Canada) on *Being a Church of Encounter and Witness*

Thu, Dec 5: Mary Rose Bacani Valenti (Salt + Light TV) on *Strengthening Family Life*

Our Catholic Women’s League is holding a winter clothing drive for Kids, Youth and Teens for the next 2 weekends. We are accepting donations of coats, snow pants, hats, gloves and mittens. No boots and no scarves please. All donations will go toward keeping a Calgary student warm this winter season. Donations can be dropped off on the weekends after Mass to the storage room in the foyer.



WANTED:



Men who would like to make a difference!

Len White: 403-271-6055

or fs4878@kofc.ab.ca

Knights of Columbus

KIDS' PAGE

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

Daniel's Prophecy Word-Find

*What was Daniel
talking about?
Find all the words
from the reading that
are in CAPITALS.
The leftover letters
will give you the
answer.*

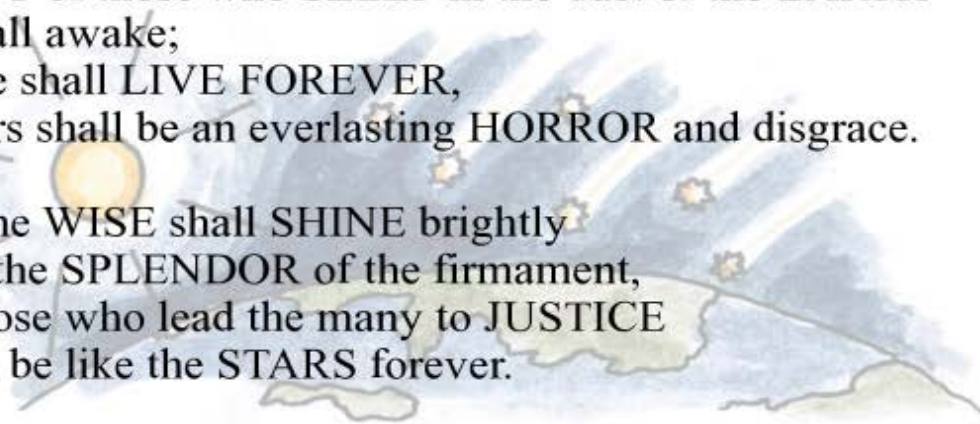
In those DAYS, I, DANIEL, HEARD this word of the LORD:
"At that time there shall ARISE MICHAEL,
the GREAT PRINCE,
guardian of your people;

Daniel 12:1-3

it shall be a time unsurpassed in DISTRESS
since NATIONS BEGAN until that time.
At that time your people shall ESCAPE,
EVERYONE WHO is found WRITTEN in the book.

"MANY of those who SLEEP in the dust of the EARTH
shall awake;
some shall LIVE FOREVER,
others shall be an everlasting HORROR and disgrace.

"But the WISE shall SHINE brightly
like the SPLENDOR of the firmament,
and those who lead the many to JUSTICE
shall be like the STARS forever.



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	rossnferby@shaw.ca		CWL	Pauline Michaniuk	403-899-0118
5pm Choir	Marie Hill	403-252-3456	St. Vincent de Paul	Heather Sereda	403-252-2790 ext. 223 (voicemail)
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ROOM BOOKINGS		
Mon	Nov 18	6:30pm—Pastoral Care Course (Aud) 7:00pm—SSVP (Boardroom) 7:00pm—K of C (Hall)
Tues	Nov 19	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Bible Study (Boardroom) 7:00pm—RCIA (Auditorium)
Wed	Nov 20	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 9:30-10:30am—Adoration for Martyrs and Divine Mercy 7:00pm—Sunday Choir Practice
Thur	Nov 21	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—CWL Crafting (Boardroom) 7:00pm—Confirmation Class #2
Fri	Nov 22	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Adoration All Day 3:00pm— Divine Mercy 6:00pm—Couples For Christ (Hall)
Sat	Nov 23	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) All Day—Couples For Christ (Hall) 10:00am—Sacrament Class (Auditorium) 3:00pm-4:00pm— CONFESSION 5:00pm— MASS
Sun	Nov 24	9:00am— MASS 11:00am— MASS 5:30pm—Fiesta Potluck 7:00pm—Fiesta Music Program



This year's Simbang Gabi (*pronounced as sim-bung gu-bee*), a Filipino vigil mass prior to Christmas, will be held on December 8, 2024 at 7:00pm here at St Cecilia's. Caroling starts at 6:30pm. All are invited. Potluck sign-up sheet and other info is located in the foyer, by Divine Mercy table.



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