

ST. CECILIA'S PARISH

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April 20/21, 2024

MASS TIMES & PARISH INFO

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Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm
Sunday 9am & 11am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Saturday
9:00am

First Friday

Mass at 7pm (no 9am Mass)

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.

Confessions



Every Saturday

3pm – 4pm

Or by appointment



Adoration

Fridays:

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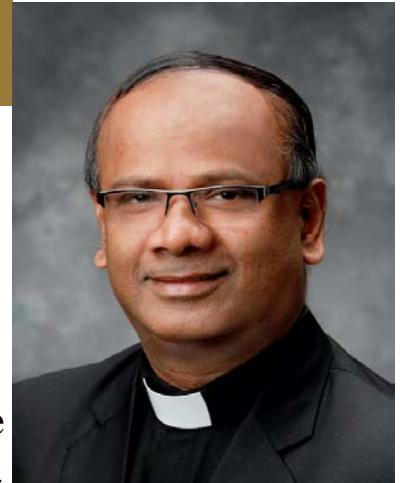
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FR. PAUL'S COLUMN

ST. GEORGE, MARTYR

APRIL 23RD



St. George was born around the year 280 to noble **Christian parents** in Cappadocia, modern-day Turkey. When his father died, **George and his mother moved to Palestine** where he **joined the army of Diocletian**. When the emperor issued the edict of persecution against Christians in 303, George gave all his belongings to the poor and **he was martyred by the Roman Emperor Diocletian** around the year 303 **for refusing to renounce his Christian faith** and offer sacrifice to the Roman gods.

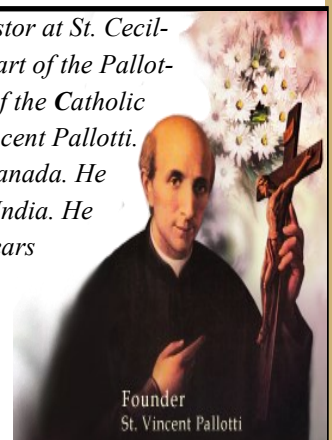
St. George is honored in the Catholic Church as one of **the most illustrious martyrs of Christ**. By the end of the fourth century, **St. George was revered throughout Palestine** and the Eastern Byzantine Empire. By the fifth century, **devotion to him spread to the Western Roman Empire**.

St. George was well known for the famous episode of the dragon and the girl saved by the saint. According to the legend in the city of Selem in Libya, there was a large pond where **a terrible dragon lived**, and the inhabitants offered him two sheep a day and later a sheep and a child drawn by lot. One day the king's daughter was chosen, and while she was heading toward the pond, St. George passed by and pierced the dragon with his spear; a gesture that became a symbol of faith triumphing over evil. **St. George was able to kill the dragon because God was acting in and through him. With Christ, evil will never have the last word.**

Patron Saint of agricultural workers, soldiers, archers, equestrians, chivalry, peacekeeping missions, sheep, shepherds, scouting, England and many other countries, cities, and dioceses.

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) who's 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



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Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 20
 9:00am: Int. Licudine Family
 5:00pm: Int. Evangeline Mapanao

Sunday, April 21
 9:00am: †Roberto Baradas Verano
 11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

Monday, April 22
 No Mass

Tuesday, April 23
 9:00am: †Viagappan, 5th Death Anniversary

Wednesday, April 24
 9:00am: †V. Clement, 8th Death Anniversary

Thursday, April 25
 9:00am: Int. Lucille Hernandez

Friday, April 26
 9:00am: Int. Dave & Faye Masse, 60th Wed. Ann.


Saturday, April 27
 9:00am: Int. Jessica Gregorash—Birthday
 5:00pm: Int. Donna & Katherine Feddema

Sunday, April 28
 9:00am: †Arthur Belick
 11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

<i>Mass Readings</i>	
<u><i>Saturday, Apr 20</i></u> Acts 9.31-42 John 6.53, 60-69	<u><i>Sunday, April 21</i></u> Acts 4.7-12 1 John 3.1-2 John 10.11-18
<u><i>Mon, Apr 22 (no Mass)</i></u> Acts 11.1-18 John 10.1-10	<u><i>Tuesday, Apr 23</i></u> Acts 11.19-26 John 10.22-30
<u><i>Wednesday, Apr 24</i></u> Acts 12.24-13.5a John 12.44-50	<u><i>Thursday, Apr 25</i></u> 1 Peter 5.5b-14 Mark 16.15-20
<u><i>Friday, Apr 26</i></u> Acts 13.26-33 John 14.1-6	<u><i>Saturday, Apr 27</i></u> Acts 13.44-52 John 14.7-14
<u><i>Sunday, April 28</i></u> Acts 9.26-31 1 John 3.18-24 John 15.1-8	

The Pope's Prayer Intention

April 2024



For the role of women We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



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.

Parish News Update



Would **box 213** please call the parish office. You need to register your number otherwise we won't know who is making the donation.

UPCOMING BAPTISM PREP CLASSES



Sat. May. 4 at 9:30am

Sat. June 1 at 9:30am

Please sign up via the office.

SACRAMENT CLASS SCHEDULE

Class Dates for 1st Comm (Sat. at 10am): Apr 20, May 11 Retreat June 8

Celebration of Sacrament on Saturday, June 9, 2024 at the 11am Mass

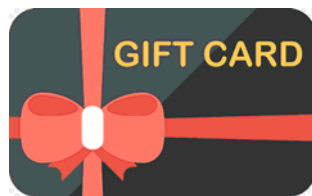
Class Dates for Confirm. (Sat. at 10am): Retreat May 25th

Celebration of Sacrament: Wednesday, May 29th at 7pm



Parishioner Danny Barth will be participating in this year's Hike For Life, collecting pledges and donations for Pro Life Calgary. Envelopes and pledge forms can be found in the foyer. Please make out any cheques to the Calgary Pro Life Association

Did you know that our Knights of Columbus sell grocery gift cards after each Mass on the weekend? Consider purchasing some cards for your regular shopping and benefit the parish at the same time!



LIBRARY GRAND RE-OPENING!



Children and their families are invited to the Library after mass on April 20th & 21st for snacks and kid's story time.

All are welcome to browse through the Library's great selection of books. Many new books have been added recently that can help you grow closer to God.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

403-252-2790 ext. 223

Over and over, we are invited to place our trust in God. We can imagine the terrified followers of Jesus hiding behind locked doors.

This might be a good time to spend with Jesus looking at the fears in our own lives, which keep us locked up from asking for Jesus' help. The needy too are afraid to ask for help.

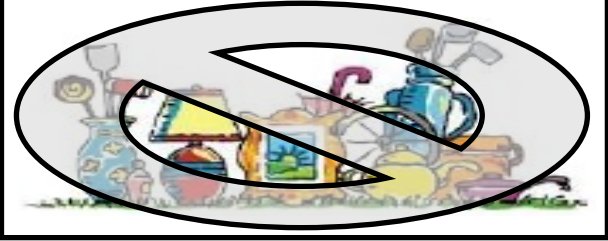
Pantry Needs: Canned fruit, creamed corn, canned peas, pancake mix (just add water)





Our CWL is will be selling 50/50 tickets to help fund their programs. Tickets will be sold next week April 27/28, May 4/5 and last minute tickets May 11/12. Draw will take place Mother's Day, May 12 after the 11am Mass once all ticket purchases are completed. Tickets are 1 for \$2, or 3 for \$5.

This is just to inform everyone that there will *not* be a garage sale this year.



Our schools:

We have within our parish boundary: St. Matthew School (K-9), St. Cecilia School (K-6) and St. William School (K-6)

40 HOURS FOR VOCATIONS

“Could you not stay awake with me one hour?” (Matt. 26.40)

We will be holding our 40 Hour Devotion starting at 6am on Fri, April 26th until 10pm

Sat, April 27th. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer.

We need a minimum of 2 people per hour. We need more people overnight Friday, as well as Saturday afternoon/evening.



St. Matthew School

Monthly Newsletter

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



St. Cecilia School

Monthly Newsletter

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



St. William School

Monthly Newsletter

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

Parish financial support -Thank you!

	January	February	Mar 9/10	Mar 16/17
Parish support (Envelopes + Loose)	\$16,282.70	\$17,760.50	\$4,308.20	\$3,685.40
Together in Action	\$738.00	\$1,775.00	\$615.00	\$75.00
St. Vincent de Paul (Parish Env's + SSVP env's)	\$455.00	\$720.00	\$370.00	\$20.00
Building Maintenance	\$195.00	\$150.00	\$265.00	\$35.00
Development and Peace	—	—	—	\$561.60
Seminarian Fund	—	—	—	\$329.64

DIRECT DEBIT FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER: \$11,380.00 (includes special donations outside of parish support)

We are almost caught up so we appreciate your continued patience as we await the most up-to-date financials. All methods of your donations have continued to be getting deposited.



Diocesan News

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We are excited to share with you the 2023 Impact Report of the Diocese of Calgary. As we reflect on the past year, we celebrate the growth, resilience, and profound impact of our actions. This report highlights how, through faith and collaboration, we continue to move towards becoming true missionary disciples in our world today! catholicyc.ca/2023impactreport

On behalf of Bishop McGrattan, thank you for your unwavering support and generosity towards serving our community and spreading the good news of God's unconditional love!

Miscarriage Care Ministries

The Miscarriage Ministry Committee in the Diocese of Calgary is organizing an information night about its mission and vision. We desire to be a place of support for those experiencing this unique form of loss. Join us for an evening of learning about this ministry, assessing the community's needs, sharing best practices, and fellowship. When: **Fri, May 24, 7pm-9pm:** Catholic Pastoral Centre

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National Family & Life Week | May 13-19

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Diocese of Calgary invites all the faithful to celebrate the joy and beauty of family and life during the National Family & Life Week, May 13-19. This year's theme, "Love hopes all things," is inspired by the words of Saint Paul, the Apostle: "[Love] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." (1 Corinthians 13:7). This theme, linked to *Amoris Laetitia*, a discourse on love by Pope Francis, guides us towards hope, a theological virtue that renews our relationship with God and others.

Elizabeth House's Beach Carnival & Dodgeball Tournament - CANCELLED

We are truly sorry to inform you of the cancellation of the Elizabeth House Beach Carnival and Dodgeball Tournament. Our excitement for the event was high, but unfortunately, it did not resonate as we had hoped. This cancellation is a learning opportunity for us, and we are dedicated to organizing future events that align more closely with what our supporters find meaningful and engaging. The goal was to raise funds for a vital need - a van to support Elizabeth House clients, particularly mothers and their babies. Despite this setback, the need for your support remains critical. For ways to help, please visit our website or contact us. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

From our neighbours
at St. Gerard's



Men's Silent Retreat June 7-9th

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Try to find the words in CAPITALS. The left-over letters will tell you what Jesus wants you to do.

JESUS said: "I am the GOOD Shepherd. A good shepherd LAYS down his life for the sheep. A HIRED MAN, who is not a shepherd, and whose sheep are NOT his own, SEES a WOLF coming and LEAVES the sheep and RUNS away, and the wolf CATCHES them and SCATTERS them. This is because he WORKS for PAY and has no CONCERN for the SHEEP. I am the Good SHEPHERD, and I know mine and MINE know me, just as the FATHER knows me and I KNOW the Father; and I will lay down my LIFE for the sheep.

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ROOM BOOKINGS

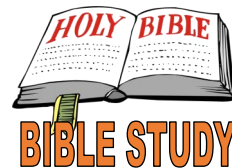
Mon	Apr 22	
Tues	Apr 23	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Bible Study (Boardroom) 7:00pm—RCIA (Boardroom) 7:00pm—SSVP (Library)
Wed	Apr 24	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 11:00am—Funeral Mass †Phyllis D'Souza 7:00pm—Sunday Choir Practice
Thur	Apr 25	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 7:00pm—Couples For Christ (Aud) 7:00pm—Parish Council + Renewal Team (Boardroom)
Fri	Apr 26	6:00am—40 HOUR ADORATION BEGINS 9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) School Staff joining for FAITH DAY 3:00am—Divine Mercy
Sat	Apr 27	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 3:00pm-4:00pm—CONFESSION 5:00pm—MASS 10:00pm—40 HOUR ADORATION ENDS
Sun	Apr 28	9:00am—MASS 11:00am—MASS 1:00pm—Kids For Christ (Auditorium)



Prayer Shawl Ministry: last Tuesday of the month after the 9am Mass. New knitters welcome. Yarn available. **Next meet: Tues. Apr 30th**



Every First Friday beginning with the 7pm Mass. Night concludes by 9pm. **Next meeting: May 3**



Tuesdays after the 9am Mass. New members welcome!



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