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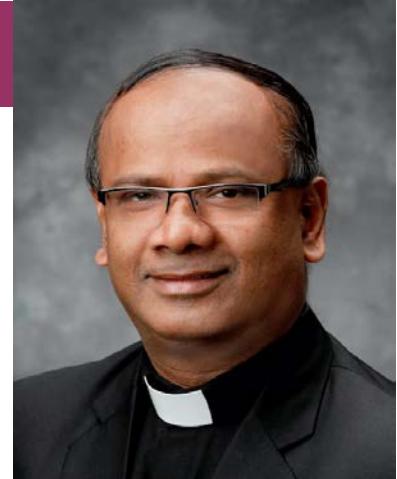
April 5-6, 2025

FR. PAUL'S COLUMN

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. VINCENT FERRER

APRIL 5TH



St. Vincent Ferrer was born in 1350 in Valencia, Spain. He was one of the greatest saints of the Dominican Order.

St. Vincent Ferrer had a powerful voice of remarkable range, clear and resonant as a silver trumpet, which is one of his symbols. St. Vincent had the gift of tongues. Speaking in his own language, all who listened to him could understand him in theirs. He was known for extraordinary miracles: He raised forty people from the dead, He cured thousands of the blind, the lame, the deaf and the dumb and he extinguished a fire with one blow of his breath.

St. Vincent Ferrer tirelessly preached, fasted, and tended to the sick, leaving a legacy of zeal and devotion. For twenty-one years he spent his life preaching in England, Scotland, Ireland, Spain, France, Switzerland, and Italy, his mission influenced thousands, converting many, including Jews and Muslims. Kings, queens, bishops, civic magistrates invited him to their cities and sought his counsel.

St. Vincent Ferrer died at the age of 69 on April 5, 1419, during his preaching mission in France. He was buried in the cathedral in Vannes, France. He is the patron saint of Builders. St. Vincent Ferrer is the patron saint of builders because of his fame for "building up" and strengthening the Church: through his preaching, missionary work, in his teachings, as confessor and adviser.

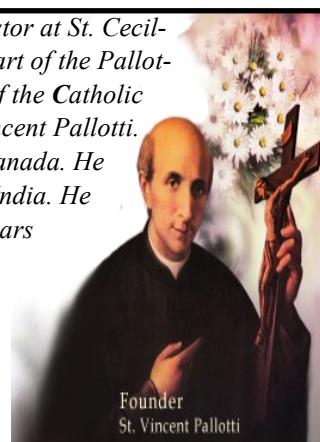
Saying of the Saint

"Once humility is acquired, charity will come to life; a burning flame devouring the corruption of vice and filling the heart so full that there is no place for vanity". - St. Vincent Ferrer.

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, April 5

9:00am: †Loreto & Estevan Palomo

5:00pm: †All Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, April 6

9:00am: †Jean-Paul Maillot

11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

Monday, April 7

No Mass

Tuesday, April 8

9:00am: †Leonardo Cano

Wednesday, April 9

9:00am: †Ryan Summers

Thursday, April 10

9:00am: Int. Leo Macht—Birthday

Friday, April 11

9:00am: †Christopher Silva

Saturday, April 12

9:00am: Int. Gabriela and Alex

5:00pm: †Val Burgess

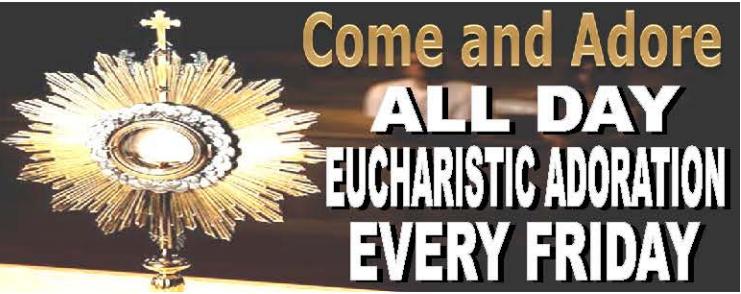
Sunday, April 13

9:00am: †Douglas, Vallian and Depeeka

11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased



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.



Mass Readings

Saturday, Apr 5 (9am)

Jeremiah 11.18-20

John 7.40-53

Sunday, Apr 6—Lent 5

Isaiah 43.16-21

Philippians 3.8-14

John 8.1-11

Mon, Apr 7 (no Mass)

Daniel 13.1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-64

John 8.12-20

Tuesday, Apr 8

Numbers 21.4-9

John 8.21-30

Wednesday, Apr 9

Daniel 3.13-20, 24, 49-50, 91-95

John 8.31-42

Thursday, Apr 10

Genesis 17.3-9

John 8.51-59

Friday, Apr 11

Jeremiah 20.7, 10-13

John 10.31-42

Saturday, Apr 12 (9am)

Ezekiel 37.21-28

John 11.45-56

Sunday, Apr 13—Palm Sunday

Luke 19.28-40 Isaiah 50.4-7
Philippians 2.6-11 Luke 22.14—23.56

The Pope's Prayer Intention April 2025



For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

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

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!



Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession, explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, Forgiven communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Parish RENEWAL

Every month we are hosting a special lunch in the spirit of renewal. The next lunch on April 27th will be a gathering for the 2024 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion children and their families.



St. Vincent de Paul Society
403-252-2790 ext. 223

Lent is an important time for us to ask ourselves if there are any parts of our hearts, any of our patterns, that oppose Jesus and his desire to give us life. "From whom am I withholding affection, care, reconciliation? Where can I live more honestly, with more integrity? How might I proactively change my own personal patterns of escape with patterns of care for others?" It is a time of grace to feel grateful to the Lord for showing us obstacles to the life he is offering us.

BAPTISM PREP CLASSES



Sat. Apr 5 at 9:30am
Sat. May 3 at 9:30am

Please sign up via the office.

We expect to have the application form submitted before the class



STATIONS of the CROSS Every Friday during Lent at 7pm

Apr 4 7:30pm Youth & Altar Servers
Apr 11 Pastoral Care, SSVP, Bible Study
Apr 18 10am Good Friday Way of the Cross

If anyone would like to make a donation toward Easter Lilies in memory of a loved one, please use the special envelopes found at the Information Desk in the foyer.

Lenten Penitential Service



Thursday, April 10
6:00pm—8:00pm



PANTRY NEEDS

Jam

Mayo/Whipped Dressing

Spaghetti Sauce

Overview of scheduled events:

Apr 4: Stations of the Cross, 7:30pm

Apr 10: LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE 6-8pm

Apr 11: Stations of the Cross, 7pm

Apr 13: Palm Sunday

Apr 17: Holy Thursday, 8pm Mass

Apr 18: Good Friday. Way of the Cross 10am

Passion 3pm

Apr 19: Easter Vigil, 8pm



Apr 20: Easter Sunday



Apr 27: Divine Mercy Sunday

May 3-4: GARAGE SALE

Please let us know if you can help. We need people to receive, sort and put price stickers on items.

May 31: Fr. Paul's birthday



June 22: Corpus Christi Procession 12pm

July 6: Stampede Breakfast if we have volunteers

Please let us know if you can help. We need people to setup/takedown tables & chairs, prepare & serve various foods, collect refuse, etc

ANNUAL GARAGE SALE The Knights of Columbus are back to hosting the annual garage sale the weekend of May 3-4. They could also use a lot of volunteers (not just Knights). If you can help please let the office know. No clothing, furniture, large appliances or TVs.



10-Minute Way of the Cross

Throughout Lent we do the 10-minute Way of the Cross after each Mass on the weekend. We encourage as many of you to stay as possible.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday (Apr 13): 9am & 11am

Chrism Mass at Cathedral (Apr 14): 7pm

Holy Thursday (Apr 17): 8pm

Good Friday (Apr 18): 10am Outdoor Way of the Cross, Passion at 3pm

Easter Vigil (Apr 19): 8pm

Easter Sunday (Apr 20): 9am & 11am

SACRAMENT CLASSES

1st Com Class 4: Apr 12, 10am

1st Com Class 5: Apr 26, 10am

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/13tjk>

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>

FUND FORWARD notice from CWL:

This is to notify the parish that we will not be doing the annual **meat/fish fundraiser** this year. Instead, we will be doing **coffee/tea and flowers/plants!** The coffee/tea comes from Rebel Bean Roasters in Okotoks ranging from \$10-\$20. The flowers/plants come from a Catholic couple in Millarville with over 100 options starting at \$10. Plants can be ordered Apr 21 with pickup on Mother's Day. More details will come next week.



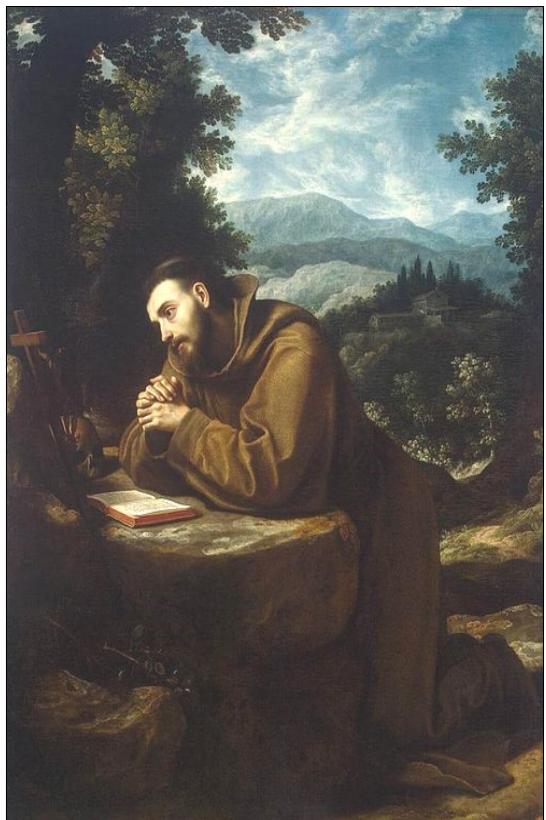


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Diocesan News

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Venerations of Sacred Relics



Come and venerate the sacred relics of the saints—a grace-filled moment to honour those who now dwell in God's presence and be inspired by their holy witness in the communion of saints.

March 17 - June 30, 2025 - Veneration of the Relic of St. Francis of Assisi at St. Michael Catholic Community. For more information, contact Loreen Morrison at St. Michael's Catholic Community at info@saintmichael.ca

April 4-6, 2025 - Veneration of the Relics of St. Anthony of Padua and St. Vincent Ferrer at Holy Spirit Parish, Calgary. For more information, contact seminarian Bennet Chacko at info@holyspiritparish.net | (403) 251-3381

Solidarity Sunday | April 6

On Solidarity Sunday, April 6, 2025, Bishop McGrattan invites you to give a donation to the 2025 Share Lent Campaign, Turn Debt into Hope. Join people around the world as they Turn Debt into Hope by focusing on the devastating effects of this cycle of debt on our sisters and brothers in the Global South.

[2025 Solidarity Sunday - A message from Bishop William T. McGrattan - ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CALGARY](#)

Vocations Rally: Light of Hope - June 8

God calls each of us for a unique and meaningful purpose. Join us in fostering a culture where every calling—priesthood, consecrated life, marriage, permanent diaconate, or lay vocations—is nurtured and celebrated! Save the date for the Vocations Rally 2025: **Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025 - from 11 am to 4:30 pm.** Discover, support, and pray for vocations in our Diocese!

[Register for Vocations Rally](#)

2025 Outdoor Way of the Cross—Fri. April 18, 8:30am at St. Mary's

Join Bishop McGrattan and the faithful of the Diocese of Calgary for the Outdoor Way of the Cross, now returning to its Downtown route. This solemn pilgrimage invites us to walk together in prayer and reflection on the **Passion of Christ**, meditating on His suffering, sacrifice, and love for the world. The journey begins at **St. Mary's Cathedral** at 8:30 am. All are welcome to take part in this powerful witness of faith.

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

Financial Stewardship | Marriage Enrichment Workshop - Apr 10

The Diocese of Calgary invites married and engaged couples to a Marriage Enrichment Workshop on Financial Stewardship on Thu, Apr 10 at 7 pm, at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary). Join speakers Guillermo & Sara Garcia, a couple who has been teaching financial literacy to engaged couples for the Diocese of Calgary since 2018. Both strongly believe there is great freedom in understanding how to manage your family's finances, and that learning to be good stewards of your financial blessings is key to a successful and happy marriage. To register, contact Mara at 403-218-5521 or register online [here](#).

Elizabeth House Charity Dinner - May 24

Join us for an elegant evening of fine dining, live music, and a lively silent auction to support mothers building a brighter future at Elizabeth House. Your presence will help fund much-needed renovations, including an additional bedroom to welcome more women and babies into a safe, supportive home. When: **Sat, May 24, 2025, from 6 to 9:30 pm** at the Calgary Italian Cultural Centre

Check out **[career opportunities](#)** in the Diocese:

NEW! [Caretaker \(Casual\) - St. Joseph's Parish, Vauxhall](#)

UPDATED! [Administrative Assistant \(Part-time, Temporary\) - St. Ambrose/St. Catherine's, Coaldale/Picture Butte](#)

NEW! [Finance and Administration Coordinator - Calgary Catholic Education Foundation \(CCEF\)](#)

[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](#)

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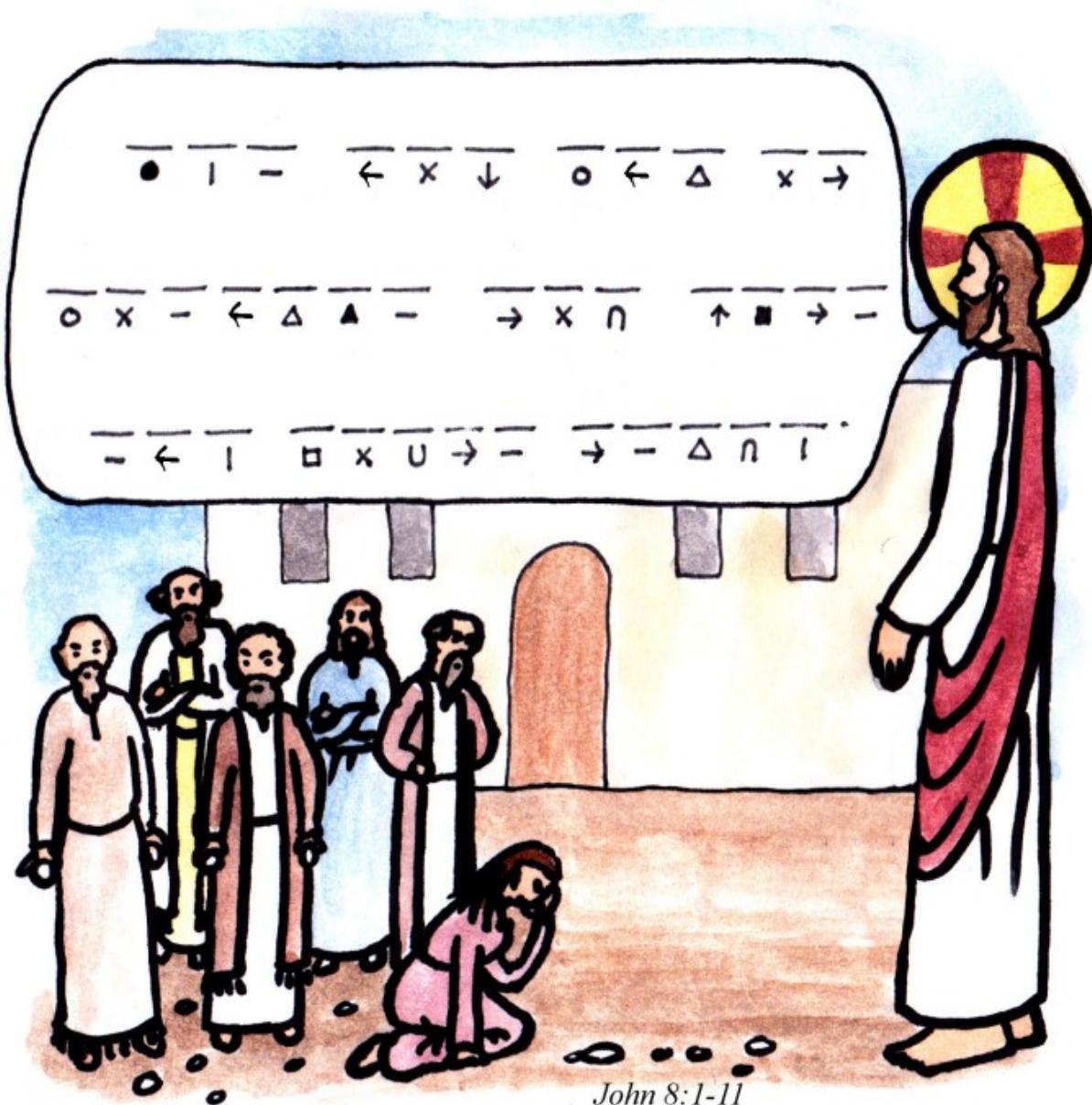
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**Len White: 403-271-6055
or fs4878@kofc.ab.ca**

Knights of Columbus

KIDS' PAGE



In today's Gospel, the Pharisees ask Jesus whether they should obey their law and stone a woman who was a sinner. What did Jesus say to them? Use the code to find out!

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A C E F H I L M N O R S T U W

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Prayer Shawl Ministry	Lucia Graham	403-710-7995
	Donna Suderman	403-252-2718
Francis Klein Ctr		403-255-4480
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St. Matthew Sch	Josie Caruana (Principal)	403-500-2030
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	Apr 7	
Tues	Apr 8	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Bible Study (Boardroom) 7:00pm—RCIA (Auditorium) 7:00pm—CWL (Hall)
Wed	Apr 9	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am)
Thur	Apr 10	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 6-8pm PENITENTIAL SERVICE 
Fri	Apr 11	9:00am— All Day Adoration 3:00pm— Divine Mercy 5:30pm—Legion of Mary—(Boardroom) 6:00pm—Couples For Christ (Hall) 7:00pm— MASS 7:30pm— STATIONS OF THE CROSS 
Sat	Apr 12	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Sacrament Class (Auditorium) 3:00pm-4:00pm— CONFESSON 5:00pm— MASS 6:00pm—Couples For Christ (Hall)
Sun	Apr 13	9:00am— MASS 11:00am— MASS 2:00pm—Couples For Christ (Hall) 4:00pm—Nigerian Choir Practice

50/50 → **UPDATED DETAILS!**

St. Cecilia's CWL is having continuous ticket sales after all Masses for a 50/50 draw to raise funds for a new dishwasher in the parish kitchen. The first draw will be on Easter Sunday after the 11:00 AM Mass. We kindly ask for your support. Tickets are \$2 each. Draw dates: Apr 20, May 11, June 1, June 22, July 13, August 13.



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