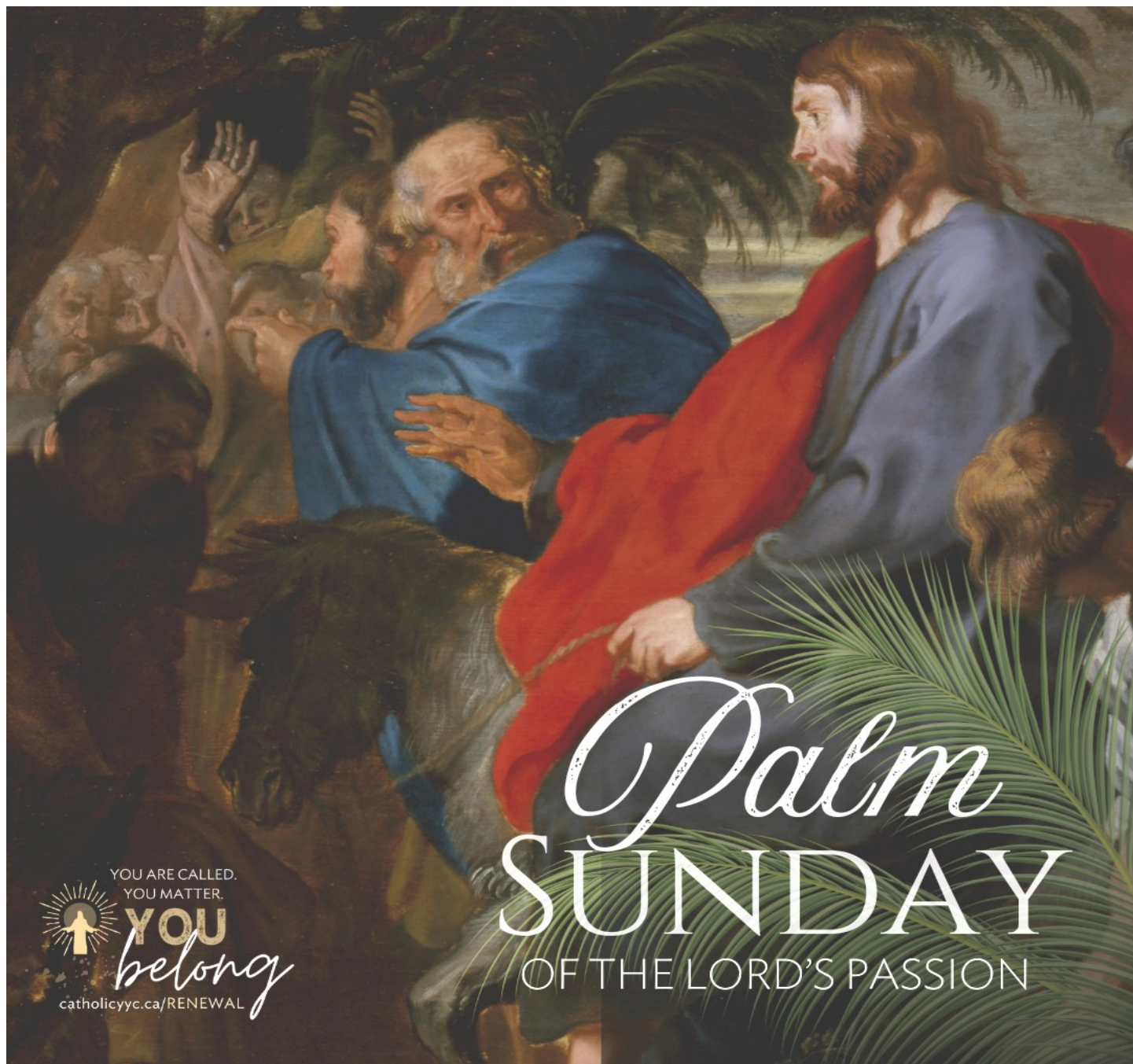


ST. CECILIA'S PARISH

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April 12-13, 2025

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)

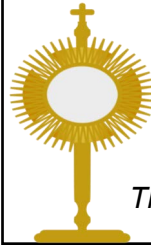
Confessions

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 which is now run by the Youth Group. Meeting concludes by 9pm.

Next meetings:

May 2, June 6, July 4

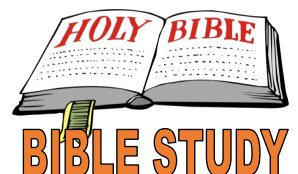
Prayer Shawl Ministry: last Tuesday of the month after the 9am Mass. New knitters welcome. Yarn is available.

Next meet: April 29th

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.

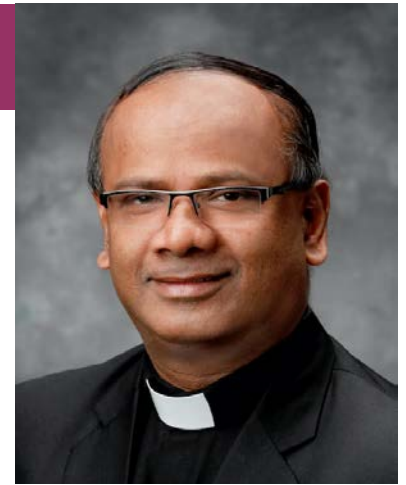


FR. PAUL'S COLUMN

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. MARY OF CLEOPHAS

APRIL 9TH



St. Mary of Cleophas is one of the three women who stayed near Jesus on the day of the Crucifixion. She was a fearless woman. She is believed to be married to Saint Cleophas, who was St. Joseph's brother, she was also believed to be the mother of St. James the Less. While historical documents offer limited information about her life, she played a significant role in the events surrounding the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

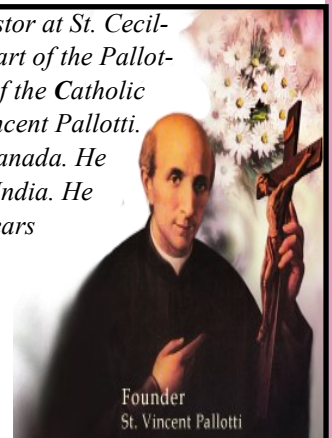
St. Mary of Cleophas witnessed the immense suffering and death of Jesus must have been a deeply painful experience for her. After Jesus' death, Mary of Cleophas accompanied the Blessed Virgin Mary to the tomb on Easter morning, joining her in the sorrowful mourning and eventual joy of discovering Christ's resurrection.

St. Mary of Cleophas is venerated as a saint in the Catholic Church, recognized for her close kinship to Jesus and her unwavering faith. she is honored as a faithful follower of Christ. Tradition reports that she went to Spain as a missionary.

Mary reportedly died at Ciudad Rodrigo. Another tradition states that she went to France with St. Lazarus and his sisters.

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 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

Monday, April 14
No Mass

Tuesday, April 15

9:00am: †Nicola Pagliano

Wednesday, April 16

9:00am: Int. Mary MacLennan—*Birthday*

Holy Thursday, April 17

8:00pm: †Fernand, Laurette & Rolly Goudreau

Good Friday, April 18

3:00pm *Passion of the Lord*

Easter Saturday, April 19

8:00pm: Int. Penelope MacLennan—*Birthday*

Easter Sunday, April 20

9:00am: †Elaine Templeton
11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

Mass Readings

Saturday, Apr 12 (9am)

Ezekiel 37.21-28
John 11.45-56

Sun, Apr 13-Palm Sunday

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

Mon, Apr 14(no Mass)

Isaiah 42.1-7
John 12.1-11

Tuesday, Apr 15

Isaiah 49.1-6
John 13.21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, Apr 16

Isaiah 50.4-9a
Matthew 26.14-26

Holy Thursday, Apr 17

Exodus 12.1-8, 11-14
1 Corinthians 11.23-26
John 13.1-15

Good Friday, Apr 18

Isaiah 52.13—53.12
Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9
John 18.1—19.42

Easter Saturday, Apr 19

Genesis 1.1-2.2, Exodus
14.15-31; 15.20, 1, Isaiah
55.1-11, Ezekiel 36.16-17,
18-28, Romans 6.3-11
Luke 24.1-12



Easter Sunday, Apr 20

Acts 10.34a, 37-43 Colossians 3.1-4
John 20.1-18



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON GOOD FRIDAY



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.



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.

@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!



Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he dives into the biblical accounts of the Last Supper and the gift of the Eucharist. This presentation is an exclusive excerpt from an Augustine Institute Bible Conference made available to all of FORMED.

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.

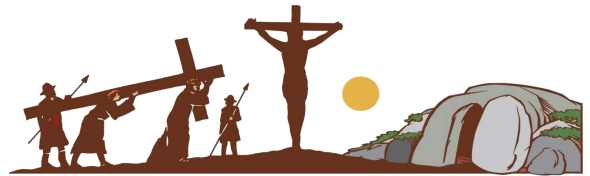
BAPTISM PREP CLASSES



Sat. May 3 at 9:30am
Sat. Jun 7 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 11 Pastoral Care, SSVP, Bible Study

Apr 18 **10am** Good Friday Way of the Cross



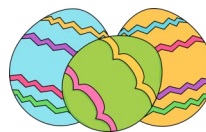
If anyone would like to make a donation toward Easter Lilies in memory of a loved one, please use the special envelopes found at the Information Desk in the foyer. Names will be printed in the Easter bulletin.

EGG COLOURING

Easter Saturday, April 19 @ 10:30am

Doors will close at 11am

Materials and lunch are provided.



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.



PANTRY NEEDS

Jam

Spaghetti Sauce

Ketchup

Overview of scheduled events:

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.



Good Friday Way of the Cross

We will hold our annual Way of the Cross at 10am on Good Friday. We encourage as many of you to come as possible. If the weather permits, it will be held outside around the church.

HOLY WEEK

Chrim 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



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Sunday following after Easter is called **Divine Mercy Sunday**. Please join us after each Mass as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet together. Everything will be on the screens to help you follow along.

SACRAMENT CLASSES

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.smores.com/n/dpgs1>



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>

FUNDRAISERS FOR CWL:



This year we are selling **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 ordered Easter Monday Apr 21 with pickup on Mother's Day. The coffee orders will start after the plant sale finishes.

greenhouseeffects.ca
rebelbeancoffee.com





Diocesan News

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

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



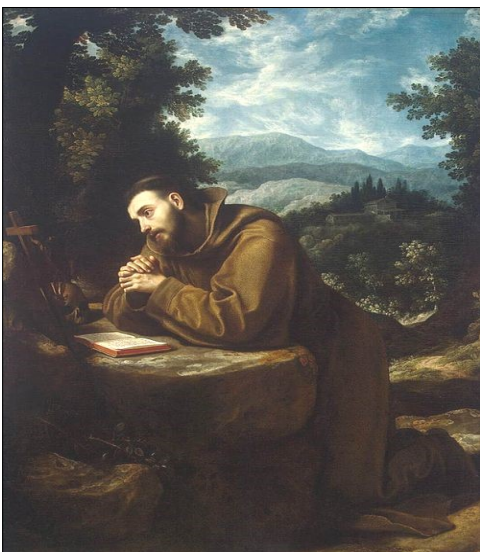
Join Bishop McGrattan and the faithful of the Diocese of Calgary for the Outdoor Way of the Cross, now returning to its Downtown route. This solemn pilgrimage invites us to walk together in prayer and reflection on the **Passion of Christ**, meditating on His suffering, sacrifice, and love for the world.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

As we enter into the sacred days of Holy Week, may the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ renew your spirit and fill your heart with peace. Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Holy Week and a joyful Easter!

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](#)



Veneration of Sacred Relics

Join Saint Michael Catholic Community for a peaceful evening of prayer and reflection through the **Solemn Veneration of the relic of St. Francis of Assisi**. Experience the beauty of our faith through Mass, veneration, and fellowship. Dates: **Wednesdays, April 23, May 21, June 25. Mass at 6 pm**, followed by a reception at 7:15 pm. [Register for reception](#)

Pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year

Make a pilgrimage to *St. Mary's Cathedral* or the *Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Rockies*—designated [Jubilee Pilgrimage Churches in the Diocese of Calgary](#)—and receive the grace of a [Plenary Indulgence](#) for yourself or a departed loved one. Learn more at: catholiccycc.ca/jubilee

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 catholiccycc.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 catholiccycc.ca/pastoralcare

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:

[Case Worker \(Full-time\) - Elizabeth House](#)
[Administrative Assistant \(Part-time, Temporary\) - St. Ambrose/St. Catherine's, Coaldale/Picture Butte](#)
[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](#)
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Visit www.catholiccycc.ca/careers for more information and details.



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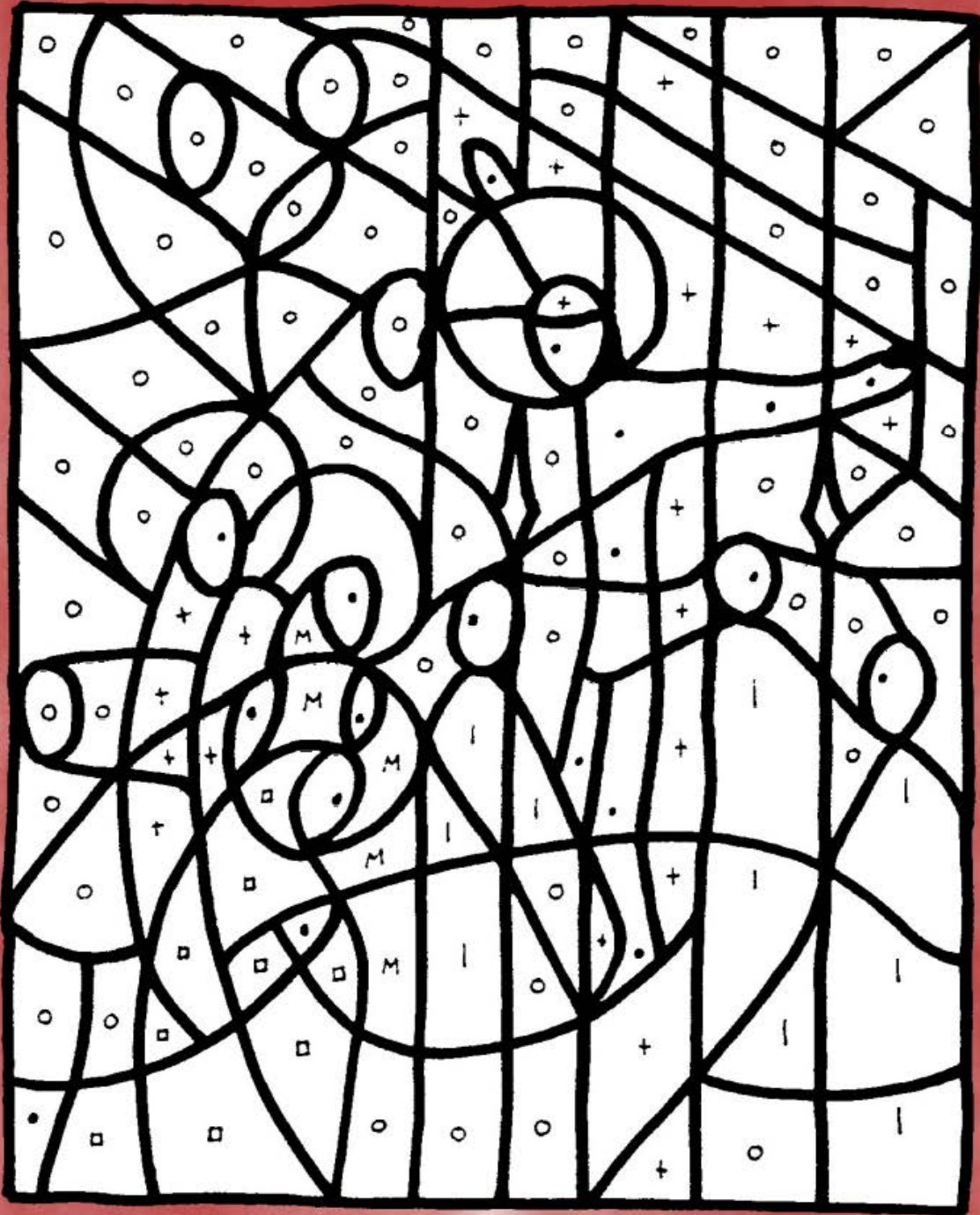
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Len White: 403-271-6055
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KIDS' PAGE







What did Jesus do for me?

Use the code to colour in the picture and find out!

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ROOM BOOKINGS		
Mon	Apr 14	
Tues	Apr 15	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Bible Study (Boardroom) 7:00pm—RCIA (Auditorium)
Wed	Apr 16	9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—CWL Crafting (Boardroom) 1:00pm—Funeral †Robert Martens
Thur	Apr 17	8:00pm— HOLY THURSDAY MASS 
Fri	Apr 18	10:00am— Way of the Cross 3:00pm— Passion of the Lord 
Sat	Apr 19	3:00pm-4:00pm— CONFESSION 8:00pm— EASTER VIGIL MASS 
Sun	Apr 20	9:00am— MASS 11:00am— MASS 

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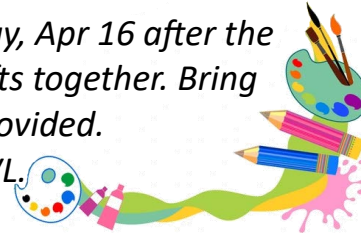
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Come on out Wednesday, Apr 16 after the 9am Mass to make crafts together. Bring your own or join one provided. Event hosted by our CWL.



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 Mother's Day after the 11:00 AM mass. We kindly ask for your support.