

ST. CECILIA'S PARISH

NOVEMBER 8-9



*Destroy this temple,
and in three days*

**I WILL
RAISE
IT UP**

✠ John 12:19

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



THE DEDICATION OF
THE LATERAN BASILICA

MASS TIMES & PARISH INFO

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TBD

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Weekend Masses | Weekday Masses

Saturday 5pm Tues to Saturday 9 am
Sun 9am & 11am

Confessions

Tues to Sat 8:15 - 8:45 am
Saturday 3 - 4pm | Sunday 8 - 8:30 am
or by appointment



Adoration

Fridays 9:30am—6pm
First Friday: 9am—6pm

First Friday Mass

7pm (no 9am Mass)

PARISH OFFICE

Office is closed on Mondays
Open Tues to Fri 9am – 4pm
Lunch break 12 – 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.

This Tuesday, the office will be closed for **Remembrance Day**. There will be two Masses, one at 9 am and one at 11 am. A ceremony with the laying of wreaths will take place before the 11 am Mass.

For the month of November, a **Book of the Names of the Dead** will be displayed in the narthex, where parishioners may write down the names of their deceased loved ones. A petition will be included in the Prayer of the Faithful for the souls of those whose names are written in this book.

BAPTISM CLASSES

Email: sacraments@stceciliacalgary.com to register or any inquiries

- Saturday November-01-25 at 9:30 AM
- Saturday December-06-25 at 9:30 AM
- Saturday January 03-26 at 9:30 AM

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 8th
9:00am: **Simon Quesnel**
5:00pm: **Joe Keith**

Sunday, November 9th
9:00am: †**David Allen**
11:00am: **All parishioners, living & deceased**

Tuesday, November 11th
9:00 am † **Marco Dayrit**
11:00 am † **All who have died in war**

Wednesday, November 12th
9:00 am † **Rev George A Thibault**

Thursday, November 13th
9:00 am † **Domingos Alfredo**

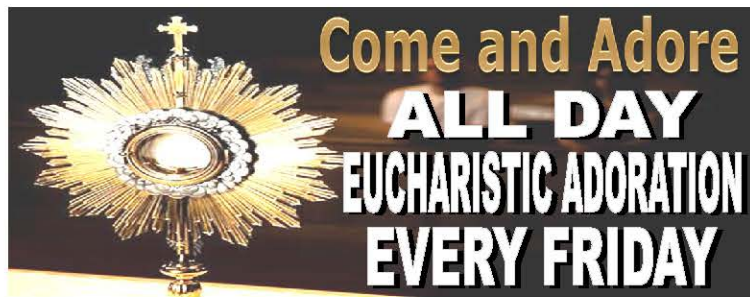
Friday, November 14th
9:00am: † **Teresa Ramos**

Saturday, November 15th
9:00am: † **Corazon Enriquez**
5:00pm: † **Francisca Enriquez**

Sunday, November 16th
9:00am: † **Eloisa Polintan**
11:00am: **All parishioners, living & deceased**

If you know of a parishioner who is homebound and in need of the Sacraments, please call the parish office: (403) 252-2790.

ST. CECILIA FIESTA: Our annual musical fiesta, in honour of our patroness, will be held on Sun. Nov 23rd. Doors open at 5pm for a shared finger-food potluck at 5:30pm, followed by the music program at 7pm. If you would like to contribute a music/dance performance please notify Ross Ferby by Nov 15. Individual performances should not exceed 5 minutes.



Mass Readings

Saturday, Nov 8 Romans 16.3-9,16,22-27 Luke 16.9-15	Sunday Nov 9 Ezekiel 47.1-2, 8-9, 12 1 Corinthians 3.9-11, 16-17 John 2.13-22
Monday, Nov 10 Wisdom 1. 1-7 Luke 17.1-6	Tuesday, Nov 11 Wisdom 2.23 –3.9 Luke 17.7-10
Wednesday, Nov 12 Wisdom 6.1-11 Luke 17.11-19	Thursday, Nov 13 Wisdom 7.22 –8.1 Luke 17.20-25
Friday, Nov 14 Wisdom 13.1 –9 Luke 17.26-37	Saturday, Nov 15 Wisdom 18.14 –16 19.6-9 Luke 18.1-8
Sunday Nov 16 Malachi 4.1-2 2 Thessalonians 3.7-12 Luke 21.5-19	



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PARISH NEWS UPDATE



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Prayer is a conversation with God. As we go about our very busy lives, we can strive to engage in an ongoing conversation with our Lord throughout the day. Our desires—for union with our Lord, to become more aware of our failings, to become more generous with family, friends, and the needy—can be expressed in a conversation with Christ. This is a wonderful month to pray for all who have died, especially those who have no one to pray for them.

PANTRY NEEDS: Apple Juice, and Jam

We would appreciate any donations of reusable grocery/shopping bags to use for packing hampers

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.

Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation Program

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue is visiting the homes of the faithful in our parish. The Pilgrim Virgin is Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of the Rosary. The Blessed Virgin Mary desires to sanctify your home and all who live there. She will bring Jesus and Saint Joseph with her. You will notice a difference in your home while the Holy Family is there, and because you have welcomed her into your home, she will bring with her blessings from God. If you would like to have the statue come to your home, please call the parish office: 403-252-2790.



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ROOM BOOKINGS		
Mon	Nov 10	
Tues	Nov 11	10AM Bible Study (Boardroom) 7 PM RCIA (Upstairs Auditorium) 7 PM CWL (Hall)
Wed	Nov 12	
Thur	Nov 13	
Fri	Nov 14	3:00pm— Divine Mercy 5:30pm—Legion of Mary—(Boardroom)
Sat	Nov 15	
Sun	Nov 16	

Our schools:

Fr. Derek visits all 3 of our schools monthly.



St. Matthew School

Monthly Newsletter

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



St. Cecilia School

Weekly Newsletter

<https://secure.smores.com/n/84rf1>



Playground Donation Link:

<https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/>



St. William School

Monthly Newsletter

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

WANTED:

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Men who would like to make a difference!

Len White: 403-271-6055

or fs4878@kofc.ab.ca

Knights of Columbus

40 Hours Devotion

Solemnity of St. Cecilia

100th Anniversary of the Feast of Christ the King

As part of the diocesan-wide 40 Hours Devotion for Vocations, our parish will hold 40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration from **Friday, Nov. 21 at 8 am to Saturday, Nov. 22 at midnight**. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed the entire time, except during the celebration of Mass. There must be at least two people in the church every hour, especially during the night hours. Please see the sign-up sheet on the hospitality desk at the back of the church.



The 40 Hours will also help us prepare for the proper Solemnity of St. Cecilia, the Patroness of our parish, on Saturday, Nov. 22, and the 100th anniversary of the Feast of Christ the King on Sunday, Nov. 23.

Introduction to Chants in the Liturgy Workshop

The Diocese is offering a Sacred Music Workshop Series to deepen our understanding of liturgical music. The first session, *Introduction to Chants in the Liturgy*, will be held on **Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9:30 am to 12 pm (Mass at 9 am) @ St. Mary's Cathedral**. It is open to all parish choir members and anyone curious about the beauty of chant. You do not need prior experience to join. Please register by Thursday, Nov 13 at catholicyy.ca/sacredmusic.

Memorial Liturgy for Miscarriage & Infant Loss

The Diocese of Calgary invites all who have experienced the loss of a child through miscarriage or infant death to a special Memorial Liturgy with Bishop William McGrattan presiding. **When: Tue, Nov 18, at 7 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral**. For more information or to register, visit miscarriageliturgy.ca or call 403-218-5521.

Red Wednesday - Mass and Adoration for Persecuted Christians

Nov. 19 is Red Wednesday, a day of prayer and solidarity with persecuted Christians around the world. **Two Masses will be celebrated at St. Cecilia's this day, one at 9 am and one at 6 pm**. After the 9 am Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the church until 5:30 pm. **During Exposition, two people must be present in the church at all times. There is a sign-up sheet for this on the hospitality desk in the narthex.**

Altar Servers Recognition Mass

All altar servers are invited to join Bishop McGrattan for this special celebration. To register, please call the parish office at (403) 252-2790. **When: Sun, Nov 23, at 1 pm at St. Michael's Catholic Community**. For more information, contact Hardy Del Castillo at 587-703-1585.

Celebrating Vocations with Cardinal Thomas Collins

Join us for Mass with Bishop McGrattan and Cardinal Thomas Collins, followed by a reception and talk with Cardinal Collins on the mission of Serra International. Learn about the inspiring work of **Serra International** in fostering vocations within the Church. **When: Tue, Nov 25, at 5 pm – St. Mary's Cathedral**. All are welcome!

Digital Encounter with Pope Leo XIV

Be part of a historic moment as Pope Leo XIV holds a live digital dialogue with youth and the faithful during the 2025 National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC). **When: Fri, Nov 21 at 8:15 am (MT) – Join from home, school, or parish**. The 45-minute encounter is free and open to everyone. Register at

@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.



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Pastor's Message

November 11, Remembrance Day, is also the Memorial of St. Martin of Tours, the patron saint of soldiers. Three of my great uncles were soldiers in World War II. They were raised on a homestead near Rosetown, Saskatchewan and landed on the beaches of Normandy as part of the D-Day invasion on June 6, 1944. Two of them were killed not long afterward; one of them, my Uncle Raymond, was only 19 years old. Like so many others, my great uncles died for freedom—not, in the words of Fulton Sheen, “for a freedom that means the right to do whatever I please but for a freedom that means the right to do whatever I ought.”

A hundred years ago, Pope Pius XI established the Feast of Christ the King, which we will celebrate in two weeks. In his encyclical letter *Quas Primas*, he wrote: “When once men recognize, both in private and public life, that Christ is King, society will at least receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony.”

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Feast of Christ the King, our parish will hold **40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration** from **Friday, Nov. 21 at 8 am to Nov. 22 at midnight**. These 40 hours will overlap with the proper Solemnity of St. Cecilia, the Patroness of our parish, on Nov. 22. They will also serve as part of the diocesan-wide 40 Hours Devotion for Vocations. Earlier the same week, we will have a period of Eucharistic Adoration for persecuted Christians on **Red Wednesday, Nov. 19 from 9:30 am to 5 pm**.

When asked what will save the world, St. Teresa of Calcutta said, “My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer.”

We need at least two people in the church every hour that the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. If you would consider signing up for the Red Wednesday Adoration and/or the 40 Hours Devotion, that would be greatly appreciated. In particular, we need people to sign up for the nighttime hours of the 40 Hours Devotion. Nocturnal adoration involves some sacrifice, but its spiritual benefits for the entire world are immense. God bless you!



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The Gospel of Life and “Medical Assistance in Dying”*

Presentation by Fr. Derek Remus

When: Thursday, Nov. 26 at 7 pm

Where: St. Cecilia's Parish

**This is the beginning of a series of Catholic education nights at our parish as part of our Parish Renewal.*

*St. Cecilia's is now on social media.
Follow “St. Cecilia's Parish, Calgary”
on Facebook and Instagram.*



SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DePAUL

St Cecilia Conference

Christmas Hamper Program 2025



Thank you for your support over the past year. We are preparing to pack and deliver approximately 80 Christmas Hampers. In order to make up these hampers your financial support is needed, our cost is around \$25,500. If you can assist financially please use the SSVP envelopes in the pews. Cheques should be made out to Society of Saint Vincent de Paul or SSVP St Cecilia. Please put your name and address on the envelope and we will issue a Tax Receipt.

A list of non-perishable food items required for a family of four is posted on our bulletin board above our SSVP Food Box in the foyer. Any food donations can be placed in our food box. Items for the Christmas Hampers must be provided by Sunday December 14th. Any contributions are gratefully accepted as our funds are low due to a busy year. Also if you can donate reusable grocery / store bags that we can use to pack the food for the hampers it would be greatly appreciated.

The Angel Tree will be put up on the weekend of November 15th. This year we will be giving Gift Cards to the families instead of toys. Family members and ages will be on the Angel. We would like a Gift Card from a department store if possible (Walmart is the favorite). Please ensure the dollar amount is put on the card.

If you need a hamper, please phone the office 403-252-2790 and choose extension 223 and leave your information. Due to Privacy Laws the person who needs the hamper has to call us. If you know someone in need of a hamper please have them call the number above to request a Christmas Hamper.

Schedule Dates For 2025

Monday	Dec 15	10AM to 3PM	Set up Tables and Sort Food
Tuesday	Dec 16	10AM to 3PM	Set up Tables and Make Boxes
Wednesday	Dec 17	10AM to 3PM	Packing the Hampers
Thursday	Dec 18	10AM to 3PM	Sorting and Packaging Fresh Produce
Friday	Dec 19	10AM	Close the Boxes
Saturday	Dec 20	8:45AM	Prayer and Blessing
Saturday	Dec 20	9:00AM to Noon	Delivery of Hampers. Drivers to come in shifts.

Sign up Sheets for volunteers will be in the foyer starting on the weekend of November 15th