

ST. CECILIA'S PARISH
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 13-14



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the one

WHO IS TO COME?

MATTHEW 11:3



THIRD SUNDAY OF
Advent

MASS TIMES & PARISH INFO

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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 - 4:30 pm | 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.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON DECEMBER 22nd AND WILL REOPEN JANUARY 6th

OUR LAST BULLETIN WILL BE NEXT WEEKEND UNTIL JANUARY 10th.

BAPTISM CLASSES

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

- Saturday January 03-26 at 9:30 AM
- Saturday February 07-26 at 9:30 AM
- Saturday March 07-26 at 9:30 AM
- Saturday April 11-26 at 9:30 AM

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 13th

9:00am: Those with special needs

5:00pm: †Douglas, Vivian & Deepika Jay

Sunday, December 14th

9:00am: †Souls of the Camarillo family

11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

Tuesday, December 16th

9:00 am Elvie De La Paz special intention

Wednesday, December 17th

9:00 am † Librada Santa Rita

Thursday, December 18th

9:00 am † Joanne Kaiser

Friday, December 19th

9:00am Fr Paul Raj Ordination Day

Saturday, December 20th

7:30am: Vogel Family

5:00pm: †Tomasa Locso

Sunday, December 21st

9:00am: †Remi & Gean -Paul

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.

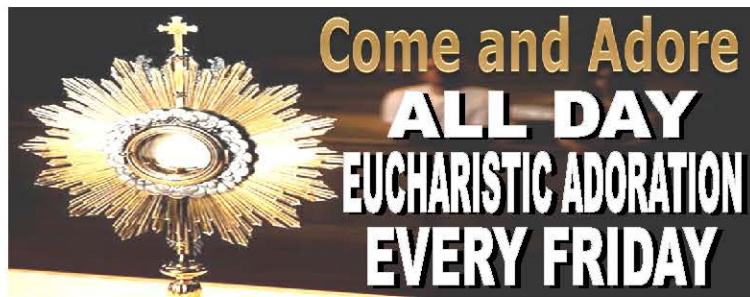


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MEMBERS

PICK UP NOMINATION
LIST AND RETURN BY END
OF DECEMBER



Mass Readings

Saturday, Dec 13

Sirach 48.1-4, 9-11

Matthew 17.10-13

Sunday Dec 14

Isaiah 35.1-6, 10

James 5.7-10

Matthew 11.2-11

Monday, Dec 15

Numbers 24.2-7, 15-17

Matthew 21.23-27

Tuesday, Dec 16

Zephaniah 3.1-2, 9-13

Matthew 21.28-32

Wednesday, Dec 17

Genesis 49.2, 8-10

Matthew 1.1-17

Thursday, Dec 18

Jeremiah 23.5-8

Matthew 1.18-24

Friday, Dec 19

Judges 13.2-7, 24-25

Luke 1.5-25

Saturday, Dec 20

Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10

Luke 1.26-38

Sunday Dec 21

Isaiah 1.1-17

Romans 1.1-7

Matthew 1.18-24



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All gift cards from the angel tree and food donations must be in this Weekend December 13th and 14th

Thanks to all who have donated

Advent Penitential Service - Thursday, Dec. 18 @ 7 pm
Five priests will be hearing confessions.

Advent Confession Times

In addition to our regular confession times, Fr. Derek will be in the confessional every Friday during Advent from 6 - 6:45 pm.

Yahoo Email Issues

We continue to have problems delivering emails to Yahoo.com. This affects emails to the bulletin, ministries, and sacramental preparation lists. If you are on one of these lists and have a yahoo.com email address, please call or visit the parish office to let us know. If you have a different email address with a different server, we could add it to our distribution lists to ensure that you receive our emails.

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.

Book Club

You are invited to join a book club starting up in January and meeting on Saturdays at 1 pm in the library. Our first meeting will be on **Saturday, Jan. 10th**. Meetings will be weekly or biweekly (TBD). We will read ***Introduction to the Devout Life*** by St. Francis de Sales, a spiritual classic written for laypeople. For more information or if you are interested in an evening time, please talk to Fr. Derek or Connie Claeys.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue

To have the Pilgrim Virgin statue come to your home, please call the parish office.



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ROOM BOOKINGS		
Mon	Dec 15	All Day SVDO Hampers Church Hall 7pm Advent Mission P Thompson Church
Tues	Dec 16	All Day SVDP Hampers Church Hall 10AM Bible Study (Library) 7 PM RCIA (Upstairs Auditorium) 7PM Advent Mission P Thompson Church
Wed	Dec 17	All Day SVDP Hampers Church Hall 7PM Advent Mission P Thompson Upstairs Auditorium 7pm Couples for Christ Upstairs Aud
Thur	Dec 18	All Day SVDP Hampers Church Hall
Fri	Dec 19	All day SVDP Hampers Church Hall 3:00pm— Divine Mercy 5:30pm—Legion of Mary—(Library)
Sat	Dec 20	Morning SVDP Christmas Hampers Hall 7:00 pm Simbang Gabi Church & Hall
Sun	Dec 21	

Our schools:

Fr. Derek visits all 3 of our schools monthly.



St. Matthew School

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



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<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

Advent Mission

Local Catholic speaker Peter Thompson will offer an Advent mission at our parish on Monday, Dec. 15, Tuesday, Dec. 16, and Wednesday, Dec. 17. Talks will begin each evening at 7 pm (Monday and Tuesday in the church, Wednesday in the upstairs auditorium). A Mass will be celebrated each evening at 6:15 pm. Please see the poster on the bulletin board for more details.

Christmas & New Year's Masses

Christmas Eve

5 pm - Children's Christmas Pageant
5:15 pm - Christmas Vigil Mass
11 pm - Mass during the Night

Christmas Day

9 am - Mass during the Day
11 am - Mass during the Day

New Year's Eve

5 pm & 11 pm - Mass
6 pm - 10:30 pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

New Year's Day

9 am - Mass
11 am - Mass



In the spirit of the Jubilee Year proclaimed by Pope Francis last year and set to conclude this December, our Diocese is launching a matching financial campaign for parishes called, **Multiply the Hope**.

Once our parish has fulfilled all of its financial obligations for the year, every dollar contributed **to strengthen our repairs and maintenance fund** will be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to our parish goal. The campaign lasts until the end of 2027.

Our goal for this matching program is \$158,425. This means that every contribution toward this goal has twice the impact.

Find out more about this campaign at www.catholiccyc.ca/multiplythehope

Rorate Mass

Sat, Dec. 20 @ 7:30 am - Fr. Derek will celebrate a *Rorate Mass* - a votive Mass in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated by candlelight before dawn during Advent. This Mass will replace the regular 9 am Mass. The St. Francis Xavier Chaplaincy (the diocesan ministry for university students and young adults) will be joining us and providing the music. The Mass will take about an hour as most of it will be sung.

Please note: Contrary to what we announced last week, there will still be a 9 am Mass this day.

Simbang Gabi 2025

Sat, Dec. 20 @ 7 pm - The Filipino Catholic Society cordially invites you to a Simbang Gabi Mass at St. Cecilia's Church, preceded by caroling at 6:30 pm and followed by a potluck supper. A sign-up sheet for the potluck is on the Divine Mercy altar in the narthex. Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Christmas tradition consisting of a novena of Masses leading up to Christmas.

@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

The Third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is Latin for "rejoice" and is taken from the Latin text of the Entrance Antiphon for today's Mass: *Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete. Dominus enim prope est.*—"Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say to you rejoice. The Lord indeed is near." This is a quotation from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians. (The Entrance Antiphon is a brief verse from Scripture that is sung or recited at the beginning of Mass. It is not always used when an Entrance Hymn is sung.).

On *Gaudete Sunday*, the Church interrupts the penitential character of the Advent season and bids us rejoice because Christmas is almost here: "The Lord indeed is near." To express the joy proper to today's liturgy, the priest has the option of wearing rose vestments rather than violet. (We should note here that "hot pink" or "bubble gum pink" is not rose.)

"Rejoice in the Lord," says St. Paul. In this way, he tells us where true joy is to be found - not in money, power, honour, pleasure, or any created thing, but in God. The Child born in Bethlehem, who is Almighty God and who is present now in the Blessed Sacrament, is the One who gives us real and enduring happiness.

What is a Rorate Mass?

This Saturday, our parish will have a Rorate Mass at 7:30 am. A Rorate Mass is a votive Mass in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated early in the morning by candlelight during Advent. It is a tradition going back to the Middle Ages.

The word *Rorate* is taken from the Latin text of the Entrance Antiphon for the Mass: *Rorate caeli desuper, et nubes pluant justum, aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem.* This is a quotation from the Book of Isaiah that means, "Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour."

A Rorate Mass begins while it is still dark and ends (more or less) at sunrise in order to signify that we are awaiting the coming of Christ, the Sun of Justice and the Light of the World.



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St. Cecilia's Parish
Profit & Loss Statement (Unaudited)

	Actuals Year to date Oct-25	Actuals Year to date Oct-24	Change Actuals
Revenue			
Weekly Collections	329,090.57	311,556.25	17,534.32
Other Income			
Donation/grant	24,792.91	11,272.07	13,520.84
Other Income	50,896.44	63,184.40	(12,287.96)
Bulletin advertising	570.00	1,350.00	(780.00)
Clergy Rent	4,800.00	6,000.00	(1,200.00)
Hall Booking	2,750.00	3,400.00	(650.00)
Sale of Church Supplies	11,142.80	9,606.30	1,536.50
Stole Fees	1,870.00	1,800.00	70.00
Repair & Maintenance Fund	18,131.00	27,658.00	(9,527.00)
Interest	9,467.64	8,948.00	519.64
Welfare	140.00	1,192.00	(1,052.00)
Other Revenues	2,025.00	3,230.10	(1,205.10)
	75,689.35	74,456.47	1,232.88
TOTAL REVENUE	404,779.92	386,012.72	18,767.20
Expenses			
Salaries & Benefits	113,592.54	117,182.14	(3,589.60)
Property Maintenance & Operating Expenses	127,698.79	123,959.74	3,739.05
Rectory Operating	4,574.99	7,747.56	(3,172.57)
Administration Expenses	25,726.06	27,850.71	(2,124.65)
Diocesan Support	50,430.00	52,088.95	(1,658.95)
Church Programs	12,579.80	19,971.54	(7,391.74)
TOTAL EXPENSES	334,602.18	348,800.64	(14,198.46)
Operating surplus (deficit)	70,177.74	37,212.08	32,965.66

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