

Upcoming Catholic Education Night

The Four Dogmas of Mary: Answering Those Difficult Questions about Mary

St. Cecilia's Parish

Thursday, May 14 @ 7 pm

PRESENTER: Peter Thompson. Peter serves as a Catholic lay evangelist & teacher here in the Calgary Diocese. This has taken him to many parts of the world, primarily Africa, giving missions and teaching the faith. He continues to share his love of Christ and the Church.



ST. CECILIA PARISH

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Good Shepherd Sunday | World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The Fourth Sunday of Easter (April 25/26, 2026), or widely known as Good Shepherd Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Read the message from Pope Leo XIV for the 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations "The Interior Discovery of God's Gift."

(<https://calgarydiocese.us2.listmanage.com/track/click?u=b94c6c43263afb74033548543&id=5c3c58c1b3&e=5467421e78>)

There will be a special collection for vocations, in support of the education and formation of seminarians and the permanent diaconate program in our Diocese.

To donate online, visit catholicyc.ca/give

More details are available on the bulletin board.

DIOCESAN NEWS

For more information check the Bulletin Boards or go to

<https://www.catholicyc.ca/resources.html>

2026 Together in Action

In the spirit of the Jubilee Year proclaimed by Pope Francis last year, our Diocese has launched a matching financial campaign for parishes called Multiply the Hope. The campaign will run until the end of 2027.

To qualify for the matching funds, we must first meet both our operating budget and our TIA goal.



Learn more about the campaign at www.catholicyc.ca/multiplythehope.

We are encouraged by the strong response to the *Multiply the Hope* campaign across our Diocese, which is already helping parishes meet real needs and strengthen their mission.

In the first year of the matching campaign, \$4 million has been matched for parish loans and \$3 million for repairs and maintenance. This support is allowing essential projects to move forward and helping our parish communities grow stronger in faith and service.

The *Multiply the Hope* campaign continues through the end of 2027, and \$4.9 million in matching funds is still available for parishes across the Diocese.

Our Parish goal is \$158,425. In 2025, we were able to allocate \$52,290 to Multiply the Hope from our operational surplus.

Upcoming dates for 40 Hours Devotion for Vocations :

St. Gerard's, Calgary - Tue, May 12 to Fri, May 15, daily from 9 am to 7 pm.

Our Lady of the Rockies, Canmore - Fri, Jul 2 at 3 pm to Sun, Jul 5 at 7 am.

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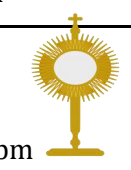
If you are admitted to the hospital and would like the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, call your parish priest or the Diocese Call Centre at

403-231-9505

Serving Alberta Children's, Foothills, Peter Lougheed, Rockyview, and South Health hospitals in Calgary.

PARISH STAFF

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:	Adoration
Tuesday to Friday: 8:00am - 3:30pm Closed during Mass hours and 12:30pm to 1:00pm	Fridays 9:30am - 6:00pm First Friday: 9:00am - 6:00pm



WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00 pm
 Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday to Saturday : 9:00 am
First Friday : 7:00 pm (No 9 am Mass)

Confessions:

Tues to Sat: 8:15am-8:45am
 Saturday : 3:00pm - 4:30 pm
 Sunday: 8:00am - 8:30 am or by appointment

Please submit items for the next bulletin to the office before Wednesday.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It also marks the 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Jesus Christ, who "bore our sins in his body on the Cross," is the "shepherd and guardian of our souls" (1 Peter 2:25). In His infinite goodness and wisdom, He calls other men to share in His work of shepherding souls by serving Him as priests. He also calls many men and women to follow Him through the religious life - a life according to the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

Christ tells us that praying for vocations is not an option but a must: "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:37-38).

The Jesuit priest and Servant of God Fr. John Hardon writes: "We mistakenly assume that some people just receive the grace of vocation and always respond to it. Not so. Vocations are the result of prayer twice over. Once because without prayer, much prayer, God will not commonly offer the grace of a vocation. And once again because, without prayer, vocations offered by God may not even be recognized by those who receive them or, if recognized, will not be generously responded to."

We must also pray for strong Catholic families, for as Pope St. John Paul II said, the family is the "seed-bed of vocations." May Catholic families today be true domestic churches, true seed-beds of vocations!

— Rev. Derek Remus.

This Week in the Parish

- Sat, Apr 25
 - 9:00 am MASS: Timothy Zak(+)
 - Mass in Anticipation of 4th Sunday of Easter
 - 5:00 pm MASS: Rowena D'Santos (+)
- Sun, Apr 26 —4th Sunday of Easter
 - 9:00 am MASS: Juliet Seguin (+)
 - 11:00 am MASS: Parishioners -Living & Deceased (Int)
 - Coffee & Social after all weekend Masses
- Mon, Apr 27
- Tues, Apr 28
 - 9:00 am MASS: Donna Feddema(Int)
- Wed, Apr 29
 - 9:00 am MASS : Marie- Christine Charles (+)
- Thurs, Apr 30
 - 9:00 am MASS : Peter Thompson (Int)
- Fri, May 1
 - 9:00 am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 - 6:00 pm: Benediction
 - 6:30 pm: Couples for Christ (Hall)
 - 7:00 pm MASS : Patrick and Gay O'Brien (+)
- Sat, May 2
 - 9:00 am MASS : Jessica Gregorash (Int)
 - 10:00 am : Baptism Preparation Session
 - 11:00 am : Confirmation Altar Server Practice (Church)
 - 1:00 pm : Confirmation Rehearsal (Church)
 - Mass in Anticipation of 5th Sunday of Easter
 - 5:00 pm MASS: Noreen MacDonald (Int)
- Sun, May 3 —5th Sunday of Easter
 - 9:00 am MASS: Deceased Members of the Gaudreau Family(+)
 - 11:00 am MASS: Parishioners -Living & Deceased (Int)
 - Coffee & Social after all weekend Masses

Updates from Society of St. Vincent de Paul

If you require support, please call the parish office at 403-252-2790 and select extension 3 for the St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) helpline.

We are currently collecting the following items for hampers: Canned fruit, Canned vegetables, Soup and Reusable grocery bags that are no longer needed

Sacrament of Confirmation

You are Invited

St. Cecilia's Parish joyfully invites you to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at our Parish on **Sunday, May 3rd at the 11:00 a.m. Mass**. The celebration will be presided over by **His Excellency, Bishop McGrattan**.

All parishioners are warmly encouraged to attend and participate in this special liturgy. Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Children's Sacraments

First Communion Schedule

Sacrament of Holy Communion:

Sunday, May 31 @11am Mass

Sacrament of Confirmation

Sacrament of Confirmation:

Sunday, May 3 @11am Mass

Sacrament of Baptism

To register.

Email: sacraments@stcecialiacalgary.com

Baptismal registration forms are available in the pamphlet rack. Completed forms can be dropped off in the office or the box kept in the narthex. Parish office will contact you for the further steps.

Upcoming Preparatory Sessions:

Saturday, May 2 at 10 am

Homebound?

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

Are you new to our parish?

Welcome to St. Cecilia Parish! If you have been attending regularly for six months or more, we invite you to pick up a parish registration form from the pamphlet rack in the Narthex.

Quick Reminders

1. A reminder that the volunteer survey is due by Wednesday, April 29. Please see the volunteer screening insert for more details.
2. Items for next week's bulletin are due by Wednesday.
3. St. Cecilia's Shawl Group will be meeting after 9 am Mass on Tuesday April 28th.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION & SCREENING – ATTENTION

As part of the Diocese of Calgary's commitment to creating a safe and welcoming environment for all, every parish volunteer is asked to participate in the Volunteer Information and Screening process. This helps ensure the safety of children, youth, and vulnerable persons, and supports placing volunteers in appropriate ministries.

An email was sent from the parish office this past Friday to all current volunteers. If you did not receive it, please access the form through this link:

<https://forms.gle/9yyRUv1E9BmMj7Cc8>

At this time, we have received responses from only about half of our volunteers. If you are currently serving in any ministry and have not yet submitted your information, please do so as soon as possible. Those who do not respond will be assumed to no longer wish to volunteer and will be removed from our volunteer list. Moving forward, only those who have submitted their information will remain on the active volunteer roster.

QR codes are posted throughout the church for easy access to the form. **If you do not have a phone or email address, you may take a paper form, complete it, and place it in the box provided in the narthex. This option is intended for those don't have an email address.**

This initiative helps us maintain accurate and up-to-date volunteer records at St. Cecilia Parish. If you are currently volunteering or would like to begin volunteering, we kindly ask for your prompt response.

HORIZONS of HOPE

A TOOLKIT FOR CATHOLIC PARISHES ON PALLIATIVE CARE

WORKSHOP



Horizons of Hope is an educational resource to help understand and reflect upon end-of-life issues and to promote the need for excellent palliative care. It will assist in clarifying misinformation, and reverse the deceptive messaging found in this increasing culture of death. We invite you to attend the 4-module workshop program being offered in Spring 2026.

The Horizons of Hope program has been designed for:

- People seeking to learn more about palliative care and Catholic Church teaching on end-of-life;
- Individuals recently diagnosed with serious and/or terminal illness;
- Family members and friends seeking guidance and access to resources as they accompany the loved one faced with a serious or terminal illness;
- Medical professionals, caregivers;
- Members of pastoral care teams and other parishioners; and
- Parishes seeking to form a Compassionate Community program.

Join the Workshop

- **Saturday, May 2 (7 to 9 pm)**
Module 1: Understanding the Human Experience of Dying and Death
 - **Saturday, May 9 (7 to 9 pm)**
Module 2: Discerning and Making Decisions at the End of Life
 - **Saturday, May 16 (7 to 9 pm)**
Module 3: Accompanying Those at the End of Life
 - **Saturday, May 23 (7 to 9 pm)**
Module 4: Supporting and Integrating Within the Wider Community
- Mass at 5 pm (with supper)

St. Gerard's,
Calgary

8944 Elbow Dr SW

Facilitator
Quentin Goetz

Cost per Person:
\$10/ per session
\$20 with meals

Register by Apr 26

REGISTRATION

Register online here



Or call 403-218-5521



Horizons of Hope Workshop - St. Gerard's, Calgary

The Diocese of Calgary invites individuals and families to deepen their understanding of palliative care and the Catholic Church's teaching on end-of-life care through Horizons of Hope.

Register by Apr 26 ONLINE (\$10/person | \$20 with supper)

Please remember all priests in your prayers, as well as those discerning their vocation, as we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations this weekend.

Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

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All are welcome to this morning walk for life: Saturday, May 9-Prince's Island Park (Enmax Stage), Calgary.

Enjoy a community walk, live music by Eric Reinhart & Friends, a BBQ lunch, refreshments, and fun prizes! Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex.



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Legionaries carry out spiritual works such as evangelization, visiting the sick and shut-ins, encouraging people to return to the Church and the Sacraments, promoting the Pilgrim Virgin Statue, and the Sacred Heart Enthronement in homes.

All are welcome to join us as we serve Christ through Mary. Meetings: Fridays, 5:30 – 7:00 pm in the Boardroom (where the choirs practice).

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