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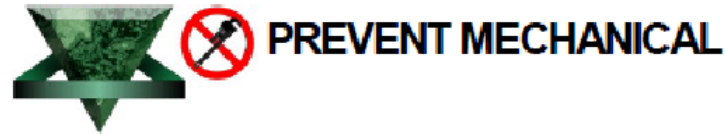
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## ST. CECILIA PARISH

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PARISH STAFF		WEEKEND MASSES:
Pastor: Rev. Derek Remus	derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca	Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Parish Secretary: Aann Abraham	office@stceciliacalgary.com	<b>WEEKDAY MASSES:</b> Tuesday to Saturday : 9:00 am <b>First Friday : 7:00 pm</b> (No 9 am Mass)
Sacrament Preparation: Kelly Sereda	sacraments@stceciliacalgary.com	
Music Director: Ross N. Ferby Bookkeeper: David Mu	ross@stceciliacalgary.com	Confessions: Tues to Sat 8:15am - 8:45am Saturday 3 - 4:30 pm Sunday 8 - 8:30 am or by appointment
PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday to Friday: 8:00am - 3:30pm Closed during Mass hours and 12:30pm to 1:00pm	<b>Adoration</b> Fridays 9:30am - 6:00pm First Friday: 9:00am - 6:00pm	
Next Bulletin Items to be given to office before Wednesday		

### Year A – Second Sunday of Lent – March 1, 2026

“Lord, it is good for us to be here ...”

Gospel – Matthew 17:1-9

### 2026 Together in Action

Thank you for the collective efforts you have given to the 2025 Together in Action in our parish! The 2026 Together in Action campaign has begun on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026. The theme for this year's TIA is inspired by the Jubilee Year of St. Francis.

“But someone will say, ‘You have faith and I have works.’ Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith.” (James 2:18)  
This year's TIA also marks the final year of the financial commitment of the Diocese to the National Indigenous Reconciliation Fund, supporting Indigenous-led initiatives across Southern Alberta.

### Multiply the Hope

In the spirit of the Jubilee Year proclaimed by Pope Francis last year, our Diocese is launching a matching financial campaign for parishes called, Multiply the Hope.

The campaign lasts until the end of 2027. Find out more about this campaign at [www.catholicyc.ca/multiplythehope](http://www.catholicyc.ca/multiplythehope)

### This Week in the Parish

- Sat, Feb 28  
9:00 am MASS: John Wojtowicz(+)  
Mass in Anticipation of the 2nd Sunday of Lent  
5:00 pm MASS: Milagro Sotto and Tito Bungabong(+)
- Sun, Mar 1—2nd Sunday of Lent  
9:00 am MASS: James and Spencer Belot (Int)  
11:00 am MASS: All Parishioners L&D (Int)  
Coffee & Social after Sunday morning Masses
- Mon, Mar 2
- Tues, Mar 3  
9:00 am MASS: Pavla D'Souza (Int)
- Wed, Mar 4  
9:00 am MASS : Catherin Kennedy (Int)
- Thurs, Mar 5  
9:00 am MASS : Joseph and Nimalka (Int)
- Fri, Mar 6  
9:30 am: Adoration  
7:00 pm MASS: Tom Bulger(+)
- Sat, Mar 7  
9:00 am MASS : All Souls in Purgatory (+)  
Mass in Anticipation of the 3rd Sunday of Lent  
5:00 pm MASS: Sheila Mattar (+)
- Sun, Mar 8 —3rd Sunday of Lent  
9:00 am MASS: Theresa and Ronald Sibthorpe (Int)  
11:00 am MASS: Parishioners L&D (Int)  
Coffee & Social after Sunday morning Masses



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**Getting Connected to Formed.org**

The Parish Renewal Team will be available in the narthex after all weekend Masses during Lent to assist anyone that would like to be connected to Formed.org. - an online platform for Catholic books, movies, articles, programs & podcasts. Our parish has a subscription to Formed, which means that it is available to all parishioners for free.

**CWL Update**

St. Cecilia's Catholic Women's League is offering our "Frozen Food Fundraiser." We offer both restaurant quality fish and meet and many vegetarian foods at wholesale prices. Your generous support helps contribute to the many charities support by the CWL. Order page closes midnight on Sunday, March 15. Orders will be available for pick up at St. Cecilia's Church on Wednesday, March 25 from 4 - 5 pm.

**First Friday Mass with St. John Choir Schola**

On Friday, March 6, the St. John Choir Schola (SJCS) will visit St. Cecilia's Parish to sing at a Mass celebrated by Fr. Derek at 12 pm. SJCS is an academic program that offers homeschooling students a Catholic classical education and formation in choral music. All parishioners are welcome to attend the Mass.

**Our Schools**

Fr. Derek visits all 3 of our schools monthly.

**St. Matthew School:**

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

**St. William School:**

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

**St. Cecilia School:** <https://secure.smcore.com/n/84rf1>

**Children's Sacraments**

**First Eucharist Schedule**

Gathering 2 March 14 (10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.)

**Sacrament Holy Communion:**

**Sunday May 31st -11AM Mass**

**Sacrament of Confirmation**

**Key dates for Confirmation Schedule**

Gathering 6 March 19 (7:00 pm. to 8:30 pm.)

**Sacrament of Confirmation May 03 11:00am**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Email: sacraments@stceciliacalgary.com to register.

BAPTISM CLASSES

Sat, March 7 at 9:30 AM & Sat, April 11 at 9:30 AM

**The Splendor of Chastity:**

**Living the Virtue of Holy Purity in Today's World-**

A Presentation by Fr. Derek Remus

Where: St. Cecilia's Church

When: Thursday, March 12 @ 7 pm

The idea of chastity in today's world is often belittled, attacked, or misunderstood. In this presentation, Fr. Derek will speak about the beauty of chastity and how to live it out in today's world. He will also speak about the Angelic Warfare Confraternity, a spiritual community of Christ's faithful for the pursuit and promotion of the virtue of chastity under the patronage of St. Thomas Aquinas.

**Mass Intention Requests**

You are always welcome to come to the parish office to book a Mass intention in person. Beginning next weekend, you may also request a Mass intention using Email, Google Forms and QR Code. More information to follow.

**40 Days for Life**

This Lent, our parish is participating along with many other churches in 40 Days for Life, an international effort to promote respect for the sanctity of human life through prayer, fasting, community outreach, and peaceful vigils near abortion clinics. We are looking for volunteers from our parish to participate in 40 Days for Life by praying near the Kensington abortion clinic on Thursday, March 5 from 12 - 4 pm and Thursday, March 26 from 12 - 4 pm. To sign up, please see the special table with the "40 Days for Life" sign in the narthex.

**Workshop for Lectors**

Thursday, March 5@7:00pm. This workshop is required for all new and existing Lectors. If unable to attend, please notify the parish office.

**Stations of the Cross**

During the Lenten season, there will be a stations of the cross every Friday at 7 PM. Confessions will be heard **before** the Stations from 6-6:45 pm and **after** the Stations.

**PASTORS MESSAGE**

On the Second Sunday of Lent, Holy Mother Church has us listen to the Gospel of the Transfiguration. St. Leo the Great remarks that the principal purpose of the Transfiguration was "to take away from the hearts of the disciples the scandal of the Cross." Six days before being transfigured, Jesus Christ told His disciples for the first time that He must suffer, be killed, and rise from the dead. Through His Transfiguration, He gives Peter, James, and John a foretaste of the glory to which His suffering and death will lead - the glory of the Resurrection. The Gospel of the Transfiguration is meant to encourage us as we undertake our Lenten penance. If we deny ourselves and take up our cross, we will share in the glory of Christ's Resurrection from the dead.

**First Five Saturdays Devotion**

This Saturday is the first Saturday of March. When the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared at Fatima in 1917, she asked that Christians practice the First Five Saturdays Devotion. Our Lady promised to assist those who practice this Devotion with the graces necessary for salvation at the hour of death. She also said that the spread of the Devotion will help bring about peace in the world and the triumph of her Immaculate Heart.

The Devotion consists of the following practices performed on the first Saturdays of five consecutive months in reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

- Go to Confession (within 20 days before or after the first Saturday)
- Receive Holy Communion
- Say five decades of the Rosary
- Keep the Blessed Virgin Mary company by meditating for an extra 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary

The reason this Devotion is **five** Saturdays is because of five offences committed against Mary's Immaculate Heart: 1) blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception; 2) blasphemies against Her Perpetual Virginity; 3) blasphemies against Her Divine Maternity; 4) blasphemies of those who publicly seek to sow in the hearts of children indifference or scorn, or even hatred of the Immaculate Mother; 5) offenses of those who outrage Her directly in Her holy images.