

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 began on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026. 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. Our TIA goal is \$31,539.00



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.

Our fundraising goal is \$158,425.00. In 2025, we had an operational profit of \$99,257.95. This has enabled us to allocate \$50,000 from 2025 to our Multiply the Hope Fund.

The campaign lasts until the end of 2027. To be eligible for the match, we must first meet our operating budget and TIA goal. Find out more about this campaign at www.catholicyc.ca/multiplythehope

40 Hours Devotions for Vocations

Parishes throughout the Diocese are participating in 40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

During these sacred hours, we gather before the Blessed Sacrament to ask the Lord to inspire generous hearts to follow His call and to support those already discerning their vocation.

Jesus tells us: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." Let us come together to pray that many will respond courageously to God's call.

Upcoming dates for 40 Hours Devotion:

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.



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.

Chrism Mass

All are invited to attend the **Chrism Mass on Monday, March 30 at 7:00 PM at St. Mary's Cathedral.** During this beautiful liturgy, the Bishop blesses the **Holy Oils** that will be used for the sacraments throughout the year. The priests of the Diocese also renew their promises.

DIOCESAN NEWS

For more information check the Bulletin Boards or go to <https://www.catholicyc.ca/resources.html>

Outdoor Way of The Cross - Volunteer Opportunities

Join Bishop McGrattan and the faithful of the Diocese of Calgary for the Outdoor Way of the Cross.

When: Fri, Apr 3, at 8:30 am | St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary.

Help bring this prayerful re-enactment of Christ's Passion to life by assisting with various roles. [Register to volunteer](#)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK



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


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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	WEEKDAY MASSES: Tuesday to Saturday : 9:00 am First Friday : 7:00 pm (No 9 am Mass)
Sacrament Preparation: Kelly Sereda	sacraments@stceciliacalgary.com	
Music Director: Ross N. Ferby	ross@stceciliacalgary.com	Confessions: Tues to Sat: 8:15am-8:45am Saturday : 3:00pm - 4:30 pm Sunday: 8:00am - 8:30 am or by appointment
Bookkeeper: David Mu	office@stceciliacalgary.com	
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	
Please submit items for the next bulletin to the office before Wednesday.		

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

The Fifth Sunday of Lent marks the beginning of the last two weeks of Lent, which are traditionally known as Passiontide. During this, we meditate more intensely on the epic drama of the Passion of Jesus Christ, who, though He was God, chose to suffer the torment of the Cross for our salvation. It is customary on this Sunday to cover the crosses and statues of saints in the church. We deprive ourselves of the sensible consolation of these holy images in order to enter more deeply into the sufferings of Christ. The Gospel this weekend is the Gospel of the resurrection of Lazarus, the resurrection that led to Christ's own execution. Before allowing Himself to be put to death, Christ wanted to make it clear that He has the power to raise from the dead.

There is good news in Alberta. This past week, the provincial government tabled Bill 18, which, if passed, will restrict "medical assistance in dying" (MAID) by, among other things, prohibiting the expansion of MAID to the mentally ill, the expansion of MAID to minors, and the expansion of MAID to those who cannot consent. Advance requests for MAID will be prohibited. Health care practitioners will be prohibited from bringing MAID up to patients who have not requested it. Individual practitioners and institutions will be allowed not to participate in or provide assessments for MAID. "Medical assistance in dying" is simply a euphemism for medical practitioners killing their patients or helping them kill themselves. It is not medicine at all; it is intentional killing. We should thank our provincial government for standing up for the sacredness of human life and urge our MLAs to support Bill 18. And we should pray and put pressure on the federal government to prohibit MAID altogether and make it a criminal offence once more. — Rev. Derek Remus.

This Week in the Parish

Sat, Mar 21
9:00 am MASS : Betty Gregorash (Int)
Mass in Anticipation of the 5th Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm MASS: Wilfredo Bungabong & Manny Greg(+)

Sun, Mar 22 — 5th Sunday of Lent
9:00 am MASS: Nishen & Nimalka (Int)
11:00 am MASS: Parishioners (Int)
Coffee & Social after all weekend Masses

Mon, Mar 23

Tues, Mar 24
9:00 am MASS: Tony Reed (+)
10:00 am: Bible Study (Board Room)
6:30 pm: SSVF (Board Room)
7:00 pm: RCIA (Upper Hall)

Wed, Mar 25
9:00 am MASS : Cathy Doran (Int)

Thurs, Mar 26
9:00 am MASS : Osmaida Silva (+)
11:00 am: Book Study (Library)
7:00 pm: Penitential Service

Fri, Mar 27
9:00 am MASS: Nicole Pagliano (+)
9:30 am: Adoration
6:00 pm: Benediction
7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross

Sat, Mar 28
9:00 am MASS : Cecile Arsenault (+)
Mass in Anticipation of the Palm Sunday
5:00 pm MASS: Rosario Samson(+)

Sun, Mar 29 — Palm Sunday
9:00 am MASS: Jean Paul Malilo (+)
11:00 am MASS: Parishioners (Int)
Coffee & Social after all weekend Masses

Updates from Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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

Monthly Cake



We serve cake in the hall on the last weekend of the month to celebrate birthdays and wedding anniversaries in the month. If you would like to sponsor the monthly cakes, the cost is \$150. We look after the order and pickup!

Pilgrim Virgin Statue

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue is visiting the homes of the faithful in our parish. 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. To have the statue come to your home, please call the parish office: (403) 252-2790.

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.

Volunteering at St. Cecilia Parish

Would you like to serve in a ministry at **St. Cecilia Parish**? We invite you to prayerfully consider volunteering. There are many ways to share your gifts and support our parish community. Pamphlets with information about the different ministries are available on the **pamphlet racks in the Narthex**. Please take one and consider becoming involved in the life of our parish.

Updates from CWL

Please note your Orders from Frozen Food Fundraiser will be **ready for pickup at St. Cecilia's Church on Wednesday, March 25, from 4:00–5:00 PM.**

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will resume gathering on Tuesday, March 31st after the 9am Mass. Please bring the completed work to be blessed after Mass. For further details, please contact: Donna Suderman @ (403) 252 2718.

40 Days for Life

This Lent, our parish is joining 40 Days for Life, an international campaign promoting respect for human life through prayer, fasting, outreach, and peaceful witness. Parishioners are invited to pray near the Kensington abortion clinic on Thursday, March 26 from 12–4 PM.

To sign up, please visit the 40 Days for Life table in the narthex or contact Ken Moen at (403) 888-8833.

Book Club

St. Cecilia's Book Club is meeting on Tuesday, March 26th at **11:00am in the Library**. We are reading *Introduction to the Devout Life* by **St. Francis de Sales**, a spiritual classic written for laypeople.

Lenten Penitential Service

Our Lenten Penitential Service is on Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 PM. All are invited to come and prepare spiritually for Easter through prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Funerals

The parish extends its deepest condolences to the family of Janet O'Brien, wife of Frank O'Brien. Her funeral will be celebrated this Thursday, March 26 at 11 am.

The parish also extends its deepest condolences to the family of Cecile Arsenault, whose funeral Mass will be celebrated this Friday, March 27 at 1 pm.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Mass Intention Requests

Parishioners are welcome to request Mass intentions for the living or deceased.

How to Request

- In person: Visit the parish office
- Online: <https://forms.gle/LSLNU9BeLUDik1oc9> (or scan the QR code on the parish bulletin board)
- Email: stceciaparishoffice@gmail.com

Please include the name of the person, indicate RIP (Rest in Peace) or Living, and your preferred Mass date (if unavailable, the next available date will be assigned).

Mass Stipends:

May be submitted by e-transfer (Office@stceciacalgary.com) or by envelope in the collection basket/parish office marked "Mass Intention."



A confirmation email will be sent once the request and offering are received.

Mass intentions are currently being accepted for 2026.

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday, March 29

Anticipated Mass on Saturday at 5 pm
Mass on Sunday @ 9 and 11 am
Before each Mass, we will gather in the church hall for the blessing of palms.

Holy Thursday, April 2

Office of Readings & Morning Prayer @ 8 am
Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until midnight.
Fr. Derek will be available for Confessions after Mass.

Good Friday, April 3

Office of Readings & Morning Prayer @ 8 am
Outdoor Way of the Cross @ 10 am
Celebration of the Lord's Passion @ 3 pm.
Fr. Derek will be available for Confessions after the Celebration.

Holy Saturday, April 4

Office of Readings & Morning Prayer @ 8 am
Easter Vigil @ 8 pm

Easter Sunday, April 5

Mass @ 9 am and 11 am



Easter Altar Flower Donation

Please consider contributing to our Easter Altar Flower Fund to help beautify our sanctuary for the Easter celebration. Donation envelopes are available in the pews and in the vestibule. Please print your name clearly and include your Envelope Number if you require a tax receipt.

Kindly place your envelope with cash or cheque in the box located in the Narthex, or drop it in the collection basket during Sunday Mass.

Stations of the Cross

During the Lenten season, there will be 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.



Year A – Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 22, 2026
"Unbind him ..."

What is God's challenge for me this week? Perhaps it is to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation, visit the grave of a loved one, seek out the dying in our parish?



Children's Sacraments

First Communion Schedule

Gathering # 3:
Saturday, March 28th 2026 (10 am to 11:30am)
Sacrament of Holy Communion:
Sunday, May 31 @11am Mass

Sacrament of Confirmation

Thurs, March 19 (7:00pm. to 8:30pm.)
Sacrament of Confirmation:
Sunday, May 3 @11am Mass

Sacrament of Baptism

Email: sacraments@stceciacalgary.com to register.
Upcoming Preparatory Sessions:
Saturday, April 11 at 10 am

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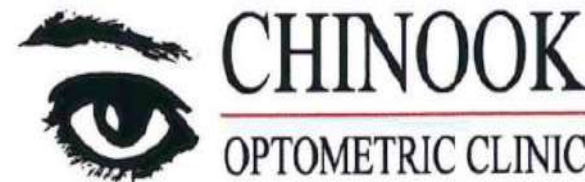
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Good Friday, April 3, 2026

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