

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

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](#)

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.

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.

Elizabeth House Charity Dinner - May 26

Join us for an elegant evening of fine dining, live music, and a lively silent auction in support of mothers building a brighter future at Elizabeth House. Your presence will help fund much-needed renovations, including an additional bedroom to welcome more women and babies into a safe, supportive home.

When: Saturday, May 23, 2026 | 6:00 – 9:30 PM

Where: Calgary Italian Cultural Centre

For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit catholicyc.ca/blooms.

More details are available on the bulletin board.

St. Matthew School – WestJet Gift of Flight Fundraiser

The St. Matthew School Council is excited to launch the WestJet Gift of Flight Fundraiser. Proceeds will support meaningful arts and culture experiences for students and help purchase educational technology that enhances classroom learning. We invite you to support our students by purchasing a raffle ticket and sharing this fundraiser with family and friends.

Raffle tickets can be purchased at the link below:

<http://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/thecccf-2026sms>

DIOCESAN NEWS

For more information check the Bulletin Boards or go to

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

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 **403-231-9505**

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

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	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 standard of the King appears: there gleams the mystery of the Cross, through which the Founder of our flesh was hung upon a gibbet."—from the 6th century hymn Vexilla Regis Prodeunt by Venantius Fortunatus, Bishop of Poitiers

Today is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. Hailed by the crowds as the King of Israel and the Son of David, the Lord Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem, seated on a donkey, in order to ascend the throne of the Cross. Today's liturgy calls us to follow in Christ's footsteps, "so that, being made by his grace partakers of the Cross, we may have a share also in his resurrection and in his life."

In his classic work Christ in His Mysteries, Blessed Columba Marmion, an Irish Benedictine monk and abbot:

"Each year, during Holy Week, the Church lives over again with Jesus day by day, hour by hour, all the phases of the mystery of blood of her Divine Bridegroom. She places her children before the spectacle of those sufferings which saved humanity. Formerly, servile works were forbidden during those holy days. All law cases were suspended as well as all business. The thought of a God-Man, redeeming the world by His sorrows, occupied every mind, moved every heart. Now, many souls, saved by Christ's Blood, pass these days in indifference. Let us be so much the more faith to contemplate, in union with the Church, the various episodes of this sacred mystery. We shall find therein a source of priceless graces."

God, the Creator of all things, suffered and died on a Cross for our salvation. Let us not be indifferent. — Rev. Derek Remus.

This Week in the Parish

Sat, Mar 28
9:00 am MASS : Cecile Arsenault (+)
Mass in Anticipation of 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

Mon, Mar 30

Tues, Mar 31
9:00 am MASS: Vivian Kurtenbach (+)
10:00 am: Bible Study (Board Room)
7:00 pm: RCIA (Upper Hall)

Wed, Apr 1
9:00 am MASS : Panganiban Family (Int)

Thurs, Apr 2 -**HOLY THURSDAY**
11:00 am: Book Study (Library)
7:00 pm MASS of the Lord's Supper: Cecile Arsenault (+)
8:00 pm: Adoration until Midnight

Fri, Apr 3-**GOOD FRIDAY**
10:00 am: Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm: **Celebration of the Passion of the Lord**

Sat, Apr 4- **EASTER VIGIL**
8:00 pm MASS: Parishioners -Living & Deceased (Int)

Sun, Apr 5 —**EASTER SUNDAY**
9:00 am MASS: Parishioners -Living & Deceased (Int)
11:00 am MASS: Parishioners -Living & Deceased (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 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!

Book Club

St. Cecilia's Book Club is meeting on Tuesday's, 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.

Reminders

A few boxed envelopes that have not yet been collected are available in the **narthex**. Please check and pick them up if you find yours there.

There will be no bulletin next week.

The parish office will be closed on Good Friday and will reopen on Tuesday, April 7.

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.

40 Days for Life

our parish is participating in 40 Days for Life, an international campaign that promotes respect for human life through prayer, fasting, outreach, and peaceful witness. Parishioners are warmly invited to take part in prayer near the Kensington abortion clinic.

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

The Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is a worldwide Catholic association whose members serve the Church under the guidance of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Its main purpose is the holiness of its members and helping others grow closer to Jesus through Mary.

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).

If you would like to be part of the **Legion of Mary**, please take a **Volunteer Sign-Up brochure** from the pamphlet rack. Check the Legion of Mary option and place the completed form in the **box at the pamphlet rack** or in the **collection basket**. A member of the Legion will contact you soon.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue is visiting homes in our parish. By welcoming the Blessed Virgin Mary into your home, you invite the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—and the blessings and peace they bring. To have the statue visit your home, please call the parish office at (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.

Mass Intention Requests

Parishioners are welcome to request Mass intentions for the living or deceased. Mass To ensure your Mass intentions are properly recorded, please use only the designated envelopes found in the pews or the pamphlet rack. Thank you for your understanding.

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: stceciliaparishoffice@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@stceciliacalgary.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.

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.



Children's Sacraments

First Communion Schedule

Gathering # 4:

Saturday, April 18th 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@stceciliacalgary.com to register.

Upcoming Preparatory Sessions:

Saturday, April 11 at 10 am

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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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Fr. Robert Mokry, o.f.m., Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

Divine Mercy Sunday

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"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. "On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity." -Jesus to St. Faustina Kowalska



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