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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.		

Third Sunday of Lent – March 8, 2026

“The water that I will give will become a spring of water gushing up to eternal life...”

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.”(James2:18)

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 \$31539.00

Multiply the Hope

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 \$158425.00. 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

This Week in the Parish

- 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 Sibthorte (Int)
 - 11:00 am MASS: Parishioners L&D (Int)
 - Coffee & Social after all weekend Masses
- Mon, Mar 9
- Tues, Mar 10
 - 9:00 am MASS: All souls in Purgatory (+)
 - 10:00 am: Bible Study (Board Room)
 - 6:00 pm: CWL (Church Hall)
 - 7:00 pm: RCIA (Upper Hall)
- Wed, Mar 11
 - 9:00 am MASS : Romano Kamtigue (+)
- Thurs, Mar 12
 - 9:00 am MASS : Ricardo Castro (+)
 - 7:00 pm: Presentation by Fr. Derek Remus (Church)
- Fri, Mar 13
 - 7:00 pm MASS: Alex & Jeannette Sereda(+)
 - 9:30 am: Adoration
 - 6:00 pm: Benediction
- Sat, Mar 14
 - 9:00 am MASS : Raymunda Martinez(Int)
 - 10:00 am: First Communion Session (Upper Hall)
 - Mass in Anticipation of the 4th Sunday of Lent
 - 5:00 pm MASS: Saturnino Guinto(+)
- Sun, Mar 15 —4th Sunday of Lent
 - 9:00 am MASS: Nick & Pearl Ferby (Int)
 - 11:00 am MASS: Parishioners L&D (Int)
 - Coffee & Social after all weekend Masses



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CWL Update

St. Cecilia's Catholic Women's League is offering our "Frozen Food Fundraiser." We offer both restaurant quality fish and meat and many vegetarian foods at wholesale prices. Your generous support helps contribute to the many charities supported 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 - 5pm. Link: <https://fundforward.ca/>

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

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.

Children's Sacraments

First Communion Schedule

Gathering 2: Saturday, March 14 (10 am to 11:30am.

Sacrament of Holy Communion:

Sunday May 31st -11am Mass

Sacrament of Confirmation

Gathering 6: Thursday, 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, Mar 7 at

10:00 am & Saturday, April 11 at 10:00 am

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.smores.com/n/84rf1>

Mass Intention Requests

Parishioners are welcome to request Mass intentions for loved ones who have passed away or for special intentions.

Ways to Request a Mass Intention

1. **In Person:** You may visit the parish office to book a Mass intention.

2. **Online Form :**You may submit your request using our online form: <https://forms.gle/LSLNu9BeLUDik1oc9>

QR code: You can also access the form by scanning the QR code and filling in the details. You can find the code on our parish bulletin board as well.



3. **By Email**

Send your request to: stceciaparisoffice@gmail.com

Please include:

Name of the person for whom the Mass is offered

Indicate whether the intention is:

RIP (Rest in Peace)/Living

Preferred Mass date (if unavailable, the next available date will be assigned)

Mass Stipends

The Mass stipends may be submitted through:

1.E-transfer: Office@stceciacalgary.com. Enter a proof of transfer e.g.: Screenshot of transfer.

2.Envelope brought to office or placed in the collection basket. Please indicate on the envelope "Mass Intention" and include the request details. Envelopes are available in the pamphlet rack.

3. You may also bring your offering to the parish office.

Confirmation

Once the request and offering are received, the parish office will send an email confirmation with the scheduled Mass date.

Booking Availability

Mass intention requests are currently being accepted for 2026.

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.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

In the Gospel for the Third Sunday of Lent this year, we listen to the dialogue between Jesus Christ and the Samaritan woman. Christ says to the woman: "[T]he one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty." Deep down, the human heart thirsts for God.

But Christ thirsts for our souls as well. From the Cross, He says, "I thirst." These words, "I thirst," are the motto of the Missionaries of Charity - the community of sisters founded by St. Teresa of Calcutta. Mother Teresa taught her sisters to satisfy the thirst of Christ by serving the poorest of the poor and by spending time with Christ in Eucharistic Adoration. Whenever we spend time praying before the Blessed Sacrament, we satisfy the thirst of Christ.

An article in the most recent issue of *Faithfully*, the diocesan newsletter, speaks about how Eucharistic Adoration renews parishes. In the coming months, we are going to focus on increasing our times of Eucharistic Adoration at St. Cecilia's Parish.

How to Make a Holy Hour by Fr. Derek Remus

Where: Holy Spirit Parish

10827 24 Street SW Calgary, AB

When: Wednesday, March 11 @ 7:30 pm

Fr. Derek will speak about the power of Eucharistic Adoration and how to make a holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament.

The Splendour of Chastity and the Angelic Warfare Confraternity

by Fr. Derek Remus

Where: St. Cecilia's Church

When: Thursday, March 12 @ 7 pm

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.