




## ST. CECILIA PARISH

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 Parish Website: [www.stceciliacalgary.com](http://www.stceciliacalgary.com) Diocesan Website: [www.catholicyc.ca](http://www.catholicyc.ca)

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> <b>(No 9 am Mass)</b>
Sacrament Preparation: Kelly Sereda	sacraments@stceciliacalgary.com	
Music Director: Ross N. Ferby	ross@stceciliacalgary.com	<b>Confessions:</b> 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:	<b>Adoration</b> 	
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	
<b>Please submit items for the next bulletin to the office before Wednesday.</b>		

### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

In his magnificent work *The Liturgical Year*, Dom Prosper Guéranger, founder and abbot of the great Benedictine monastery of Solesmes, France, writes that the main practice for the Christian soul during the holy season of Easter is spiritual joy. This joy, he says, "is a foretaste of eternal happiness" and is just as profitable to our souls "as the contrition and penance of Lent."

During the Easter season (which, we should remember, lasts 50 days), we should spend time in prayer contemplating the glorious mystery of Christ's resurrection from the dead, for this will give rise to spiritual joy. We should also seek to deepen our love for the Holy Eucharist, for it is through the Eucharist that the risen Christ continues to dwell among us. At every Mass, bread and wine are really changed into the Body and Blood of Christ - the same Body that was nailed to the Cross and rose from the dead, the same Blood that flowed from Christ's pierced side.

Unfortunately, several studies show that many Catholics today do not believe that Christ is really present in the Eucharist. But He is really present, for He Himself has told us so. The month of April is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Eucharist. Here are some ways we can show our faith and love for Jesus in the Eucharist: 1) genuflecting to the tabernacle every time we enter a Catholic Church; 2) spending some time before Mass and after Mass in silent prayer; 3) avoiding unnecessary conversation when we are in the church, remembering that the church is a house of prayer; 4) following the law of the Church of fasting for one hour before receiving Holy Communion (we should not bring food and drink into Mass); 5) receiving Holy Communion in the state of sanctifying grace; 6) spending time in Eucharistic Adoration or prayer before the tabernacle.

The Eucharist is the source of all true joy. — Rev. Derek Remus.

### This Week in the Parish

- Sat, Apr 18  
9:00 am MASS : Denis (+)  
Mass in Anticipation of 3rd Sunday of Easter  
5:00 pm MASS: Editha Altares (Int)
- Sun, Apr 19 — 3rd 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*
- Mon, Apr 20  
7:00 pm : Speaker Knight Program( Upper Hall)
- Tues, Apr 21  
9:00 am MASS: No Morning Mass  
10:00 am: Bible Study (Board Room)  
7:00 pm MASS: Elizabeth Csiki(+)
- Wed, Apr 22  
9:00 am MASS : Reparation of sins of abortion, euthanasia, suicide (Int)
- Thurs, Apr 23  
9:00 am MASS : Andre and Suzanne Dansereau (Int)  
10:00 am: Bible Study (Board Room)  
11:00 am: Book Study (Library)
- Fri, Apr 24-James and Spencer Belot(Int)  
10:00 am: Stations of the Cross  
6:30 pm: Couples for Christ(Hall)
- 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)  
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### 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](http://catholicyc.ca/blooms).  
 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>

### 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.

## 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.

### Upcoming Presentation

**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.

### 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](http://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.

### 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

### 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 Tuesdays, 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.

### Children's Sacraments

#### First Communion Schedule

Sacrament of Holy Communion:

Sunday, May 31 @11am Mass

#### Sacrament of Confirmation

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Sunday, May 3 @11am Mass

#### Sacrament of Baptism

To register.

Email: sacraments@stceciliacalgary.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 as they receive it.

Upcoming Preparatory Sessions:

Saturday, May 2 at 10 am

### 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. Mass on Tuesday, April 21 will be celebrated at 7 pm rather than 9 am, as Fr. Derek has to be away from the parish that morning to attend a meeting of the presbyteral council.

The presbyteral council is a group of priests that, representing the priests of the diocese, is "like a senate of the bishop" and "assists the bishop in the governance of the diocese according to the norm of the law" (*Code of Canon Law, Canon 495 §1*).

2. A reminder that the volunteer survey is due by Wednesday, April 29. Please see the volunteer screening insert for more details.

3. Items for next week's bulletin are due by Wednesday.

### 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.

### Homebound?

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

### 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.

### 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.

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

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Brendan and Judith Okonwo, whose daughter Chimkasimma Brielle will be baptized this weekend after the 11 am Mass.



### St. Cecilia's Parish Profit & Loss Statement (Unaudited)

	Actuals Year to date Dec-25	Actuals Year to date Dec-24	Change Actuals
<b>Revenue</b>			
Weekly Collections	421,203	400,848	20,355
<b>Other Income</b>			
Donation/grant	25,084	19,429	5,654
Other Income	119,634	85,235	34,399
Multiply the Hope	52,290	0	52,290
Welfare- other	140	1,192	(1,052)
Clergy Rent	6,000	7,200	(1,200)
Hall Booking	3,600	4,600	(1,000)
Sale of Church Supplies	14,114	13,537	576
Stole Fees	3,190	100	3,090
Repair & Maintenance Fund	18,316	34,765	(16,449)
Interest	19,389	18,281	1,108
Bulletin Advertising	570	1,950	(1,380)
Religious Education	0	0	0
Other Revenues	2,025	3,610	(1,585)
	<u>144,717</u>	<u>104,664</u>	<u>40,053</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>565,921</b>	<b>505,512</b>	<b>60,408</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Salaries & Benefits	127,306	146,465	(19,159)
Property Maintenance & Operating Ex	156,127	152,351	3,776
Rectory Operating	5,170	10,167	(4,997)
Administration Expenses	28,802	38,638	(9,837)
Diocesan Support	60,516	57,156	3,360
Church Programs	21,598	28,644	(7,046)
Donations	13,406	16,575	(3,169)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>412,924</u>	<u>449,997</u>	<u>(37,073)</u>
<b>Operating surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>152,997</b>	<b>55,516</b>	<b>97,481</b>

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