

Vocations Rally

Join the Vocations Rally 2026: **Trinity Sunday, May 31, 2026 - from 11 am to 4:30 pm at St. Michael Catholic Community.** Discover, support, and pray for vocations in our diocese!



MAY 31 TRINITY SUNDAY 10 AM TO 4:30 PM (11 AM MASS)
ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, CALGARY

Speakers
KEYNOTES: Fr. Brian Duggan, Michelle Diment, Bishop William T. McGrattan, Our MCs: Fr. Santiago Torres and Francesca Ambrosino
PANELISTS: Sr. Katrina Le, SDM, Br. Aldin Canobas, OFM, Fr. Nathan Siray, Sergio & Mary Plazas

Register [CATHOLICYCC.CA/vocationsrally](https://www.catholiccycc.ca/vocationsrally)

FREE ADMISSION, MASS, TALKS, PANEL DISCUSSION, COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH, INTERACTIVE BOOTHS, Q&A

YOU ARE called YOU MATTER YOU BELONG

Cycle A – Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 10, 2026

Two weeks away from the feast of Pentecost, and the Gospel is already preparing us with Jesus' promise of the "Advocate," the Spirit of Truth. By the sending the Spirit after his death and resurrection, Jesus continues to be our defense, our comfort, our guide, so that we continue to live in divine presence even in Jesus' earthly absence. It is through this Advocate, the Holy Spirit, that the disciples – and hence us – will be able to celebrate and announce Jesus as the way to God. (Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

Upcoming dates for 40 Hours Devotion for Vocations



St. Mary's, Cochrane - Fri, May 8 from 9:30 am to Sun, May 10 at 1:30 am.
St. Gerard's, Calgary - Tue, May 12 to Fri, May 15, daily from 9 am to 7 pm.
St. Michael's, Calgary - Friday, May 29 from 3 pm to Sunday, May 31 at 8 am.
Our Lady of the Rockies, Canmore - Fri, Jul 2 at 3 pm to Sun, Jul 5 at 7 am.



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.catholiccycc.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.

DIOCESAN NEWS

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



AN OINTING OF THE SICK

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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

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ST. CECILIA PARISH

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Parish Website: www.stceciliacalgary.com Diocesan Website: www.catholiccycc.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	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 Fridays 9:30am - 6:00pm First Friday: 9:00am - 6:00pm	
Tuesday to Friday: 8:00am - 3:30pm Closed during Mass hours and 12:30pm to 1:00pm		
Please submit items for the next bulletin to the office before Wednesday.		

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

On this Mother's Day, we thank God for the beautiful gift of motherhood and honor all mothers for their love, sacrifice, and faith.

The Most Important Person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral - a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body. . . The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation. . . What on God's good earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother?

Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty

May the Lord bless you always.

— Rev. Derek Remus.

This Week in the Parish

Sat, May 9
9:00 am MASS : Amanda Brown (Int)
Mass in Anticipation of 6th Sunday of Easter
5:00 pm MASS: Amady Brillon (+)
Sun, May 10 —6th Sunday of Easter
9:00 am MASS: Ambrosio Camarillo(+)
11:00 am MASS: Parishioners -Living & Deceased (Int)
Coffee & Social after all weekend Masses
Mon, May 11
Tue, May 12
9:00 am MASS : Eva Visky (+)
10:00 am: Bible Study (Board Room)
Wed, May 13
9:00 am MASS : Sonia Andre (Int)
6:00pm: Finance Council Meeting
Thurs, May 14
9:00 am MASS : Roger & Patrick Dansereau (+)
7:00pm: Catechetical Seminar Series
Fri, May 15
9:00 am MASS : Germaine Nadon (Int)
Sat, May 16
9:00 am MASS : Tirso & Berbiana Villamor (+)
Mass in Anticipation of the Ascension of the Lord
10:00am: Diocesan Music Workshop
1:00pm: Book Club(Board Room)
5:00 pm MASS: Aby Vandanath (Int)
Sun, May 17— Ascension of the Lord
9:00 am MASS: Virginia & Raul (Int)
11:00 am MASS: Parishioners -Living & Deceased (Int)
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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.

World Youth Day Information



We invite youth, young adults, and graduating students to prayerfully consider participating in World Youth Day 2027.

The Diocese of Calgary is currently collecting expressions of interest — with no commitment required — to help determine potential participation. Please submit your expression of interest by May 15. Kindly visit our website for the Interest Form.

Children's Sacraments

First Communion Schedule

Sacrament of Holy Communion:

Sunday, May 31 @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.

Upcoming Preparatory Sessions: Saturday, June 6 at 10 am

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?

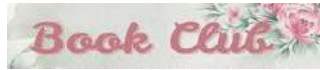
Welcome to St. Cecilia Parish! If you have been attending regularly for six months or more, we invite you to pick up a parish registration form from the pamphlet rack in the Narthex.

Rosary Prayed by Knight of Columbus

On Tuesday, May 19, at 7pm, the K of C will be praying the Rosary in honour of our Blessed Mother. Please join us as we will be using a large rosary that extends around the pews. We are hoping to have 50–60 participants, so bring a friend and take part in this special prayer gathering.

Book Club Meeting

The Book Club will meet on Saturday, May 16, at 1:00 PM in the boardroom. We will be reading Introduction to the Devout Life by Saint Francis de Sales.



Seeds of the Word – Lectio Divina Compendium

The Seeds of the Word Community's 2026 *Lectio Divina Compendium* is now available. This resource supports daily prayer and meditation on Scripture, helping deepen your relationship with God through His Word.

Copies, along with baked and homemade goods, will be sold after Masses on May 9–10.

Proceeds support the community's mission of evangelization and making the Word of God more accessible to all.

Parish Volunteer Screening Update

Our volunteer screening process is now moving into the next phase. In the coming weeks, volunteers will be contacted to complete the required paperwork, and clear instructions will be provided to help us become fully compliant with the policies and guidelines of the Diocese of Calgary in the months ahead. All parishioners who wish to continue serving at St. Cecilia Parish will be required to complete the volunteer screening process. Once paperwork is submitted, we will provide further information regarding police clearance checks (for applicable ministries) and the *Praesidium* training courses.

Please note that, in accordance with Diocese of Calgary guidelines, only volunteers included in the updated database will remain on the active ministry roster.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2026

MAY 9-15, 2026



"We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain."

HEBREWS 6:18-19

You are invited to celebrate Catholic Education Week in Alberta by praying for Catholic education and sharing the 2026 theme, *Anchored in Christ, A Beacon of Hope* (Hebrews 6:18-19). The Alberta Bishops have written a letter in support of Catholic Education Week. Inspired by Hebrews 6:18–19, "a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul," we are reminded that Christ grounds us and calls us to be signs of hope.

Here are a few things to know and share:

- Catholic schools in Alberta are fully funded by the Alberta Government and protected by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.
- More than 180,000 students are enrolled in Catholic

schools across the province.

- Catholic schools integrate faith into all aspects of the curriculum, helping students grow in both learning and discipleship.
- Catholic education is supported by locally elected Catholic school trustees and by the Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta.
- Alberta is home to 23 Catholic Francophone schools, serving Catholic education in French for Francophone communities.
- Studies show that students in Catholic schools often demonstrate strong academic outcomes while being formed in faith, service, and community.

Parishioners can support Catholic education by praying for students, families, teachers, staff, trustees, and school communities, and by learning more through [GrACE](#) and their local Catholic school division.

[Letter from the Catholic Bishops of Alberta and NWT - English](#) | [French](#) — Please access through the website.

Regina Caeli

The Regina Caeli is prayed in place of the Angelus during Eastertide.

Queen of Heaven

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ascension of the Lord/ Pastoral Works of Pope

Next Sunday, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. A **special collection** will also be taken in support of the pastoral works of the Holy Father, assisting the Pope in his charitable, missionary, and pastoral outreach to the universal Church and those most in need.

Family & Life Week (May 10-17, 2026)

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has released resources for National Family and Life Week 2026 (#NFLW2026), taking place May 10–17. This year's theme, "I am with you always" (Mt 28:20), highlights Christ's presence in every moment of family life.

[Activities for Toddlers/Preschoolers, 5-8 yrs, 9-12 yrs, Youth and Parishes](#)— Please access through the website.

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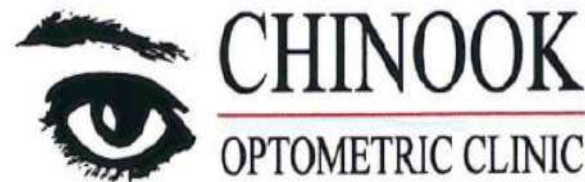
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40 Days for Life

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.

Our Schools

St. Matthew School:
<https://stmatthew.cssd.ab.ca/newsletters>
St. William School:
<https://stwilliam.cssd.ab.ca/newsletters>
St. Cecilia School:
<https://secure.smores.com/n/84rf1>

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.

St. Matthew School – WestJet Gift of Flight Fundraiser

St. Matthew School Council invites you to support our WestJet Gift of Flight fundraiser. Proceeds will enhance student learning through arts, culture, and educational technology. Purchase a raffle ticket and share with family and friends. Tickets available at the link below:
<http://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/theccef-2026sms>

The Legion of Mary

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Members serve through evangelization, visiting the sick and homebound, inviting people back to the Church and Sacraments, and promoting the Pilgrim Virgin Statue and Sacred Heart Enthronement. All are welcome to join. Meetings: Fridays, 5:30–7:00 pm (Boardroom)

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46th Annual Hike for Life

The Hike for Life is Calgary ProLife's main fundraiser supporting Respect Life education in local Catholic schools and communities. Funds raised help provide free, life-affirming presentations that promote the dignity of every human life, from conception to natural death.
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.

