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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!.

Fr. Derek Remus brings a Catholic Voice to The Mix

Fr. Derek Remus returns as a panelist on Season 2 of *The Mix*, a YES TV program on faith, culture, and current events. Watch full episodes on YESTV.com. More information is available on <https://www.catholiccyyc.ca/blog/fr-derek-remus-joins-season-2-of-the-mix>

2026 Together in Action

In the spirit of the Jubilee Year proclaimed by Pope Francis, our Diocese launched the Multiply the Hope campaign to support parish renewal through matching funds available until the end of 2027. To qualify, parishes must first meet their operating budget and TIA goals. Across the Diocese, the campaign has already matched \$4 million for parish loans and \$3 million for repairs and maintenance, helping essential projects move forward and strengthening parish communities in faith and service. An additional \$4.9 million in matching funds remains available. Our parish goal is \$158,425, and in 2025 we were able to contribute \$52,290 from our operational surplus. Learn more at catholiccyyc.ca/multiplythehope.



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.



DIOCESAN NEWS

For more information check the Bulletin Boards or go to <https://www.catholiccyyc.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

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ST. CECILIA PARISH

321 90 Avenue SE Calgary, AB T2J 0A1 Tel: 403-252-2790
Parish Website: www.stceciliacalgary.com Diocesan Website: www.catholiccyyc.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	
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

"God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet." Today (in Canada), we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Forty days after His Resurrection, the Lord Jesus ascended into heaven, where He sits at the Father's right hand. In our skeptical age, we cannot state too strongly that, like the Resurrection, the Ascension was a real historical fact. The eternal Son of God, who for our salvation came down from heaven and was made man, really ascended to heaven with His humanity. His ascension was not a mere spiritual ascension but an ascension of the flesh - an ascension of the body."

Before Christ ascended to heaven, He had to ascend Mount Calvary. His glorified body is the same body that was once beaten, sourced, and nailed to the cross. Therefore, if we suffer now with our bodies for Christ's sake - through resisting temptation, mortifying our passions, and performing acts of charity -, then not only will our souls be with God one day in heaven, but at the end of time, our bodies too will rise from the dead and ascend to heaven.

— Rev. Derek Remus.

This Week in the Parish

- 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)
Coffee & Social after all weekend Masses
- Mon, May 18
- Tues, May 19
9:00 am MASS : Jayden John Casino (Int)
10:00 am: Bible Study (Board Room)
- Wed, May 20
9:00 am MASS : Martin Elifoh (Int)
- Thurs, May 21
9:00 am MASS : Rosa Rickert (+)
- Fri, May 22
9:00 am MASS : Eloah Andre' (Int)
- Sat, May 23
9:00 am MASS : Leonard Chomistek (+)
Mass in Anticipation of Pentecost Sunday
1:00pm: Book Club(Board Room)
5:00 pm MASS: Mariano and Cecilia (Int)
- Sun, May 24— Pentecost Sunday
9:00 am MASS: David Allen(+)
11:00 am MASS: Parishioners -Living & Deceased (Int)
Coffee & Social after all weekend Masses

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.

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.

Corpus Christi Procession

Sunday, June 7 is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). Following the 11 am Mass, we will have a Eucharistic procession in the parking lot. This is a way of expressing our faith publicly in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Everyone is invited to take part. A lunch and refreshments will follow.

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

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.

REMINDERS

Tuesday, May 19 • 7:00 PM—**Knights of Columbus Rosary Prayer** -Join us in honouring our Blessed Mother with a large rosary around the pews. Bring a friend and be part of this special prayer gathering.

Sunday, May 17 —**Ascension of the Lord/ Pastoral Works of Pope**—This Sunday, we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, and a special collection will support the pastoral, missionary, and charitable works of the Holy Father.

Homebound?

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

Prayer Vigil for the Protection of Human Life

As an extension of 40 Days for Life, our parish is holding a peaceful prayer vigil near the Kensington abortion clinic this Thursday, May 21 from 12 - 4 pm. Parishioners are warmly invited to take part.

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.

Parish Volunteer Screening Update

Our volunteer screening process is now moving into the next phase. This week and in the coming weeks, ministry team leaders/office will contact volunteers and provide directions on when to come and complete the required application forms.

All volunteers wishing to continue serving at St. Cecilia Parish are required to complete the screening process. More detailed information is available on the bulletin board.

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.

WANTED:

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Men who would like to make a difference!

Len White: 403-271-6055

or fs4878@kofc.ab.ca

Knights of Columbus

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