



ST. PAUL'S PARISH BULLETIN

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Dec 1st to 7th, 2024



First Sunday of Advent, Cycle C

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The Lord will fulfill his promises to Israel and Judah.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25:4-5,8-9,10,14

The Lord will teach us his paths.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be holy and to please God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Jesus teaches his disciples to be vigilant so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes in glory.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world. *Sunday Connection thru Diocese Bulletin*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday from 9:00am to Noon

St Paul's Catholic Church Events & News

TIA per month to meet goal - \$2 646.58	Monthly: CF Loan (mortgage) - \$10 777.00	Monthly: Diocesan Support \$4 339.00
Income for September - \$47 500.04	Expenses for September - \$46 591.24	Income - \$ 908.80
Income for October - \$46 538.94	Expenses for October - \$45 785.81	Income - \$ 753.13
		YTD LOSS - \$8 104.83

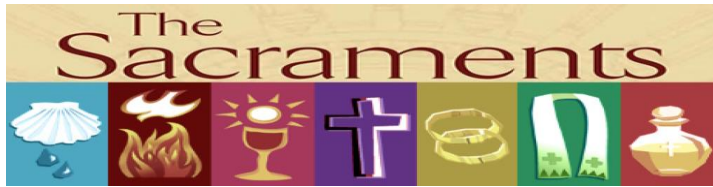
Full finances can be found online and, in the hallway, under the parish bulletin board.

<p style="text-align: center;">CWL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Join us on December 10th for our CWL Christmas social!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All women of the parish are invited to attend. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share and a new or gently used toy or book to support our parish Mom's Group. Looking forward to celebrating the season with you!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">KofC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Back for the 8th year is the Airdrie Dream Vacation raffle sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Your chance to win one of 12 \$2500 Dream Vacations, 48 prizes of \$120 and many early bird prizes. Tickets available online at airdriedreamvacation.ca or at the store card table after weekend masses. You cannot win, if you do not have a ticket. Get yours today.</p>
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DAY	DATE	TIME	Mass Intentions	
Sunday	Dec 1	9:00am	RS - John & Charlotte Wasyluk	<p>Simbang Gabi</p> <p>or evening Mass is on December 20th, at 6:30pm.</p> <p>There will be carolling followed by Tagalog Mass with Fr Domingo Bongalos. Potluck after Mass.</p> <p>Please join us.</p>
		11:00am	PRO POPULO – for the people	
Monday	2		No Mass	
Tuesday	3	12:00pm	SI - Wanda	
Wednesday	4	9:00am	SI - Fr. Julian	
Thursday	5	6:30pm	RS - Dan Jacob	
Friday	6	9:00am	RS - Harry Minnie	
Seniors Home		10:30am	RS - Elizabeth Ekstrom	
Saturday	7	5:00pm	RS - Dan Jacob	

DAY	DATE	TIME	PARISH ACTIVITY	LOCATION	
Sunday	Dec 1	10:30 to 10:45am	11am Choir Practice	S.H.C.	<p>Need the Anointing of the Sick while in a Calgary Hospital?</p> <p>If you have been admitted to any of Calgary's hospitals and would like the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, you can contact your parish priest or call the Diocese of Calgary Call Centre at 403-231-9505. This service is available for Alberta Children's Hospital, Foothills Hospital, Peter Lougheed Hospital, Rockyview General Hospital, and South Health Campus.</p>
Monday	2	9:30 to 11:30pm	Office	VoMR	
		9:15am	Rosary Group	Nave	
Tuesday	3	9:00 to 10:00am	Men's Bible Study Group	Hall	
		10:00 to 11:30am	Men's Coffee Group	Hall	
		10:00 to 11:45am	Moms Group	Basement	
		10:45am	Rosary Group	Nave	
		7:00 to 8:30pm	Parish Retreat	Hall	
		7:30pm	KofC general meeting		
Wednesday	4	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave	
		9:45am	Coffee and Fellowship	Hall	
		7:00 to 8:30pm	Parish Retreat	Hall	
Thursday	5	9:15am	Rosary Group	Nave	
		7:00pm	RCIA Class		
		7:30pm	9am Choir Practice	Nave	
		7:00 to 8:30pm	Parish Retreat	Hall	
Friday	6	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave	
		9:30 to 5:30pm	Adoration	Nave	
		7:00pm	"Beloved" Marriage Program	Basement	
Saturday	7	9:30 to 11:00am	Men's Bible Study	VoMR	
		3:45 to 4:45pm	Reconciliation		
		4:00 to 4:45pm	5pm Choir Practice	S.H.C.	

St Paul's Catholic Church Ministries & Sacraments



BAPTISMS – Registration and program details are currently available and done online only through our parish website [Sacrament of Baptism for Infants/Children/Youth – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://St.Paul's Catholic Church (stpaulsairdrie.ca))

2023 Baptism Dates:

Saturday, Dec 7th, Sat, Jan 11th, Sat, Feb 8th after 5pm Mass

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST (EUCHARIST) COMMUNION

[Sacrament of First Reconciliation & First Eucharist – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://St.Paul's Catholic Church (stpaulsairdrie.ca)) **CLOSED**

CONFIRMATION

[Sacrament of Confirmation – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://St.Paul's Catholic Church (stpaulsairdrie.ca))

Classes Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 11. Apr 1 from 6:30 to 8:00pm
Retreat Apr 5th, 10:00 to 12noon.

Confirmation date with rehearsal TBD

Parents are required to attend with their young person to classes which start in January.

RCIA – For more information please contact the parish office and the RCIA Coordinator will contact you with details and information on this ongoing program. Sessions start Sep 5th at 7:00pm in the hall.

[Becoming Catholic as an Adult – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://St.Paul's Catholic Church (stpaulsairdrie.ca))

If you have any questions or concerns regarding First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation or RCIA please contact Heidi at stpaulssacraments@shaw.ca

MARRIAGES – Please contact the office at least six months before your marriage date.

[Marriage – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://St.Paul's Catholic Church (stpaulsairdrie.ca))

If you have any questions or concerns regarding marriages, please contact Wanda at stpaulsairdrie@shaw.ca

HOLY ORDERS

[Holy Orders – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://St.Paul's Catholic Church (stpaulsairdrie.ca))

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

[Anointing of the Sick – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://St.Paul's Catholic Church (stpaulsairdrie.ca))



Wednesday, Dec 11th at noon

All seniors welcome.

RSVP to Elaine at #587 582 0325

TOGETHER
in ACTION | 2024

Our parish goal is

\$31 759

Raised \$15 610



Join us this Advent for “Renewed in Hope,”
a three-day mission from Dec 3 to Dec 5 at **St. Paul's Parish** in the hall, starting each evening at 7 pm.
Renowned speakers **Brett Powell, Bishop Scott McCaig, and Mary Rose Bacani Valenti** will join us live via Zoom, leading us in reflections on discipleship, community, and family life. This is a wonderful chance to renew our faith and find hope together as we prepare for Christmas.
All are welcome!

Tue, Dec 3: Brett Powell

“Form Missionary Disciples in Christ”

Wed, Dec 4: Bishop Scott McCaig

“Be a Church of Encounter and Witness”

Thu, Dec 5: Mary Rose Bacani Valenti

“Strengthen Family Life”

Together We Can Make A Difference

St. Paul's please donate directly to Airdrie 1st, not thru the office.

We hope this message finds you well, as you get ready for the fast-approaching Holiday Season.

We've received a significantly higher number of applications for Holiday Hampers this year compared to previous seasons. While we aim to approve support for up to 400 families, our donations have unfortunately been much lower than expected. Airdrie 1st is reaching out to you, a valued past sponsor, to ask for your help. This will be our 47th year of making a difference in the lives of Airdrie residents who need support during the Holiday Season. In nearly 50 years of providing hampers, we've never had to turn away a qualified applicant—please help us ensure that this year remains the same.

Here's how you can help:

Sponsor a family, for as little as \$200.00 you can sponsor a senior or single and for \$525.00 you can sponsor a family of 4. This link will take you to our Sponsor Application form, if you are interested we ask you to fill out the form and email to sponsorships@airdrie1st.com

Our Donation Centre will be open from November 24th to December 12th, to accept gift(s), gift card(s) or monetary donations, please check our website for times we are open and come see us at Towerlane Centre at 505 Main St SE. in the bay to the north of Dollarama. **PLEASE NOTE:** When donating gift(s) or gift card(s) we require the original receipt(s) to issue a Tax Receipt

Send an e-transfer to treasurer@airdrie1st.com for any amount, if you simply put your name and email address in the comment section we will send a Tax Receipt for any donation over \$20.00

Go to our website www.airdrie1st.com and **Donate through the ATB Cares**, the "Donate Heart" at the top right of the web page

Spread the Word If this year helping us financially is not an option, please consider spreading the word about our cause, to your friends, family, and co-workers. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram and share our posts, this is the best way for us to get the word out to all of Airdrie.

We operate entirely through the efforts of dedicated volunteers, so every donation, big or small, brings us closer to reaching this goal and sustaining our essential work. With your support, we can fulfill our mission of assisting all qualified Airdrie and surrounding area families this holiday season.

info@airdrie1st.com or call 403-660-1569

SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR CURRENT PARISH INFORMATION www.stpaulsairdrie.ca

St. Paul's Catholic Church Information

MASS REGULAR TIMES:

Sunday - 9:00 am
Sunday - 11:00 am
Monday - No Mass
Tuesday - 12:00 pm
Wednesday - 9:00 am
Thursday - 6:30pm
Friday - 9:00 am
Saturday - 5:00 pm

ADORATION:

First Friday of the month
Following the 9:00am Mass
9:30am to 5:30pm

RECONCILIATION:

Thursdays 6:00 - 6:25pm
Saturdays 3:45 - 4:45 pm
or by appointment.

*New to Airdrie and
to our parish community,
please fill in our Welcome Form
found in the hallway or go to link
[Newcomers - St. Paul's Catholic
Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://Newcomers - St. Paul's Catholic Church (stpaulsairdrie.ca))*

*St. Paul's offers
a Direct Deposit or Credit Card
option for making donations. Tax Receipt
provided in February. Please pick up a
brochure in the parish hallway or go to link
[2020 09 revised BLANK Parish Automatic
Withdrawal.pdf \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://2020 09 revised BLANK Parish Automatic Withdrawal.pdf (stpaulsairdrie.ca))*



For one-time offerings you may also go to
<https://www.catholicyc.ca/donatetoparish>
and select St. Paul's Church.
Tax receipt will be issued from the Diocese.

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catholicyc.ca/faithfully

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immerse you in testimonies, teachings,
and stories to support and deepen your
commitment to the
Diocese of Calgary's Pastoral Renewal.
[Click here for the full list](#)

Catholic Pastoral Centre

120 - 17th Ave SW, Calgary, AB
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Phone: 403-218-5500
www.catholicyc.ca



Catholic Women's League

For more information,
please see their website
[St. Paul's CWL, Airdrie
\(stpaulscwl.ca\)](http://St. Paul's CWL, Airdrie (stpaulscwl.ca))



Knights of Columbus

For information, please see their website
[Airdrie Council #8045 \(uknight.org\)](http://Airdrie Council #8045 (uknight.org))
Store cards are available
after all weekend Masses.

**TO LIVESTREAM SATURDAY 5:00 PM MASS SEE OUR
YOUTUBE CHANNEL <https://www.youtube.com/c/stpaulsairdrie>
OR CHANNEL 877 WITH TELUS OPTIK TV**