



# ST. PAUL'S PARISH BULLETIN

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**December 22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



## Fourth Sunday of Advent, Cycle C

### First Reading

*Micah 5:2-5a*

The ruler of Israel is promised to come from Bethlehem.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 80*

A prayer for God's salvation

### Second Reading

*Hebrews 10:5-10*

Through his obedience to God's will, Christ consecrated all.

### Gospel Reading

*Luke 1:39-45*

Mary visits Elizabeth, who sings praise to Mary and her child.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

On this the last Sunday before Christmas, our Gospel reading prepares us to witness Christ's birth by showing us how Jesus was recognized as Israel's long-awaited Messiah even before his birth. The Gospel turns our attention from the ministry of John the Baptist to the events that preceded John the Baptist's birth. The story of John the Baptist and his parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, are reported only in Luke's Gospel. Luke pairs the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus, establishing John's early connection to the Messiah.

Our Gospel reading recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth, her cousin, who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles that they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. If we were to continue to read the verses that follow in Luke's Gospel, we would hear Mary respond to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel.

In Luke's Gospel the Holy Spirit helps reveal Jesus' identity as God to those who believe. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and sings Mary's praise because she bears the Lord. We sing these words of praise to Mary in the Hail Mary. Even John the Baptist, the unborn child in Elizabeth's womb, is said to recognize the presence of the Lord and leaps for joy.

It is appropriate in this season of Advent that we consider the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Elizabeth describes Mary as the first disciple, as the one who believed that God's word to her would be fulfilled. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation.

*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
		<b>YTD LOSS - \$8 104.83</b>

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

## CWL



CWL membership is due on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Wishing all of you joy, love and God's many blessings during this Christmas season.

## KofC

Thinking about that Christmas gift that keeps on giving all year long. Consider purchasing an Airdrie Dream Vacation ticket. 12 - \$2500 Dream Vacations ,48 draws of \$120 . You cannot win, unless you have a ticket. Tickets available at the store card table and online at [airdriedreamvacation.ca](http://airdriedreamvacation.ca), by purchasing a ticket you get the added bonus of supporting many charities we support.

Volunteers needed to lead the Rosary prior to all weekend Masses. Signup sheet outside the office.

DAY	DATE	TIME	Mass Intentions
Sunday	Dec 22	9:00am	PRO POPULO – for the people
		11:00am	SI - In Thanksgiving Macabante family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>23</b>		<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday	24	5:00pm	SI - For our parish families this CHRISTMAS EVE
		8:00pm	SI - For our parish volunteers this CHRISTMAS EVE
Wednesday	25	9:00am	SI - for our priests and deacons this CHRISTMAS DAY
		11:00am	SI - for support staff within our Diocese this CHRISTMAS DAY
Thursday	26	9:00am	<b>No Mass</b>
Friday	27	9:00am	RS - Akouassi Lucienne N'Guessan
		10:30am	RS - Chau Quang
Saturday	28	5:00pm	RS - Raymond & Lita Papas 10th anniversary death

## Need the Anointing of the Sick while in a Calgary Hospital?

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 Loughheed Hospital, Rockyview General Hospital, and South Health Campus.

DAY	DATE	TIME	PARISH ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Sunday	Dec 22	10:30 to 10:45am	11am Choir Practice	S.H.C.
Monday	23	9:30 to 11:30pm	Office	VoMR
		9:15am	Rosary Group	Nave
		9:30 to noon	Decorating Committee	Nave
Tuesday	24	CLOSED	Christmas Eve	
Wednesday	25	CLOSED	Christmas Day	
Thursday	26	CLOSED	Boxing Day	
Friday	27	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave
Saturday	28	3:45 to 4:45pm	Reconciliation	
		4:00 to 4:45pm	5pm Choir Practice	S.H.C.

*Fr. Thomas Vadassery*

*Deacon Doug Lynch*

*Deacon Gary Haney*

*Deacon Ted d'Haéne*

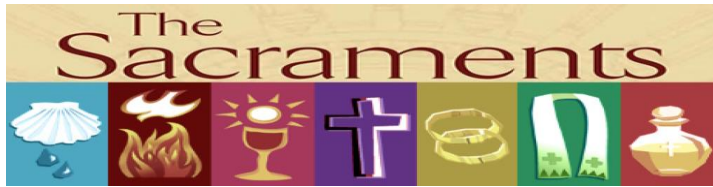


*Heidi*

*Teresita*

*Wanda*

# 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://stpaulsairdrie.ca)

**2023 Baptism Dates:**

Saturday, Jan 11<sup>th</sup>, Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, Mar 1<sup>st</sup>, May 17<sup>th</sup>, after 5pm Mass

**FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST (EUCHARIST) COMMUNION**

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

**CONFIRMATION** Registration closes Dec 30<sup>th</sup>

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

Classes Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 11. Apr 1 from 6:30 to 8:00pm  
 Retreat Apr 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the hall.

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

**If you have any questions or concerns regarding First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation or RCIA please contact Heidi at [stpaulssacraments@shaw.ca](mailto: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://stpaulsairdrie.ca)

**If you have any questions or concerns regarding marriages, please contact Wanda at [stpaulsairdrie@shaw.ca](mailto:stpaulsairdrie@shaw.ca)**

**HOLY ORDERS**

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

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

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

**PASTORAL CARE**

St. Paul's offers Pastoral Care visits for Catholic Parishioners who are unable to attend Mass. Please contact the office if you or someone you know, would like a visit. Pastoral Care workers are trained for visiting and praying with the ill, shut in and offering the Body of Christ to them.

Any surplus will be applied to our Building Fund



**Reconciliation: Saturday's at 4:00–4:45pm**

Monday, December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>	9 to 12noon
<b>Christmas Eve – The Nativity of the Lord</b>		<b>Office CLOSED</b>
Tuesday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm (4:30pm Caroling) (livestream) (no noon Mass)	
<b>Christmas Day – The Nativity of the Lord</b>	8:00pm (7:30pm Caroling)	<b>Office CLOSED</b>
Wednesday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	
(Holy day of Obligation)	11:00am	
Thursday, December 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Office CLOSED</b>
Friday, December 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	9 to 12noon

**New Year's Eve– The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

Monday, December 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>	9 to 12noon
Tuesday, December 31 <sup>st</sup>	5:00pm (livestream)	<b>Office CLOSED</b>
	(no noon Mass)	

**New Year's Day – The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

Wednesday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:00am	<b>Office CLOSED</b>
(Holy day of Obligation)	11:00am	
Thursday, January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30pm	9 to 12noon
Friday, January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00am	9 to 12noon
Eucharistic Adoration after Mass		9:30am to 5:30pm

**Year End**

The parish financial year ends on Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.  
 If your offerings are to be included for 2024, they must be received on or before Dec 31<sup>st</sup>.



**Thank you** for thinking of us at this Advent/Christmas season. We grow in our Christian faith when we show others the love of Christ to people through building parish communities and offering programs that nurture our faith. We are truly grateful for your support. To contribute before Dec. 31, 2024 please use the envelopes provided in the pew OR online at [catholiccyc.ca/give](http://catholiccyc.ca/give). and choose our parish name.

**The Catholic Pastoral Centre** will be closed from noon on Tuesday, Dec 24, until Wednesday, Jan 1, 2025. We will resume regular hours on Thursday, Jan 2, 2025. We look forward to serving you in the New Year!

There has been an ongoing issue with Parishioners parking illegally during Mass. **Driving lanes must be kept wide open to allow for emergency vehicles**, should an incident occur. Blocking access could cause serious issues should an ambulance or other emergency vehicle need to be called. Please, consider the possible consequences, be the good Samaritan and park only in the designated areas. Thank you.



**SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR CURRENT PARISH INFORMATION [www.stpaulsairdrie.ca](http://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.

## ADMINISTRATOR (PRIEST)

**Fr. Thomas Vadassery**  
(403) 948-5394

## PASTORAL ASSISTANTS

**Deacon Ted d'Haène**  
Business Administrator of  
Temporalities  
[deaconted@shaw.ca](mailto:deaconted@shaw.ca)

**Deacon Gary Haney**  
Coordinator of Baptisms  
(403)923-4279

**Deacon Doug Lynch**  
Coordinator of Funerals  
(587)999-0842

## PARISH SECRETARY/FINANCIALS

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[stpaulsairdrie@shaw.ca](mailto:stpaulsairdrie@shaw.ca)

## PARISH RECEPTIONIST/SACRAMENTAL

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## CUSTODIAN

Teresita

*Faithfully*  
[catholicyc.ca/faithfully](http://catholicyc.ca/faithfully)

Explore a curated selection of  
[FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org) resources that will  
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  
T2S 2T2  
Phone: 403-218-5500  
[www.catholicyc.ca](http://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**