



ST. PAUL'S PARISH BULLETIN

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January 12th to 18th, 2025



The Baptism of the Lord, Cycle C

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

Isaiah tells the people to prepare a way for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 104:1b-4,24-25,27-30

A prayer praising God's greatness

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Jesus Christ saved us and renewed us with his Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-16,21-22

Jesus is baptized by John.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven, and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another “epiphany.” On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.

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 Income for October - \$46 538.94	Monthly: CF Loan (mortgage) - \$11 411.00 Expenses for October - \$45 785.81	Monthly: Diocesan Support \$4 594.00 Income - \$ 753.13
Income for November - \$42 234.38	Expenses for November - \$41 045.75	Income - \$1 188.63
		YTD LOSS – 6 914 .75

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

CWL

Happy New Year!
CWL membership fees are due by January 31st.
January general meeting will be on Zoom, please check your email for the link and more info.

KofC-Here are the winners for Jan.5th Dream Vacation Raffle.

\$2500 Dream Vacation: # 496 Jennifer Sarabin
\$120 Winners:
18 Stephanie Buckley - # 365 Dave and Pam Kennedy
376 Cathy Buchanan - # 413 Doug Mc Donald
Congratulations! Tickets on sale now for 2025.
Next Early Bird Draw is Feb.14,2025
Available after weekend masses and online
at airdriedreamvacation.ca

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	Mass Intentions
Sunday	Jan 12	9:00am	RS - Agnes Hallahan
		11:00am	PRO POPULO – for the people
Monday	13		No Mass
Tuesday	14	12:00noon	SI - Maria & Tyrone Figredo
Wednesday	15	9:00am	RS - Charlotte Root and Family
Thursday	16	6:30pm	RS - Glen & Ethel Root and Family
Friday	17	9:00am	RS - Kenechukwu Iyizoba
		10:30am	SI – Iudita Miscoi Birthday Blessings
Saturday	18	5:00pm	SI - Liseth Montes



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

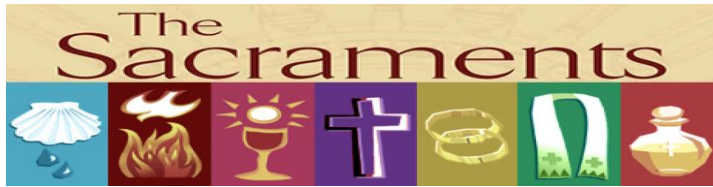
If you have been admitted to any of Calgary's hospitals and would like the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, you can contact your parish priest or call the Diocese of Calgary Call Centre at **403-231-9505**. This service is available for Alberta Children's Hospital, Foothills Hospital, Peter Lougheed Hospital, Rockyview General Hospital, and South Health Campus.

DAY	DATE	TIME	PARISH ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Sunday	Jan 12	8:20 to 8:45am	9am Choir Practice	S.H.C.
		10:15 to 10:45am	11am Choir Practice	S.H.C.
Monday	13	9:15am	Rosary Group	S.H.C.
		9:30 to 11:30pm	Office	VoMR
		9:30am	Decorating Committee	Nave/Narthex
Tuesday	14	9:00am	Men's Bible Study followed by Coffee	Hall
		10:00 to 11:45am	Mom's Group	Basement
		10:45am	Rosary Group	Nave
		7:00pm	CWL General Meeting	Hall
Wednesday	15	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave
Thursday	16	9:15am	Rosary Group	Nave
		7:00pm	RCIA	Hall
		7:00pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	VoMR
Friday	17	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave
Saturday	18	3:45 to 4:45pm	Reconciliation	
		4:10 to 4:45pm	5pm Choir Practice	S.H.C.

Support Catholic education through the CCEF Annual 50/50 Raffle, where the jackpot could reach up to \$1 million! As Catholics, we have a duty to support our schools ensuring that future generations of students are guided by faith. With **early bird draws** and a portion of ticket sales benefiting local schools, your participation helps strengthen Catholic education across our community. Buy your tickets now at www.cceffaffle.com.



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, Feb 8th, Mar 1st, May 17th, Jun 7th after 5pm Mass

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST (EUCHARIST) COMMUNION

[Sacrament of First Reconciliation & First Eucharist – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://stpaulsairdrie.ca) Jan 22 6:30pm OR Jan 25 10am

CONFIRMATION CLOSED

[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 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://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://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://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



MINISTRY FAIR WEEKEND - Jan 18th and 19th

We are always looking for **new volunteers!**

Stop in the Hall following all Masses on Jan 18th & 19th to get more information and to sign up.

Screening process is required.

Stewardship is part of our Baptismal inheritance to share our gifts of time and talents.

Non - Liturgical Ministries

- **Airdrie Catholic Prayer Group** – Aspires to instill among its members the devotion to The Blessed Mother and The Divine Mercy through prayers and fellowship. It affirms the Universality of the Catholic faith and strives to develop a deeper knowledge of The Catholic Faith and Belief through actions and the recollection of The Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **Catholic Women's League** – The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a place of fellowship as well as personal and spiritual growth, open to both Catholic and non-Catholic women alike. The CWL is also a major women's organization confronting controversial issues in our society and representing the views of Catholic women to both provincial and federal governments.
- **Fund Raising Committee** – Help to organize fund raising events to pay off the mortgage.
- **Hospitality Committee** – (Cookies & Coffee) Help in the kitchen after one of the weekend Masses and/or help with occasional parish brunches.
- **Moms' Group** – Welcoming Moms 'in all shoes,' in every stage of motherhood, and every culture with a mix of teaching/discussion, spiritual growth, service, and socializing.
- **Knights of Columbus** – From the moment of the founding of the Knights of Columbus in 1882, charity has been the first principle. We are men of faith and men of action.
- **Pastoral Care** – Visiting and praying with the ill, shut in and offering the Body of Christ to them. *Police check required.*
- **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** – Confirmed Catholic adults who are interested in helping adults prepare to receive the sacraments of initiation into the Catholic faith.
- **Sacramental Team** (First Communion, Reconciliation & Confirmation) – Adults and youth grades 7 and up to help with workshop registration and children's retreats. *Police check required for adults.*
- **Seniors' Lunch committee** – Help organize, prepare, serve and clean up for Seniors Lunch.
- **Sound & Video Ministry** – monitoring the sound board during Mass and sometimes funerals. Training provided.

ROSARY LEAD

Please consider signing up to lead the Rosary prior to our weekend Masses. Start times are 4:30pm Saturdays, 8:30am and 10:30am on Sundays, Sign up sheet can be found outside the main office on the table.

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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Faithfully
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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
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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**