



# ST. PAUL'S PARISH BULLETIN

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January 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025



## First Reading

*Isaiah 62:1-5*

God delights in Israel and will rejoice as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 96:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 9-10*

A song in praise of God's marvelous deeds

## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 12:4-11*

All spiritual gifts originate from the same Spirit.

## Gospel Reading

*John 2:1-12*

Jesus performs his first sign at a wedding feast in Cana.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday we begin the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. For many Sundays in this lectionary cycle (Cycle C), our readings will be taken from the Gospel of Luke. Occasionally, however, we will read from John's Gospel. This is true of today's Gospel reading, which describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry and his first miracle.

To situate today's reading within the context of John's Gospel, we note that John's report of this event follows Jesus' call of his first disciples. John tells us that Jesus and his disciples were invited to this wedding at Cana, as was Jesus' mother, Mary. There is no parallel report of this miracle at Cana in the Synoptic Gospels.

In the Church's liturgical history, the wedding feast of Cana is closely associated with the baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany or a manifestation of Jesus' divinity.

Yet awareness of Jesus' impending passion and death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus' first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus' passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come. In John's Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all that is to happen to him.

Here, as elsewhere in John's Gospel, Mary is not mentioned by name, but is referred to instead as the mother of Jesus. Mary is influential in Jesus' first sign. She will also be present at his Crucifixion, a witness to the final manifestation of his divinity.

John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus' identity to his disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate about Jesus' identity. Here, as when John describes the other signs, the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the other wedding guests are even aware of what has happened.

Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfill Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us.

*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) - \$11 411.00	Monthly: Diocesan Support \$4 594.00
Income for October - \$46 538.94	Expenses for October - \$45 785.81	Income - \$ 753.13
Income for November - \$42 234.38	Expenses for November - \$41 045.75	Income - \$1 188.63
		<b>YTD LOSS - 6 914 .75</b>

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

## CWL

CWL membership renewal, deadline is Jan 31<sup>st</sup>.

Forms are available on CWL website  
<https://www.stpaulscwl.ca/membership>.

## KofC

Knights of Columbus Dream Vacation  
 next Early Bird draws will be on Feb.14<sup>th</sup>.  
 Help support the charities we support and win  
 one of 12 - \$2500 dream vacations plus 48 draws of \$120.  
 Treat your sweetheart to a special Valentine gift  
 that keeps on giving all year.  
 Dream a little dream with us.

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	Mass Intentions
Sunday	Jan 19	9:00am	PRO POPULO – for the people
		11:00am	RS - Henrik Olsson
<b>Monday</b>	<b>20</b>		<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday	21	12:00noon	SI - For all CWL members and their families
Wednesday	22	9:00am	RS - Irene Dobson
Thursday	23	6:30pm	SI - Tyrone Figredo
Friday	24	9:00am	RS - Edward Doria
		10:30am	RS - Enongene Stella 1st death anniversary
Saturday	25	5:00pm	RS - Akouassi Lucienne N'Guessan



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

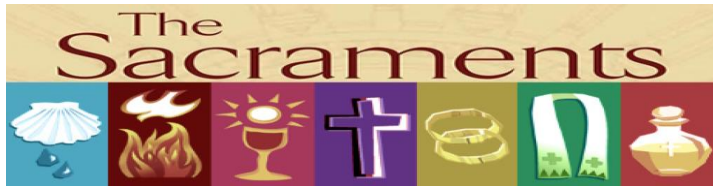
If you have been admitted to any of Calgary's hospitals and would like the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, you can contact your parish priest or call the Diocese of Calgary Call Centre at **403-231-9505**.

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 19	8:20 to 8:45am	9am Choir Practice	S.H.C.
		10:15 to 10:45am	11am Choir Practice	S.H.C.
		<b>after both Masses</b>	<b>Ministry Fair, looking for new volunteers</b>	<b>Hall</b>
Monday	20	9:15am	Rosary Group	S.H.C.
		9:30 to 11:30pm	Office	VoMR
Tuesday	21	9:00am	Men's Bible Study followed by Coffee	VoMR & Hall
		10:00 to 11:45am	Mom's Group	Basement
		10:45am	Rosary Group	Nave
		7:30pm	KofC General Meeting	S.H.C.
		6:30pm	Confirmation session #1	Nave/Hall
Wednesday	22	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave
		6:30 to 8:00pm	First Holy Communion session #2	Nave/Hall
Thursday	23	9:15am	Rosary Group	Nave
		7:00pm	RCIA	Hall
		7:00pm	Finance Council Meeting	VoMR
Friday	24	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave
Saturday	25	10:00 to 11:30am	First Holy Communion session #2	Nave/Hall
		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 tickets now at [www.cceffaffle.com](http://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 8<sup>th</sup>, Mar 1<sup>st</sup>, May 17<sup>th</sup>, Jun 7<sup>th</sup> after 5pm Mass

**FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST (EUCARIST) 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 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



**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, Signup sheet can be found outside the main office on the table.



**INVITATION to ALL MEN of the PARISH**

18 years and older

**AN INVITATION IS EXTENDED**

for you to join the

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Airdrie Council #8045

**VISIT THE KNIGHTS TABLE**

in the Parish Hall after each mass

**Call: Michael Drewniak (403) 616 0086**

**FUN NIGHT WITH THE SISTERS**

**WHEN:** Friday, January 24, 2025

**TIME:** 6 - 9 pm

**WHERE:** FCJ Convent - 219 - 19th Ave SW, Calgary

**REGISTRATION:** by Jan 22, 2025:

@ [sisterdianne.turner@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:sisterdianne.turner@calgarydiocese.ca)

**Grief Share Program** St. Michael's Catholic Community invites those grieving the loss of a loved one to an 8-week Grief Share program, featuring video seminars, group discussions, and a personal workbook.

When: **Tuesdays, Tue, Jan 14 to Mar 4 | 7-9 pm.** Free will offering; \$20 for the workbook.

To register, contact the Parish Office at 403-249-0423.

**Marriage Enrichment Workshops**

Did you know? Couples who dedicate time to enrichment activities are **30% more likely to report stronger communication and deeper satisfaction in their marriage** (*Journal of Family Psychology, 2020*).

The Diocese of Calgary invites you and your partner to [Marriage Enrichment Workshops](#) starting on

**Thu, Jan 30 at 7 pm, at the Catholic Pastoral Centre.**

As part of the [Jubilee of Hope](#), **Sunday of the Word of God** (January 26 2025) invites us to reflect on the theme: "I hope in your Word" (Ps 119:74). In Jesus, the living Word of God (John 1:14), we find our ultimate hope (1 Tim 1:1). God's presence is inseparable from His Word, offering an unfailing source of hope and renewal. In this year of hopeful Jubilee, open the Scriptures and rediscover the life-changing power of God's promise. [how to make Scripture a part of everyday life - visit our resources](#)

**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**  
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Coordinator of Baptisms  
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**Deacon Doug Lynch**  
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## PARISH SECRETARY/FINANCIALS

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## 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**