



ST. PAUL'S PARISH BULLETIN

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January 26th to February 1st, 2025



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C

First Reading

Nehemiah 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10

Ezra reads from the book of the Law and interprets it for all to understand.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 19:7,8,9,14

A song in praise of the Law of the Lord

Second Reading

shorter form, *1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27*

Paul explains that all were baptized into the one body of Christ.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus reads aloud from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and announces that this Scripture is now fulfilled.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading combines two separate passages taken from the Gospel of Luke. First we hear the opening verses where Luke establishes the purpose of his Gospel. His style is typical of polished Greek and Roman literature. In this passage, we learn that Luke may have written to a specific person, Theophilus; but the word Theophilus may also be a general reference, functioning as the phrase "Dear Reader" might in contemporary writing. In Greek, the word Theophilus translates as "lover of God."

Today's Gospel reading then skips several chapters in which one would find the Infancy Narratives, Jesus' baptism by John, the temptations Jesus faced in the desert, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In chapter four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. In this account, we find another important clue that Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew. We will continue to read from Luke's Gospel in sequence for the next two Sundays.

As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed.

This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled.

The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God.

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

CWL membership renewal, deadline is Jan 31st.

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.14th.
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 26	9:00am	PRO POPULO – for the people
		11:00am	RS - Maria Elena
Monday	27		No Mass
Tuesday	28	12:00noon	SI - Kosolu Joseph Iyizoba
Wednesday	29	9:00am	SI - in Thanksgiving for Lien & family
Thursday	30	6:30pm	RS - Vern Freer
Friday	31	9:00am	RS - Cecilia Heng
		10:30am	RS - Virginia Woolridge
Saturday	Feb 1	5:00pm	SI - Martina Ochsner

Children's Liturgy at 11:00am Mass Feb 2, 9, 23.

DAY	DATE	TIME	PARISH ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Sunday	Jan 26	8:20 to 8:45am	9am Choir Practice	S.H.C.
		10:15 to 10:45am	11am Choir Practice	S.H.C.
Monday	27	9:15am	Rosary Group	S.H.C.
		9:30 to 11:30pm	Office	VoMR
Tuesday	28	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
		7:00pm	CWL Executive Meeting	VoMR
Wednesday	29	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave
		9:00am	OLQP joining us for Mass	Nave
		7:00pm	Good Food Box meeting	Hall
Thursday	30	9:15am	Rosary Group	Nave
		7:00pm	RCIA	Hall
Friday	31	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave
		5:30 to 7:30pm	Volunteer Appreciation	Hall
Saturday	Feb 1	3:45 to 4:45pm	Reconciliation	
		4:10 to 4:45pm	5pm Choir Practice	S.H.C.



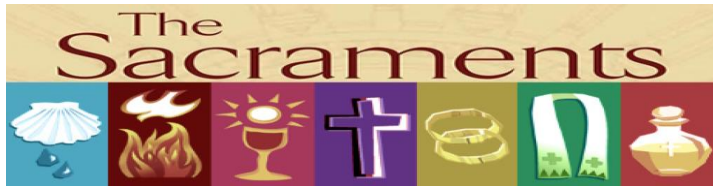
Need the Anointing of the Sick while in a Calgary Hospital?

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.

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.

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) Feb 5, 6:30pm OR Feb 8, 10am

CONFIRMATION CLOSED

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

Classes Feb 18, Mar 11. Apr 1 from 6:30 to 8:00pm

Retreat TBD.

Confirmation date May 22nd at 7:00pm

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



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.



Sacred Grace: Church Wedding for Civilly Married Couples

We are excited to introduce the *Sacred Grace* initiative, inviting civilly married couples in our Diocese to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony in the Catholic Church. As part of the Diocesan Pastoral Renewal during the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, this special celebration will be presided over by Bishop William T. McGrattan on Saturday, Sep 13, 2025, at 1:30 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. Learn more at catholicvyc.ca/sacredgrace

Info sessions on how to participate will be available in the following dates/location:

- **Sunday, February 9** at 6 pm at St. Albert the Great Parish, Calgary
- **Thursday, March 6** at 6 pm at St. Michael's Parish, Calgary
- **Sunday, March 9** at 6 pm at St. Thomas More Parish, Calgary
- **Sunday, March 16**, at 6 pm St. Patrick's Parish, Calgary
- Two more locations (Lethbridge & Medicine Hat) will be available soon

Knights of Columbus

is hosting its Annual Basketball Free Throw Contest on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at St. Veronica School, Airdrie. Registration will be at 6:30 pm.

The Free Throw Contest will start at 7:00 pm.

The event is open to all boys and girls nine to fourteen.



World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

The World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Sunday, February 2, 2025. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Join our celebration on **Sun, Feb 2 at 5 pm, at St. Albert the Great, Calgary** - with Bishop McGrattan.

Reason for Your Hope: Jubilee Parish Mission

Join us this winter for a transformative retreat weekend to rediscover your hope. In partnership with Catholic Christian Outreach, 3 Jubilee Parish Missions will be held in our Diocese, running Friday night to Saturday afternoon.

Fri, Feb 21 - Sat, Feb 22 at St. Martha's Parish, Lethbridge
[Register now](#)

Fri, Feb 28 - Sat, Mar 1 at St. Peter's Parish, Calgary
[Register now](#)

Fri, Mar 7 - Sat, Mar 8 at St. Bonaventure's Parish, Calgary
[Register now](#)

All are welcome! For more information or to register, visit catholicvyc.ca/reasonforyourhope

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
First Friday of month 9:30 - 10:30
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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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

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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**