



ST. PAUL'S PARISH BULLETIN

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February 16th to 22nd, 2025



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C

First Reading *Jeremiah 17:5-8*

Put trust and hope in the Lord, not in human beings.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 1*

Blessed are those who follow the law of the Lord.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20*

Our hope for resurrection is sure because Christ has been raised from the dead.

Gospel Reading *Luke 6:17,20-26*

Jesus teaches the crowd the way to happiness.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Last Sunday we heard Jesus call Peter to be his disciple. Jesus then travels with Peter and the other disciples. Luke reports acts of healing (a person with leprosy and a paralytic man) and the call of Levi, the tax collector. Jesus also replies to questions from the Pharisees regarding fasting and the observance of the Sabbath. In the verses immediately before today's gospel reading, Jesus is reported to have chosen 12 men from among his disciples to be apostles. *Apostle* is a Greek word that means "one who is sent."

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in [Matthew 5:1-7,11](#) that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings.

When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the [Ten Commandments](#). As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us.

Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the [Beatitudes](#) in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel—Luke uses the article "you" whereas Matthew uses "they" or "those." There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning.

The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. The word *blessed* in this context might be translated as "happy," "fortunate," or "favored."

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, 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

Monthly: CF Loan (mortgage) - \$11 411.00

Monthly: Diocesan Support \$4 594.00

Income for Dec – 80 319.31

Expenses for Dec – 51 646.73

Income – 28 672.58

YTD Income – 621 187.21

YTD Expenses – 599 429.38

Income – 21 757.83

Insurance per month - \$3 424.69

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

CWL

Please support CWL Purdy's fundraiser.
Click on the link below to place your order.
- <https://fundraising.purdys.com/2110110-126232>

Order deadline: Mar 23rd, 2025.

Order pickup: April 5th, 2025

Thank you for your support.

KofC Airdrie Dream Vacation

Did you know that when you buy a ticket; you support 35 charities, you have a 1 in 10 chance of winning, you can win multiple times as your winning ticket is returned to the prize drum, including the early birds. There are 87 prizes, there are only 600 tickets printed, you can buy online at airdriedreamvacation.ca or at the store card table, for the major prizes you can take the trip or 80% of the cash value (\$2000). Get yours today.

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	Mass Intentions
Sunday	Feb 16	9:00am	RS - Regent Charlebois
		11:00am	PRO POPULO
Monday	17		No Mass - PARISH CLOSED FOR FAMILY DAY
Tuesday	18	12:00noon	SI - for vocations into the religious life
Wednesday	19	9:00am	RS = The Pelletier Family
Thursday	20	6:30pm	RS - George & Estelle Schmelzle
Friday	21	9:00am	SI - Fillion Family
		10:30am	SI - Jacky McColeman birthday blessings
Saturday	15	5:00pm	SI - Fanita Batten birthday blessings



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

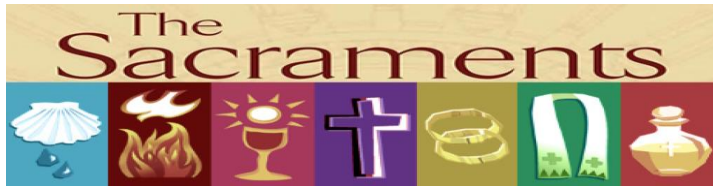
If you have been admitted to any of Calgary's hospitals and would like the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, you can contact your parish priest or call the Diocese of Calgary Call Centre at **403-231-9505**.

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	Feb 16	8:20 to 8:45am	9am Choir Practice	S.H.C.
		10:15 to 10:45am	11am Choir Practice	S.H.C.
Monday	17	9:15am	Rosary Group	Nave
		9:30 to 11:30pm	Office	VoMR
Tuesday	18	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
		6:30pm	Confirmation Session 2	Hall/Nave
		7:30pm	KofC Executive Meeting	VoMR
Wednesday	19	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave
		12:00noon	Seniors Lunch	Hall
		6:30 to 8:00pm	First Holy Communion Session 4	Hall/Nave
Thursday	20	9:15am	Rosary Group	Nave
		7:00pm	RCIA	Hall
		7:10pm	Parish Pastoral Council	VoMR
Friday	21	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave
Saturday	22	10:00 to 11:00am	First Holy Communion Session 4	Hall/Nave
		4:00pm	CWL Social	VoMR
		3:45 to 4:45pm	Reconciliation	
		4:10 to 4:45pm	5pm Choir Practice	S.H.C.

The First Filipino Mass at St. Paul's Airdrie will be Sunday, February 23rd, at 5pm with Fr. Domingo Bongalos.

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://Sacrament of Baptism for Infants/Children/Youth – St. Paul's Catholic Church (stpaulsairdrie.ca))

2023 Baptism Dates:

Saturday, Mar 1st, May 17th, Jun 7th, Jul 5th, Aug 16th after 5pm Mass

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST (EUCHARIST) COMMUNION

[Sacrament of First Reconciliation & First Eucharist – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://Sacrament of First Reconciliation & First Eucharist – St. Paul's Catholic Church (stpaulsairdrie.ca)) Feb 19, 6:30pm OR Feb 22, 10am

CONFIRMATION CLOSED

[Sacrament of Confirmation – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://Sacrament of Confirmation – St. Paul's Catholic Church (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://Becoming Catholic as an Adult – 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://Marriage – 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://Holy Orders – St. Paul's Catholic Church (stpaulsairdrie.ca))

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

St Paul's Youth Ministry 'Sentinels of Christ'

We're excited to welcome the youth (ages 12 - 17yrs) of St Paul's Airdrie for a fun filled evening on Friday Feb 28th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Please register your child by scanning the QR code below using your phone, no later than Mon Feb 24th.



Seniors Lunch on Feb 19th at 12:00 noon.

All Seniors Welcome.

RSVP by Feb 16th to Elaine at #587 582 0325.

Hosted by the Social & Fundraising Committee
SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE
SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.
LIMITED TICKETS!!!

* Adult \$10/3 pancakes

Includes Assorted Berries, Coffee/Tea

* Child (under 12 yrs) \$5/2 pancakes

Includes Assorted Berries, Juice Box

Ticket sales after all masses on Feb 22nd (Saturday) & Feb 23rd (Sunday). This is a ticketed event!!!

2024 Donation Receipts for Income Tax Purposes are ready for pickup. Please stop by the parish and pick up your receipt to help us save on mailing costs.

2025 Donation Receipts will be emailed, please ensure the office has your correct email address.



On Saturday February 22, a team from the St. Paul's Community is participating in the **Coldest Night of the Year**. This is a fundraising event in support of the Airdrie POWER women's shelter.

It is a 2 & 5 km walk that will take place in Nose Creek Park here in Airdrie.

it's cold out there.

All proceeds will stay in Airdrie supporting people experiencing domestic violence & abuse.

Visit <https://cnoy.org/location/airdrie> to join or Donate to our **ST. PAUL'S COMMUNITY** team or to simply cheer us on.

Caring for Seniors -Preventing Elder Abuse & Embracing Cultural Sensitivity Workshop

The Diocese of Calgary invites clergy, pastoral care volunteers, hospital chaplains, and family members to this workshop, designed to equip those serving the elderly with the tools to address elder abuse and provide culturally sensitive support to ethnocultural elderly.

For more information and to register:

<https://www.catholicyc.ca/seniors> or call Mara at 403-218-5521.

Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Time: 10 am – 3 pm

Location: Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 17th Ave SW, Calgary)

Complimentary Lunch & Refreshments

THE STORE CARD PROGRAM

Beginning in January 2007, parishioners have purchased \$6,780,000 worth of gift cards through the Store Card Program and raised more than \$208,000 for the Building Fund.

Thank you for your past and continued support.

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

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**