



# ST. PAUL'S PARISH BULLETIN

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March 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025



## Second Sunday of Lent, Cycle C

### First Reading

*Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18*

God makes a covenant with Abraham, promising him many descendants.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 27*

A prayer to God who is our salvation

### Second Reading

*Philippians 3:17-4:1*

Paul encourages the Philippians to remain firm in their faith that Christ will subject all things to himself.

### Gospel Reading

*Luke 9:28b-36*

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, John, and James.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The report of Jesus' Transfiguration is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The context for Luke's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew and Mark. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his Passion. After the prediction there is a discussion of the cost of discipleship in each of these Gospels. The placement of the Transfiguration story close to Peter's confession and Jesus' prediction encourages us to examine the Transfiguration in the larger context of the Paschal Mystery.

The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death.

As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospels, there is reference to conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel explains that this conversation is about Jesus' later accomplishments in Jerusalem. Luke describes this as his exodus, connecting Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection with the Israel's Exodus from Egypt.

On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion. We also notice that Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus "master" instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.

*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 JAN – 42 011.11

Expenses for JAN – 40 574.09

Income – 1 437.02

**Insurance per month - \$3 424.69**

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

**CWL Purdy's order deadline is fast approaching.**

Please click on the link to place your orders.

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/2110110-126232>

Thank you for supporting CWL.

Lenten Charity of the Cross retreat at Mount St. Francis on April 15-16. Further details to come.

**KofC**

**Airdrie Dream Vacation**

Tickets for the Airdrie Dream Vacation fundraiser sponsored by the Knights of Columbus can be purchased at the store card table after weekend masses and online [airdriedreamvacation.ca](http://airdriedreamvacation.ca)

First draw is April 6<sup>th</sup>.

There will be Usher review for new and experienced ushers, immediately after all Masses, March 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

**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.

**Requesting donations of small metal bells for the Triduum. Please drop off at the office.**

**Thank you**

DAY	DATE	TIME	Mass Intentions
Sunday	Mar16	9:00am	RS - Peter d'Haene & Denise Turgeon
		11:00am	PRO POPULO
<b>Monday</b>	<b>17</b>		<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday	18	12:00noon	SI - Anthony Sng birthday blessings
Wednesday	19	9:00am	SI - Joseph Figredo
Thursday (service)	20	6:30pm	RS - Wallace & Lidia Mercier & Family (moved to April 29 <sup>th</sup> )
Friday	21	9:00am	SI - Anna Skadiang 80th birthday blessings
Fri-Seniors home		10:30am	SI - Fanita Batten birthday blessings
Saturday	22	5:00pm	RS - Arsenio Linang

DAY	DATE	TIME	PARISH ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Sunday	Mar 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
		7:00pm	CWL	Hall
Tuesday	18	9:00am	Men's Bible Study followed by Coffee	VoMR & Hall
		10:00 to 11:45am	Mom's Group – CANCELLED??	Basement
		10:45am	Rosary Group	Nave
		7:30 to 9:00pm	KofC 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree meeting	Hall
Wednesday	19	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave
Thursday	20	9:15am	Rosary Group	Nave
		7:00pm	RCIA	Hall
		7:00pm	Parish Pastoral Council meeting	VoMR
Friday	21	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave
		5:30pm	Friday Lenten soup and bun	Hall
		7:00pm	Friday Stations of the Cross	Nave
Saturday	22	8:30 to 11:00am	KofC 8045	S.H.C.
		3:45 to 4:45pm	Reconciliation	
		4:10 to 4:45pm	5pm Choir Practice	S.H.C.

Children's Liturgy Sunday 11:00am Mass – March 16 & 23 – April 6, 13 & 27

# 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))

**2025 Baptism Dates:** Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> (new date)  
Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, Jun 7<sup>th</sup>, Jul 5<sup>th</sup>, Aug 16<sup>th</sup>, Sep 13<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://Sacrament of First Reconciliation & First Eucharist – St. Paul's Catholic Church (stpaulsairdrie.ca) Mar 26, 6:30pm OR Mar 29, 10am) Mar 26, 6:30pm OR Mar 29, 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 Mar 11<sup>th</sup>, Apr 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00pm  
Retreat April 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 12:00noon.  
Confirmation rehearsal date May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Nave.  
Confirmation date May 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](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://Marriage – St. Paul's Catholic Church (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://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))

**A Call to Personal Renewal** The Diocese of Calgary is on a [journey of Renewal](#)—but Renewal isn't about programs or plans. Renewal begins with you. A personal Renewal draws us closer to Jesus, and when we grow in Him, we become better disciples. This Lent, we invite you to take up the challenge of personal Renewal. No pressure, no perfection—just a step toward Christ. Consider these simple ways to pray for renewal in our heart, our parish, and our diocese this Lenten season:

- \*Pray daily the [Holy Spirit Prayer](#), asking for Renewal in your heart, parish, and diocese.
- \*Pray the Rosary with the intention of Renewal.
- \*Offer up a Mass—try attending a weekday Mass.
- \*Spend time in [Adoration](#), resting in Christ's presence.
- \*Pray the [Way of the Cross](#), reflecting on His sacrifice.
- \*Practice [Friday abstinence or fasting](#) as an offering for Renewal.
- \*Simply pray: "Holy Spirit, show me what I can do for Renewal."

**St. Paul's Friday Lenten Soup & Bun**  
March 21st at 5:30pm in the parish hall

**St. Paul's Friday Stations of the Cross**  
March 21st at 7:00pm in the Nave

The **2025 Together In Action's** campaign kicks off our Lenten journey. The Lenten call to almsgiving means making other people's needs become part of our concerns. The Parish goal for the 2025 Together in Action campaign is **\$31 759.00**. Thank you for your continued generosity in helping to achieve our parish's contribution to the diocesan goal of \$2 million. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office, in the offertory, our credit card or direct deposit option or made online at [Donate to TIA - ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CALGARY](#) your online donation will be included as part of our parish contribution, just choose Airdrie St. Paul, from the drop-down list

TOGETHER *in ACTION* 2025

REJOICE *in HOPE*  
be patient in suffering,  
persevere in prayer.  
ROMANS 12:12

In this Jubilee Year, we rejoice in God's grace, embracing his divine plan with trust and perseverance as Pilgrims of Hope. In this spirit, Together in Action invites us to serve those in need.

The Together in Action will raise:

► **\$2 MILLION**

26.5%	Care of Retired Priests
20%	Hospital Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care
2.4%	Ministries Support
0.25%	Mission Council
6.25%	Elizabeth House
29.85%	Indigenous Reconciliation Fund
10%	Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops
3.5%	Calgary Catholic Immigration Society
1.25%	Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute

Mar 10: [Rejoice in Hope!](#)

**YOU ARE called**  
YOU MATTER. YOU BELONG.

**Pilgrims of Hope**  
Jubilee 2025

TOGETHER *in ACTION* 2025  
CATHOLICCYCA.CA/TIA

## FORTY CANS FOR LENT-FOOD FOR FAMILIES

40 Cans for Lent, Food for Families program of the Knights of Columbus will begin on March 9 and continue for the next four Sundays. **The Airdrie Food Bank is currently feeding between 700 to 800 weekly.** You can contribute by bringing food items to the weekend masses and placing in the bins provided, purchase store card gift cards, provide a monetary donation or donate online at the link below. The Catholic schools are faithful supporters of this project.

Sheets are available that describe the needs of the food bank. Envelopes are also available to pass in your monetary donation.

We thank you for your support.

<https://www.airdriefoodbank.com/donatefunds>

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  
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.

## ADMINISTRATOR (PRIEST)

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

## PASTORAL ASSISTANTS

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## PARISH SECRETARY/FINANCIALS

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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.catholicvcv.ca](http://www.catholicvcv.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**