



ST. PAUL'S PARISH BULLETIN

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March 23rd to 29th, 2025



Third Sunday of Lent, Cycle A – RCIA, First Scrutiny

First Reading

Exodus 17:3-7 - God tells Moses to bring forth water from the rock.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95 - Sing joyfully in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-2,5-8 - Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel Reading

shorter form: *John 4:5-15,19b-26,39a,40-42* - Jesus reveals himself to the Samaritan woman at the well.

Background on the Gospel Reading

On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John's Gospel. The Gospel of John is the only Gospel not assigned to a particular liturgical year. Instead, readings from John's Gospel are interspersed throughout our three-year liturgical cycle.

In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come.

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

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

Income for FEB – 55 888.64

Expenses for FEB – 46 586.35

Income – 9 302.29

Insurance per month - \$3 424.69

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

CWL - Please come join us for the IWIN presentation on Tuesday April 8th. With the help of the Holy Spirit this program was brought to life. "Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hands of the wicked" Psalm 82:4

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

**Thank you to everyone that supported CWL Purdy's fundraiser.

KofC

Airdrie Dream Vacation – two weeks left to get your ticket.
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
First draw is April 6th.

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

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.

DAY	DATE	TIME	Mass Intentions
Sunday	Mar 23	9:00am	PRO POPULO
		11:00am	RS - John & Charlotte Wasyluk
Monday	24		No Mass
Tuesday	25	12:00noon	RS - Akouassi Lucienne N'Guessan
Wednesday	26	9:00am	SI - Julian Sng Birthday blessings
Thursday	27	6:30pm	RS - Cheryl Reichel
Friday	28	9:00am	RS - Edward Fillion
Fri-Seniors home		10:30am	RS - Pat Larkin
Saturday	29	5:00pm	SI - Lauretta Dearing birthday blessings

DAY	DATE	TIME	PARISH ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Sunday	Mar 23	8:20 to 8:45am	9am Choir Practice	S.H.C.
		10:15 to 10:45am	11am Choir Practice	S.H.C.
Monday	24	9:30 to 11:30am	Office	VoMR
		6:30 to 10:00pm	KofC, host chapter	Hall
Tuesday	25	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	26	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave
		6:30 to 8:00pm	First Holy Communion Session 6	Nave/Hall
Thursday	27	9:15am	Rosary Group	Nave
		7:00pm	RCIA	Hall
Friday	28	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave
		2:00pm	Marriage	Nave
		5:30pm	Friday Lenten soup and bun	Hall
		7:00pm	Friday Stations of the Cross	Nave
		7:15pm	Youth Ministry movie night	Hall
Saturday	29	10:00 to 11:30am	First Holy Communion Session 6	Nave/Hall
		1:00 to 2:30pm	FHC Retreat (alternate date Apr 2 nd @ 6:30pm)	Nave/Hall
		3:45 to 4:45pm	Reconciliation	
		4:10 to 4:45pm	5pm Choir Practice	S.H.C.

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

Children's Liturgy Sunday
11:00am Mass
March 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 \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](#)

2025 Baptism Dates: Saturday, April 26th (new date)
Saturday, May 17th, Jun 7th, Jul 5th, Aug 16th, Sep 13th after 5pm Mass

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST (EUCHARIST) COMMUNION
[Sacrament of First Reconciliation & First Eucharist – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](#) Mar 26, 6:30pm OR Mar 29, 10am

CONFIRMATION CLOSED
[Sacrament of Confirmation – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](#)

Classes Apr 1st from 6:30 to 8:00pm
Retreat April 5th from 10:00 to 12:00noon.
Confirmation rehearsal date May 13th at 6:30pm in the Nave.
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 \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](#)

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 \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](#)

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 \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](#)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
[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 to 17yrs) of St Paul's Airdrie for a Movie Night featuring 'The Prince of Egypt' on Friday Mar 28th from 7:15pm to 9:00pm.

If you haven't already, please register your child by scanning the QR code below using your phone, no later than Tue Mar 25th.



St. Paul's Friday Lenten Soup & Bun
March 28th at 5:30pm in the parish hall

St. Paul's Friday Stations of the Cross
March 28th at 7:00pm in the Nave

Together in Action

is more than just a campaign; it's an expression of our faith and love in action. Our Parish goal is **\$31 759.00**. This year, we find inspiration in Romans 12:12, "*Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.*" In this spirit, Together in Action invites you to make a significant impact in the lives of those we serve.

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

Jubilee Photography Contest

Here is an opportunity to participate in an international photography contest for persons aged 25 and under, entitled "Sport in Motion", to be held as part of the **2025 Jubilee of Sport**. Details of the contest, a registration form and a poster are provided below. [Detail of Contest](#) | [Registration form](#)

Family-friendly Lenten Activities

- *Help children enter into the meaning of Lent through hands-on activities and traditions.
- *Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a family |Download [Confession Card for Children](#)
- *[Hang the Stations of the Cross in your home](#) – Create a visual reminder of Jesus' journey
- *Try [79 Meatless Meal for Lent ideas](#)
- *Create a Lenten Prayer Chain – Write prayer intentions or acts of kindness on strips of paper and link them together, adding a new one each day. [Here's an example](#)
- *Start a Sacrifice Jar – Encourage children to place small tokens (beans, beads) in a jar each time they make a sacrifice. On Easter, replace them with treats to symbolize the joy of self-giving. [Here's an example](#)
- *Follow a Children [Lenten Calendar 2025](#) – Simple daily ideas of Lenten actions.
- *Lenten Arts & Craft Ideas – Check out [40 Ideas for 40 Days](#) for engaging activities that keep Lent meaningful.

Hunger Knows No Season-FOOD FOR FAMILIES

40 Cans for Lent, Food for Families program of the Knights of Columbus has begun and will continue for the next three 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. The first delivery was made this week by the knights to the food bank with 1298 pounds and \$900 in monetary donations. Well done.

We thank you for your support.

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

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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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.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**