



ST. PAUL'S PARISH BULLETIN

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March 30th to April 5th, 2025



Fourth Sunday of Lent, Cycle A – RCIA, Second Scrutiny

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a

Samuel is sent to anoint David as king.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23:1-6

The Lord is our shepherd.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

The Ephesians are told to live as children of light.

Gospel Reading

(shorter form: John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38)

Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man.

Background on the Gospel Reading

As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

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

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 First draw is April 6th.

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

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	Mass Intentions
Sunday	Mar 30	9:00am	All Holy Souls in Purgatory
		11:00am	PRO POPULO
Monday	31		No Mass
Tuesday	Apr 1	12:00noon	RS - Sophie Jacula
Wednesday	2	9:00am	RS - John & Charlotte Wasyluk
Thursday	3	9:00am	RS - Dennis Schmelzle & Family
NO 6pm Confession		NO 6:30pm Mass	Fr. Thomas assisting Calgary parish with their Lenten Reconciliation
Friday	4	9:00am	RS - Valerie O'Day
Fri-Seniors home		10:30am	RS - Benjamin Aristizabal
Saturday	5	5:00pm	RS - Lydia Del Mundo

***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	PARISH ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Sunday	Mar 30	8:20 to 8:45am	9am Choir Practice	S.H.C.
		10:15 to 10:45am	11am Choir Practice	S.H.C.
		5:00pm	Filipino Mass with Fr. Domingo	Nave
Monday	31	9:00am	Faith Day Liturgy with teachers & Dcn Doug	Nave
		9:30 to 11:30am	Office	VoMR
Tuesday	April 1	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
		7:00 to 9:30pm	KofC	S.H.C.
		6:30pm	Confirmation session #4	Nave/Hall
Wednesday	2	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave
		6:30 to 8:00pm	First Holy Communion Retreat	Nave/Hall/Bsmt
Thursday	3	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave
		7:00pm	RCIA	Hall
Friday	4	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave
		9:30 to 5:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Nave
		5:30pm	Friday Lenten soup and bun	Hall
		7:00pm	Friday Stations of the Cross	Nave
			CWL delivery & sort	VoMR
Saturday	5	10:00 to 11:30am	Confirmation Retreat	Nave/Hall/Bsmt
		10:00 to 2:00pm	CWL Purdy's pickup	VoMR
		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.



Children's Liturgy Sunday 11:00am Mass - 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://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 \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://stpaulsairdrie.ca)

CONFIRMATION CLOSED

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

Classes Apr 1st from 6:30 to 8:00pm

Retreat April 5th from 10:00 to 12:00noon.

May 13th Confessions at 6pm and Confirmation rehearsal at 6:30pm.

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.

"The Footsteps of St. Paul" Pilgrimage: Embark on a 15-day pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey, led by Fr. Julian Studden, from October 14th to 29th, 2025. This journey will bring the New Testament to life as you visit historic sites such as: **Athens, Kusadasi, Antalya, Corinth, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Pisidian Antioch.** Priced at: \$6,900 + €140 tips, this Includes: flights & accommodations, transportation, taxes, all meals & sightseeing as per itinerary. **Information Meeting will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral on April 23rd, 2025, at 6pm.** For information contact **Mirna @ 403-808-7146** or visit our website: <https://royaleorchidtraveltours.com/tours/turkey-greece/>

St. Paul's Friday Lenten Soup & Bun
April 4th at 5:30pm in the parish hall

St. Paul's Friday Stations of the Cross
April 4th 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

NOTE: any surplus donated will be applied towards our Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)



Please join us on
Friday, Apr 4th for Eucharistic
Adoration, 9:30am to 5:30pm
We need two Adorers for each
hour to be with Jesus. Signup sheet
outside the Receptionist Office
Confessions will be available from
9:30am to 10:30am

Financial Stewardship

Marriage Enrichment Workshop - Apr 10

The Diocese of Calgary invites married and engaged couples to a Marriage Enrichment Workshop on Financial Stewardship on **Thu, Apr 10 at 7 pm**, at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary).

Join speakers Guillermo & Sara Garcia, a couple who has been teaching financial literacy to engaged couples for the Diocese of Calgary since 2018. Both strongly believe there is great freedom in understanding how to manage your family's finances, and that learning to be good stewards of your financial blessings is key to a successful and happy marriage. **To register**, contact Mara at 403-218-5521 or register online [here](#).

Hunger Knows No Season

40 Cans for Lent, Food for Families program of the Knights of Columbus has begun and will continue for the next two 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 second delivery was made this past week by the knights to the food bank with 560 pounds and \$650 in monetary donations. Well done. Please give what you can 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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Diocese of Calgary's Pastoral Renewal.

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Good Shepherd School

Kindergarten - Grade 9
1319 Thorburn Drive SE
403 500 2117

Good Shepherd School - Home cssd.ab.ca

Our Lady Queen of Peace

Kindergarten - Grade 9
1820 1st Avenue NW
403 500 2064

[Our Lady Queen of Peace School - Home
\(cssd.ab.ca\)](http://Our Lady Queen of Peace School - Home (cssd.ab.ca))

St. Veronica School

Kindergarten - Grade 9
380 Coopers Drive SW
403 500 2134

[St. Veronica - Home \(cssd.ab.ca\)](http://St. Veronica - Home (cssd.ab.ca))

St. Martin de Porres High School

Grades 10 - 12
410 Yankee Valley Blvd. SW
403 500 2041

[St. Martin de Porres High School - Home
\(cssd.ab.ca\)](http://St. Martin de Porres High School - Home (cssd.ab.ca))

Catholic Pastoral Centre

120 - 17th Ave SW,
Calgary, AB T2S 2T2
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**