

DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Women's Conference "Worthy and Made New" - May 3&4

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Miscarriage Ministry Committee

The Miscarriage Ministry Committee in the Diocese of Calgary is organizing an information night about its mission and vision. We desire to be a place of support for those experiencing this unique form of loss. Join us for an evening of learning about this ministry, assessing the community's needs, sharing best practices, and fellowship. When: **Friday, May 24, from 7 pm to 9 pm** at the Catholic

Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave, SW, Calgary). To register, call Monica at 403-218-5521.

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Living a Resurrected Life - Day Retreat on May 8

Mount St. Francis Retreat in Cochrane invites you to a prayer reflection, Mass, home-cooked lunch, with private room (optional) and quiet time. Then: **Wed, May 8 from 9 am to 3 pm**. The dates for these

days are Wednesdays in the months of October to May.

Corpus Christi Clothing/Textile Drive - May 11-20

Corpus Christi CWL invites you to donate your clean unwanted clothing & textiles of all types for their textile drive on Saturday, May 11 to May 20 from 1 pm to 7 pm - Corpus Christi Parish Hall Parking Lot (5931 4th NW, Calgary). Please ensure all textiles are delivered in clear secured bags. Do not bring items that are wet, moldy, smelly, oily or paint covered. Only textiles (no rags, suitcases, books or other garage sale items).

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40 Hours Devotion for Vocations

As part of the Diocesan Renewal, the Office of Vocations is excited to launch the 40 Hours Devotion for Vocations in our diocese. This initiative invites us to pray continuously for forty hours before the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with a focus on increasing vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Upcoming dates for 40 hours devotion:

- **St. Gerard's, Calgary** - Tue, Apr 30 at 6 am to Wed, May 1 at 10 pm
- **St. Anthony's, Calgary** - Fri, May 3 at 3 pm to Sun, May 5 at 7 am
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Resources

- [Sacraments & Liturgies](#)
- [Spiritual Resources](#)
- [Sacrament Preparation](#)
- [Online Formation Opportunities](#)

- [Kid's Bulletin this Sunday](#)
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- [Sunday Connection this Sunday \(Gr. 1-8\)](#)
- Children's Liturgy of the Word this Sunday
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Other Resources & Events

1. Sunday Bulletin shorts, free to use:

- Jesus is promising, and advancing God's covenant by expressing His desire to be joyful, to know our deepest desires and be intimate within our hearts. Christian writer John Shea said "The true vine lives simultaneously in the flux of time and in the eternal now." We do this by answering a daily call to live in the house of love and to ensure that each branch in our families, parishes and communities remains healthy and connected to the Vine that "causes all

things to work together for the good of those who trust in Him." As John expresses perfectly, "from the least to the greatest all will know the Lord."

- How strong is Love in your family, your parish, your community, your workplace?
- What branches in your parish are not bearing fruit?
- When have you witnessed near complete joy in your parish life?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

2. Resources for children

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3. 40 Hours Devotion in the Diocese of Calgary

"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:37-38). Pray with us as for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our Diocese. [Come and pray before the Lord | catholicyc.ca/40hours](#). The next 4 dates:

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11. **April/May Calendar Highlights**

- **Apr 27** | [A Day with the Sisters](#) - Divine Mercy Centre, Calgary
- **Apr 27-28** | [White Elephant and Plant Sale](#) - St. Gerard, Calgary
- **May 3-4** | [Beloved Daughters Women's Conference](#) - St. Michael's, Calgary
- **May 3-4** | [Catholic Women's League 102nd Annual Diocesan Convention](#) - Calgary

- **May 10** | [GrACE \(Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education\) Summit 2024](#) - Edmonton
- **May 11** | [Tolkien's Faith and Works](#) - Clear Water Academy, Calgary
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- **May 11-20** | [Corpus Christi CWL Clothing/Textile Recycling Drive](#) - Corpus Christi, Calgary
- **NEW! May 11** | [Dinner & Entertainment](#) - St. Gerard, Calgary
- **May 11** | [Calgary Pro-Life Hike for Life](#) - Prince's Island Park, Calgary
- **May 11-12** | [Calgary Pro-Life Mothers Day Rose Sale](#) - most Calgary parishes
- **NEW! May 12** | [Knights Breakfast Sunday](#) - St. Mary's, Brooks
- **NEW! May 22** | [Sisters of Province - Come and See](#) - Calgary
- **NEW! May 24** | [Miscarriage Ministry Information Session](#) - Pastoral Centre, Calgary
- **NEW! May 24 to June 2** | [The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition](#) - St. Michael's, Calgary
- **NEW! May 31 - June 2** | [Women's Weekend Retreat](#) & June 7-9 for [Men's Weekend Retreat](#) - Mount St. Francis
- **NEW! Save the date: Sat, June 1** | [Mary's Festival at St. Mary's University](#)

To **submit your parish/lay association events** - go to catholiccyc.ca/news and click "Add Event" (please submit description + poster/graphic in JPEG/PNG)

Worth sharing

Together in Action

Together in Action supports diocesan ministries and programs in the 68 parishes across southern Alberta. It helps us to carry out the mission of Christ through His Church. [More info here.](#)

Feed the Hungry - Volunteer, Donate, or Sponsor a Sunday

Take part in the spirit of generosity and giving. Let's feed the hungry in Calgary, one Sunday at a time. We invite you to volunteer, donate, or sponsor one Sunday dinner. [More info here.](#)

National Synodal Report

We invite everyone to read the Synod on Synodality reports. To read the Diocesan, Western Region and National reports, visit catholiccyc.ca/synod

Break the cycle. Talk about it.

Perhaps you are a sexual abuse survivor, a relative or a friend of someone who was abused. Talk to someone or call our toll-free number to help you break the cycle of silence. Visit catholiccyc.ca/talkaboutit

Emergency Relief for Turkey and Syria

Funds are still urgently needed to provide food, medical supplies, shelter, and other essentials in the aftermath of a devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria. [Find ways to give.](#)

Bishops of Canada deepen commitments for healing and reconciliation

Recently, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), gathered in the Plenary Assembly and agreed upon a series of next steps related to the painful legacy of residential schools. This work builds on previous commitments to promote access to records, educate clergy on Indigenous cultures and spirituality, and contribute \$30 million to healing and reconciliation initiatives across Canada. Read more at ccc.ca

Faith Formation Courses

These formation opportunities will help you with your faith journey and to help you grow closer to Christ. Find a list of webinars and courses on our diocesan website [here](#).

Catechesis webinar recordings from CCCB

The webinar recordings, PowerPoint presentations and guides for reflections are available [here on the CCCB website](#). They represent a rich collection of resources that can be used in diocesan/eparchial and parish settings for the formation of catechists and leaders in evangelization. Past Webinars:

- [Directory for Catechesis](#)

- [Nurturing Friendship: The Directory for Catechesis in Dialogue with the Encyclical Letter Fratelli Tutti](#)
- [Encounters of Hope: The Process Of Evangelization In Our Daily Lives](#)
- [For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission](#)

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The map highlights the Treaty 7 territory in Southern Alberta, which includes the Stoney Nation (Chiniki/Morley), Siksika Nation, Tsuutina Nation, Stoney Nation (Bears paw/Eden Valley), Piikani Nation, and Kainai Nation. Major cities like Banff, Calgary, Medicine Hat, and Lethbridge are also marked. The map also shows the border with Saskatchewan and Treaty 4 territory to the south.

THE DIOCESE OF CALGARY IS IN
TREATY 7 TERRITORY

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of Calgary**

We acknowledge that Treaty 7 territory, on which we stand, is the ancestral land of the Indigenous peoples and is common home to everyone in virtue of God our Creator's gracious gift.