

DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

Ascension of the Lord

Family & Life Week

Let's join Family & Life Week (**May 13 to 19, 2024**) in the Diocese - and sign up to receive a daily prayer and quick, short, and easy-to-do daily suggested activities for each day of the week. Let's weave moments of connection and laughter, strengthen bonds, foster joy, and create cherished memories. Who knows, maybe your family will win the mystery prize - which will be announced on May 19! Register your family to receive a short daily prayer & suggested activities right in your inbox during the Family & Life week.



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.

Pray the Rosary

- **Living Rosary for Our Lady of Fatima**
When: **Fridays, May 17, 24 & 31, at 7**

pm - St. Bonaventure, Calgary - Friday Rosaries in honour of Our Lady of Fatima. Ice cream sundae treats after rosary!

- **Daily Rosary with St. Thomas More, Calgary** | When: **May 2-31 at 7 pm - St. Thomas More, Calgary** - Daily rosary with St. Thomas More's parish in honour of Our Lady. All are welcome!

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).

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 at www.catholiccycc.ca/feedthehungry

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

- **May 8-17, 2024 at Ascension Catholic Parish, Calgary.** Visiting hours vary; please check ascensionparish.ca or call 403-275-

2240.

- **May 24 to June 2 at St. Michael's, Calgary.** Visit the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition, with exhibits designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis, before his death from Leukemia at the age of 15. His intention was to bring a greater awareness of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The exhibition is comprised of 169 panels with historical descriptions and an extensive assortment of photographs and artwork of Eucharistic Miracles that took place throughout the ages in various countries of the world and which have been recognized by the Vatican. Visiting hours vary; please check saintmichael.ca or call 403-249-0423.

Mary's Festival - June 1

St. Mary's University in Calgary is hosting the first annual Mary's Festival on **Saturday, June 1 from 11 am to 4 pm.**

After a long winter, how does a day of fellowship, food, fun, live music, disc golf, and just community sound to you? From food trucks to a dunk tank, a vendor marketplace to live musical entertainment, Mary's Festival will be a joyful celebration and invite everyone to come for what will be a whole lot of fun for the whole family!

Career Opportunities

Join the Catholic Pastoral Centre and be part of a dedicated team committed to making a difference in our community! We are currently seeking passionate individuals for the following positions:

- **Archivist** (Full-time)

- **Bookkeeper** (Full-time)
- **Support Staff, Elizabeth House** (Part-time)
- **Program Coordinator, St. Francis Xavier Chaplaincy** (Full-time)

40 Hours Devotion for Vocations

"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 | catholiccyca.ca/40hours](http://catholiccyca.ca/40hours). The next devotions:

- **St. James', Okotoks** - Fri, May 24 at 4:30 pm to Sun, May 26 at 8:30 am
- **Sacred Heart, Calgary** - Fri, June 7 at 7 am to Sun, June 9 at 7 am
- **St. James Parish, Calgary** - Fri, June 21 at 4 pm to Sun, June 23 at 6 am.

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Resources

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

- [Kid's Bulletin this Sunday](#)
- [Colouring Page this Sunday](#)
- [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:

- The conclusion Mark's Gospel includes the commission to go out and proclaim the good news to all creation. In the power of the Risen Christ present and active among them, the missionary apostles will spread the news with signs and wonders. Jesus who has ascended from them has remained with them. The presence of the Lord remains with us to this day when we proclaim the gospel through our words and deeds.

- How are we called to proclaim “good news?”
- How has Jesus been “good news” in your life?
- Recall a time when you felt “sent out.”

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

2. Resources for children

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3. 40 Hours Devotion in the Diocese of Calgary

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4. May Living Rosary in honour of Our Lady of Fatima

St. Bonaventure's Parish invites you to celebrate the Month of Mary with their parish community - every Friday at 7pm in May with Rosary prayer to honour Our Lady of Fatima. All are welcome!

5. Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

- **May 8-17, 2024 at Ascension Catholic Parish, Calgary.** Visit the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition, which will showcase the miracles of the Eucharist around the globe and aim to confirm the real presence of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the Eucharist. [Visiting hours vary; please check the schedule here.](#)
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6. On the Cross and Suffering

"As Christians, we cannot proclaim Christ as risen without first coming to the Cross," shared Bishop McGrattan. As requested by many who attended the Good Friday liturgy at the Cathedral, here is the Bishop's reflection on the cross and suffering.

[Read more](#)

7. **Finding God in the midst of mourning**

After the passing of his daughter, Mark Anderson was left with the biggest hole in his heart until a friend helped him see that "where there is death, there is new life also," and took him to attend Mass. And he could not stay away. After attending the Holy Thursday Mass at the Cathedral last year, Mark knew he would be baptized the next Easter. [Read Mark's story](#)

8. **Mary's Festival**

Join us at [Mary's Festival on Saturday, June 1, 2024!](#) 🎉 Experience a day filled with live music, delicious food, exciting games, and family-friendly activities. From Face painting, to a dunk tank, to a marketplace and beer garden, there's something for everyone to enjoy! This event is co-sponsored by the Diocese of Calgary, St. Francis Xavier Chaplaincy, and God Squad Canada. Don't miss out on the fun - get your tickets today! stmu.ca/marysfestival

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10. **Young Adults: Hope on the Horizon Summer Mission in Downtown Vancouver** | Join

the "Hope on the Horizon" Summer Mission from **August 6-21, 2024** hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver and Catholic Street Missionaries. This event, for young adults aged 19-30 in downtown Vancouver, offers an immersive experience into street missionary work. Participants will engage in prayer, service, and outreach to the homeless, alongside training and recreational activities. Food and accommodation included. For details and registration, visit: catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon.

11. **May Calendar Highlights**

- **May 8 - 17** | [Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition](#) - Ascension, Calgary
- **May 9** | [Women's Retreat Day: Experiencing Mary Anew](#), FCJ Centre, Calgary
- **May 10** | [GrACE \(Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education\) Summit 2024](#) - Edmonton
- **NEW! May 10** | [ABLAZE - Youth Ministry](#), St. Bonaventure, Calgary
- **May 10-12** | [Christian Young Professionals \(20's-40's\) Silent Retreat](#) - Mt. St. Francis
- **May 11** | [Tolkien's Faith and Works](#) - Clear Water Academy, Calgary
- **May 11-20** | [Corpus Christi CWL Clothing/Textile Recycling Drive](#) - Corpus Christi, Calgary

- **May 11** | [Dinner & Entertainment](#) - St. Gerard, Calgary
- **May 11** | [Sabbatical Day - Seeds of the Word](#), 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
- **May 12** | [Knights Breakfast Sunday](#) - St. Mary's, Brooks
- **May 14** | [Billings Ovulation Method: Preparing for Marriage](#), Zoom
- **May 17** | [Status Matters, Exploring the Impact of Immigration Status on Poverty in Canada](#), Ambrose University, Calgary
- **May 17** | [Welcoming the Stranger: Theology and Praxis in Migration and Resettlement](#), Ambrose University, Calgary
- **May 22** | [Sisters of Providence - Come and See](#) - Calgary
- **NEW! May 24** | [ABLAZE - Youth Ministry](#) - St. Bonaventure, Calgary
- **May 24** | [Miscarriage Ministry Information Session](#) - Pastoral Centre, Calgary
- **NEW! May 24** | [Commissioning Mass of the Sabbatical Year Program](#), Our Lady of Fatima, Calgary
- **May 24 to June 2** | [The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition](#) - St. Michael's, Calgary
- **May 31 - June 2** | [Women's Weekend Retreat](#) & June 7-9 for [Men's Weekend Retreat](#) - Mount St. Francis
- **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.](#)

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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 catholicyc.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 cccb.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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Sunday Offering

Our parish relies on your Sunday offerings for maintenance and growth. By making your pre-authorized offertory gift, you are providing crucial support to care for your parish. You can also use the online giving page on the diocesan website to set up a one-time or recurring donation to your parish via credit-card. Funds donated will be transferred to the selected parish. Give now at catholicyc.ca/donatetoparish

[or contact your Parish to set up a direct debit deposit].

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