

# DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### Lenten Penitential Services

In preparing us as the faithful for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Join our parish's penitential service and rejoice in God's Mercy! See schedule at: [catholiccycc.ca/lenit](https://catholiccycc.ca/lenit)

### 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. Please read the letter from the Bishop inviting you to this initiative at [catholiccycc.ca/40hours](https://catholiccycc.ca/40hours)  
March dates for 40 hours devotion:

- **St. Mary's Cathedral**, Fri, Mar 1 at 7 am to Sat, Mar 2 at 11 pm
- **St. Anthony's, Calgary**, Fri, Mar 1 at 3 pm to Sun, March 3 at 7 am
- **St. Luke's, Calgary**, Fri, Mar 8 at 8:30 am to Sun, Mar 10 at 8 am
- **St. Bonaventure's, Calgary**, Wed, Mar 13 at 7 am - Thu, Mar 14 at midnight
- **Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, Calgary** - Tue, Mar 20 at 7 am to Wed, Mar 21 at midnight

### Together in Action 2024

This year TIA draws upon Philippians 4:19: "God will fully satisfy every need of yours

*according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."* This scripture passage encourages us to trust in God's abundant provision and to share this abundance with others through service and love. Our diocesan goal of \$2 million will make a broad impact through our commitments to service and outreach. It will provide care for our retired priests, support hospital chaplaincy and pastoral care ministries, and aid local healing and reconciliation initiatives for residential school survivors. You can participate by donating at your parish, or online at [catholiccyca.ca/tia](https://catholiccyca.ca/tia) - your contribution will be included as part of your parish contribution for TIA.

### The Saints' Guide to Happiness

St. Gerard's Parish invites you to their Lenten Mission with Dr. Peter E. Baltutis, with topic: The Saints' Guide to Happiness: Practical Lessons from the Spiritual Masters. When: **Mon to Wed, Mar 3 -5 at St. Gerard's Parish** (8944 Elbow Drive SW, Calgary). Free Will offering to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

### Youth & Holy Week Missions

Regnum Christi Calgary is inviting young people to a week-long event during Holy Week 2024. This event is designed to help young people develop a deeper relationship with Christ and will include various activities such as Mass, Adoration, Confession, games, food, live Stations of the Cross, and a Marian procession. The event will be held from **Mar 24 - 30** at St.

James' Parish in Okotoks. Register at [rccalgary.com](http://rccalgary.com)

## Lenten Retreat at St. Paul's

All are welcome to St. Paul's Lenten Retreat in Airdrie on **Tue, Mar 12 from 6:30 pm to 8 pm** led by Friar Michael Perras. The evening retreat will include a reflection, moments of quiet, music, sharing, and a closing spiritual. Free will offerings accepted.

## Ablaze Youth Ministry

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## Pray the Diocesan Pastoral Renewal Prayer

We invite you to join us in praying the Novena to the Diocesan Prayer of Renewal below and to incorporate it into your prayers at home and within the parish communities. May the grace of God transform us and our communities in faith, charity and hope. Visit [catholiccycc.ca/renewal](http://catholiccycc.ca/renewal)

## Lenten Resources

Visit our Diocesan Lenten Resources at [catholiccycc.ca/Lent](http://catholiccycc.ca/Lent) to find a listing of Lenten missions/retreats in parishes throughout the Diocese, daily Lenten reflections, Stations of the Cross, and lenten activities and inspiration for individuals, children, and families.

## Priestly Vocations Night

Have you ever thought God might be calling you to be a priest? Come to the Priestly Vocations Night with Fr. Derek Remus. Mass at 5 pm, followed by Evening Prayer, supper, presentation on discerning a vocation, and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. When: **Sat, Mar 16, from 5 pm to 9 pm** at St. Luke's, Calgary.

## Men's Night: Brotherhood

Men in the Diocese of Calgary are invited to join "Into the Breach" Men's Formation Program on "Brotherhood" with Regnum Christi and Clear Water Academy. When: **Thu, Mar 14 at 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**, at Clear Water Academy, Calgary. See [catholiccycc.ca/news](http://catholiccycc.ca/news) for more information.

## 27th Annual God Squad Men's Conference

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# The Third Sunday of Lent



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Weekly reflections can be found here:

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## Resources

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

**Images for this coming Sunday**  
[DOWNLOAD HERE](#) (Google Drive)

- [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 death of Jesus is announced very early in John's gospel. Jesus had just cleansed the temple of buying and selling. His wrath burned against such an outrage. Small things, like selling doves, became a matter of life and death. There was no grey area. Jesus' cleansing of the temple calls us in this season to *turn over* triggers to sin in our own lives.

- What needs to be “turned over” in our lives, in our parish, in our country?
- Name some cleansing action we could take for renewal in our lives?
- When have you taken strong, public action in support of gospel values?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

## 2. Resources for children

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## 5. 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 | catholiccyca.ca/40hours](http://catholiccyca.ca/40hours)

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10. **March Calendar Highlights**

- **Fri, Mar 1** | [World Day of Prayer - St. Mark's, Calgary](#)
- **NEW! Fri, Mar 1** | [Ablaze Youth Ministry](#) - St. Bonaventure, Calgary
- **NEW! Fri, Mar 1** | [St. Peter's Young Adult Group](#) - St. Peter's, Calgary
- **Fri, Mar 1** | [Taize Lenten Prayer Service](#) - Canadian Martyrs, Calgary
- **Tue, Mar 5** | [Taize Lenten Prayer Service](#) - St. Luke's, Calgary
- **Mar 1-2** | [40 Hours Devotion for Vocations at St. Mary's Cathedral](#)
- **Mar 1-3** | [40 Hours Devotion for Vocations at St. Anthony's Calgary](#)
- **Mar 1-3** | [Retrouvaille Retreat - A lifeline for Married Couples](#) - Calgary
- **Mar 1-3** | [Single Women \(18-35\) Come & See Dominican Sisters of Immaculate Conception](#) - Our Lady Queen of Peace, Calgary
- **Mar 1-3** | [Billings Ovulation Method Workshop](#)
- **Sun, Mar 3** | [Profession of Religious Vows, Seeds of the Word](#) - St. Mary's Cathedral
- **Sun, Mar 3** | [Lenten Mission "The Saints' Guide to Happiness: Practical Lessons from the Spiritual Masters"](#) - St. Gerard's Church
- **Mon, Mar 4 - 25** | [Follow the light of Christ anew](#) - Zoom
- **Tue, Mar 5** | [Taize Lenten Prayer Service](#) - St. Luke's Church, Calgary
- **Tue, Mar 5** | [Lenten Twilight Retreat - Tree of Life](#) - Mt. St. Francis, Cochrane
- **Wed, Mar 6** | [Lenten Day Away Retreat](#) - Mt. St. Francis, Cochrane
- **Fri, Mar 8** | [Way of the Cross: Liliana's Story: A reflection on the Trafficking of Human Person](#) - FCJ Centre
- **Mar 8-10** | [40 Hours Devotion for Vocations at St. Luke's Calgary](#)
- **NEW! Sat, Mar 9** | [ABLAZE Youth Ministry](#) - St. Bonaventure
- **Sun, Mar 10** | [Knights Breakfast Sunday](#) - St. Mary's Brooks
- **NEW! Mon, Mar 11** | [Lenten Evening Reflection](#) - FCJ Centre
- **Tue, Mar 12** | [Lenten Retreat](#) - St. Paul's, Airdrie
- **Mar 13-14** | [40 Hours Devotion for Vocations at St. Bonaventure's, Calgary](#)
- **NEW! Thu, Mar 14** | Clear Water Academy Open House

- **NEW! Thu, Mar 14** | [Men's Night: What does it mean to build your life on Christ?](#) - Clear Water Academy, Calgary
- **Sat, Mar 16** | [Priestly Vocations Night](#) - St. Luke's, Calgary
- **NEW! Sat, Mar 16** | [ABLAZE Youth Ministry](#) - St. Michael's, Calgary
- **Sun, Mar 17** | Solidarity Sunday in Parishes in the Diocese
- **Tue, Mar 19** | Solemnity of St. Joseph Mass with Bishop McGrattan - St. Joseph's, Calgary
- **NEW! Tues, Mar 19** | [Feast Day of St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon Program](#) - St. Bonaventure, Calgary
- **NEW! Mar 22-23** | [ABLAZE Youth Ministry](#) - Ascension, Calgary
- **Mar 22-23** | [God Squad Men's Conference](#) - Ascension, Calgary
- **Mar 22-24** | [Live-In Retreat](#) - St. John Paul II collegiate School, Okotoks
- **Sun, Mar 24** | Palm Sunday - Holy Week Begins - [Mass Finder](#)
- **Mon, Mar 25** | Chrism Mass - St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary
- **Thu, Mar 28** | Paschal Triduum - Holy Thursday - [Parish Triduum Schedule](#)
- **Fri, Mar 29** | Paschal Triduum - Good Friday - [Parish Triduum Schedule](#)
- **Sat, Mar 30** | Paschal Triduum - Easter Vigil - [Parish Triduum Schedule](#)
- **Sun, Mar 31** | Easter Sunday - [Parish Easter Schedule](#)
- **Mar 24-30** | [Holy Week Mission for Youth Gr. 7-12](#) - St. James', Okotok

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

## Worth sharing

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### 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](http://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](http://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](http://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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## 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](http://catholicyc.ca/donatetoparish) [or contact your Parish to set up a direct debit deposit].

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