

DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

FOURTH 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

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
March dates for 40 hours devotion:

- **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
- **Holy Spirit, Calgary** - Sat morning, Apr 6 to Sun evening, Apr 7
- **St. Anthony's, Calgary** - Fri, Apr 5 at 3 pm to Sun, Apr 7 at 7 am

Solidarity Sunday - Mar 17

The Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 17, is celebrated throughout most of Canada as Solidarity Sunday, where parishes hold a

special collection for Development and Peace - Caritas Canada and pray for greater fellowship and understanding amongst people worldwide. To donate online go to www.devp.org

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Lenten Resources

Visit our Diocesan Lenten Resources at catholiccyca.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.

Live-In Retreat in Okotoks, AB

A Live-In is a weekend retreat to grow in faith with Jesus. Organized by the Calgary Live-In Retreat Society, the upcoming Live-In will be hosted on **March 22-24** (Friday evening and ends Sunday afternoon) in Okotoks. Please contact us by e-mail calgarylivein@telus.net or phone Don at 403-510-1208 for more information or to register.

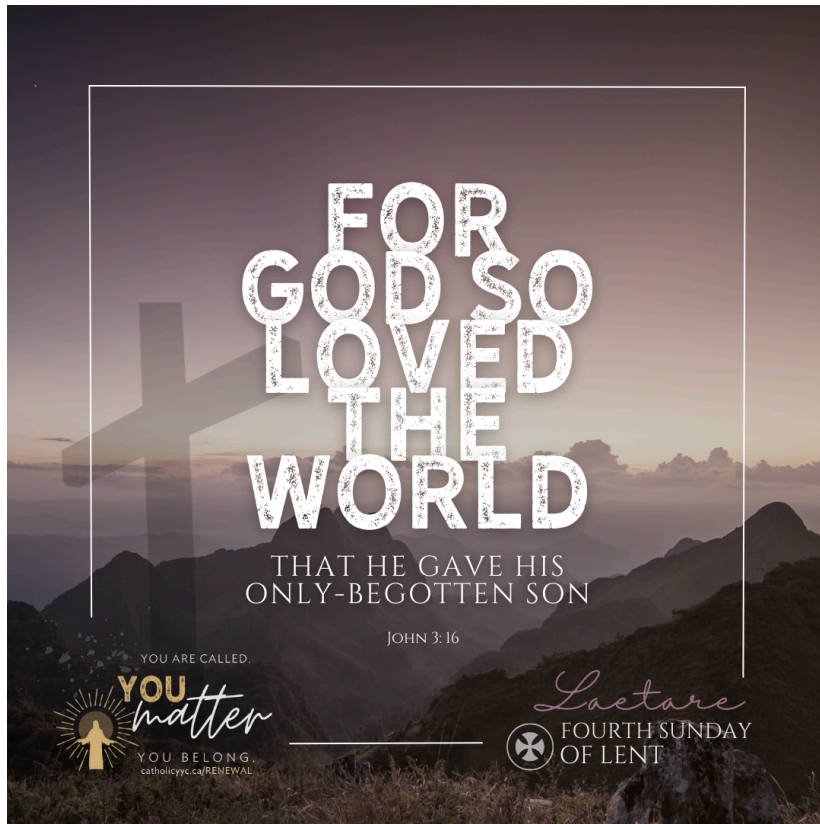
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Together in Action 2024

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 - your contribution will be included as part of your parish contribution for TIA.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent



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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 image of a serpent raised up on a pole has become a cultural symbol of healing. The Gospel of John is an invitation to look upon Jesus crucified and to see in this image the healing of the world. It is an invitation to bring our darkness into the healing light of the cross. In the glory of the cross we see our sinfulness for what it really is – the bearer of death. In today's

Gospel we are extended the invitation to step into the light and become bearers of life.

- Nicodemus resisted stepping into the light. What makes bringing our darkness into the light so difficult?
- It is difficult to see in the dark. Where in your life do you need the light of Christ to help you see more clearly?
- Recall a time when you experience illumination or insight that brought you to see things in a new way. How did this change you?
- Darkness can be social as well as personal. In what ways is our culture the bearer of darkness and death?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

2. Resources for children

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4. 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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13. **March Calendar Highlights**

- **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](#)
- **Fri, Mar 8** | [Clear Water Academy](#) Open House

- **Sat, Mar 9** | [ABLAZE Youth Ministry](#) - St. Bonaventure
- **Sun, Mar 10** | [Knights Breakfast Sunday](#) - St. Mary's Brooks
- **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](#)
- **Tue, Mar 13** | [Paper Prayers: Collage as prayer](#) - FCJ Centre
- **Thu, Mar 14** | [Men's Night: What does it mean to build your life on Christ?](#) - Clear Water Academy, Calgary
- **Mar 15-17** | [Lenten Retreat](#) - St. Mark's, Calgary
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- **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
- **Tues, Mar 19** | [Feast Day of St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon Program](#) - St. Bonaventure, Calgary
- **Thu, Mar 21** | [Walking with Women in the New Testament](#) - FCJ Centre
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- **Mar 22-24** | [Live-In Retreat](#) - St. John Paul II collegiate School, Okotoks
- **Sun, Mar 24** | Palm Sunday - Holy Week Begins - [Mass Finder](#)
- **Mar 24-30** | [Holy Week Mission for Youth Gr. 7-12](#) - St. James', Okotoks
- **Mon, Mar 25** | [Chrism Mass at 7 pm](#) - St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary
- **Mon Mar 25** | [Lenten Evening Reflection](#) - FCJ Centre
- **Wed Mar 27** | [Charity of the Cross Retreat](#) - Mt. St. Francis Retreat Centre
- **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](#)

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 catholicyyc.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 catholicyyc.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 (CCCCB), 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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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 catholiccyyc.ca/donatetoparish [or contact your Parish to set up a direct debit deposit].

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