

# DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Outdoor Way of the Cross

All are invited to join Bishop McGrattan on the **Outdoor Way of the Cross** on **Good Friday, March 29, 2024 at 9 am**. We are introducing a new route this year that begins at St. Mary's University and leads us to the Father Lacombe Centre in SE Calgary. Remember to dress appropriately for the outdoors. For more information, visit [catholicyc.ca/wayofthecross](https://catholicyc.ca/wayofthecross)

### 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: [catholicyc.ca/len](https://catholicyc.ca/len)

### Solidarity Sunday - Mar 17

**This Sunday, 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](http://www.devp.org)

### Pastoral Care Ministry Training

The Diocese of Calgary invites individuals who feel called to assist their parish in a healing ministry. This Pastoral Care Training is designed for those who wish to support the sick, elderly, dying, homebound, and bereaved community members. **Note: Participants should**

**receive approval from their Pastor and/or Pastoral Care Coord.** Please reach out to your parish for screening requirements. Training dates: **Saturdays, Apr. 20 and May 4** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre. To register, visit [catholicyc.ca/pastoralcare](https://catholicyc.ca/pastoralcare)

### Solemnity of St. Joseph Mass with Bishop McGrattan

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

- **Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, Calgary** - Tue, Mar 20 at 7 am to Wed, Mar 21 at midnight
- **St. Anthony's, Calgary** - Fri, Apr 5 at 3 pm to Sun, Apr 7 at 7 am
- **Holy Spirit, Calgary** - Sat morning, Apr 6 to Sun evening, Apr 7

## Youth & Holy Week Missions

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## Holy Week & Triduum with Bishop McGrattan

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- Chrism Mass on Mon, Mar 25 at 7 pm
- Holy Thursday, on Mar 28 at 7 pm
- Good Friday, on Mar 29 at 3 pm
- Easter Vigil, on Sat, Mar 30 at 8 pm

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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](http://catholiccyca.ca/tia) - your contribution will be included as part of your parish contribution for TIA.

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YOU MATTER.  
YOU BELONG.

THE  
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**WAY OF THE CROSS**

✦ **GOOD FRIDAY**  
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*with*  
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**HOW DO I GET THERE?**

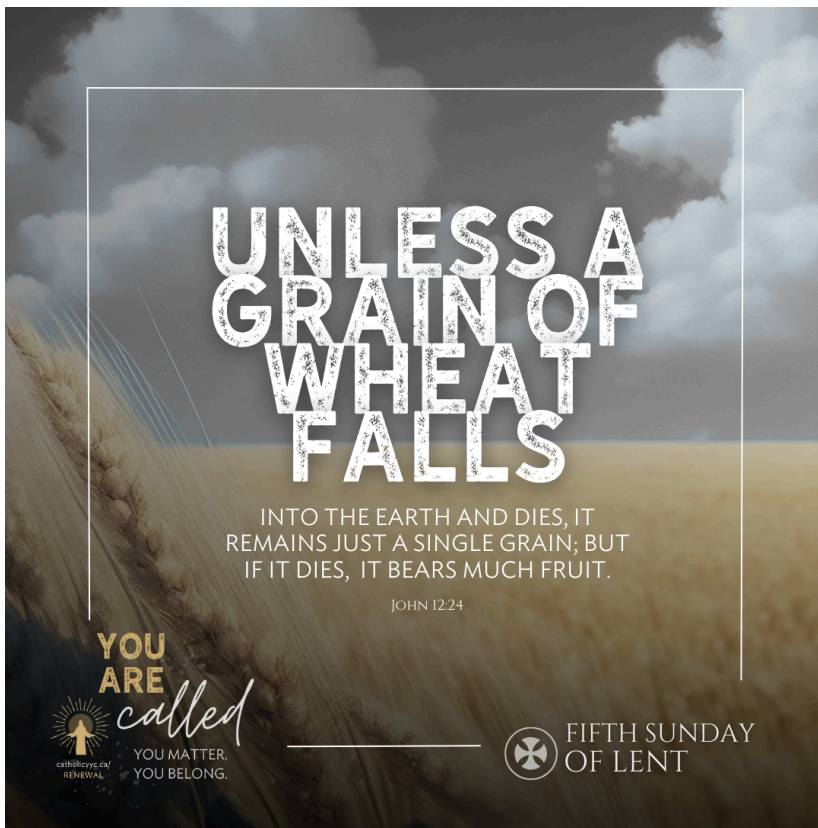
- C-TRAIN** Take the Fish Creek-Lacombe Station stop.
- DRIVING** Use the Providence Blvd. SE driveway of St. Mary's University, park on the street on Providence Blvd. SE, or park at the Fish Creek-Lacombe Station parking lot and use the walking bridge to the university campus.

**A NEW ROUTE!** ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY TO FATHER LACOMBE CENTRE



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# The Fifth 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](#)
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## Other Resources & Events

1. **Sunday Bulletin shorts, free to use:** This week the readings invite reflection on the deep and heartfelt relationship between Jesus and his Father that made possible the sacrifice of the cross. Because of his troubled time of anticipated trial Jesus prayed. In answer, the Father promised to glorify Jesus from the cross where all people will be drawn into him.
  - Which statement struck us most forcefully, and why?

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- What needs to die in you to be fully Christian?
- What cost are you willing to pay to follow Jesus?
- When you look for Jesus, what is it you want to see?

(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 | catholicyyca.ca/40hours](#)

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#### 11. **March/April Calendar Highlights**

- **Mar 13-14** | [40 Hours Devotion for Vocations at St. Bonaventure's, Calgary](#)
- **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
- **Sat, Mar 16** | [Priestly Vocations Night](#) - St. Luke's, Calgary
- **Sat, Mar 16** | [ABLAZE Youth Ministry](#) - St. Michael's, Calgary
- **NEW! Sat, Mar 16** | [CCCRS 36th Anniversary](#) - Canadian Martyrs, Calgary
- **NEW! Sat, Mar 16** | [Marian Retreat - Seeds of the Word](#) - Our Lady of the Rockies, Canmore
- **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
- **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
- **NEW! Mar 22-23** | [Into the Deep Retreat: Finding Peace Through Prayer](#) - St. Albert the Great, Calgary
- **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](#)
- **NEW! Apr 5-7** | [40 Hours Devotion for Vocations at St. Anthony's Parish, Calgary](#)
- **NEW! Apr 6-7** | [40 Hours Devotion for Vocations at Holy Spirit Parish, Calgary](#)
- **NEW! Apr 6** | [14th Annual Run for L'Arche, Calgary](#) - St. Patrick's Island
- **NEW! Apr 7** | [Divine Mercy Sunday](#) - Ascension Parish, Calgary
- **NEW! Apr 9** | [Calgary Pro-Life AGM](#) - St. Anthony's, Calgary
- **NEW! Apr 12-13** | [40 Hours Devotion for Vocation at St. Martha's Parish, Lethbridge](#)
- **NEW! Apr 12** | [CRSC Conference "Come and See" Mass & Healing Service](#) - St. Luke's, Calgary
- **NEW! Apr 13** | [CRSC Conference "Come and See"](#) - St. Thomas More, Calgary
- **NEW! Apr 13-14** | [Sacrament Fair \(Faith Gifts\)](#) - Holy Name, Calgary

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 (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](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](#)

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



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