

DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

THE HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY

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 catholiccyyc.ca/wayofthecross

Parish Schedule for Triduum and Easter

The schedule for Parish Triduum and Easter is available on our diocesan website at catholiccyyc.ca

Pastoral Care Ministry Training

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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 catholiccyyc.ca/40hours
Upcoming dates for 40 hours devotion:

- **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
- **St. Martha's, Lethbridge**, Fri, Apr 12 at 8 am to Sat, Apr 13 at midnight

Good Friday National Collection for the Holy Land

This collection is taken up on Good Friday as requested by the Holy Father. The funds raised are used by the Pope to support the Church in the Holy Land. To donate online, visit: catholiccyyc.ca/goodfridaycollection | [Download graphic](#)

Holy Week & Triduum with Bishop McGrattan

All are welcome! Bishop McGrattan will celebrate the following liturgies at St. Mary's Cathedral:

- 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
- Easter Sunday, Mar 31 at Noon

Vocations Rally

Our Church is facing a crisis of vocations - for both priesthood and religious life. Together, how can we strengthen the future of the Church? You are invited to the Diocesan Vocations Rally, co-hosted by the Benedict XVI Institute of Newman Theological College. It is an afternoon of formation, information, and fellowship on Vocations! Come learn how to build a culture of vocation, whether you are discerning a religious vocation or not. Through the grace of God, the future of the Church depends on us all. Bring as many people from your parish as you can. Lunch is on us. For more info & registration: catholiccycc.ca/vocations

Elizabeth House's Beach Carnival and Dodgeball Tournament

Elizabeth House invites you to a Beach Dodgeball Tournament at The Beach YYC (3030, 2600 Portland St SE Calgary)! You can bring friends and family and come spend an afternoon in the sand, or grab a team of 5 or 10 and join the dodgeball tournament on **Sat, April 27, from 2:30 pm to 5 pm**. Friends vs. friends, class vs. teachers, parents vs. kids, let's have some fun for a good cause! All proceeds will go towards purchasing a new van for the Elizabeth House. Register at elizabethhousecalgary.com/carnival

Breakfast with the Bishop

Join the Calgary Catholic Medical Association (CCMA) for a morning of inspiration and fellowship at the Annual Bishop's Breakfast with Bishop McGrattan, open to all interested in Catholic healthcare, on **Sat, Apr 6, 2024, from 10 am to 1 pm at Railway Cafe**, Heritage Park, Calgary; tickets \$40 regular/\$25 students. Contact: catholicmedyycc@gmail.com

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 catholiccycc.ca/tia - your contribution will be included as part of your parish contribution for TIA.

Men's Renewal: Life Compass Workshop

Men: Here is an invitation for you to join the "Life Compass" Workshop Retreat at St. Anthony's, Calgary. Ideal for men seeking a deeper sense of identity, purpose, or those feeling lost about their next step. Experience fellowship, spiritual growth, personal value clarification, and goal setting. Includes a full day of activities, follow-up mastermind, prayer time, sacraments, materials, snacks, coffee, and a hot lunch. **When: Sat, Apr 13 from 8 am to 4 pm. Register at: buildmylifecompass.com/calgary**

The Our Father as a Programme of Life

Embark on a spiritual journey with the CCCB's engaging webinar series, "A Great Symphony of Prayer," in response to Pope Francis's Year of Prayer initiative, hosted by Dr. Josephine Lombardi. This is a unique opportunity to connect with the divine and join a global community in prayer. **When: Tuesdays at 11 am MT from Apr 2 to Apr 30, 2024.** To register, visit catholiccycc.ca/news - and click the event.

YOU ARE
called
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RENEWAL
YOU MATTER.
YOU BELONG.

THE *Outdoor* WAY OF THE CROSS

✦ **GOOD FRIDAY**
MARCH 29, 2024
AT 9 AM



with
**BISHOP WILLIAM
T. MCGRATTAN**

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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Holy Week, Triduum, and Easter



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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
 - [Children's Liturgy sheet for leaders/parents \(CAFOD\) | Illustration](#)
 - [Children's Liturgy of the Word with Miss Heidi \(Catholic TV\)](#)

Other Resources & Events

1. **Sunday Bulletin shorts, free to use:**
 - **Palm Sunday:** Through the stark reality of the cross Jesus invites us to choose eternal life. With open arms he welcomes us to rise above the forces of death, in forgiveness and love, to follow him as disciples of life.

- After a triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Jesus is totally rejected and abandoned by everyone, even his closest friends. What has been your experience of failure, rejection or abandonment?
- *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?* When have you felt forsaken by God? What gives you hope?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

- **Easter Sunday:** Amid the many hardships we are enduring, let us never forget that we have been healed by the wounds of Christ (cf. *1 Pet 2:24*). In the light of the Risen Lord, our sufferings are now transfigured. Where there was death, now there is life. Where there was mourning, now there is consolation. In embracing the cross, Jesus bestowed meaning on our sufferings and now we pray that the benefits of that healing will spread throughout the world. (*Pope Francis*)

2. Resources for children

- Kid's Bulletin: [Palm Sunday](#) | [Easter Sunday](#)
- Colouring Page for [Palm Sunday](#) | [Easter Sunday](#)
- Sunday Connection this Sunday (Gr. 1-8) for [Palm Sunday](#) | [Easter Sunday](#)
- Children's Liturgy of the Word this Sunday
 - Palm Sunday: [Children's Liturgy sheet for leaders/parents](#) (CAFOD) | [Illustration](#)
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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 3 dates:

- **Holy Spirit, Calgary** - Fri, Apr 5 at 7 am to Sat, Apr 6 at 11 pm
- **St. Anthony's, Calgary** - Fri, Apr 5 at 3 pm to Sun, Apr 7 at 7 am
- **St. Martha's, Lethbridge**, Fri, Apr 12 at 8 am to Sat, Apr 13 at midnight

4. Triduum & Easter Schedule in the Diocese of Calgary

Celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection with your community! See the complete schedule of Parish Triduum & Easter Vigil here [catholicyc.ca](#)

5. Pastoral Care Ministry Training

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out to your parish for screening requirements. **Register** at catholicyyca.ca/pastoralcare or call 403-218-5521. [Download poster](#) | [social media graphic](#)

6. **CCMA Breakfast with the Bishop**

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7. **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 a range of 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. [More info & registration](#)

8. **March/April Calendar Highlights**

- **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
- **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](#)
- **NEW! Fri, Mar 29** | [The Outdoor Way of the Cross](#) - Route: St. Mary's University to Fr. Lacombe Centre
- **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](#)
- **Apr 5-7** | [40 Hours Devotion for Vocations at St. Anthony's Parish, Calgary](#)
- **Apr 5-6** | [40 Hours Devotion for Vocations at Holy Spirit Parish, Calgary](#)
- **Apr 6** | [14th Annual Run for L'Arche, Calgary](#) - St. Patrick's Island
- **Apr 7** | [Divine Mercy Sunday](#) - Ascension Parish, Calgary
- **NEW! Apr 7** | [Divine Mercy Sunday](#) - St. Michael's, Calgary
- **Apr 9** | [Calgary Pro-Life AGM](#) - St. Anthony's, Calgary
- **Apr 12-13** | [40 Hours Devotion for Vocation at St. Martha's Parish, Lethbridge](#)
- **Apr 12** | [CRSC Conference "Come and See" Mass & Healing Service](#) - St. Luke's, Calgary

- **Apr 13** | [CRSC Conference "Come and See"](#) - St. Thomas More, Calgary
- **Apr 13-14** | [Sacrament Fair \(Faith Gifts\)](#) - Holy Name, Calgary
- **NEW! Apr 14** | [Knights Breakfast Sunday](#) - St. Mary's, Brooks
- **Apr 20 & May 4** | [Pastoral Care Training](#) - CPC, Calgary
- **NEW! Sun, Apr 21** | [Vocations Rally](#) - St. Michael's, Calgary
- **NEW! Sat, Apr 27** | [Beach Carnival Dodgeball Tournament for Elizabeth House](#) - The Beach YYC

To **submit your parish/lay association events** - go to catholicyyc.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 (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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Livestreams

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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].



The map shows the southern portion of Alberta, Canada, with an orange background. It highlights the Treaty 7 territory, which includes the Stoney Nation (Chiniki/Morley), Tsuutina Nation, Siksika Nation, Stoney Nation (Bears paw/Eden Valley), Pliikani Nation, and Kainai Nation. Major cities like Banff, Calgary, Medicine Hat, and Lethbridge are marked. The map also shows the border with Saskatchewan to the east, labeled 'SASKATCHEWAN', and the Treaty 4 territory to the south. The text 'SOUTHERN ALBERTA' is written at the bottom of the map area.

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.