

DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY | 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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? Hear from Dr. Ryan Topping, who will present a report on "Meet Our New Priests," and gain insights from Fr. Cristino Bouvette, Fr. Santiago Torres, the Seeds of the Word community, Cedric and Greta De Souza, and Bishop William McGrattan.

Enjoy a free lunch, and discuss with a diverse panel of religious sisters and priests from all across the Diocese. Bring as many people from your parish as you can. When: **Sun, April 21, from 11 am to 3:30 pm at St. Michael's, Calgary.** For more info & registration: catholicyc.ca/vocations

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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/carnival

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

- **Holy Spirit, Calgary** - Fri, Apr 5 at 7 am to Sat, Apr 6 at 11pm
- **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
- **St. Michael's, Calgary** - Fri, Apr 19 at 3 pm to Sun, Apr 21 at 8 am
- **St. Cecilia's, Calgary** - Fri, Apr 26 at 6 am to Sat, Apr 27 at 10 pm

A Day with the Sisters

For new Catholics: Join the Sisters of Divine Mercy in a welcome home retreat! Partake in sacraments, time to reflect, and time to share. When: **Sat, Apr. 27 from 10:30 am to 4 pm** at the Divine Mercy Centre (15206 Twp. Rd. 262, Calgary). More info at www.sistersofdivinemeracy.org

Women's Conference "Worthy and Made New"

Join Beloved Daughters Ministry for their second annual women's conference entitled: "Worthy and Made New" on **May 3-4, 2024** at St. Michael's, Calgary with speakers Crystalina Evert and Fr. Anthony Sortino, LC. To register, visit www.beloveddaughtersycc.com

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Sunday, April 21st
11:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Calgary, AB

COME FOLLOW ME

MASS | LUNCH | KEYNOTES | VOCATIONS PANEL AND Q&A



FRANCESCA AMBROSINO
MC & PANEL HOST



KEELIN KENNEDY
MC



DR. RYAN TOPPING
PRESENTING 'MEET OUR NEW PRIESTS' REPORT



FR. CRISTINO BOUVETTE
KEYNOTE 'VOCATIONS'



FR. SANTIAGO TORRES
KEYNOTE 'VOCATIONS'



CEDRIC & GRETA DE SOUZA
'MARRIAGE AND THE CHILDREN'S VOCATION'



SEEDS OF THE WORD
KEYNOTE 'DISCERNMENT'



BSP. WILLIAM MCGRATTAN
CLOSING KEYNOTE

VOCATION PANELISTS



BR. MICHAEL PERRAS, OFM



SR. CAROL FORHAN, RPB



FR. FRANK SHARMA, OCD



SR. SIMON GROSICKA, OP



SR. AZENETTE TRONGCO, SP NOV.



FR. DEREK REMUS



PETER AN, SEMINARIAN

Lunch will be provided, please scan the QR code or visit catholiccycc.ca/vocations to register. The entire Diocese is welcome, all ages and vocations!

Hosted at **St. Michael's Parish**, 800 85 St SW, Calgary, AB



2nd Week of Easter



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Resources

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

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

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Other Resources & Events

1. **Sunday Bulletin shorts, free to use:**
 - How does one come to belief? This is a contemporary question every bit as much as it was for the early church. The Thomas-story within the "Pentecost" story (with the disciples locked in a room out of fear, then Jesus defying locked doors, and breathing the Holy Spirit into them) is encouraging for all who struggle with an inability to hope and trust. Rather than condemning

Thomas for his lack of faith, Jesus simply offers Thomas what he needs: "touch my wounds and see for yourself."

- How has the risen Jesus broken through your locked doors?
- Share a "Thomas" moment. How have you found your way out of doubts?
- Thomas leads others to the wounds of Christ, where is Christ's body wounded in our world?

(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](#). The next 4 dates:

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- ## 5. Pope Francis' Easter Message "He is the Way: the way that leads to life, the way of peace, reconciliation and fraternity" | On Easter Sunday, Pope Francis delivers his Easter message and blessing "On this day when we celebrate the life given us in the resurrection of the Son, let us remember the infinite love of God for each of us: a love that overcomes every limit and every weakness... May the light of the resurrection illumine our minds and convert our hearts, and make us aware of the value of every human life, which must be welcomed, protected and loved." [Read now](#)

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12. **April Calendar Highlights**

- **Apr 5-7** | [40 Hours Devotion for Vocations at St. Anthony's Parish, Calgary](#)
- **Apr 5** | [St. Peter's Young Adult Group](#) - St. Peter's, Calgary
- **Apr 5-6** | [40 Hours Devotion for Vocations at Holy Spirit Parish, Calgary](#)

- **Apr 6** | [CCMA Breakfast with the Bishop](#) - Heritage Park, Calgary
- **Apr 6** | [14th Annual Run for L'Arche, Calgary](#) - St. Patrick's Island
- **Apr 7** | [Divine Mercy Sunday](#) - Ascension Parish, Calgary
- **Apr 7** | [Divine Mercy Sunday](#) - St. Michael's, Calgary
- **Apr 9** | [Calgary Pro-Life AGM](#) - St. Anthony's, Calgary
- **NEW! Apr 12** | [ABLAZE Youth Ministry](#) - St. Bonaventure, Calgary
- **Apr 12-13** | [40 Hours Devotion for Vocation at St. Martha's Parish, Lethbridge](#)
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- **NEW! Apr 13** | [Holy Trinity CWL Mini Retreat](#) - Holy Trinity, Calgary
- **Apr 13** | [CRSC Conference "Come and See"](#) - St. Thomas More, Calgary
- **Apr 13-14** | [Sacrament Fair \(Faith Gifts\)](#) - Holy Name, Calgary
- **Apr 14** | [Knights Breakfast Sunday](#) - St. Mary's, Brooks
- **NEW! Apr 19** | [ABLAZE Youth Ministry](#) - St. Michael's, Calgary
- **Apr 20 & May 4** | [Pastoral Care Training](#) - CPC, Calgary
- **Sun, Apr 21** | [Vocations Rally](#) - St. Michael's, Calgary
- **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 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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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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