

DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Our Latest Impact Report

We are excited to share with you the 2023 Impact Report of the Diocese of Calgary.



As we reflect on the past year, we celebrate the growth, resilience, and profound impact of our actions. This report highlights how, through faith and collaboration,

we continue to move towards becoming true missionary disciples in our world today! Read now:

catholicyc.ca/2023impactreport

Last reminder: 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

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

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Thank you, Volunteers!



"How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you?" 1 Thessalonians 3:9 | Your dedication and service to the Church and our parish community fill us with deep gratitude. Please know your efforts are seen and greatly appreciated. Blessed by your generosity, we thank you for embodying the heart of a missionary disciple!

Pastoral 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.

Upcoming dates for 40 hours devotion:

- **St. Michael's, Calgary** - Fri, Apr 19 at 3 pm to Sun, Apr 21 at 8 am - (followed by Vocations Rally)
- **St. Cecilia's, Calgary** - Fri, Apr 26 at 6 am to Sat, Apr 27 at 10 pm
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- **St. James', Okotoks** - Fri, May 24 at 4:30 pm to Sun, May 26 at 8:30 am.

For New Catholics: A Day with the Sisters of Divine Mercy

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). Register 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. Register at

www.beloveddaughtersycc.com



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 catholiccyc.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



Third Week of Easter



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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
 - [Children's Liturgy sheet for leaders/parents \(CAFOD\) | Illustration](#)
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Other Resources & Events

1. Sunday Bulletin shorts, free to use:

- The word "companions" refers to those who break bread together. There is a special unity among those who share food. The gospels contain many examples of this special bond formed when Jesus shared food. It is not surprising then, that in sharing food, Jesus continues to reveal his presence among us. The disciples on the road to Emmaus were slow learners, but once

they grasped the meaning of Jesus' presence in the breaking of the bread they also grasped the meaning of his suffering and death.

- What was the disciples' first reaction upon seeing the risen Jesus? Have you experienced similar shock in your own relationship to Jesus?
- How has your faith grown from seeing the wounds and scars of another?
- Name a conversation moment you have had recently. What made it significant?

(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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6. Last reminder for Vocations Rally!

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you're discerning your own calling or supporting others. Hear from experts such as Dr. Ryan Topping, Fr. Cristino and Fr. Santiago, Bishop McGrattan, enjoy a free lunch, and pray for our vocations! Let's rally together for the future of our Church! **Register** at catholiccyyc.ca/vocations

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8. Good Shepherd Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Easter (April 21, 2024), or widely known as Good Shepherd Sunday is the **World Day of Vocations**. There will be a special collection for the work of vocations, in supporting the education and formation of seminarians and permanent diaconate program in our Diocese. To donate online, you can visit catholiccyyc.ca/give

- 9. Young Adults: Hope on the Horizon Summer Mission in Downtown Vancouver** | Join the "Hope on the Horizon" Summer Mission from **August 6-21, 2024** hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver and Catholic Street Missionaries. This event, for young adults aged 19-30 in downtown Vancouver, offers an immersive experience into street missionary work. Participants will engage in prayer, service, and outreach to the homeless, alongside training and recreational activities. Food and accommodation included. For details and registration, visit: catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon.

10. April/May Calendar Highlights

- **Apr 12** | [ABLAZE Youth Ministry](#) - St. Bonaventure, 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](#) - Our Lady Queen of Peace, Calgary
- **Apr 13** | [Men's Renewal: Life Company Workshop](#) - St. Anthony's, Calgary
- **Apr 13** | [Couples Retreat](#) - St. Luke's, Calgary
- **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
- **Apr 19** | [ABLAZE Youth Ministry](#) - St. Michael's, Calgary
- **Apr 20 & May 4** | [Pastoral Care Training](#) - CPC, Calgary
- **Apr 21** | [Vocations Rally](#) - St. Michael's, Calgary
- **NEW! Apr 26** | [ABLAZE Youth Ministry](#) - St. Bonaventure, Calgary
- **Apr 27** | [Beach Carnival Dodgeball Tournament for Elizabeth House](#) - The Beach YYC, Calgary
- **NEW! Apr 27** | [A Day with the Sisters](#) - Divine Mercy Centre, Calgary
- **NEW! May 3** | [Beloved Daughters Women's Conference](#) - St. Michael's, Calgary

- **NEW! May 10** | [GrACE \(Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education\) Summit 2024](#) - Edmonton
- **NEW! May 11** | [Tolkien's Faith and Works](#) - Clear Water Academy, Calgary
- **NEW! May 10-12** | [Christian Young Professionals \(20's-40's\) Silent Retreat](#) - Mt. St. Francis
- **NEW! May 11-20** | [Corpus Christi CWL Clothing/Textile Recycling Drive](#) - Corpus Christi, Calgary
- **NEW! May 11** | [Calgary Pro-Life Hike for Life](#) - Prince's Island Park, Calgary
- **NEW! May 11-12** | [Calgary Pro-Life Mothers Day Rose Sale](#) - most Calgary parishes

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 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

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 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 is labeled 'SOUTHERN ALBERTA' at the bottom. The map includes several Indigenous Nations: Stoney Nation Chiniki (Morley), Stoney Nation Bears paw (Eden Valley), Pijikani Nation, Kainai Nation, Siksika Nation, and Tsuutina Nation. Major cities are marked: Banff, Calgary, Medicine Hat, and Lethbridge. The map also indicates 'TREATY 7' territory and 'TREATY 4' territory along the border with Saskatchewan.

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TREATY 7 TERRITORY



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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.