



ST. PAUL'S PARISH BULLETIN

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April 13th – 19th, 2025



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Cycle C

Gospel at the Procession with Palms *Luke 19:28-40* Jesus sends his disciples for a colt and then rides into Jerusalem.

First Reading *Isaiah 50:4-7* The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 22* A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers.

Second Reading *Philippians 2:6-11* Christ was obedient even to death, but God has exalted him.

Gospel Reading *Luke 22:14—23:56*

From the cross, Jesus speaks words of forgiveness and promises that the good thief will be with him in paradise.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum, three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they shouted blessings and praise to God. This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

Luke's Gospel is the only one to report the exchange between Jesus and the Pharisees as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Jesus' response shows that this event, and those yet to come, are part of a divine plan. We hear this echoed again in Luke's description of the Last Supper when Jesus speaks of Judas' betrayal, saying that the Son of Man "goes as has been determined."

At the Liturgy of the Word on this Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Luke. We will hear these events proclaimed again during the Triduum when we read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

Throughout Luke's Gospel we see that Jesus' words and actions proclaim the Kingdom of God. This motif continues throughout Luke's passion narrative. Jesus appears to be in total command of events at the Passover meal as he hands over the kingdom to his disciples. He welcomes them to the Passover meal announcing that this will be his last until the Kingdom of God is fulfilled.

As throughout Luke's Gospel, however, the disciples show little understanding of this kingdom that Jesus often announces. Following the meal, the disciples argue about who is the greatest. Jesus takes the opportunity to distinguish the meaning of leadership in the Kingdom of God from the forms of leadership seen in the world.

Jesus initiates a conversation with Simon and predicts his denial. Jesus then instructs his disciples to prepare themselves for the events that will follow. His words reveal an awareness of the challenges that all of them will face in the days ahead. As the disciples and Jesus enter the Mount of Olives, Jesus indicates the importance of the disciples' time in prayer, telling them that through prayer they will be able to face the challenges ahead.

As he prays, Jesus is tested. In the garden, an angel is sent to strengthen him and to prepare him for the events ahead. After this moment, Jesus is again in charge of the events and circumstances.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is portrayed as active and vocal throughout his passion. When one of the disciples strikes the high priest's servant, Jesus heals the man, an event reported only in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus stops the disciples' protest against his arrest by noting that this is the "time for the power of darkness." Jesus engages and responds when brought before the Sanhedrin; his words speak about the "power of God" that will bring about the reign of the Son of Man. When questioned by Pilate, Jesus responds with just one phrase; yet before Herod, Jesus refuses to speak.

When Luke describes the Way of the Cross and Jesus' crucifixion, he calls to our attention many events that are not reported in the other Gospels. Throughout his Gospel, Luke has paid heed to the women who accompanied Jesus. Now, on the road to Calvary, Jesus speaks to the women who walk with him. Only Luke reports Jesus' words of forgiveness spoken from the cross. And only Luke reports the dialogue between Jesus and the good thief. Finally, in contrast with the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Luke reports no words of abandonment spoken by Jesus on the cross. Instead, Jesus, in full command until his death, commends his spirit to his Father and takes his final breath.

Throughout Holy Week, we will continue to reflect on the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son and brought to fulfillment the Kingdom of God.

Sunday Connection thru Diocese Bulletin

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday from 9:00am to Noon

St Paul's Catholic Church Events & News

TIA per month to meet goal - \$2 646.58

Income for JAN – 42 011.11

Income for FEB – 55 888.64

Monthly: CF Loan (mortgage) - \$11 411.00

Expenses for JAN – 40 574.09

Expenses for FEB – 46 586.35

Insurance per month - \$3 424.69

Monthly: Diocesan Support \$4 594.00

Income – 1 437.02

Income – 9 302.29

Full finances can be found online and, in the hallway, and on the parish bulletin board.

CWL

Lenten Charity of the Cross retreat at Mount St. Francis on April 15-16. Further details to come.

KofC


\$2500 Dream Vacation Winner is: # 542 Anna-Marie Maguire

\$120 winners are: # 21 Lise Vanderstoel # 87 Paul O'Leary

202 Marlin Bobier # 251 Norma Gauthier

Congratulations! Next Draw is May 4, 2025

Thank you to all that supported the draw in any way.

DAY	DATE	TIME	Mass Intentions	<i>Volunteers needed to lead the Rosary prior to all weekend Masses. Signup sheet outside the office.</i>
Sunday	Apr 13	9:00am	RS - Fausto Perera Dorantes & Josefina Escobedo	
		11:00am	PRO POPULO	
Monday	14		No Mass	
Tuesday	15	12:00noon	RS - Denzil & Louise Reeves	
Wednesday	16	9:00am	SI - Sarah Pack birthday blessings	
HOLY Thursday	17	7:00pm	No intention - Thursday of the Lord’s Supper	Need the Anointing of the Sick while in a Calgary Hospital? If you have been admitted to any of Calgary’s hospitals and would like the Sacrament of Anointing of the
GOOD Friday	18	3:00pm	No Intention – Friday of the Passion of the Lord – Office CLOSED	
Fri-Seniors home		10:30am	No Service	
HOLY Saturday	19	7:00pm	No Intention – Easter Vigil, The Resurrection of the Lord	
				

DAY	DATE	TIME	PARISH ACTIVITY	LOCATION	21st St Pauls Golf Tourney on July 5, 2025 at Collicutt Siding in Crossfield. Hope to see you all there
Sunday	Apr 13	8:20 to 8:45am	9am Choir Practice	S.H.C.	
		10:15 to 10:45am	11am Choir Practice	S.H.C.	
Monday	14	9:15am	Rosary Group	Nave	
Monday		9:30 to 11:30am	Office	VoMR	
Tuesday	15	9:00am	Men's Bible Study followed by Coffee	VoMR & Hall	
		10:00 to 11:45am	Mom's Group	Basement	
		10:45am	Rosary Group	Nave	
		7:30pm	KofC Executive Meeting	VoMR	
Wednesday	16	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave	
		9:30am	Decorating	Nave/Hall	21st St Pauls Golf Tourney on July 5, 2025 at Collicutt Siding in Crossfield. Hope to see you all there
HOLY Thursday	17	7:00pm	Thursday of the Lord's Supper	Nave/Hall	
		After Mass to midnight	Adoration	Hall	
			Decorating after the Mass	Nave	
GOOD Friday	18	10:00am	Outdoor Way of the Cross	Nave & Park	
		3:00pm	Friday of the Passion of the Lord Service	Nave	
HOLY Saturday	19	9:00am	Decorating	Nave	
		11:00 to 1:00pm	Altar Server Easter Vigil training	Nave	21st St Pauls Golf Tourney on July 5, 2025 at Collicutt Siding in Crossfield. Hope to see you all there
		7:00pm	The Resurrection of the Lord – Easter Vigil	Nave	



Seniors' Lunch

April 23rd at 12:00 noon. All Seniors Welcome.
RSVP by April 16th to Elaine at #587 582 0325.

Rod Green
St Pauls
Fundraising

St Paul's Catholic Church Ministries & Sacraments



BAPTISMS – Registration and program details are currently available and done online only through our parish website

[Sacrament of Baptism for Infants/Children/Youth – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](#)

2025 Baptism Dates: Saturday, April 26th (new date)
Saturday, May 17th, Jun 7th, Jul 5th, Aug 16th, Sep 13th after 5pm Mass

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST (EUCARIST) COMMUNION

[Sacrament of First Reconciliation & First Eucharist – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](#) **OPEN AUGUST**

CONFIRMATION CLOSED

[Sacrament of Confirmation – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](#)

May 13th Confessions at 6pm and Confirmation rehearsal at 6:30pm.

Confirmation date May 22nd at 7:00pm

Parents are required to attend with their young person to classes which start in January.

RCIA – For more information please contact the parish office and the RCIA Coordinator will contact you with details and information on this ongoing program. **Sessions start Sep 5th at 7:00pm in the hall.**

[Becoming Catholic as an Adult – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](#)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation or RCIA please contact Heidi at stpaulssacraments@shaw.ca

MARRIAGES – Please contact the office at least six months before your marriage date.

[Marriage – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](#)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding marriages, please contact Wanda at stpaulsairdrie@shaw.ca

HOLY ORDERS

[Holy Orders – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](#)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

[Anointing of the Sick – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](#)

PASTORAL CARE St. Paul's offers Pastoral Care visits for Catholic Parishioners who are unable to attend Mass. Please contact the office if you or someone you know, would like a visit. Pastoral Care workers are trained for visiting and praying with the ill, shut in and offering the Body of Christ to them.

KofC - 40 Cans for Lent

The Airdrie Knights of Columbus wish to express our sincere thanks to all who helped make the 40 Cans for Lent project a huge success. You have helped to feed many families in our community.

KofC - Airdrie Dream Vacation

The ticket sales for the Airdrie Dream Vacation Raffle have come to a close. Thank you to all who purchased tickets to make this year's raffle a success. Thank you from the Knights of Columbus for the support you have given to many charities.

**Children's Liturgy Sunday 11:00am Mass
April 13 & 27**

Together in Action

is more than just a campaign; it's an expression of our faith and love in action. Our Parish goal is **\$31 759.00**.

Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office, in the offertory, our credit card or direct deposit option or made online at [Donate to TIA - ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CALGARY](#) your online donation will be included as part of our parish contribution, just choose Airdrie St. Paul, from the drop-down list

**NOTE: any surplus donated will be applied towards our Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)
Collected Jan to Mar - \$6 987.65**

The annual **Good Friday Collection** is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world. The collection helps the Church of the Holy Land to maintain Christian sites, so important for Christians everywhere, and to provide pastoral, educational, and social works among the small Christian population.

The Church and our Christian brothers and sisters count on your help to retain a faith filled Christian presence in this land of our Lord. Please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebrations on **April 18, 2025**.

If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute online by going to Commissariat.ca/supporting-us and donating via CanadaHelps or

Interac e- transfer. Receipts will be issued.

On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom the Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years, I sincerely thank you for your support.

Fr. Robert Mokry, o.f.m.,

Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

Envelopes will be provided in the pews.

We are also registered with CanadaHelps

and/or donate thru the Diocese.

[Good Friday Collection - ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CALGARY](#)

LENT 2025

HOLY THURSDAY

April 17th at 7:00PM (Livestreamed)

Please bring a bell.

Adoration in the hall until midnight.

OUTDOOR WAY OF THE CROSS

April 18th at 10:00AM. Nave and Nose Creek Park

GOOD FRIDAY

April 18th at 3:00PM (Livestreamed)

Universal day of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

HOLY SATURDAY

April 19th at 7:00PM (Livestreamed)

Please bring a bell.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20th at 9:00AM and 11:00AM

Please bring a bell

Parish OFFICE Closed Good Friday & Easter Monday.

SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR CURRENT PARISH INFORMATION www.stpaulsairdrie.ca

St. Paul's Catholic Church Information

MASS REGULAR TIMES:

Sunday - 9:00 am
Sunday - 11:00 am
Monday - No Mass
Tuesday - 12:00 pm
Wednesday - 9:00 am
Thursday - 6:30pm
Friday - 9:00 am
Saturday - 5:00 pm

ADORATION:

First Friday of the month
 Following the 9:00am Mass
 9:30am to 5:30pm

RECONCILIATION:

Thursdays 6:00 - 6:25pm
 Saturdays 3:45 - 4:45 pm
 First Friday of month 9:30 - 10:30
 or by appointment.

*New to Airdrie and
 to our parish community,
 please fill in our Welcome Form
 found in the hallway or go to link*

[Newcomers - St. Paul's Catholic
 Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://stpaulsairdrie.ca)

*St. Paul's offers
 a Direct Deposit or Credit Card
 option for making donations. Tax Receipt
 provided in February. Please pick up a
 brochure in the parish hallway or go to link*

[2020.09.revised.BLANK.Parish.Automatic
 Withdrawal.pdf \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://2020.09.revised.BLANK.Parish.Automatic.Withdrawal.pdf)



For one-time offerings you may also go to
<https://www.catholicyc.ca/donatetoparish>
 and select St. Paul's Church.
 Tax receipt will be issued from the Diocese.

ADMINISTRATOR (PRIEST)

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Diocese of Calgary's Pastoral Renewal.

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 within our Parish. FORMED.org

Good Shepherd School

Kindergarten - Grade 9
 1319 Thorburn Drive SE
 403 500 2117

[Good Shepherd School - Home ccssd.ab.ca](http://GoodShepherdSchool-Home.ccssd.ab.ca)

Our Lady Queen of Peace

Kindergarten - Grade 9
 1820 1st Avenue NW
 403 500 2064

[Our Lady Queen of Peace School - Home
 \(ccssd.ab.ca\)](http://OurLadyQueenofPeaceSchool-Home.ccssd.ab.ca)

St. Veronica School

Kindergarten - Grade 9
 380 Coopers Drive SW
 403 500 2134

[St. Veronica - Home \(ccssd.ab.ca\)](http://St.Veronica-Home.ccssd.ab.ca)

St. Martin de Porres High School

Grades 10 - 12
 410 Yankee Valley Blvd. SW
 403 500 2041

[St. Martin de Porres High School - Home
 \(ccssd.ab.ca\)](http://St.MartindePorresHighSchool-Home.ccssd.ab.ca)

Catholic Pastoral Centre

120 - 17th Ave SW,
 Calgary, AB T2S 2T2
 Phone: 403-218-5500
www.catholicyc.ca



Catholic Women's League

For more information,
 please see their website
[St. Paul's CWL, Airdrie
 \(stpaulscwl.ca\)](http://St.Paul'sCWL,Airdrie.stpaulscwl.ca)



Knights of Columbus

For information, please see their website
[Airdrie Council #8045 \(uknight.org\)](http://AirdrieCouncil#8045.uknight.org)
 Store cards are available
 after all weekend Masses.

**TO LIVESTREAM SATURDAY 5:00 PM MASS SEE OUR
 YOUTUBE CHANNEL <https://www.youtube.com/c/stpaulsairdrie>
 OR CHANNEL 877 WITH TELUS OPTIK TV**