

### ST. PAUL'S PARISH BULLETIN

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April 27<sup>th</sup> - May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025



# Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy) First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16
Peter and the apostles perform many signs and wonders.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 118
A song of praise to the Lord.

#### **Second Reading**

Revelation 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19

John describes the instruction he received to write down his vision.

#### **Gospel Reading**

John 20:19-31
Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

#### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today's reading, from the Gospel of John, is proclaimed on the second Sunday of Easter in each of the three Sunday Lectionary cycles. This should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. We do not know exactly what this form was like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize the figure standing before her until Jesus spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected body, Jesus was no longer bound by space; he appeared to the disciples in spite of the locked door. And yet, on this resurrected body, the disciples could still observe the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send his disciples. This continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others. This is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ's Church. The Church continues Jesus' ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.

The Second Sunday of Easter is celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. 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	Monthly: CF Loan (mortgage) - \$11 411.00	Monthly: Diocesan Support \$4 594.00
Income for JAN – 42 011.11	Expenses for JAN – 40 574.09	Income – 1 437.02
Income for FEB – 55 888.64	Expenses for FEB – 46 586.35	Income – 9 302.29
Income for MAR – 49 419.04	Expenses for MAR – 45 104.99	Income – 4 314.05

Insurance per month - \$3 424.6 Full finances can be found online and, in the hallway, and on the parish bulletin board. (March t/b posted after Easter)



#### CWL

Thank you to Kristin & Paul for the IWIN presentation on human trafficking in Canada.

President of CWL, Shannon, donated \$850.00 cheque on behalf of CWL.



Please join us on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> for Eucharistic Adoration, 9:30am to 5:30pm. We need two Adorers for each hour to be with Jesus. Signup sheet outside the Receptionist Office Confessions will be available from 9:30am to 10:30am

DAY	DATE	TIME	Mass Intentions
Sunday	Apr 27	9:00am	Anniversary Blessing for Dan & Michaeline
		11:00am	PRO POPULO
		5:00pm	Filipino Mass with Fr. Domingo Bongalos
Monday	28		No Mass
Tuesday	29	12:00noon	RS - Wallace & Lidia Mercier & Family
Wednesday	30	9:00am	SI - Bernie Veness birthday blessings
Thursday	May 1	6:30pm	SI - Celia Daschevi
Friday	2	9:00am	SI - Dianne & Carlos Cerdena Family
Fri-Seniors home		10:30am	RS - John & Charlotte Wasyluk
Saturday	3	5:00pm	RS - Zenaida Linang

DAY	DATE	TIME	PARISH ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Sunday Apr 27	Apr 27	8:20 to 8:45am	9am Choir Practice	S.H.C.
	10:15 to 10:45am	11am Choir Practice	S.H.C.	
	After 11am Mass	Divine Mercy Chaplet	Nave	
	5:00pm	Filipino Mass		
Monday	28	9:30 to 11:30am	Office booking	VoMR
Tuesday 29	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	
Wednesday	30	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave
Thursday May 1	9:15am	Rosary Group	Nave	
		7:00pm	RCIA	Hall
Friday 2	2	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave
		9:30 to 5:30pm	Adoration	Nave
		9:30 to 10:30am	Reconciliation with Fr. Julian Studden	
Saturday 3	3	3:45 to 4:45pm	Reconciliation	
		5:00pm	Blue Mass with first responders and FHC	Nave
		after Mass	Lunch with first responders	Hall
		4:10 to 4:45pm	5pm Choir Practice	S.H.C.

National Volunteer Week – April 27 to May 3. Our volunteers are the light of the world—quiet champions who reflect Christ's love in action. Whether preparing liturgies, welcoming newcomers, maintaining sacred spaces, or accompanying others in their journey of faith, they reveal the grace of a Church alive in mission. Their witness extends far beyond Easter joy, becoming a steady beacon of hope and renewal in the life of the Church.

Children's Liturgy - Sunday 11:00am Mass - April 27 and May 4, 18, 25

Volunteers
needed to lead
the Rosary prior
to all weekend
Masses. Signup
sheet outside the
office.

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 Sick, you can contact your parish priest or call the Diocese of Calgary Call Centre at 403-231-9505. This service is available for Alberta Children's Hospital, Foothills Hospital. Peter Lougheed Hospital, Rockyview General Hospital, and South Health Campus.

21st St Pauls Golf
Tourney on
July 5.2025 at
Collicutt Siding
in Crossfield.
Hope to see you
all there
Rod Green
St Pauls
Fundraising
greenrm@telus.net

# 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, May 17th, Jun 7th, Jul 5th, Aug 16th, Sep 13th after 5pm Mass

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST (EUCHARIST) COMMUNION Sacrament of First Reconciliation & First Eucharist – St. Paul's Catholic Church (stpaulsairdrie.ca) OPEN AUGUST

#### **CONFIRMATION OPEN OCTOBER**

Sacrament of Confirmation - St. Paul's Catholic Church (stpaulsairdrie.ca)

May 13th Confessions at 6pm and Confirmation rehearsal at 6:30pm. Confirmation date May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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)

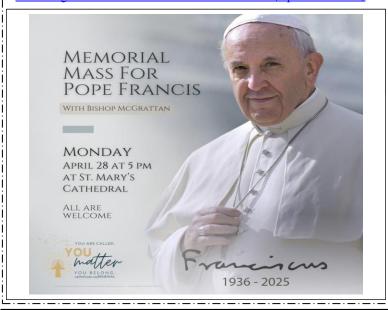
If you have any questions or concerns regarding marriages, please contact Wanda at stpaulsairdrie@shaw.ca

#### **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)



#### 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

#### **Celebrating God's Merciful Love**

In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kowalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God. St. Faustina (1905-1938) was born and raised in Poland. Following a vocation to religious life, she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. As a member of the Congregation, she worked as a cook, gardener, and porter. In her spiritual life, her contemplation on the Mercy of God led her to develop a childlike trust in God and deep love for her neighbor.

Learn more about St. Faustina. In her years in the convent, St. Faustina heard a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ's sorrowful passion.

Read more about the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary. When celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, the faithful are called to reflect more personally on the graces won through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In this way their hearts may be more fully aware of the mercy of God for them personally and for the sake of the world.



### St. Paul's Catholic Church Information

#### **MASS REGULAR TIMES:**

**Sunday** - 9:00 am

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**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)

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)









For one-time offerings you may also go to <a href="https://www.catholicyyc.ca/donatetoparish">https://www.catholicyyc.ca/donatetoparish</a> and select St. Paul's Church.

Tax receipt will be issued from the Diocese.

#### **FORMED** (Augustine Institute),

an online service for accessing thousands of Catholic videos, audios, and eBooks On Demand anytime, anywhere! As a member, you will have access to entertaining movies, inspiring audio talks, informative bible studies, and much more.

We are providing this resource free of charge to help our members learn and grow in their faith.

To sign up for FREE, just visit us here:

<a href="https://stpaulsairdrie.formed.org">https://stpaulsairdrie.formed.org</a>.

Click on the 'Register Now' box and create your account by filling in the registration information. Also, once you have signed up, do not forget to download the free iOS or Android app to put FORMED at your fingertips.

We hope you will enjoy this incredible gift and please spread the word to others within our Parish. FORMED.org</a>

#### **Good Shepherd School**

Kindergarten – Grade 9 1319 Thorburn Drive SE 403 500 2117

Good Shepherd School - Home cssd.ab.ca)

#### **Our Lady Queen of Peace**

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

Our Lady Queen of Peace School - Home (cssd.ab.ca)

#### St. Veronica School

Kindergarten – Grade 9 380 Coopers Drive SW 403 500 2134

St. Veronica - Home (cssd.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 (cssd.ab.ca)

#### ADMINISTRATOR (PRIEST)

**Fr. Thomas Vadassery** (403) 948-5394

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Business Administrator of Temporalities

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Coordinator of Baptisms (403)923-4279

#### **Deacon Doug Lynch**

Coordinator of Funerals (587)999-0842

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Heidi

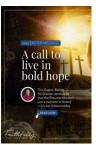
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#### **CUSTODIAN**

Teresita

Diocese of Calgary's Pastoral Renewal.

Click here for the full list

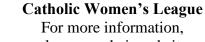


Faithfully catholicyyc.ca/faithfully

#### **Catholic Pastoral Centre**

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

www.catholicyyc.ca



please see their website
St. Paul's CWL, Airdrie
(stpaulscwl.ca)



#### **Knights of Columbus**

For information, please see their website Airdrie Council #8045 (uknight.org)

Store cards are available after all weekend Masses.



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