



ST. PAUL'S PARISH BULLETIN

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April 6th – 12th, 2025



Fifth Sunday of Lent, Cycle A – RCIA, Third Scrutiny

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

God will open the graves and restore the people of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 130:1-8

With the Lord is forgiveness and mercy.

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-11

The Spirit of God dwells in you.

Gospel Reading

John (shorter version John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45)

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Our Gospel on this day, the fifth Sunday of Lent, is again taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading from John continues the break from Cycle A's focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today's reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.

The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy.

Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death.

Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb.

With our catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life. *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 Airdrie Dream Vacation

This is the last opportunity to get your Dream Vacation ticket at the store card table after mass or online at airdriedreamvacation.ca

Parish Lenten Reconciliation, Wednesday, April 9th at 6:30pm. Five priests available.

DAY	DATE	TIME	Mass Intentions		Volunteers <i>needed to lead the Rosary prior to all weekend Masses. Signup sheet outside the office.</i>
Sunday	Apr 6	9:00am	PRO POPULO		
		11:00am	SI - Elizabeth Iyizoba birthday blessings		
Monday	7		No Mass		
Tuesday	8	12:00noon	SI - Cathy Buchanan and all our sisters who are healing		
Wednesday	9	9:00am	SI - Christopher Schamber for healing		
Thursday	10	6:30pm	RS - John Syron C Chua		
Friday	11	9:00am	RS - Eduardo Reyes		
Fri-Seniors home		10:30am	No Intention		
Saturday	12	5:00pm	RS - Loc Gall		
DAY	DATE	TIME	PARISH ACTIVITY	LOCATION	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
Sunday	Apr 6	8:20 to 8:45am	9am Choir Practice	S.H.C.	
		10:15 to 10:45am	11am Choir Practice	S.H.C.	
Monday	7	9:30 to 11:30am	Office	VoMR	
		6:30pm	First Eucharistic session #6 & Retreat	all areas	
Tuesday	8	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	
		7:00pm	CWL general meeting	Hall	
Wednesday	9	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave	
		9:00am	OLQP here for Mass	Nave	
		6:30pm	Parish Lenten Reconciliation	Parish	
Thursday	10	9:15am	Rosary Group	Nave	
		7:00pm	RCIA	Hall	
		7:00pm	Parish Pastoral Meeting	VoMR	
Friday	11	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave	
		9:40am	Decorating Committee	Nave	
		5:30pm	Friday Lenten soup and bun	Hall	
		7:00pm	Friday Stations of the Cross	Nave	
Saturday	12	9:30 to 11:30am	Altar Server Holy Thursday training	Nave/Hall	Requesting donations of small metal bells for the Triduum. Please drop off at the office.
		11:30 to 1:00pm	Altar Server Good Friday training	Nave/Hall	
		3:45 to 4:45pm	Reconciliation		
		4:10 to 4:45pm	5pm Choir Practice	S.H.C.	
 Seniors' Lunch			April 23rd at 12:00 noon. All Seniors Welcome. RSVP by April 16 th to Elaine at #587 582 0325.		
Children's Liturgy Sunday 11:00am Mass - April 6, 13 & 27					



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 \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://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 \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://stpaulsairdrie.ca)

CONFIRMATION CLOSED

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

"The Footsteps of St. Paul" Pilgrimage: Embark on a 15-day pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey, led by Fr. Julian Studden, from October 14th to 29th, 2025. This journey will bring the New Testament to life as you visit historic sites such as: **Athens, Kusadasi, Antalya, Corinth, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Pisidian Antioch.** Priced at: \$6,900 + €140 tips, this Includes: flights & accommodations, transportation, taxes, all meals & sightseeing as per itinerary. **Information Meeting will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral on April 23rd, 2025, at 6pm.** For information contact **Mirna @ 403-808-7146** or visit our

website: <https://rovaleorchidtraveltours.com/tours/turkey-greece/>

St. Paul's Friday Lenten Soup & Bun
April 11th at 5:30pm in the parish hall

St. Paul's Friday Stations of the Cross
April 11th at 7:00pm in the Nave

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**. This year, we find inspiration in Romans 12:12, "*Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.*" In this spirit,

Together in Action invites you to make a significant impact in the lives of those we serve.

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](http://stpaulsairdrie.ca)

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)

IWIN: Assists survivors of human sexual trafficking in Canada, the majority of whom are women and Canadian born. Human trafficking is an issue that is prevalent across Canada and happens to people from all walks of life. Please come join us **Tuesday April 8th @ 7:00pm** Guest speaker Kristin and Paul will talk about raising awareness on human sexual trafficking in Canada. The support, encouragement and prayers given to the survivors "**Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hands of the wicked**" Psalm 82:4

KARA Lenten Appeal – A Call to Serve Mothers in Need

This Lenten season, as we journey with Christ toward the joy of Easter, let us open our hearts in compassion and charity. The KARA program is supporting **13 pregnant and parenting teens** attending schools in the **Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD)**, and we invite you to walk alongside them in love and solidarity. We are collecting:

Diapers Formula Baby Wipes Gift Cards

Cash Donations (via the CCEF KARA Donation Page)

Your support helps provide dignity, hope, and practical care to young mothers and their babies in our community.

Collections will be accepted through April 25.

40 CANS FOR LENT- FOOD FOR FAMILIES

Program sponsored by the Knights of Columbus has only one more Sunday to support the Airdrie Food Bank. Please give what you can

Come and venerate the sacred relics of the saints—a grace-filled moment to honour those who now dwell in God's presence and be inspired by their holy witness in the communion of saints.

March 17 - June 30, 2025 - Veneration of the Relic of St. Francis of Assisi at St. Michael Catholic Community. For more information, contact Loreen Morrison at St. Michael's Catholic Community at info@saintmichael.ca

April 4-6, 2025 - Veneration of the Relics of St. Anthony of Padua and St. Vincent Ferrer at Holy Spirit Parish, Calgary.

For more information, contact seminarian Bennet Chacko at info@holyspiritparish.net | (403) 251-3381

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.

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Diocese of Calgary's Pastoral Renewal.

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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**