



ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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APRIL 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

welcome

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & Noon

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday, 7:30 AM & 5:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM

Register on line for all Masses at
www.stmaryscalgary.ca

Please wear a MASK

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tues - Sat. 4:30 PM
Friday 2:00 PM—4:45 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday 8:00 AM—4:45 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact Deacon Dennis at the
Parish Office (403) 228-4170.

DONATIONS OVER THE PHONE, ON LINE & IN PERSON. If would like to donate to help with the costs and maintenance of the Parish, please call Lillian at (403) 228-4170.

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday
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Closed Statutory Holidays

CAN YOU HEAR HIS CALL?

Pope Francis called on all Catholics to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life today on **Good Shepherd Sunday**, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

"Priesthood and consecrated life require courage and perseverance, and without prayer one does not follow this path. I invite everyone to ask the Lord for the gift of good workers for His kingdom who have their hearts and hands open to his love," Pope Francis said.

"Christian existence is always a response to the call of God, in any state of life," he said.

The voice of God never binds: God proposes himself; He does not impose Himself but invites all to go "beyond themselves to find true goodness and peace. Look at Mary's courageous "yes" to God at the Annunciation as a model to follow.

Cultivate the interior disposition of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Grateful that the Lord gazed upon her, faithful amid fear and turmoil, she courageously embraced her vocation and made of her life an eternal song of praise to the Lord.

Every vocation is born of that gaze of love with which the Lord comes to meet us. We will succeed in discovering and embracing our vocation once we open our hearts in gratitude and perceive the passage of God in our lives.

Vocational discernment is not simply a decision we make as isolated individuals. Vocation, more than our own choice, is a response to the Lord's unmerited call.

In fact, every vocation, even within the variety of paths, always requires an exodus from oneself to center one's life on Christ and His Gospel. The call to follow Jesus is both exciting and challenging but it is always necessary to enter into deep friendship with Jesus to live from Him and for Him.

We pray in these times that many young people may hear the voice of the Lord, which might be suffocated by the clamour of other voices. Perhaps there are some in our parish who hear the voice of the Lord calling them to the priesthood and/or to the Consecrated Life.

"Our vocation, yours and mine, is not to go harvesting in the fields of ripe corn, Jesus does not say to us; "Lower your eyes, look at the fields and go and reap them, "our mission is still loftier. Here are Jesus' words: "Lift up your eyes and see...."

See how in My Heaven there are places empty, it is for you to fill them! ... each one of you is my Moses praying on the mountain (Ex 17:8f), ask Me for laborers and I shall send them, I await only a prayer, a sigh from your heart!" St Thérèse of the Child Jesus.

Readings for May 2 — Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: (Acts 9:26-31) Barnabas described for them how on the road Saul had seen the Lord.

Second Reading: (1 John 3:18-24) This is his commandment: we should believe in Jesus and love one another.

Gospel: (John 15:1-8) I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in them bears much fruit.

Stewardship of Treasure — Apr. 10 to Apr. 16, 2021

General Collections

Envelopes/Loose/Debit/etc.
Other Income

Last Week

\$5,457.
\$2,665.

Thank you for your financial support to St Mary's Cathedral during this difficult time. It is now possible to make a donation through a variety of means: by phone or in person at the **parish office**, by using the **drop-box locations**, by making a debit/credit donation at the **Gift Booth** before and after Masses, or by using the **QR code**. You can also visit stmaryscalgary.ca/content/donations to make an **online** donation. If you have questions about charitable giving, please contact: Lillian at 403 228-4170.



Friday Eucharistic Adoration: 8:00 AM-4:45 PM
Confessions available 2:00 PM-4:45 PM
Sign-up at (<https://stmaryscalgary.ca/ministries/eucharistic-adoration-fridays#>)

New Lights in the Cathedral

Thank you everyone for your generosity toward the Cathedral's LED lighting installation. Phase 1 of the project in the Cathedral church is done! To support Phase 2's LED lighting upgrades, the Knights of Columbus will match any donations this weekend up to \$2000. Would you consider a donation toward it?

Goal: \$50,000

Donations to date: \$17,960



Celebration of First Sacraments

During the month of May we will be celebrating a number of first Sacraments with those who have been preparing for the past few months. Please keep these children in your prayers.



On **Wednesday, May 5th** and **Thursday, May 6th** at the 5:00 PM Mass 60 students from St. Anne's Academic Centre will be celebrating the Rite of Confirmation (30 students and their families each day). Pre-registration for the daily Mass is **strongly encouraged**.

The Rite of Confirmation Mass for candidates from St. Mary's Cathedral will take place at 1:00 pm on **Saturday, May 15th**.

This year a group celebration of First Holy Communion will take place at the 9:00 AM Mass on **Saturday, May 29th**.

Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel

The Catholic Women's League (CWL) is sponsoring the **Monday, April 26th 5:00 PM Mass** as a mass offering for the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel (Patroness of The Catholic Women's League.). Everyone is invited to join in this annual day of prayer for the intentions of the Catholic Women's League and its members. Fr. Julian Studden, Spiritual Advisor of St Mary's Cathedral CWL, will preside.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul — The Society is **expanding our service!** We have a **new Buddy Call** program. If you would like a friendly phone call during the Pandemic isolation, call the SSVP at (403-397-6028), select option 3, and leave a message requesting a Buddy Call. Financial donations are welcomed by marking your envelopes to St. Mary's "SSVP". **Online Donation is now available**, please click [HERE](#) to Donate OR Copy & paste this link to your web browser: <https://ssvpcalgary.ca/give/> and **select** St. Mary's Conference to Donate. (CRA Charitable Donation Receipts will be issued.) If you require assistance, please contact us at 403-397-6028.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Apr. 26

7:30 am Felipe Borromeo (RIP)
5:00 pm Catholic Women's League (INT)

Tuesday, Apr. 27

7:30 am Olive Arges (RIP)
5:00 pm Bonifacio Iuliani (RIP)

Wednesday, Apr. 28

7:30 am Maureen Millar (INT)
5:00 pm Rose Lutula (RIP)

Thursday, Apr. 29

7:30 am Reynaldo Ferrer (RIP)
5:00 pm Balisky Family (RIP)

Friday, Apr. 30

7:30 am William & Imelda Sawyer (RIP)
5:00 pm Irene DeSouza (RIP)

Saturday, May 1

9:00 am Walpole Family (RIP)
5:00 pm Sgt. Andrew Harnett (RIP)

Sunday, May 2

8:00 am Luke & Winifred Owens (RIP)
10:00 am Reynaldo Ferrer (RIP)
12:00 Noon St. Mary's Parishioners



PRAYER CORNER INTENTIONS: For the sick, the suffering, the elderly, the lonely and all who find themselves on the margins of society, that they may be empowered by God's special care of them.

In particular, let us remember *Gary & Janice Tipper, Bob Choquette, Helen Duncan, Hermann Belle, Maria Fraser, Laura Meier, Karl Beischroth, Marion Limoges, and James Lipowy.*

For those who have died in Christ, especially *Dario Bott, Art Stephenson*, and the victims of the COVID-19 Virus, that they be resurrected with Him into eternal life.

St Mary's Cathedral Catholic Women's League

is holding 10 weeks of

FREE BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS

Book: Acts of the Apostles **Hosted by:** Fr. Julian Studden

Join via Zoom video conference: <https://zoom.us/j/91656063850> Meeting ID: 916 5606 3850

Session #1: Thursday Apr. 29th 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Reading preparation: Read Acts of the Apostles chaps. 1-5. Have your Bible at the Zoom study.

The Bible Fr. Julian is following is the New Revised Standard Version — NSRV Catholic Edition (available in the gift booth)

Session #2: Tuesday May 4th 7:30pm - 8:30 pm

Session #3: Monday May 10th 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Session #4: Thursday May 13th 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

For inquiries please call: Sharon Bernard 403.991.0804

Gift Booth: Sunday Missals available at a reduced price. We also have an assortment of gifts for First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation, and Confirmation. See us for your **Sacrament gift-giving needs**. In order to serve our Parish more effectively, we are in need of volunteers for the Sunday Masses. Please contact Marilyn for more information (Marilyn@stmaryscalgary.ca)