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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

Register on line for all Masses at
www.stmaryscalgary.ca
Please wear a MASK

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tues - Sat.
4:30 pm in the Church

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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



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**JANUARY 24, 2021
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

I have special affection for St Paul. I was ordained 12 years ago and that year Pope Benedict called for a 'Year of St. Paul' to commemorate the 2,000th anniversary of St. Paul's birth.

The veneration that all Catholics should have for Paul - he wrote 9 of the 27 New Testament books, as well as the many churches he founded, as noted in his 3 missionary journeys chronicled in the Acts of the Apostles (ch 13-21).

All this happened because he allowed God's will to be done in his life - even when he violently persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it (Gal 1:13). St Paul became the church's greatest missionary by virtue of God's grace and mercy. The drama of his conversion is contained in Acts of the Apostles chapter 9.

Hence, the church celebrates with great joy the feast of his conversion on Monday, January 25. In turn this day concludes the octave of prayer for visible Christian unity called "The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity." How do we bring visible Christian unity? We can do 3 things: pray, learn, and engage.

Pray: Writing about Catholicism's commitment to Christian unity (*Ut Unim Sint*) Pope John Paul II wrote: "There is no doubt that the Holy Spirit is active in this endeavour and that he is leading the Church to the full realization of the Father's plan, in conformity with the will of Christ." Each Christian heart must be open to the prompting of the Triune God for unity, which can only happen through prayer.

Learn: The worst way to engage in dialogue with other Christians is a failure to know one's own faith and that of the other. It's very important that we know our Catholic faith and its teachings before discussing the different beliefs found in other Christian traditions.

Engage: There are two significant anniversaries likely to occur in my lifetime: in 2021 the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's Excommunication by Pope Leo X in 1521. 2054 will mark the 1000th anniversary of the Great Schism- the Catholic-Orthodox mutual exchange of excommunications. Real unity will happen when leaders and ordinary believers of the respective churches realize that there is much more that unites Christians (faith in Jesus and baptism), while continuing in a spirit of goodwill to dialogue about the difficult issues that separate us.

If God can miraculously turn the heart of St Paul from his former life as a 'blasphemer' and 'persecutor' of Christianity (1 Tim 1:13) to become her greatest promoter, then there can one day be unity among all Christians. How long it will take for Christian disunity to be resolved is also a mystery, so let us follow the footsteps of St Paul by praying, learning and engaging.

Fr. John

Readings for January 31 — Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: (Deuteronomy 18:15-20) I will put my words in the mouth of the Prophet.

Second Reading: (1 Corinthians 7:32-35) The unmarried are concerned about the affairs of the Lord.

Gospel: (Mark 1:21-28) They were all amazed: A new teaching—with authority.

Stewardship of Treasure

Jan. 9 to Jan. 15, 2021

General Collections	Last Week
Envelopes/Loose/Debit/etc.	\$8,497.00
Other Income	\$435.00
Total	\$8,932.00

Thank you for your generosity!



TRUST IN THE LORD.

We are the body of Christ. Each family is an essential part of this body. Continue to support our faith community by giving and providing crucial support to care for your parish during this difficult time. **It is now possible to make your regular offertory gift donation through a variety of means:** by phone or in person when the parish office is open, by mail, by using the drop-box locations in the church, or by making a debit/credit donation at the Giftbooth before and after Masses. Our parish relies on our regular offertory giving for maintenance and growth so please consider the use of a **pre-authorized offertory gift**. Forms are available on the Cathedral website as well as at the main entrance.



Finally, you can also use this **QR code** to donate online with a debit or credit card. If you have questions about charitable giving to our Parish, please contact: Lillian Illescas, Finances at 403 228-4170.

2021 Offertory envelopes are available for pick-up at the Giftbooth before/after Masses or by visiting the Parish office. **If you have changed your address** since last year, please let us know as tax receipts will be mailed out in February.



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, especially may be empowered by God's special care of them, especially Dr. Nancy Maguire, Renee Wilson, Dawnette Humphrey, Marion Limoges, Irene Glackin, and Laura Meier. For those who have died in Christ, especially Peggy Hart and the victims of the Corona Virus, that they be resurrected with Him into eternal life.



The **St. Francis Xavier Chaplaincy** for university students and young adults in the Diocese of Calgary, first established in St. Bernard's Parish, Calgary, will now be headquartered at St. Mary's Cathedral and remain under the direction of Fr. Cristino Bouvette, Vicar for Vocations and Young Adults. Beginning Sunday, February 21, 2021, they will host a regular Sunday 4PM at the Cathedral, open to all Cathedral parishioners.

Please register for Masses – You might have noticed over the past weeks that in-person Mass attendance has been increasing. We would appreciate if you would please register in advance for the Mass you wish to attend. This will not only help us out at the entrance desk by processing attendees faster, but it will ensure that we can maintain the appropriate social distancing to remain open. The week's Masses open to registration at 3:00 pm every Sunday. With the start of Lent just around the corner, preregistration for Masses will become increasingly important, as will cancelling your registration if necessary.

Looking Ahead:

Eucharistic Adoration: Fridays, starting February 5th (8:00 am–4:30 pm)

Saturday 9:00 AM Mass: starting February 6th

Ash Wednesday Masses: February 17th, 7:30 am, 12:00 pm, and 5:00 pm



Monday, Jan. 25

7:30 am Lana Bickert (INT)

5:00 pm Souls in Purgatory (INT)

Tuesday, Jan. 26

7:30 am Bob D'Amour (RIP)

5:00 pm Students of Western Canada HS (INT)

Wednesday, Jan. 27

7:30 am Analin & Embyr Keenan (INT)

5:00 pm Chris K. (INT)

Thursday, Jan. 28

7:30 am Alyssa Bickert (INT)

5:00 pm Cody Ray Pastic (RIP)

Friday, Jan. 29

7:30 am Lorna Stack (RIP)

5:00 pm Ronald D'Souza (RIP)

Saturday, Jan. 30

5:00 pm Robert & Cynthia Ganaden (INT)

Sunday, Jan. 31

8:00 am Rose Basa (RIP)

10:00 am Reginald Paulo (RIP)

12:00 pm Intentions of St. Mary's parishioners

Sacrament Preparation

First Communion/Eucharist

Registration links for online Parents Coaching Sessions for First Holy Communion are now available at <https://www.catholicyc.ca/firsteucharist.html> The first coaching session starts on **Tuesday, February 2.**

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation preparation classes begin **Feb. 1 and it is not too late to register.** Parish registration forms can be found online at www.stmaryscalgary.ca/, at the main entrance of the Cathedral, or by contacting the parish office. Go to <https://www.catholicyc.ca/confirmation.html> for full details

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time: January 24

Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, Motu proprio "Aperuit Illis", published on September 30, 2019 established that, "**the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God**". Please visit <https://biblesociety.ca/sunday-word-of-god/> for many resources on reading the word of God.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

– We would appreciate if you mark your financial donations in 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.

New arrivals to the Giftbooth!

The Action Bible for children/youth recommended by Fr. John's "The Bible in a Year program" has arrived just in time for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (**January 24**) which is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the **Word of God**.

Please stop by and see our new products. Open before and after most Masses or contact Marilyn@stmaryscalgary.com