



ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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MAY 16, 2021

Ascension of the Lord



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—3:00 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday 8:00 AM—3:00 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
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
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The Unfinished Painting

Some botanists roaming the mountains to collect rare plants spied an exotic flower cradled on a ledge below the peak on which they stood. Afraid of climbing down, they requested a small boy passing by, "Why don't you help us? We will tie a rope round your waist and lower you onto that ledge. When you come up with that flower, we'll reward you." The boy thought awhile and replied, "I'll be back soon!" He returned with an elderly man and said, "This is my daddy. Let him lower me down!" The botanists agreed. The elderly man tied the rope around his child's waist, lowered him onto the ledge, and after he plucked the flower, drew him up safely; The image of son descending, and ascending is apt for the **Feast of the Ascension** today.

Like the boy linked to his father by the rope, Jesus, 'The Way', links us to His and our Abba. While the Ascension reminds us of our divine connections, it also invests us with the responsibility of moving 'down' and outwards within our own 'end of the world', as Jesus tells us in the Gospel today, "go into the whole world and proclaim the good news".

Leonardo da Vinci had started to work on a large canvas in his studio. He worked at it – choosing the subject, planning the perspective, sketching the outline, applying the colors, with his own inimitable genius. Then suddenly he stopped working on it. Summoning one of his talented students, the master invited him to complete the work. The horrified student protested he was both unworthy and unable to complete the great painting which his master had begun. But da Vinci silenced him. "Will not what I have done inspire you to do your best?" Jesus our Master began to spread the Good News two thousand years ago by what He said and did, and supremely by what He suffered. Jesus illustrated his message and left us to finish the picture. Will Jesus' life not inspire us to finish the picture? This is the message of the Ascension to continue spreading the Good News even in the lockdown the pandemic has thrown us into.

After attending a convention led by Billy Graham a woman wrote to him. "Dear Sir, I feel that God is calling me to preach the Gospel. But the trouble is that I have twelve children. What shall I do?" The televangelist replied: "Dear Madam, I am delighted to hear that God has called you to preach the Gospel. I am even more delighted to hear that He has already provided you with a congregation in your own home."

Readings for May 23 — Pentecost

First Reading: (Acts 2:1-11) All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages.

Second Reading: (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Gospel: (John 20:19-23) As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit.

Stewardship of Treasure — May 1 to May 7, 2021

General Collections

Envelopes/Loose/Debit/etc.
Other Income

Last Week

\$4,349.
\$2,381.

Together in Action

Together in Action is an annual diocesan-mandated parish charitable appeal that funds diocesan, local and national and international initiatives: <https://www.catholicyc.ca/tia2020.html>

Goal: \$41,552.

Donations to date: \$5,032.

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. Please visit stmaryscalgary.ca/content/donations to make an **online** donation. If you have questions about charitable giving, please contact: Lillian at 403 228-4170.

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! Would you consider a donation toward it?

Goal: \$50,000.

Donations to date: \$24,105.



Friday Eucharistic Adoration: 8:00AM-3:00PM

Confessions available 8:00AM-9:00AM & 2:00PM-3:00PM

Sign-up at (<https://stmaryscalgary.ca/ministries/eucharistic-adoration-fridays#>)

Communion Services

For those unable to attend the 15-person limit Masses, Fr John, Fr Julian, and Fr Cristino will distribute Holy Communion using the 10-min long *Rite for the Distribution of Holy Communion Outside of the Mass* during the following times in groups of up to 15 for the week of **May 16– May 22**.

Sunday: 8:40AM-9:30AM, 10:30AM-11:40AM, 12:30PM and 4:45PM

Monday-Friday: 7:55AM, 5:25PM and 6:25PM

Saturday: 9:25AM, 3PM-4:40PM and 5:45PM

This situation is very fluid so please find out the latest news on the Cathedral's Website (www.stmaryscalgary.ca), Facebook page or by calling the parish office (403- 228-4170).



**Curious about the Catholic faith?
Feeling drawn toward discovering if becoming a
member of the Catholic Church is for you?**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) offers the opportunity for those discerning "becoming Catholic" to journey with others toward coming to know God and building a strong relationship with our Father. We will meet weekly to learn together about the Catholic faith and God's never ending love for us. The next session begins **May 26th at 7:00 PM**. If you have any questions or would like more information on the RCIA process, please contact Deacon Dennis Forai at 403-228-4170 (ext. 226).



Monday, May 17

7:30 am Hermene Gilda Gita (RIP)

5:00 pm Olive Arges (RIP)

Tuesday, May 18

7:30 am John Vincent (RIP)

5:00 pm Thanksgiving Mass (INT)

Wednesday, May 19

7:30 am Mia O'Donoghue (RIP)

5:00 pm Rose Lutula (RIP)

Thursday, May 20

7:30 am Lee Tiong Family (RIP)

5:00 pm Maria Fraser (INT)

Friday, May 21

7:30 am Hermann Belle (INT)

5:00 pm Nelson Ochoa (RIP)

Saturday, May 22

9:00 am Corazon Liwanag (RIP)

5:00 pm Felicia Biskanga (RIP)

Sunday, May 23

8:00 am Glen Cherney (INT)

10:00 am Victor Hugo Forno (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 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

Hosted by: Fr. Julian Studden

Join via Zoom video conference: <https://zoom.us/j/91656063850>

Meeting ID: 916 5606 3850

**Reading preparation for Session #5 (May 18, 7:00 pm)
The Jerusalem Council (Acts 15:1-35)**

**Reading preparation for Session #6 (May 20, 7:00 pm)
The Witness in Greece (Acts 15:36-18:22)**

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul – 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.

MASK REQUIRED

Anyone unable to wear a mask due to a medical condition will require a medical exception letter from an authorized health professional.

- The medical exception letter must come from a nurse practitioner, physician or psychologist.
- The medical exception letter may be presented when in a public setting if requested by enforcement officials, or retrospectively in court if a ticket is issued.

See the list of medical conditions for which an authorized health professional may issue a medical exception letter.

