



ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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MAY 9, 2021
Sixth 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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As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

Jn 15:9

I was going to prepare a very different message on Tuesday afternoon, sharing the good news about the Cathedral's finances in the attached Parish Financial update. While it takes \$70,000 to operate and maintain the Cathedral each month, I wanted to express my deep gratitude that so many of you are sacrificing for the Cathedral's needs so that people can encounter the love of Jesus and His Church in a clean, safe and now well-lit haven.

Before Tuesday afternoon, I also wanted to share the good news that despite the 15% capacity restriction for Mass, there's still growth in our midst. I anticipated with great excitement that 60 high school students preparing online through the St. Anne Academic Centre would complete their Sacraments of Initiation on Wednesday and Thursday. Also, there are so many adults seeking Faith that the Cathedral will run the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) session over the spring and summer. I wanted to express my appreciation for the March arrival of the St Francis Xavier chaplaincy to university and young adults. They have added a new vitality to the Cathedral and our neighbourhood.

So, my anticipated 'good news message' became a bad one upon Tuesday afternoon's Provincial Government announcement that worship services are limited to 15 in-person attendees for the next 3 weeks due to the rising number of COVID-19 cases in Alberta. So is there any good news?

Despite the restriction on Mass attendance, Bishop McGrattan has permitted a 10 minute long *Rite for the Distribution of Holy Communion Outside of the Mass* so more people may receive Holy Communion during the restriction period. While keeping the same Mass times on the weekend, Fr Julian and I will distribute Holy Communion on Saturdays from 3PM-6PM and on Sundays from 8:40AM-1PM at 20 minute intervals for groups of 15 (other than the 1 hour break for the Mass times). This will occur on a first come - first served basis. This situation is very fluid so please find out the latest news on the Cathedral's Web site (www.stmaryscalgary.ca), Facebook page or by calling the parish office (403-228-4170).

Getting back to the gospel, Jesus tells us: *This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you* (Jn 15:12). Out of love, let us pray for our Catholic and civil leaders: Bishop McGrattan; Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; Premier Jason Kenney; Mayor Naheed Nenshi; Greg McLean, MP; Joe Ceci, MLA; and Jeromy Farkas, City Counsellor, who have the grave responsibility to lead us at the Cathedral and those under their jurisdiction through the pandemic.

Despite the pandemic's ravaging effects on our lives, I'm nonetheless edified by your trust in the Lord, evident in the financial generosity and pastoral growth. This is good news. As we endure this latest (and hopefully last) lockdown, let's continue to abide in the Lord's love in his Word and in the Eucharist.

Fr John Nemanic

Readings for May 16 — The Ascension of the Lord

First Reading: (Acts 1:1-11) As the disciples were watching, Jesus was lifted up.

Second Reading: (Ephesians 1:17-23) God seated Jesus at his right hand in heaven.

Gospel: (Mark 16:15-20) the Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and sits at the right hand of God.

Stewardship of Treasure — Apr. 24 to May 1, 2021

General Collections	Last Week
Envelopes/Loose/Debit/etc.	\$6,397.
Other Income	\$ 140.

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: \$4,972.

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: \$23,585.

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#>)

Weekend Communion Services at the Cathedral

With the 15-person Provincial restriction on Mass attendance, Bishop McGrattan has permitted a 10-minute-long *Rite for the Distribution of Holy Communion Outside of the Mass* so more people may still receive Holy Communion. While keeping the same Mass times on the weekend, Frs. John and Julian will distribute Holy Communion on Saturdays from 3PM-6PM and on Sundays from 8:40AM-1:00PM at 20-minute intervals for groups of 15 (other than the 1-hour break for the regular Mass times). Fr Cristino will administer Holy Communion on Sundays beginning at 4:45PM until all have received.



**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 Foraie at 403-228-4170 (ext. 226).

Celebration of First Sacraments

Unfortunately we have had to postpone the Rite of Confirmation Mass scheduled for May 15th until such time as family and friends can celebrate together with the confirmandi. Please keep the children in your prayers.



Monday, May 10
 7:30 am Andrea Bickert (INT)
 5:00 pm Elmiro Limoges (INT)
Tuesday, May 11
 7:30 am Brian Scott (RIP)
 5:00 pm Sayoko Solomon (INT)
Wednesday, May 12
 7:30 am Marco Rojas (INT)
 5:00 pm Rose Lutula (RIP)
Thursday, May 13
 7:30 am Walter De la O (INT)
 5:00 pm Raymundo & Dionisia Narcio (RIP)
Friday, May 14
 7:30 am Jason Bickert (INT)
 5:00 pm Andrea Chaisson (INT)
Saturday, May 15
 9:00 am Carol Sinclair (RIP)
 5:00 pm Agnes Dias (INT)
Sunday, May 16
 8:00 am Leia Santa Maria (RIP)
 10:00 am Fr. Daniel Wilson LC (INT)
 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 #3 (May 10, 7:00 pm)
The Witness beyond Jerusalem (Acts 6:1-12:25)

Reading preparation for Session #4 (May 13, 7:00 pm)
The Witness in Cyprus and Southern Galatia (Acts 13:1-14:28).

Session #5: Tuesday May 18th 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm



Impact Report 2020. Last weekend the Diocese of Calgary publishes an impact report based on the Covid-19 pandemic. *"This Report reflects the goodness of God and the presence of the Holy Spirit working through the generosity and sacrifice that we have all had to make"*. The full report is available at <https://www.catholicyc.ca/2020impactreport.html>

**St. Mary Cathedral
Parish Financial Update
as at March 31, 2021**

Income Statement		
	Jan – Mar 21	Jan - Mar 20
INCOME		
Collection	\$109,110	\$107,148
Other Collections	\$560	\$470
Donation/Grant*	\$72,443	\$38,937
Other**	\$65,964	\$24,277
Total Income	\$248,078	\$170,832
EXPENSES		
Salaries	\$76,531	\$132,101
Maintenance	\$65,988	\$48,768
Rectory	\$7,283	\$7,839
Admin/Office	\$29,443	\$24,861
Assessment***	\$23,425	\$15,980
Programs	\$8,436	\$10,452
Total Expenses	\$211,106	\$239,999
Net Ordinary Income	\$36,972	(\$69,167)

Balance Sheet		
	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-20
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Chequing	\$128,717	-\$5,876
Savings/other	\$35,942	\$110,942
Total Current Assets	\$164,659	\$105,066
Fixed Assets	\$1,708,812	\$1,708,812
Total Assets	\$1,873,470	\$1,813,878
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Total Liabilities	\$17,946	\$72,102
Total Parish Equity	\$1,855,524	\$1,741,775
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$1,873,470	\$1,813,878

Notes:

Donation/Grant*: includes the Diocesan subsidy and Government wage subsidies.

Other:** includes priests residence rental fees, online donations, parish hall rental, and maintenance fund.

Assessment*:** the amount that parishes pay for the work of the entire Diocese.

For further information please contact:

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Communion Services COVID May 2021

In light of the Province's most recent COVID lockdown measures pertaining to Worship services as of Wed May 5, Bishop McGrattan has encouraged parishes to celebrate a 10-minute-long *Rite for the Distribution of Holy Communion Outside of the Mass* so more people may receive Holy Communion during the 3 week restriction period. The Cathedral will begin this on Saturday, May 8 from 3PM-6PM and Sunday, May 9 from 8:40AM-1PM.

Once you arrive at the church, park your car, and remain in your car until the **Parking lot greeter** has recorded your presence and directed you to the steps of the main entrance of the Cathedral in groups of 15.

The Point of Entry volunteer will ask the relevant screening questions and confirm the contact tracing information. Please maintain physical distancing as you wait to be brought inside.

Once you have entered the Cathedral you will be asked to remain standing in the greeting area by the Baptismal font (with appropriate physical distancing) where the *Rite* will be celebrated. Once the *Rite* is completed you will depart using the west exit doors and the next group will then be brought into the church.

Lastly, let us invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St Joseph during this 3rd (and hopefully last) pandemic wave. They experienced turmoil during the infancy of Jesus, so they can give us an example to trust in the Lord always.

These are the proposed times of the weekend Communion Services. They are spaced out in 20 min intervals.

Tentative Communion Services Schedule May 2021

Saturday PM

3:00 to 3:20 Communion Service
3:20 to 3:40 Communion Service
3:40 to 4:00 Communion Service
4:00 to 4:20 Communion Service
4:20 to 4:40 Communion Service
4:40 to 5:40 Mass
5:40 to 6:00 Communion Service

Sunday AM

8:00 to 8:40 Mass
8:40 to 9:00 Communion Service
9:00 to 9:20 Communion Service
9:20 to 9:40 Communion Service
9:40 to 10:40 Mass
10:40 to 11:00 Communion Service
11:00 to 11:20 Communion Service
11:20 to 11:40 Communion Service
11:40 to 12:40 Mass
12:40 to 1:00 Communion Service

For more information visit the Diocese of Calgary website at

<https://www.catholicyc.ca/blog/covid19>