



ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM,
12:00 PM, SFXC—4:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday, 7:30 AM & 5:00 PM
(Statutory Holidays during the week —
9:00 AM Mass only)
Saturday 9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tues - Thurs & Sat. 4:30—5:00 PM
Friday 8:00-9:00 AM & 3:00-4:30 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday 8:00 AM—4:30 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

The Lord Upholds our Lives as Christians in the World

In light of the anxiety and fears related to the latest COVID wave and Monday's federal election, how should we Catholics handle them? It's with total trust in God, living our earthly lives preparing for eternal life, as we pray in this Sunday's Psalm response: *The Lord upholds my life* (Ps 54:6). If the Lord upholds the entirety of our lives, how should we conduct ourselves in it?

For those who pray the *Office of Readings* as part of the *Liturgy of the Hours* on the Wednesday of the 5th Sunday of Easter will be familiar with the **Letter to Diognetus** written in the 2nd Century AD. In light of the persecution of the Church faced during that era, the author reminds Diognetus that Christians live trusting that the Lord upholds their lives:

"Christians are indistinguishable from other men either by nationality, language or customs. They do not inhabit separate cities of their own, or speak a strange dialect, or follow some outlandish way of life. Their teaching is not based upon reveries inspired by the curiosity of men. Unlike some other people, they champion no purely human doctrine. With regard to dress, food and manner of life in general, they follow the customs of whatever city they happen to be living in, whether it is Greek or foreign.

"And yet there is something extraordinary about their lives. They live in their own countries as though they were only passing through. They play their full role as citizens, but labor under all the disabilities of aliens. Any country can be their homeland, but for them their homeland, wherever it may be, is a foreign country. Like others, they marry and have children, but they do not expose them. They share their meals, but not their wives.

"They live in the flesh, but they are not governed by the desires of the flesh. They pass their days upon earth, but they are citizens of heaven. Obedient to the laws, they yet live on a level that transcends the law. Christians love all men, but all men persecute them. Condemned because they are not understood, they are put to death, but raised to life again. They live in poverty, but enrich many; they are totally destitute, but possess an abundance of everything. They suffer dishonor, but that is their glory. They are defamed, but vindicated. A blessing is their answer to abuse, deference their response to insult. For the good they do they receive the punishment of malefactors, but even then they, rejoice, as though receiving the gift of life. They are attacked by the Jews as aliens, they are persecuted by the Greeks, yet no one can explain the reason for this hatred.

"To speak in general terms, we may say that the Christian is to the world what the soul is to the body. As the soul is present in every part of the body, while remaining distinct from it, so Christians are found in all the cities of the world, but cannot be identified with the world. As the visible body contains the invisible soul, so Christians are seen living in the world, but their religious life remains unseen. The body hates the soul and wars against it, not because of any injury the soul has done it, but because of the restriction the soul places on its pleasures. Similarly, the world hates the Christians, not because they have done it any wrong, but because they are opposed to its enjoyments.

"Christians love those who hate them just as the soul loves the body and all its members despite the body's hatred. It is by the soul, enclosed within the body, that the body is held together, and similarly, it is by the Christians, detained in the world as in a prison, that the world is held together. The soul, though immortal, has a mortal dwelling place; and Christians also live for a time amidst perishable things, while awaiting the freedom from change and decay that will be theirs in heaven. As the soul benefits from the deprivation of food and drink, so Christians flourish under persecution. Such is the Christian's lofty and divinely appointed function, from which he is not permitted to excuse himself."

Readings for September 26 — Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: (Numbers 11:25-29) Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were Prophets!

Second Reading (James 5:1-6) Your riches have rotted.

Gospel: (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48) Whoever is not against us is for us. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off.

Stewardship of Treasure Sep. 4-10, 2021

General Collections

Envelopes/Loose/Debit/etc.

Last Week

\$3,932.00

Together in Action

Together in Action is an annual diocesan-mandated parish charitable appeal that funds diocesan, local, national & international initiatives: www.catholicyc.ca/tia.html

Some employers offer a charitable **donation matching program**, please contact Lillian at Lillian@stmaryscalgary.ca or by phone at the parish office for more information about it.

Goal: \$41,552. Donations to date: \$12,235

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.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Sep. 20

7:30 am Souls in Purgatory

5:00 pm Calgary Doctors (INT)

Tuesday, Sep. 21

7:30 am Hermann Belle (RIP)

5:00 pm Mary Patricia Fitzpatrick (RIP)

Wednesday, Sep. 22

7:30 am John Carey (INT)

5:00 pm Michael O'Brien-Kelly (INT)

Thursday, Sept. 23

7:30 am Hermann Belle (RIP)

5:00 pm Marta Krawiec (RIP)

Friday, Sept. 24

7:30 am Rich Robinson (RIP)

5:00 pm Benardita Albano (RIP)

Saturday, Sept. 25

9:00 am Rosita Pulma (RIP)

5:00 pm Glen Churney (INT)

Sunday, Sept. 26

8:00 am Tony Zuczek (INT)

10:00 am Marcelino Peralta (RIP)

12:00 Noon St. Mary's Parishioners

Sacrament Preparation for Children at St. Mary's Cathedral Parish

The Sacrament preparation program for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** has now begun as its first meeting with parents took place this weekend, September 18.

Preparation for the **Sacrament of First Eucharist** for children currently in Grade 2 will begin in February 2022.

Children in Grade 6 or higher are eligible to receive the Sacrament of **Confirmation**, sometimes called the sacrament of the Holy Spirit. Preparation for this sacrament will begin in February 2022.

You can register your children for the February preparation sessions at any time. Registration forms are available on-line, in the parish office and at the main entrance of the Cathedral.

If you have any questions about the preparation programs for children's sacraments, please call 403-228-4170 or email Marilyn@stmaryscalgary.ca.

Book of the Month: The Gift booth is featuring September's Spiritual Book of the Month *The Examen Prayer: Ignatian Wisdom for Our Lives Today* by Fr Timothy Gallagher, OMV. They are available for \$30. We also still have Scott Hahn's *The Lamb's Supper The Mass as Heaven on Earth*. The focus of Fr. Julian's August homilies.



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 *Lucia Vindel, Joan Foster, Maria Fraser, James Lipowy, Laura Meier, Tony Zuczek and Karl Beischroth.*

For those who have died in Christ, that they may be resurrected with Him into eternal life.



RCIA: 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. New session will begin Tuesday, **October 5th**. If you have questions or would like more information on the RCIA process, please contact Deacon Dennis Forai at 403-228-4170 (ext. 226).

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul – Financial donations are welcomed by marking your envelopes to St. Mary's "SSVP". If you require assistance, please contact us at 403-397-6028.