



St. Albert the Great Parish

"O taste and see that the Lord is good" Ps 34.8

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<p>UPDATED OFFICE HOURS:</p> <p>Monday to Friday: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm</p> <p>Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays: Closed</p>	<p>MASS TIMES:</p> <p>Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm</p> <p>Weekday Mass: Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 am & 6:30 pm Mass Saturday: 9:00 am Mass</p> 	<p>CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION:</p> <p>Tuesday to Friday: 9:30 – 10:30 am</p> <p>Tuesday to Thursday: 7:00 – 8:00 pm</p> <p>Saturday: 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm</p>																																																
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Today's Reading:	Next Week's Readings:
Jeremiah 1.4-5, 17-19	Isaiah: 6.1-2a, 3-8
1 Corinthians 12.31 – 13.13 (or shorter)	1 Corinthians 15.1-11 (or shorter)
Luke: 4.21-30	Luke 5.1-11

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*			
CFC Daily Rosary	Sun	30-Jan	8:00 PM
CWL Rosary Circle	Mon	31-Jan	2:00 PM
CFC Daily Rosary	Mon	31-Jan	8:00 PM
CWL General	Tues	1-Feb	7:00 PM
Finance Council	Tues	1-Feb	7:00 PM
CFC Daily Rosary	Tues	1-Feb	8:00 PM
CFC Daily Rosary	Wed	2-Feb	8:00 PM
RCIA	Wed	2-Feb	8:00 PM
CFC Daily Rosary	Thurs	3-Feb	8:00 PM
CFC Daily Rosary	Fri	4-Feb	8:00 PM
CFC Daily Rosary	Sat	5-Feb	8:00 PM

* All meetings are held virtually using Zoom or other online conferencing tools.

KofC BOTTLE DRIVE – JAN. 29-30

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a bottle drive on the weekend of **January 29/30**. Please bring all your bottles, aluminum cans, and milk and juice cartons to the church parking lot after all Saturday and Sunday Masses or anytime during the day that weekend. Proceeds will be used to support our seminarian, St Albert the Great Parish and other charities.

2021 TAX RECEIPTS

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations in 2021. **You can request to have your 2021 tax receipts emailed to you**, send your request to accounting@stalbertthegreat.ca. Those tax receipts that are not requested by email, will be mailed out before the end of February. Thank you for considering having your tax receipt emailed to you, this will ensure that you receive your tax receipt earlier, and you will be helping the parish to save on the postage costs.

Some E-transfers were sent in with only a first name or without an address. Please contact Carla Jane at accounting@stalbertthegreat.ca to update your information so that you can receive your 2021 tax receipt. Thank you again, for your generous support of St. Albert the Great Parish.

CCEF 2022 CASH RAFFLE

Support the Calgary Catholic Education Foundation with its biennial CASH raffle. Win **up to \$30,000** in CASH prizes! Get your ticket today, every dollar raised supports enhanced learning opportunities right here in our Catholic community. The CCEF provides grants to schools and classrooms in the 117 schools and over 57,000 students in the Calgary Catholic School District. [More information or to buy tickets.](#)

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Albert the Great St. Vincent de Paul needs **canola oil** and **coffee**. Please drop your donations in the St. Vincent de Paul box in the Narthex. Thank you for your support!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

How do I know if the Time, Talent and Treasure I offer God in grateful return is “enough?” What is the measure?

St. Paul tells us in the Second Reading today — the “measure” is the love that we put into each of these aspects of our lives. “If I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own and hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.” God is not after a particular number. What He wants us to give over to Him is our very selves.

Real love is not a sentiment. Real love is manifested in living a virtuous life. We read later in St. Paul’s letter that real love takes strength: it is patient, kind, humble, other-centered, truth-seeking, and long-suffering. Love is the heroic giving of oneself even when it is uncomfortable; especially then. Love looks like Jesus. It lives like Jesus.

Sometimes, living like Jesus is difficult. We see this in the Gospel Reading today where we find Jesus in action, preaching in the synagogue in His hometown. He speaks truth to the people He loves, the ones He grew up with and shared His early days with. How do they respond? They are filled with fury and run Him out of town, intent on throwing Him from a cliff! Yet Jesus is undeterred. He passes right through them and presses forward with the mission His Father has entrusted to Him.

We are called to live with this same strength and determination, fueled by the power of love and by gratitude for all God has given us.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE - FEB 2

World Day for Consecrated Life Mass will be celebrated by Bishop McGrattan at St. Mary’s Cathedral on Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 5 pm. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God’s gift of their vocation.

LAUDATO SI' ACTION PLATFORM LAUNCH – FEB. 12

Join us for the Canadian Launch of the [Laudato Si` Action Platform](#) in Canada. On Saturday, Feb. 12 at 9 AM (MT) with Norman Lévesque, Bishop Jon Hansen, C.Ss.R. (Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith) and the rest of your Catholic family from across Canada to learn more about how your community can engage in the works of Laudato Si`. [Register here](#) to receive the online meeting link



Like the [St Albert the Great Facebook](#) page for regular updates.

DECEMBER 2021 Collections	Budget	Actual	Shortfall / Over
Operations (Monthly)	\$60,000	\$100,112	\$40,112
Christmas Collection	0		\$10,320.30
Donations through Diocese/ CEWS Grant (not regular income)	\$0		\$3,635.
Mortgage (Monthly)	\$11,500	\$22,837	\$11,337
Together In Action (January through December)	\$54,911	\$55,963	\$1,052

We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations throughout the year, that make it possible for St. Albert the Great to be able to cover all our expenses. We continue to pray for an end to the pandemic, allowing us to return to our parish together in friendship and faith.

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR - FEB 26

[The Coldest Night of the Year](#) (Feb. 26) is a winterrific family-friendly walk to raise money for local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger and homelessness.

- **Virtual CNOY Day:** This is your own self-organized walk on February 26 (or whatever day in February you decide to walk). Gather with your covid-safe bubble (or on your own) and figure out a safe 2-5 km route.
- **The CNOY Toque:** Walkers who raise \$150+ (adults 18 and over) or \$75 (children/youth 17 and under) will receive a CNOY toque as a thank you! Just so you know, it's always a different toque style each year and they're so collectible!

To register or for more information, visit [here](#).

AIRDRIE KNIGHTS DREAM VACATION DRAW

The Airdrie Knights of Columbus are continuing their Dream Vacation tradition for a fifth year now, offering 69 prizes throughout 2022 starting in April. For every month of the year, the Knights of Columbus draw names out of the 600 tickets that are sold annually, providing winners with \$2,500 travel vouchers to take to a destination of their choosing. To buy Dream Vacation tickets, visit airdriedreamvacation.ca.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION FOR ADULTS

Are you an adult Catholic but never had the opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation?

Please register for the sacrament of Confirmation for adults: <http://stalbertthegreat.ca/adultconfirmation>

We are offering adult candidates guidance through a home-based study that will help you prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation (which will take place in May 2022, dates TBD). Please be aware: if divorced and remarried, or married outside the Church (in a civil marriage or married in another Christian denomination), the process of annulment or convalidation (sometimes referred to as having a marriage "blessed" in the Church) prior to the reception of Confirmation may be required. In some cases, this could delay the Confirmation for the candidate as necessary.

LET'S TALK SYNODALITY

Joy Gregory, a writer, cradle Catholic, and long-time parishioner of St. Peter's, shares her thoughts on why the Synod on Synodality process matters—and how Catholics in the Diocese of Calgary can participate. Read [now](#)



OFFERTORY GIFTS AND REGULAR DONATIONS

Our parish relies on our regular offertory giving for maintenance and growth. By making your pre-authorized offertory gift, you are providing crucial support to care for your parish during this difficult time. Please click the link the appropriate link to donate using the following methods:

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 - E-transfer to donations@stalbertthegreat.ca
- Please include your envelope number or address in the memo section of your EFT for tax receipt purposes. We thank you for your support through your donations to the parish, which will have a lasting impact on the lives of the people we serve.

JOIN YOUR PARISH COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

CFC - DAILY ROSARY

Daily Rosary @ 8 PM

Join via [Zoom link](#)

CWL - WEEKLY ROSARY CIRCLE

Mondays @ 2:00 pm

Join via this [Zoom link](#) Passcode: SATGRosary

Everyone is welcome!



1. **The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Bulletin Shorts, free to use**

[Mass Readings](#) | **Believing God Who Protects.** Proclaiming God's Word can be costly. For the grueling work of prophet Jeremiah, God declares he will not be alone. In proclaiming Good News in his home town, Jesus is faced with reproach and the threat of being thrown over the cliff. Proclaiming Good News is the task of each of us because of Baptism into Christ. So, how do we do it? As faithful, hopeful, loving Christians.

1. What words of faith will I share with others this week?
2. What is part of the great hope I have in believing in Christ?
3. Because God keeps me safe in a protecting embrace, how can I love? Whom will I love – even those who are not “one of us”?

(Source: Diocese of Springfield)

2. **Resources for children: The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1. **Gospel Reflection:** Sometimes we can be like the people of Nazareth; we don't want to trust Jesus' message because we find his words challenging. We don't want to do what he says. But we can trust his words to us and can rely on his guidance in our lives. *(Loyola Press)*

- **Kid's challenge this week:** Write/Draw something extraordinary that they or another person has done. Or write the qualities that they think make people special such as kindness, generosity, courage or faith. *(CAFOD)*
- [Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday](#)
- [Colouring page this Sunday](#)
- [Sunday Connection](#) - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gr. 1-8 & family)

2. **Children's Sunday Liturgy for 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- [Children's Liturgy for leaders/parents](#) (with intercessions and activities) - by CAFOD | [Illustration](#)
- [Children's Liturgy of the Word with Miss Heidi](#) (Catholic TV)

3. **A dram with Fr. Jonathan Gibson**

In this week's show with GodSquad Canada "A dram with friends" Sean welcomes Fr. Jonathan Gibson into the virtual pub. Listen as Sean and

Fr. Jonathan discuss their experiences of the **Bible in a Year** with Fr. Mike Schmitz (BiaY), the challenges of living in our world, and the impact that the BiaY has had on them. [Watch show](#)

4. **Lectio Divina for Families**

Lectio divina or “sacred reading” is an ancient method of praying with sacred texts that dates to the fourth century. The basic idea is to spend time listening deeply and intently to what God might have to say to you through the text—almost as if the sacred text were a much-cherished love letter from God. Download this handy "[Lectio Divina for Families](#)" guide, and learn how you can walk even young children through the basic movements of lectio divina.

5. **Faithful Living: Self Care is for both body & soul**

Catholics, or Christians in general, can sometimes forget that we are both body and soul as human beings. Learn from Christopher West on the unity of the body and soul to understand how we should understand and see ourselves according to the teachings of the Church. [Read more](#)

6. **Don Bosco: The True Story of the Apostle of Youth (Feast day: Jan 31)**

Watch [Don Bosco](#), a true story of a brave and holy priest whose single-handed battle to save the children of the streets inspired the formation of the Salesians, which is now a worldwide religious order that carries on his work with youth everywhere. Having suffered much in his own youth and growing up without a father gave him compassion for many orphans, and his profound charity shines through in this film. Watch here at [Formed.org](#)

7. **The extraordinary tale of St. Blaise (Feast day: Feb 3)**

Much of the life of Saint Blaise is history that has passed into legend, but even [these legendary accounts offer spiritual insight](#).

8. **The life of St. Ansgar, Bishop (Feast day: Feb. 3)**

The “apostle of the north” (Scandinavia) had enough frustrations to become a saint—and he did. St. Ansgar's life is a reminder that God writes straight with crooked lines. [Read more](#)

9. **Fighting breast cancer? Pray to St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr (Feast Day: Feb 5)**

| Pause for a moment to pray for all those suffering from breast cancer. Below is a traditional prayer to St. Agatha that may be used for this intention. [Read more](#)



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Programs offered are subject to change. Please visit our website at cssd.ab.ca/programs for the most up-to-date information.

Kindergarten

All Calgary Catholic elementary schools offer a half-day kindergarten program. A child who turns five years old on or before December 31, 2022, is eligible to register for kindergarten in the fall of that same calendar year. Your child's birth certificate is required at the time of registration.

Grade 1

A child who turns six years old on or before December 31, 2022, is eligible to register for Grade 1 in the fall of that same calendar year. The child's birth certificate is required and one parent's Catholic baptismal certificate is requested at the time of registration. Children do not need to register for Grade 1 if they attended kindergarten at the same school.

Early French Immersion

The French Immersion program enables students to develop functional fluency in French. No background in French is necessary. Entry point into this program is in kindergarten or Grade 1.

Fine Arts

The Fine Arts are comprised of art, drama and music. Students are involved as creators, performers, historians, critics and consumers. This program is offered at the elementary level at St. Augustine School, St. Dominic School and St. Philip School.

Italian Language and Culture

Students in this program will develop Italian language and communication skills and will participate in various cultural activities. Students may enter this program in kindergarten or in Grade 1. This program is offered at the elementary level at St. Alphonsus School and St. Maria Goretti School.

Online Learning

Online learning is available for students in grades 1-9 at St. Isidore School, our first virtual school. Curriculum mandated by Alberta Education will be followed and students will participate in daily classes. At St. Isidore School, Catholic education remains a key focus and appropriate resources are used to support student Faith development.

Spanish Bilingual

This program allows students to gain insight into the Spanish language and the culture of Spanish-speaking countries around the world. Entry point into this program is in kindergarten or Grade 1. This program is offered at the elementary level at St. Benedict School, St. John Paul II School and St. Margaret School.

Diverse Learning Needs

Students with diverse learning needs are asked to register at their local school. Through a referral process, a student's diverse learning needs are identified and discussed in order to help determine how best to support that student.

ALL FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO INQUIRE.

Visit cssd.ab.ca/district-register or contact 403-500-2000 for more information. Registration is ongoing throughout the school year.

Students born outside of Canada will need to first contact St. John Reception Centre by calling 403-500-2007.

**To register, Contact your local
Calgary Catholic school.**



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