

Parish News:



Monday Night Prayer Group: *“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”* (Matthew 18.20) All are welcome and invited to join us Monday evenings in the Church at 6:30 pm for the Rosary, Chaplet and General Intercessions.



Fall Ministries and Parish Activities: This Fall, we eagerly welcome the continuation of in-person Parish activities, special events and sacramental preparation. With this comes the need for scheduled Parish ministries and volunteers. We welcome the return of volunteers who have served the Parish in past years, and look forward to welcoming those who would like to become more involved. Please prayerfully consider offering your time and talent to our Parish. **We look forward to hearing from you!**

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Registration: Registration for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion are now open. Children in grade 2 and older this fall are invited to register. **A Registration Evening will be held at the Parish Hall on Tuesday, September 24th from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm.** Registration forms can be completed during this time, fees paid, and workbooks picked up. Please note that there is a **\$50** cost for Sacrament Preparation Materials Package for program. "Package" includes a diocesan-branded drawstring bag, the Catholic Children's Bible, and various essential materials for the preparation, such as diocesan logo name tags and lanyards, an LED votive candle, a mass card, and a family journal. **Please make sure to have a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate.**

From the CWL:



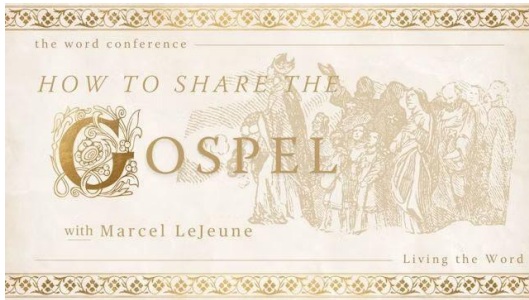
Cake Raffle Weekend— another chance to win a delicious dessert!

Knights of Columbus:



Join the Knights for their first pancake breakfast of the season: Sunday, September 8th at the Parish Hall from 9:30 - noon. Cost is a free-will donation.

From the Diocese:



How to share the Gospel with someone who 'doesn't need it' Marcel LeJeune, the founder of the apostolate, Catholic Missionary Disciples, shares that our call as Catholics is to share the faith with others. LeJeune equips us with the tools to share our faith with passion. Learn from Marcel and evangelize those around you!

Explore a curated selection of [FORMED.org](https://www.formed.org) resources that will immerse you in testimonies, teachings, and stories to support and deepen your commitment to the Diocese of Calgary's Pastoral Renewal.

Fall highlights - Priestly Vocations Night:

Have you considered becoming a priest? You are invited to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary's Priestly Vocations Night with Fr. Derek Remus. Each evening will begin with Mass at 5 pm, followed by Evening Prayer, supper, a presentation on discerning a vocation to the priesthood, and time for silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. **When: Sat, Sep. 14; Oct 26; and Dec. 7 from 6:30 pm to 9 pm at St. Luke's Church, Calgary.**

>To attend, please register by emailing Fr. Derek at derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca.

FIAT: Young Women for Religious Life Discernment: Join Fr. Derek Remus, Sr. Dianne Turner, and Sr. Azenette Trongco for a day of discernment and prayer for young, single women 16+.



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A DAY OF RETREAT FOR SINGLE, CATHOLIC WOMEN (16+) DISCERNING RELIGIOUS LIFE

PRESENTERS:



FR. DEREK REMUS
"How to live our
Baptismal consecration"



SR. DIANNE TURNER, OSE
SR. AZENETTE TRONGCO, SP NOVICE:
"How to discern, nourish, and
persevere in my call from God"



When: **Sat, Sep. 28 from 9 am to 4 pm** at St. Luke's Church, Calgary. The event will start with 9 am Mass, followed by prayer, adoration, and scripture reflections. Meet Sisters from various diocesan communities, ask questions, and learn about their ministry.

For more information, please call Sr. Dianne 403-218-5504 or email her at sisterdianne.turner@calgarydiocese.ca.

Mass and Intention Schedule

Tuesday, Sep. 10:	6:30 PM	† Donald Maxwell
Wednesday, Sep. 11	10:30 AM	(Spec) Josef Drapal
Thursday, Sep. 12	9:00 AM	(SPEC) Charmaine Moffatt
Friday, Sep. 13	9:00 AM	† Sherman Jaeger
Saturday, Sep. 14	5:00 PM	Thomas Nguyen Phuoc Minh
Sunday, Sep. 15	9:00 AM	(Spec) St. Anthony's Parishioners
	10:30 AM	(Spec) Renz Obmina

Sacraments:

Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 3:30 – 4:30 pm Saturday afternoons and by appointment. To schedule an appointment, please call the Parish Office or email Fr. Lukas at fr.lukas.d@gmail.com.

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office at (403) 823-2683 to arrange an appointment.

Marriage: Please contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to your desired date.

Scripture Readings

Monday, Sep. 9: Corinthians 5:1-8 | Psalms 5 | Luke 6:6-11
(Memorial of Saint Peter Claver)

Tuesday, Sep. 10: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11 | Psalms 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 9 | Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday, Sep. 11: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31 | Psalms 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 | Luke 6:20-26

Thursday, Sep. 12: 1 Corinthians 8:1-7, 11-13 | Psalms 139 | Luke 6:27-38

Friday, Sep. 13: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-27 | Psalms 84:3 | Luke 6:39-42

Saturday, Sep. 14: Numbers 21:4-9 | Philippians 2:6-11 | Psalms 78 | John 3:13-17

Sunday, Sep. 15: Isaiah 50:4-9 | Psalms 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 | James 2:14-18 | Mark 8:27-35

St. Anthony's Parish

St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church is an inviting family community united in Christ.

Parish Mission: Family, Faith Building, Liturgy, Environment and Social



Pastor: Father Lukas Drpal (fr.lukas.d@gmail.com)

Administrative Assistant: Mary Ann Arce | **Bookkeeper:** Linda Lacher

Pastoral Council Chair: Paul Marshall | **Finance Council Chair:** Mary Pavich

CWL President: Sharon Doyle | **K of C Grand Knight:** Tony Weir

Couples for Christ: Cen and Tess Felisilda

Weekend Mass Times: Saturday at 5:00 pm | Sunday at 9:00 and 10:30 am

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9 am – 12:00 pm

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: September 8, 2024

Oh, the power of a simple word! "Ephphatha!" Jesus says in today's Gospel, and with that one word, the deaf man's life changes forever. No longer would he be set apart, isolated from everyone around him. No more would he have to endure the looks that said his disability was somehow his own fault. "Be opened," Jesus commands, and his life begins anew. And what about his friends, those who had brought him to Jesus?

They would have been familiar with the words of the prophets, like Isaiah in the first reading, who spoke of the coming of God as a time when the ears of the deaf would be unstopped and the speechless would sing for joy. Imagine their amazement, then, when it happened to one of their own, in their very midst. To them, too, Jesus speaks: Ephphatha! Be open, always, to the signs that God is right here among you.

We hear the same word spoken in today's celebration: Ephphatha! Perhaps we need to open ourselves to the surprising ways God enters our lives anew, disguised in the ordinary events of each day. Or we need to be open to new ways in which we are being called to bring God's love into a world wounded by division and despair. With gratitude and humility, we pray for hearts open to hear God's call.

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