

Parish News:



The Ascension of the Lord is a moment of profound hope and wonder, as we remember Jesus Christ's loving return to the Father on the fortieth day after Easter. His bodily ascent into Heaven marks not just the completion of His earthly mission, but the promise that we, too, are called to share in the fullness of life with God (Mark 16:19–20; Luke 24:50–53; Acts 1:6–12).

Monday Night Prayer Group: All are welcome to join us Monday evenings at 5:00 pm in the Church for the Rosary, haplet, and General Intercessions.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament the first Saturday morning of each month. Pastoral Care for the Sick: If you or anyone in your family has fallen ill and would like a visit or to receive the Eucharist, please inform the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Confirmation Final Gathering (Confession, Retreat and Rehearsal) will be on May 20, at 5:00 pm. Light Dinner and refreshments will be served by the *Pastoral Care Ministry*.

The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated on **Monday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m.** in our parish. All candidates, families, sponsors, and parishioners are warmly invited to join this special liturgy as our young people receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Let us come together in faith and support as we pray for our confirmands on this joyful occasion.

The next **First Holy Communion Family Gathering** will be on **Wednesday, May 27th**, at 5:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Light Dinner and refreshments will be served by the *Couples for Christ Ministry*.



Catholic Women's League News:

1. **CWL Wind-Up Party** is Wednesday, June 3@6:00pm, Prairie Modern Kitchen (Across from St. Anthony's School).

Sign-up Sheet is in the Narthex of the Church. **Please sign up by May 24!** More info to follow.

2. **Cake Raffle for May:** Congratulations to our winner, Anna Lewans - Our profit was \$142! Thanks to all who supported our Family in Need Fundraiser!

3. **12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care:** Thanks to all of you who signed up to pray for those in Palliative Care and for those who work and support Palliative Care Programs.

Strawberry Tea Event Photos:



Knights of Columbus News:



Mass for People with Special Needs

Tuesday: May 19, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Celebrating a Mass for People with Special Needs can be the first step toward integrating people with disabilities into the sacraments and other aspects of parish life.

Sacramental Candidates
presents...
Flores de Mayo 2026
Saturday-May 23, 2026

Procession begins at **3:30 PM**
Holy Mass At 5:00 PM
Fellowship to follow.

The poster features a central illustration of a woman in a pink dress and a man in a blue suit, surrounded by flowers. A large, faint image of the Virgin Mary is in the background. The Knights of Columbus logo is in the top right corner.

We encourage everyone, especially families and children, to bring a candle, a rosary, and a fresh flower to offer to Blessed Mother Mary during Mass. For the success of the procession, please park your vehicles on Riverside Drive West, also known as the 7th Street West area. The church front must remain clear for the Procession Assembly and to accommodate the Blessed Mary's Float.

Diocese News:

Vocations Rally: Join the Vocations Rally 2026: Trinity Sunday, May 31, 2026 - from 11 am to 4:30 pm at St. Michael Catholic Community. Discover, support, and pray for vocations in our diocese!

Blooms & Blossoms: Elizabeth House Charity Dinner - May 23: Join us for an elegant evening in support of Elizabeth House! Enjoy dinner, live music, and community while raising funds for vital home renovations.

Blooms & Blossoms
CHARITY DINNER
IN SUPPORT OF
Elizabeth House
HOUSE

She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy.
Proverbs 31:20

MAY 2026 **23** SATURDAY
5:30 pm to 10 pm

CALGARY ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTRE
416-1 Ave NE, Calgary
SILENT AUCTION,
FOOD & WINE

TICKETS \$10 PER PERSON
SIBB TABLE OF 10 CATHOLICCYCA / BLOOMS
10% REFUND FOR CATHY LANGRISH AT CATHOLICCYCA

YOU ARE CALLED
YOU MATTER
YOU BELONG
CATHOLICCYCA

Elizabeth House FOUNDATION

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Ticket sale and online auction donations will be matched up to 50% through Rogers Birdies for Kids presented by AlibiLink. Charitable Number: 8779-0939 @kroc.

ROGERS Birdies for Kids

The poster features a woman in a purple headscarf holding a child, surrounded by pink roses. The background is a light, textured pattern.

Consider bringing your loved one, mom, or a friend who could use a special night out, or sponsor a guest who would be blessed by the experience.

Let's come together as a Church and help Elizabeth House reach 100%! **When: Sat, May 23, 2026, from 6 to 9:30 pm at the Calgary Italian Cultural Centre.**

2026 May Mass and Intentions Schedules

Tuesday,	19-May-25	6:30 PM	KofC: Mass for People with Special Needs
Wednesday,	20-May-25	10:30 AM	† Naciancina Andaya
		(Continuing Care)	
Thursday,	21-May-25	9:00 AM	(Spec) (Spec) Garrison & Jessica Lapointe
Friday,	22-May-25	9:00 AM	(Spec) Christine Hogan
Saturday,	23-May-25	5:00 PM	(Spec) Kevin Hogan
Sunday,	24-May-25	9:00 AM	(SPEC) St. Anthony's Parishioners
		10:30 AM	(Spec) 1st Communion Candidates

Sacraments:

For Anointing of the Sick: Please email Father Lukas or, in the case of emergencies, call the Parish and press '0' to be connected to Father Lukas or Fr. Ian.

Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 3:30 – 4:30 pm every Saturday afternoon and by appointment. To schedule an appointment, please call the Parish Office and leave a message for **Fr. Lukas or Fr. Ian**.

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.

Confirmation: Monday, May 25, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Scripture Readings

18 May, Monday: First: Acts 19: 1-8 | Psalm: Ps. 68: 2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab | Gospel: John 16: 29-33

19 May, Tuesday: First: Acts 20: 17-27 | Psalm: Ps. 68: 10-11, 20-21 | Gospel: John 17: 1-11a

20 May, Wednesday: First: Acts 20: 28-38 | Psalm: Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab |
Gospel: John 17: 11b-19

21 May, Thursday: First: Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11 | Psalm: Ps 16: 1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 |
Gospel: John 17: 20-26

22 May, Friday: First: Acts 25: 13b-21 | Psalm: Ps. 103: 1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab | Gospel: John 21: 15-19
(The feast day of Saint Rita of Cascia)

23 May, Saturday: First: Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31 | Psalm: Ps. 11: 4, 5 and 7 | Gospel: John 21: 20-25

24 May, Sunday: First: Acts 2: 1-11 | Psalm: Psalms 104: 1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 | Second: 1 Cor. 12: 3b-7, 12-13 | Gospel: John 20: 19-23
(The Solemnity of Pentecost)

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



Parish Priest: Fr. Lukas Drapal (fr.lukas.d@gmail.com)

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Catholic Women's League President: Velma Scott

Knights of Columbus Grand Knight: Arlie Arce

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

7th Sunday of Easter: Sunday, May 17, 2026 **Ascension of the Lord Solemnity**

Today's Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb, to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives his disciples in today's Gospel. The Final Commission, as this Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, the most important events happen on the mountaintop, and Matthew has used this motif throughout his Gospel. Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Peter, James, and John had seen Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop (Matthew 17:1-8). Also in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in what we now call the Sermon on the Mount.

Here we are told that the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (cf. Matthew 28:9-10). They see Jesus, and both worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach, "to make disciples of all nations." It is a task which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples for; recall that Jesus had sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal (cf. Matthew 10:1-15). However, earlier, the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this Final Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations." The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people; the task now is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for baptism in the name of the Trinity. In the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of Paul, baptism is more frequently offered "in the name of Jesus." The ending of Matthew's Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. Matthew 1:23), for all eternity.

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