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**HOLY SPIRIT PARISH**



# Parish News

April 12, 2024

## Parish Schedule

### Mass Times

Monday to Saturday: 9 am

Wednesday: 7 pm

Saturday: 5 pm, 7 pm (Spanish)

Sunday: 9 am, 11 am and 7 pm

### Confession Times

Fridays: 9:30 am (after morning Mass)

Saturdays: 1 pm - 2 pm (Fr. Joe) / 2 pm - 3 pm (Fr. David)

6 pm - 6:45 pm (Spanish)

Confessions are also available by appointment (English only)

### April Mass Intentions

## Contact us

Parish Office hours: Monday to Friday 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

(Lunch break 1:00pm - 1:30pm)

403-251-3381 / [info@holyspiritparish.net](mailto:info@holyspiritparish.net)

Pastor: Fr. David Meadows

\*\* 403-510-9906

[fr.david@holyspiritparish.net](mailto:fr.david@holyspiritparish.net)

Assoc. Pastor: Fr. Joe

\*\* 403- 479-1019

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**\*\* Emergency only \*\***

Please call Parish Office for inquiries.

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## **From the desk of Fr. David**

That first Easter morning and the days following, were days of joy but also of great confusion. There were rumors and unverified reports of: an Empty Tomb, a Missing Body and Jesus' appearances to His followers.

What did this all mean and what were the disciples to make of it?

In today's Gospel, on the road to Emmaus, Jesus catches 2 of his disciples off guard. Jesus is just walking along the road to Emmaus alone and begins to walk with 2 of his disciples, but they do not recognize Him. They are sad, confused and downhearted. But Jesus was not a ghost; he sat down to eat with them and when He broke the bread, they recognized Him. Then, Jesus disappeared.

Jesus' Death and Resurrection was a surprising turn of events for his followers. What happened to them is not unlike what happens in our lives when sudden change is thrust upon us. When our world is turned upside down, we are forced to rethink and reevaluate our lives.

When our lives are changed by: Illness, Death, a Loss or Change in Employment or losses of any kind; we need an anchor, we need something to grasp on to.

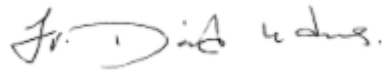
This is why it is so important to be rooted in our faith and in a relationship with Jesus, Our Lord. So that, when we meet the storms and changing tides of life, we will meet them with some preparation.

Jesus came to his disciples bringing peace and explaining to them the meaning of his suffering and death. In His Death and Resurrection, our human experiences of pain and suffering are given new meaning.

Again today, we see a theme that we see all through the New Testament; the call to conversion and change of heart. Our Lord is continually calling us to come closer to Him and to let our relationship with Him deepen and Grow.

Our Lord commissions His disciples and sends them forth into the whole world to carry the Good News everywhere. We too, are to be witnesses of Christ in today's world.

Our Lord Jesus is our anchor, our refuge in every storm. Come, Lord Jesus.



***“Let us remember the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm, and look forward to the future with confidence.”***

***St. John Paul II***

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**New Dates Available!**



New dates for photo-shoot sessions available:

**Friday April 26: From 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**Saturday April 27: From 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Appointments can be booked by email [debbieonysyk@hotmail.com](mailto:debbieonysyk@hotmail.com) or by phone at 403-251-3381(parish office). You can also book your appointment after Mass on the weekend of April 20/21.



**50 years**  
*1974 to 2024*



**This year, 2024 we celebrate 50 years as a parish!**

The parish began in 1974 at St Benedict School. Holy Spirit Church opened in 1988.

11am Mass to commence this special year.

Soon we will be giving the parishioners more information on the Parish Renewal Program in the Diocese of Calgary and also in the parish. A number of special events will soon be announced.

## Volunteers Needed!



**We are in need of volunteers to take care of our garden near Our Lady's Grotto.**

**For more information, please contact Paula Jarding at**

**[maintenance@holyspiritparish.net](mailto:maintenance@holyspiritparish.net)**



**Holy Spirit CWL Regular Meeting  
April 17**

CWL is all about. Hope we will see you there.

# CWL Spring Plant Fundraiser



Spring is in the air and CWL is pleased to offer you our Spring Plant Fundraiser again, featuring high quality bedding plants, hanging baskets, planters, herbs and veggie plants grown in a Southern Alberta greenhouse. They are available for purchase online at Growing Smiles until May 10, with pickup on May 25 at Holy Spirit Parish.

Not only will your purchase be supporting a local greenhouse, it also helps CWL to continue supporting local and global initiatives, such as Homes for Heroes, Chalice and scholarships. Thank you for your purchase and support.

To order click on <https://holyspiritcwl.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>



## **ROSARY SALE – April 20 - 21**



Totus Tuus Rosary Makers will be holding a special Rosary and Religious Articles Sale during the 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> and before and after all Masses on the weekend of April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

All proceeds go towards sending rosaries to the missions.

Thank you in advance for your support!



**COME HOLY SPIRIT**  
*Preparing for Pentecost*  
**Holy Spirit parish**

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 3RD. Following  
7PM Mass.  
Come Holy Spirit**

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 17TH.  
Following 7PM Mass  
I came that you might have  
life Jn 10:10**

**WEDNESDAY MAY 1ST. Following  
7PM Mass.  
Ask and you will receive.  
Gifts of the Holy Spirit.**

**WEDNESDAY MAY 15TH. Following  
the 7PM Mass  
Releasing the graces of our  
Baptism & Confirmation.**

**PRESENTER  
Peter Thompson**  
Peter is a member of Holy Spirit  
Parish and has served extensively  
giving missions and teaching the  
Catholic Faith  
in many parts  
of the world,  
primarily in  
Africa.



### **Preparing for Pentecost**

Presentations will help us to understand and embrace more fully the graces of our baptism and confirmation.

Following the Wednesday 7pm Mass in the Annunciation Chapel:

**April 17 - I Came that you might have life Jn.10:10**

**May 1 - Ask and you will receive. Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

**May 15 - Releasing the Graces of our Baptism and Confirmation**

Peter is a member of Holy Spirit Parish and has served extensively giving missions and teaching in many countries primarily Africa.

**Desires of the Heart**

Presented by  
**Fr. Daniel Wilson LC**

Hosted by  
Regnum Christi  
CWA Women's Team

Wed, April 17, 2024  
6:45 pm - 8:30 pm  
St. Thomas More Hall  
Clear Water Academy

**Register NOW!**  
**\$10**

Limited Seating  
Includes all Materials  
& Social

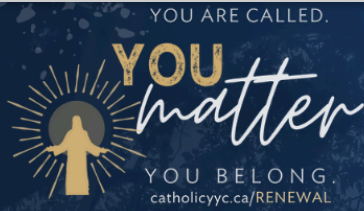
Email: Mary Beth Manarey  
Veronica Gallegos

The Desires of our Hearts are a key way in which  
God's voice is heard in our hearts.  
God created our hearts to desire great acts of faith, hope and love.  
Fr. Daniel will help us to get in touch with these divine desires that  
dwell deep in our heart and soul and are longing to burst out through  
our thoughts, words and actions.  
Please invite a friend and anyone else you know will benefit from this talk.


## 44th Annual Hike for Life



[Join a team](#)



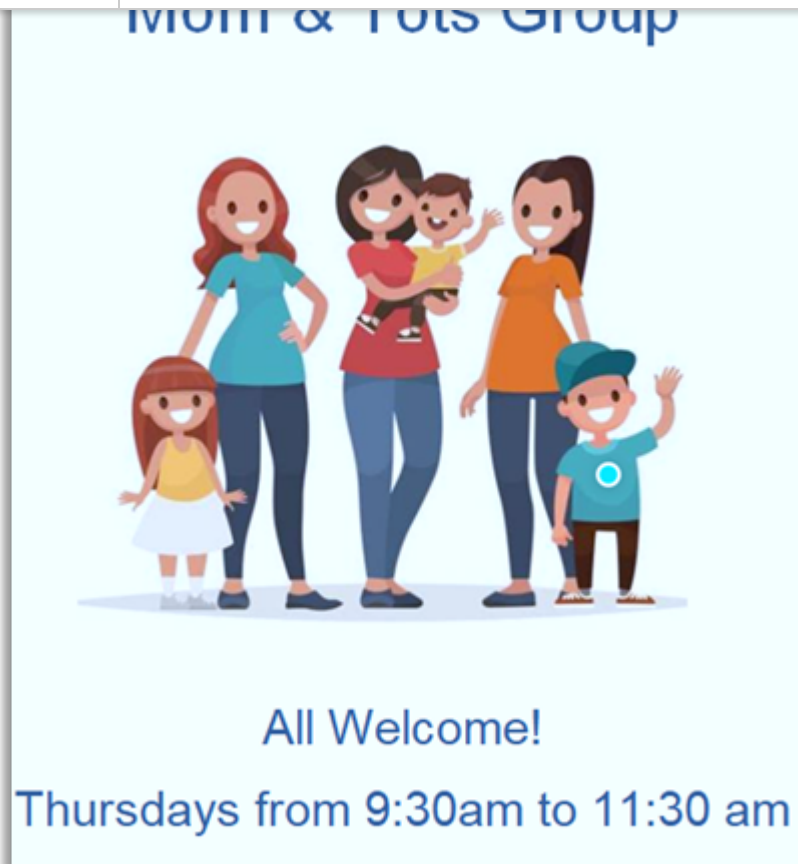
*Celebrating*  
APRIL 14-20, 2024  
NATIONAL  
VOLUNTEER WEEK



HOW CAN WE  
**thank God  
enough for you**

IN RETURN FOR ALL THE JOY  
THAT WE FEEL BEFORE OUR  
GOD BECAUSE OF YOU?

1 THESSALONIANS 3:9



This ministry gathers every Thursday morning after morning mass (around 9:30am). We welcome women of all ages, who are parenting (grandparenting) children between the ages of 0-5.

Kids learn to make the sign of the cross, praying the responses, offer prayers of petition and lead the Our Father. We have time for quiet prayer and story for the children. Fellowship follows in one of the meeting rooms. This ministry has been part of Holy Spirit Parish for the past 30 years. If you are at home Thursday mornings looking after little ones, you may want to grow in your faith through this ministry.

For more information, please call the parish office at 403-251-3381.

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**VOCATIONS RALLY**

Sunday, April 21st  
11:00 AM - 3:30 PM  
Calgary, AB

**COME FOLLOW ME**

MASS | LUNCH | KEYNOTES | VOCATIONS PANEL AND Q&A

 <b>FRANCESCA AMBROSINO</b> MC & PANEL HOST	 <b>KEELIN KENNEDY</b> MC	 <b>DR. RYAN TOPPING</b> PRESENTING "MET OLD MEN PRIESTS' BEFORE"	 <b>FR. CRISTINO BOUVETTE</b> KEYNOTE "VOCATIONS"	 <b>CEDRIC &amp; GRETA DE SOUZA</b> "MARRIAGE AND THE CHILDREN'S VOCATION"	 <b>SEEDS OF THE WORD</b> KEYNOTE "DISCERNMENT"	 <b>BSP. WILLIAM MCCRATTAN</b> CLOSING KEYNOTE
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**VOCATION PANELISTS**

 <b>SR. MICHAEL FERRAS, OFM</b>	 <b>SR. CAROL FORHAN, SPB</b>	 <b>FR. FRANK SLIARHA, OCS</b>	 <b>SR. SIMON GROSICKI, OP</b>	 <b>SR. AZENETTE TRONCCO, SP NOV</b>	 <b>FR. DEREK BEHUS</b>	 <b>PETER AN, SEMNARIAN</b>
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Hosted at St. Michael's Parish  
800 85 ST SW, Calgary, AB



**Please join us at the Vocations Rally on Sun, April 21 from 11 am to 3:30 pm at St. Michael's Church in Calgary!**

Discover how to build a culture of vocation, whether you're discerning your own calling or supporting others. Hear from experts such as Dr. Ryan Topping, Fr. Cristino and Fr. Santiago, Bishop McGrattan, enjoy a free lunch, and pray for our vocations! Let's rally together for the future of our Church!

**Register at [catholicyc.ca/vocations](http://catholicyc.ca/vocations) - Free Lunch!**

## Impact Report 2023



We are excited to share with you the 2023 Impact Report of the Diocese of Calgary. As we reflect on the past year, we celebrate the growth, resilience, and profound impact of our actions. This report highlights how, through faith and collaboration, we continue to move towards becoming true missionary disciples in our world today!

- [Impact Report 2023 \(PDF\)](#)
- online at [catholiccyc.ca/2023impactreport](https://catholiccyc.ca/2023impactreport)



## Faithfully April 2024 Edition



[Read Faithfully](#)



**Beach Carnival  
Dodgeball  
Tournament!**

Join us for some friendly competition  
in support of a great cause!

**SAT, APRIL 27, 2024**  
2:30 - 5:00 PM

**THE BEACH YYC**  
3030, 2600 Portland St SE Calgary

All proceeds in support  
of Elizabeth House

**Elizabeth  
HOUSE**

GET TICKETS AT  
[elizabethhousecalgary.ca](http://elizabethhousecalgary.ca)

YOU ARE CALLED  
**YOU  
matter**  
YOU BELONG  
WHEREVER YOU ARE

The poster features a central photograph of a man in a white t-shirt and orange shorts playing dodgeball on a beach. A large white starburst graphic is overlaid on the left side of the image. The background is a solid orange color with faint circular patterns.

Elizabeth House invites you to a Beach Dodgeball Tournament **at The Beach YYC** (3030, 2600 Portland St SE Calgary)! You can bring friends and family and come spend an afternoon in the sand, or grab a team of 5 or 10 and join the dodgeball tournament on **Sat, April 27, from 2:30 pm to 5 pm**. Friends vs. friends, class vs. teachers, parents vs. kids, let's have some fun for a good cause! All proceeds will go towards purchasing a new van for the Elizabeth House.

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## Maintenance Committee



If you notice any maintenance issue that requires attention like an uneven kneeler, or a sink that drips, take a picture and send a description of the problem to [maintenance@holyspiritparish.net](mailto:maintenance@holyspiritparish.net)

## Knights of Columbus - Fr. Joe Toole Council



Membership is open to practicing Catholic men aged 18 years or older. We serve our community under our pillars of: Charity, Unity & Fraternity. Inquire to: **Grand Knight Paul Gerritsen** 403-607- 2075  
**Membership Director Rob Oswald**  
403- 650-3638.

[Instructions to purchase grocery cards here](#)



**Canada calls its members to grow in faith and to witness to the love of God through ministries and service."**

We welcome all Catholic women 18 years and older to share their gifts and make a difference.

**For more information contact Brenda Kellington (President)**

403-836-5256



## **Eucharistic Adoration**

**Monday – Saturday 9:30 am – 4 pm**

## **Overnight Eucharistic Adoration**

First weekend of the month, from Saturday 8:00 PM to Sunday 8:00 AM.

**Next Overnight Eucharistic Adoration will be May 4 from 8pm to May 5 at 8am.**

Eucharistic adoration is spending time with Jesus who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. During adoration we open ourselves to His graces, Jesus draws us to Himself and gently transforms us.

Please consider spending time with Our Lord, we do need adorers, especially for week days.

You can sign up using the sheets provided in the chapel or send an email to Pauline Jensen at [fjensen@shaw.ca](mailto:fjensen@shaw.ca)



**On Zoom:** Totus Tuus continues praying the Rosary daily at 10 am followed by The Divine Mercy Chaplet. To receive a Zoom invitation, contact Marta Toltesi [totustuus@shaw.ca](mailto:totustuus@shaw.ca)

**Rosary in the Church:** We gather to pray the Rosary in the Chapel, everyone is welcome.

- Monday to Saturday at 8:30 am
- Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary every evening at 6:00 pm

Four Mysteries of the Rosary are prayed every first Friday of the month at 4 pm in the Chapel.

**Monday Prayer Group:** One hour of prayer every Monday evening in the Chapel beginning at 7:15 pm. Our hour encompasses the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. All are welcome. Contact Jeanne 403-281-3432.

**Prayer requests:** The Rosary Making Apostolate has an Intercessory Prayer Ministry with over 150 'prayer partners' interceding for the requests received. The CWL also prays for these intentions. To request prayers send an email to [totustuus@shaw.ca](mailto:totustuus@shaw.ca).

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## Resources for Children

# THE KIDS BULLETIN

Third Sunday of Easter  
April 14th, 2024

*When Jesus rose from the dead, some of the disciples thought He was a ghost.*

*To show them that He was really alive, Jesus asked for something to eat. What did they give Him?*

*Colour the spaces using this code to find out!*

grey ✕  
skin colour .

colour in the blank spaces any colour!



- [Kid's Bulletin this Sunday](#)
- [Colouring Page this Sunday](#)
- [Sunday Connection this Sunday \(Gr. 1-8\)](#)
- [Children's Liturgy of the Word with Miss Heidi \(Catholic TV\)](#)

## News from the Diocese of Calgary

- **40 Hours Devotion in the Diocese of Calgary**

*"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest"* (Matt. 9:37-38). Pray with us as for an

- **St. Michael's, Calgary** - Fri, Apr 19 at 3 pm to Sun, Apr 21 at 8 am - (followed by Vocations Rally in the afternoon)
- **St. Cecilia's, Calgary** - Fri, Apr 26 at 6 am to Sat, Apr 27 at 10 pm
- **St. Gerard's, Calgary** - Tue, Apr 30 at 6 am to Wed, May 1 at 10 pm
- **St. James', Okotoks** - Fri, May 24 at 4:30 pm to Sun, May 26 at 8:30 am.

- **Pastoral Care Training - Apr 20**

The Diocese of Calgary invites individuals who feel called to assist their parish in a healing ministry. This Pastoral Care Training is designed for those who wish to support the sick, elderly, dying, homebound, and bereaved community members. Note: Participants should receive approval from their Pastor and/or Pastoral Care Coord. Please reach out to your parish for screening requirements. Training dates: **Saturdays, Apr. 20 and May 4** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre. To register, visit [catholiccyyc.ca/pastoralcare](http://catholiccyyc.ca/pastoralcare)

- **ABLAZE - Youth Ministry**

This is an invitation for all youth in Gr. 7 to 12 throughout the diocese to join ABLAZE Youth Ministry Formation - Impact Nights at St. Michael's, Calgary. When: **Friday, Apr. 19 from 7 pm to 9 pm** at St. Bonaventure Parish, Calgary. [More info](#)

- **New Catholics: A Day with the Sisters**

For new Catholics: Join the Sisters of Divine Mercy in a welcome home retreat! Partake in sacraments, time to reflect, and time to share. When: **Sat, Apr. 27 from 10:30 am to 4 pm** at the Divine Mercy Centre (15206 Twp. Rd. 262, Calgary). More info at [www.sistersofdivinemercury.org](http://www.sistersofdivinemercury.org)

- **Good Shepherd Sunday**

The Fourth Sunday of Easter (April 21, 2024), or widely known as Good Shepherd Sunday is the **World Day of Vocations**. There will be a special collection for the work of vocations, in supporting the education and formation of seminarians and permanent diaconate program in our Diocese. To donate online, you can visit [catholiccyyc.ca/give](http://catholiccyyc.ca/give)

- **Young Adults: Hope on the Horizon Summer Mission in Downtown Vancouver**

| Join the "Hope on the Horizon" Summer Mission from **August 6-21, 2024** hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver and Catholic Street Missionaries. This event, for young adults aged 19-30 in downtown Vancouver, offers an immersive experience into street missionary work. Participants will engage in prayer, service, and outreach to the homeless, alongside training and recreational activities. Food and



Our parish relies on your Sunday offerings 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. We are accepting debit/credit cards and online donations. If you are interested in this way of helping, please contact the Parish Office or [click here to register](#).

To make a one-time donation [click here](#)

[E-transfers now accepted](#)

To transfer the money use the email address:

**[donations@holyspiritparish.net](mailto:donations@holyspiritparish.net)**

Please include name, address, and where you would like the funds to go in the transfer message. This account is registered for Auto deposit, there is no need for a security question. Please note this is being offered as an option for one-time donation, it is not intended to take the place of regular weekly/ monthly donations.



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Come, Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,  
and renew the face of the earth. Amen.

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