

# ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL-CALGARY

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September 22, 2019 / 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** Blessing of the Animals at Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre (41160 Retreat Road, Cochrane) on **Sunday, Sep. 29 at 2 pm**. All are welcome!

**DO THE BIG BANG AND FAITH COLLIDE?** Adam D. Hincks, SJ will deliver the 2019-20 CWL Annual Lecture in Catholic Studies on "How Science, Philosophy and Catholic Theology Explain the Origins of the Universe." **Wednesday, Oct. 2, 7 to 9 pm** at St. Mary's University, McGivney Hall, M100 (14500 Bannister Rd SE, Calgary).

**FEDERAL ELECTION** | As the federal election approaches on **October 21**, the Diocese of Calgary has compiled a set of resources to assist our faithful in making a faith-informed decision at the ballot box. Find resources here <http://news.calgarydiocese.ca>

**EFFECTIVE CO-PARENTING: PUTTING KIDS FIRST** | Effective Co-Parenting is a 5-week education program for parents seeking support after separation and divorce. Learn how to manage shared parenting situations, resolve family conflicts and improve communications between separated/divorced parents. Sessions begin on **Wednesday, Oct. 30, from 7 to 9 pm**. Next dates: Nov. 6, 13, 27 and Dec. 4. For more information or to register, call 403-218-5505 | [alida.allen@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:alida.allen@calgarydiocese.ca)

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES** 1. Support Staff for the Elizabeth House 2. Family and Youth Ministry Coordinator for the Catholic Pastoral Centre 3. Administrative Assistant (Level 2) for the Catholic Pastoral Centre For more information about qualifications and application details, check out <http://careers.calgarydiocese.ca>

**COATS AND BOOTS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED** Donations of gently-used winter coats and boots urgently needed for the Pass It On Give-away. Please bring your donations of winter coats and boots to **ONLY** the parishes below on their collection dates:  
St. Michael's Catholic Community (800 85 St. SW, Calgary) – Collecting on Sundays, Sep. 29 & Oct. 6  
St. Cecilia's Parish (321 90 Ave SE, Calgary) – Collecting on Sundays, Sep. 29 & Oct. 6  
Ascension Parish (1100 Berkshire Blvd NW, Calgary) – Collecting on Sundays, Oct. 6 & 13  
St Pius X Parish (2424 24 Ave NW, Calgary) – Collecting on the weekends of Sep. 28/29 and Oct. 5/6. **UPDATE:** Drop-off at the SVDP room in the parish hall **after Mass times**, Saturday at 5 pm and Sunday 9 and 11 am. For information, please contact Theresa Lewchuk | 403-815-6055 | [lewchukt@hotmail.com](mailto:lewchukt@hotmail.com)

**THE TRANSITUS OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRAYER VIGIL** | The Secular Franciscan Order in Calgary invites you to a prayer vigil to celebrate the passing of St. Francis from earthly life to eternal glory on **Thursday, Oct. 3, 2019 at 6:30 to 8 pm**. Where: Canadian Martyrs Parish (835 Northmount Dr. NW). For more information, contact: Linda at 403-245-8549 | [linschz@hotmail.com](mailto:linschz@hotmail.com) | [ofscalgary.com](http://ofscalgary.com)



**CalgaryDiocese.ca** | WHAT'S HAPPENING in the DIOCESE. Contact: 403-218-5500 or  
E-mail: [communications@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:communications@calgarydiocese.ca).



**SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30, 10:00 am, Noon & 7:30 pm

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**

Monday - Friday, 7:30 am & 5:00 pm  
Saturday - 9:00 am

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Friday 4:00-4:45 pm  
Saturday 8:15-8:45 am & 4:00-4:45 pm,  
or by appointment

**THE ROSARY**

Mon-Fri 6:40 am & 4:30 pm

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

First time parents must participate in Baptism Preparation. To register, please fill out a "Request for Baptism" form at the information desk or on line.



**Visitors and New Parishioners!**

We hope that you have a meaningful worship experience at St. Mary's Cathedral. We invite unregistered parishioners to complete a registration form at the information desk. If you have any questions, or if there is anything we can do to make your visit here more pleasant, please do not hesitate to contact the ushers, or any staff members that may be present. You may also call the Parish Office and talk to a staff member for additional information (403) 228-4170.

*To our visitors, enjoy your visit with our parish family.  
To our new parishioners,  
Welcome Home!*

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**SEPTEMBER 22, 2019**  
**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



After today's readings, we can't say we have not been warned about the dangers of mixed up priorities. God's Word is so very clear today on the necessity of putting Him first in all areas of our lives.

We see this in the First Reading from Amos. The Lord has harsh words for those who would take advantage of the poor, and whose priorities are not aligned with God's.

In the Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to Timothy, Paul gives us the antidote to the self-centeredness condemned in our First Reading. The antidote is to imitate Christ, "who gave Himself as a ransom for all." Rather than thinking of Himself and how to "get ahead," Christ gave Himself away — completely — for our sake. That is how we are to live.

In our Gospel passage from Luke, the Lord shows us how to bridge the gap between worldly thinking and priorities, and eternal thinking and priorities. Jesus tells the parable of the corrupt but clever steward who is about to get fired when the master discovers the steward has been squandering his property. Realizing his imminent unemployed status, the clever steward reaches out to the various debtors of his master to wheel and deal with them, making friends who would look out for him when he became jobless.

What if we put that kind of effort into our own tasks as good stewards of all God's gifts to us? Into our ministries, into the ways we could make more time for prayer as individuals, as couples, as families and as a parish? What if we got as creative as the "bad steward" in the use of our finances so that we could give more generously to the poor and to the advancement of God's kingdom on the earth?

That's our lesson and our challenge.



# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

## Monday, Sep 23

7:30 am Nick & Mirela (INT)  
5:00 pm Lydia Marie Martinelli (RIP)

## Tuesday, Sep 24

7:30 am Pelagia & Tirso Sr. Duran (RIP)  
5:00 pm Bernardita Albano (RIP)

## Wednesday, Sep 25

7:30 am Roger Dunn (RIP)  
5:00 pm Louella Maconochie (RIP)

## Thursday, Sep. 26

7:30 am Sr. Mary Kelley (INT)  
5:00 pm Glenn Hygard (RIP)

## Friday, Sep, 27

7:30 am Corazon Aguinaldo-Martin (RIP)  
5:00 pm Flower Fund (INT)

## Saturday, Sep 28

9:00 am Lien Giang

## This Week in the Parish

Wednesday, Sep. 25

7:00 pm RCIA

Thursday, Sep. 26

Bible Study - 3:00 pm

Confirmation Class 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Sunday Sep. 29

Coffee Sunday after 10:00 am

## Looking Ahead

**Please Note:** The Diocesan Priests will be on study days from September 30 until October 3, 2019. Please keep them in your prayers. There will be 5:00 pm Mass ONLY.

## FAITH IN ACTION

**MINISTRY FAIR** On the weekend of **Oct. 19/20** we will be having our ministry fair. On this very special weekend, we reflect on all God's blessings and make a decision as to what our gift will be in return for all that God has bestowed upon us. Your active participation in our parish community is vital to the life of the Church.

**TIME, TALENT, TREASURE**

## SACRAMENT PREPARATION



**BAPTISM PREPARATION** Please register for our next class which will be held on **Thursday, October 17 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm** in the Rectory Hall. If you are first-time parents seeking baptism for your child, you are required to attend one of these sessions prior to the baptism. Registration forms are available on the information tables in the Cathedral and on our website. Registration is required.



### SACRAMENT PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN

Sacrament Preparation for the Children's Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation has begun.

\*\*Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is still open. Please stop by the Parish Office to register.

Confirmation Session 1 Thur., Sep. 26, 7:00 to 8:30pm  
First Reconciliation Session 2 October 5 - 9:30 to 11:00 am

For First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, parents and their child or children are expected to attend all the classes and the retreats. For Confirmation, only the student needs to attend classes and the retreat.

If for some reason you and/or your child must miss a class, please contact Allison before the class as she can assist you in finding a class at another parish to attend or work with your child in reviewing the materials.

For more information, please contact the Sacrament Coordinator Allison Charlton at 403-228-4170 or allison@stmaryscalgary.com.

## From Our Ministries

In the weeks leading up to our annual ministry fair (Oct. 19/20) we will **profile** our various ministries



**Hospitality Ministry – Coffee Sunday** On Sunday mornings following the 8:30 (currently once a month) and 10:00 am Masses we gather in community to share in fellowship.

This is an opportunity for us to meet new friends and re-connect with old friends. For our community to grow in faith and love it is important we get to know one another and spend time together.

To keep this ministry going and growing, we need your help. Those who host the Sunday gatherings help in the preparation of the set-up, make coffee, bring baked goods to share, and greet the parishioners and guests. You can help in this ministry on a rotating basis. We have teams who host the event once a month. If you would like to learn more about this ministry and how you can get involved contact the church office.

We thank all those who have served in the past year and welcome new members. May God Bless you for your generosity.



## Readings for Sep. 29nd. —26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading :** (Amos 6:1a 4-7) You that lounge and sing shall now go into exile

**Second Reading:** (1 Timothy 6:11-16) Keep the commandment until the manifestation of the Lord.

**Gospel:** (Luke 16:19-31) You received good things, but Lazarus received evil: now he is comforted, while you are in agony.

## FROM OUR MINISTRIES



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul** – 100% of all food, financial and clothing donations goes to support those in need here in Calgary. We accept all donations of non-perishable food, financial donations of all sizes, and new/ clean used clothing for our clients. Items can be placed in the box located at the main entrance of the Church. We appreciate if you would mark your envelopes to "SSVP". If you require assistance, call us at 403-397-6028.



**Coffee Sunday** We invite you to join us **today after 10:00 am Masses** in welcoming new parishioners and sharing with one another. **NEXT COFFEE SUNDAY will take place September 29 after the 10:00 am mass.** If you would like to donate baked goods or volunteer your time to help in setting and/or cleaning up on a rotating basis please contact Phan at phan\_truong@hotmail.com.



**Pastoral Care Team** of St. Mary's would be pleased to visit and bring the Eucharist to the shut-ins of our parish. Please call 403-228-4170 to make arrangements.



**Catholic Women's League (CWL)** The CWL executive will be meeting on **October 12**, following the 9:00 am mass in the Parish Hall. All women of the parish are heartily invited to become members. For more information, contact Anthea at stmaryscalgarycwlpresident@gmail.com.



**Bible Study** takes place on **Thursdays** at 3:00 pm in the Rectory Hall. Every week we read one or two chapters from the Old and New Testament and discuss. Please call Bob at 403-272-4262 for more information.



**OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2020**  
PILGRIMAGE TO BELGIUM, GERMANY & SWITZERLAND  
With Fr. Robert Dielissen, Rector, St. Mary's Cathedral in Calgary  
Sept. 9 - 21, 2020 - 12 days - \$1790.00

**LAST CALL!!!!!!**  
**WE ONLY HAVE 5 SPOTS LEFT!**  
**OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2020**

**Pilgrimage to Belgium, Germany & Switzerland** with Fr. Bob Dielissen, Rector, St. Mary's Cathedral. 13 days September 9-21, 2020. This is a once in a life time opportunity. This pilgrimage includes a River Cruise and the Passion Play at Oberammergau which is performed every 10 years in this town. Please call the Parish Office at 403 228-4170 for more information.

## Stewardship of Treasure

September 15, 2019

General Collections	Last Week	Y-T-D
Envelopes/Loose/Debit/etc.	\$11,239.00	\$611,625.60
Diocesan Subsidy	\$	
Total Amount	11,239.00	\$611,625.00

Weekly operating cost:	\$22,000.00	814,000.00
Year to date: Over/Under Budget:	\$10,761.00	\$202,374.00

Altar Flowers: \$246.00  
Mission Mexico: \$ 38.00

### Other Collections

Together in Action \$205.00 YTD: \$26,775.00 Our Together in Action Goal for **2019 is: \$66,584.00**



Stewardship is an important concept for our spiritual growth as Catholics. It is a way of thanking God for all His blessings by prayerfully returning to Him a portion of the time, talent and treasure we have received.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**SACRAMENT PREPARATION Volunteer Opportunity** – We need you! We are looking for a few volunteers to assist Allison with Sacrament Preparation in 2019-2020. Responsibilities would include helping with set-up, sign-in, crafts and activities. If you are interested, please contact Allison in the parish office 403-228-4170 or [allison@stmaryscalgary.com](mailto:allison@stmaryscalgary.com).

## Stewardship Reflection – Sep. 22, 2019 25th. Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." (Luke 16:13)*

Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from being a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

**Altar Flowers:** You are invited to take a Flower envelope and make a donation for the flowers and decorations in the Church. The donation will act as a reminder to all of us of those who have gone home to the Eternal Lord. A mass is offered for the repose of their souls on the last Friday of each month at 5:00 p.m.