



# ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020



WILLIAM T. MCGRATTAN  
BISHOP of CALGARY

### Decree Dispensation from Sunday Obligation (can. 87)

In the interest of preventing the further spread of COVID-19 and to safeguard the health and wellbeing of the Faithful, I, William T. McGrattan, the Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary, dispense all Catholics in the Diocese of Calgary from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass from March 16 to April 5.

Each Pastor is to privately celebrate one Sunday Mass for the intentions of the people of his parish as required by Canon Law (c. 534)

Given at the curia of the Diocese of Calgary, on this sixteenth day of March, in the Year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty.

Relying on the grace of our Lord, I remain

+Most Reverend William T. McGrattan  
Bishop of the Diocese of Calgary

Very Reverend Anthony Pudota, JCL  
Chancellor

Read the full Diocesan Directives

## MASSES ARE CANCELLED

From March 17 to April 5, 2020



PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19  
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### Diocese Schedule

8:30am Weekday Masses celebrated by priests from throughout the Diocese will be live streamed Tuesday to Saturday from St. Peter's Church and recorded for later viewing.

10:00am Sunday Masses celebrated by Bishop McGrattan will be live streamed from St. Mary's Cathedral.

<https://www.catholicyc.ca/>

### St. Anthony's Schedule

Daily 9:00am Fr. Edmund's Private Mass for the Intentions requested by the people  
10:00am Church open for private prayer.  
-3:00pm Priests are available for confession

**Pastor** Fr. Edmund Vargas ext 224 or 587-349-9615  
**Associate Pastor** Fr. John Shannon, FSSP ext 226 or 403-714-7361  
**In Residence** Fr. John Petravicius, Fr. Clauber Pereira Lima  
**Deacon** Ron Nowell  
**Music Director** John Morgan  
**Sacramental Preparation** Dorothy Loucks ext 232

**Altar Servers** Jeffrell Painaga **Building Committee** Vacant **Children's Liturgy** Ranee and Riza Fallorin **Art & Environment** Gill Briscoe  
**Finance Committee** Don Goodfellow **Pantry** Abe Villanueva **Funeral Altar Servers** Robert de Moissac **Funeral Receptions** Dianne McKay  
**Hospitality Coordinator** Dianne McKay **Knights of Columbus** Abe Villanueva **Legion of Mary Jr.** Audrey Martis **Legion of Mary** Oneill Martis  
**Liturgy Coordinator** Heather Schilling **Pastoral Care of the Sick** Marlene Robertson **Pastoral Council** Kevin Leitch  
**Pro-Life** Maria Cameron **RCIA** Vancant **Together in Action (TIA)** Vacant **Ushers** Josue Laro

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## *Pastoral Notes*

### **Sight & light...**

In the Old Testament, God's choice of David over his other brothers speaks of our own inability to see spiritual truth as God sees it. David is portrayed as the least likely to be the candidate for divine election. God sees into the heart and directs the prophet to choose and anoint the young David and consecrate him to be shepherd of God's people as king. The blindness of those around David to his potential as God's chosen leader speaks of how sin can blind us to God's will for us.

Blindness, as attributed to the man born blind from birth in our gospel today, is a fitting image of the human condition we now know as original sin. John tells the story of the man's cure by Jesus in a way that reveals who it is that is truly blind: those who stubbornly refuse to accept Jesus as the light of the world. Social sin is not the same as original sin, but flows from it, and is the accumulation of human choices to turn away from the light. The dramatic unfolding of John's story gives eloquent expression to the way individuals in a community compound their blindness. Everyone gets involved: the man's neighbors, his family, those who have seen him begging, the Pharisees, the evil spread like cancer until in an act the man is expelled from the synagogue for acknowledging Jesus as the Messiah.

As we celebrate Enlightenment Sunday, we pray: "Father... we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus. He came among us as a man, to lead us from darkness into the light of faith. Through Adam's fall we were born as slaves of sin, but now through baptism in Christ we are reborn as adopted children..."

As we pray physically away from each other but close together in spirit these days, we ask God for courage and strength as we go through this current pandemic. We ask God to let His light penetrate the darkness of our lives, helping us to re-discover our sense of family and care for each other as we try to prevent the spread of this coronavirus. Just as Jesus opens the eyes of the blind man to the wonders of belief in God's son, God call us from this social crisis to an awakening to what is really important in our respective lives. From a life of selfishness and indifference, God call us to a new life, a life of loving and caring for one another.

**HEALING CORNER** A significant factor that leads women to tolerate abuse is the economic reality of separation. Women cannot afford to leave their partners. Women fear they will not be able to provide for their families if they leave the relationship. Many men do not provide child or spousal support. In situations of divorce, the standard of living of men on the whole increases, while the standard of living for women on the whole decreases. Women fear leaving their partners because it will mean a substantial decrease in the standard of living, both for themselves and their children. Let us not turn a blind eye to the realities that victims of abuse face. Reach out to support those disabled by fear.

### **Fr Edmund on COVID-19**

St Anthony's Church opens for private prayer every day from 10am to 3pm. Access is only through the Main Doors (4th Street). We observe strict "social distancing".

We encourage our parishioners to visit the church for private and silent prayer, to light a candle or celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with one of our priests or even make an appointment with Fr. Edmund for a short or long conversation.

Everyone who comes is expected to pray privately and in silence, observing the mandatory "social distancing", a distance of 1-2 meters away from others including family members. In consideration of others, we encourage silence and minimum movement, refraining from moving around for praying the Stations of the Cross.

Priests, available for confessions from 10am to 3pm, are also observing the AHS-mandated "social distancing". Our confessionals do not comply with the AHS-mandated "social distancing" requirements. The vesting sacristy near the entrance or the altar area will be utilized for the celebration of Sacrament of Reconciliation. We observe an abundance of precaution in this process. We disinfect the furniture after every use.

A private Mass is celebrated in the church every morning for the requested intentions and the intentions of our parishioners and all of God's people, as we go through this current pandemic. Daily Mass celebrated by priests through the Diocese is livestreamed at 8:30am from St Peter's Church. Fr. Edmund will celebrate the Mass at St. Peter's on Friday April 3. A Sunday Mass at 10am with Bishop William T. McGrattan is livestreamed from St Mary's Cathedral. Both can be viewed at <https://catholicvyc.ca>.

Bishop William T. McGrattan has dispensed the Sunday obligation to attend Mass until April 5. Spiritual Communion is highly encouraged. While together as a family in an almost mandatory "stay at home" recommendation from our civil authorities, we take this grace-filled opportunity to re-discover the beauty of family prayer and bonding. "Intensive togetherness" can bring about closer and stronger family love and solidarity.

Funeral Masses are still allowed, limited to immediate family (under 50 people). Fr Stan Henke's Funeral Mass last Friday was presided by Bishop William T. McGrattan at St Mary's Cathedral with Fr John Schuster and Fr Ray Lowing as diocesan representation. A Memorial Mass will be held at a later date.

Visit our website <https://stanthonysyc.ca/covid-19-update/> for the latest updates from Fr. Edmund and the Diocese on COVID-19.

### **CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION IS ONGOING**

**UNTIL APRIL 1** The registration package is available on our website [stanthonysyc.ca/sacraments/confirmation](https://stanthonysyc.ca/sacraments/confirmation) or email [sacrament.prep@stanthonyscalgary.com](mailto:sacrament.prep@stanthonyscalgary.com).

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, March 23

English – Stefan Babik RIP &  
Souls in Purgatory RIP  
Latin – Special Intention SI

### Tuesday, March 24

English – Anthony J. Martin RIP &  
Maria Demczuk RIP  
Latin – Special Intention SI

### Wednesday, March 25

English – Barbara and William Saruga RIP  
Latin – Special Intention SI

### Thursday, March 26

English – Souls in Purgatory RIP &  
Souls in Purgatory RIP  
Latin – Special Intention SI

### Friday, March 27

English – Joyce Cashen SI &  
Maria Rizzuti RIP  
Latin – Special Intention SI

### Saturday, March 28

English – Souls in Purgatory RIP  
Latin – Guy Portelance SI

### Sunday, March 29

English – For the Parishioners of St. Anthony's SI  
Latin – For the Parishioners of St. Anthony's SI

## LATIN MASS CALENDAR

### Sunday March 22 1<sup>st</sup> CI

4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

### Sunday March 25 1<sup>st</sup> CL

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Sunday March 29 1<sup>st</sup> CI Passion Sunday

## LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Arleen Avendano, Rose Dourado, Ken Foran,  
Nancy Hawthorne, Hector Henao, Mary Hess,  
Fr. Clauber Pereira Lima, Faye LaPaz,  
Leanne Morgan, Mary Olson, Joe Rathwell,  
Corazon Reyes,  
Brenda Ann Taylor and Cleofe Togonon

**May the Lord grant them healing, comfort and peace.**

## LAST WEEK'S DONATIONS

	BUDGET	COLLECTION	DIFFERENCE
Regular	\$9,169	TBD	
PAW			
MTD	\$39,732	\$11,101.60	(\$28,630.40)

	GOAL	COLLECTION TO DATE	DIFFERENCE
TIA 2020	\$41,030	\$8,088.36	(\$32,941.64)
LED lights	\$2,500	\$1,620	(\$880.00)
Feed the Hungry	\$5000	\$0.0	(\$5000)

## *Sacrament of First Communion*

In his letter of Monday, March 16, 2020, Bishop McGrattan wrote regarding the sacraments, "All sacrament preparation workshops, or sessions are cancelled. Parents who are the first teachers of the Faith, will be responsible for the formation of their children using the prescribed program materials provided by the parish and will be asked to attest to their child's readiness to receive the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation."

To that end First Communion Session 3 originally scheduled for Sunday, March 29 will be conducted at home. All parents of children in the program received an email from the sacrament coordinator asking them to read chapter 5 and 6 in the First Communion Book with their children and watch the video that was sent to them. We ask the parish community to keep the children and their parents in their prayers.

**FEED THE HUNGRY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20. Confirm your volunteer position as soon as possible:**

Shift		Positions Available
9:30am – 1:30pm	Preparation	16 of 20
12:30pm – 2:30pm	Desert Preparation	0 of 3
2:30pm – 6:00pm	Serving & Greeting	48 of 57

Email [secretary@stanthonyscalgary.com](mailto:secretary@stanthonyscalgary.com) to register as a volunteer. Contributions toward the \$5000 sponsorship can be made in the collection basket, the parish office or conveniently at <https://stanthonysyc.ca/donation/>.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN:** St. Anthony's 2nd prayer day is Wednesday, March 25. Please view the 40 Days for Life Code of Conduct at <https://stanthonysyc.ca/get-involved/forms/> for direction and come out to pray. There are still lots of timeslots available.

**TOGETHER IN ACTION** satisfies our need as disciples to give and share of ourselves. As Christ's disciples, we are called to receive God's gifts gratefully, to cultivate them responsibly, to share them lovingly in justice with others and to return them with increase to the Lord. Your gift impacts human dignity, food, shelter and spiritual growth. Give now at <https://stanthonysyc.ca/tia/>.

**ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CALGARY:** For all the latest Diocese news and events, view <https://catholicyc.ca>.

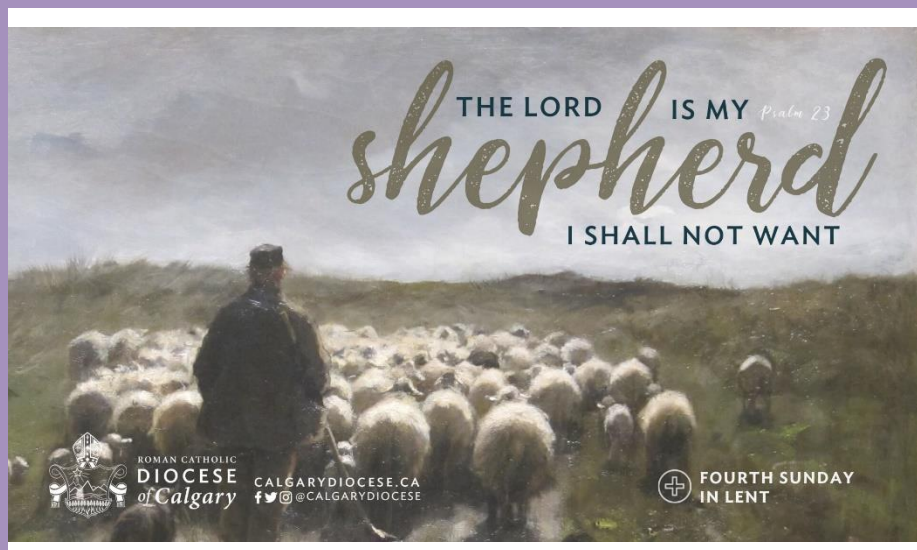
## HOLY WEEK TRIDUUM SCHEDULE (TBC)

<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> Commemoration of the Lord's Supper	6:30pm English Mass 8:30pm Latin Mass 7:30pm – Midnight Adoration – Chapel of Repose
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<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Commemoration of the Lord's Passion	2:00pm Stations of the Cross 3:00pm English Service 5:30pm Latin Service
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<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> Commemoration of the Lord's Resurrection	8:00pm English Vigil Mass 11:00pm Latin Vigil Mass
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<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Commemoration of the Lord's Resurrection	7:15 am Latin Mass 9:00 am English Mass 10:30 am English Mass 12:30 pm Latin Sung Mass
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**IN AND AROUND THE PARISH THIS WEEK**

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	ROOM	CONTACT
<b>Sunday March 22</b>	10:00am – 3:00pm	Private Prayer & Confessions	Church	Fr. Shannon Fr. John Fr. Edmund
<b>Monday, March 23</b>	10:00am – 3:00pm	Private Prayer & Confessions	Church	Fr. Shannon Fr. John Fr. Edmund
<b>Tuesday March 24</b>	10:00am – 3:00pm	Private Prayer & Confessions	Church	Fr. Shannon Fr. John Fr. Edmund
<b>Wednesday March 25</b>	10:00am – 3:00pm	Private Prayer & Confessions	Church	Fr. Shannon Fr. John Fr. Edmund
<b>Thursday March 26</b>	10:00am – 3:00pm	Private Prayer & Confessions	Church	Fr. Shannon Fr. John Fr. Edmund
<b>Friday March 27</b>	10:00am – 3:00pm	Private Prayer & Confessions	Church	Fr. Shannon Fr. John Fr. Edmund
<b>Saturday March 28</b>	10:00am – 3:00pm	Private Prayer & Confessions	Church	Fr. Shannon Fr. John Fr. Edmund
<b>Sunday March 29</b>	10:00am – 3:00pm	Private Prayer & Confessions	Church	Fr. Shannon Fr. John Fr. Edmund



**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL CLOSED**

Effective March 13, 2020, 24-hour adoration is suspended, and our chapel is closed until further notice in order to assure that the Lord is not left unattended.

The Church is open from 10:00am – 3:00pm daily for silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle.