



# ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

## March 29, 2020



WILLIAM T. MCGRATTAN



BISHOP of CALGARY

March 27, 2020

Dear Faithful of the Diocese of Calgary,

It has just been over a week since I last wrote to you announcing the suspension of the public celebration of Masses. In this short time frame, we have witnessed an increase in the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Province and the plea for the strict adherence to the government's public health measures in preventing the further spread of the disease especially in our local communities. Already, there has been a marked difference in the level of awareness in people for the necessary sacrifices we each have to make which can potentially and directly save lives, especially those of seniors and the elderly and those with chronic health conditions.

The suspension of public Masses has proven to be very difficult for all of us. While many comprehend, laud and appreciate the reasons behind this difficult decision, there are also those who advocate for the immediate resumption of public Masses. In all these, I recognize the desire of each person to encounter Christ in the Eucharist. Please remember, however, that while regularly scheduled public Masses have been suspended, the Priests and I have been offering daily and privately the Holy Mass for you and for the world. They have also been available to provide the Sacraments for those in need, such as the Sacrament of Penance - being available to those who come to pray in our churches and for those who seek spiritual support and counsel in these difficult times. I acknowledge their efforts and the sacrifices they are making. It is during these times that we recognize the power of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass through the Holy Spirit who unites us as the Body of Christ, the Church.

In my letter of March 16, 2020, I informed you that the suspension of public Masses would continue until April 5. Today, I am writing you this letter to inform you of the extension of the suspension indefinitely until the situation improves, and we will be able to gather publicly.

As a sign of hope that the sacramental life of the Church will continue in the face of this pandemic, Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum will proceed in the following manner.

### The Paschal Triduum

I will celebrate **Holy Thursday** (7:00 pm Mass, April 9), **Good Friday** (3:00 pm Service, April 10), a simplified **Easter Vigil** (9:30 pm, April 11) and **Easter Sunday Mass** (10:00 am, April 12) at the Cathedral.

All these Masses and the Good Friday service will be live-streamed and can be accessed from the website of the Diocese, [www.calgarydiocese.ca](http://www.calgarydiocese.ca). Weekday and Sunday Masses will continue to be live-streamed from the website as well.

I am providing you with this information so that you may be able to anticipate what is being planned and to help you prepare spiritually and communally as you enter the Sacred Week as the "domestic church" gathered in your homes within the parishes of the Diocese of Calgary.

In an Easter letter by St. Athanasius, Bishop, he wrote about the sacred feasts that we celebrate as a Church each year particularly the feast of Easter.

*This feast guides us through the trials that meet us in this world. God now gives us the joy of salvation that shines out from this feast, as he brings us together to form one assembly, uniting us all in spirit in every place, allowing us to pray together and to offer common thanksgiving, as is our duty on the feast. Such is the wonder of his love: he gathers to this feast those who are far apart, and brings together in unity of faith those who may be physically separated from each other.*

May we be brought together in spite of the distance that separates us through our unity in Christ.

I realize that without the Sunday Mass, communication from the parish may be challenging not having direct access to the Sunday bulletin. I would encourage you to visit your parish's website or to visit the website of the Diocese of Calgary for up-to-date information and for resources to support you spiritually, [www.calgarydiocese.ca](http://www.calgarydiocese.ca)

Thank you for the sacrifices that you are making in a spirit of solidarity and for your contribution to the common good, which at this time can be the highest act of charity for others. Let us continue to take care of one another and to carry each other in prayer.

*"The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace." (Numbers 6:24-26)*

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Most Reverend William T. McGrattan  
Bishop of Calgary

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### St. Anthony's Schedule

9:00 am Fr. Edmund's Private Mass for the Intentions requested by the people

10:00 am – 3:00 pm Church open for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Priests are available for confession

### 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. Fr. Edmund will celebrate on Friday April 3.

10:00am Sunday Masses celebrated by Bishop McGrattan will be live streamed from St. Mary's Cathedral. <https://www.catholicyyc.ca/>

## Pastoral Notes

### From death to life...

The story of the resurrection of Lazarus has always been considered a proto-type of our spiritual conversion. His physical death is typical of our spiritual death.

Just as Christ liberates Lazarus from death, He comes to our dead and dying world, now facing a pandemic, to regenerate us by conversion. He comes to liberate us from the encumbrances of spiritual grave clothes: selfishness, self-righteousness, indifference and unwillingness to love and forgive. Christ comes to our lives to inspire and guide us in our journey back to our heavenly Father. He comes to redeem us from the clutches of the sin and death. The miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead represents the power of Christ's own resurrection and its saving efficacy to liberate us from sin and death, which is a consequence of sin.

During this last part of the Lenten season, let us reflect on our life that has been influenced by the power of evil. Let us examine our old bad habits and addictions that control our freedom and dignity as God's children. Let us stare the darkness over our horizon because we have chosen to veer away from Christ's light. Let us feel the weakness that results from our unwillingness to exercise the works of love and mercy. As we reflect on the Christ's life of love and forgiveness, let us express sorrow for our own unwillingness to forgive one another from our hearts. Let us appreciate how Christ, dying on the cross, expressed forgiveness to those who brought him to His painful suffering and death. Let us learn that forgiveness is a free gift of participation in God's divine love and mercy. Let us re-learn to be more open to the healing sacraments of the Church. Let us become wounded healers.

Amidst the current pandemic, may our Lenten observance help us to come forth from our spiritual grave to the overflowing grace of God's liberating love and mercy.

#### ST. ANTHONY'S HOLY TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday	10am – 3pm Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 6:30pm Private Mass The Lord's Supper
Good Friday	10am – 2pm Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 3:00pm Private Service The Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday	10am – 3pm Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 8:00pm Private Mass Vigil The Lord's Resurrection
Easter Sunday	9:00am Private Mass The Lord's Resurrection 10am – 3pm Blessed Sacrament and Confessions



#### PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land.

Donate at <https://stanthonyssyc.ca/donation/> or mail a cheque to the parish office.

#### Fr Edmund on COVID-19

Our dear Parishioners,

As we work together to stop COVID-19 from spreading through physical distancing, we encourage you to reach out virtually to family and friends, to connect online and offer mutual love and support. Spiritually, we have to re-discover our connected to God and to one another. We pray for our inner healing and conversion.

We now feel the devastating impact of the current pandemic to our families and communities. As we remain temporarily closed to our parishioners for our Masses and other celebrations, this development is especially difficult for us as a church community. As long as the authorities allow, our church will be open from 10am to 3pm every day, strictly adhering to mandatory social distancing. Parishioners who have symptoms should stay at home as an expression of charity to others. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed, thereby encouraging silent and private prayer. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available during this period. The other Sacraments, including funerals, continue to be available. Our lines of communication, including our website [www.stanthonyssyc.ca](http://www.stanthonyssyc.ca), are open more than ever before.

The current emergency has reduced to a basic Pastoral Team ministry. We await diocesan guidelines on how to deal with parish cashflow and other financial issues.

We find ourselves in very challenging and unprecedented times, but one thing we know for certain is that our church will offer regular celebrations eventually. As your pastor for eight months now, I have had the distinct privilege to minister with you to realize the vision of building a stronger faith community. Together, our efforts have been significant for more than five decades now. Our current situation is like a temporary pause, but the health and safety of our community as a whole is now our collective priority.

We have always believed that faith heals. During this current pandemic, we'll continue to tell the story of our journey of our faith in this part of the Lord's vineyard. Let us keep sharing the love and understanding of our faith and remain focused on its power to positively move our community forward.

We want to thank everyone who has reached out these past few weeks with your messages of support and those of you who have continued to generously offer their contributions for church support. Your decision to support our church during these trying times is just overwhelming. It means everything to us right now and always. We can't thank you enough. We leave to God to bless you for your love and generosity.

We will go through this together. Please stay positive, supportive, and keep sharing your powerful messages of faith, hope and love however you can. We look forward to welcoming you back to St Anthony's Church.

God bless...

Fr Edmund

**HEALING CORNER** In this time of physical isolation and social distancing with the COVID-19 pandemic impacting our city and world, many may be at risk of increasing family violence and abuse. You are in an unhealthy relationship if you belittled, called names, disregarded, threatened, disrespected, ridiculed and blamed? Your relationship is abusive if you are kept from family and friends, you are pushed/kicked/hit, your life is monitored, you are denied food, money or family resources or you are put down for your faith. Reach out for help and support. 1.403.234.7233(SAFE)

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, March 30

English – Harry Kravec and Family RIP & Souls in Purgatory RIP  
 Latin – Romelia Josefina Evenmayer de Colina RIP

### Tuesday, March 31

English – Fatima Demello RIP  
 Latin – Jeffrell Painaga SI

### Wednesday, April 1

English – Souls in Purgatory RIP  
 Latin – Sharon Stevens SI

### Thursday, April 2

English – Souls in Purgatory RIP & Souls in Purgatory RIP  
 Latin – Christina Weber SI

### Friday, April 3

English – Paul Dacunha RIP  
 Latin – Margaret Rappel RIP

### Saturday, April 4

English – William & Barbara Saruga RIP  
 Latin – Sharon Barker RIP

### Sunday, April 5

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

## LATIN MASS CALENDAR

**Sunday March 29** 1<sup>st</sup> CI Passion Sunday  
**Sunday April 5** 1<sup>st</sup> CI Palm Sunday  
**Thursday April 9** 1st CI Holy Thursday  
**Friday April 10** 1st CI Good Friday  
**Saturday April 11** 1st CI Holy Saturday Easter Vigil  
**Sunday April 12** 1st CI Easter Sunday

### CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION IS ONGOING UNTIL

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

### 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.**

## DONATIONS IN MARCH

	BUDGET	COLLECTION	DIFFERENCE
<b>MTD</b>	<b>\$39,732</b>	<b>\$20,601.97</b>	<b>(\$19,130.03)</b>

	GOAL	COLLECTION TO DATE	DIFFERENCE
<b>TIA 2020</b>	<b>\$41,030</b>	<b>\$10,531.35</b>	<b>(30,498.65)</b>
<b>LED lights</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$1,765</b>	<b>(\$735.00)</b>
<b>Feed the Hungry</b>	<b>\$5000</b>	<b>\$1000.00</b>	<b>(\$4000)</b>

## *Sacrament of First Communion*

The children and their parents are beginning to study the second part of the Mass - The Liturgy of the Word:

- Did you know that the Liturgy of the Word is the part of the Mass in which we listen to God's Word?
- Did you know that we hear the Word of God thought stories from the Bible?
- Did you know there are two parts to the Bible. The Old and the New Testament?
- Did you know there are 46 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament?
- Did you know the New Testament includes the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John?
- Did you know that during the Liturgy of the Word we have the First Reading which is usually from the Old Testament, the Responsorial Psalm which was written to worship God, the Second Reading which is from the letters of the Church and the Gospels which tells us about the life of Jesus?
- Did you know we read the Gospel from a special book called the Book of the Gospels?

**YOUR WEEKLY OFFERING** During this pandemic, our faith community needs us even more. Please remember to keep supporting our parish with weekly or recurring donations. As offering envelopes are not feasible at this time, we ask you to continue your support for the parish through online giving, pre-authorized debit (<https://stanthonysyyc.ca/forms/>), or by mailing cheques. The online giving page allows us to set up a one-time or recurring donation to our parish. Give now at <https://stanthonysyyc.ca/donation>.

**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://stanthonysyyc.ca/tia/>.

**MASS INTENTIONS** Fr. Edmund and Fr. Shannon are celebrating private Masses daily for your Mass Intentions. To book a Mass Intention please call our office or email [secretary@stanthonysyyc.ca](mailto:secretary@stanthonysyyc.ca).

**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://stanthonysyyc.ca/donation/>.

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## IN AND AROUND THE PARISH THIS WEEK

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	ROOM	CONTACT
Sunday March 29	10:00am – 3:00pm	Blessed Sacrament Private Prayer & Confessions	Church	Fr. Shannon Fr. John Fr. Edmund
Monday, March 30	10:00am – 3:00pm	Blessed Sacrament Private Prayer & Confessions	Church	Fr. Shannon Fr. John Fr. Edmund
Tuesday March 31	10:00am – 3:00pm	Blessed Sacrament Private Prayer & Confessions	Church	Fr. Shannon Fr. John Fr. Edmund
Wednesday April 1	10:00am – 3:00pm	Blessed Sacrament Private Prayer & Confessions	Church	Fr. Shannon Fr. John Fr. Edmund
Thursday April 2	10:00am – 3:00pm	Blessed Sacrament Private Prayer & Confessions	Church	Fr. Shannon Fr. John Fr. Edmund
Friday April 3	10:00am – 3:00pm	Blessed Sacrament Private Prayer & Confessions	Church	Fr. Shannon Fr. John Fr. Edmund
Saturday April 4	10:00am – 3:00pm	Blessed Sacrament Private Prayer & Confessions	Church	Fr. Shannon Fr. John Fr. Edmund
Sunday April 5	10:00am – 3:00pm	Blessed Sacrament 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, and the Blessed Sacrament is exposed from 10:00am – 3:00pm daily for silent individual prayer and adoration.