St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Parish

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11 OCTOBER 2026

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SUNDAY EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Sunday Masses are held at St Gabriel School (SGA)
197 Invermere Drive, Chestermere AB

- **Saturday 5:00 pm**
- **Sunday 9:00 am and 10:30 am**

Last Sunday of the Month in Langdon
255 Centre Street. Langdon, AB at the I.O.O.F. Hall

- **Sunday 5:00 pm**

WEEKDAY EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

- **Tuesday 7:00 pm** - Rectory Chapel
- **Wednesday** no 8:15am ***Instead 9 am & 10:30 am*** SGA
- **Thursday 8:00 am** - Our Lady of Wisdom School
- **Friday 1:00 am** - Rectory Chapel
- **Saturday 9:00 am** - Rectory Chapel

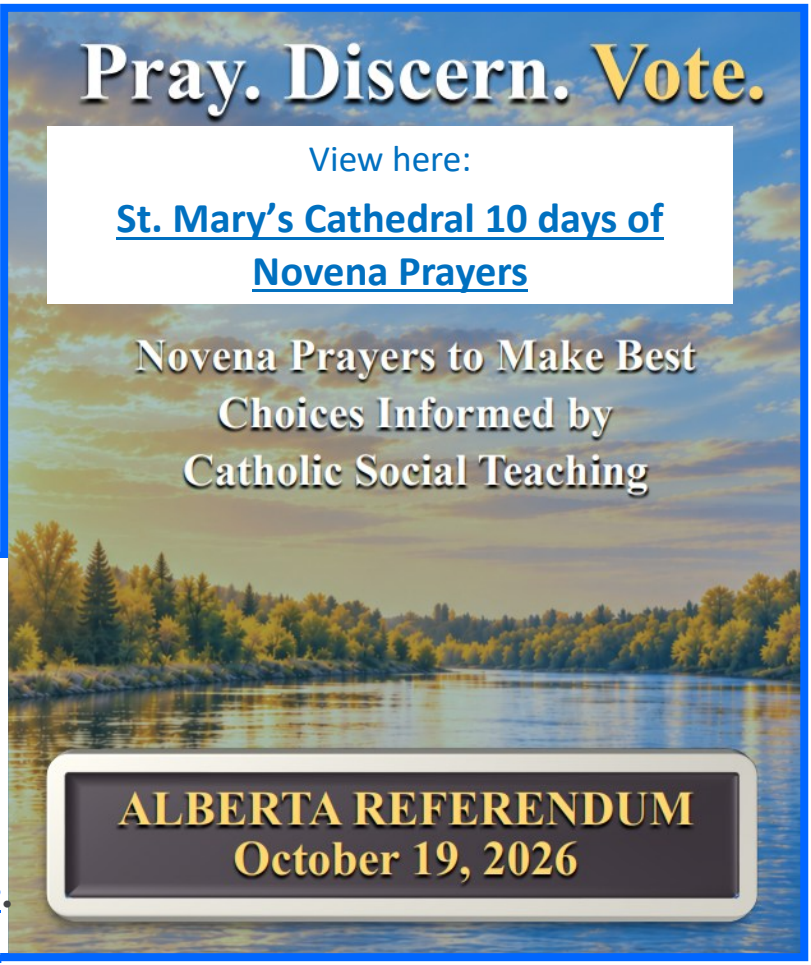
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday 1:30 pm Rectory Chapel

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Tue. 6:00 pm Rectory or Sat 4:15 pm St Gabriel School
or by appointment 403 455 0196

TODAY'S GOSPEL



PASTORAL LETTER ON ALBERTA REFERENDUM

The Catholic Bishops of Alberta, including Bishop William T. McGrattan, have released a pastoral letter ahead of the Oct. 19 referendum, offering guidance to help Catholics form their conscience and participate thoughtfully in public life.

Download a copy of the Pastoral Letter.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are sick or in need of your support this week:

Kat Dornian	Thuy Nguyen	Denise Hiscock
Jane Korenicki	Enrique Isidro	Bobby Fraser
Chantel Brautigam	Winston Wheaton	Barb Perry
Tristan	Bev Scherman	Sonia Mora
Neil MacKinnon	Achilles Tioco	Rene Asprer
Horn family	Mario Varela	Janice Roberts
Dan Jenkins	Joan Mallard	Mr & Mrs Becerril
Rochelle K.	Harold Stret	Mr & Mrs Klune
Carmen Aguilera	Norma Jean Gault	Stu Orr
Melissa Hiscock	Sylvia Urbshott	Catellier Family
Angel L. Lozano	Frank Pineau	Madeleine Gagne
	Casey Darling	

If you have been admitted to a hospital and would like the **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick,** you may contact your parish priest or call the Diocese of Calgary Call Centre at **403 231 9505**

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS all the souls of the faithful departed.

May They Rest in Peace

John Timmermans	Paul Nedelec
Rose Armes	Maria Hoffart

Mass Intention Calendar

TUE	**OCT 13**	**7:00 PM MASS** (Rectory Chapel) INTENTION: JULIA & JOBERT'S BIRTHDAY
WED	**OCT 14**	8:15 AM MASS (CANCELED FOR TODAY) **9:15 AM & 10:30 AM—THANKSGIVING MASS** SAINT GABRIEL SCHOOL (GYMNASIUM)
THU	**OCT 15**	**8:00 AM MASS** (Our Lady of Wisdom School) INTENTION: OSCAR & ANNA AUDETTE, RIP
FRI	**OCT 16**	**1:00 PM MASS** (Rectory Chapel) INTENTION:
SAT	**OCT 17**	**9:00 AM MASS** (Rectory Chapel) INTENTION: **5:00 PM MASS** (St. Gabriel School) INTENTION: JULIA & JESUS ISIDRO, RIP
SUN	**OCT 18**	**9:00 AM MASS** (St. Gabriel School) INTENTION: **10:30 AM MASS** (St. Gabriel School) INTENTION: SILVANA CAJAS & JESSICA CRUZ, RIP

SILENT AUCTION

DEADLINE TO DONATE: OCTOBER 11

Donation drop off: Parish office

URGENT CALLOUT—please share your charisms of Mercy, Pastoring, Service, Encouragement, & Faith.

St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish needs volunteers to give Communion Service to seniors at Prince of Peace Community. Pastoral Care training is available. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

WANTED—SEASONED SEAMSTRESS(ES)

The Parish is in great need to make new Albs for our Altar servers—as our Altar servers grow, our Albs do not.

If you have a love for or a talent of sewing, then please consider sharing your talents with us!

Contact the Parish office for more details and/or to make a donation. *Thank you!*

LIVING THE WORD

What is God's challenge for me for this coming week?

We can't do the heavy lifting alone—we need your help!

We are so close to reaching our parish goal. We ask you to give what you can.

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But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith without works, and I BY MY WORKS WILL SHOW YOU MY FAITH.

James 2:18

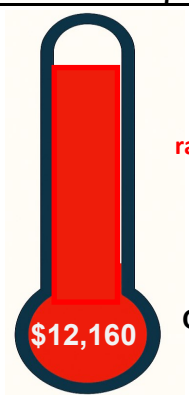
PLEASE DONATE NOW!

TOGETHER *in* ACTION 2026

Our Parish Goal: $16,400

Please, use the yellow Donation envelopes to support T.I.A.

Call the parish office for credit card instructions.



Remaining amount to raise to reach our target:

$4,240

Collection to Oct 5, 2026

LIFT UP YOUR SPIRIT *(no pun intended)*

1. Why can't a nose be 12 inches long?
2. Why was the math book unhappy?
3. Why did the chicken sit on the egg?
4. What kind of room has no doors or windows?

1. Cause it'd be a foot; 2.It had too many problems; 3. Cause it didn't have a chair; 4. A mushroom

28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

"Invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet…"

(Psalm 23)

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION	
BAPTISM	For infants, print and fill out Baptism Registration available in our website. Contact the parish office for more information and requirements. Email office@saintgabrielparish.ca
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION **Grades 2 –7**	October 8 at 6 pm. Gathering #1 at Our Lady of Wisdom School **Registrations close September 30** www.saintgabrielparish.ca
CONFIRMATION **Grades 6-12**	Gathering #2 Thu. Oct 22 at 6pm OLW school **Registrations are open in our website** www.saintgabrielparish.ca
RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults	Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. - *Matt. 11:28* **Join the preparation Sat 9:30 am Rectory Chapel, 316 Windermere Dr.** Anyone interested in joining the Catholic church founded by Jesus himself, please contact the parish office at 403 455 0196

TIPTAP DONATIONS

Ready for Mastercard, Visa and debit card!

Electronic wallet users who need tax receipt at year end, please **register your last 4 digits of your digital card** with the Parish office.

Thank you for your generosity!

Our Catholic Corner

This space is dedicated to learning more about our Catholic faith and to give parishioners time to contemplate and reflect.

How long after Christ's crucifixion did Christians start wearing crosses?

It was in the 4th century that crosses became popular to display one's love of, and commitment, to Christ. It was at this time that Constantine decreed that crosses could be worn.

Talents versus Charisms

Both can be considered to be gifts from God; however, talents are considered to be gifts that would benefit the individual, such having a good singing voice and being able to sing. On the other hand, a charism is considered to be a gift from God that is meant to be given away in the benefit of others. The Catholic faith, as noted in ***1 Corinthians 12*** *there are the gifts of wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discernment of spirits, to name a few.* ***Will you share your charism?***

What Is Mary Saying to the World Today?

For centuries, the Blessed Virgin Mary has inspired countless people to deeper prayer, renewed faith, and conversion of heart. Join us for a special evening as we explore the significance of Marian apparitions, with a particular focus on Medjugorje and its message for our times by special guest speaker.

If you are curious about Marian apparitions, devoted to Our Lady, or simply seeking a deeper understanding of the faith, ***this promises to be an engaging and thought-provoking evening***.

Wednesday, October 28, 2026
at the Rectory

- Holy Mass: 6:30 pm
- Presentation: 7:00 pm
- Questions & Discussion: 8:00 pm
- Concludes: 8:30 pm *(approximately)*

All are welcome

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

October 13, 2026 marks the 109th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun, the extraordinary event that is associated with Our Lady of Fatima which was reported to have occurred on October 13, 1917, in Fátima, Portugal.

Witnesses gathered at the Cova da Iria after the Blessed Virgin Mary had promised a sign "so that all may believe."

Prayer for the Anniversary

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Fatima, on this anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun, help us to heed your call to prayer, penance, and conversion. Lead us ever closer to your Son, Jesus Christ, and obtain for us the grace to live faithfully according to His will. Amen.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST

BUILDING FUND: BOTTLE DRIVE

Total 2026 collection to date: **$2683**

Drop-off Location: SGA School Parking Lot

NEXT COLLECTION WEEKEND:

Saturday Oct 17 and Sunday Oct 18

after all weekend masses.

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This Week on Formed

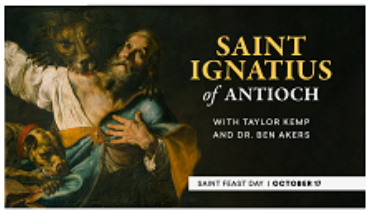
Week of October 11, 2026

An Ardent Heart

This film tells the dramatic story of Lupe Valdes, a best-selling writer who investigates the apparitions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in search of inspiration for her next novel. Guided by an expert in sacred mysteries, she discovers the historical evidence of the mystical revelations of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary

St. Teresa of Avila

A powerful epic mini-series shot on location in Spain that tells the story of one of the most amazing women in history, St. Teresa of Avila. With meticulous attention to detail and historical accuracy, this acclaimed major film production is the definitive film on the life of this great saint.



St. Ignatius of Antioch

Learn about St. Ignatius of Antioch, a remarkable saint who died a martyr for his fidelity to Christ in this episode of Catholic Saints with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp.

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DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Taco Bar & Wine with Mission Mexico

Thu, Oct 15 at 6 pm, St. Anthony's Parish Hall, Calgary — Join Mike MacDonald and Father Pedro Hernández for dinner and an evening of stories from Mission Mexico. Tickets are $25 per person and include a taco bar and a glass of wine; priests, deacons and religious attend free. Register at events.insogan.org/MM26

Red Mass

The Saint Thomas More Lawyers' Guild of Calgary **invites legal professionals**, their families, and all who wish to attend to the annual Red Mass with Bishop McGrattan on **Thu, Oct 22, 2026 at 5 pm** at St. Mary's Cathedral. A reception with guest speaker Paul Brandt will follow at 6 pm; tickets are required - visit www.catholicyyc.ca/news

Pastoral Care Ministry training

The Diocese of Calgary invites individuals who feel called to support the sick, elderly, dying, homebound, and bereaved members of their community. Training takes place **Saturdays, Oct 31 & Nov 7 (Ascension Parish)** or **Nov 7 & 14 (St. Bonaventure's Church)**, 10 am – 4 pm. Register: catholicyyc.ca/pastoralcare

Mass for life

Join a Eucharistic Celebration with Bishop William T. McGrattan, giving thanks to God, the Author of Life, and praying for the dignity and sanctity of every human life on **Wed, Oct 28, at 5 pm, at St. Mary's Cathedral.** All are welcome!

Transitions

Transitions is an 18-week peer-led support group fostering healing for separated and divorced individuals working through their pain in a safe, confidential environment. Meets **Mondays, 7–9 pm, starting Oct 26, 2026**. Free registration (limited spots). Register at catholicyyc.ca/transitions.

White Mass

The Catholic Christian Medical Association invites healthcare professionals, their families, and all who wish to attend the annual St. Luke Mass on **Sat, Oct. 17 at 11 am at St. Mary's Cathedral,** celebrated by Bishop McGrattan. There will be special blessings and the veneration of relics of St. Gianna Beretta Molla and St. Brother André Bessette. A social follows in the Parish Hall.

Avatars of the Impossible

Join the CWL Inspiration Unplugged Lecture Series on **Thu, Oct 15, from 7–9 pm at McGivney Hall, St. Mary's University, Calgary,** for "Demoniacs, Flying Friars, and Nuns Who Could Be in Two Places at the Same Time: Avatars of the Impossible," a talk with Dr. Carlos Eire. Register by calling (403) 531-9130.

Calgary Live-In Prayer Breakfast

The Calgary Live-In Retreat Society invites everyone to a Prayer Breakfast on **Sat, Oct 17 after the 9 am Mass at St. Bonaventure Parish**. Shelley Caldwell will speak on "Hidden in Plain Sight." Musicians are welcome to bring instruments for praise and worship, and prayer teams will be available following the talk. Bring a friend!

Schoenstatt Wayside Shrine Blessing

Join the blessing of a new Schoenstatt Wayside Shrine on **Sun, Oct 18, following the 9 am Holy Mass at St. Bernard Parish**. This will be the first Schoenstatt Wayside Shrine in the Diocese of Calgary, offering a place to encounter the Blessed Mother and seek her intercession. All are welcome.

Cenacles of the Marian Movement Priests

Join priests, religious and the faithful for a time of prayer and fraternal love in an authentic cenacle, following the example of the apostles gathered with Our Lady in the Upper Room. **Mon, Oct 19 from 2–6 pm at St. Bonaventure Church**, with a reception to follow. For more information, contact Susana at 403-498-8809, Catherine at 403-921-4056 or Marjorie at 403-926-5798.

Christian Life Program

Couples for Christ invites singles and couples ages 19+ to the Christian Life Program, an eight-session journey to deepen understanding of God's call to Christian life. When: **Saturdays, Oct 17 – Nov 21, 6 pm, Corpus Christi Parish Hall, Calgary.** Free! Contact Marlon/Jhenny at 587-710-4579.

Crowned: Shroud of Turin Retreat with Fr. Jerome

Join Fr. Jerome Lavigne for *CROWNED*, an evening retreat exploring the mystery of the Incarnation through the witness of the Shroud of Turin on **Thu, Oct 29, from 7–9 pm at St. James Catholic Parish in Okotoks.** The retreat will conclude with Eucharistic Adoration and is open to all.

St. Gabriel's Fundraising Dinner

Join St. Gabriel Parish for a fundraising dinner on **Sat., Oct 24, at 6 pm at Chestermere Rec Centre**. Food, music, dancing, a silent auction, and special guest Bishop William T. McGrattan. To purchase tickets, call 403-455-0196.

Family Eucharistic Adoration

All families, including those with young children, are invited to come and adore Jesus on **Sat, Oct 24, 10 at 11 am, at St. Michael Catholic Community.**

Career Opportunities

- Assistant Coordinator (Casual) - Feed the Hungry
- Caretaker (Part-time) - St. Mary's, Brooks
- Sacrament Preparation Coordinator (Casual) - St. James, Calgary
- Pastoral Assistant (Part-time) - St. Pius X, Calgary

For detailed job descriptions, visit catholicyyc.ca/careers

Catholic Men's Discernment Group with Fr. Derek Remus

Young unmarried men are invited to a vocation discernment group meeting on **Thu, Nov 12, from 7–8:30 pm at St. Cecilia Parish** - for reflection, silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and the Rosary. Contact Fr. Derek Remus at (403) 252-2790 or derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca

Anointing of the Sick

If you are hospitalized in Calgary and want the Sacrament of the Sick, please call **403-231-9505.**

It's back...

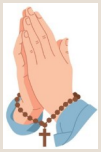
Spirit Mountain Raffle

Draw date: Oct. 24, 2026

Tickets: $25 each OR
5 tickets for $100
(cash payment preferred)

Only 300 tickets available and are available after Mass

Mount St Francis Retreat Centre



CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER RETREAT

November 20 – 22, 2026 (includes 6 meals: Cost $300)

Arrive Friday late afternoon, dinner at 6:50 pm. 1st session 8 pm

Register **ONLINE** or phone 403 932 2012

ALL EUCHARISTIC AND PASTORAL CARE MINISTERS

Please ensure to attend either the Tuesday, October 13 Mass at 7:00 pm OR the Saturday, October 17 Mass at 9:00 am (Rectory Chapel)

Calgary Catholic Education Foundation

From September 26—October 18, the Calgary Catholic Education Foundation will highlight the activities surrounding Catholic education and fundraising events, including:

***SECOND COLLECTION OCTOBER 17 & 18, 2026*.**

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (for 3-6 year olds)

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t. Albert the Great Parish

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