

St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Parish

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16 FEBRUARY 2025

6TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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Blessed
are you who are poor,
for yours is the
Kingdom of God

Luke 6: 20



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 4:00 PM**

WEEKDAY EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

- **Tuesday 7:00 PM** - Rectory Chapel
- **Wednesday 8:15 AM** - St Gabriel School
- **Thursday 8:00 AM** - Our Lady of Wisdom
- **Friday 1:00 PM** - Rectory Chapel

ADORATION & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

- **Friday 1:30 PM** - Rectory Chapel

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Tue. 6:30 pm (Rectory), Sat 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm (SGA)
Or by appointment 403 455 0196

RELICS OF THE HOLY CROSS & ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI AT ST GABRIEL PARISH

March 10—12 at 7 pm

Parish Mission with relics will be held at the
Rectory Chapel at 316 Windermere Drive

Relics are small fragments of the body, or objects which have come in direct contact with the body, of Jesus Christ or Saints. Relics are preserved in sealed cases to protect the integrity of the Saint's remains or fragments.

The Saints are not just holy men and women who lived heroic lives for Jesus Christ, but they're also our friends in Heaven who intercede for us! We ask the Saints to pray for us, for our loved ones, and to lift up our prayer requests in a special way, since they are closer to the Lord than we are on earth.

We show our gratitude for a Saint's intercession by venerating his or her relic with reverence praying to God. **God is who give the graces and healings.**

Veneration of Relics: When we're in the presence of a Saint or Blessed's relic, we can venerate, or honor, them in a special way by: praying in front of the relic by kneeling or standing near it or touching the glass which encloses the sealed relic. Rosaries, and medals can also be pressed to the reliquaries to create spiritual keepsakes.

What don't do with relics: Relics are not magic items. Remember, we don't genuflect in front of a relic as we do for the Holy Eucharist in the tabernacle or at Holy Communion.

*Modified article Feb 2025 site:stmarychurchgv.org/
discovering-catholicism/veneration-of-relics*



Why Do We Catholics Keep Relics?

Watch this explanation about relics

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HmRtaNezbg>

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

Enrique Isidro	Doug Oliver
Greg Blancher	Denise Hiscock
Winston Wheaton	Bobby Fraser
Rose Armes	Candice Duke
Bev Scherman	Barb Perry
Achilles Tioco	Sonia Mora
Sharon Quinney	Rene Asprer
Mario Varela	Janice Roberts
Joan Mallard	Mr. & Mrs. Becerril
Paul Perry	Oscar & Renate Klune
Harold Stret	Karen Lerner
Norma Jean Gault	Annie & Stu Orr
Murray & Sylvia Urbshott	Catellier Family
Frank Pineau	Dennis Urbshott
Dave Monk	Madeleine Gagne
Casey Darling	

If you or someone you know is in need of our prayers, please contact the parish office so we can add him/her to the prayer list.

Homebound parishioners who would like to receive Confession and/or Holy Communion at home, please contact the parish office 403 455 0196.

Parishioners preparing for surgery, or who suffer from serious illness or old age, or in danger of death can request the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick at the parish office.

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

May they rest in peace

Perry Keller	Mike Cunningham
Remi Del Bello	Anton H Nguyen
Wilma Bittman	Anna T Nguyen

Mass Intentions

MON	FEB 17	NO MASS
TUE	FEB 18	7:00 pm Mass (Rectory Chapel) INTENTION: OSCAR NIVES, RIP
WED	FEB 19	8:15 am Mass (St Gabriel School) INTENTION: MARIA CORAZON GATCHALIAN, RIP
THU	FEB 20	8:00 am Mass (Our Lady of Wisdom) INTENTION: DENIS GRADY, RIP
FRI	FEB 21	1:00 pm Mass (Rectory Chapel) INTENTION: FRANK PALMER, RIP
SAT	FEB 22	5:00 pm Mass (St Gabriel School) INTENTION: ANTON D.NGUYEN AND ANNA T. VU, RIP
SUN	FEB 23	9:00 am Sunday Mass (St Gabriel School) INTENTION: ALL PARISHIONERS 10:30 am Sunday Mass (St Gabriel School) INTENTION: MARY ADELE NEDELIC, RIP 4:00 pm Sunday Mass (Langdon I.O.O.F. Hall)

Psalm 1

Blessed the one who trusts in the Lord.
Blessed is the man who does not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law meditates day and night.

Gospel Reflection

Luke draws a contrast between who is blessed (the one who realizes his/her need for God) and who is cursed (the ones who believe themselves to be self-sufficient). Being excluded or insulted happens to us all sooner or later, especially as a result of our faith in Jesus. Luke sees in such insult a proof that our lives truly belong to God in Christ Jesus.

- What in your life makes you feel blessed?
- How much time and energy do you devote to seeking material security, compared to seeking spiritual sustenance?
- Have you experienced being ridiculed or insulted for taking a stand for Jesus, or do you know of anyone who has?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

MARCH 5, 2025

MASS STARTS AT 7PM AT ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL



Conflict Resolution

A Marriage Enrichment Workshop

Conflict will happen in marriage and family life. How do we do it in a healthy way that leaves each other's dignity intact, strengthens the relationship, and help each person grow in skill?

The Diocese of Calgary invites married and engaged couples to a Marriage Enrichment Workshop on Conflict Resolution. Join **Tracy & Bill Tomiak** for an evening of growing healthy skills for conflict resolution. Topics will include: apology styles, forgiveness, relationship repair, minimizing damage, and optimizing teamwork.

- **February 20, 7 pm – 9 pm**
- **Catholic Pastoral Centre** (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary)

Cost to Attend: \$20 per couple. To register, contact Mara at 403-218-5521 or register online [here](#).

Lenten Mission 2025

Take time to step back and reflect this Lenten season

March 10, 11 and 12
7pm - 9pm

Rectory Chapel
316 Windermere Drive

Relics of The Holy Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ and St Francis of Assisi will be visiting our parish during this mission.

Contact the parish office for further inquiries



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

<p>BAPTISM</p>	<p>For adult baptisms, please call Fr. James. 403 455 0196 For infants, print and fill out Baptism Registration available in our website and contact the parish office for more information and requirements.</p>
<p>FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (Grade 2 and up)</p>	<p>Feb 20 Session #1 First Eucharist preparation At OLW, please arrive 5:50 pm</p>
<p>CONFIRMATION (Grade 6 and up)</p>	<p>Mar 6 - Session 5 at OLW School 6:00 pm to 8 pm for child and parent. Please arrive at 5:50 pm</p>
<p>RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults</p>	<p>Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. - <i>Matt. 11:28</i></p> <p>Anyone interested in joining the Catholic church founded by Jesus himself, please contact Fr. James at 403.455.0196</p>

COUPLES FOR CHRIST



SAINT GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH

BUILDING FUND: BOTTLE DRIVE

After Feb 15 & 16, the bottle drive collection will continue every 3rd Sunday of the month.

The next collection will be on March 16 at the SGA school parking lot.

50/50 RAFFLE FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Support Catholic education through the CCEF Annual 50/50 Raffle, where the jackpot could reach up to \$1 million! With early bird draws and a portion of ticket sales benefiting local schools, your participation helps strengthen Catholic education across our community. Buy your tickets now at www.ccefracaffle.com

LITANY OF ST JOSEPH CONCERT - MARCH 17

Join us for a truly uplifting experience at the Diocesan Jubilee event, where we will come together to celebrate The Litany of St. Joseph in Song on March 17th **at the magnificent Jack Singer Concert Hall!** This is not just an event; it's an opportunity to deepen our spiritual growth and strengthen our bonds as a community, all while honouring St. Joseph. And here's the best part: to make this celebration even more special, we're thrilled to announce a Family Day Weekend flash sale! For a limited time only, you can enjoy a fantastic **20% discount on tickets** using the code **FAMILY**. This offer is valid from noon on Thursday, February 13th until 23:59hrs on Monday, February 17th. Don't miss your chance to be part of this joyous occasion and create lasting memories with your family and friends!

This offer is also extended to The Pilgrims of Hope Men's conference at www.godsquad.ca



As part of the [Diocesan Pastoral Renewal](#) in this 2025 [Jubilee Year of Hope](#), all civilly married couples are warmly

invited to celebrate of the Sacrament of Matrimony, presided over by Bishop William T. McGrattan on **Saturday, September. 13, 2025 at 1:30 pm, at St. Mary's Cathedral.**

Register & attend one of the information sessions at any of the following locations:

- [Thu, Mar 6 at 6 pm – St. Michael's, Calgary](#)
- [Sun, Mar 9 at 6 pm – St. Thomas More, Calgary](#)
- [Sun, Mar 16 at 6 pm – St. Patrick's, Calgary](#)

Please note that the Sacred Grace team can also assist couples in arranging for their parish priest or deacon to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony at their home parish, if preferred.

"The primary purpose of marriage is not to make husband and wife happy, but to make them holy. It is a vocation, a way of sanctity, a means of growing in virtue and helping each other on the path to heaven."

~Venerable Fulton Sheen



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2025

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

[Watch Pope's Message](#) (Youtube)

SACRED FIRE STORIES: A TESTAMENT TO RECONCILIATION

The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF) are pleased to share Sacred Fire Stories, a short film highlighting Indigenous-led healing initiatives that preserve language, celebrate culture, and support education. This powerful film showcases the real impact of reconciliation in action.

Alongside the film, the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Annual Report 2024 is now available, detailing the progress of over 200 projects supported by \$18.9 million in funds raised since 2022.

- Watch video here in [English](#) | [French](#)
- IRF Annual Report
 - ⇒ Read Press Release in [English](#)
 - ⇒ Read IRF 2024 Annual Report in [English](#)

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