

# DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



### Parish Renewal Teams & their Blessed Beginnings

Read what unfolded at the first-ever Parish Renewal Teams Orientation last Saturday, Feb. 10. Hear first hand from attendees and the Diocesan Leadership Team who left feeling inspired and ready to collaborate for Renewal. Read now at [catholicyc.ca/blog](https://catholicyc.ca/blog)

### Lenten Penitential Services

In preparing us as the faithful for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Join our parish's penitential service and rejoice in God's Mercy! See schedule at: [catholicyc.ca/lent](https://catholicyc.ca/lent)

### 40 Hours Devotion for Vocations

As part of the Diocesan Renewal, the Office of Vocations is excited to launch the 40 Hours Devotion for Vocations in our diocese. This initiative invites us to pray continuously for forty hours before the

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with a focus on increasing vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Please read the letter from the Bishop inviting you to this initiative at [catholicyc.ca/40hours](https://catholicyc.ca/40hours)  
March dates for 40 hours devotion:

- **St. Mary's Cathedral**, Fri, Mar 1 at 7 am to Sat, Mar 2 at 11 pm
- **St. Anthony's, Calgary**, Fri, Mar 1 at 3 pm to Sun, March 3 at 7 am
- **St. Luke's, Calgary**, Fri, Mar 8 at 8:30 am to Sun, Mar 10 at 8 am
- **St. Bonaventure's, Calgary**, Wed, Mar 13 at 7 am - Thu, Mar 14 at midnight

### Profession of Religious Vows - Seeds of the Word

You are invited to the Seeds of the Word Profession of Religious Vows - **Sun, Mar 3 at 4 pm** at St. Mary's Cathedral, presided over by Bishop William McGrattan. Bishop Alberto Taveira from Brazil will also be present.

### Together in Action 2024

This year TIA draws upon Philippians 4:19: *"God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."* This scripture passage encourages us to trust in God's abundant provision and to share this abundance with others through service and love. Our diocesan goal of \$2 million will make a broad impact through our commitments to service and outreach. It will provide care for our retired priests, support hospital chaplaincy and pastoral care ministries,

and aid local healing and reconciliation initiatives for residential school survivors. You can participate by donating at your parish, or online at [catholicyyca.ca/tia](https://catholicyyca.ca/tia) - your contribution will be included as part of your parish contribution for TIA.

## Youth & Holy Week Missions

Regnum Christi Calgary is inviting young people to a week-long event during Holy Week 2024. This event is designed to help young people develop a deeper relationship with Christ and will include a range of activities such as Mass, Adoration, Confession, games, food, live Stations of the Cross, and a Marian procession. The event will be held from **Mar 24 - 30** at St. James' Parish in Okotoks. Register at [rccalgary.com](https://rccalgary.com)

## Pray the Diocesan Pastoral Renewal Prayer

We invite you to join us in praying the Novena to the Diocesan Prayer of Renewal below and to incorporate it into your prayers at home and within the parish communities. May the grace of God transform us and our communities in faith, charity and hope. Visit [catholicyyca.ca/renewal](https://catholicyyca.ca/renewal)

## Lenten Resources

Visit our Diocesan Lenten Resources at [catholicyyca.ca/Lent](https://catholicyyca.ca/Lent) to find a listing of Lenten missions/retreats in parishes throughout the Diocese, daily Lenten reflections, Stations of the Cross, and lenten activities and inspiration for individuals, children, and families.

## Priestly Vocations Night

Have you ever thought God might be calling you to be a priest? Come to the Priestly Vocations Night with Fr. Derek Remus. Mass at 5 pm, followed by Evening Prayer, supper,

presentation on discerning a vocation, and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. When: **Sat, Mar 16, from 5 pm to 9 pm** at St. Luke's, Calgary.

## Men's Night: Brotherhood

Men in the Diocese of Calgary are invited to join "Into the Breach" Men's Formation Program on "Brotherhood" with Regnum Christi and Clear Water Academy. When: **Thu, Feb 22 at 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**, at Clear Water Academy, Calgary. See [catholicyyca.ca/news](https://catholicyyca.ca/news) for more information.

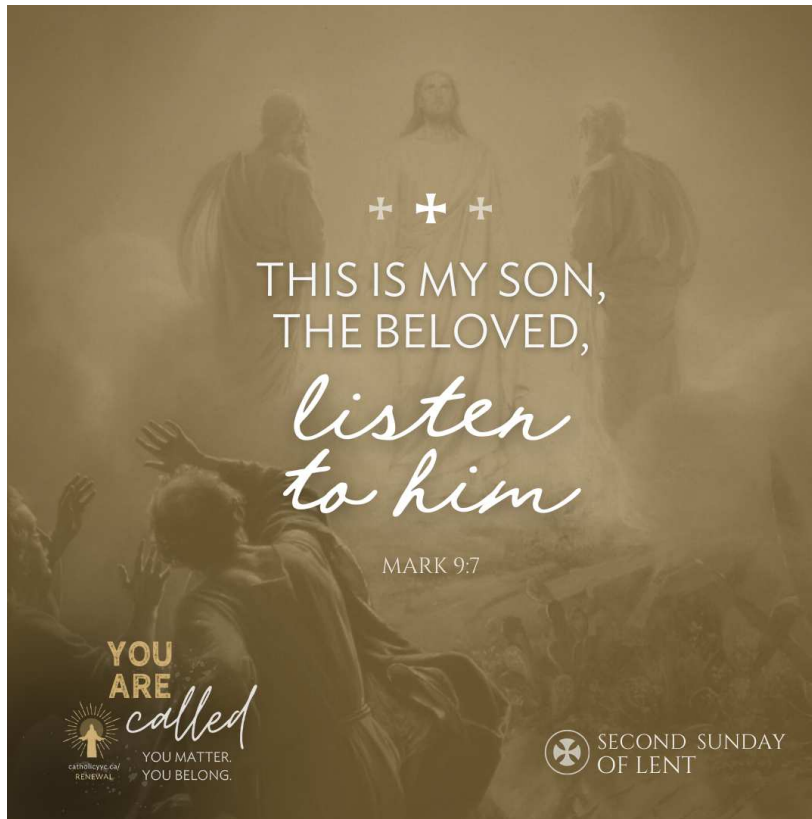
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# The Second Sunday of Lent



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**Images for this coming Sunday**  
[DOWNLOAD HERE](#) (Google Drive)

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## Resources

- [Sacraments & Liturgies](#)
- [Spiritual Resources](#)
- [Sacrament Preparation](#)
- [Online Formation Opportunities](#)

## Other Resources & Events

1. **Sunday Bulletin shorts, free to use:** In the gospel, there is a walk up another mountain. The apparition known as the "Transfiguration" strengthened the three apostles for what was to come. But the disciples want to hold on to their unexpected and ecstatic experience. They do not want to take the next step; they want to build

tents and stay there with the Lord. But Jesus then speaks of his coming death, calling them to take up the cross and follow.

- What mountain top experience continues to nurture and challenge you?
- When, in your life, you would have preferred to have just pitched a tent and stayed in God's presence indefinitely?
- Have you experienced "dying to self" in order that new life can follow?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

## 2. Resources for children

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## 3. 40 Hours Devotion in the Diocese of Calgary

*"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest"* (Matt. 9:37-38). Pray with us as for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our Diocese. [Come and pray before the Lord | catholicyca.ca/40hours](#)

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## 5. Last chance to sign the *Stand for the Land* petition

Today is the deadline for signing a letter to Honduran ambassador to Canada asking her government to protect those who are fighting to defend forests and rivers in a Honduran national park against pollution from a mine. The letter is part of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's last fall campaign. Over 20,000 Canadians have signed it in solidarity with these struggling communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector. Join the effort and add weight to our demands. Sign now at [devp.org/act](http://devp.org/act). Thank you for your solidarity!

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10. **February & March Calendar Highlights**

- **Thu, Feb 22** | Feast of The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle - [Mass Finder](#)
- **Thu, Feb 22** | [Benedictine Spirituality](#) - Online
- **Thu, Feb 22** | [Sound of Freedom movie screening](#) - IWIN, St. Michael's, Calgary
- **Thu, Feb 22** | [Walking with Women in the New Testament](#) - FCJ Centre
- **Thu, Feb 22** | [Men's Night: Brotherhood](#) - Clearwater Academy
- **Fri, Feb 23** | [Racism! It Stops with Me Panel](#) - cSPACE Marda Loop, Calgary
- **Fri, Feb 23** | [St. Peter's Young Adults Group Board Game Night](#)
- **Feb 24 - 25 Weekend** | [Ablaze Youth Ministry Weekend with FacetoFace Ministry for Gr. 9-12: The Depths](#) - Ascension, Calgary
- **Sat, Feb 24** | [Mercy from Age to Age - From Loneliness Toward a Culture of Encounter](#) - St. Bonaventure, Calgary
- **Sat, Feb 24** | [Priestly Vocations Night](#) - St. Luke's
- **Sat, Feb 24** | [Married Love Course](#) with Family Enrichment Calgary
- **NEW! Sat, Feb 24** | [D&P Caritas Canada Share Lent Workshops](#) - Online
- **NEW! Sat, Feb 24** | [Retraite du carême](#), Paroisse Sainte-Famille, Calgary
- **Sat, Feb 24** | [Mercy from Age to Age: From Loneliness toward a Culture of Encounter](#) - St. Bonaventure, Calgary
- **Sat, Feb 24** | [Single Catholic Women: What does God want?](#) - Online via Zoom
- **NEW! Sun, Feb 25** | [Open House at Sacred Heart Church, Strathmore](#)
- **Feb 26 - 29** | [Lenten Renewal Mission with Dr. Peter Baltutis](#) - St. Luke's Calgary
- **Fri, Mar 1** | [Taize Lenten Prayer Service](#) - Canadian Martyrs, Calgary
- **Tue, Mar 5** | [World Day of Prayer](#) - St. Mark's, Calgary
- **Tue, Mar 5** | [Taize Lenten Prayer Service](#) - St. Luke's, Calgary
- **Mar 1-2** | [40 Hours Devotion for Vocations at St. Mary's Cathedral](#)



- **Mar 1-3** | [40 Hours Devotion for Vocations at St. Anthony's Calgary](#)
- **Mar 1-3** | [Retrouvaille Retreat - A lifeline for Married Couples](#) - Calgary
- **Mar 1-3** | [Single Women \(18-35\) Come & See Dominican Sisters of Immaculate Conception](#) - Our Lady Queen of Peace, Calgary
- **Mar 1-3** | [Billings Ovulation Method Workshop](#)
- **Sun, Mar 3** | [Profession of Religious Vows, Seeds of the Word](#) - St. Mary's Cathedral
- **NEW! Sun, Mar 3** | [Lenten Mission "The Saints' Guide to Happiness: Practical Lessons from the Spiritual Masters"](#) - St. Gerard's Church
- **Mon, Mar 4 - 25** | [Follow the light of Christ anew](#) - Zoom
- **Tue, Mar 5** | [Taize Lenten Prayer Service](#) - St. Luke's Church, Calgary
- **Tue, Mar 5** | [Lenten Twilight Retreat - Tree of Life](#) - Mt. St. Francis, Cochrane
- **Wed, Mar 6** | [Lenten Day Away Retreat](#) - Mt. St. Francis, Cochrane
- **Fri, Mar 8** | [Way of the Cross: Liliana's Story: A reflection on the Trafficking of Human Person](#) - FCJ Centre
- **Mar 8-10** | [40 Hours Devotion for Vocations at St. Luke's Calgary](#)
- **Sun, Mar 10** | [Knights Breakfast Sunday](#) - St. Mary's Brooks
- **Tue, Mar 12** | [Lenten Retreat](#) - St. Paul's, Airdrie
- **Mar 13-14** | [40 Hours Devotion for Vocations at St. Bonaventure's, Calgary](#)
- **Sat, Mar 16** | [Priestly Vocations Night](#) - St. Luke's, Calgary
- **NEW! Tue, Mar 19** | [Solemnity of St. Joseph Mass with Bishop McGrattan - St. Joseph's, Calgary](#)
- **Mar 22-23** | [God Squad Men's Conference](#) - Ascension, Calgary
- **Mar 22-24** | [Live-In Retreat](#) - St. John Paul II collegiate School, Okotoks
- **Mar 24-30** | [Holy Week Mission for Youth Gr. 7-12](#) - St. James', Okotok

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## Worth sharing

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### Together in Action

Together in Action supports diocesan ministries and programs in the 68 parishes across southern Alberta. It helps us to carry out the mission of Christ through His Church. [More info here.](#)

### Feed the Hungry - Volunteer, Donate, or Sponsor a Sunday

Take part in the spirit of generosity and giving. Let's feed the hungry in Calgary, one Sunday at a time. We invite you to volunteer, donate, or sponsor one Sunday dinner. [More info here.](#)

## National Synodal Report

We invite everyone to read the Synod on Synodality reports. To read the Diocesan, Western Region and National reports, visit [catholiccyc.ca/synod](http://catholiccyc.ca/synod)

## Break the cycle. Talk about it.

Perhaps you are a sexual abuse survivor, a relative or a friend of someone who was abused. Talk to someone or call our toll-free number to help you break the cycle of silence. Visit [catholiccyc.ca/talkaboutit](http://catholiccyc.ca/talkaboutit)

## Emergency Relief for Turkey and Syria

Funds are still urgently needed to provide food, medical supplies, shelter, and other essentials in the aftermath of a devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria. [Find ways to give.](#)

## Bishops of Canada deepen commitments for healing and reconciliation

Recently, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), gathered in the Plenary Assembly and agreed upon a series of next steps related to the painful legacy of residential schools. This work builds on previous commitments to promote access to records, educate clergy on Indigenous cultures and spirituality, and contribute \$30 million to healing and reconciliation initiatives across Canada. Read more at [cccb.ca](http://cccb.ca)

## Faith Formation Courses

These formation opportunities will help you with your faith journey and to help you grow closer to Christ. Find a list of webinars and courses on our diocesan website [here](#).

## Catechesis webinar recordings from CCCB

The webinar recordings, PowerPoint presentations and guides for reflections are available [here on the CCCB website](#). They represent a rich collection of resources that can be used in diocesan/eparchial and parish settings for the formation of catechists and leaders in evangelization. Past Webinars:

- [Directory for Catechesis](#)
- [Nurturing Friendship: The Directory for Catechesis in Dialogue with the Encyclical Letter \*Fratelli Tutti\*](#)
- [Encounters of Hope: The Process Of Evangelization In Our Daily Lives](#)
- [For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission](#)

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## Sunday Offering

Our parish relies on your Sunday offerings for maintenance and growth. By making your pre-authorized offertory gift, you are providing crucial support to care for your parish. You can also use the online giving page on the diocesan website to set up a

one-time or recurring donation to your parish via credit-card. Funds donated will be transferred to the selected parish. Give now at [catholiccycc.ca/donatetoparish](http://catholiccycc.ca/donatetoparish) [or contact your Parish to set up a direct debit deposit].

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