



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Entrance Antiphon (Psalm 85.1-3)

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading (*Isaiah 22.15, 19-23*)

Thus says the Lord God of hosts: Go to the steward, to Shebna, who is master of the household, and say to him:

"I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your post. On that day I will call my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah, and will clothe him with your robe and bind your sash on him. I will commit your authority to his hand, and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.

"I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David; he shall open, and no one shall shut; he shall shut, and no one shall open. I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honour to the house of his ancestors."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm (*Psalm 138*)

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the Angels I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple, and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness. **R.**

R. Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

Do not forsake the work of your hands.

For you have exalted your name and your word above everything. On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul. **R.**

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away. Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands. **R.**

Second Reading (*Romans 11.33-36*)

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counsellor?" "Or who has given a gift to him, to receive a gift in return?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (*Matthew 16.18*)

Alleluia. Alleluia. You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church; the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. **Alleluia.**

Gospel (*Matthew 16.13-20*)

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the Prophets."

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Then Jesus sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reflection on the Gospel (*source from LoyolaPress*)

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that

Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock."

Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Pope's Prayer Intention for August 2026: *For evangelization in the city: Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.*

Our Parish Life of Service

Mass Times

WEEKDAYS: Tuesday-Friday: 12:05 PM.

WEEKENDS: Saturday: 5:30 PM. Sunday: 9 AM. • 11 AM. • 4:30 PM.

Baptism: 2nd Saturday of the month-Parent Preparation session require

Marriage: a minimum of six months before the desired dates.

Contact: E-mail: info@stfranciscalgary.com or Tel: 403-266-2512.

Confessions: 20' before all masses or after.

Rosary: 30 minutes before Mass.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: after Wednesday Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration: 20 Minutes before Mass, every 1st Friday.

OUR OFFERING TO THE LORD

for the weeks of Aug 11-16:

-Looses: \$1,082

- Envelopes: \$1,615

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY AND CONTINUED
SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.*

TOGETHER IN ACTION (TIA)

Our Parish 2026 Goal: **\$13, 861.99**

Raised **\$13,861.99**

Our TIA Goal for 2026 Be Done.

**Thank You Very Much for your
great support and donation for
our Church. May God bless
your generosity and your family!**

ONLINE GIVING



SUNDAY OFFERING TO GIVE ONLINE

You can donate directly to St Francis of Assisi's parish by clicking on the website:
<https://www.catholiccyyc.ca/donatetoparish.html>

PRAYER FOR OUR BELOVED SICK



Esther Mejia, Francis Ziegler.....

Holy Mary, help those in need, give strength to the weak, comfort the sorrowful, and pray for God's people. May all who seek your help experience your unfailing protection. Amen.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:

If you have recently changed address, please notify the parish office through info@stfranciscalgary.con to ensure your 2026 Tax Receipt will be made with the correct address. Thank you!

Cemetery Masses

Bishop McGrattan will celebrate Masses for the souls of the deceased buried at our Catholic cemeteries in Calgary and area. All are welcome!

- **Tue, Aug 25, at 7 pm at Mountain View Cemetery Chapel;**
- **Wed, Aug 26, at 7 pm at Edenbrook Cemetery Chapel;**
- **Tue, Sep 1, at 7 pm at Queen's Park (outdoor); and**
Wed, Sep 2, at 7 pm at St Mary's Cemetery (outdoor)

Anointing of the Sick:

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