



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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IF ANYONE WANTS TO
BECOME MY FOLLOWER,
LET HIM DENY HIMSELF AND



**TAKE UP HIS
CROSS AND
FOLLOW ME**

MATTHEW 16:24



22nd SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon (*Psalm 85.3-5*)

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading (*Jeremiah 20.7-9*)

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

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

Responsorial Psalm (*Psalm 63*)

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. R.

R. My soul thirsts for you, O Lord my God.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. R.

So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name. My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips. R.

R. My soul thirsts for you, O Lord my God.

For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. R.

Second Reading (Romans 12.1-2)

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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

Gospel Acclamation (see Ephesians 1.17-18)

Alleluia. Alleluia. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might know the hope to which we are called. **Alleluia.**

Gospel (Matthew 16.21-17)

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

And Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are thinking not as God does, but as humans do."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone wants to become my follower, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit anyone to gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will anyone give in return for their life?

"For the Son of Man is to come with his Angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each according to their work."

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

Reflection on the Gospel (source from Loyola Press)

Today's Gospel continues the story that began in [last week's Gospel](#). Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the

outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan, because Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross. Everyone of us are invited to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

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 18-23:

- Looses: \$1,270
- Envelopes: \$2,255
- USD: \$90

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.catholicyc.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.

Prayer for a New School Year.

This long weekend (September 4-7) seems to turn our regard to regular activities at the workplace, at school and university etc....which will be taken up again after Labor Day. We pray for all of our workers, and especially for our children as they begin the new school year.

God of wisdom and might,

*We praise you for the wonders of our being,
for mind, body, and spirit.*

*Be with our children as they begin a new school year.
Bless them and their teachers and staff.*

*Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow,
wisdom and knowledge to their mind and peace and
zeal to their spirits. We ask this through Jesus Christ.*



ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:

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

2/ All Mass Intentions will not be approved for Tax Receipts at the end of year. Please notice, because Mass Intentions belong to the Priests.

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**