

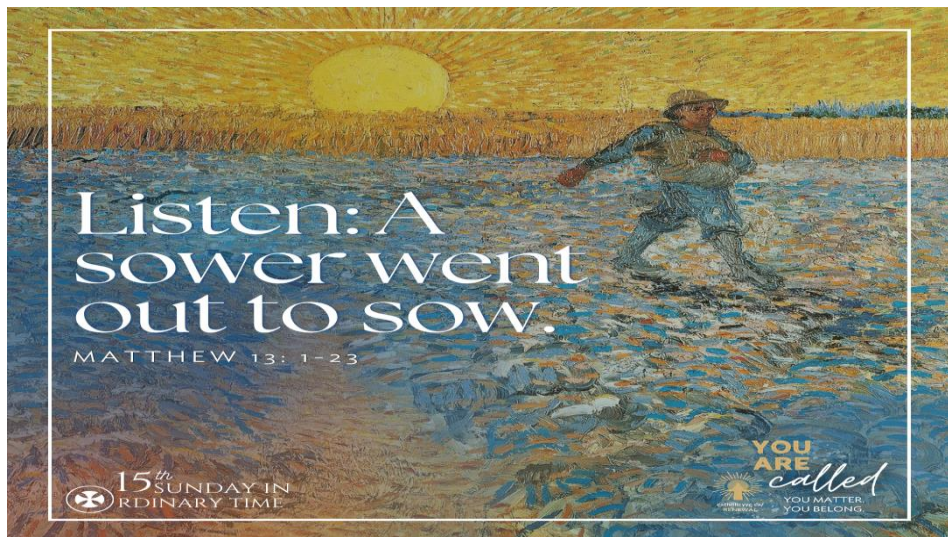


St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Entrance Antiphon (*Psalms 16.15*)

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading (*Isaiah 55.10-11*)

Thus says the Lord: "As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it."

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

Responsorial Psalm (*Psalms 65*)

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain. R.

R. The seed that fell on good soil produced a hundredfold.

For so you have prepared the earth; you water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. R.

You crown the year with your bounty; your pathways overflow with richness. The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy. R.

The meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy. R.

Second Reading (*Romans 8.18-23*)

Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

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

Gospel Acclamation (*Luke 8.11*)

Alleluia. Alleluia. The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever. **Alleluia.**

Gospel (*Matthew 13.1-23*)

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables.

"Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Then the disciples came and asked Jesus, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He answered, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

"The reason I speak to them in parables is that 'seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.' With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says: 'You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive. For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn – and I would heal them.'

“But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. Truly I tell you, many Prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.

“But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

Pope’s Prayer Intention for July 2026: *For respect for human life*
Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages,
recognizing it as a gift from God.

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 June 30- July 05:

-Looses: \$1,247

- Envelopes: \$3,640

- USD \$ 131

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.

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**.

INVITATION: INTER- PARISH POTLUCK & RETREAT

This day includes opportunities for Group Prayers, Confession, Mass, Potluck Lunch, Talking and Meeting during the Holy Year of St. Francis of Assisi.

Where: At Mount of St. Francis Retreat Centre located at 41160 Retreat Rd, Cochrane, AB, T4C 2W4.

When: On Saturday, August 08, 2026.

Transportation Bus Fee: \$15 (round trip)

Food Contribution: \$10 (voluntary)

Bus Schedule:

Leaves St. Francis Church at 9:00am

Leaves Mount of St. Francis Retreat Centre at 3:00pm

Registration: every Mass at the entrance of the Church by signed out the Sheet (ask Fr. Michael, Mrs. Hazel, Mrs. Tess or Mr. Bill) or by email: Mrs. Tess Castillo (tessc17@yahoo.ca). Deadline: On July 11, 2026.