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Entrance Antiphon (*Psalm 97.1-2*)

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading (*Acts 6.1-7*)

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, brothers, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word."

What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a convert of Antioch. They had these men stand before the Apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

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

Responsorial Psalm (*Psalm 33*)

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright. Praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings. **R.**

R. Let your love be upon us, Lord, even as we hope in you.

For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. **R.**

Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Second Reading (*1 Peter 2.4-9*)

Beloved: Come to the Lord, a living stone, though rejected by human beings yet chosen and precious in God's sight. Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For it stands in Scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

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

Gospel Acclamation (*John 14.6*)

Alleluia. Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. **Alleluia.**

Gospel (*John 14.1-12*)

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father."

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

Sunday Reflection: *(Source: Diocese of Saskatoon)*

In typical John-style we hear from the mouth of Jesus the basic building blocks of his true identity, of his life and ministry, and of Christian truth and theology: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." As Jesus takes leave from his disciples and they ask where he is going, he stresses once again who he is – I AM. Jesus' words are to encourage all disciples to continue believing the God of life.

- What part of this reading speaks to you most strongly today?
- How do Jesus' words console you, challenge you, send you forth?
- In what way does faith in Jesus help you grow a big heart?

Pope's Prayer Intention for May 2026: *That everyone might have food: Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.*

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: At least 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.

<p>OUR OFFERING TO THE LORD for the weeks of April, 21-26:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Looses: \$792 - Envelopes: \$1,565 - USD \$60 - TIA \$340 - 2nd Collection \$620 - From Diocese: \$3,815.90 <p><i>THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.</i></p>	<p>TOGETHER IN ACTION (TIA) Our Parish 2026 Goal: \$13, 861.99 Raised to date \$12,047.00 To raised: \$ 1,814.99</p> <p>Please help our church get a goal for TIA in 2026 starting from January by online or contribution by envelopes. Thank You. May God bless for your generosity and support!</p>
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<p>ONLINE GIVING</p> 	<p>SUNDAY OFFERING TO GIVE ONLINE</p> <p>You can donate directly to St Francis of Assisi's parish by clicking on the website: https://www.catholiccyc.ca/donatetoparish.html</p>
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Vocations Rally 2026

Discover, support, and pray for vocations across priesthood, consecrated life, marriage, diaconate, and lay life. When: **Trinity Sunday, May 31, from 11 am to 4:30 pm at St. Michael Catholic Community, Calgary.** Register and view details at catholiccyc.ca/vocationsrally

Women's Retreat

Tue, May 5 at 5:15 pm at Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre, Cochrane. An evening retreat for women to pray, reflect, and be renewed in mission, featuring Mass, supper, a guest talk, and quiet reflection. Registration required by Apr 28. Register by Apr 28 at st.lukeswv.treasurer@gmail.com or call/text 587-700-5172.

Anointing of the Sick

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