



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading (*Isaiah 55.6-9*)

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked person forsake their way, and the unrighteous person their thoughts; let that person return to the Lord that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

Responsorial Psalm (*Psalms 145*)

Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. **R.**

R. The Lord is near to all who call on him.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. **R.**

R. The Lord is near to all who call on him.

Second Reading (*Philippians 1.20-24, 27*)

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Live your life in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation (*Acts 16.14*)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. **Alleluia.**

Gospel (*Matthew 20.1-16*)

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went.

“When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’

“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

“Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do

what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?"

“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

Sunday reflection (Source: Diocese of Saskatoon)

What is a parable and what does it do? “A parable is a concise story that is drawn from life, which when told to a particular audience, makes one point that challenges accepted views.” All of these elements are present in the story Jesus tells. What is the kingdom of heaven like? That is the basic question one must ask and the entire passage today provides the answer. The central point of the parable is not on the wages paid to each group but on the owner. He is generous and it is God’s generosity that is the basic issue.

- *What is your reaction to this parable? Why?*
- *How does this parable connect to the first reading?*
- *Have we ever considered God to be acting unfairly toward us?*

Pope’s Prayer Intention for September 2026: *For the care of water*
Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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 Sept. 08-13:

-Looses:	\$ 1,177
- Envelopes:	\$ 1,760
- Living W. Christ	\$ 180
- USD	\$ 409

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!



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>

LEAVING SOON.... NEED TO SHARE FUNITURE

Dear brothers and sisters,

*One of our parishioners will be moving to another province on September 30th, 2026. She wants to give all her furniture to anyone that might need it without cost. If you would like to take a look, please call her to see whatever you need in your house. **Her name: Mrs. Irene Walker. Phone: (403) 266 1306***

In Memoriam: Fr. John Schuster

In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Fr. John Schuster**, who died peacefully this morning, Sep. 16, 2026. He was 86 years old. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Funeral Vigil on Sunday, Sept 20 at 6:30pm and Funeral Mass on Monday, Sept 21 at 10:30am at St. Mary's Cathedral Parish.

The Rosary in Concert

Join SFXC's *St. Hildegard Singers* for an evening of sacred music on Sat, Oct 3, 7:30 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary. [Buy ticket online.](#)

World Day of Migrants and Refugees Mass

Join us **on Sat, Sep 26, at 5 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral** in Calgary as we come together in prayer and solidarity to celebrate the gifts and contributions of migrants and refugees in our community. Mass will be followed by a reception, and all are welcome!

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Join us for a Eucharistic Celebration **on Wed, Sep 30, 2026, at 5 pm** at St. Mary's Cathedral on the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. All are welcome!

Anointing of the Sick:

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