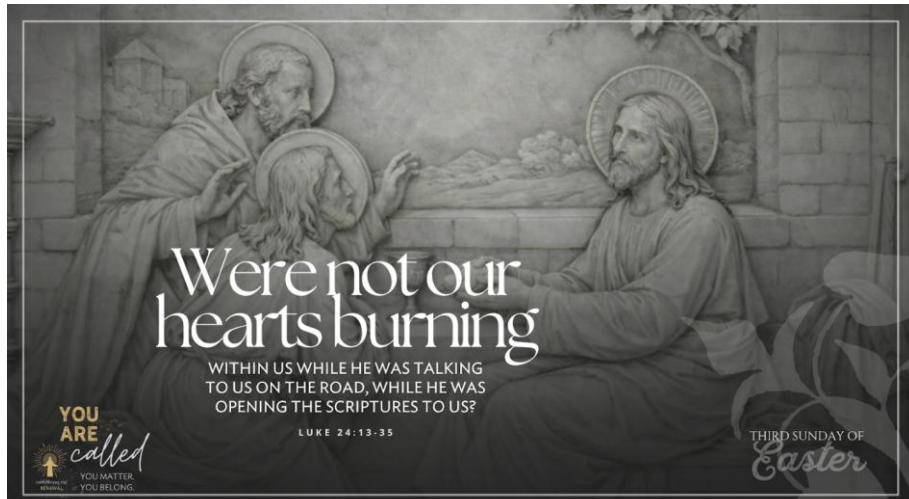




St. Martha's Parish

Third Sunday of Easter – April 19th 2026



Luke 24:13-35: The Gospel of this Sunday - the Third of Easter - is the famous recount of the disciples of Emmaus. The locality of Emmaus has not been identified with certainty. This allows us to think that Emmaus actually represents every place: the road that leads there is the road every Christian, every person, takes. The Risen Jesus makes himself our travelling companion as we go on our way, to rekindle the warmth of faith and hope in our hearts and to break the bread of eternal life. In the disciples' conversation with the unknown wayfarer the words the evangelist Luke puts in the mouth of one of them are striking: "We hoped..." (Lk 24: 21). This verb in the past tense tells all: we believed, we followed, we hoped..., but now everything is over. Even Jesus of Nazareth, who had shown himself in his words and actions to be a powerful prophet, has failed, and we are left disappointed. But this road to Emmaus on which we walk can become the way of a purification and maturation of our belief in God. The meeting with the Risen Christ is possible even today, giving us a deeper and more authentic faith tempered, so to speak, by the fire of the Paschal Event; a faith that is robust because it is nourished not by human ideas but by the Word of God and by his Real Presence in the Eucharist. This marvellous Gospel text already contains the structure of Holy Mass: in the first part, listening to the Word through the Sacred Scriptures; in the second part, the Eucharistic liturgy and communion with Christ present in the Sacrament of his Body and his Blood. In nourishing herself at this two-fold table, the Church is constantly built up and renewed from day to day in faith, hope and charity. ~ *pope Benedict XVI*

Year 1 of the Multiply the Hope Matching Campaign

- \$4 million matched for parish loans
 - \$3 million matched for repairs and maintenance
- This means parishes are receiving support in times of need, critical repairs are moving forward, and communities are growing stronger in their life and mission. Multiply the Hope continues through the end of 2027, and even though the initial response has been strong, \$4.9M in matching funds remains available for parishes across the Diocese.

Please pray for the sick in our parish:

Roger Buckskin, Daryl Many Fingers, Bernadette Heck-Veres, Bernie Yaretz, Ellis Watson, Kellie Grisak

Mass, Confession, Prayer

Mass Times: Mon, Wed-Fri at 9am | Tue at 7pm
Sat. 5pm | Sun. 9am & 11am

Reconciliation: Tue 7:30pm, Sat 4pm or by appointment
Adoration: Tue 12pm-6pm; Wed & Thu 9:30am-3:30pm; Fri 9:30am-8pm – schedule permitting
Rosary: 40min before Mass
Divine Mercy Chaplet: Fridays 3pm
Divine Office: Morning prayers after weekday morning Masses

Contact Information

403-381-8891 • office@stmarthasparish.ca

Pastor: Fr. Valentine Suum

frvalentine@stmarthasparish.ca

To use the K of C Hall please contact
Stan Volk 403-359-0472.

Grocery Cards Program - KofC & CWL Fundraiser

Support our Parish! Purchase your Grocery Cards at the office (cash or cheques), and in the gathering space after weekend Masses, or make an e-transfer: knightscards9280@gmail.com indicating the STORE name. Orders received & paid for by Thursday, will be available for quick pickup at our Grocery Card stand at the Masses on the following Saturday / Sunday. Preferred payment at the Kiosk is Debit but we also accept Visa and Mastercards

Events at Martha Retreat Center (403) 328-3422

LISTENING TO GOD SPEAK THROUGH ICONS

With Fr. Tim Boyle: Sundays, May 3, at 6:30pm

Renew Men Challenge

Men of the Diocese: this is your invitation. Bishop McGrattan personally invites you to take up the Renew Men 30-Day Challenge: a free, practical way to grow in daily prayer, brotherhood, and outreach through a short daily video. Take the step. Share it with the men in your family and parish.

- Join the challenge: heroicmen.org/h30
- Bishop's invitation: <https://tinyurl.com/2ytwuw3>

Protect Mental Health, Protect Life Support Bill C-218

Write your Member of Parliament Today!
Visit: HelpNotHarmCanada.ca

You are invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca to quickly and respectfully contact your Member of Parliament and ask for their support of **Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act)**. This proposed legislation would amend the Criminal Code to ensure that Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) is not extended to individuals whose sole underlying condition is mental illness. A vote is expected by mid-April 2026. If the law is not amended, MAiD will become available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027. Many of us know someone living with mental illness — a loved one, friend, neighbour, or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we are called to respond with compassion, accompaniment, and genuine care, safeguarding the dignity and lives of those who are vulnerable. Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

Donations to St. Martha's thru TIP TAP

Tip Tap is a quick, contactless way to make a donation using your debit or credit card. No cash or coins needed.

1. You'll find the device near the entrance of the church.
2. Choose Your Donation Amount - The device is pre-set with a donation amount (e.g., \$5, \$10, \$20).
3. Receipts: Tip Tap donations typically do not provide a printed receipt. Need a tax receipt? Scan the QR Code below and fill out the form and you will receive your tax receipt at the end of the year



Mass intentions

Mon 20 April	9:00 am	Marilyn Bakos +
Tue 21 April	7:00 pm	Boris Horvath +
Wed 22 April	9:00 am	Juliana Barrajon +
Thu 23 April	9:00 am	Elisabeth Pfeffel
Fri 24 April	9:00 am	Heske family
Sat 25 April	5:00 pm	Bosco Baptista +
Sun 26 April	9:00 am	Boris Horvath +

Mass Intentions guidelines

To those requesting multiple Masses (be it for one person or several different people) please note that **only one Mass per person requesting** can possibly be prayed here in this parish. We will make every effort to schedule one Mass here on the date you are requesting. **We cannot hold Mass requests for more than 2 months, all other requests will be sent away.**

Donation envelopes

Donation envelopes for 2026 can be picked from the tables in the gathering space. If you wish to sign up for Pre-Authorized Giving Plan please contact Moncy: finance@stmarthasparish.ca For those who already have PAD, a box of special donations envelopes is available at the parish office.

If you use the envelopes in the pews: PRINT your name, so that the donation can be assigned to your account.

Assumption Charismatic Prayer meetings and potluck

Assumption Charismatic Prayer Group meet every Wednesday at 7:00 pm in Assumption Hall. Their monthly potluck is on the first Wednesday of the month. Doors open at **5:30pm**, supper at 6pm with praise and worship starting at 7 pm at Assumption Hall.

Vocations Rally

God calls each of us through our baptismal call to live a life of holiness and service. This call unfolds uniquely in every person, whether through priesthood, consecrated life, marriage, the permanent diaconate, or lay vocations. Join us in fostering a culture where every vocation is nurtured and celebrated! Save the date for the Vocations Rally 2026: **Trinity Sunday, May 31, 2026 - from 11 am to 4:30 pm at St. Michael Catholic Community.** Discover, support, and pray for vocations in our diocese!

- More information about speakers will be available at catholicyc.ca/vocationsrally

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/yv723zb2>



St. Martha's Outreach Ministry

This week I am happy to announce that St. Martha's Outreach has been approved as an official ministry of the parish. What this means is that the ministry has been vetted by the diocese and now falls under the umbrella of parish ministries and we can again post announcements in the parish bulletin. Our official name is, "St. Martha's Outreach" – a ministry where "all are called, all matter, and all belong." We continued to do our work while waiting for approval but now I have some things to ask of you. We have a donation box in the church entrance where you are invited to drop off items. Here is a list of some of the things we need:

- Peanut butter
- Jam
- Cheeze whiz
- Water – we can always use bottles of water
- KofC/CWL gift cards – we use these to buy bread for sandwiches and other items.
- Gloves
- Men's and lady's underwear, socks
- Packaged snacks – preferably soft
- Candies
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, body lotion, hand cream, sunscreen, Band-Aids
- Clothes – as we are heading to summer t-shirts, hats, hoodies, jeans, light socks
- Volunteers to help make muffins, sandwiches, soup etc.

Contact the office to get yourself set up to help.

Note: Anything that we are not able to donate directly to the people I make sure it gets to a place where it can be used. If someone wanted to take care of that for the ministry that would be a great help. I'm hoping to make a short presentation to the parish in the coming weeks where I will share what has been done and what the future for this ministry may look like. If you have any questions or wish to become involved in the ministry please "reach out" to me Ken Hakstol @ 403.382.9856



Groups/associations in the parish

CWL meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 pm, in the KofC Hall

The Legion of Mary meets every Wednesday, at 6:00 pm, in the basement of St. Martha's Church (meeting room #3). All are welcome!

The Mothers' Rosary group will be meeting weekly downstairs at St. Martha's for prayer and fellowship, every Wednesday from 9:30-11:30. Mothers are looking for a volunteer to babysit their children: contact the parish office if you are available!

Facebook group "Women's Rosary Group - Lethbridge" Women of the parish, you are invited to join the group, for information on weekly gatherings and other events to build faith and community for those from both Lethbridge parishes.

Abiding Together Podcast group for adult women is Wednesdays from 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the gathering space at St. Martha's. For info email Shanice scharchun@gmail.com

Hobby prayer group meetings on Mondays at 1:30pm

Hopeful Hearts: the Journey Forward: a bereavement support group for everyone coping with loss. Next meeting APRIL 21 at 1pm.

St. Vincent de Paul needs YOUR help and asks for your generosity: on the first weekend of the month there will be volunteers collecting your donation at the end of Mass. THANK YOU!

Our parish relies on your Sunday offerings for maintenance and growth. By making your pre-authorized offertory gift, you are providing crucial support to care for your parish. Contact our parish office to set up a direct debit deposit.

Sacraments

Baptism Infant baptism is celebrated following the completion of our parish baptism preparation program. New and expectant parents are invited to contact Zachary Hampton, our Sacraments Coordinator, for more information: sacraments@stmarthasparish.ca

First Reconciliation: Please note that completing First Reconciliation is a requirement for First Communion classes in the spring.

First Holy Communion, Confirmation: Contact Zachary Hampton, Sacraments Coordinator, for more information: sacraments@stmarthasparish.ca

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please sign up on the parish website. For more info, please reach out to Zachary: sacraments@stmarthasparish.ca

Marriages/Marriage Preparation: Couples registered within the parish are required to make arrangements at least **six months prior, no exception**, to the date of marriage by calling the office to schedule interviews with the pastor and completing the marriage preparation program. Couples complete the marriage preparation course AFTER their first interview with the pastor. Calgary diocese marriage preparation courses: catholicyc.ca/marriage_prep. There are also classes available at All Saints Parish, Lethbridge.

Anointing of the Sick If you have a relative who has been admitted to hospital please call the parish office.

SFXC Events

Every Thursday - Mass & Adoration 6:30pm at St.
April 22 - Homies & Homilies Prayer & Discussion. DM for address.
See posters for more details and stay tuned on Instagram (@sfxc_leth), or email santiago.torres@calgarydiocese.ca

4th Annual Women's Conference

Who You Say I Am: A two-day conference with talks, prayer, and fellowship featuring speakers Sr. Mary Margaret Hope (SV), Fr. Cristino Bouvette, and Sr. Fidelity Grace (SV). Friday & Saturday, **May 22-23** at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Calgary.
Tickets at whoyousayiam.eventbrite.ca

Family Life events

Youth Night Grades 9 - 12

Sundays April 19th/26th
At: Assumption Hall
7:15 PM - 9:00 PM

Youth Nights Grades 6 - 8

Wednesdays April 22nd/29th
At: St. Martha's Parish
6:15 PM - 7:30 PM

Ring found on 12/13 March

A ring was found in between March 12 and 13. If you were at the parish around that time and you missed yours, come to the office for proof of ownership.

CSM BOTTLE DRIVE

- BRING YOUR OWN
- COLLECT FROM FRIENDS AND FAMILY
- DROP OFF AT CSM - TRAILER IN PARKING LOT

All funds will support grade six camp, and school wide year end initiatives.

Trailer will be parked at the school from April 13th to April 24th.



ADORATION

EVERY TUESDAY

12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

EVERY WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

9:30 am - 3:30 pm

EVERY FRIDAY

9:30 am - 8:00 pm

EASTER TIME



YOU are invited!!!

ST. MARTHA'S LETHBRIDGE

YOU'RE WARMLY INVITED TO A

YOU ARE CALLED. YOU MATTER. YOU BELONG.

Cultural Sunday



26 APRIL

11 AM

MASS WITH THE AFRICAN COMMUNITY ANIMATING THE LITURGY

followed by

REFRESHMENT



and

AFRICAN CULTURAL DISPLAY

