



Notices March 9th, 2025 - Lent 1

Readings for this Sunday: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13
Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

Sunday Services: 8am and 10.30am

Daylight Saving Time

**Just a reminder to change your clocks an hour ahead at
2am on Sunday March 9th**

Weekly Events at Christ Church

Wednesdays 11am - Lectio Divina & Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
Wednesdays 5pm - Meditation
Thursdays 10.30am - Bible Study

Burning of the Palm crosses

**We were lucky to have such a gorgeous day for
this event**





We would like to say a big Thank You to Russell and Jeff and everyone else who volunteered their time to make the Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner a great success. Also thanks go to Maureen Bell for providing the musical entertainment . A lot of fun was had by all. The photos speak for themselves







Revive Spiritual Formation Program

Feel like your prayer life is in a rut?

Feel like you give and give and give to the church and you need to receive?

Looking to deepen your relationship with God?

The Revive Spiritual Formation Program might be for you.

The program runs in three six-week modules over the course of one year, the first module (Communicating with God) running on **Tuesday evenings this Lent** (March 11 - April 15), the second module (Engaging in Scripture) in the fall and the third module (Called for Ministry) during Lent 2026.

In our sessions this spring we will explore:

- What prayer is and why it can feel hard.
- When God does and doesn't answer prayer
- Meditation and Contemplation
- Our image of God - who is this God we pray to?

And we will try out a number of prayer practices.

Reach out to Brandon to register or if you have any questions.

Introductory video [here](#) (the creator of the program envisioned it for lay leaders in parishes, but it is an excellent program whether you consider yourself a leader or not)

Stewardship Communication

Please follow the link to view the financial update [Click here](#)

Christ Church Café - March 16th at 9am - Coop Room

Fritz Pannekoek will be presenting The New Alberta History and how Christ Church fits into the innovation theme.

Please come and bring a friend. Breakfast snacks will be available

March Youth Group

It's Amazing Race Christ Church Edition!

Test your skill and wits in this fun challenge and scavenger hunt.

Teams of parents and youth will be assembled to overcome three fun and wacky challenges to earn riddle cards in search of important items. These items will be assembled to reveal a wondrous prize!

Be prepared to Pop! Wriggle! Chomp! And have fun!

Parents are welcome too.

March 14, 6:30pm in the Lower Hall

Dear Parishioners

Charitable donation receipts for calendar 2024 were issued on Tuesday. Check your email inbox and spam to see if yours is there. Some were mailed so will not be received until later this week or next week. If you haven't received one by email or by mail by the middle of next week, please call Cynthia in the office. If you received a mailed tax receipt but would prefer an emailed receipt in the future, please let Cynthia know.

Due to the mail strike in December, Canada Revenue Agency changed its policy for charitable donation receipts. Receipts dated in 2024 as well as receipts for January and February 2025 may be deducted against your 2024 tax return. IN case you wish to take advantage of this change, we remind you that we will be issuing tax receipts for January and February 2025 in March 2025.

Next February 2026, charitable receipts will be issued based on donations from March – December 2025.

Respectfully,
Deborah Ambrose, Envelope Secretary

Outreach Update

“Stuff a Basket, Fill a Heart”
40-Day Challenge

Every day during Lent you and your Family can support another Calgary Family leaving domestic violence.

Sign out a Basket on Shrove Tuesday at the Pancake Supper! If you cannot make the Pancake Supper, you can pick up an empty Basket in the Loggia

You will receive a laundry hamper, a list of needed items, and a tax receipt form to include with your receipts.

Return your hamper to the Loggia by Easter Sunday!

If filling a whole basket is too much, you can support with individual items such as:

Household Ideas (NEW items only)

Twin Bedding* Double Bedding (Gender and Age Neutral)
Shower Curtain/Rug Towels
Dishes, Cutlery, Glassware
Pots and Pans Tupperware
Gift Cards for food and activities (Walmart, Cineplex)

Toiletries Ideas:

Shampoo/Conditioner Body Wash/ Lotion
Feminine Hygiene Products

Toys/Crafts Ideas:*

Scissors, Glue, Tape Construction Paper, Colouring Supplies
Books, Board Games/Puzzles, LEGO's

*Toys and Crafts for teens are often forgotten-please consider teens!



Altar Guild

Once again the Altar Guild will be decorating the church for Easter with lilies, hydrangeas and spring flowers. If you would like to help in beautifying the church , and remember a loved one , glorify God or in thanksgiving please let Cynthia know. The cost is \$25.00, a list of memorials and thanksgivings will be published in the bulletin for Easter Sunday.



Scan to make your offering - Thank you for your support!!!

March 9th, 2025 Flower Memorials

The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paz Estroy by Jeff Reyes and Russell Barnes

The flowers at the Chapel are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for family by Suzan Pedersen

The Power of Prayer

Forward Day by Day

Prayer books for February, March and April are available at the office
Additional prayer resources can be found on Forward Movement's
website: https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/forward_day_by_day.php?

The Parish Prayer Chain

Have a friend who needs someone to pray for them? Our prayer chain does this daily, and welcomes requests for confidential prayer. Contact Alicia Hampshire, Adam Bedford or Rev. Brandon.

Praying with PWRDF

On the second Thursday of each month praying with PWRDF takes place over zoom at 11am (Calgary time). On the fourth Thursday of each month the PWRDF team in Toronto plans an educational webinar in the same time slot. Please contact Kim Umbach at kumbach@pwrdf.org for the zoom link to be included and for further details.

Prayer Shawls - "Tangible Evidence of Prayer" (ref: "The Prayer Shawl Ministry")

Each of our shawls , handmade by the members of this ministry includes the prayers of the shawl maker as it is made, receives a special blessing, then is available to be given to offer peace, and comfort to someone in need. Shawls are always available here. Please contact Cynthia at the office: 403-243-4680, or Barbara Robinson: barberobinson@gmail.com if you know of someone for whom a shawl would be helpful.



Anyone can be added to our email list... they just need to ask!

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They can [click here](#) to be added to our mailing list!



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