ST. PETER'S PARISH // MARCH 10TH 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### PETER'S PAPER

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#### It's time to refresh.

me; he refreshes my soul.

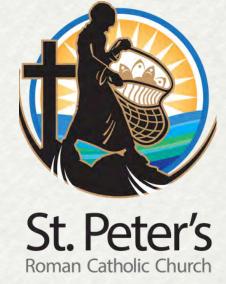
In a world filled with personal and structural sin that allows injustice to grow, we are invited to refresh our souls and our imaginations to make space for the Spirit to work through us: To reshape a dehumanizing immigration system into one that centers human dignity. To recommit to making racial justice a reality.

To renew trust in abundance versus scarcity so that all people's needs are met while safeguarding a fragile planet.

During the Lenten season, Psalm 23 reminds us of God's intent that we find times of refreshing: Beside restful waters he leads

St. Ignatius of Loyola refers to these times of refreshing as consolations: a deep-seated sense of God's presence leading to spiritual growth. How are we being refreshed and consoled in our lives, in our Church, and in our work for justice?

Throughout Lent, writers from the Ignatian network will guide us in a season of refreshing. Join us each day to be replenished, reinvigorated, and refreshed.



### SCHEDULE

### Rosary

Гuesday - Saturday 8:00 am

### **Weekday Masses**

Tuesday - Saturday 8:30 am

#### **Weekend Masses**

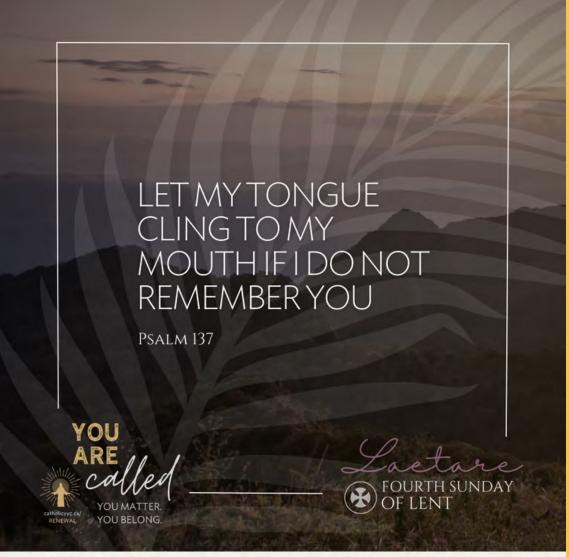
Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am; 9:30 am 11:30 am: 5:00 pm

#### Adoration

Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am - 9:40 am

#### Reconciliation

Friday 9:30 am Saturday 9:00 am Saturday 3:00 pm



### SUNDAY REFLECTION

#### SHARING THE WORD

Gospel - John 3:14-21

The image of a serpent raised up on a pole has become a cultural symbol of healing. The Gospel of John is an invitation to look upon Jesus crucified and to see in this image the healing of the world. It is an invitation to bring our darkness into the healing light of the cross. In the glory of the cross we see our sinfulness for what it really is - the bearer of death. In today's Gospel we are extended the invitation to step into the light and become bearers of life.

- 1. Nicodemus resisted stepping into the light. What makes bringing our darkness into the light so difficult?
- 2.It is difficult to see in the dark. Where in your life do you need the light of Christ to help you see more clearly?
- 3. Recall a time when you experience illumination or insight that brought you to see things in a new way. How did this change you?
- 4.Darkness can be social as well as personal. In what ways is our culture the bearer of darkness and death?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday

Tuesday - Thursday

### CLERGY

Fr. Jonathan Gibson (on leave)

**Associate Pastor:** Fr. Benedicto Marino

**Deacons:** 

John Arbeau

### This Week @ St. Peter's Parish MARCH 11 - 17

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DAY	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Tuesday	Blue Knights	Conference C	6:00 PM
Wednesday	Celebrating the Word	Boardroom	1:30 PM
Wednesday	Mom's Prayer Grop	Room C	7:30 PM
Wednesday	Early Light Choir Practice	Music Room	7:30 PM
Thursday	Confirmation Session 5	Church	6:00 PM
Thursday	RCIA	Hall	6:30 PM
Thursday	Laudate Choir Rehearsal	Music Room	7:00 PM
Friday	Mother's Support Group	Room C	9:15 AM
Friday	Stations of the Cross	Church	6:30 PM
Friday	Young Adults Group	Room C	7:00 PM
Saturday	Men't Breakfast	Hall	7:00 AM
Saturday	Youth Alive Choir Practice	Music Room	1:30 PM

### MASSINTENTIONS

Date	Time	Name	Intention
Tuesday, March 12, 2024	8:30 AM	Robert Thomas Birch & Deacon Robert Birch	(RS)
Wednesday, March 13, 2024	8:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory	(RS)
Thursday, March 14, 2024	8:30 AM	Mary-Stella Fernando	(RS)
Friday, March 15, 2024	8:30 AM	Cheryl Cuelenaere	(RS)
Saturday, March 16, 2024	8:30 AM	Linda Joanne Fletcher	(RS)
Saturday, March 16, 2024	5:00 PM	Donna & Jim Pearson	(SI)
Sunday, March 17, 2024	8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Peter's	(SI)
Sunday, March 17, 2024	9:30 AM	Sarah, Ben, James & Clara Douglass	(SI)
Sunday, March 17, 2024	11:30 AM	Marge Reidy	(RS)
Sunday, March 17, 2024	5:00 PM	Joseph Serpico	(RS)



# Stations of the Cross February 16 - March 22 6:30 pm

Soup & Fellowship
February 23 - March 22
7:00 pm

Register online:





### SACRAMENT SPLASH

**March Edition** 

### WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH SACRAMENTS!

Hi! My name is Joshua, & I'm the Sacrament Coordinator for St. Peter's. I develop & teach engaging sessions to better prepare hundreds of children & families to receive Sacraments. Currently, I have **one** volunteer. I am feeling the weight of this heavy load, & I'm asking for your help. We need help

- AV support during our sessions.
- Welcome & Hospitality.
- Catechesis.

in three areas:

Please email **pvsc@st-peters.ca** if you are able to help.

#### **CONFIRMATION**

Sessions are on Thursdays at 6:00pm.

**Upcoming Prep Sessions:** 

March 14

Retreat: April 13 Celebration: May 11

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

Parents hoping to have their child Baptized at St. Peter's, please join our Baptism group to register:

stpetersca.flocknote.com/Baptism Upcoming Prep Sessions:

March 2, April 20, May 4, June 15 Upcoming Parish Baptisms:

March 10, April 28, May 12, June 23

### **WORD ON FIRE ENGAGE**

An exciting new opportunity for you to deepen your faith. Word on Fire (WOF) Engage is a part of the Flocknote platform we use for Sacraments. Access the complete WOF library at https://stpetersca.flocknote.com/

### FIRST RECONCILIATION & COMMUNION

Sessions are on Thursdays at 6:00pm. Upcoming Prep Sessions:

March 21, April 18

#### **First Communion Celebrations**

Will happen at all Sunday Masses on the first four weekends in June. More details to come.

### **SCHOOL AGE BAPTISM**

For children ages 6 to 12. At this age (the age of reason), children can decide for themselves if they want to be Baptized into the Catholic Church.

#### **Spring Preparation Sessions:**

Wednesdays at 4:30pm.

May 15, May 22, May 29

Baptism: Sunday, June 9 at 2:30pm.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

The Children's Liturgy program is during the Sunday, 9:30am Mass! Children ages 4-7 (or before their First Communion) are welcome to participate. Children need to be signed up beforehand to participate.

## St. Peter's Pastoral Care



**St Peter's Pastoral Care Team** is a group of dedicated volunteers that serve in a variety of ways in our Parish.

We presently have 5 Residential or Care Communities that we provide weekly Lay-Led Liturgies of the Word with Communion Service as well. There is also a service for Graduated Supports in Bowness, arranged between the coordinator and the staff.

Mass is celebrated in each of these communities once a month with one of our Parish Priests.

Some of our members take Holy Communion to people in Hospitals as well as help with Masses in those Communities.

We also provide home visits as well as Holy Communion to Parishioners who request this. They may be ill, unable to drive, in need of companionship. We are there for them.

If you would like to join our Team, please contact Gail Monk, St. Peter's Pastoral Care Coordinator by email pastoralcare@st-peters.ca

#### **Holy Communion to Homebound Parishioners**

If you or a loved one is homebound & would like to have Holy Communion brought to you, please contact St. Peter's Pastoral Care Coordinator by email **pastoralcare@stpeters.ca** or office@stpeters.ca or phone 403-286-5110.

A member of the Pastoral Care Team will contact you to make the arrangements





### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

What do Calgarians who use food hampers have in common? Chronic poverty.

In between pay cheques or approved government assistance payments (which can be "clawed back" when recipients work to try and get ahead of bills or save for the future), vulnerable Calgarians do not have enough money to buy food for their families.

You can help by making alms giving part of your Lenten observance.

**Donations:** Non-perishable food, cash and grocery gift cards are always welcome. Cash and card donations valued at more than \$25/year will receive a charitable tax receipt, so always include your name and address.

**Pantry Wish List:** Canned beans & meats, Oatmeal (I kg bags), Peanut Butter and Pasta sauce.

Learn more: SSVP hosts online meetings. To get an e-invitation to the next meeting, contact: <a href="mailto:ssvp@st-peters.ca">ssvp@st-peters.ca</a>

Everyone welcome!

Your deeds may be the only sermon some people hear today.—St. Francis of Assisi





The Blue Knights Catholic Club is a boys' club aimed at teaching the truths of the Catholic faith to boys through Scripture, saints' biographies, games, crafts and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Based on the popular Little Flowers Girls' Club, this program developed by retired Marine. theologian and Catholic author, Dan McGuire maps out nine virtues for boys ages 5 to 10 in the first year, and up with four years then follows covering nine catechetical lessons each.

If you think you might be interested in this program for your son(s), please fill out the following form to receive more information:

https://forms.gle/EztdqY8ntEW2iFkHA

### **Bulletin Submissions**

If you have information or an event you would like included in the bulletin, please email it to bulletin@st-peters.ca.

Submissions are accepted at the discretion of the editor and are subject to editing. The deadline each week for bulletin submissions is Wednesday at noon.



### GROUP SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spiritual Direction (Group) and Spiritual
Conversations (2024)

Conversations (2024)
Please join us as we are creating a monthly (Sunday evenings 7-9) gathering for group Spiritual Direction in Conference Room C. This is a space for safe, holy and inspired conversations regarding our relationship with God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We explore spiritual wellbeing and help us listen how God is speaking to us in our prayers.

#### 2024 upcoming dates April 7th, May 5th, June 2nd.

If you are interested in joining us and have any questions, please email Kathy Ervin <u>kathy.ervin@stpeters.ca</u> or call 403-605-3650.

Everyone is welcome to come and see how these conversations enhance our relationship with God.



### MASS INTENTIONS CAN NOW BE BOOKED ON LINE

<u>https://st-</u> <u>peters.ca/2024/01/online-mass-</u> <u>intentions/</u>

INTENTIONS FOR MAY ARE NOW FULL. JUNE MASS INTENTIONS WILL OPEN ON LINE APRIL 1 AT 9AM.



STARTS 9:00 AM, MARCH 29TH HOT CHOCOLATE TO FOLLOW IN THE HALL SERVED BY THE CWL.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION DATES FOR 2024

- Solidarity Sunday (D&P): 5th
   Sunday of Lent (Mar 17)
- Needs of the Church in Holy Land: Mar 29
- Good Shepherd
   Sunday(Seminary): Apr 21
- Pope's Pastoral Works: May 05
- World Mission Sunday: Oct 20
- Catholic Education Sunday:
   Nov 03
- Mission Mexico: Dec 12
- Together in Action (Bishop's Appeal): Ongoing throughout the year

Donations to Special Collections can made at any time during the year. Donations can be made using any of our available methods: e-transfer, direct debit, in-person, <u>online</u>, <u>OR</u> special envelopes will be available in the pews near the scheduled weekend. Alternatively donations can be made using a general donation envelope.

PLEASE ALWAYS REMEMBER TO INDICATE THE NAME OF THE SPECIAL COLLECTION ON YOUR DONATION.

Please email: <a href="mailto:accounting@st-peters.ca">accounting@st-peters.ca</a> if you have any questions.



HOLY WATER IS AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH WITH YOUR OWN CONTAINER.

OR BOTTLES OF HOLY WATER ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE FOR A SUGGESTED DONATION OF:

**\$4 PER CONTAINER.** 

### CELEBRATING THE WORD

This gathering offers an opportunity to reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings for a deeper understanding.

You are welcome to join us!

Wednesdays from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Contact Mary Briggs at marybriggs@shaw.ca for more information.



### **Catholic Women's League**

HERE I AM LORD, SEND ME ISAIAH 6:8

#### 1. Joining the CWL Membership

- If you would like to join the CWL or renew your membership they can be purchased online: : <a href="https://www.st-peterscwl.ca/get-involved">https://www.st-peterscwl.ca/get-involved</a> or E-transfer to <a href="mailto:treasurer.cwl.stpeters@gmail.com">treasurer.cwl.stpeters@gmail.com</a> all renewals. Kindly insert "2024 renewal' in comments.
- Cheque make payable to CWL Membership can drop off to the CWL mailbox in the Narthex.
- Mail to CWL Treasurer, St. Peter's Church, 560 Silvergrove Drive NW, Calgary T3B 3Z4.
- **2. Wednesday, March 13th** Executive meeting in the Boardroom.
- **3. Thursday, March 14th 1 pm –** Rosary in the Grotto All CWL ladies are invited to come pray for Father Jonathan. In case of inclement weather, we will go to the Church.
- **4. Friday, March 22nd,** Mary's Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm with CWL Ladies leading, followed by soup and fellowship in the Parish Hall.
- **5. Sunday, March 24th** CWL General Meeting following the 11:30 am Mass. We will have an Installation Ceremony of New Members, refreshments (please bring your favourite appetizer), dessert and wine!



Mar 16-17 Wool Drive - CWL Prayer Shawl Ministry's The annual wool drive after all Masses.

We accept unused balls of washable wool. Drop into the Blue Box in the Narthex. Cash or Cheque Donations accepted and made payable to Catholic Women's League. Place envelope in CWL drawer in Narthex, leave your full name, email address, home address and phone number.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



### St. Don Bosco Council 8146 SERVICE TO ONE. SERVICE TO ALL

**1.Annual Spaghetti Dinner**-Sat, April 6th (after the 5pm mass)

2. Annual Membership Drive - weekend of April 13-14, 2024 Did you know that your first-year membership is at no cost to you! Knights will be available in the Narthex after each mass to answer any questions you may have. You are also welcome to attend an Information Social on

Wednesday April 17th starting at 6pm; pizza and refresh-ments will be served (See poster at the end of the bulletin).

#### Save the Dates:

10th Ann MNO Dinner- September 27, 2024 Visit our web site for new purchase options, https://stpetersmensnightout.com

or scan QR code



### THINKING OF BECOMING A KNIGHT? Contact:

David Mildenberger at <a href="mailto:cdmilden@shaw.ca">cdmilden@shaw.ca</a>, or Angelo Scarpino at <a href="mailto:ascarpino@telus.net">ascarpino@telus.net</a>



# St Peter's Knights of Columbus St Don Bosco Council 8146 Membership Drive April 13-14, 2024



### Why You should become a Knight

As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support our parish, give back to our community, grow in your faith and gain exclusive access to our top-rated insurance program to protect your family. These are just some of the reasons to become a Knight.

Benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus can be summed up in three areas: Faith, Stability, Service.







If you are a Catholic gentleman over 18 years of age and would like more information on who the Knights of Columbus are and what we do, we encourage you to contact us:

- talk to a Knight after all masses during the weekend of our membership drive; or
- plan to attend our membership information social on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 6pm in Hall C;
- Our membership coordinators are also available to answer any questions:

David Mildenberger at cdmilden@shaw.ca, or Angelo Scarpino at ascarpino@telus.net





### **Young Adult Group**

### Faith, Friendship, and Fun!

Ages 18-36

### Forgiven: Where are You?

How do we deal with sin? Initially we rationalize, we blame, we make excuses. We feel guilty. We are looking for peace and contentment. God is love. He wants us to be truly happy. Join us for this great presentation on Formed.org, that includes Dr. Edward Sri, Matt Fradd, Jason Evert, Jim Beckman, and a number of other top Catholic speakers.

When: Friday, Mar. 15, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

Where: St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church,

541 Silvergrove Drive NW, Calgary

Price: FREE!

For more information or to register for our email notification list, email:

youngadultgroup@st-peters.ca

or go to: www.spyag.ca

Come out and join us for Faith, Friendship, and Fun!

### IT'S PILGRIMAGE TIME!

Join us in October 2024 for St. Peter's Italian pilgrimage. Click <u>here</u> for more information.

Contact Dixie at <u>dixie.hawkins@st-peters.ca</u> if you are interested and for the next information session.



### TAP TO GIVE

TAP YOUR DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD
TO MAKE A
\$10 - \$25 - \$50
DONATION

The TipTapPay device is located near the main entrance.

To receive a tax receipt, you must scan the QR code on the sign and complete the required information to register your credit card. Tax receipts will be issued annually.

Please email <u>accounting@st-peters.ca</u> with any questions.

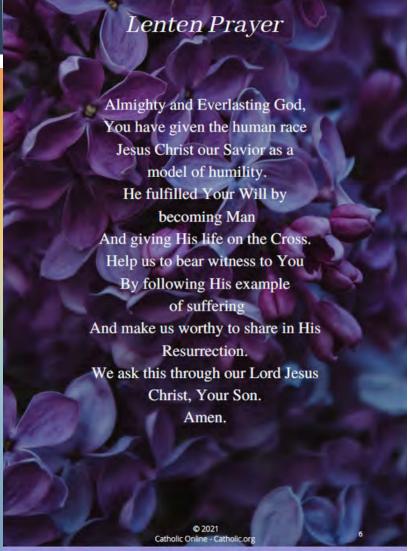
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

#### FINANCIAL UPDATE

#### Year to March 1

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OPERATING				
Receipts	\$141,602			
Expenses	\$173,864			
Over/(Under)	-\$32,262			
BUILDING FUND				
Receipts	\$22,978			
Disbursements	\$22,978 \$69,714			
Over/(Under)	-\$46,736			





Retreat
Centres
Upcoming
Events

**FCJ Centre, Calgary -** The FCJ Centre is offering a large number and range of retreats, prayer services, workshops, and other experiences for spiritual enrichment. See Upcoming schedule at:

https://www.fcjcentre.ca/

Mount St. Francis, Cochrane - Nestled in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains where all are welcome in the name of Christ, Mount St. Francis offers silent retreats and spiritual direction led by The Franciscan Friars of Canada. See the Upcoming schedule at:

https://mountstfrancis.ca/year-at-aglance/

**Divine Mercy Centre, Calgary** Livestream Prayers available at:

https://sistersofdivinemercy.org/livestream-adoration

Martha Retreat Centre, Lethbridge The Martha Retreat Centre seeks to provide a quiet, welcoming space where people, individually or in groups, can come away and rest awhile, nourish their spirits and open their hearts to God's call to them in the current reality of their life's circumstances. New programs and events are starting up. Click <a href="here">here</a> to register or call 403-328-3422 for more details.



# SHAWL MINISTRY

Our Ministry handcrafts beautiful prayer shawls, which are then blessed. The shawls are given out to bring comfort and prayer support to those experiencing illness, loss, loneliness or depression. If you know someone (man, woman or child) who would benefit from a shawl, please contact Ann Dowling anndowli@telus.net or Marie Sieben sieben.7@shaw.ca. We gratefully accept cash donations and donations of unused yarn!



### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

The Audio Visual Ministry is looking for interested individuals who have some prior general computer knowledge.

Even if you are not trained on any AV equipment do not worry! We will provide thorough training for all new volunteers!

If you are interested in helping out in this ministry please email the AV Coordinator, Chris Abel, at <a href="mailto:chris.abelest-peters.ca">chris.abelest-peters.ca</a> or our AV Team Lead, Zach Blair, at <a href="mailto:zach.blairest-peters.ca">zach.blairest-peters.ca</a>.



# WAY TO THE TO CONFERENCE 27th Annual Men's Conference

March 22, 6 pm - 9 pm & March 23, 9 am - 4 pm



**GUEST SPEAKERS** 

**JON LEONETTI** 

Ascension Parish, 1100 Berkshire Blvd NW, Calgary, AB

BR.SIMON & CHRISTOPHER SEEDS OF THE WORD COMMUNITY

Info Detail: www.godsquad.ca

### PRAYER CHAIN

Do you have a loved one that you would like to put on our confidential prayer list? The Prayer Chain is a powerful group of CWL women who pray for the ill or for anyone in need of prayer.

Please contact Catherine at: cmj75@shaw.ca



### MINSTRY TOMEN

Most Catholic men lack connection and friendship with other men.

HeroicMen strengthens men with the best Catholic media,

meetups, and materials - for men.

### MINISTRY TO MEN BREAKFAST

Inviting all men
to Join us
the 1st and 3rd
Saturday each month
in the Parish Hall
for

Breakfast Faith Brotherhood

Next Mtg: March 16



### **KARA PROGRAM**



## **SOW SEEDS OF COMPASSION:** LENTEN LOVE FOR PREGNANT & PARENTING STUDENTS

**FEBRUARY 14 - MARCH 31, 2024** 

This Lenten season, let us come together to make a meaningful impact in the lives of pregnant and parenting students in our Calgary Catholic community. Your financial contribution can be a beacon of hope, providing crucial support for these young parents as they navigate the challenges of pregnancy, student life and parenthood.

#### **EMPOWERING FUTURES**

Your generous donation will directly fund essential resources such as prenatal care, educational support, and counseling services. By contributing, you are helping these young students build a foundation for a <u>brighter future</u>.

#### **MAXIMIZE YOUR IMPACT**

Donating securities, such as stocks or mutual funds, not only supports pregnant and parenting teens but also offers you potential tax advantages. Your contribution can go even further, transforming the lives of young students in need. You may also choose to make a one-time cash donation or a monthly donation.

Thank you for your generosity and compassion during this Lenten season. Together, we can make a lasting impact on the lives of pregnant teens

For more information on how your donation can impact students, please visit **theccef.ca** 





**WOMEN'S CONFERENCE HOSTED BY BELOVED DAUGHTERS** 

Revelation 21:5

MAY 3, 2024

7 PM - 9:30 PM

MAY 4, 2024

8:30 AM - 6 PM

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH CALGARY, AB

**CRYSTALINA EVERT** 



FR. ANTHONY SORTINO, LC

**SCAN FOR MORE INFO** 



# February 14-March 24 ODAYS FORLIFE®

### HELP SAVE LIVES IN CALGARY!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- Over 20,000 babies saved from abortion
- Over 200 abortion workers converted
- Over 100 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

Vigil location: Abortion "Kensington Clinic"

2431 5 Ave NW - Calgary, AB

Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm

Questions or comments:

403-870-3905

40daysforlife.calgary@gmail.com

Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

40daysforlife.com/calgary

On Ash Wednesday, February 14th starts the 40 Days for Life Lenten vigil campaign in more than 600 cities around the world.

So the invitation is for everyone to take the leadership in guiding others to participate peacefully in front of the abortion centre "Kensington Clinic" 2431 5 Ave NW – Calgary, AB.

Each day during 40 Days for Life, individuals, churches, families, and groups will be asked to join together in prayer for a specific request so the entire Body of Christ can unite around a common focus: "to make abortion unthinkable".

St. Joseph pray for us and pray for Canada. For more information call Jairo Garzon at 403-870-3905.



"We live every day with the fear of being killed or having one of our children taken away."

– Juana Zúniga,

CREATE

Guapinol defender,

In rural Indonesia, young people are abandoning agriculture to work in cities.

Over time, this could threaten food sovereignty.

Our partner PAYOPAYO empowers village communities to work together to find solutions to common challenges related to agriculture, food, energy, natural resource management and the engagement of youths, especially women.

This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Karno Batiran, the executive director of PAYOPAYO. Learn more at:

devp.org/lent.

