



# St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church



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## Reflections from father's desk...



MY LORD AND MY GOD!

Tradition has been rather unkind to St. Thomas, the apostle, by calling him the 'doubting disciple'. In fact, Thomas, the greatest doubter, becomes the greatest believe. No other apostle has been recorded as having made such a personal, passionate and profound profession of faith as when he exclaimed: "My Lord and My God!"

In order to believe, Thomas wanted to feel the scars of the wounds in the hands and side of Jesus. Thomas wanted to experience the real risen Jesus. And the real risen Jesus always remains a Jesus who is scarred with the wounds of his passion. We need to pause, ponder and pray. At times, unlike Thomas, are tempted to want a transfigured and triumphant Jesus whose glory dazzles and dazes. But the post resurrection Jesus is always a scarred Jesus seasoned, scoured and stamped with suffering.

We need to ponder our own woundedness without feeling ashamed or embarrassed, showing Jesus our scars and asking him to feel and heal them. We are all wounded. We have been wounded perhaps as children by the kind of traumas that we have gone through; wounded at times by those in authority and elders, who penalized and punished us, unwittingly perhaps, but with veiled vindictive violence; wounded by our own past mistakes and misdeeds which are well beyond recall and remedy. Our woundedness only corroborates and confirms our reality.

## Sacrament Times

### Mass Times:

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am
Tue & Wed	6:30 pm
Thu., Fri, Sat. am	9:00

### Confession:

Saturday or by appointment	4:00 pm
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### Adoration

Wednesdays pm	7:00
First Fridays	9:30 am

### Youth Adoration:

Last Friday of April pm	6:30
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### Rosary.

20 min. before masses

A forgiving heart can never run out of love.

# Parish Ministries

## Lector Schedule

10:00am

Apr 07 Lynne B. & Fran  
Apr 14 Loree & Keith  
Apr 21 Toryn & Anthony  
Apr 28 Karin & Dayna

## Church Cleaners

Crystal (403)827-9353

Apr 05 Theresa McPike Family  
Apr 12 Shirley  
Apr 19 Dayna Mensaghi Family  
Apr 26 Crystal

## Altar Serving

Contact Fr. Newton

## Family Fun Night (Potluck)

Apr 20 6:00 pm

## Music Ministry

Crystal (403) 827-9353

## Confirmation Session

April 7, 2024 11:15  
am

Conf. Retreat: April 13

09:30am

Confirm. Day: May 5,  
10:00am

## Faith Formation

Tuesdays 7:00 pm  
in the rectory bsmnt or by email.

## Parish Council

April 25, 2024 7:00 pm

## Youth Choir

Contact: Crystal Campbell  
April 20, 2024 at the 5:00 pm mass.



## Faith Formation Study



Our next study is The Pilgrimage Series: April 9th to April 30th  
In both Scripture and the Sacred Liturgy, the Church teaches us that we are pilgrim people, making our way along the path to heaven. With the pace of our daily lives, we often need a reminder that this earth is not our lasting home.  
Tuesdays, at 7:00 pm in the basement rectory.  
All adult parishioners are welcome to join.

## Finance Council Update



Our Together in Action 2024 goal is \$4945.00. In the event that we collect more than our required target we have requested that any surplus collected be given back to the Parish to use for maintenance and repair to the church and rectory.

## Couples Weekend at Mount St. Francis

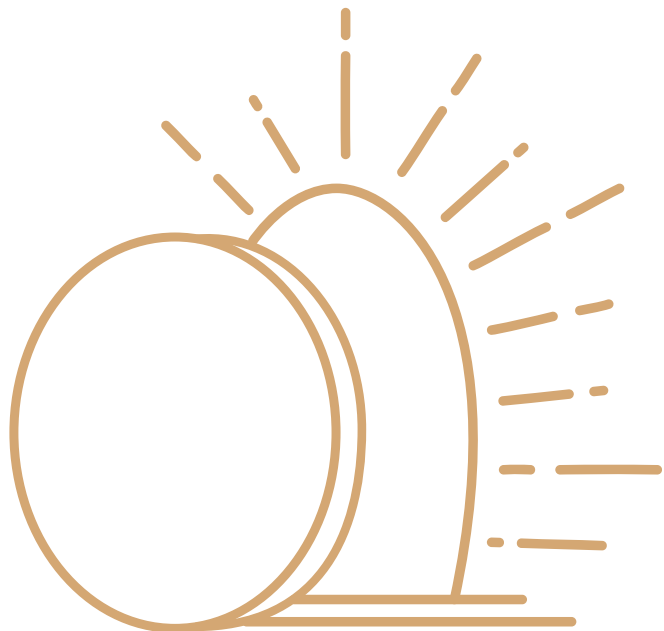
April 19-21, 2024

Registration contacts:

Michele and Paul Grover: changrover@shaw.ca

Tess and Renato Abanto:

403-615-6126 or april1686@gmail.com



## Catholic Monthly Devotions: A History

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The Church traditionally encouraged the month of April for increased devotion to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. "The Church in the course of the centuries has introduced various forms of this Eucharistic worship which are ever increasing in beauty and helpfulness; as, for example, visits of devotion to the tabernacles, even every day; Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; solemn processions, especially at the time of Eucharistic Congresses, which pass through cities and villages; and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament publicly exposed . . . These exercises of piety have brought a wonderful increase in faith and supernatural life to the Church militant upon earth and they are re-echoed to a certain extent by the Church triumphant in heaven, which sings continually a hymn of praise to God and to the Lamb 'Who was slain.'" --Pope Pius XII



### **Pope's April prayer intention: 'for the role of women' - Vatican News**

Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of April 2024, and invites everyone to pray for the role

[vaticannews.va](https://www.vaticannews.va) / Apr 2



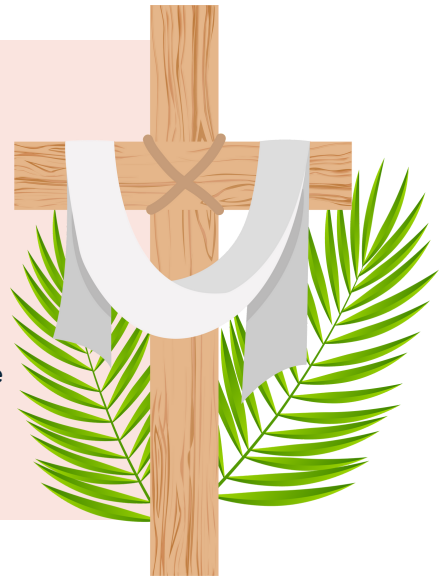
### **New Church statistics reveal more Catholics, fewer vocations - Vatican News**

The Holy See publishes the 2024 Pontifical Yearbook and the 2022 Statistical Yearbook of the Church, detailing the numbers of bishops, priests, men ...

[vaticannews.va](https://www.vaticannews.va) / 01:13 PM

### Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday April 6, 05:00 pm For the Parishioners (Pro Populo).  
Sunday April, 7 10:00 am. For the Parishioners (Pro Populo).  
Tues. April 9 06:30 pm S. I. Tom & Helen Marshall  
Wed. April 10 06:30 pm dep. Brenda Reszel, Ken & Roy Myres  
Thur. April 11 09:00 am dep. Elma, Leo & Francis Diemert  
Friday April 12 09:00 am dep. Members of Peacock family  
Sat. April 13 09:00 am dep. Jennifer Baxtor, Jay & Lindsey Melville  
Sat. April 13 05:00 pm. For the Parishioners (Pro Populo).  
Sunday April 14 10:00 am. For the Parishioners (Pro Populo).



### The Pope's Intention: April 2024

#### For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



#### Local Community

#### Prayer Intentions

Please pray for the intentions of:  
Mike Watson, and Peter Gillis.

### Diocesan INFO



<https://www.catholicyc.ca/news.html>

### Daily Mass Readings

Apr 07 Acts 4.32-35; 1 John 5.1-6; John 20.19-31 (Sunday of Divine Mercy)  
Apr 08 Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d; Hebrews 10.4-10; Luke 1.26-38 (The Annunciation, S)  
Apr 09 Acts 4.32-37; John 3.7b-15  
Apr 10 Acts 5.17-26; John 3.16-21  
Apr 11 Acts 5.27-33; John 3.31-36 (St. Stanislaus, M)  
Apr 12 Acts 5.34-42; John 6.1-15  
Apr 13 Acts 6.1-7; John 6.16-21  
Apr 14 Acts 3.13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2.1-5; Luke 24.35-48 (3rd Sunday of Easter)