



ST. CHARLES CWL NEWSLETTER

April 2025

Mission Statement

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.



From The President's Desk



The flowers are pushing up through the soil, the grass is turning green and the birds are nesting, what a wonderful time of year – Rebirth – Our Lord's resurrection brought the promise of new life. Celebrating Easter is the most important season of the liturgical year, it represents the fulfillment of God's promises to mankind. The tradition of celebrating Easter on the first Sunday following the first full moon of spring dates back to the Council of Nicaea in 325. Christ's death destroyed bondage to sin and his resurrection brought the promise of new life.

The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol of the rising Christ, The Paschal Candle used during the Easter Vigil is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ, who is the true Light of the world.



If you need to get in touch with me, you can reach me through text or email at **780-916-9728** or email at kabtarras@gmail.com.



Katherine Tarras, President



Alberta Mackenzie Prays the Rosary- Weekly

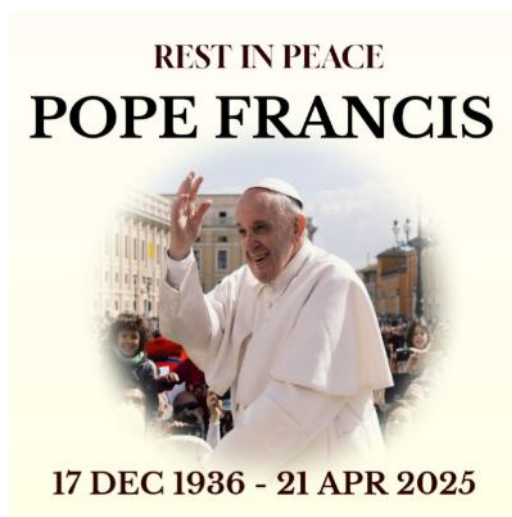
Members are invited to pray the Rosary weekly on Wednesdas @ 7:00 pm (MST) (visiting) and 7:30 pm (Rosary). Log in information is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84932744746?pwd=ZbE8wSb1jPVjUHTBkh8Z647KJUbNTn.1>

Meeting ID: 849 3274 4746

Passcode: 427227

Red Sand Ceremony -April 15th, 2025



Service

Funeral Committee

Funeral lunch service was provided on April 25th for 60 people. Overall, monetary donations received from the families of the deceased continue to cover all costs and generate some income for our Council. Thank you to the volunteers and donators of food who continually support to this important service.



Our Lady of Victory Camp

Two work bees, focusing on cleaning and beautifying the camp are scheduled for May 3rd and 4th, 2025 from 8:30 am. to 3:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Nicole at edmontoncwl.service@gmail.com

2000 CWL Time Capsule



Some of our long-time Council members may remember that in the year 2000, our CWL Council put together a time capsule and buried it in the Prayer Garden by the church. The time capsule is to be opened in 2025 and that time has come!

We will be opening the time capsule at our September General Meeting. At that time, our Council will be putting together another 25 year time capsule. Our Council members are requested to bring a (small) item for the new time capsule to the September General meeting when it will be sealed and buried in the Prayer Garden until 2050.

If you have any questions, please contact Bev Jensen at tagejen@shaw.ca or call her at 780-237-1557.

Social Justice

Community Matters

Seniors, Aging, and Older Adults



March 2025

Spring Edition

Edmonton Social Planning Council



The March edition features articles regarding seniors and the many issues that seniors have to deal with. To read the full newsletter, please go to:

<https://edmontonsocialplanning.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/March-2025-Community-Matters-1.pdf>

Organization (Memberships)

Am I the only one wondering where the time has gone & how we are already wrapping up April? We only have 1 more general meeting and our year-end celebration left before Summer break ladies!

For those who were able to make it out to our April meeting in spite the wind, thank you. We had the most beautiful *Red Sand Prayer Service* and it wouldn't have been the same without the enormous support from our members, filling the side-walk cracks at the church with *Red Sand* in the design of the cross, before the brief ceremony. If you were unable to attend, but wonder what the *Red Sand* outside our activity centre doors represents, please look up the *Red Sand Awareness Campaign*, an IWIN initiative. A huge thank you to our Faith Convenor Teresa McGrath for putting this together for us.



Please **SAVE-THE-DATE:** for our last General meeting (before Summer break), on May 20th at 6:45pm (First 15 minutes are social time, followed by our official meeting commencing at 7pm). Attending the meetings gives you 1st hand news, and as active members* you have a say on how we disperse the monies we fund-raise for with your voice and vote.

Active Members: To clarify this includes all ladies who have paid their fees for the current fiscal year (which began Nov'24). For those who still need to renew, **our fees remain unchanged at \$40**. Please give me a call (780)399-9459 or drop me an email at bspat@shaw.ca if you have any questions on how to renew.

PRAYER CALENDAR

Your May Prayer Calendar is included with this newsletter. Please print off a copy & post up in a location you'll see it daily (Fridge, mirror). Each day one of your CWL sisters is highlighted; please include them in your daily prayers. Some April Highlights Include:

Note: Pray the Rosary has switched to Wednesday evenings. To ensure you have the most updated link, please visit our Provincial website: <https://www.cwlabmk.ca/>. Scroll down the home page for the newest link to this week's rosary. Site opens 7 pm & the Rosary starts at 7:30 pm

And have a wonderful month!!

**Bea Spatafora
Organization Convenor**



Ladies of St. Charles CWL, we need your help. We have a number of volunteer opportunities to fill and we need your help to ensure we can carry on our tradition of exceptional service to God and our community:

Current to 2026 - Secretary

Current to 2026 Social Justice Convenor

URGENT - 2025 CWL Bazaar Convenor *- *this position overlooks the various convenorships at our annual Bazaar (October 18th, 2025). Convenor positions required under this lead:*

Bake Table-Responsible to run the bake table including pricing (pricing guidelines already set)

Kitchen (2)-Responsible for the purchasing and prep of the lunch for the event

Craft Table-Responsible to run the craft table including pricing

Multi-Raffle-Responsible to acquire prizes, make the baskets, print tickets & run the table

Vendors-Responsible to secure vendors for the event

Advertising-Responsible for advertising for the event

Phoning-Responsible to call members to secure volunteers to help with the above.

If you have helped with any of the above positions and wish to let your name stand, please still let us know, as we'll have a new convenor for this event

* Please watch for a survey coming from your CWL Executive regarding this community event/CWL fund-raiser. Without convenors for this annual event, we may need to look at revamping it, or possibly even cancelling it altogether; your feedback is needed to help us make some important decisions.*

Prayer Shawl Ministry Lead – *“Care and the love of knitting (and crochet) have been combined into a prayerful ministry that reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace. Many blessings are knitted into every shawl. The knitter begins each shawl with prayers for the recipient. Intentions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl. When the shawl is completed it is offered a final ritual before being sent along its way”...*

...A new coordinator is being sought, to start this ministry up again, as there has been some interest in shawls from our parish. Once a lead is in place, we will need to advertise & recruit volunteers once again. For more information on this beautiful ministry & its history, please visit <https://www.shawlministry.com/>

Please email Katherine Tarras (katarras@shaw.ca) or Bea Spatafora (bspat@shaw.ca) if you have questions or to understand details for any of the above positions &/or to volunteer for the position. We thank you in advance for your help in filling these important roles with our council.

Your CWL Executive

Sharing the Words

SPIRITUALITY

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We are called to live in relationship with God, others and creation. Spirituality nourishes us on our faith journey enriching us as we grow. The Catholic Women's League calls us to be witnesses to the love of God through ministry and service. Connect and grow with us.

STRENGTH

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The strength of belonging to a sisterhood of thousands of women is powerful and our impact makes a difference in our parishes, communities, country and beyond. The Catholic Women's League is the largest women's organization in Canada. Imagine the many gifts and talents shared for the good of others. There is strength in numbers. Come join us!

Save the Date!! CWL June Social

Date: Tuesday, June 10
Time: 5:30 pm
Tickets: \$20 (Members)
\$30 (Non-Members)

Theme: Country Classic with Patsy Cline
Entertainment: A Patsy Cline impersonator
More information will be coming!



Laughter is Good for the Soul

Several children found a dead robin. Feeling that a proper burial should be performed, they secured a small box and some cotton batting, dug a hole in the back yard, and made ready to dispose of the deceased. The minister's 5-year-old son was chosen to say the prayer. And so with great dignity, he intoned, "Glory be to the Father...and unto the Son...and into the hole he goes."



Important Dates

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| May 3 & 4 | Edmonton Diocesan Convention, Polish Hall |
| May 8 | March for Life – Mass at 10 am at St. Joseph’s Basilica, March commences at 12:00 noon starting from Violet King Herner Plaza near the Alberta Legislature |
| May 5 – 11 | Palliative Care Week – 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care – See National Website for more information |
| May 11 – 18 | National Family and Life Week 2025 |
| May 20 | General Meeting |
| May 28 | 7:00 pm. - Guest Speaker - Trinity Funeral Homes – Preparing for Funerals |
| June 6 & 7 | 78 th Annual Provincial Convention, Grande Prairie |
| Aug. 10 – 13 | National Convention, Toronto, Ontario |

CWL Virtual BYOB Book Club

March Reads



1. ***The Secret Keeper***, Genevieve Graham. Twin sisters Dot and Dash join the war effort, one as a codebreaker and the other as a pilot.
2. ***The Lost Bookshop***, Evie Woods. Told via dual timeline through the eyes of Opaline, Martha, and Henry. We follow their lives and Henry's determination to find a missing bookshop.
3. ***The Lies we Leave Behind***, Noelle Salazar. Kate Campbell is a nurse in the Pacific in 1943, she is disappointed when an accident leaves her injured and sends her home to New York.
4. ***I Finally Have the Smoking Hot Body I Have Always Wanted***, Barb Drummond. A memoir about the wonderful stories about her mother.
5. ***The House Maid***, Freida McFadden. Follows a struggling woman who is happy to start over as a housemaid for an affluent, elite couple.
6. ***How to Stand up to a Dictator***, Marie Ressa. The story of how democracy dies a thousand cuts, and how an invisible atom bomb has exploded online.
7. ***A Century and Ten: The History of Edmonton Public Schools 1882-1992***, M. A. Kostek.
8. ***The Guardians***, John Grisham. A lawyer, and priest work for the nonprofit Guardian Ministry based in Savannah, Georgia dedicated to exonerating those in prison who have been wrongfully convicted of their crimes.
9. ***The Summons***, John Grisham. Judge Atlee summons his two sons. His mysterious legacy hides a dark secret.
10. ***O'Siyam, Aboriginal Art Inspired by the Vancouver 2010 Olympics***. A showcase of the diversity of Canadian Aboriginal art with full-colour images, descriptive text and commentary.

NEXT BOOK CLUB MEETING:

May 29th at 7 pm



QUICK LINKS

National Website: www.cwl.ca

Provincial Council Website: www.cwl.ab.ca

Diocesan Council: www.edmontoncwl.org

ST. CHARLES CWL PRAYER LIST

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Please pray for our CWL members and our council
Prayers for peace in the Ukraine & the Middle East
Please pray for seminarian Ben Wilkins on his journey to respond to God's call

For those who are sick and all who look after them:

Larry Belanger (husband of Norma Belanger)
Margaret Bernard
Jacqueline Cuerrier
Annet Maitwe and AIM school
Hope Maitwe (Annet Maitwe's daughter)
Rafael Martel (Kathy Martel's grandson)
Evelyn Radostits
Sharon Roshko
Marlene & George Schmidt
Bea and Joe Spatafora
Lily Webb
Mary Ziska
Celine deVries-Stadleer (Marie-Paul Petersen's daughter)
Stella Kachmar
Mary Miller (Irene Midgley's mother)
Bert Trompetter (Cora's husband)
David Meier (Shirley's husband)
Melissa Cuerrier (daughter of Jacqueline Cuerrier)
Colleen O'Donnell (Maureen O'Donnell's sister)
Eileen Kavanagh (Monique Gauthier's daughter-in-law)
Sybil Ledi
Marie-Paul Petersen
Father Marc Cramer
Audrey Waseylenko
Bev (friend of Janice Lakusta)
Jeanne Richelhoff (Louise Despins' sister)
Marie Phillips
Theresa Amuzu
Myrla Fitzpatrick

For those who have died and all who mourn them:

Francis Huber (son of Vera Huber)
Steve Wawzonek (Lillian Wawzonek's husband)
Ann Jubinville (Margaret Bernard's sister)

Please contact **Kathy Martel** at 780-456-0760 or Kmartel780@gmail.com to add names.



May 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Cora Trompeter	2 Paula Braumberger	3 Janice Brecht <small>CWL Diocesan Convention</small>
4 <small>CWL Diocesan Convention</small>	5 Lidia Buske <small>Palliative Care week 5-11</small>	6 Natalie Carley	7 Teresa Cartmell	8 Tina Casella <small>March for Life</small>	9 Genevieve Castiday	10 Elisabetta Chiodo
11 <small>National Family and Life Week 11-25</small>	12 Crystal Cordeiro	13 Lynn Cristini	14 Jacqueline Cuerrier	15 Yvette d'Entremont	16 Phyllis da Costa	17 Hilda Daubner
18 Connie Comeault	19 Louise Despina <small>Victoria Day</small>	20 Betty Dixon <small>CWL Meeting 6:45pm</small>	21 Debbie Dixon	22 Marjolaine Dubuc	23 Cecile Dufresne	24 Dora Dumont
25 Pat Duncan	26 Dianne Dyer	27 Rhoda Estoque	28 Odell Fahn <small>Guest Speaker - Trinity Funeral Homes (Preparing For Funerals 7pm)</small>	29 Lorette Fairfield	30 Rose Febrowski	31 Tina Fernandes

Notes

Print / Post this page on your fridge.

Pray for your CWL Sisters on the day they are tagged.

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