



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

NOVEMBER 1, 2020 – SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Email: contact@holyfamilymh.ca ~ Website: www.holyfamilymh.ca ~ Facebook: Medicine Hat Holy Family Parish

Reconciliation: By Appointment Only 403-527-6933 ext. 101

Office Hrs. Monday to Friday - 8:30am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm to 4:30pm - Closed on Holidays

Reconciliation is by appointment
only Tuesday to Saturday Call the
office to book a time with
Fr. Iqbal or Fr. Rodel

ADORATION IS IN THE
HOPE ROOM
MONDAY TO FRIDAY
9:30am to 4:00pm



MASSES

MONDAY to FRIDAY at 9:00AM Administration doors,

SATURDAY at 5:00PM Main Front Doors &

SUNDAY at 8:30AM, 10:30AM & 6:00PM Main Front Doors

MAKE SURE TO COME EARLY TO BE SCREENED & WEAR YOUR MASKS

DOORS WILL BE LOCKED WHEN MASS STARTS

We do have masks available if needed! Please dispose of them in a responsible manor.



Catholic Women's League

Vi Sheridan - 403-526-9091



Knights of Columbus

Ron Pisoni - 403-526-1848

*****EMAILS FROM FR. PHILIP*****

*Anybody that received emails from
Fr. Philip this week please do not respond
to them, they are scammers!!! He sent
this message to you...*

This "Rev. Philip Le
churchbible602@gmail.com " is not my email
even though the same name Philip Le
I'm sorry, Fr. Philip

Sunday 10:30am Mass Medicine Hat Holy Family Church Live Stream

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG6zK-XzuXdDHj79rV6ut_Q



OPERATING FINANCES

October 22-29, 2020

Operating Budget 2020	\$ 15,000
General Envelope Collection	\$ 6,283
Loose Collections	\$ 185
Future Development	\$ 416
Sale of Church Supplies	\$ 2,696
Youth Ministry	\$ 122
Shortfall	- \$ 5,298

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 226
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 419
World Mission	\$ 350
CARO	\$ 10
Needs of the Cdn Church	\$ 50
Catholic Education Sunday	\$ 10

2020 TIA GOAL – \$71,214
TO DATE \$ 36,559 = 51% OF THE WAY

Thank You for your Generous Contributions

† Masses Intentions †

† October 31 – November 6 †

Saturday, October 31

5:00pm – Italo Dal Molin †

Sunday, November 1

8:30 am – Rose Fortier Deceased Relatives †

10:30am – Simon Schmaltz †

6:00pm – Holy Family Parish

Monday, November 2

9:00am – Addison Foley †

7:00pm – Holy Family Parish Deceased †

Tuesday, November 3

9:00am – Joan Richard †

Wednesday, November 4

9:00am – Jim Buscholl †

Thursday, November 5

9:00am – The Gripp Family

Friday, November 6

9:00am – Larry Lesko †

Solemnity of All Saints – Year A Sunday, November 1, 2020

1st Reading – Revelation 7.2-4,9-14

*There was a great multitude that no one
could count, from every nation, from all
tribes and peoples and languages.*

**Responsorial Psalm –Ps 24.1-2,3-4ab,5-6
(R.6)**

*R. Lord, this is the company of those who
seek your face.*

2nd Reading – 1 John 3.1-3

We will see God as he is.

Gospel – Matthew 5.1-12a

*Rejoice and be glad for your reward is great
in heaven.*

SAINTS NEXT DOOR

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† I will reread 1 John 3:1-3 each day this week to cherish how I am a child of God.

† Let me name the “saintly” behavior of neighbors, co-workers, family.

† What will I do each day this week to be a saint next door?



Attending Masses...

**MAKE SURE TO COME EARLY TO
BE SCREENED**

**THE DOORS WILL NOW BE LOCKED
WHEN MASS STARTS TO ENSURE
YOUR SAFETY FROM PEOPLE
ENTERING THAT HAVE NOT BEEN
SCREENED.**



MASKS

You are asked to wear a mask entering and exiting the church. You can remove only while in pew.

It is **mandatory** to wear a mask to go for Communion.



Are you or is someone you know, grieving the death of a loved one? If you are, register and join us for our confidential GriefShare sessions starting soon. This is a 13-week program that features videos from Christian experts. You can participate in a group discussion about the video and you can make new friends who understand what you are going through.

This program is designed for those who are grieving the death of a loved one, to transition and learn how to work through your grief and move forward. We ask that you pre-register, so that we can prepare accordingly to be able to follow AHS safety guidelines. Details for the starting date will follow.

To register or for more information about the program, call Karen at 403-487-4893.

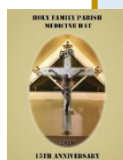
All Men are Welcome

November 7, 2020

8:30 - 9:30am HFP Hall

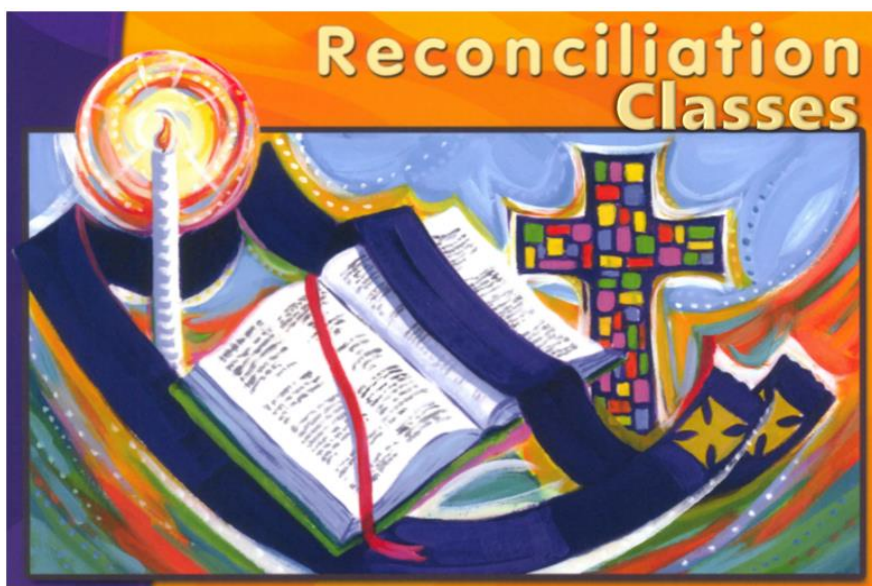
Theme: The Marian Message to the Modern World.

Presenter: Dr. Mark Miravalle



THE 2019 PHOTO DIRECTORIES...

They can be picked up at the office during regular business hours. Monday to Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm (except noon hour)



Kids are in Holy Family Parish Hall & Parents in the Sanctuary of the Church

Thursdays at 6:30pm

November 5th, November 19th & December 3rd, 2020



Please join us for


All Souls Day Mass

Monday, November 2, 2020
Lighting Candles and Laying Flowers 6:30pm
Mass at 7:00pm

Revelation 14:13...And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them."



Mass of the Angels



Tuesday
November 10, 2020 @ 6:30pm

For all the unborn babies, still born babies
and their families

We ask that you bring a living flower with
your family name attached in memory
of your baby to place at the altar.



Nurture Pregnancy Online Auction

Nov 2nd to Nov 4th

48 HOURS TO BID

How to join:

- Join Facebook Group called “Nurture Auction”
- November 2nd at 10 am to November 4th at 10 am bidding times
- Last one to comment before 10 am is a winner!!
- Bidding items from med hat olive tap, boarding house, heartbreaker studios, local, and much more!!!
- More rules and information on Facebook page!!



Solemnity of All Saints – Year A

CALLED TO BE SAINTS

Today we celebrate All Saints Day with great devotion and love. In our Catholic faith and traditions, we have countless saints; some are known to us and we have a devotion to them and some are unknown to us. Each saint has something totally different to offer to us to deepen our faith and spiritual life. They show us how to follow our Saviour in the midst of our sufferings and hardships in life. The title for this reflection I have taken from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (1:7): *To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ*". And from his First Letter to the Corinthians (1:2-3): *"To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ"*.

The journey to sainthood starts with God's presence in our lives as we read in the Book of Genesis 1:2 "the Spirit of God was hovering over the water" and ends with his grace; "The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen" (Revelation 22:21).

St. Bernard places some very important questions before us on this day; "Why should our praise and glorification, or even the celebration of this feast day mean anything to the saints? What do they care about earthly honors when their heavenly Father honors them by fulfilling the faithful promise of the Son? What does our commendation mean to them? The saints have no need of honor from us; neither does our devotion add the slightest thing to what is theirs. Clearly, if we venerate their memory, it serves us, not them. But I tell you, when I think of them, I feel myself inflamed by a tremendous yearning". He answers all the above questions in an inspiring way, saying *"Calling the saints to mind inspires, or rather*

arouses in us, above all else, a longing to enjoy their company, so desirable in itself. We long to share in the citizenship of heaven, to dwell with the spirits of the blessed, to join the assembly of patriarchs, the ranks of the prophets, the council of apostles, the great host of martyrs, the noble company of confessors and the choir of virgins. In short, we long to be united in happiness with all the saints. But our dispositions change. The Church of all the first followers of Christ awaits us, but we do nothing about it. The saints want us to be with them, and we are indifferent. The souls of the just await us, and we ignore them”.

His Holiness, Emeritus Pope Benedict reflecting on this feast day says, “Our Eucharistic celebration opened today with the exhortation "Let us rejoice in the Lord." The liturgy invites us to share the heavenly jubilation of the saints, to taste the joy. The saints are not a restricted caste of elect but a crowd without number toward which, today, the liturgy exhorts us to lift our eyes. Among this multitude are not only the officially recognized saints but the baptized of every age and nation who have sought to accomplish the divine will with love and fidelity. Many are the faces and names we do not know but with the eyes of faith we see them shine like stars full of glory in the divine firmament”.

He continues to reflect “Today the Church celebrates her dignity as "mother of the saints, image of the eternal city" and manifests her beauty as an immaculate bride of Christ, the source and exemplar of all holiness. She does not lack for riotous and indeed rebellious children, but it is in the saints that she recognizes her characteristic traits and precisely in them she savors her deepest joy”.

In the first reading the author of the Book of Revelation describes "a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people and tongue". This people comprises of the saints of the Old Testament, beginning with Abel the just and the patriarch Abraham, and then those of the New Testament, the many martyrs at the beginning of Christianity, the blessed and the saints of the ages that followed, and finally the witnesses of Christ in our own time. What was common to them was the will to incarnate the Gospel in their existence through the impulse of the Holy Spirit, who is the eternal giver of life of the people of God.

St. Bernard, explaining the importance of this day, adds “When we commemorate the saints we are inflamed with another yearning: that Christ our life may also appear to us as he appeared to them and that we may one day share in his glory. Until then we see him, not as he is, but as he became for our sake. He is our head, crowned, not with glory, but with the thorns of our sins. As members of that head, crowned with thorns, we should be ashamed to live in luxury; his purple robes are a mockery rather than an honor. When Christ comes again, his death shall no longer be proclaimed, and we shall know that we also have died, and that our life is hidden with him. The glorious head of the Church will appear, and

his glorified members will shine in splendor with him, when he forms this lowly body anew into such glory as belongs to himself, its head. Therefore, we should aim at attaining this glory with a wholehearted and prudent desire. That we may rightly hope and strive for such blessedness, we must above all seek the prayers of the saints. Thus, what is beyond our own powers to obtain will be granted through their intercession”.

The beatitudes in the Gospel today are a well built and decorated crown for everyone to receive as they journey toward sainthood. The 12 beatitudes are 12 steps to take to be united in the Lord to gain the crown of eternal glory. Just imagine and reflect on the first 12 stations of the cross and then just be focused on the 12th Station. What do we see there is the source and summit of our journey to be saints! There we see Love, Sacrifice and Forgiveness and these three elements have made men and women to march towards sainthood in our Christian faith. St. John Paul II explains the real spirit of being saints in these words *“It is Jesus you seek when you dream of happiness; he is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; he is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is he who provokes you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is he who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is he who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle. It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be grounded down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal.”*

Saints are like stars shining on the land to lead us to Jesus our Saviour; “On that day the Lord their God will save them for they are the flock of his people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land” (Zechariah 9:16). And once we are led to Jesus then as St. Paul says in the 2nd Letter to Timothy 4:8, we are going to receive a crown; “ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing”. St. Peter encourages everyone to work for the crown of glory which will never fade away “And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away”.

Pope Benedict encourages everyone this feast day to “Behold the meaning of today's solemnity: Gazing upon the luminous example of the saints, the great desire to be like the saints is awakened in us; happy to live near to God, in his light, in the great family of the friends of God. Being a saint means living close to God, living in his family. And this is the vocation of all of us, vigorously reaffirmed by the Second Vatican Council, and on this day brought to our attention in a solemn way.

But how can we become saints, friends of God? An initial response to this question is this: To be saints it is not necessarily to perform extraordinary deeds and works, nor is it necessary to possess exceptional charisms. This only tells us what sainthood is not. The positive answer is that to become a saint it is above all necessary to listen to Jesus and then to follow him and not lose heart in the face of difficulties. "If anyone wants to serve me," he says, "he must follow me, and where I am there also is my servant. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him" (John 12:26). Whoever entrusts himself to him and loves him with sincerity, will die to himself as the grain of wheat buried in the earth. He knows in fact that whoever tries to keep his life for himself will lose it and whoever gives his life, in this way, finds life (John 12:24-25). The experience of the Church demonstrates that, although they take different paths, all forms of holiness must always pass through the way of the cross, the way of self-denial.

Holiness demands a constant effort, but it is possible for all since it is not just the work of man but is above all a gift of God, who is



Photo by Fr. Iqbal Khurshid

thrice holy (cf. Isaiah 6:3). In the second reading the Apostle John observes: "See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are" (1 John 3:1). It is God therefore who loved us first and in Jesus he has made us adoptive sons. In our life all is a gift of his love. How is it possible to remain indifferent before so great a mystery? How is it possible to not respond to the love of the heavenly Father by leading a life of ungrateful children?

In Christ he has given himself entirely to us and has called us to a personal and profound relationship with him. Thus, the more we imitate Christ and remain united to him, the more we enter into the mystery of divine holiness. We discover that we are infinitely loved by him and this moves us to love our brothers. Loving always means an act of self-denial, "losing oneself," and it is in this way that we become happy.

To become saints, we must struggle every day as St. Matthew reminds us "Be Perfect as your Heavenly Father is Perfect" and St. Luke adds "Be Merciful as your Heavenly Father is Merciful".

Today as we commemorate all the saints, let us ask their intercession to help us to strive to gain the crown of eternal glory so that our names may be written in the Book of Eternal Life. All holy men and women pray for us. Amen

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TELUS OPTIK TV CHANNEL 876

Two more parishes are live-streaming their Sunday Mass to TELUS Optik TV Channel 876. Kindly share this schedule with your parishioners, especially the elderly who may prefer to watch the Mass on TV. Note that this is only available to TELUS Optik subscribers. The updated schedule:

- **Sunday Masses**

- Saturday at 5 pm (English) with Fr. Bob Dielissen - **NEW**
- Sunday at 10:30 am (English) with Fr. Edmund Vargas - **NEW**
- Sunday at Noon (Portuguese) with Fr. Fabio DeSouza
- Sunday at 5 pm (English) with Fr. Marek Paczka, SDS

- **Weekday Mass** on Wednesday at 6 pm (Bilingual, Portuguese & English) with Fr. Fabio DeSouza

- **Daily Rosary** (Bilingual, Portuguese & English) with Fr. Fabio DeSouza

- [Download OPTIK TV Channel 876 new schedule](#)

For more Livestreams, visit
CATHOLICYC.CA/LIVESTREAMMASS

SCHEDULE


▶ **MONDAY TO FRIDAY**
6 pm - Rosary
(WEDNESDAY - ROSARY AND MASS)
BILINGUAL: PORTUGUESE & ENGLISH
OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, CALGARY

▶ **SATURDAY**
5 pm - Anticipated Sunday Mass
ST. PAUL'S PARISH, AIRDRIE


▶ **SUNDAY**
10:30 am - Sunday Mass
ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH, CALGARY

Noon - Sunday Mass
OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, CALGARY
IN PORTUGUESE

5 pm - Sunday Mass
ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, CALGARY



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE
of Calgary

THANK YOU  **TELUS**
FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE!

EMAIL SCAM

Several reports of email scams have been brought to our attention. The emails have been written in a compelling way that the email addresses of the senders were not visually verified and responses were sent. Perhaps this is a reminder that when someone you know asks you to email them back and sounding desperate to perhaps check the sender's email address. The scammers have become more intelligent in acquiring the tone of how we write as clergy.

ONLINE GIVING

Our parish relies on our regular offertory giving for maintenance and growth. By making your pre-authorized offertory gift, you are providing crucial support to care for your parish during this difficult time. You can also use the online giving page on the diocesan website to set up a one-time or recurring donation to your parish via credit-card. Funds donated will be transferred to the selected parish. Give now at <https://www.catholicyyc.ca/give> [or contact your Parish to set up a direct debit deposit].



FAITHFULLY - OCTOBER EDITION

Faithfully August Edition "[From the farm to your table](#)" is now available online!

Highlights: Two Catholic farmers in our Diocese, Bob Bateman and Kyle Gouw, talk to *Faithfully* about gratitude and the joy of working God's land. *Faithfully* also features Bishop McGrattan's message "The Laity Vocation and Mission in the World", Our Lady of Peace Mission Cairn Site, and beautiful artwork from the Sacred Arts Guild of Alberta. Don't miss the special highlight on our priest jubilarians and faith-in-action stories from our communities.

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 - Get Faithfully in your inbox: <https://subscribepage.com/faithfully>
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LINKS

- [News.CalgaryDiocese.ca](https://www.catholicyyc.ca/news) | Announcements from the Diocese of Calgary
- [Events.CalgaryDiocese.ca](https://www.catholicyyc.ca/events) | Diocesan events and registrations

- Blog.CalgaryDiocese.ca | Catholic Pastoral Centre Blog
- Careers.CalgaryDiocese.ca | Employment opportunities in the Diocese of Calgary
- Connect to the Diocesan [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#)
- To share with parishioners:
 - [Sacraments & Liturgies](#)
 - [Spiritual Resources](#)
 - [Sacrament Preparation](#)
 - [Online Formation Opportunity](#)



Catholic Education Sunday

Please find more materials for Catholic Education Sunday, November 8, 2020:

- **NEW!** Download **Prayer Intentions** for Catholic Education Sunday ([MS Word](#))
- GRaCE Catholic Education Sunday newsletter ([PDF](#))
- Parishes: please use the **REVISED poster** from Calgary Catholic Education Foundation. The old poster has the wrong date (Nov. 1). [Download here](#)
- Other resources: [Letter from Alberta & NWT Bishops](#) | [Novena for Catholic Education](#)

Influenza & COVID-19 Updates

As the Influenza season is upon us while we continue to prevent the spread of COVID-19, we would like to ask you to please do the following:


- “The Diocese of Calgary strongly recommends to the faithful to, as much as possible, continue to wear the mask while seated in the pews during the Mass. This will help better protect one another in preventing the transmission of the flu and COVID-19. However, exemptions under the municipal bylaws will continue to be respected without requiring proof of eligibility. This gesture of wearing the mask is a sign of charity and concern for each other’s health. Please see the new poster in the church which highlights a number of health and safety measures to help prevent the spread of the flu and COVID-19. Thank you for your cooperation.”

Covid & The Call to Faith


COVID & THE
Call to Faith

Week 6


Healthy
use of
information
technologies




Panelists




Mr. Lincoln Ho




Mr. Tim Spellisey




Rev. Feroz Fernandes



Ms. Chelsea Marshall



Constable Tuyen Nguyen



WEEK 6: Healthy use of information technologies

Throughout the pandemic, we learned new communications skills and employed multiple platforms to stay connected with one another.

- Watch Panel Discussion: <https://grandinmedia.ca/bishops-reflections-on-covid/>
- Download Weekly Reflection (PDF) [here](#)
- Social Media images here: [Cover](#) | [Reflection](#) | [Panel Discussion](#)

Parishioners and all viewers are invited to respond to the prepared reflection questions or otherwise to send thoughts/comments to communications@calgarydiocese.ca

Events & Resources

1. Solemnity of All Saints - Bulletin Shorts, free to use

[Mass Readings](#) | **Saints Next Door.** It can be easy to view the beatitudes as impossible goals for Kingdom of Heaven living. But they are not just dreams and hopes; they are norms, achievable standards of right behaviours for baptized disciples. The second reading helps us grasp this. We are children of God not by blood or birth or desire. We are God's children by baptismal rebirth, by God's good choice. We constantly look, at Pope Francis' urging, for the saint next door. We constantly try to be one, too.

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2. Wanted: Executive Assistant for Martha Retreat Centre, Lethbridge

Martha Retreat Centre is seeking a candidate to fill the position of Executive Assistant. The candidate will work as a part of a team, including staff, volunteers, and the Executive Director to advance the Martha Retreat Centre's Strategic Plan. This individual is responsible to provide direct administrative and office management support, reception, and hospitality services as well as additional tasks as required to assist with the daily operations of the Centre. For more information, visit

<https://www.catholiccyyc.ca/careers.html>

3. Calgary Alliance for Common Good upcoming events

The Calgary Alliance for the Common Good invites you to their upcoming events:

- **Fall Assembly**, highlighting collective actions taking place in our effort to maintain a compassionate and fair city in which every person

can live with dignity. When: Oct. 29 at 7pm via Zoom. [More information](#)

- **How to use social media effectively for public life**, with speaker Alex Middleton and Annelise Klingbeil from Champion Communications. When: Nov. 5 at 7 pm via Zoom. [More information](#)
- **Foundations for community organizing training**. This event will provide participants with skills to engage their communities using practices developed by Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF). When: Nov. 16, via online conference. [More information](#)

4. ***A Dram with Friends with Sean Lynn***

Sean Lynn from God Squad Canada has been busy with his new vlog ministry "A Dram with Friend". Check out his latest videos:

- [A Dram with Bishop McGrattan](#) - Listen to the Bishop as he encourages us with words of hope during the pandemic and his exhortation to return to Mass.
- [A Dram with Mike MacDonald](#) - Mike MacDonald has been working in Mexico since the early 80's and is currently the boots on the ground for Mission Mexico.
- [A Dram with Fr. Fred Monk](#) - Fr. Fred Monk is a retired priest from the Diocese of Calgary who was recently bestowed the Meritorious Service Medal for his work of founding Mission Mexico.

5. ***A Retreat for Advent "Inner Peace in Darkness and Light"***

CASEA (Calgary Association of Spiritual Exercises Apostolate) invites you to a special Advent Retreat consisting of four weeks of prayer (20-40 minutes per day, 5 days per week) and five Sunday evening Zoom meetings. Access to a Computer and Wifi are required. Attendees will also be required to purchase a book, available through Amazon. Registration is limited to 10 participants and closes on November 13. To register, email ghislainesgems@shaw.ca

6. ***Study the Bible LIVE with Jeff Cavins***

Jeff Cavins is going LIVE on Facebook to discuss each session of the Bible study [Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible](#). The LIVE sessions are free and open to anyone who wants to view them. Workbooks are highly recommended for participants to gain the most from each session, but are not required. [Get reminder email](#)

7. ***Rejoice! LIVE with Fr. Mark Touns, an Advent online event***

Join Fr. Touns LIVE on Ascension's YouTube page to share in the beautiful tradition of the Advent wreath. We'll pray, light our wreaths, unpack the Sunday Scripture reading, and prepare our hearts for the coming week of Advent. The LIVE sessions are free and open for anyone to view them. The *Rejoice! Advent Meditations with the Holy Family Journal* and [Advent Prayer Card Set Bundle](#) is recommended for participants to get the most

from each session, but are not required. When: **Sunday Nov. 29 at 6 PM** (all Sundays of Advent) [More info](#)

8. How Sts. Louis and Zélie Martin lived their single life before they met?

Louis and Zélie Martin were not always the saintly married couple we know today. They were single for a relatively long time before they met, at least by the standards of the time. These two saints have long been considered an example to married couples, but have a lot to teach single people as well.

[Read more](#)

9. Why miscarriage can be a sorrow for children too

All loss can have consequences for the lives of the children who have been touched by it. Older siblings who have lost a baby brother or sister before it was born do not escape this grief. Corrine Charroy, a clinical psychologist, has studied the consequences of miscarriage for children who were born before the miscarriage happened and also for those who were born later.

[Read more](#)

10. Loving someone with an alcohol addiction

The stigma of addiction is real. It is the great barrier to many people finding hope and help. Jean Heaton shares her story about loving loved ones who struggle with substance abuse. "If you haven't been touched by this disease, learn what you can so that you can understand the disease of addiction. It is important that we demystify this disease and humanize those who suffer from it." [Read more](#)

11. Holy Curiosity: Discovering your temperament

In this episode, the *Abiding Together* team talk about the importance of growing in self awareness and understanding our temperament and personality traits. Understanding the temperament can help us see our tendencies, areas we need to grow, and how to embrace those who are different from us. Learn the pitfalls in personality tests that turn into excuses for bad behaviour, or labels that don't allow for grace and the power of God to change us and restore our brokenness. Read more or [Listen to podcast](#)



Los Angeles RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS

Many people from our parish attend this conference every year in Los Angeles. Because of COVID 19 this year it is being offered online. It is only \$35. US. and offers so many interesting topics and speakers. Online at www.RECongress.org

RECongress 2021

RECongress Dates

February 18-21, 2021

2021 RECongress Theme

Proclaim the Promise! /
¡Proclama la Promesa! /
Tuyên Xưng Lời Giao Ước!

2021 RECongress Pricing

The registration fee for the four days of RECongress -- Thursday, Feb. 18 through Sunday, Feb. 21 -- is \$35.

2021 Location

Since 1970, you have had to travel to the Anaheim Convention Center to attend RECongress. Now that our upcoming event will be virtual, you can attend right from home or work!

What is RECongress?

Begun as an Institute in 1956, our first event was held at Mount Carmel High School in Los Angeles. There were some 500 teachers and catechists in attendance at the two-day conference. Our last gathering brought together 30,000 over a four-day event.

Director's Welcome

See the welcome by Sr. Rosalia Meza, Director of the Office of Religious Education.

[See it here »](#)

Theme Reflection

Read a reflection on the theme and the artwork created by artist Val MacRae.

[Read it here »](#)

REC Milestones

1956 - first two-day CCD Institute (500 teachers in attendance)

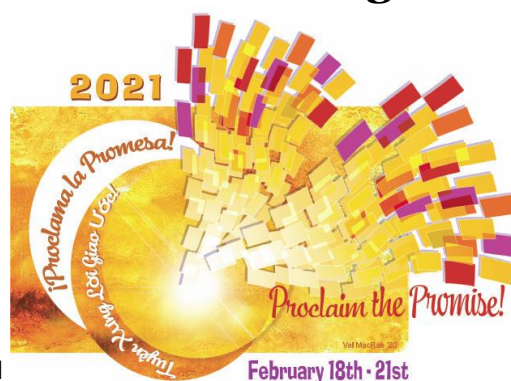
1967 - the first three-day "Southern California Confraternity

First Glance at Virtual RECongress

RECongress 2021 begins on Thursday, February 18 and concludes on Sunday, February 21, 2021.

For a registration fee of \$35, you will experience:

- Keynote Presenters
- Dynamic Workshops
- Entertainment
- Sacred Space
- Intercultural Prayer Experience
- Youth Track on Friday and Saturday from 2-5pm



Youth Day Turns 50!

For the last 49 years, Youth Day has kicked off the RECongress weekend, gathering over 13,000 teens together to connect and share their faith. **This year, teens will have the opportunity to be part of the entire virtual weekend!**

Teens from around the Los Angeles Archdiocese and beyond have embraced the theme – **Proclaim the Promise!** – and encourage us all to remember that God's covenant remains even through the chaos. The youth have been working very hard to create a space for young people by young people. They are inspired to share their faith with YOU!

We look forward to welcoming high school-aged youth to our 2021 *virtual* Los Angeles Religious Education Congress.

Primer vistazo RECongress 2021

RECongress 2021 comienza el jueves 18 de febrero y termina el domingo 21 de febrero de 2021.

Una cuota de registro de \$35 te dará acceso a:

- Presentadores principales
- Talleres dinámicos
- Entretenimiento
- Espacio sagrado
- Una experiencia de oración intercultural
- El programa para jóvenes

el viernes y sábado de 2-5 pm.



¡El Día de Juventud cumple 50 años!

Durante los últimos 49 años, el Día de la Juventud ha comenzado el fin de semana del RECongress, reuniendo a más de 13,000 adolescentes para que se encuentren y compartan su fe. **¡Este año, los adolescentes tendrán la oportunidad de ser parte de todo el fin de semana virtual!**

Jóvenes de todas partes de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles han adoptado el tema – **¡Proclama la Promesa!** – y nos inspiran a todos a recordar que la alianza de Dios permanece incluso durante el caos. Los jóvenes han estado trabajando muy duro para crear un espacio que sea para los jóvenes y creado por los jóvenes. ¡Están motivados a compartir su fe CONTIGO!

Esperamos darles la bienvenida a los jóvenes en edad de high school a nuestro Congreso *virtual* de Educación Religiosa de Los Ángeles 2021. Saluda a algunos de nuestros conferencistas del RECongress 2021.

Congress " held with 7,000 in attendance

1970 - CCD Congress moves from Los Angeles to Anaheim Convention Center

1973 - first "Religious Education Congress" as CCD office renamed to Office of Religious Education

2021 - RECongress goes virtual
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Meet Some of Our 2021 Speakers



Katherine Angulo

(workshop presenter in Spanish)

Katherine is the Program Director of the Thriving in Ministry Initiative at the McGrath Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana.



Rev. Gregory Boyle, SJ

(workshop presenter in English)

Fr. Greg is founder and Director of Homeboy Industries, the world's largest gang-intervention and rehabilitation program based in Los Angeles, and former Pastor of Dolores Mission Church in Los Angeles.



Maggie Craig

(workshop presenter in the Youth Track)

Maggie is a full-time Catholic speaker and retreat leader.

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Donna is a
author and



Donna A. Heckler

presenter in English)

global marketing executive, Catholic speaker, strategist.



Sr. Bich Quyen Thi Ly

(workshop presenter in Vietnamese)

Sr. Thi Ly serves as a member of the General Council for the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions in Rome, Italy.



Hosffman Ospino, PhD

(workshop presenter in Spanish)

Dr. Ospino is Professor of Pastoral Theology and Religious Education at Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry, and serves as Director of Graduate Programs in Hispanic Ministry.

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Spiritual Centre of Peace, Healing and Prayer

Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre is nestled in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains where are all welcome in the name of Christ. The Franciscan Friars of Canada, inspired by the vision and example of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi, have served here since 1949.

We offer silent retreats and spiritual direction. We also serve those in the 12 Step Program through weekend and evening Serenity retreats. We listen to 5th steps. We host groups and individuals seeking a place of quiet and stillness in an often hectic world. We can accommodate up to 50 people (46 rooms/50 beds). We have one large and one small meeting room, a library and chapel. We can accommodate most dietary restrictions. There are approximately 500 acres to explore.

Our retreats are organized through a group of dedicated volunteer Captains that oversee the registration. Please see our retreats page for more information.

We have strong ties with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary; other Christian Churches, schools and organizations; as well as others not affiliated with any particular faith but who are in accord with our mission of peace, healing and prayer. We value the many loyal friends and benefactors that have supported us in our ministry for over 70 years.

Advent 2020 at Mount St. Francis

Twilight Retreat - Prepare the Way

Wednesday, November 25

6:00 pm (Supper at 6:30 pm)

\$30

Advent Retreat - Wonder's of God's Love

Friday, December 4 – Sunday, December 6

Register with Linda & Russ @ 403-932-1804 or lindamnicol50@gmail.com

\$195

Each Advent Season the air is filled with Christmas carols which constantly fast forwards the season to the Feast of Christmas. Rather than fast forwarding the season, this retreat has taken the theme “Wonders of God’s Love” from a much-loved Christmas carol to anchor us in Advent. This retreat invites you to stay in the waiting of Advent while reflecting on the gifts of love, wonder and awe.

Presenters:

Christa Hesselink is a well-respected keynote speaker, workshop facilitator, retreat leader and certified spiritual director. She is the founder of SoulPlay. She holds a Master’s of Leadership, and a Master’s of Theology degree. Due to COVID-19, Christa will not be traveling from Ontario to be onsite at Mount St. Francis but will join us virtually to help guide the retreat.

Br. Michael Perras, ofm is part of the Retreat Team at Mount St. Francis. He has presented retreats for various age groups and settings and is a certified spiritual director. He holds a Bachelor’s of Theology Degree and certificates in Youth Ministry and Lay Ministry.

Day Away - The Price and Promise of the Gospel

Wednesday, December 9

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

\$30 (\$40 for private room)

Winter Stillness Retreat

Friday, December 11 – Sunday, December 13

A quiet weekend to be still in the silence during the season of Advent.

\$195

Twilight Retreat: O Come O Come Emmanuel

Tuesday, December 15

6:00 pm (Supper at 6:30 pm)

\$30

To Register for any of these Advent Retreats contact Deb at 403-932-2012

Monday-Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Greccio: A St. Francis Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 6

Check our website for updated information on this year’s virtual event.