



# Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

NOVEMBER 15, 2020 – 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**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

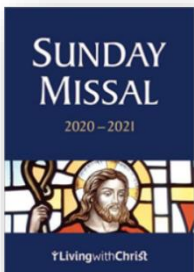
Vi Sheridan - 403-526-9091



Knights of Columbus

Ron Pisoni - 403-526-1848

The New Missals or in the Foyer for you to purchase. The price jump is because of shipping.



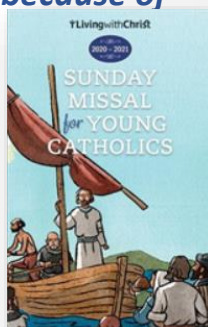
Adult Missal

\$7.00

&

Youth Missal

\$11.00



Honor System so please have the right amount of cash to put in the box... Thank You!!!

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

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG6zK-XzuXdDHj79rV6ut\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG6zK-XzuXdDHj79rV6ut_Q)



## OPERATING FINANCES

November 5, 2020

Operating Budget 2020	\$ 15,000
General Envelope Collection	\$ 7,723
Loose Collections	\$ 40
Future Development	\$ 600
Sale of Church Supplies	\$ 540
Youth Ministry	\$ 190
<b>SHORTFALL</b>	<b>-\$ 5,907</b>

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 341
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 842
Catholic Education Sunday	\$ 40

2020 TIA GOAL – \$71,214

TO DATE \$ 37,677 = 53% OF THE WAY

*Thank You for your Generous Contributions*

† Masses Intentions †

† November 14 - 20 †

**Saturday, November 14**

5:00pm – Ed Matsalla †

**Sunday, November 15**

8:30 am – Holy Family Parish

10:30am – Judy Henwood

6:00pm – John & Maureen Royle

**Monday, November 16**

9:00am – Scholastica Hammel †

**Tuesday, November 17**

9:00am – Reuben Steinkey †

**Wednesday, November 18**

9:00am – Amanda & Patrick Wallace

**Thursday, November 19**

9:00am – Sophie Dumanowski †

**Friday, November 20**

9:00am – Sherry & Henry Curtis

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A Sunday, November 15, 2020

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Proverbs 31.10-13,16-18,20,26,28-31++**

*She works with willing hands.*

**Responsorial Psalm –Ps 128.1-5 (R.5)**

*R. Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5.1-6**

*Do not let the day of the Lord surprise you like a thief.*

**Gospel – Matthew 25.14-30**

*You have been trustworthy in a few things. I will put you in charge of many things.*

## TALENTS GIVEN; TALENTS RETURNED.

One more Kingdom of Heaven parable today. God gives in the great hope that these treasures, these talents, these baptismal charisms will bear fruit. God's gifts are not for burying or hiding in safety. They are to be risked, to be used for the benefit of both self and others. When that happens, God says: "Well done. Come share my joy."

✠ What gifts of God must I unbury and put to use?

✠ How will I serve God this week by serving another?

✠ What action will I do that prompts God to say: "Well done"?

Friday, November 27 6:00-7:00pm

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Hope in the Times of Pandemic

Fr. Rodel Abanto

Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:00pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Why Peace is Important for our  
Families, Society and World

Fr. Roque Pereira

Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:00pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Joy Changes our Perspective of Life

Fr. Iqbal Khurshid

Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 6:00-

7:00pm

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

God's Love is Completed in  
the Manger

Deacon Robert Risling

Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

6:00-7:00pm

Nativity of Jesus

Word Became Flesh and  
Dwelt Among Us

Fr. Roque Pereira

At Holy  
Family  
Parish

Talks will be  
live streamed  
or you may  
attend in  
person. With

Covid

Restrictions.

ADVENT  
MISSION TALKS





## 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.

All Men are Welcome

November 21, 2020

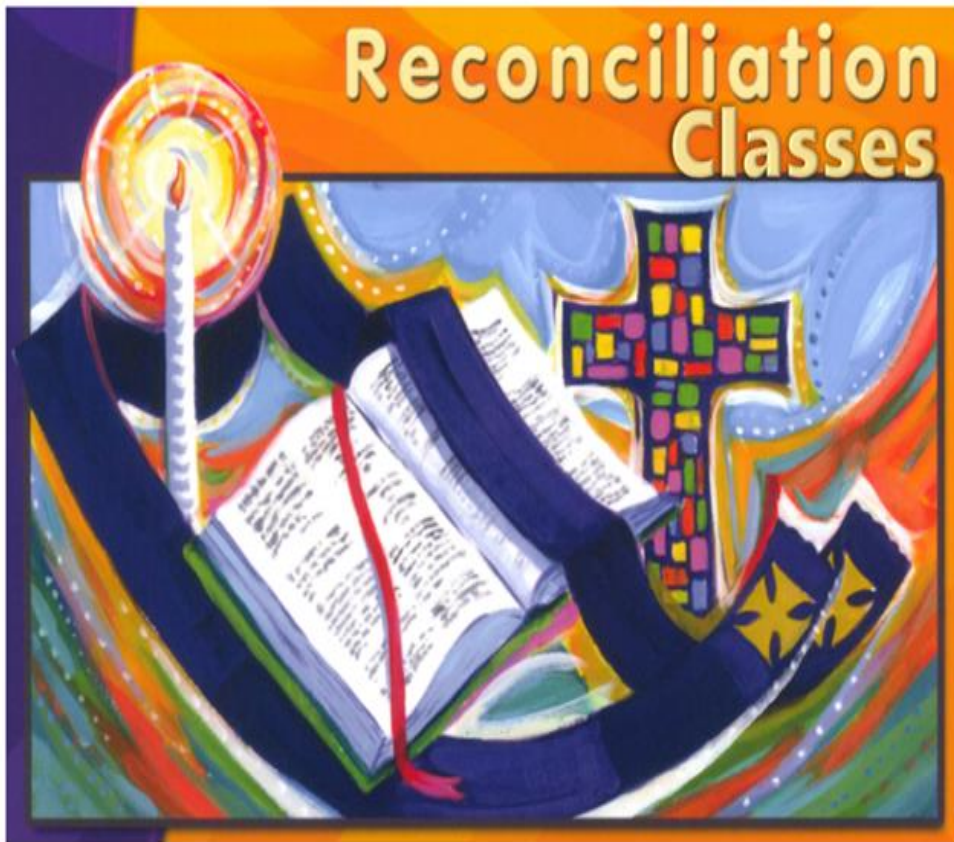
8:30 - 9:30am HFP Hall

Theme: From Protestant Pastor to Catholic Professor

Presenter: Dr. Mark Bergsma



Thank You to everyone  
who volunteered their  
time and all the  
participants in this  
years Mass of the  
Angels. You made it  
the beautiful success  
that it was!



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

Thursdays at 6:30pm

November 19<sup>th</sup> & December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

**In light of the increase in the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19, the Diocese of Calgary mandates the following gathering restrictions in all parishes effective immediately.**

## **Masses**

The total maximum attendance allowed for Mass is limited to 1/3 of regular pre-COVID capacity or less if required for proper physical distancing. While the current maximum occupancy in churches are most likely already in compliance, we ask that parishes check and verify.

## **Weddings and Funerals**

The total maximum attendance allowed for the congregation including clergy and anyone else involved in the celebration is no more than 50 persons, or fewer if required for proper physical distancing.

## **Baptisms**

The total maximum attendance allowed for the congregation including clergy and anyone else involved in the celebration is no more than 15 persons, or fewer if required for proper physical distancing.

Each celebration of baptism will be limited to one child or the children of the family/household. If godparents do not belong to the family's cohort, we strongly recommend proper physical distancing be observed at all times.

## **Essential In-Person Meetings**

The total maximum attendance for essential in-person meetings in parish halls and meeting rooms is no more than 15 persons, or fewer if required for proper physical distancing.

The Diocese continues to encourage virtual meetings especially under current conditions.

Social gatherings are not allowed in parishes at this time.

## **We also adhere to the following restrictions from Alberta Health Services.**

- No social gatherings inside your home or outside of your community. Instead, socialize outdoors or in structured settings, like restaurants or other business that are subject to legal limits and take steps to prevent transmission.
- 15-person limit on social and family gatherings – indoors and outdoors – where people are mixing and mingling.
- Limit of 3 cohorts: your core household, your school, and one other sport or social cohort. Young children who attend child care can be part of 4 cohorts.
- Wear a mask in all indoor work settings, except when alone in a workspace or an appropriate barrier is in place.
- Employers in office settings to implement strategies to reduce the number of employees in the workplace at one time.

# **“My Soul Still Dances: Living With Parkinson’s”**

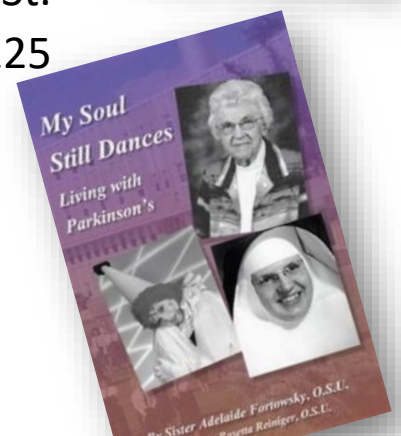
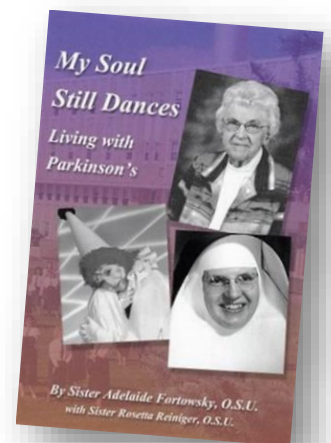
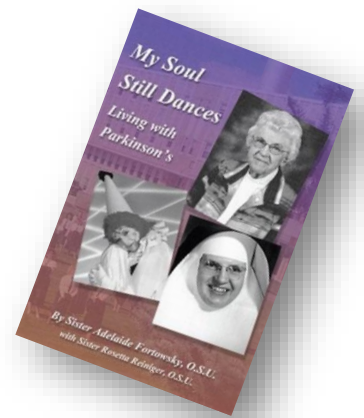
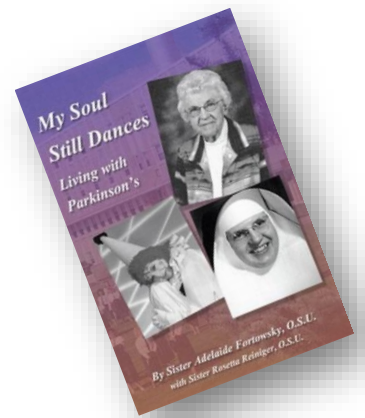
by Sister Adelaide Fortowsky

“Please, God, help the Parkinson’s people to keep faith and go on. I accept, Lord. Give me the strength to go on.” So wrote Sister Adelaide Fortowsky in her diary in 2009. Sister Adelaide was an Ursuline Sister of Prelate who taught school for many years. She contracted Parkinson’s in late 1990’s. She kept a diary wanting to let others, especially family, caregivers, and friends, know what Parkinson’s is like and that their loved ones “suffering from Parkinson’s are still treasured and able to reach out to others in prayer and love”. Sister Adelaide found herself growing closer to God and more sympathetic to others. She notes that while the disease diminishes all that you are, it can’t rob you of who you are.

As time went on, she felt called to share her Parkinson’s story with others so we, the Ursuline Sisters, honored her wish and published her diary in the book “My Soul Still Dances: Living with Parkinson’s”

Sister Adelaide died in July, 2016.

Price: \$19.95 includes shipping. If you wish a copy, please make cheque payable to: “Ursulines of St. Angela’s Convent.” Mail to: Sister Rosetta Reiniger; 125 Cree Crescent; Saskatoon, SK. S7K 7J1







## 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

### ILLOGICAL WISDOM

There is an old Chinese tale about a woman whose only son died. In her grief, she went to the holy man and asked, "What prayers, what magical incantations do you have to bring my son back to life?"

Instead of sending her away or reasoning with her, he said to her, "Fetch me a mustard seed from a home that has never known sorrow. We will use it to drive the sorrow out of your life." The woman went off at once in search of that magical mustard seed.

She came first to a splendid mansion, knocked at the door, and said, "I am looking for a home that has never known sorrow. Is this such a place? It is very important to me."

They told her, "You've certainly come to the wrong place," and began to describe all the tragic things that recently had befallen them.

The woman said to herself, "Who is better able to help these poor, unfortunate people than I, who have had misfortune of my own?"

She stayed to comfort them, then went on in search of a home that had never known sorrow. But wherever she turned, in hotels and in other places, she found one tale after another of sadness and misfortune.

The woman became so involved in helping others cope with their sorrows that she eventually let go of her own. She would later come to understand that it was the quest to find the magical mustard seed that drove away her suffering. On human level monk's suggestion to the woman was illogical wisdom but the logic was behind on the spiritual level which made that woman to understand her grief and come out to help others.

We see the same illogical wisdom in the Readings today as we reflect on the attribute of the woman who is a wise wife and manages her home and family well. She is kind, caring

and generous but nothing is mentioned about the husband. Again, in our human thinking and many do question why only the woman is asked to be wise and care about her husband? However, in this great illogical wisdom, a great mystery is hidden; wisdom is to discern our call to whatever the way of life we are living in.

We have the joy of breaking the bread of God's Word, and shortly, we will have the joy of breaking and receiving the Bread of the Eucharist, food for life's eternal journey. Everyday we have the pleasure to experience the love, mercy, and forgiveness of the Lord in the Holy Eucharist. All of us, none excluded, need this, for all of us are beggars when it comes to what is essential: God's love, which gives meaning to our lives and a life without end. So today too, we lift our hands to him, asking to receive his gifts and very especially the gift of wisdom to discern our call to discipleship.

The Gospel parable speaks of gifts. It tells us that we have received talents from God, "according to ability of each". Before all else, let us realize this: we do have talents; in God's eyes, we are "talented". St. Paul reminds all of us with these words "But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us." Consequently, no one can think that he or she is useless, so poor as to be incapable of giving something to others. We are chosen and blessed by God, who wants to fill us with his gifts, more than any father or mother does with their own children. And God, in whose eyes no child can be neglected, entrusts to each of us a mission. "Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God" as St. Paul writes to us in his 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter to the Corinthians.

Indeed, as the loving and demanding Father that he is, he gives us responsibility. In the parable, we see that each servant is given talents to use wisely. But whereas the first two servants do what they are charged, the third does not make his talents bear fruit; he gives back only what he had received. "I was afraid – he says – and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours". As a result, he is harshly rebuked as "wicked and lazy". What made the Master displeased with him? To use a word that may sound a little old-fashioned but is still timely, I would say it was his omission. His evil was that of failing to do good. All too often, we have the idea that we have not done anything wrong, and so we rest content, presuming that we are good and just. But in this way, we risk acting like the unworthy servant: he did no wrong, he did not waste the talent, in fact he kept it carefully hidden in the ground. But to do no wrong is not enough. God is not an inspector looking for unstamped tickets; he is a Father looking for children to whom he can entrust his property and his plans. It is sad when the Father of love does not receive a generous response of love from his children, who do no more than keep the rules and follow the commandments, like hired hands in the house of the Father (Lk 15:17).



The unworthy servant, despite receiving a talent from the Master who loves to share and multiply his gifts, guarded it jealously; he was content to keep it safe. But someone concerned only to preserve and maintain the treasures of the past is not being faithful to God. Instead, the parable tells us, the one who adds new talents is truly “faithful” (vv. 21 and 23), because he sees things as God does; he does not stand still, but instead, out of love, takes risks. He puts his life on the line for others; he is not content to keep things as they are.

The parable of the talents makes us think about the relationship between how we use the gifts we have received from God and his return, when he will ask us what use we made of them. We are well acquainted with the parable: before his departure, the master gives a few talents to each of his servants to ensure that they will be put to good use during his absence. He gives five to the first servant, two to the second one and one to the third. In the period of their master’s absence, the first two servants increase their talents — these are ancient coins — whereas the third servant prefers to bury his and to return it to his master as it was.

On his return, the master judges what they have done: he praises the first two while he throws the third one out into the outer darkness because, through fear, he had hidden his talent, withdrawing into himself. A Christian who withdraws into himself, who hides everything that the Lord has given him, is a Christian who... he is not a Christian! He is a Christian who does not thank God for everything God has given him!

We have received talents from God, “according to ability of each”. Before all else, let us realize this: we do have talents; in God’s eyes, we are “talented”. Consequently, no one can think that he or she is useless, so poor as to be incapable of giving something to others. We are chosen and blessed by God, who wants to fill us with his gifts, more than any father or mother does with their own children. And God, in whose eyes no child can be neglected, entrusts to each of us a mission.

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does not stand still, but instead, out of love, takes risks. He puts his life on the line for others; he is not content to keep things as they are.

God greatly appreciates the attitude described in today's first reading that of the "good wife", who "opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy". Here we see true goodness and strength: not in closed fists and crossed arms, but in ready hands outstretched to the poor, to the wounded flesh of the Lord.

In the Gospel Wisdom of the master seems illogical but he trusted everyone even he knew one of them is stubborn and lazy. The master in the parable represents Jesus, we are the servants, and the talents are the inheritance that the Lord entrusts to us. What is the inheritance? His Word, the Eucharist, faith in the Heavenly Father, his forgiveness..., in other words, so many things, his most precious treasures. This is the inheritance that He entrusts to us, not only to safeguard, but to make fruitful!

While in common usage the term "talent" indicates a pronounced individual quality, for example talent in music, in sport, and so on, in the parable, talent represent the riches of the Lord, which He entrusts to us so that we make them bear fruit. The hole dug into the soil by the "wicked and slothful servant" points to the fear of risk which blocks creativity and the fruitfulness of love, because the fear of the risks of love stop us. Jesus does not ask us to store his grace in a safe! Jesus does not ask us for this, but He wants us to use it to benefit others. All the goods that we have received are to give to others, and thus they increase, as if He were to tell us: "Here is my mercy, my tenderness, my forgiveness: take them and make ample use of them". And what have we done with them? Whom have we "infected" with our faith? How many people have we encouraged with our hope? How much love have we shared with our neighbour? These are questions that will do us good to ask ourselves. Any environment, even the furthest and most impractical, can become a place where our talents can bear fruit. There are no situations or places precluded from the Christian presence and witness. The witness which Jesus asks of us is not closed, but is open, it is in our hands.

Moreover, the Lord does not give the same things to everyone in the same way: He knows us personally and entrusts us with what is right for us; but in everyone, in all, there is something equal: the same, immense trust. God trusts us, God has hope in us! And this is the same for everyone. Let us not disappoint Him! Let us not be misled by fear but let us reciprocate trust with trust! Sometimes things may look illogical in our day to day life, but we keep our eyes, minds and hearts open we can achieve great satisfaction in the Lord.

There was a young woman who took great pride in the growth and care of the flowers in her flower garden. She had been raised by her grandmother who taught her to love and care for flowers as she herself had done. So, like her grandmother, her flower garden was second to none.

One day while looking through a flower catalogue she often ordered from, a picture of a plant immediately caught her eye. She had never seen blooms on a flower like that before. "I have to have it," she said to herself, and she immediately ordered it.

When it arrived, she already had a place prepared to plant it. She planted it at the base of a stone wall at the back of her yard. It grew vigorously, with beautiful green leaves all over it, but there were no blooms. Day after day she continued to cultivate it, water it, feed it, and she even talked to it attempting to coax it to bloom. But it was to no avail.

One morning weeks later, as she stood before the vine, she contemplated how disappointed she was that her plant had not bloomed. She was giving considerable thought to cutting it down and planting something else in its place.

It was at this point that her invalid neighbor, whose lot joined hers, called over to her. "Thank you so much! You can't imagine how much I have enjoyed the blooms of that vine you planted." The young woman walked through the gate into her neighbor's yard, and sure enough, she saw that on the other side of the wall the vine was filled with blooms.

There were indeed the most beautiful blooms she had ever seen. The vine had crept through the crevices and it had not flowered on her side of the fence, it had flowered luxuriantly on the other side. Just because you cannot see the good result of your labour does not mean that it bore no fruit.





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## LIVESTREAM

Full schedule of Parish Livestream Masses in the Diocese of Calgary is available at: <https://www.catholicyc.ca>.

You can also watch parish Sunday Masses via TELUS Optik TV Ch. 876 (choose Diocese of Calgary tile logo). For other online Masses, visit [Salt+Light TV](#), [Shalom World TV](#), [EWTN](#) and [Vision TV](#).

### Sunday 10:30am Mass

### Medicine Hat Holy Family Church Live Stream

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG6zK-XzuXdDHj79rV6ut\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG6zK-XzuXdDHj79rV6ut_Q)



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!

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## 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.

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## 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 November's Edition is out

November edition of Faithfully is out! This month Faithfully highlights the hope found in Christ's redemption as we remember the souls of our departed beloved ones. Read an important message from Bishop McGrattan about the two important legislative matters (Bill C-6 & C07) and what the Bishops of Canada urge you to do, so that we can make a difference.

Also highlighted in this edition: stories from two teachers on the importance of Catholic Education, the joy of volunteering, and an insight on caring and serving our children well. Two highlighted events in November: Field of Crosses Memorial Park (Nov. 10 & 11) and the Memorial Liturgy for those mourning the loss of a child through miscarriage or stillbirth.

[Read November edition of Faithfully online](#)

<https://subscribepage.com/faithfully>

## LINKS

- [News.CalgaryDiocese.ca](http://News.CalgaryDiocese.ca) | Announcements from the Diocese of Calgary
- [Events.CalgaryDiocese.ca](http://Events.CalgaryDiocese.ca) | Diocesan events and registrations
- [Blog.CalgaryDiocese.ca](http://Blog.CalgaryDiocese.ca) | Catholic Pastoral Centre Blog
- [Careers.CalgaryDiocese.ca](http://Careers.CalgaryDiocese.ca) | Employment opportunities in the Diocese of Calgary
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- To share with parishioners:
  - [Sacraments & Liturgies](#)
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## I am Blessed 2020

The 2020 [I am Blessed](https://iamblessed.ca) campaign has started and will conclude on Sunday, January 6, at the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Find these highlights in [iamblessed.ca](https://iamblessed.ca) campaign website:

1. [PRAY NOW](#) - Supporting others with prayer by praying in solidarity with them; ideas on what prayers to pray and what to do if others ask to pray for them.
2. [ACT NOW](#) - Offering tips on how to be a good friend especially to those who are in need; getting familiar with services available in our midst as we may need to lead others to seek help.
3. [GIVE NOW](#) - Assisting parishioners to support parishes directly via online donation
4. [RESOURCES](#) - Providing promotional materials and customized templates for parishes, schools and all the faithful to join in the campaign in their own way.



# Red Wednesday



On **Wednesday, November 18**, Aid to the Church in Need Canada (ACN) will be marking Red Wednesday for the third consecutive year, despite the COVID-19 pandemic. Theme: **Don't close your eyes to the persecution of Christians.**

This year, ACN invites all the faithful to attend Red Wednesday virtually on **Nov. 18 at 5 pm and 7 pm (MT)** - [Please register here](https://acn-canada.org/)

# An Indigenous Perspective of Inculturation in our Catholic Faith

This is an invitation to the third and final session of "Crossroads", a virtual Fall Speakers Series with St. Joseph's College at the University of Alberta and St. Mary's University.

Theme: **An Indigenous Perspective of Inculturation in Our Catholic Faith** with Guest Speaker: Honourable Graydon Nicholas, the 30th Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick. Graydon will speak about inculturation (reconciling indigenous values and the Catholic faith). He will also discuss his personal experiences with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada since the 1990s (working with his fellow elders across Canada, the Canadian Government, the Vatican, and the Canadian Bishops).

- When: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 (4:00 pm - 5:30pm) via Zoom
- [Register here](#) | [Download Poster](#)

## Events & Resources

### 1. Volunteering with the CCEF

Catholic Calgary Education Fund (CCEF) welcome new volunteers who are experienced Catholic community members that are interested in pursuing and enhancing our mission. Please apply and we will take you for a socially distant coffee meeting. [More info here](#)

### 2. Memorial Liturgy | Miscarriage and Stillbirth

When families lose a baby in the womb, the cries of birth go unheard; the grasp of tiny fingers slips away. This profound loss needs articulation. Join us in a prayer gathering to commend our children communally into the embrace of our merciful God and to support those who are grieving the loss of a child. The Diocese of Calgary invites you to come to the Memorial Liturgy for those mourning the loss of a child through miscarriage or stillbirth with Bishop McGrattan on **Friday, November 20 at 7 pm**, at Sacred Heart Church in Calgary. To attend, please register at [miscarriageliturgy.ca](http://miscarriageliturgy.ca) Thank you for your support

### 3. Stolen Words: The Nazi Plunder of Jewish Books

Rabbi Mark Glickman of B'Nei Tikvah Congregation will share the story told in his book: "Stolen Words: The Nazi Plunder of Jewish Books. ' Stolen Words' is an epic story about the largest collection of Jewish books in the world - tens of millions of books that the Nazis looted from European Jewish families and institutions. He will explain why the Nazis bothered to gather so many books, how the books were looted, and the amazing story of what happened to the books after the war. Join online and hear this fascinating account of a little known chapter of the Holocaust. When: **Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 7 pm** via Zoom. To register, email to [joalin37@gmail.com](mailto:joalin37@gmail.com) and a link will be sent to you the day before the event.

### 4. Advent Mission with the Divine Mercy Sisters

Prepare yourself spiritually for Christmas and join Sr. Katrina Le and Sr. Gabrielle Cornelio in this Advent mission happening **December 8-10** at St. Michael's (800 85 Street SW). We will begin each night with Mass at 6:30 p.m., followed by a talk. All three talks are interrelated, so



everyone is encouraged to attend all three sessions. However, those who can only make it to one or two nights are encouraged to join us nonetheless. To attend, please register at [saintmichael.ca/events](http://saintmichael.ca/events). The talks will also be live-streamed at St. Michael's website.

**5. Get ready for Advent with these podcasts**

If there were ever a year when we could use some holiday cheer and the joyful warmth of preparing for Christ's birth, this is it. These 10 podcast episodes (from years past) will help you ready your mind, heart, soul, and home for the prayerful expectation of Advent. [Get the list here](#)

**6. TikTok: 3 rules that parents and children should now**

TikTok is a virtual space where people—especially young people, but you'd be surprised how many older people are on the app, too—sing, act, dance, and share videos of themselves. While new social media apps can be a lot of fun, but let's not forget to teach our kids how to be safe and careful online. [Read more](#)

**7. The simple and holy habit we can adopt from the Pope each morning**

What does Pope Francis do first when he gets to his office in the Apostolic Palace every morning? Check his email? Send out a tweet? Go over his "to do" list? During an [audience](#) he gave recently to the Carabinieri (a national Italian armed police force) of the St. Peter's Company, the pontiff revealed an interesting detail of his daily routine. [Read more](#)

**8. In defense of using skulls as Christian symbols**

Just because the skull has perhaps lost its faith-affirming connotations in our day does not mean that the symbol shouldn't be fully embraced and re-claimed for the incredible consolation it can be to the Christian heart. In this post, Dr. AnnaMaria Cardinalli [explains why](#).

Our parish relies on your Sunday offerings 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.catholiccyc.ca/donateparish> [or contact your Parish to set up a direct debit deposit].



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](http://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)

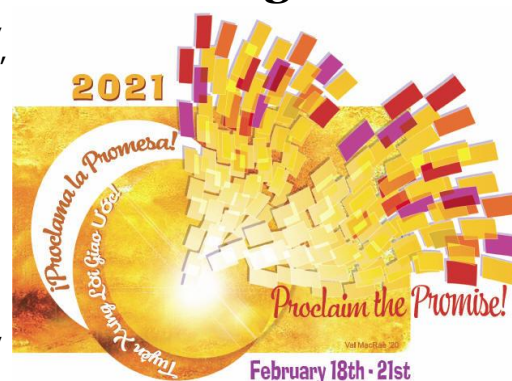
**1967** - the first three-day "Southern California Confraternity Congress" held with 7,000 in attendance

## 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!

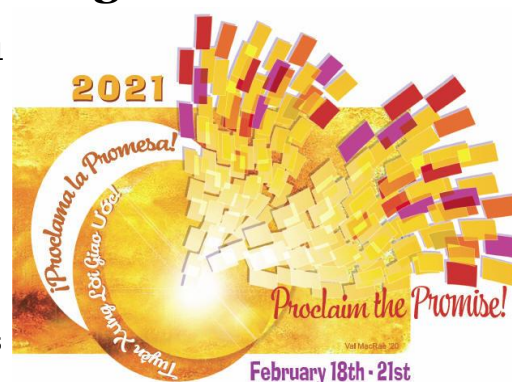
We look forward to welcoming high school-aged youth to our 2021 *virtual* Los Angeles Religious Education Congress.

## 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.

**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  
[See the REC Milestones here »](#)

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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.

(workshop  
Maggie is a



**Maggie Craig**

presenter in the Youth Track)

full-time Catholic speaker and retreat leader.



**Donna A. Heckler**

(workshop presenter in English)

Donna is a global marketing executive, Catholic speaker, author and strategist.

(workshop  
Sr. Thi Ly  
Congregation



**Sr. Bich Quyen Thi Ly**

presenter in Vietnamese)

serves as a member of the General Council for the 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 we 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.