



Welcome HOLY FAMILY PARISH

NOVEMBER 22, 2020 – SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

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

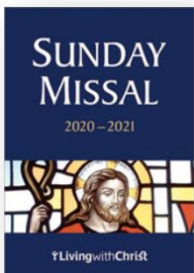
Vi Sheridan - 403-526-9091



Knights of Columbus

Ron Pisoni - 403-526-1848

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



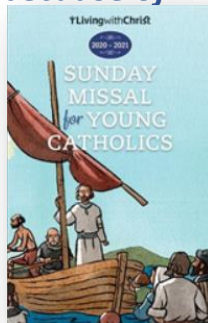
Adult Missal

\$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



OPERATING FINANCES

November 12-19, 2020

Operating Budget 2020	\$ 15,000
General Envelope Collection	\$ 8,443
Loose Collections	\$ 89
Future Development	\$ 788
Sale of Church Supplies	\$ 1,018
Youth Ministry	\$ 162
SHORTFALL	-\$ 4,500
<i>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</i>	
Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 1,009
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 466
Catholic Education Sunday	\$ 80
CARO	\$10
2020 TIA GOAL – \$71,214 TO DATE \$ 38,686 = 54% OF THE WAY	
Thank You for your Generous Contributions	

† **Masses Intentions** †

† **November 21-27** †

Saturday, November 21

5:00pm – Rick Bokstyn †

Sunday, November 22

8:30 am – Albert D'Amour †

10:30am – Rosina Mucciarone †

6:00pm – Holy Family Parish

Monday, November 23

9:00am – Parick Volk †

Tuesday, November 24

9:00am – Audrey Doyla

Wednesday, November 25

9:00am – Maria Martinez

Thursday, November 26

9:00am – Sofie & John Thome

Friday, November 27

9:00am – Shyni & Angelina Vipin

Solemnity of Christ the King – Year A Sunday, November 22, 2020

1st Reading – Ezekiel 34,11-12, 15-17

As for you my flock, I shall judge between one sheep and another.

Responsorial Psalm –23.1-3a,3b-4,5,6 (R.1)

R. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 15.20-26, 28

Christ hands over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel – Matthew 25.31-46

The Son of Man will sit on the throne of his glory, and he will separate people from one another.

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✦ Who does not have enough that I will feed?

✦ Whom will I welcome?

✦ How will I be responsible for the earth?

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

1st Sunday of Advent

Hope in the Times of Pandemic

Fr. Rodel Abanto

Friday, December 4th 6:00-7:00pm

2nd Sunday of Advent

Why Peace is Important for our
Families, Society and World

Fr. Roque Pereira

Friday, December 11th 6:00-7:00pm

3rd Sunday of Advent

Joy Changes our Perspective of Life

Deacon Robert Risling

Friday, December 18th 6:00-
7:00pm

4th Sunday of Advent

God's Love is Completed in
the Manger

Fr. Iqbal Khurshid

Monday, December 21st
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.

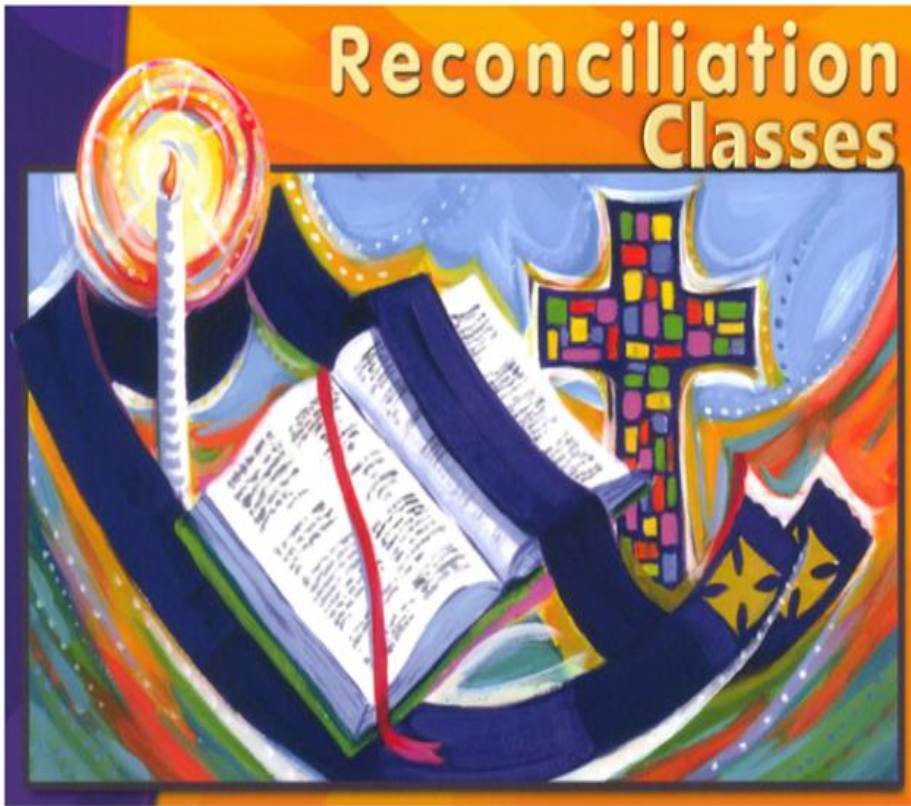
All Men are Welcome
November 28, 2020
8:30 - 9:30am HFP Hall

Theme: Why God?

Presenter: Dr. Mark Bergsma



Please join the
Knights of
Columbus on
Tuesday
December 1st
at 6:30pm
for a Memorial
Mass to honor
Brother Knights
who have passed
away.



Next in person class for 1st
Reconciliation will be this
Thursday December 3rd
starting at 6:30pm. Because
of new restrictions please
observe the following:

1. MASKS ARE MANDATORY.
Please wear your masks. The
church will provide a mask to
you and your child if you do not
have one.
2. When entering please
proceed immediately to the hall.
There will be NO signing in.
Attendance will be taken once
children are seated.

3. Parent meetings will continue in the sanctuary. Once you are seated attendance will be taken as well.

DATES FOR RECEIVING 1ST RECONCILIATION

The sacrament will be celebrated at Holy Family Parish ONLY. The dates are:

Wednesday Dec. 9th from 4:00 – 6:30pm

Thursday Dec. 10th from 4:00-6:30pm

Please note this is DROP – IN only. No sign up is necessary. Come at your convenience between 4:00pm-6:30pm. Again because of restriction please observe the following:

1. MASKS ARE MANDATORY again if you and your child do not have a mask one will be provided.
2. Please enter through the main entrance where you and your child will be greeted and attendance taken.
3. There will be 5 priests in total to hear confessions. Your child can choose which priest they would like to go to.
4. Family members are also invited to go to confession.
5. While in line please observe social distancing.

If there is a conflict with these dates and your child cannot attend, please call Holy Family Parish office 403-527-6933 to book an appointment with one of the priests.

“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





Solemnity of Christ the King – Year A

A HUMBLE AND POOR KING

One day King Henry the Fourth of France was hunting in a large forest. Towards evening he told his men to ride home by the main road while he went by another way that was somewhat longer. As he came out of the forest, he saw a little boy by the roadside, who seemed to be watching for someone.

"Well, my boy," said the king, "are you looking for your father?"

"No, sir," answered the boy. "I am looking for the king. They say he is hunting in the woods, and perhaps will ride out this way. So, I'm waiting to see him."

"Oh, if that is what you wish," said King Henry, "get up behind me on the horse and I'll take you to the place where you will see him."

The boy got up at once and sat behind the king. The horse cantered briskly along, and king and boy were soon quite well acquainted.

"They say that King Henry always has a number of men with him," said the boy; "how shall I know which is he?"

"Oh, that will be easy enough," was the answer. "All the other men will take off their hats, but the king will keep his on."

"Do you mean that the one with his hat on will be the king?"

"Certainly."

Soon they came into the main road where several of the king's men were waiting. All the men seemed amused when they saw the boy, and as they rode up, they greeted the king by taking off their hats.

"Well, my boy," said King Henry, "which do you think is the king?"

"I don't know," answered the boy; "but it must be either you or I, for we both have our hats on."

In the ancient times there were two types of kings either kind or cruel who love to show their power by helping or persecuting their subjects. None of the kings of world were

poor or without armies, slaves, and servants. Everyone loved power, wealth, and control.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of a unique king whose journey started on wood and ended on wood. He is a king without an army and power but ready to lay his life down for his friends. However, in spite of having nothing, St. Paul describes him as “He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, who no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.” (1Tim 6:15-16). And St. Peter encourages everyone to imitate this King who wants to serve others because everything belongs to him: “Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen” (1Peter 4:11).

The Book of Revelation portrays this King in this way: “Grace and peace—from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the first-born from the dead and ruler of the kings of earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his own blood, who has made us a royal nation of priests in the service of his God and Father—to him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen”.

This solemnity invites us to meditate on the humility, love and compassion of the King who became obedient to death even death on a cross. As Prophet Zechariah exclaims: “Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey”. Jesus is our King, but he is not a king like other kings or rulers of the world who love power and wealth, but he is a king who speaks the truth “Jesus answered, “My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here.” So, Pilate said to him, “Then you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” He is the King of Kings and Ruler of the rulers. He is a king who brings joy into the life of marginalized, rejected, outcast and poor of the society “For he has clothed me with a robe of salvation, and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, Like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels”. He is like a painter who has the power to cover any physical disability or spiritual weakness we have in our life. Once upon a time, there was a Kingdom. The king there only had one leg and one eye, but he was very intelligent and kind. Everyone in his kingdom lived a happy and a healthy life because of their king. One day the king was walking through the palace hallway and saw the portraits of his ancestors. He thought that one day his children will

walk in the same hallway and remember all the ancestors through these portraits. But the king did not have his portrait painted. Due to his physical disabilities, he wasn't sure how his painting would turn out. So, he invited many famous painters from his and other kingdoms to the court. The king then announced that he wants a beautiful portrait made of himself to be placed in the palace. Any painter who can carry out this should come forward. He will be rewarded based on how the painting turns up. All the painters began to think that the king only has one leg and one eye. How can his picture be made very beautiful? It is not possible and if the picture does not turn out to look beautiful then the king will get angry and punish them. So, one by one, all started to make excuses and politely declined to make a painting of the king. But suddenly one painter raised his hand and said that I will make a very beautiful portrait of you which you will surely like. The king became happy hearing that and other painters got curious. The king gave him the permission and the painter started drawing the portrait. He then filled the drawing with paints. Finally, after taking a long time, he said that the portrait was ready! All the courtiers, other painters were curious and nervous thinking, how can the painter make the king's portrait beautiful because the king is physically disabled? What if the king did not like the painting and gets angry? But when the painter presented the portrait, everyone in the court, including the king, left stunned. The painter made a portrait in which the king was sitting on the horse, on the one-leg side, holding his bow and aiming the arrow with his one eye closed. The king was very pleased to see that the painter has made a beautiful portrait by cleverly hiding the king's disabilities. The King gave him a great reward.

Christ the King has painted us with his blood on the Cross with his love. Prophet Isaiah says, "Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted." (53:4). St. Paul says even if deny him, but he will never because he cannot deny himself.

There is very instructive incident involving the life of Alexander, the great Macedonian king. Alexander (his name is mentioned in the First Book of Maccabees 1:1-2), after conquering many kingdoms, was returning home. On the way, he fell ill, and it took him to his death bed. With death staring him in his face, Alexander realized how his conquests, his great army, his sharp sword and all his wealth were of no consequence. He now longed to reach home to see his mother's face and bid her his last adieu. But he had to accept the fact that his sinking health would not permit him to reach his distant homeland. So, the mighty conqueror lay prostrate and pale, helplessly waiting to breathe his last. He called his generals and said, "I will depart from this world soon, I have three wishes, please carry them out without fail." With tears flowing down their cheeks, the generals agreed to abide by their king's last wishes.

"My first desire is that" said Alexander, "My physicians alone must carry my coffin." After a pause, he continued, "Secondly, I desire that when my coffin is being carried to

the grave, the path leading to the graveyard be strewn with gold, silver and precious stones which I have collected in my treasury.

“The king felt exhausted after saying this. He took a minute’s rest and continued. “My third and last wish is that both my hands be kept dangling out of my coffin. “The people who had gathered there wondered at the king’s strange wishes. But no one dare bring the question to their lips.

Alexander’s favorite general kissed his hand and pressed them to his heart. “O king, we assure you that your wishes will all be fulfilled. But tell us why do you make such strange wishes?”

At this Alexander took a deep breath and said: “I would like the world to know of the three lessons I have just learnt. I want my physicians to carry my coffin because people should realize that no doctor can really cure anybody. They are powerless and cannot save a person from the clutches of death. So let not people take life for granted. The second wish of strewing gold, silver, and other riches on the way to the graveyard is to tell People that not even a fraction of gold will come with me. I spent all my life earning riches but cannot take anything with me. Let people realize that it is a sheer waste of time to chase wealth.

And about my third wish of having my hands dangling out of the coffin, I wish people to know that I came empty handed into this world and empty handed I go out of this world.”

“Bury my body, do not build any monument, keep my hands outside so that the world knows the person who won the world had nothing in his hands when dying“.

With these words, the king closed his eyes. Soon he let death conquer him and breathed his last.

The King we remember today has not only conquered the whole world with his love but has also purified it with is precious blood on the Cross. His promise to everyone who believes in him and follow is “To the one who wins the victory, who keeps to my ways till the end, I will give authority over the nations—the same authority I received from my Father. And I will give him the morning star. I will never erase his name from the book of the living but will acknowledge him in the presence of my Father and his angels. “I will make the victor a pillar in the temple of my God and he shall never leave it. I will inscribe on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem which he will send down from heaven, and my own name which is new. “Here I stand, knocking at the door. If anyone hears me calling and opens the door, I will enter his house and have supper with him, and he with me. I will give the victor the right to sit with me on my throne, as I myself won the victory and took my seat beside my Father on his throne”.

Let us learn from this King the lessons of Obedience, Love, Service, Humility, Compassion, Forgiveness and Acceptance. Origin once said “Therefore, if we wish

God to reign in us, in no way should sin reign in our mortal body; rather we should mortify our members which are upon the earth and bear fruit in the Spirit. There should be in us a kind of spiritual paradise where God may walk and be our sole ruler with his Christ. In us the Lord will sit at the right hand of that spiritual power which we wish to receive. And he will sit there until all his enemies who are within us become his footstool, and every principality, power, and virtue in us is cast out. All this can happen in each one of us, and the last enemy, death, can be destroyed; then Christ will say in us: O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory? And so, what is corruptible in us must be clothed with holiness and incorruptibility; and what is mortal must be clothed, now that death has been conquered, in the Father's immortality. Then God will reign in us, and we shall enjoy even now the blessings of rebirth and resurrection".

Are we ready to imitate this King in humility and poverty of hearts?

Happy Solemnity of Christ the King to All.



Photo by Fr. Iqbal Khurshid

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LIVESTREAM

Full schedule of Parish Livestream Masses in the Diocese of Calgary is available at: <https://www.catholiccyyc.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](#).

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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



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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.catholicyc.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](https://news.calgarydiocese.ca) | Announcements from the Diocese of Calgary
- [Events.CalgaryDiocese.ca](https://events.calgarydiocese.ca) | Diocesan events and registrations
- [Blog.CalgaryDiocese.ca](https://blog.calgarydiocese.ca) | Catholic Pastoral Centre Blog
- [Careers.CalgaryDiocese.ca](https://careers.calgarydiocese.ca) | Employment opportunities in the Diocese of Calgary
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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 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.

*The people who walked
in darkness have seen
a great light...*

ISAIAH 9:2



**I am
blessed**

BE THAT LIGHT FOR OTHERS
DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES

✧ **Pray**

Remember others
in your prayers.

✧ **Act**

Do good deeds
for others.

✧ **Give**

Donate to
help others.

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Contact your MP re Bill C-7

Bill C-7 seeks to expand access to assisted suicide and euthanasia in Canada, extending provision of euthanasia and assisted suicide to those who are not dying, and placing vulnerable citizens such as persons with disabilities and mental illness at serious risk. Act now and ask your parishioners and communities to contact their Member of Parliament about their concerns on Bill C-7.

- Resources to find their MP, letter template, articles and statements about Bill C-7 are available at <http://catholiccyyc.ca/euthanasia> - the link is also available from our website's frontpage
- Watch or download video [here](#)
- Share our posts with your community via social media
 - [Facebook Post](#) | [Twitter Post](#)

First Reconciliation Preparation

A message for Sacrament Preparation Coordinator for First Reconciliation.

- The last online coaching sessions for Chapters 7&8 of the First Reconciliation are happening this week (Nov. 17 - 26). Please note that **Fr. Troy Nguyen has offered two new sessions in the evening** (Thursday, Nov 19 at 8pm, and Thursday, Nov 26 at 6 pm). Please let parents know about this update - and to also book their coaching session here: <https://www.catholiccyyc.ca/sacraments.html>

If you need **coaching video session links** and session notes for parents who need to catch up, please email Lia at communications@calgarydiocese.ca

- **Bonus videos** from Fr. Kevin Tumback - a walkthrough of the First Reconciliation
 - [A video message for the children](#)
 - [A video message for the parent](#)

Events & Resources

1. **Solemnity of Christ the King - Bulletin Shorts, free to use**
[Mass Readings](#) | **Six Grows to Nine.** We get the start of the Corporal Works of Mercy in Matthew 25. Two more are added over time. Pope Francis adds one more. These are the behaviors by which each will be judged – actions toward others are, in fact, done for and to God. What we think is important. What we may say is also important. But what we do is key, is more important. Here is the list: Corporal Works of Mercy “ Feed the hungry “ Give drink to the thirsty “ Shelter the homeless “ Clothe the naked “ Visit the sick “ Visit the prisoners “ Bury the dead “ Give alms to the poor “ Care of our Common Home.
 - Who does not have enough that I will feed?
 - Whom will I welcome?
 - How will I be responsible for the earth?
 - *Source: Diocese of Springfield*

2. **Nine Lessons & Carols Service with St. John Choir Schola**

St. John Choir Schola invites everyone to the "Nine Lessons & Carols" livestream concert on **Gaudete Sunday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 pm**. Because of the restrictions and for the health and safety of everyone involved, St John Choir Schola will not be hosting a live congregation. Everyone is welcome to watch the livestream of this traditional liturgy of hope and thanksgiving from Our Lady of the Assumption Church. Watch live at: <https://youtu.be/uQF62SbjhYI> | [Poster](#)

3. **Light in the Storm - SAGA Online Art Show**

The Sacred Art Guild of Alberta is hosting its first online Art Show and Sale "LIGHT IN THE STORM" show opens Nov 17. Details at: <https://www.sacredartsguildofalberta.com/saga-2020-art-show-and-sale> We encourage you take a look at what several SAGA Artists have created and to casting a vote for your favorite artwork.

4. **The Daughters of St. Paul Christmas Concert**

The Daughters of St Paul are an international congregation of religious sisters who evangelize through the media. The sisters of the USA & Canada province have long wished to bring their Christmas Concert tour north, but international rights and customs made it impossible. But this year has offered the sisters the unique opportunity to launch their first ever virtual concert, "**Home for Christmas**," with choir members joining in from their homes to sing to you in yours. The Daughters of St Paul Choir "Home for Christmas" is a free Youtube live-streamed event where you can expect to meet our choir members, listen to some concert favourites, learn some dance moves, hear some inspirational stories, and have the opportunity to support our mission of evangelization. We hope to see you there, **December 3 at 6 pm** - Watch live at: <http://www.pauline.org/virtualconcert>

5. **The Bible in a Year Podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz**

Starting Jan. 1 2021, Catholics who have struggled to read the Bible will be able to listen to the Word of God from Genesis to Revelation with a new, **FREE** resource from Fr. Mike Schmitz — The Bible In A Year Podcast! In the *Bible in a Year* podcast, Fr. Mike Schmitz walks you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way. you won't just read the Bible in a year ... You will finally understand how all the pieces of the Bible fit together to tell an amazing story that continues in your life today! [Get it here](#)

6. **Virtual Religious Education (RE) Congress 2021**

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! Save the date: RECongress 2021 begins on **Thursday, Feb. 18 and concludes on Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021**. For a registration fee of \$35, you will get access to Keynote Presenters, dynamic workshops, Entertainment, intercultural prayer experience and youth track on Friday and Saturday. More info here: <https://www.recongress.org>

7. **Praying through Infertility - Online Advent Mini-Retreat**

For those of us struggling with infertility, the time spent preparing for and celebrating Christmas can be bittersweet. But the Lord offers us great hope! Springs in the Desert is offering a free online mini-prayer retreat this December, on how to connect more deeply to God, and your spouse, through prayer. Please also share this with family/friends and anyone who physically,

spiritually and emotionally cares for those carrying this burden. When: December 4 - 6, 2020. To register or for more information, visit <https://springsinthedesert.org/retreats/virtual-advent-mini-retreat/> | [Poster here](#)

8. Interested in studying Canon Law?

Are you interested in pursuing your graduate studies in canon law? Join the conversation at Saint Paul University's Faculty of Canon Law online information session on graduate programs in Canon Law. The session will feature a professor from the Faculty of Canon Law and a representative from the Recruitment Office. When: **Monday, Nov. 23 at 10 am to 11:30 am (MT)**. [Register here](#)

9. 3 Simple ways for your family to focus on Christ this Advent

For thousands of years all of humanity, especially the Jewish nation, awaited the coming of Messiah. This is the amount of time it took God to prepare the hearts of men, so they could receive his Son. Here are a few ways to prepare your home and family for Advent and Christmas. [Read more](#)

10. Rejoice! Advent Meditations with the Holy Family

This year on the Sundays in Advent, Ascension Press invites you to Rejoice! LIVE with Fr. Mark Toups, Sr. Miriam James and Fr. Josh Johnson, unpacking the Sunday Scripture reading, and preparing our hearts for the coming weeks of Advent. [Watch video every Sunday here](#)



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

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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

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

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.

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.

(workshop)
Fr. Greg is largest gang-
Angeles, and



Gregory Boyle, SJ

(presenter in English)

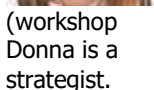
founder and Director of Homeboy Industries, the world's intervention and rehabilitation program based in Los Angeles, and former Pastor of Dolores Mission Church in Los Angeles.



Maggie Craig

(workshop presenter in the Youth Track)

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



(workshop)
Donna is a
strategist.



Donna A. Heckler

(presenter in English)

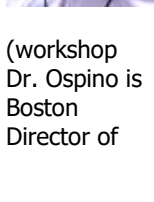
global marketing executive, Catholic speaker, author and



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.



(workshop)
Dr. Ospino is
Boston
Director of



Hosffman Ospino, PhD

(presenter in Spanish)

Professor of Pastoral Theology and Religious Education at College's School of Theology and Ministry, and serves as 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 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

Come to the Quiet of Mount St. Francis Retreat Center

November 27-29 and immerse yourself in stillness and serenity. There are no set conferences on this silent retreat so you are free to design your own program. We will have prayer suggestions available and there are spiritual directors on site. We will provide healthy meals that can accommodate dietary restrictions, a simple room, reading library and chapel. The Franciscan Friars welcome anyone to join them for prayer daily. Suggested contribution: \$195.00 for the weekend. The cost is reduced for a shorter stay. Plan to arrive after 4:00 pm on Friday, Supper is at 6:15 pm. The retreat ends with lunch on Sunday. For more information or to register, please contact: 403-932-2012 or email mtfrancis@shaw.ca

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.