



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

JANUARY 17, 2021 – 2ND 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 Friday 9:30am – 4:00pm. 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



**Catholic Women's League
Vi Sheridan - 403-526-9091**

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Ron Pisoni - 403-526-1848**



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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

12 Hour Adoration

Friday, Jan 22, 2021--- 9:30am – 9:30pm

Spend an hour with Jesus!

Email Darrell at d_gofsky@shaw.ca

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...

**IT IS MANDATORY TO WEAR A MASK AT
ALL TIMES NOW IN THE CHURCH**



Sunday 10:30am Mass

Medicine Hat Holy Family Church Live Stream

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



OPERATING FINANCES	
<i>January 3rd to 9th, 2021</i>	
Operating Budget 2020	\$ 15,00
General Envelope Collection	\$ 9,106
Loose Collections	\$ 30
Future Development	\$ 300
Sale of Church Supplies	\$ 1,367
Other Ministries	\$ 55
SHORTFALL	-\$ 4,142
<i>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</i>	
Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 956
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 489
CARO	\$ 10
Mission Mexico	\$ 25
2021 TIA GOAL – \$??,???	
TO DATE \$??? = ??% OF THE WAY	
<i>Thank You for your Generous Contributions</i>	

† Masses Intentions †
January 16th to 22nd

Saturday, January 16

5:00pm – Edward Desautels †

Sunday, January 17

8:30 am – Jerome Dirk †

10:30am – Nicole Egger †

6:00pm – Clara Sehn †

Monday, January 18

9:00am – Carmen

Tuesday, January 19

9:00am – Fran Uhryn †

Wednesday January 20

9:00am – William Wallace

Thursday, January 21

9:00am – Kelly & Ann McLaughlin

Friday, January 22

9:00am – Paul Tuchscherer †

**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time -
Year B**

Sunday, January 17, 2021

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3.3b-10, 19

**Speak, Lord, for your servant is
listening.**

Responsorial Psalm: 40.1+3a,7-9 (R. 7-8)

**R. Here I am Lord, I come to do your
will.**

**2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6.13c-15a,
17-20**

Your bodies are members of Christ.

Gospel: John 1.35-42

**The disciples of John came and saw
where Jesus was staying, and they
remained with him.**

**LISTENING, DISCERNING AND WATCHING,
COMING, SEEING, FINDING**

These words ending in *-ing* (technically “gerunds”) in the first and gospel readings indicate some continuing action. They point out good Christian behaviors as we start this wintertime between the seasons of Christmas and Lent. Like Samuel, we want to be always listening for God’s voice, even while needing the help of another for discerning it. Like the Baptist, we want to be watching for Jesus moving among us, looking for his activity in surprising ways in our midst and, perhaps, the surprising people around us.

† How am I coming closer to Jesus day by day, week by week?

† How am I seeing Jesus active in our world?

† How am I finding myself following Jesus without question?



1ST COMMUNION - *NOTE SCHEDULE CHANGES**

The 1st session will start at 6:30pm Thursday Jan 28th at Holy Family Parish and end at 7:30pm.

This is an in-person lesson for both child and parent provided restrictions have been removed. If restrictions are still in place classes will be run through Google Meet. Families will be notified after the gov't Jan 21st update.

Families wanting to continue online with the diocese please go to the diocesan website or view the Christmas bulletin sent out in December.

CONFIRMATION - *NOTE SCHEDULE CHANGES**

The 1st session will start 6:30pm Wednesday Jan. 27th at Holy Family Parish and end at 7:30pm.

This is an in-person lesson for both child and parent provided restrictions have been removed. If restrictions are still in place classes will be run through Google Meet. Families will be notified after the gov't Jan 21st update.

Families wanting to use the online service through the diocese please go to the diocesan website or view the Christmas bulletin sent out in December.

For more information, please contact Fr. Iqbal 403-527-6933 or email Sally at sac.prep@holymfamilymh.ca

Celebrate Unity Oactive

January 18 — 25, 2021

Let us pray for Unity among
Christians.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS'

EDUCATION FOUNDATION

will hold their Annual General Meeting on

Tuesday, January 19th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom.

Please refer to the Foundation website for more
details.

All Public are welcome to attend!

What is Endow?

**Endow unites the Catholic
intellectual tradition with
intentional community by creating
study guides and organizing women
into small groups.**

Endow

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**Either click on here. or there is
more information further down in
this Bulletin.**



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

A CALL TO SEE

We just completed our Christmas season by reflecting and meditating on the Infancy narratives of our Savior. Now we have few weeks in Ordinary Times before we begin our new liturgical season: Lent.

As we begin our season of Ordinary Times, we are invited to reflect on our calling or vocation. Is it easy to follow the Lord? The Lord's call makes us bearers of a promise and, at the same time, asks of us for the courage to take a risk, with him and for him. In the Synoptic Gospels we read that one the requirements of the Lord is "anyone who wants to follow me, let him deny himself and carry his cross and follow me". The desire to follow Jesus, sometimes makes us battle with temptations and the waves of distractions. Each of us tries to realize his or her deepest desires; we engage in activities that we hope will prove enriching, and we put out on a "sea" of possibilities in the hope of steering the right course, one that will satisfy our thirst for happiness.

Holy Father Pope Francis reflecting on the World Day of Vocation says "The Lord's call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a "cage" or a burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking.

God in fact desires that our lives not become banal and predictable, imprisoned by daily routine, or unresponsive before decisions that could give it meaning. The Lord does not want us to live from day to day, thinking that nothing is worth fighting for, slowly losing our desire to set out on new and exciting paths. He wants us to discover that each of us is called – in a variety of ways – to something grand, and that our lives should not grow

entangled in the nets of an ennui that dulls the heart. Every vocation is a summons not to stand on the shore, nets in hand, but to follow Jesus on the path he has marked out for us, for our own happiness and for the good of those around us.

What do we need to understand and realize our call? I believe our eyes and hearts must be focused on the Lord otherwise we will be like these monks: Four monks decided to meditate silently without speaking for two weeks. By nightfall on the first day, the candle began to flicker and then went out. The first monk said, "Oh, no! The candle is out." The second monk said, "Aren't we not suppose to talk?" The third monk said, "Why must you two break the silence?" The fourth monk laughed and said, "Ha! I'm the only one who didn't speak." Each monk broke the silence for a different reason, each of which is a common stumbling block to meditation. The first monk became distracted by one element of the world (the candle) and so lost sight of the rest. The second monk was more worried about rules than the meditation itself. The third monk let his anger rule over him. And the final monk was lost in his ego."

In the First Reading we have very interesting story of a young boy Samuel who is in the temple to serve the Lord. His life teaches three very important lessons. First, we inherit faith from our parents and learn from them how to be obedient. Isn't it wonderful to see children growing in the likeness of their parents and becoming stronger in their faith after their parents' example of faith? Secondly, he was very obedient and always ready to serve Eli the priest "Here I am". Even Jesus as baby remained under his parents and became obedient even to point of death on the Cross as St. Paul writes in the letter to the Philippians. Samuel was all focused on his responsibilities and never let his ego or pride take best of him. Thirdly, he was a listening soul. He was called thrice, and he went running to Eli without bothering about darkness or obstacles on his way to Eli. How do we listen to the Lord without losing our focus? Responding to the Lord's call involves putting ourselves on the line and facing a great challenge. We are called to be bold and decisive in seeking God's plan for our lives. Gazing out at the vast "ocean" of vocation, we must trust instead in the Lord's promise.

Today's Gospel on the other hand, shares an interesting story about the first disciples of Jesus. What made these disciples follow Jesus? "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" could be one of the reasons for them to follow. They must have become curious to understand that why their teacher is calling Jesus "Lamb of God" whereas they were aware of the sacrificial Lamb in the Law of Moses. Every time during the Holy Mass we repeat these words "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world" reminds us that Jesus came to give his life for us sinner to have eternal life. What is our interest to see in Jesus?

Secondly, they want to see Jesus where is living “where are you staying?” This is the desire we need to have to see where Jesus lives as Psalmist exclaims “As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?” “It is so important to keep this desire alive, this longing to behold the Lord and to



experience him, to experience his love, to experience his mercy! If one ceases to thirst for the living God, faith is in danger of becoming a habit, it risks being extinguished, like a fire that is not fed. It risks becoming “rancid”, meaningless” as Pope Francis explains.

What good does it do us to meditate on this scene? It reminds us that God did not create us to be alone, closed in on ourselves, but in order to be able to encounter him and to open ourselves to encounter others. God first comes to each one of us; and this is marvellous! He comes to meet us! In the Bible God always appears as the one who takes the initiative in the encounter with man: it is he who seeks man, and usually he seeks him precisely while man is in the bitter and tragic moment of betraying God and fleeing from him. God does not wait in seeking him: he seeks him out immediately. He is a patient seeker, our Father! He goes before us and he waits for us always. He never tires of waiting for us, he is never far from us, but he has the patience to wait for the best moment to meet each one of us. And when the encounter happens, it is never rushed, because God wants to remain at length with us to sustain us, to console us, to give us his joy. God hastens to meet us, but he never rushes to leave us. He stays with us. As we long for him and desire him, so he too desires to be with us, that we may belong to him, we are his “belonging”, we are his creatures. He, too, we can say, thirsts for us, to meet us. Our God is thirsty for us. And this is God’s heart. It is so beautiful to hear this. Just remember to the story of Zacchaeus a chief tax collector who was short in stature, physically or maybe morally he was considered by others, had great desire to see Jesus and when Jesus looked up to see him, he was transformed, and a great conversion of heart took place. What kind of conversion or transformation we desire?

Lastly the answer of Jesus in today's Gospel is 'words written on the gold tablet' "Come and See" which is a special call that the Lord addresses to each one of us. The Psalmist says, "it is better to live one day in your house than thousands of years somewhere else". The response of Jesus opens up to a personal encounter which requires sufficient time to welcome, to know and to acknowledge the other.

St. Jerome once speaking about vocation said, "The Master of the Christian race offers the reward, invites candidates to the course, holds in His hand the prize of virginity, points to the fountain of purity, and cries aloud "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink." "He that is able to receive it, let him receive it." Let no one think that by this saying ["not all man can receive it etc."] either fate or fortune is introduced, for those are virgins to whom it is given by God, or that chance has led to this, but it is given to those who have asked for it, who have desired it, who have worked that they might receive it. For it will be given to the one who asks, the seeker will find, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ... It is in our power, whether we want to be perfect. But whoever wants to be perfect, should sell all that he has...and when he has sold, give everything to the poor.

St. Bernard invites everyone to understand their calling as a promise "The rule of St. Benedict is proposed to every man, imposed on none. It is profitable if devoutly chosen and maintained, but if it is not chosen there is no sin. But what lies in the will of the one who undertakes it, not in the power of him who proposes it, I call voluntary, not necessary. But this which I call voluntary, if someone has once received it of his own will and promised to maintain it thereupon, he himself changes it into a necessity, nor is he free to give up what before he was free not to undertake. And so, what he undertook of his will, he will maintain of necessity, since it is wholly necessary for him to render the vows his lips made, and now by condemned or justified by his mouth. But as one of the saints said, "Happy is the necessity which compels to better things."

The invitation to those two disciples opens a stream of wisdom to understand that this is not we who have chosen him, but it is he who has chosen us to be with him. St. Francis de Sales says "A true vocation is nothing other than the firm and constant will possessed by the person called, to want to serve God in the manner and in the place where the Divine Majesty calls her. This is the best mark one could have to know when a vocation is true."

Let me end my reflection with story to examine ourselves and ask ourselves a question "What is my response to Jesus' response "Come and See"? Is it out of fear or commitment to be with the Lord?

Once a very long time ago there lived a man, he preferred to spend his time well away from the trappings of society and instead sought seclusion within nature to deepen his meditation practice. He would still visit the local village early each morning to collect his alms food and this had been the way he lived for many years.

One fine afternoon, after he had received his alms food, he found his usual meditation cushion and began to be aware of his breathing and started to practice meditation. His concentration became so great as he sat for a very long time and did not notice the large snake coming closer and closer. He was absorbed with his one-pointed concentration that he had become as still as a tree.

The large snake did not even notice the silent and still monk who was meditating as still as a tree, all he noticed was a nice warm sleeping spot in those monk's robes all draped around his crossed legs, and in the sunshine, the snake snuggled into the monk's lap and fell fast asleep.

An hour or so passed like this with the monk in deep meditative concentration and the snake fast asleep on his lap, until slowly the Monk returned his concentration to his surroundings and began to become aware of an unusual weight in his lap. Fear grasped the monk who instantly closed his eyes and started meditating again. He calmed himself and remembered his training, all things are impermanent and forever changing, and knew without a doubt the snake would move on again, and so he stayed in Meditation.

Finally, the snake found himself hungry and uncurled himself from monk's lap, stretched his biggest stretch and he went off in search of food. The monk also slowly came out of meditation, but something had changed deep within, he had sat for many days in complete absorption of his mind and saw as clear as a mountain lake the processes within himself to understand his calling to follow God. He had attained enlightenment.



Photo: Fr. Iqbal Khurshid

We too get enlightenment when we walk with Jesus and see Him because he calls us to see his presence in our lives.

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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](#).

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SCHEDULE

For more Livestreams, visit
[CATHOLICYC.CA/LIVESTREAMMASS](https://www.catholicyc.ca/livestreammass)



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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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 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://www.catholicyyc.ca/give)

<https://subscribepage.com/faithfully>

LINKS

- News.CalgaryDiocese.ca | Announcements from the Diocese of Calgary
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 - Careers.CalgaryDiocese.ca | Employment opportunities in the Diocese of Calgary
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Lenten Online Study



We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and have started the new year with the peace and joy that only the Christ child can bring.

On February 3, I invite you to join me and the Endow team for our first online Endow study of the year. In anticipation of the season of Lent, we will be studying [*Salvifici Doloris*](#), John Paul II's Apostolic Letter on the Christian meaning of suffering. This letter invites women to approach what is ultimately the fundamental theological question—why is there suffering?

We will begin on **Wednesday, February 3** and will meet weekly until **March 24th from 10-11:15 PST**. Teresa Hodgins will return as our Host and joining her will be Annette Bergeon (Executive Director), Laura Zambrana (Director of Content), Katie Smith (Director of Development), Janeth Chavez (National Coordinator for Magnifica) and myself.

This online study will be different from our online studies in 2020! The first part of the meeting will be done in the classic Endow format of reading the chapter out loud and having the panelists answer the discussion questions.

During the second part of the meeting, we will be placed into breakout rooms on Zoom! Each “room” will have one of the panelists leading the reading of the second part of the chapter and then facilitating the discussion questions in these small breakout groups. This means that each participant will have the opportunity to join in the discussion, if she chooses. We are so excited to interact with you more personally and intimately in this way!

There will be **two ways** you can participate in this study:

- **Live** – Register [here](#) to participate live on Wednesdays and be placed in a virtual Endow group in one of our breakout rooms led by an Endow panelist!
- **After hours**— Register [here](#) if you can't participate live during the 8 weeks but would like to watch the recording later and go through the Endow Study *at your own pace* or watching with your own group of friends at time which is convenient for you.

We look forward to having you join us for this Lenten study. Please register [here](#) to join us live or to receive the recording after.

For a free download of Chapter 1 of this study, please click [here](#) and to purchase the study [click here](#).

For those who are unable to participate, but would like to tithe their Lenten alms in sponsorship of this study please [click here to donate](#). We are grateful for your generosity in support of women.

Please email any questions you may have to me at [**simone.rizkallah@endowgroups.org**](mailto:simone.rizkallah@endowgroups.org).

All blessings,
Simone
Director of Program Growth

[Register Now](#)

[Purchase the Study](#)

Sneak Peek Endow Group

Interested in joining or leading an Endow group, but unsure what it is like? We would like to invite you to join us for a sneak peek of an Endow Group on the study, Lumen Gentium. This will be an interactive meeting showing you what to expect in an Endow group.

[Join us!](#)



LUMEN GENTIUM



Mentorship Meeting

Join Simone Rizkallah, Director of Program Growth, in a personal mentorship meeting to discuss your questions or excitement of hosting an Endow Group.

[Register now!](#)

Join a Group

Seeking intellectual formation through intentional community? Please prayerfully consider hosting or joining an Endow group for women in your parish, neighborhood, or community.

[Find Out More!](#)





Sunday of the Word of God - Jan 24

Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, Motu proprio [*Aperuit illis*](#), published on September 30, 2019 establishes that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 24, 2021) is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.

Please read the [letter from The Canadian Bible Society](#) who offers their full support for this inspiring initiative. The Canadian Bible Society have several excellent Catholic editions of the Bible available in a wide range of languages and approved translations, resources for the Sunday Lectionary Gospel of Mark, as well as *Lectio Divina* and other devotional tools.

- [Sunday of the Word of God resources from the Canadian Bible Society](#)
- Note from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments on the **Word of God Sunday**. The note highlights opportunities and practical suggestions for the *Word of God* Sunday celebration. Read here in [English](#) | [French](#)
- **How to enthrone the Bible in your home?** [See leaflet here](#)
- **Word of God Sunday Liturgical Suggestions** - [Download here](#)
- **Current online offering of formation** and events on scripture:

- **The Bible in a Year** with Fr. Mike Schmitz (following the Great Adventure Bible Timeline with Jeff Cavins) - currently #1 in podcasts top chart. [Tune in](#)
- **The WORD 2021 International Catholic Bible Summit** (Feb. 11-13) with speakers: Fr Mike Schmitz, Scott Hahn, Chris Stefanick etc. [Learn more](#)
- **Daily *Lectio Divina*** with the Sisters of the Seeds of the Words in Calgary! This is a daily program, every morning at 7:30 am. [Tune in via YouTube](#)
- Find more [online scripture program/courses here](#)

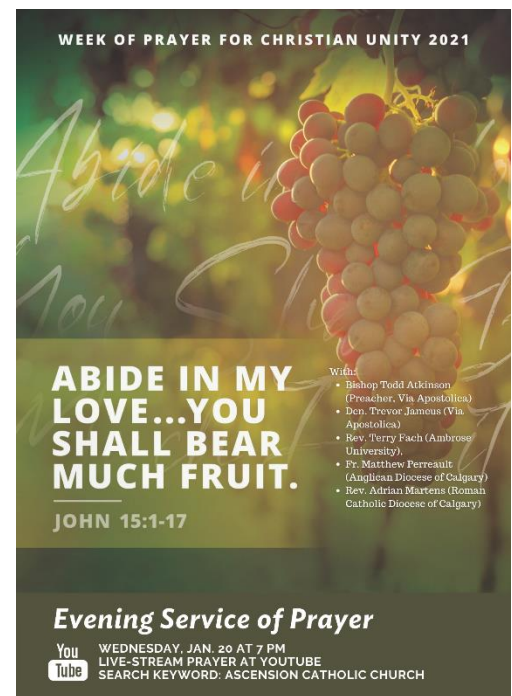
An Evening Service of Prayer - Jan 21

Week of Prayer of Christian Unity - Jan 18-25

Join Bishop Todd Atkinson (Preacher, Via Apostolica), Dcn. Trevor Jameus (Via Apostolica), Rev. Terry Fach (Ambrose University), Fr. Matthew Perreault (Anglican Diocese of Calgary), and Rev. Adrian Martens (Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary) as they celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Live-streamed from Ascension Catholic Parish on **Jan. 20, 2021 from 7-8pm.**

- [Watch livestream here](#)
- [Download poster/graphic](#)

We hope you can join us as we pray and listen about how we can help the cause of Christian Unity.



World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life - Feb 6/7



World Day for Consecrated Life is celebrated on February 2nd however, it is observed in parishes on the Sunday after February 2nd. In 2021, this day will be celebrated in parishes on February 6-7, 2021.

A message from the Assembly of Women Religious in the Diocese of Calgary:

This year, due to Covid-19, we will need to celebrate the World Day of Consecrated Life in a different way. The Sisters **will not be gathering as a group in a single parish**. The religious of the Diocese of Calgary will not be gathering in one parish but plan to be present in our local parishes. We ask that the pastors or celebrants acknowledge the religious who are in your parish. Perhaps you would like to invite a religious to: read one of the Readings, or the intercessions or to speak to the people about the consecrated life. People may not be aware that we have several orders of men and women in our midst.

- [Intercessions for the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life](#)

Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

WOMEN: Assumption Sisters of Nairobi (ASN), Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter (Gilbertines), Sisters of St. Joseph (CSJ), Daughters of Mary Mother of the Church (DM), Dominican Sisters (OP), Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (FMM), Franciscan Sisters of St. Elizabeth (OSE), Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood (RPB), Sisters Announcers of the Lord (SAL), Sisters of Charity of St. Louis (SCSL), Sisters of Divine Mercy, Seeds of the Word (SOW), Sisters of Providence (SP), Sisters of Social Service (SSS), Society in the Image of the Triune God (SITG).

MEN: Carmelite Fathers (OCD), Dominican Friars (OP), Franciscan Friars (OFM), Legionaries of Christ (LC), Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI), Pallottines (SAC), Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter (Gilbertines), Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter (FSSP), Society of Christ (SChr), Society of the Divine Saviour - Salvatorians (SDS), Sons of the Immaculate Conception (CFIC).

World Day of the Sick - Feb. 11



Resources

"The celebration of the XXIX World Day of the Sick on 11 February 2021, the liturgical memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes, is an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who provide them with assistance and care both in healthcare institutions and within families and communities. We think in particular of those who have suffered, and continue to suffer, the effects of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic." ~ Pope Francis.

The theme of this year's message is "You have but one teacher and you are all brothers" (Mt 23:8), which encourages a trust-based relationship with the sick and the nurturing of integral human healing. Please find here some resources for the World Day of the Sick (Feb. 11) this year:

- Pope Francis' Message for the XXIX World Day of the Sick - [English](#) | [French](#)
- Some themes for our reflection on World Day of the Sick - [Download](#)
- Liturgical notes for World Day of the Sick in the Diocese of Calgary - [Download](#)

- World Day of the Sick resources (prayers, petitions, graphic/poster etc.) will be shared as they become available

Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD)

We would also like to direct your attention to the updated Bill C-7 [webpage](#), and ask that you continue to pray and voice your concern on MAiD. "May our Lord both inspire and bring to accomplishment our efforts to embrace and protect the suffering and vulnerable, and to honour and uphold our rights and freedoms." ~ AB & NWT Bishops [See webpage](#)

- **Statement by the group of disability advocates opposing Bill C-7.** [Read here](#)
- **Calgary Catholic Medical Association (CCMA)** is a lay association with a mission to foster personal and professional formation of healthcare professionals, in accord with the magisterium of the Catholic Church. Read an article from CCMA's website regarding the consultations on expanding MAiD [here](#). **What physicians are saying** about the dangers of the euthanasia expansion. [Read here](#)

COVID-19

- To get the latest update on COVID-19 Pandemic in the Diocese, [click here](#)
- Revised article with notes from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith re COVID-19 vaccination. [Read here](#)

Events & Resources

1. **Fr. Casey Cole - Breaking in the Habit**
Fr. Casey Cole is a 31-year-old Franciscan Friar in Athens, Georgia, whose ministry is unlike most others in religious life. For the past five years Fr. Casey has been producing Youtube videos where he talks about the beauty of being a Catholic. If you haven't heard of Fr. Casey before, check him out [here](#) - and [watch his favourite videos in 2020 here](#)
2. **St. Joseph: A Father Rich in Mercy - a talk by John C. Cavadini**
As shared by Fr. Matthew Schneider in his blog, John Cavadini delivers a great talk on the mystery of St. Joseph in the memory of the Church. John is the Director for Institute for Church Life and Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame. [Watch here](#)

3. **Don't be afraid of the dark**

Jeff Cavins explains how we can bring light into our lives to combat the darkness of the world. *"We look at everything that is going on in the world with the understanding that ultimately, darkness will be defeated here and forevermore by Jesus Christ. We have won, but the battle rages."* [Listen to the podcast here](#)

4. **How to recognize the signs of God in your life**

The Imitation of Christ specifies that "there is no creature, however small, however humble, that does not reveal the goodness of God." Indeed, the signs of this love are everywhere! You just have to know how to recognize them. [Read more](#)



[Check out opportunities to join online programs run by the FCJ Centre \(retreats, spiritual exercises, daily examen, prayers etc.\). Visit their events calendar](#)



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.

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Twilight Retreat: Men, Wednesday, January 6, 2021	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Twilight Retreat: Women, Thursday, January 7, 2021	Men's Retreat: January 8-10, 2021		
11	12	8:30 am - 3:00 pm Day Away Retreat: Wednesday, January 13, 2021	14	15	16	17
				Mixed Retreat: January 15-17, 2021		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				Mixed Serenity Retreat, January 22-24, 2...		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
				Women's Retreat: January 29-31, 2021		