



# Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

MARCH 21 2021 – 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

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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

Marjorie Bowlby

403-527-2739

Knights of Columbus

Ron Pisoni - 403-526-1848



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

## **What is your Phone Number?**

*Volunteers have been phoning parishioners and have found that a lot of people have disconnected their landlines and gone to cell phones and we can not contact you. Please update the office of changes!*

## **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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG6zK-XzuXdDHj79rV6ut_Q)



## OPERATING FINANCES

February 1-28, 2021

Operating Budget 2021	\$ 55,769
General Envelope Collection	\$ 43,398
Loose Collections	\$ 745
Future Development	\$ 3,172
Sale of Church Supplies & Other	\$ 6,701
Other Ministries	\$ 680
<b>Shortage YTD</b>	<b>-\$ 1,073</b>

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 2,569
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 3,324
Clergy Retirement	\$ 55
Seminarian Fund	\$ 25
Mission Mexico	\$ 150
CARO	\$ 100

2021 TIA GOAL – \$ 49,657  
 TO DATE \$ 5,475 = 11% OF THE WAY  
 Surplus TIA Funds in 2021 will be designated  
 to: Mustard Seed, Med. Hat Food Bank and  
 Society of St. Vincent de Paul

*Thank You for your Generous Contributions*

† Masses Intentions Mar 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> †

**Saturday, March 20**

8:30am – Caroline (Ries) Clark

5:00pm – Cruz Deceased Family Members †

**Sunday, March 21**

8:30 am – Dale Bogner † & Josie Grier †

10:30am – Henry Curtis

6:00pm – Holy Family Parish

**Monday, March 22**

9:00am – Eugene Thome †

**Tuesday, March 23**

9:00am – Bernie Girardin †

**Wednesday March 24**

9:00am – Flo Steiert †

**Thursday, March 25**

9:00am – Hazel Cannon †

**Friday, March 26**

9:00am – Ed Matsalla †

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - Year B**  
**Sunday, March 21, 2021**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34**

I will make a new covenant with the  
 house of Israel and remember their sin  
 no more.

**Responsorial Psalm: 51.1-2, 10-13 (R. 10)**

R. Create in me a clean heart, O God.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 5.7-9**

Christ learned obedience and became  
 the source of eternal salvation for all.

**Gospel: John 12.20-33**

If a grain of wheat falls to the earth and  
 dies, it bears much fruit.



**Shall we open graves today? Shall we  
 untie those who are bound up? Shall  
 our acts of bravery help others to rise  
 to new life?**

† How can I let the Spirit of the  
 one who raised Jesus dwell  
 within me?

† What deadly thoughts and acts  
 can I help untie?

† How will I stand with the risen  
 Christ in what I say and do?



## Confirmation

ST. PATRICK'S CONFIRMATION MASS

Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am at Holy Family Parish.

HOLY FAMILY CONFIRMATION MASS

Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at Holy Family Parish

### IMPORTANT INFO:

All candidates must go to confession before Confirmation. During Lent is a perfect opportunity to receive this sacrament. Please see below the following dates for the penitential services. Several priests will be in attendance.

#### Penitential Service:

St. Patrick's is Tuesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Holy Family is Wednesday March 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm - 6:30pm

## First Holy Communion

If you would prefer to continue at home please see the schedule on the Diocese of Calgary website for parent sessions.

If you have any questions please feel free to call or email me Sally at 403-527-6933 ext 105 or Fr. Iqbal ext 102 or email [PASTOR@HOLYFAMILYMH.CA](mailto:PASTOR@HOLYFAMILYMH.CA)

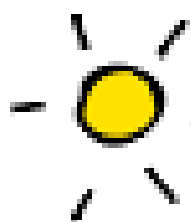
\*\*\*NOTE: If any candidate has NOT received 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation please email Sally ([sac.prep@holyfamilymh.ca](mailto:sac.prep@holyfamilymh.ca)) ASAP so we can set up a time. Your child will not be able to receive 1<sup>st</sup> Communion if they did not get this sacrament.

RETREAT: Holy Family Parish Saturday April 17 at 9:00am - 11:00am for BOTH child and parent(adult)

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Masses:

Holy Family Parish - Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm

St. Patrick's Church - Tuesday April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm & Thursday April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm



**COMING SOON**

**Virtual Children's  
Liturgy**

**Watch for a Video &  
an Activity Page to  
download from our  
Facebook Page.**

**"Medicine Hat, Holy  
Family Parish"**



# *Lenten Penitential Service*



**St. Patrick's Parish**

**Tuesday March 23**

**5:00pm – 7:00pm**

**Followed by Mass**

**Holy Family Parish**

**Wednesday March 24**

**4:30pm – 6:30pm**

If you miss this, all other reconciliations are by  
appointment at both parishes.

Holy Family Catholic Women's League is hosting our second annual Bottle Drive as a fundraiser for our local charities.

Saturday **April** 17th 8:00 am - 5:30 pm  
Sunday **April** 18th 8:00 am - 5:30 pm  
Monday **April** 19th 8:00 am - 11:00 am



**Shamrock** BOTTLE DEPOT  
your "one stop" recycling centre

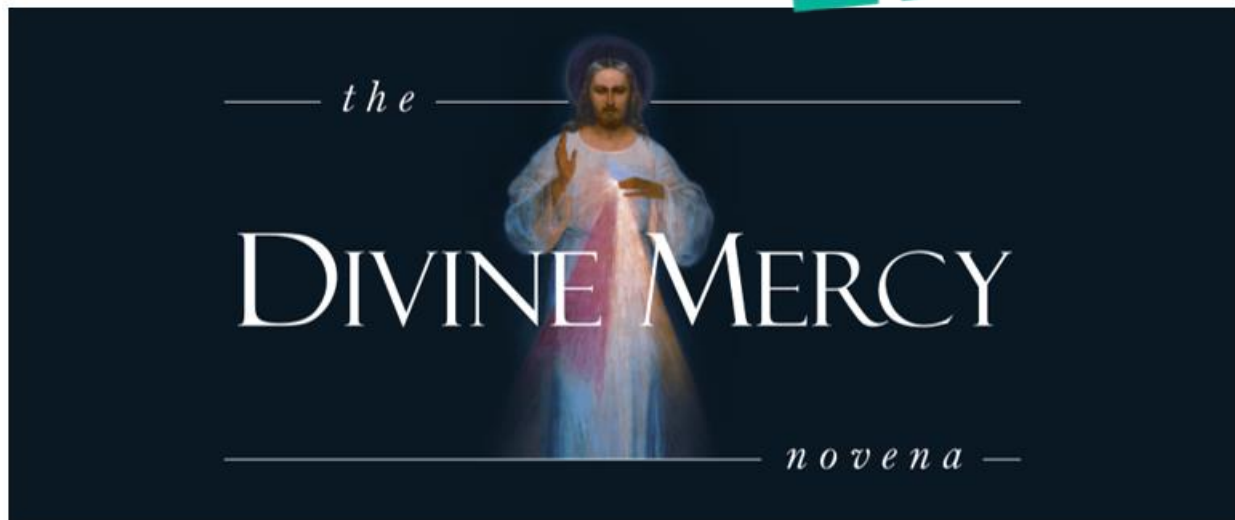
172 Altawana Drive NE Medicine Hat, AB



Shamrock Bottle Depot will have a truck on the east side of Holy Family to drop off your bottle donations, glass, plastic, plus milk cartons, juice, pop containers.

The Catholic Women's League will be collecting **NEW ONLY** baby clothes and items, for Nurture Pregnancy Support; **BEFORE MASSES ONLY** on the weekends of **March 20/21, 27/28**.

Helpers needed or for more info please contact Cora at 403-580-6484 or email her at [jpcblanchette@telus.net](mailto:jpcblanchette@telus.net).



You are invited and encouraged to join the praying of the Divine Mercy Novena every day after mass through to **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11**. We will be praying the Daily Novena prayer for each of the nine days, followed by the Chaplet and the Litany of Trust in Divine Mercy. You may excuse yourself and depart after the conclusion of mass.

**Weekdays immediately after 9:00 mass**

**Saturdays & Sundays immediately after 8:30 mass**

# Holy Week 2021



**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1ST**

**MORNING PRAYER, 8:30AM**

**MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, 7:00PM (LIVESTREAMED)  
FOLLOWED BY ADORATION UNTIL MIDNIGHT IN THE FAITH  
ROOM**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 2ND**

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES, 12:00 NOON (LIVESTREAMED) AND  
3:00PM**

**SATURDAY APRIL 3RD**

**MORNING PRAYER, 8:30AM**

**BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD, 11:00AM**

**EASTER VIGIL, 8:00PM (LIVESTREAMED)**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH**

**EASTER SUNDAY MASS, 8:30AM & 10:30AM (LIVESTREAMED)  
(LIVESTREAM@ Youtube – Medicine Hat Holy Family Church)**



# LENTEN MISSION TALKS

March 26, 2021 6:30pm

## THE SIXTH WORD

Speaker: Fr. Roque Pereira

What is our relationship with Him?

*When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished;" and he bowed his head and handed over the spirit. John 19:30*

Lenten Talks will be  
Livestreamed on  
YouTube  
or come listen in  
person.







## CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE

**\$ 6,855**

### 40 LOONIES FOR LENT

This lent, let us participate more fully in a Lenten spiritual discipline of reading the gospels, prayer, fasting, abstinence, and almsgiving. We encourage families to establish a daily program to pray for the less fortunate and to fast to become more empathetic for our hungry and starving brothers and sisters resulting in a spirit aligned for sacrificial almsgiving.

This year, Holy Family Parish and Knights of Columbus Council 9502 ask you to consider directing your Lenten sacrificial almsgiving to be equally split between the Mustard Seed and St. Vincent de Paul via our weekly parish donation envelopes collected at every weekend mass. Our goal this year is \$10000.

Simply write "40 LOONIES FOR LENT" and the dollar amount on your weekly parish donation envelope. You may donate your full Lenten gift of \$40.00 one time or contribute an amount of \$7.00 or more each week. If sacrificial giving means you can give more, please do so.

For those who are not using weekly envelopes you may make your cheque payable to Holy Family Parish or donate cash in a separate envelope marked with your name, address & "40 LOONIES FOR LENT" and place it in the weekly collection basket or drop it off at the Parish office. Alternatively, you may authorize the parish to process your donation on your credit card.

Look for updates on funds collected in the parish bulletin.

Please be generous. Thank you!



### MARCH 2021 KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

**Gary Heinbecker** has been a Knights of Columbus member for 34 years and currently serves as outside guard on our executive council. He is an active 4th degree Knight and holds the position of Faithful Scribe.

He is the Knights of Columbus representative on Holy Family Parish Pastoral Council where he is also Vice Chair. Gary is always willing to give up his own time to help others.

You will note that Gary has been a very diligent usher during the pandemic, and apparently has excellent mechanical skills when it comes to changing snow tires.

Gary and his wife Mary are part of team 13 which Feeds the Needy at 5th Avenue United church, they are also very faithful members of our Parish and we thank them for their dedication.

The Knights of Columbus would like to congratulate Brother **Gary Heinbecker** for receiving the Knight of the Month Award for March. Well-deserved.



# Stations of the Cross 2021 – 6:00pm

followed by a Mission Talk each Friday night.



**March 19 - Parish Pastoral**

**March 26 - Filipino**

**Community**

**Monday, March 29 - CWL**

**with Margaret Velichko**

**Slide Show**



## LENTEN MISSION TALKS

6:30pm following  
**THE STATIONS OF  
THE CROSS**  
at 6:00pm

**March 19, 26 & 30,  
2021**

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - Speaker: Deacon Robert Risling

**Why Jesus is thirsty?**

*"I thirst." John 19:28*

March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - Speaker: Fr. Roque Pereira

**What is our relationship with Him?**

*When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished;" and he bowed his head and handed over the spirit. John 19:30*

March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - Speaker: Fr. Rodel Abanto

**Why trust in the Lord is important?**

*Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."*

*Luke 23:46*





**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B**

## **WISH TO SEE JESUS**

Our Lenten Journey is helping us to grow deeper into our relationship with the Lord. Everyday and every week when we attend the Holy Mass, we are introduced to various Sacred Scripture Readings to make us aware why our Lord died for us. However sometimes we fail to understand as in the First Reading, what people of Israel did. God throughout the Salvation chose a nation for himself and covenant with them starting from Abraham but very especially with Moses.

We might think of God as our friend, our teacher, and our master. And this is all true, but there is another facet of our relationship with God that doesn't get quite as much attention, and that is God as our partner. In the very beginning of the Bible, this is the relationship we see. God creates man as a partner to help him spread more goodness throughout the world. Unfortunately, we, as human beings, didn't live up to our end of the deal. It is this broken partnership with God that is the reason we are stuck with the fallen and corrupted world in which we live. The first step God takes in repairing this partnership is to select a small group of people and make a new partnership with them called a "covenant." In this covenant, God makes promises to these people and asks them to fulfill certain commitments.

In total, there are four Old Testament covenants—one with Noah, one with Abraham, one with the Israelites, and one with King David. All these covenants serve the purpose of creating a new partnership into which God can eventually invite all humankind. Unfortunately, Israel eventually breaks these covenants with God.



Nevertheless, throughout the Old Testament, prophets talked about a day when God would once again create a new covenant, one that would completely restore all the broken covenants that came before it. Prophet Jeremiah talks about the same new covenant which God is going to make with his people however most of the times our understanding is like the man in the following story.

A man had a little daughter, an only and much-beloved child. He lived for her; she was his life. When she became ill and her illness resisted the efforts of the best obtainable physicians, he became like a man possessed, moving heaven and earth to bring about her restoration to health. His best efforts proved unavailing, and the child died. The father was totally irreconcilable. He became a bitter recluse, shutting himself away from his many friends and refusing every activity that might restore his poise and bring him back to his normal self. But one night he had a dream. He was in Heaven and was witnessing a grand pageant of all the little child angels. They were marching in an apparently endless line past the Great White Throne. Every white-robed angelic tot carried a candle. He noticed that one child's candle was not lit. Then he saw that the child with the dark candle was his own little girl. Rushing to her, while the pageant faltered, he seized her in his arms, caressed her tenderly, and then asked: "How is it, darling that your candle alone is unlit? "Father, they often relight it, but your tears always put it out." Just then he awoke from his dream. The lesson was crystal clear, and its effects were immediate. From that hour on he was not a recluse but mingled freely and cheerfully with his former friends and associates. No longer would his little darling's candle be extinguished by his useless tears.

If we read the Bible carefully, we can see there is more efforts by God to continue his relationship with us. "The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their fathers when I took them out of the land of Egypt-a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord". Can we see the pain of God in these words?

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus

has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel—affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

Through His death and resurrection Jesus established a new covenant in his blood as we heard in the first reading. From an old covenant of Judgement to a new covenant of Forgiveness of Sin.

The Gospel teaches us that new life and eternal life are possible only by the death of the self through suffering and service. Our covenant with God can never be complete if we are not ready to toe His path of suffering and dying for others. By his

cross, He showed us an example we should follow. A TRUE CHRISTIAN DOES NOT SEEK HIS OR HER OWN COMFORT AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHERS. Salt gives its taste by dissolving in water. A candle gives light by burning its wick and melting its wax. We gain eternal life only through self suffering and death for others. “We make a living through what we get but we make a life by what we give”.

It may sound absurd and unimaginable to some, each time God reminds us of losing our lives if we love it, but this is the absolute truth about our Christian life and calling. This is what defines the Christian life and experience, without which the Christian life is vague and empty. If there is anything that distinguishes a worldly person and a Christian, it is the ability to offer oneself, taking the risk with one's life at stake to save another, to deny and deprive oneself of one's comfort and pleasure to make the life of others better.

Holy Father Pope Francis reflects on the Gospel this way “some “Greeks”, of the Jewish religion, who have come to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, turn to Philip and say to him: “We wish to see Jesus”. There are many people in the holy city, where Jesus has come for the last time, there are many people. There are the little ones and the simple ones, who have warmly welcomed the Prophet of Nazareth, recognizing Him as the Messenger of the Lord. There are the High Priests and the leaders of the people, who want to eliminate Him because they consider him a heretic and dangerous. There are also people, like those “Greeks”, who are curious to see Him and to know more about his person and about the works He has performed, the last of which — the resurrection of Lazarus — has caused quite a stir.

“We wish to see Jesus”: these words, like so many others in the Gospels, go beyond this particular episode and express something universal; they reveal a desire that passes through the ages and cultures, a desire present in the heart of so many people who have heard of Christ, but have not yet encountered him. “I wish to see Jesus”, thus He feels the heart of these people”.

Furthermore, continuing in his prophecy of the imminent Passover, Jesus uses a simple and suggestive image, that of the “‘grain of wheat’ that, once fallen into the earth, dies in order to bear fruit. In this image we find another aspect of the Cross of Christ: that of fruitfulness. The death of Jesus, in fact, is an inexhaustible source



of new life, because it carries within itself the regenerative strength of God's love. Immersed in this love through Baptism, Christians can become "grains of wheat" and bear much fruit if they, like Jesus, "lose their life" out of love for God and brothers and sisters.

What is our wish to see during this season of Lent?

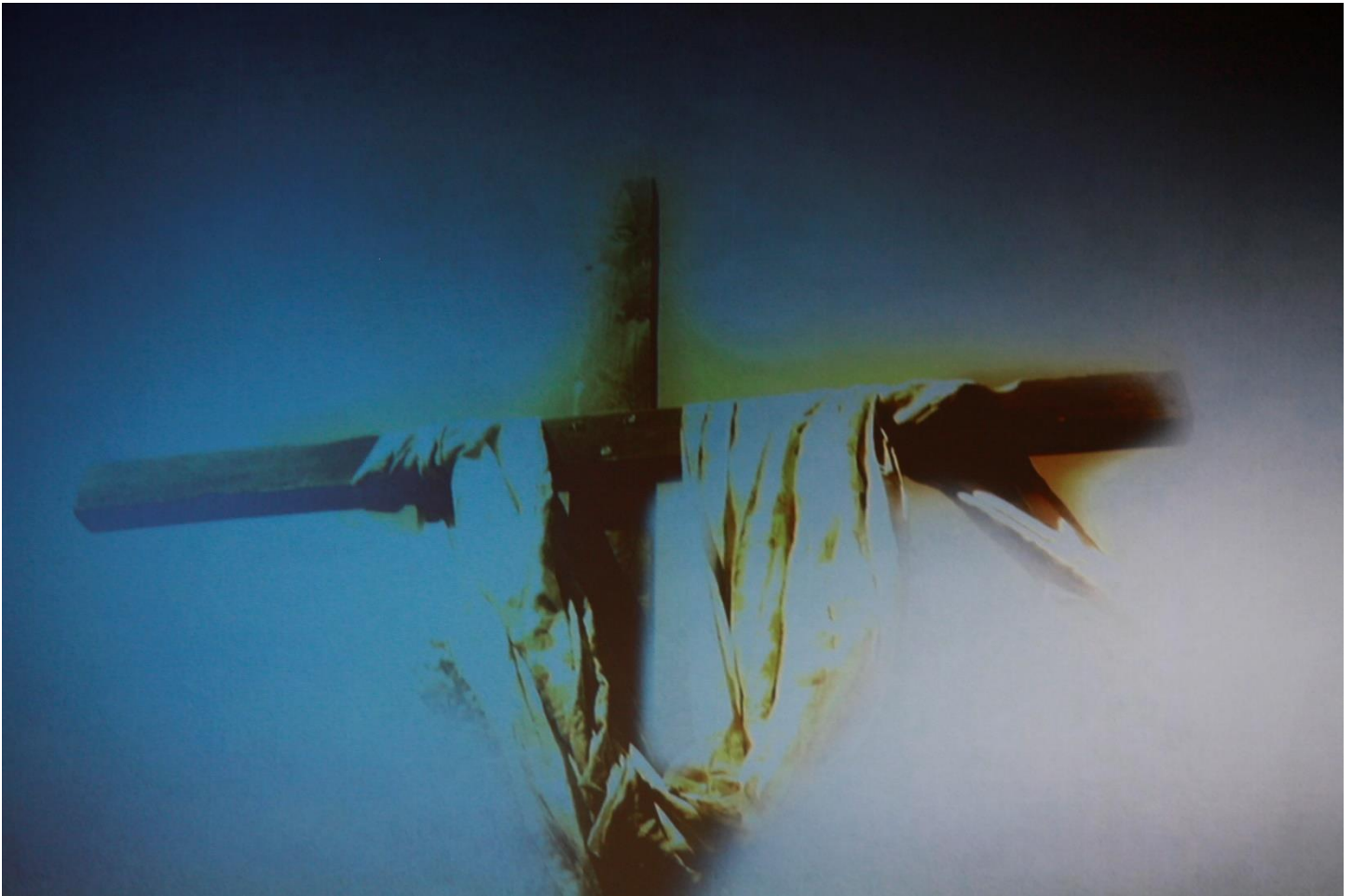


Photo by Fr. Iqbal Khurshid

# Fifth Sunday of Lent

## Lenten Spiritual Renewal #5



- Watch Reflection #3 from the Bishop: *Prayer* - [Youtube](#) | [Website](#)
- Watch the full series [here](#)
- Read the Bishop's Lenten Message [here](#)

## Solidarity Sunday

The Fifth Sunday in Lent is celebrated throughout most of Canada as Solidarity Sunday, where parishes hold a special collection for Development and Peace-Caritas Canada and pray for greater fellowship and understanding amongst people worldwide. Please pray for Development & Peace and its members and partners as we strive for God's kingdom to come and look forward to the Resurrection.

- **Livestream Mass.** The Most Rev. Guy Desrochers, Bishop of Pembroke and member of Development and Peace's national council, will preside over the hour-long bilingual mass, preceded by a 30-minute presentation on Development and Peace's mission of international solidarity. When: Sunday, Dec. 21

## COVID-19 Resources

- [Sacraments & Liturgies](#)
- [Spiritual Resources](#)
- [Sacrament Preparation](#)  
(First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation)
- [Online Formation Opportunity](#)

Visit the [Diocesan Event Calendar](#)

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Weekly reflections can be found here:

[Vatican News](#) | [The Sunday Website](#)  
[Sunday Connection](#) | [CCCB Reflection \(new link\)](#)

Daily and Sunday Mass Prayers & Readings: [CCCB Daily Readings](#)  
(pick the desired date)

Full schedule of Parish Livestream Masses:  
<https://www.catholiccyyc.ca> | TELUS Optik TV Ch. 877 (choose Diocese of Calgary tile logo). For other online Masses, visit [Salt+Light TV](#), [Shalom World TV](#), [EWTN](#) and [Vision TV](#)

## March Edition of *Faithfully*

The March edition of *Faithfully* was released last Thursday, Feb. 11.

- [Read Faithfully here](#)
- [Subscribe to Faithfully](#)

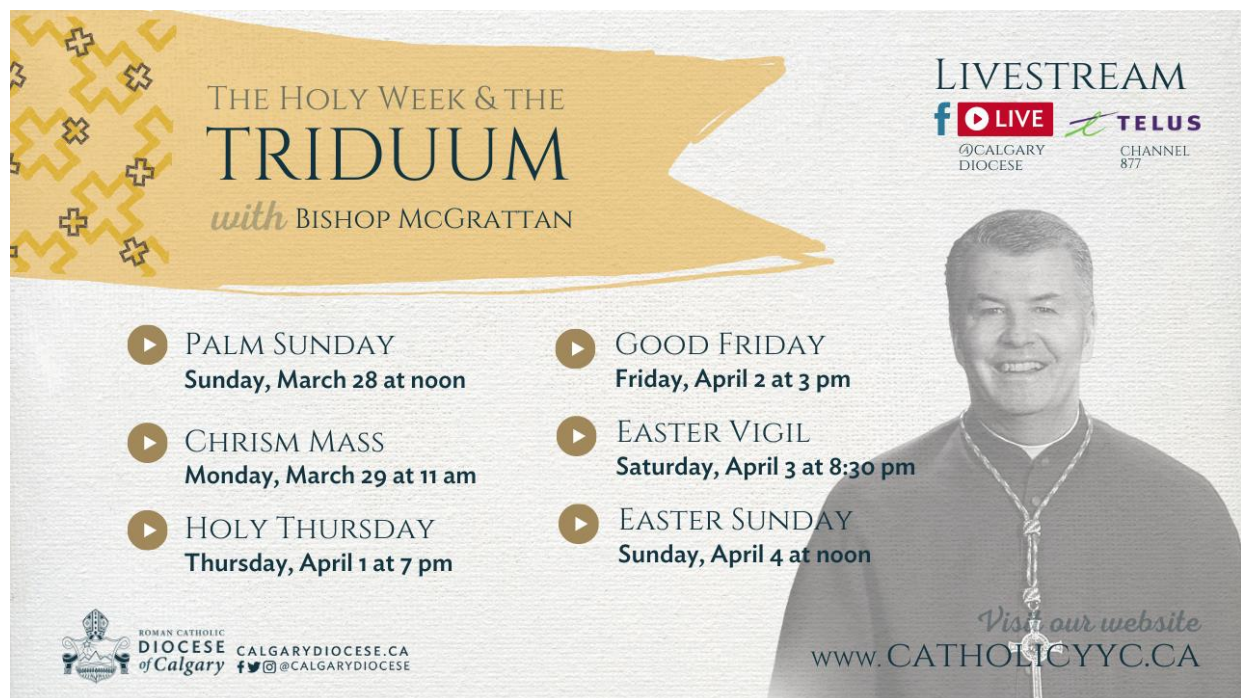
at 11 am (program begins), Mass at 11:30 am.

[Watch here.](#)

## Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Friday, March 19 at 5 pm | St. Mary's Cathedral. Livestream can be viewed at [catholiccyyc.ca](http://catholiccyyc.ca) (frontpage, underneath the main banner), and on our [Diocesan Facebook](#)
- Friday, March 19 at 7pm | St. Joseph's, Calgary. Watch on [Youtube](#) of [Facebook](#)

## Holy Week & Triduum



The graphic is a promotional poster for the Holy Week & Triduum. It features a yellow banner at the top with the text "THE HOLY WEEK & THE TRIDUUM" in large, dark letters, and "with BISHOP MCGRATTAN" in smaller letters below it. To the right of the banner, there are logos for "LIVESTREAM", "f LIVE", and "TELUS CHANNEL 877". Below the banner, there are two columns of text, each preceded by a play button icon. The left column lists: "PALM SUNDAY Sunday, March 28 at noon", "CHRISM MASS Monday, March 29 at 11 am", and "HOLY THURSDAY Thursday, April 1 at 7 pm". The right column lists: "GOOD FRIDAY Friday, April 2 at 3 pm", "EASTER VIGIL Saturday, April 3 at 8:30 pm", and "EASTER SUNDAY Sunday, April 4 at noon". At the bottom left, there is a logo for the "ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE of Calgary" with the website "CALGARYDIOCESE.CA" and social media handles. At the bottom right, there is a portrait of Bishop McGrattan and the text "Visit our website WWW.CATHOLICCYC.CA".

THE HOLY WEEK & THE  
**TRIDUUM**  
with BISHOP MCGRATTAN

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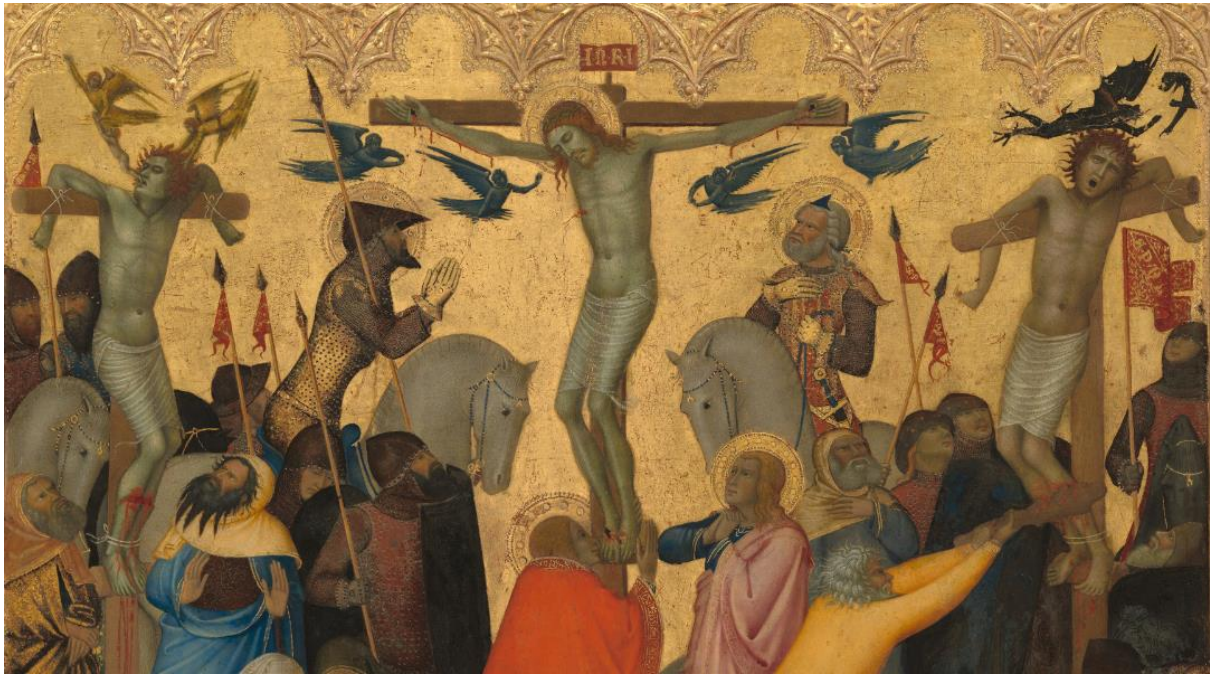
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Bishop McGrattan will be celebrating the Holy Week & Triduum at St. Mary's Cathedral:

- Palm Sunday, March 28 at noon
- Chrism Mass, March 29 at noon
- Holy Thursday, April 1 at 7 pm
- Good Friday, April 2 at 3 pm
- Easter Vigil, April 3 at 8:30 pm
- Easter Sunday, April 4 at noon

All liturgies will be livestreamed to our [Diocesan Facebook](#), [website](#) and TELUS Optik TV Channel 877. [Download graphic](#)





It is best to attend all sacred liturgies in person, but if this is not possible, [follow these tips and check out these resources](#) to cultivate some of the rituals and spirit of Holy Week in our own homes.

This page features:

- Resources for individuals, children and family during the Holy week.
- Points for our reflection to encourage and guide our active participation in the sacred liturgy during these pandemic times.

## Ethical concerns related to COVID vaccines



In case you missed it: Here is the latest note from the CCCB on ethical concerns related to currently approved COVID-19 vaccines - shared by Bishop McGrattan for all the faithful. [Read note here](#)

# Worth Sharing

## 1. Fifth Sunday of Lent - Bulletin Shorts, free to use

[Mass Readings](#) | **Outsiders Seeking Jesus.** Today, visitors from Greece (outsiders to the Jews) want to see Jesus who is in the holy city Jerusalem for Passover. This reminds us that everyone, really, looks for God, wants to be good, hopes for salvation. This is the impact of the new covenant of which Jeremiah speaks today.

1. How can I be like Philip and Andrew, and bring others to Jesus?
2. How will I serve Jesus and follow him today?
3. What of my life am I willing to lose for the benefit of eternal life?

*Source: Diocese of Springfield*

## 2. Third Scrutiny - Fifth Sunday of Lent - Bulletin Shorts, free to use

Mass Readings: Ezekiel 37:12-14. Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8. Romans 8:8-11. John 11:1-45. **Dying and Rising.** Shall we open graves today? Shall we untie those who are bound up? Shall our acts of bravery help others to rise to new life?

1. How can I let the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus dwell within me?
2. What deadly thoughts and acts can I help untie?
3. How will I stand with the risen Christ in what I say and do?

*Source: Diocese of Springfield*

## 3. New employment opportunities

There are a few of employment opportunities in our Diocese for:

- **Bookkeeper** (part time) at St. Michael Catholic Community, Calgary
- **Program Assistant** (part time) at Elizabeth House, Calgary
- **Administration Assistant** (part time) at St. Joseph's Parish, Calgary
- **Housekeeping** at FCJ Centre & Conference, Calgary

For more information and application details, visit [catholiccyyc.ca/careers.html](http://catholiccyyc.ca/careers.html)

## 4. Saint Joseph, Patron of the Unborn

When Catholics think of the title "Patron of the Unborn," they usually associate this title with Mary, calling to mind the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe signifying her patronage of those innocent lives in the womb of every mother. How is it then that the man who never co-operated physically in generating a child can be the patron of the offspring of such a generation? [Read this article](#) written by Joshua Francis Fililpetto, parishioner of Ascension parish, which was published in Catholic Insight, an online magazine.

## 5. The Wonderful World of Benjamin Cello at Formed.org

New release at Formed.org - The "Wonderful World of Benjamin Cello - O Lamb of God, I love you" - On this special feature-length episode, Benjamin Cello and his friends join with traveling troubadour, Brother Joseph, to tell the story of the **Passion of the Lord Jesus** to little children. Using immersive and artful shadow

puppetry and a soaring full orchestral score, Brother Joseph and Benjamin Cello bring the Greatest Love Story Ever Told to life. It's just beautiful. Don't miss it!

[Watch it here](#)

## 6. Confession resources

Here are some resources that might help individuals and family in your community when you promote your parish confession schedule:

1. [Diocesan printable Confession card for children](#) (includes examination of conscience, step-by-step and simple act of contrition)
2. [Printable examination of conscience for children](#)
3. [Goodconfession.com](#)
4. [In depth examination of conscience](#)
5. [Printable guide to Confession for adults](#) (provided by Knights of Columbus)
6. Video: [Making a good confession \(Fr. Mike Schmitz\)](#)
7. Video: [Bringing the same sins to confession? Try this](#)

7. **Children's Corner page from St. Joseph's Calgary** | St. Joseph's Parish has started a living page online for Children. *Children's Corner* - featuring faith and Catholic resources (videos, audios, books, groups), best practices and tips for family with young children. The page is updated weekly - you are welcome to link to it from your website or share with your parishioners. Here is the [page link](#).

## 8. Pope Francis' prayer intention for March 2021

Pope Francis' prayer intention for March seeks to highlight the joy that the Sacrament of Reconciliation brings, and reminds us that it's a loving and merciful encounter between us and God.

Full text from the Pope's intention: *When I go to confession, it is in order to be healed, to heal my soul. To leave with greater spiritual health. To pass from misery to mercy. The centre of confession is not the sins we declare, but the divine love we receive, of which we are always in need. The centre of confession is Jesus who waits for us, who listens to us and forgives us. Remember this: In the heart of God, we come before our mistakes. And let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the forgiveness and infinite mercy of God. And let us pray that God may give his Church merciful priests and not torturers.* Watch [Video here](#)

## 9. Alpha Online webinar with Fr. James Mallon & Nicky Gumbel

Did you know that 5600 parishes worldwide are running Alpha now? Join Fr James Mallon and Nicky Gumbel to hear their vision for evangelization at this significant moment for the church and the part Alpha Online can play in helping parishes respond. There will be a time of prayer and the opportunity for Q&A during this live webinar. [Register here](#)

## 10. **Permanent Diaconate information sessions**

If you are interested or feel that you are being called to a vocation as a Permanent Deacon, and you meet the qualifications listed in the Brochure (link below), please join in on one of the following information sessions (Zoom). When: **Wednesday, April 21 at 7 pm, or Saturday, April 24 at 10 am.** For more information, [click here](#)

## 11. **Retreat for unemployed persons**

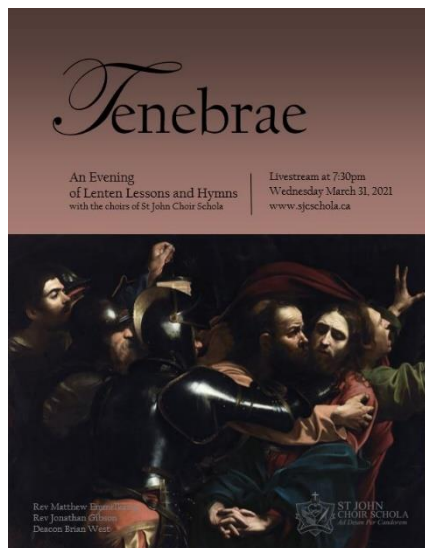
Loss of employment can be trying to our souls and our emotional balance, not just our financial health. At this time in history, a significant number of people are without work. FCJ Centre invites you to this special retreat "Gift of Hope" on **Friday, March 26 to Sunday, at 1 pm.** Cost: Free! This retreat is not about job-finding but a heart helping retreat. The focus will be on getting in touch with feelings, discovering gifts, and supporting one another in a time of personal transition. It is designed to help find patience, hope, humour and self-esteem in God's creative love. This program is sponsored by The Society of Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), FCJ Christian Life Centre, and generous contributions from our donors. For more information, [click here](#)

## 12. **Share Love, Share Lent resources**

Prayer of the Faithful for the *Third Sunday of Lent*: For members of our community; may they act in solidarity with their sisters and brothers around the world in protecting God's Creation, our common home. Let us pray to the Lord.

1. For the rest of the Lenten Prayers of the Faithful in Lent [click here](#)
2. D&P Solidarity Calendar can be [downloaded here](#)
3. All campaign resources can be found [here](#)

## What's Happening?



## **An Evening of Lenten Lessons & Hymns - March 31**

St John Choir Schola (SJCS) invites you to join their first Tenebrae: An Evening of Lenten Lessons & Hymns on March 31 at 7:30 pm. Live-streamed from Our Lady of the Assumption Church on **Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 7:30pm**, this candlelit SJCS Tenebrae service weaves the salvation narrative through crucial moments in the Old Testament to the betrayal and Passion of Christ. Livestream will be available at [www.sjcschola.ca](http://www.sjcschola.ca)



# The Bishop's Dinner is different this year!

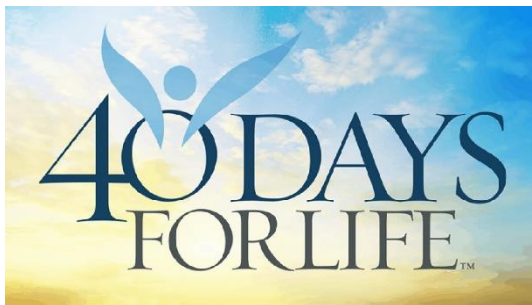
This year, our annual Bishop's Dinner will be a little different. With so many of our community members facing food insecurity, we've redirected our efforts to provide care packages to those in need.

Feed the Hungry is a Diocese of Calgary provides care packages to 300 guests every Sunday at St. Mary's Hall. We are currently providing food bundles that guests can take with them.



You can help us support this important initiative in 3 different ways:

- Share this with your community to help spread the word
- Make a bigger impact with your donation. Donations gifted through #Birdies4Kids program will be matched up to 50%! Donate to Feed the Hungry here: <https://shawcharityclassic.com/donatenow>
- Provide items to cover 300 food bundles (store-wrapped sandwiches, fruit, snacks and bottles of water. Email [feedthehungry@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:feedthehungry@calgarydiocese.ca) for more information



## 40 Days for Life

As people of faith, we affirm that *all* human life is sacred from the moment of conception to natural death. 40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and peaceful

vigils outside of abortion clinics. The spring campaign is from **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17 to Mar. 28, 2021.**

Here are some ways your parish can be involved for the protection of life, to pray for the aborted babies, their mothers, fathers, families, those experiencing unexpected pregnancies, and for staff and physicians working in abortion clinics.

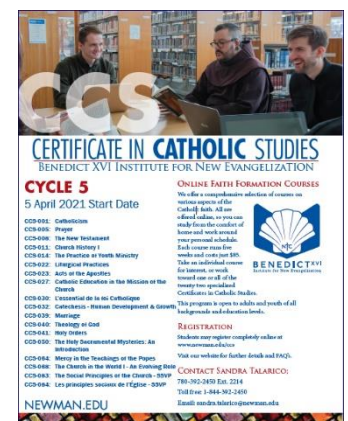
- Offer Mass
- Choose a day in the week to pray the Rosary for these intentions
- Choose a day to fast
- Choose a day to pray before The Blessed Sacrament
- Share the pro-life message via parish communication methods - homilies, video clips, online church bulletins, announcements, etc.

- Please see the attached Pre and Post Pregnancy Resources Sheet. This is a helpful tool to know where you may refer those who need these resources. For more information about 40 Days for Life in Calgary, [click here](#)

Parish members in good standing with their respective parish will receive **a tuition reduction of 25% for any of the DMU online programs.** To learn more about Divine Mercy University, contact [divinemercy.edu](http://divinemercy.edu) | 703-416-1441



These formation opportunities will help you with your faith journey and to help you grow closer to Christ. Find a list of webinars and courses on our diocesan website [here](#).



## Follow us on Social Media

[Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#)

Weekly reflections can be found here:

[Vatican News](#) | [The Sunday Website](#) | [Sunday Connection](#)

Daily and Sunday Mass Prayers & Readings: [CCCB Daily Readings](#) (pick the desired date)

## Livestreams

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 and 877 (choose Diocese of Calgary tile logo). For other online Masses, visit [Salt+Light TV](#), [Shalom World TV](#), [EWTN](#) and [Vision TV](#).

Our parishes rely on your Sunday offerings for maintenance and growth. 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/donatetoparish> [or contact your Parish to set up a direct debit deposit].



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## EMAIL SCAMS

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.

### 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)



## SCHEDULE

*For more Livestreams, visit*  
[CATHOLICYC.CA/LIVESTREAMMASS](https://www.catholicyyc.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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## 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].*

## LINKS

- [News.CalgaryDiocese.ca](https://www.catholicyyc.ca/news) | Announcements from the Diocese of Calgary
  - [Events.CalgaryDiocese.ca](https://www.catholicyyc.ca/events) | Diocesan events and registrations
  - [Blog.CalgaryDiocese.ca](https://www.catholicyyc.ca/blog) | Catholic Pastoral Centre Blog
  - [Careers.CalgaryDiocese.ca](https://www.catholicyyc.ca/careers) | Employment opportunities in the Diocese of Calgary
- Connect to the Diocesan [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#)
- To share with parishioners:
    - [Sacraments & Liturgies](#)
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    - [Sacrament Preparation](#)
    - [Online Formation Opportunity](#)

# FCJ



## RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTRE

*A corporate ministry of the Sisters Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) since 1980*



[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 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.**



## Outdoor Way of the Cross

Many people have come in pilgrimage over the years to pray the Way of the Cross during Holy Week, especially on Good Friday. We have produced a **virtual Way of the Cross** to use at any time during Lent and Holy Week. Please see the link below.

Individuals and small groups who wish to come to the Mount are advised that, following guidelines from Alberta Health to restrict all indoor social gatherings, **the building will not be open** and therefore **public washrooms will not be available**. If you do come to pray outside, please dress appropriately, especially wearing proper footwear. The trails are icy and snow covered in places.

We wish you a prayerful and safe Holy Week.

<https://youtu.be/xNzoJPYS50c>

**March 26-28:** [Women's Serenity Weekend](#)

**March 31:** [Charity of the Cross](#)

**April 9-11:** [Men's Serenity Weekend](#)

**April 16-18:** [Couple's Weekend](#)

**April 23-25:** [Anglican Weekend](#)

**April 30 – May 2:** [Women's Weekend](#)

**May 7-9:** [Young Christian Professionals \(Ages 20-40\)](#)

**May 14-16:** *Outside Group – Private Booking*

**May 17-21:** *Diocese of Calgary RC Clergy*

**May 28-30:** *Outside Group – Private Booking*

**June 4-6:** [Women's Weekend](#)

**June 11-13:** [Men's Weekend](#)

**June 14-19:** *Outside Group – Private Booking*

**June 21-27:** [6 Day Preached Retreat](#)

**July 17:** [Brother Sun-Sister Moon](#)

**July 18-25:** [7 Day Directed Retreat](#)



**GOOD FRIDAY: Reflections on the  
Way to the Cross** – with Fr. Pat Fitzpatrick C.S.Sp.

**HOLY SATURDAY: The Luminous  
Mysteries of the Rosary** – with Fr. John Bertão

## *Holy Week Reflections*

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[www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com)

Toll Free: 1-888-383-6277



### **GOOD FRIDAY**

#### **REFLECTIONS ON THE WAY TO THE CROSS**

*with Fr. Pat Fitzpatrick C.S.Sp.*

APRIL 2 – WATCH DURING  
YOUR REGULAR TV MASS TIMES

We come face to face with Christ in those who suffer. Through these Stations of the Cross, we follow in Jesus' footsteps from Pilate's palace, to Calvary. We mark ourselves with the sign of the cross and walk with Fr. Pat Fitzpatrick on the way to the cross. This production is not the traditional Way of the Cross, as it invites us to join with the faithful followers of Christ, especially his mother, and to enter into the passion and death of Jesus our saviour.

In appreciation of your kind support, please check the appropriate box on your donation form if you would like us to send you the new booklet based on these reflections.



### **HOLY SATURDAY**

#### **THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY**

*with Fr. John Bertão*

APRIL 3 – WATCH DURING  
YOUR REGULAR TV MASS TIMES

*"With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the School of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty of the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love." St. John Paul II*

Holy Saturday is a time of contemplation for Catholics as we wait for the joy of our Easter celebration. Father John Bertão will be sharing a reflection on the Luminous Mysteries. (Baptism of Christ, Wedding at Cana, Proclamation of the Kingdom, Transfiguration, Institution of the Eucharist.) These newest of the mysteries of the Rosary, established by St. Pope John Paul II in 2002, have been called "Mysteries of Light" and are messages of enlightenment and hope.