



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

MARCH 28 2021 -

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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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



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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

You Tube

1.4 MILLION of the Diocesan goal will financially support the approved diocesan ministries, partner organizations, and agencies. See list at catholicyycc.ca/tia

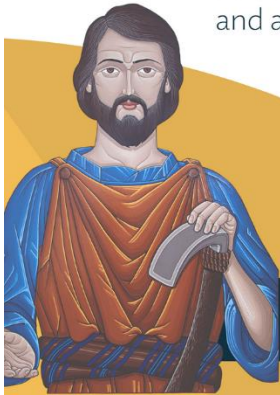
OUR PARISH GOAL

\$ 49,657

Everything raised **OVER** our parish goal will go to support*:

Mustard Seed
Medicine Hat Food Bank
& Society of St. Vincent de Paul

TO DATE \$ 9,239 = 19% OF THE WAY



2021
THE YEAR of
ST. JOSEPH

CATHOLICYCC.CA/TIA

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
Shortage YTD	-\$ 1,073

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

*Thank You for your
Generous Contributions*

†Masses Intentions Mar 27th – May 2nd†

Saturday, March 27

8:30am – Fr Iqbal Khurshid

5:00pm – Byron Parsons †

Sunday, March 28

8:30 am – Joyce Risling †

10:30am – Theresa Streifel †

6:00pm – Holy Family Parish

Monday, March 29

NO MASS TODAY – Chrism Mass in Calgary

Tuesday, March 30

9:00am – Nick & Rosina Mucciarone †

Wednesday March 31

9:00am – George Corcoran †

Thursday, May 1

7:00pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, May 2

12:00pm – Passion of the Lord

3:00pm – Passion of the Lord

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Sunday, March 21, 2021

Procession with Palms

Gospel: Mark 11.1-10

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

1st Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7

**I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. I know that I shall not
be put to shame.**

Responsorial Psalm: 22.7-8,16-17,18-19,22-23 (R. 1)

R. My God, my God why have you forsaken me.

2nd Reading: Philippians 2.6-11

Jesus humbled himself. Therefore God highly exalted him.

Gospel: Mark 14.1 – 15.47

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ENTERING AND DYING

This Holy Week begins with a festive entry into Jerusalem with cloaks spread around, with leafy branches waving, and with “Hosannas” crying out. But this all ends with suffering and death.

- † How will spend this day and this week emptying myself as Jesus did?**
- † How can I, like Jesus, be more humble?**
- † How will I be obedient?**

The Paschal Triduum – 01-04 April 2021

These Holy Three Days begin on Thursday with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, continues with the Passion of the Lord on Friday, rests in the joyfully expectant paschal fast of Saturday and the Rites of Preparation with the elect, and comes to an end with the Easter Vigil, and the Masses of Easter Day.

Plan to come if you are safely able.

Holy Week 2021



HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1ST

MORNING PRAYER, 8:30AM

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

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)**



Confirmation

ST. PATRICK'S CONFIRMATION MASS

Saturday May 15th at 10:30am at Holy Family Parish.

HOLY FAMILY CONFIRMATION MASS

Sunday May 16th 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 23rd from 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Holy Family is Wednesday March 24th 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

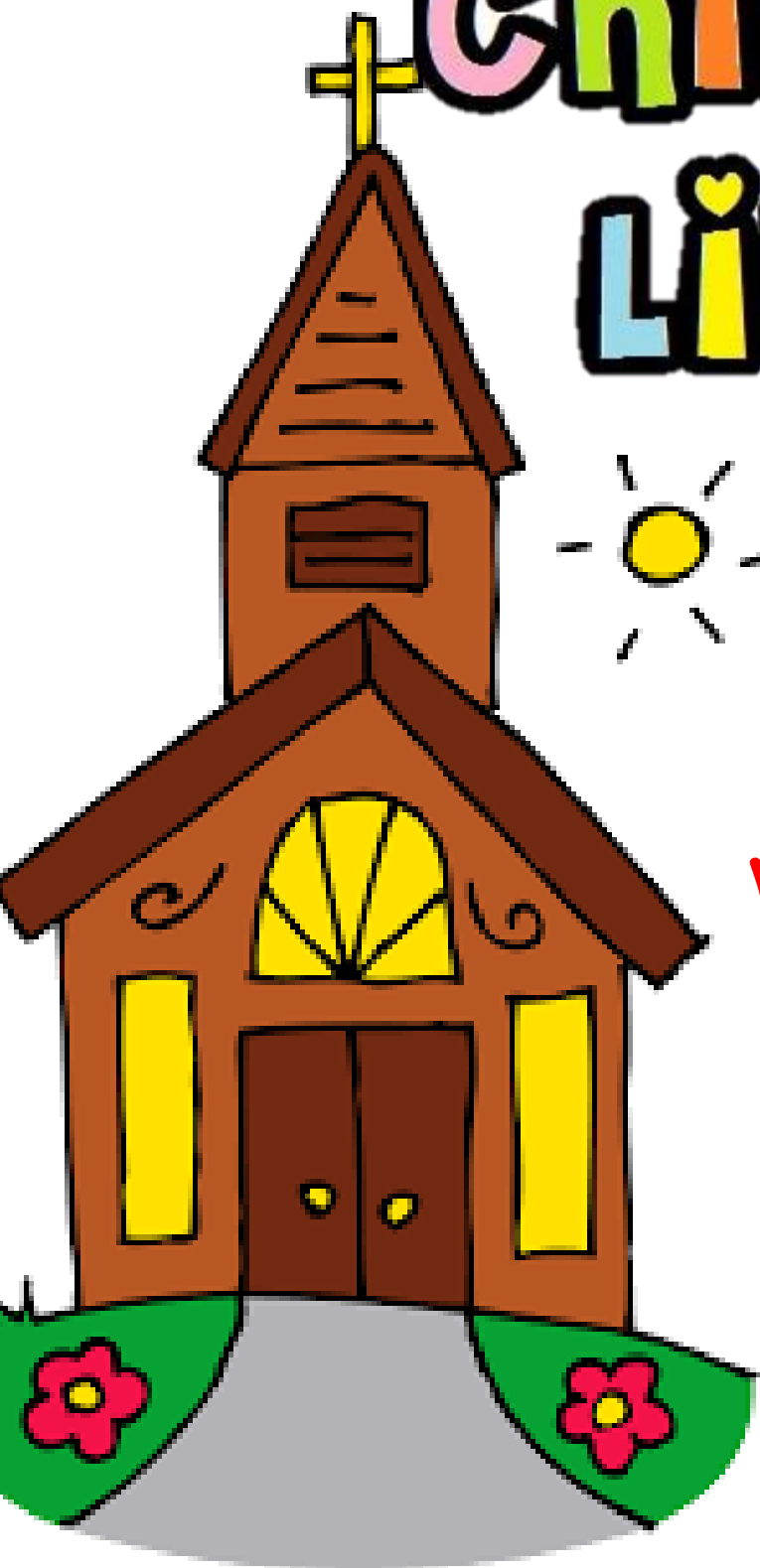
***NOTE: If any candidate has NOT received 1st Reconciliation please email Sally (sac.prep@holyfamilymh.ca) ASAP so we can set up a time. Your child will not be able to receive 1st Communion if they did not get this sacrament.

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

1st Communion Masses:

Holy Family Parish - Friday April 23rd at 6:30pm

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



Virtual Children's
Liturgy
Watch for a Video &
an Activity Page to
download from our
Facebook Page.
"Medicine Hat, Holy
Family Parish"

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



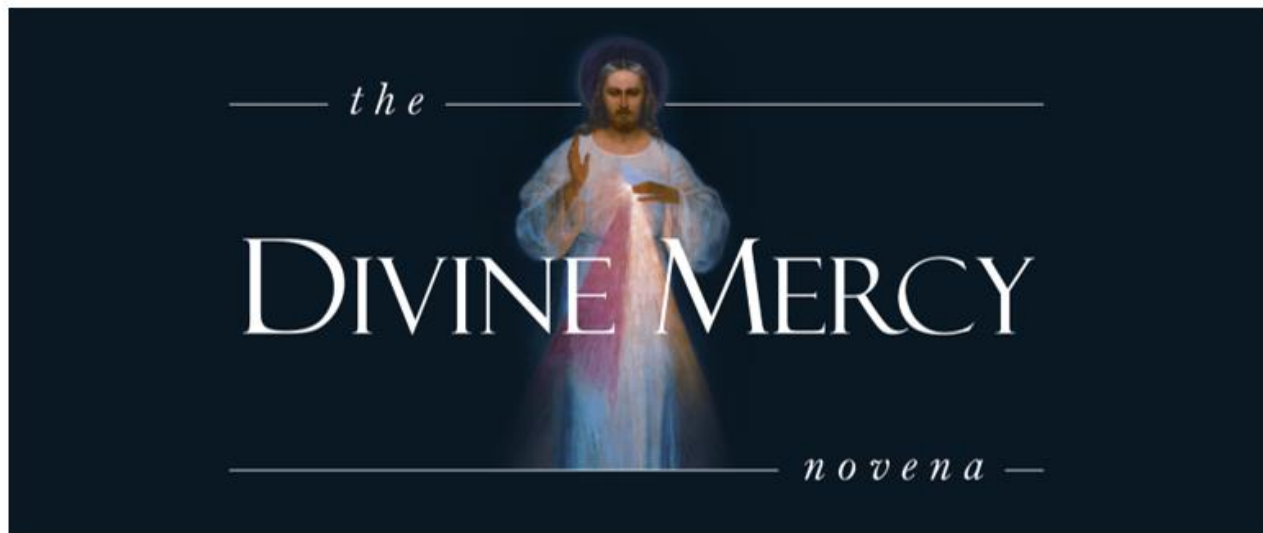
Shamrock Bottle Depot will have a truck on the east side of Holy Family to drop off your bottle donations, glass, plastic, plus milk cartons, juice, pop containers.

Stations of the Cross 2021 – 6:00pm

Monday, March 29 - CWL

with Margaret Velichko

Slide Show



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

LENTEN MISSION TALKS

March 30, 2021 6:30pm

THE SIXTH WORD

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*

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

A crown of thorns, a symbol of Jesus' suffering, is positioned in the lower right corner. Three long, silver nails are placed over the thorns, arranged in a triangular pattern. The background of the entire image is a close-up of a wooden surface with vertical grain lines.



CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE

\$ 7,755

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.



PALM SUNDAY - YEAR B

CONFLICT OR CONFUSION?

Today as we begin the holiest week of Lent which is the culmination of our Lenten Journey which we started on Ash Wednesday by receiving the ashes on our heads, everyone is invited to reflect and meditate on the triumphant entry of Jesus to Jerusalem, and his passion, death, and resurrection. The entry of Jesus to Jerusalem brings a lot of conflict and confusion. Before I explain the great mystery of Lord's entry to Jerusalem, let me share a story with you. This I believe will help to understand and grasp the real meaning of the title.

There was a father who left 17 camels to his three sons. When the father passed away, his sons opened the will. The Will of the father stated that the eldest son should get half of 17 camels while the middle son should be given $\frac{1}{3}$ (one-third). The youngest son should be given $\frac{1}{9}$ (one-ninth) of the 17 camels.

As it is not possible to divide 17 into half or 17 by 3 or 17 by 9, three sons started to fight with each other. How can they divide their father's inheritance?

Do you have any thoughts about how to divide 17 camels among three sons as prescribed in their father's will?

You may take your time to think before reading further...

So, three sons decided to go to a wise man. The wise man listened patiently about the whole matter i.e. dividing 17 camels as follows: $\frac{1}{2}$ to the eldest son, $\frac{1}{3}$ to the middle son and $\frac{1}{9}$ to the youngest – How is it possible?

So, the wise man, after giving this thought, brought one camel of his own and added to the 17. That increased the total to 18 camels.

Now, he started reading the deceased father's will.

Half of 18 = 9. So, he gave the eldest son 9 camels.

$1/3^{\text{rd}}$ of 18 = 6. So, he gave the middle son 6 camels.

$1/9^{\text{th}}$ of 18 = 2. So, he gave the youngest son 2 camels.

Now add this up: 9 plus 6 plus 2 is 17 and this leaves one camel, which the wise man took back.

Every year as it was his custom Jesus went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover however his last one has lot to teach us. Saint Andrew of Crete, bishop explains the mystery in this way: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the king of Israel. Let us go together to meet Christ on the Mount of Olives. Today he returns from Bethany and proceeds on his own free will toward his holy and blessed passion, to consummate the mystery of our salvation. He who came down from heaven to raise us from the depths of sin, to raise us with himself, we are told in Scripture, above every sovereignty, authority, and power, and every other name that can be named, now comes of his own free will to make his journey to Jerusalem. He comes without pomp or ostentation. As the psalmist says: He will not dispute or raise his voice to make it heard in the streets. He will be meek and humble, and he will make his entry in simplicity".

The world is divided into two with the entry of Jesus to Jerusalem. Why so? I believe this is the final moment of Jesus' life before he will be arrested, mocked, derided, beaten, crucified and die. Let us reflect first on the element of conflict. In Jerusalem, the conflict started with the birth of Jesus as the whole Jerusalem was shocked and shaken to hear that a new king was born. This conflict cost lives of little babies because the greed for power did not have the aspect of morality. The conflict grew stronger and stronger with the public ministry of Jesus. The leaders of the nation did not like what Jesus was doing and they always stood against him. But when Jesus entered Jerusalem, conflict went up to its peak. The Gospels narrate that they plotted against him how to kill him as the Psalmist says, "For I hear the whispering of many— terror all around! —as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life" (Psalm 31:13). In this conflict not only the religious and political authorities are involved but also one of Jesus' own disciple was the participant of this conflict and betrayed him and sold him for 30 coins. This conflict will continue till Jesus is crucified and died.

Now let us reflect on the element of the confusion. It is joyful and sorrowful at the same time. We celebrate the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem to the cries of his

disciples who acclaim him as king. However, there is huge confusion going on among the people. People are shouting with great enthusiasm to welcome Jesus into the city of Jerusalem, maybe for two reasons; first they think Jesus is their king and secondly, he is going to deliver Jerusalem from the Roman oppression. But then to their surprise nothing happened, and the confusion arose. In this poignant contrast, our hearts experience in some small measure what Jesus himself must have felt in his own heart that day, as he rejoiced with his friends and wept over Jerusalem. Was he aware of the confusion going on around him? There was a time when people were pressing on him and he did not even have time to eat or rest. People shouted at him “Son of David have mercy on us”. They requested him to heal their servants, sons, daughters and even to raise their brother from the dead. They left their homes to follow him and to listen to him. They are astounded and amazed at his teaching. When he entered Jerusalem, they shouted for him “Hosanna, Hosanna, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord...”. Then what led people to change their slogans from Hosanna to Crucify, Crucify?

Last year when I went to Israel to walk the footsteps of our Lord, I could imagine how streets must have been packed with people who came out to welcome Jesus. I wondered about the people who were following him, leaving their homes, and even forgetting to eat. There were people that laid their clothes on the ground, carried branches and shouted, “Hosanna in the Highest, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the Highest.” Now there is no voice heard, there is silence, dead silence. Even the words of Psalmist are going unnoticed.

“Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory” (Psalm 24:7-10).

Palm Sunday is a day where we all come together to rejoice in the Lord that he has taken the journey of our salvation, as Prophet Zechariah says ***“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: (Zechariah 9:9).*** However, the confusion has gone so deep into the people that word “Hosanna” is being taken over by the chant of “Crucify him”. This situation shows how evil can put us down and our voice of truth can be silenced. Every new day is bringing a message of disaster, discouragement, hopelessness, and stress.

During Conflict and Confusion let us remember that he is entering to Jerusalem to suffer and die for our sins so that we may have eternal life and life in abundance; ***“Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion! For lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says the Lord. Many nations shall join themselves to the Lord on that day, and shall be my people; and I will dwell in your midst. And you shall know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you. The Lord will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land, and will again choose Jerusalem. Be silent, all people, before the Lord; for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.”*** (Zechariah 2:10-13).

Prophet Zephaniah encouraging us to rejoice in the Lord who has the power to restore everything back: ***“Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing”*** (Zephaniah 3:14-17).

St, Andrew of Crete encourages us; “Let us run to accompany him as he hastens toward Jerusalem, and imitate those who met him then, not by covering his path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before him by being humble and by trying to live as he would wish. Then we shall be able to receive the Word at his coming, and God, whom no limits can contain, will be within us”.

In his humility Christ entered the dark regions of our fallen world and he is glad that he became so humble for our sake, glad that he came and lived among us and shared in our nature to raise us up again to himself. And even though we are told that he has now ascended above the highest heavens—the proof, surely, of his power and godhead—his love for man will never rest until he has raised our earthbound nature from glory to glory and made it one with his own in heaven.

So, let us spread before his feet, not garments or soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in his grace, or rather, clothed completely in him. We who have been baptized into Christ must ourselves be the garments that we spread before him. Now that the crimson stains of our sins have been washed away in the saving waters of baptism and we have become white as pure wool, let us present the conqueror of death, not with mere branches of palms but with the real rewards of his victory. Let our souls take the

place of the welcoming branches as we join today in the children's holy song: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the King of Israel.

This conflict and confusion could be dispelled from lives only if we help one another to understand the true meaning of Jesus 'sacrifice just like the story below:

A professor gave a balloon to every student, who had to inflate it, write their name on it and throw it in the hallway. The professor then mixed all the balloons. The students were then given 5 minutes to find their own balloon. Despite a hectic search, no one found their balloon.

At that point, the professor told the students to take the first balloon that they found and hand it to the person whose name was written on it. Within 5 minutes, everyone had their own balloon.

The professor said to the students: "These balloons are like happiness. We will never find it if everyone is looking for their own. But if we care about other people's happiness, we'll find ours too."

May this Holy Week help us to deepen our relationship with the Lord. Amen



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NET COMMUNITY PRAYER NIGHT

MARCH 30, 8 PM EST

Dear Holy Family Parish,

Join us on **Tuesday, March 30 at 8:00 PM EST** for a prayer night to start your Holy Week!

Music will be lead by NET alumni Natalie Steiner and Mike Travo and there will be prayer ministry stations where you can receive prayer from some of this year's NET missionaries, alumni, and staff.

Everyone is welcomed to this event, so feel free to invite your friends and family!

We look forward to praising the Lord with you this Holy Week!

[Register Here!](#)

If you can't make it, we would still love to pray for you and your intentions that evening! If you have someone or something you would like us to pray for, please let us know by hitting reply to this email!

Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday

Lenten Spiritual Renewal #6



- Watch Reflection #6 from the Bishop: *Proclaiming the Word of God* - [Youtube](#) | [Website](#)
- Watch the full series [here](#)
- Read the Bishop's Lenten Message [here](#)



Parish Triduum & Easter schedule can be found [here](#) or click the banner above. A link to the Parish Triduum & Easter schedule is available on the Diocese website at www.catholiccyyc.ca

Livestream schedule of the Triduum & Easter at parishes in the Diocese of Calgary will be available on our website soon: catholiccyyc.ca

Resources for parishioners during Holy Week & Triduum (family rituals, children activities, livestream preparation etc.)- [click here](#)

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](#)

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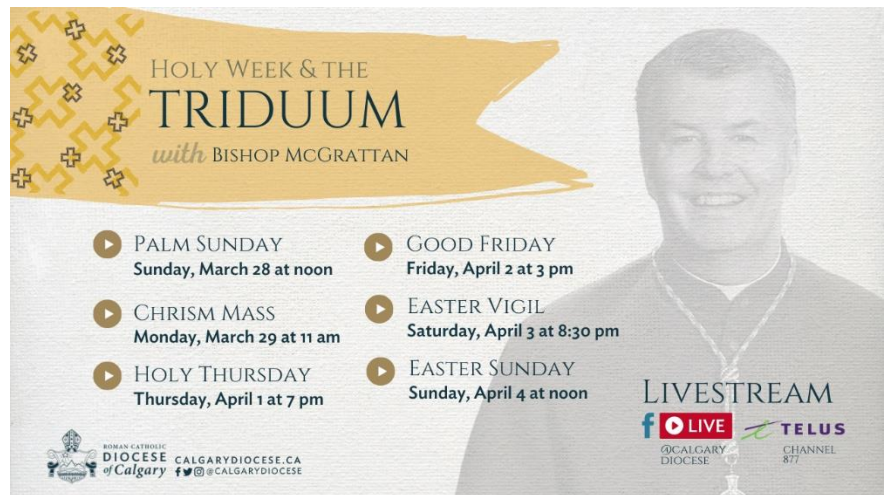
The March edition of Faithfully was released last Thursday, March. 11.

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

Holy Week & Triduum

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.

A response to Bill C-7 expansion

The Senate accepted a revised version of [Bill C7](#). The bill received royal assent on March 17. Under the new law, Canadians who are not near the natural end of their lives can seek assisted suicide. Edmonton Archbishop Richard Smith responds to the passage of Bill C-7 which expands euthanasia and assisted suicide to those without foreseeable death. "This is not good law and we need to continue to advocate against it." [Watch video here](#)

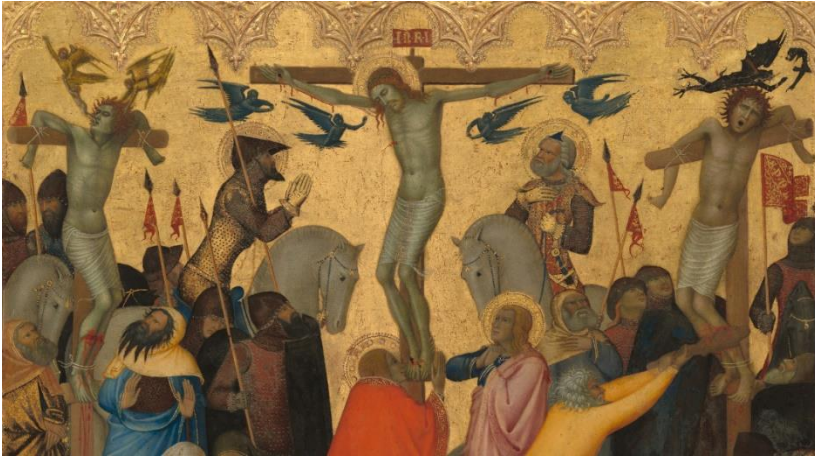
For more resources on Bill C-7 and Euthanasia, please visit: <https://www.catholiccyyc.ca/euthanasia.html>

Covid-19 Vaccines Q&A



The Calgary Catholic Medical Association (CCMA) is providing answers to general questions such as: what vaccines are available and how do they work; the variant concerns; are COVID vaccines safe; who should not receive the vaccines; and the ethical considerations of these vaccines. [Read more](#)

Holy Week & Easter Celebration at Home



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.

CCCB Resources for the *Year of St. Joseph*

The CCCB has launched today the page for the Year of St. Joseph on their website. <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/celebrating-the-year-of-saint-joseph/> This page offers various resources related to St. Joseph on prayers and devotions, catechetical resources for adults and children, and Church documents.

Development & Peace

Development and Peace (*The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace*, or D&P) is the official international development organization of the [Catholic Church in Canada](#) and the [Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis](#). Development and Peace is a membership led organization



supported by parish collections, individual donations and government grants, principally from Global Affairs Canada.

For over 50 years, Development and Peace has supported 15,200 local initiatives in fields such as agriculture, education, community action as well as the consolidation of peace and advocacy for human rights in 70 countries. Inspired by Gospel values and in particular the preferential option for the poor, Development & Peace is to support the actions of people in the Global South so that they can take control of their destiny and educate Canadians on issues related to North-South imbalance.

Representing the west region in the Development and Peace National Council is Bishop William McGrattan. Read more about the National Council for Development and Peace [here](#).

We are excited to announce that you can now give directly to Development and Peace-Caritas Canada from the Diocese of Calgary's Giving page at catholicyyyc.ca/donatednp. We ask that you consider joining Development & Peace in their work for the poor and vulnerable.

- To learn more about Development & Peace, visit devp.org
- To join the local council in the Diocese of Calgary, contact devpyyc@gmail.com
- To donate to Development & Peace, visit catholicyyyc.ca/donatednp.html

Worth Sharing...

1. Palm Sunday - Bulletin Shorts, free to use

[Mass Readings](#) | Entering and Dying. This Holy Week begins with a festive entry into Jerusalem with cloaks spread around, with leafy branches waving, and with “Hosannas” crying out. But this all ends with suffering and death.

1. How will I spend this day and this week emptying myself as Jesus did?
2. How can I, like Jesus, be more humble?
3. How will I be obedient?

Source: Diocese of Springfield

2. Easter Sunday - Bulletin Shorts, free to use

[Mass Readings](#) | “Clear Out the Old Yeast.” St. Paul speaks these words to us today. Get rid of old yeast to make a fresh batch of dough. Shed, he says, the old yeast of malice and wickedness and use, he says, the new yeast of sincerity and truth. For Christ is risen.

1. What do I need to shed?
2. What truth will I tell – kindly yet boldly?
3. My new yeast will be _____?

Source: Diocese of Springfield

3. Reminder: Tenabrae, an evening of Lenten Lessons & Hymns

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

4. **Focus on Advocacy: D&P Webinar**

Advocacy for global justice is something that the members of Development and Peace see as integral to their faith commitment. As humanity faces an unprecedented ecological crisis in the decade ahead, advocacy that cares for our common home is vital. Join deputy director of public engagement at Development and Peace Luke Stocking and senior policy analyst at Citizens for Public Justice Karri Munn-Venn for a conversation with our movement on the 4 policy pillars of For the Love of Creation. Long time Development and Peace member Kim Piché, involved in climate justice and the zero waste movement, will also participate. You will leave ready to put your faith in action by urging the federal government to place these 4 pillars at the heart of their own policy decisions in the years ahead. When: Saturday, March 27 from 11:30am to 12:30 Alberta time. [Register here](#)

5. **Theology of the Body Virtual Conference**

Last year, more than 77,000 men and women from 160 countries registered for the inaugural TOBVC, making it the largest Catholic Conference in 2020! Hosted by [Theology of the Body Institute](#), the TOB Virtual Conference April 30-May 2 will feature dozens of prominent speakers and artists — showing how Theology of the Body applies to everyday life, how it will transform your prayer life, how it can bring healing of the deepest wounds in yourself and with others, and how it will bring your Catholic faith alive in new and brilliant ways. For more information or to register, [click here](#)

6. **Online Stations of the Cross**

1. This year the Development and Peace *The Way of the Cross* invites us to reflect on the need to share love and to develop greater social fraternity in light of Jesus's passion, death and resurrection. Please join us for this online event to pray the stations together with staff, members and friends of Development and Peace. When: Good Friday, April 2 at 10 AM. [Zoom link](#)
2. Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre in Cochrane, Alberta, invites you to participate in a virtual *Way of the Cross*, using the stations erected on Mount St. Francis grounds. Friar Michael Perras, OFM, gives a brief history of the stations and their link to the Franciscans. He then offers a guided meditation on the Way of the Cross. [Watch here](#)
3. You are invited to pray with the recorded *Stations of the Cross* by St. Mary's Parish in Cochrane. [Watch here](#)

4. Pray with Formed.org:

1. Stations of the Cross for Children with Brother Francis. [Play video](#)
2. Stations of the Cross by St. Alphonsus Liguori. [Play audio](#)

7. **Being Human Podcast**

In the *Being Human* podcast, Dr. Greg Bottaro, Founder and Director of the CatholicPsych Institute, shares with you his vision for Catholic therapy and a revolutionary approach that is focused, finally, on what it means to be human. Add this to your list of favourite podcasts - get a new episode every Tuesday at <https://www.catholicpsych.com/podcast> - current episode: *St. Joseph's Masculine Genius*.

8. **Stabbing in a Catholic School in Leduc**

This has been a devastating time for Christ the King high school in Leduc. One of its students died following a stabbing incident last week, and another was charged with first-degree murder. This created a tremendous amount of pain and suffering for the community. Please keep the the victim, her family and community in your prayers. [Read more](#)

9. **Fertility Education**

Billings Ovulation Method Teacher Training Webinars will begin in April 2021. This program is the first step required to become an Accredited BOM Teacher. Participants gain knowledge and skills to provide fertility education suited to every season of reproductive life. Simplicity and solid science come together for the welfare of marriages & children. For more details and to register, visit billingslife.ca

10. **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

11. **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](#)

12. **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](#)

13. **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](#).

14. **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](#)

What's Happening?



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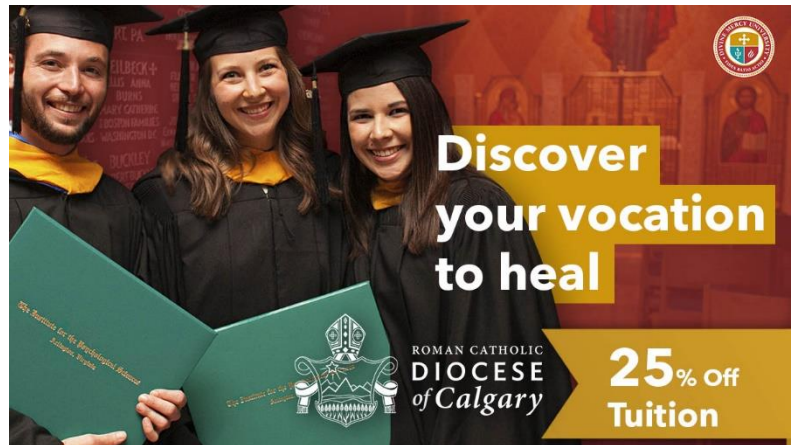
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Divine Mercy University (DMU) is the first and only graduate school that integrates the science of psychology and proven therapeutic methods with the Catholic-Christian understanding of the person, marriage and the family. DMU provides educational instruction to all Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary applicants at a reduced tuition.



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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](#).

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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

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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



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

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LINKS

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 - [Events.CalgaryDiocese.ca](https://www.CalgaryDiocese.ca) | Diocesan events and registrations
 - [Blog.CalgaryDiocese.ca](https://www.CalgaryDiocese.ca) | Catholic Pastoral Centre Blog
 - [Careers.CalgaryDiocese.ca](https://www.CalgaryDiocese.ca) | Employment opportunities in the Diocese of Calgary
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[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.

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 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
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APRIL 2 – WATCH DURING
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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.

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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.