



# Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

**APRIL 4, 2021 - EASTER SUNDAY**

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**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**

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

**You Tube**

**March 31, 2021**

To: **Holy Family Parish** (MEDICINE HAT) Members

Re: **Place of Worship COVID-19 Controls**

Alberta Health Services (AHS) values and respects the various faith and cultural communities that provide important emotional, spiritual and psychological support to many people across southern Alberta.

The [Alberta Health Guidance Document for Places of Worship](#), and CMOH Order 42-2020 outline the current Covid-19 controls for places of worship in Alberta. Reduced occupancy, physical distancing between households and [wearing masks](#) are three of the most important controls listed in the Guidance Document and Order. Unfortunately, some individuals do not adhere to masking, which is **key** in helping to prevent the spread of COVID-19. COVID-19 variants are now in our communities. It is important to note these variants are more transmissible than the original strain, meaning they can spread much faster. It is very important to follow all health guidance.

Working with **Holy Family Parish** (Medicine Hat) leadership, we have reviewed and discussed the church's current COVID-19 precautions and plans. AHS Public Health would like to acknowledge the continuous efforts of the church leadership to protect attendees and limit the spread the virus, including the offering of virtual services, additional service times, providing hand hygiene supplies, and having ushers support education on masking and other procedures. **These efforts and measures help to support people coming together in church to celebrate their faith.**

However, when masking requirements are not adhered to, the entire church community may be at greater risk for COVID-19 spread. Those who choose not to wear masks may put the congregation at increased risk. It could also result in the church being non-compliant with current Chief Medical Officer of Health Orders, potentially leading to fines under the Public Health Act or the inability to host in-person worship.

COVID-19 can spread rapidly in settings where individuals are within two metres of each other over a period of time or are participating in activities with common touch items. It is transmitted through tiny droplets of liquid produced by people who have the virus. These droplets spread by coughing, sneezing, singing or laughing, or when touching objects the virus has landed on and then touching your eyes, nose or mouth. People who have COVID-19 can also spread it to others before they start to feel sick. To protect fellow congregants, AHS Public Health strongly encourages those who choose not to wear a mask to use alternative forms of worship.

AHS Public Health recognizes the important balance of supporting communities and personal choices while protecting others more vulnerable, and we will continue to work collaboratively with church leaders and members.

Sincerely,

AHS Public Health  
Communicable Disease Control



” Then the people rejoiced because these had given willingly, for with single mind they had offered freely to the Lord  
1 CHRONICLES 29:9

**1.4 MILLION** of the Diocesan goal will financially support the approved diocesan ministries, partner organizations, and agencies. See list at [catholicyyc.ca/tia](http://catholicyyc.ca/tia)

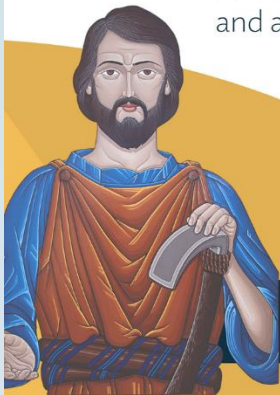
## OUR PARISH GOAL

**\$ 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 \$ 9,657 = 19% OF THE WAY**



**2021**  
THE YEAR of  
ST. JOSEPH

[CATHOLICYC.CA/TIA](http://CATHOLICYC.CA/TIA)

### OPERATING FINANCES

March 1-31, 2021

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Operating Budget 2021           | \$ 55,769 |
| General Envelope Collection     | \$ 43,223 |
| Loose Collections               | \$ 586    |
| Future Development              | \$ 3,317  |
| Sale of Church Supplies & Other | \$ 8,660  |
| Other Ministries                | \$ 525    |
| Budget Vs Actual                | \$ 767    |

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Together in Action (TIA) | \$ 4,157 |
| St Vincent de Paul       | \$ 3,311 |
| Clergy Retirement        | \$ 35    |
| Mission Mexico           | \$ 130   |
| CARO                     | \$ 70    |

*Thank You for your  
Generous Contributions*

### † Masses Intentions April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> †

**Saturday, April 3**

8:00pm – Easter Vigil

**Sunday, April 4**

8:30 am – Holy Family Parish

10:30am – Chris Hellman †

**Monday, April 5**

NO MASS TODAY – OFFICE CLOSED

**Tuesday, April 6**

9:00am – Allen Kaupp †

**Wednesday April 7**

9:00am – Carole & Ron Hauber

**Thursday, April 8**

9:00am – JP & Cora Blanchette

**Friday, April 9**

9:00am – Florentino Ramos †



Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord  
Sunday, April 4, 2021

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 10.34a,37-43

We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead .

Responsorial Psalm: 118.1-2,16-17,22-23 (R.24)

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

R. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 3.1-4

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

Gospel: John 20.1-18

According to the Scriptures: Jesus must rise from the dead.

**“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 \_\_\_\_\_?

*Peace, blessings,  
and a Happy  
Easter to You.*





## 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



**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

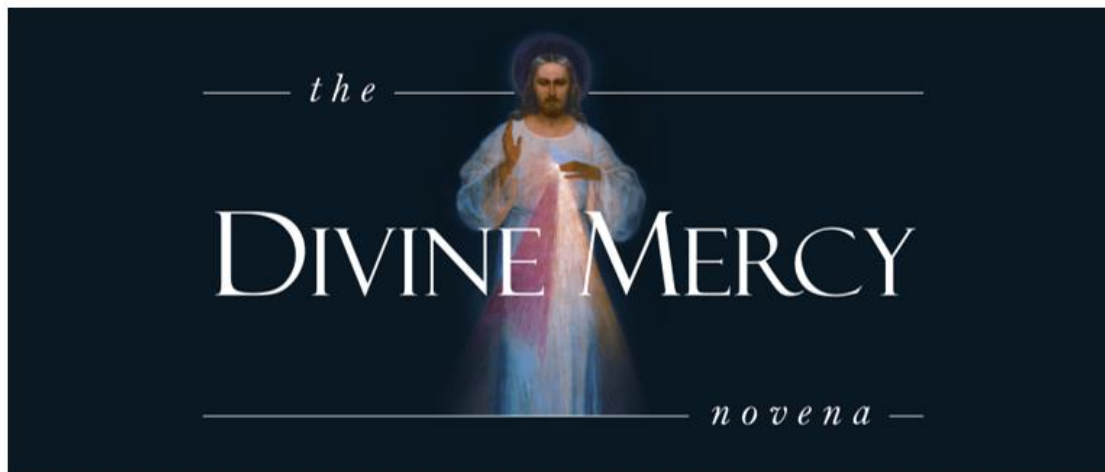


**Shamrock** BOTTLE DEPOT  
your "one stop" recycling centre

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.



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**

Dear parishioners, the Knights on Columbus will be hosting a drive-through food drive on Sunday, April 18th from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. We will be sponsoring the Mustard Seed and the Medicine Hat food bank. The Mustard Seed and Food Bank have also supplied us with a list of needs. Cash donations will be accepted. All COVID precautions will be implemented.



Thank you, Knights of Columbus.

**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
**St. Patrick's Parish**  
**April 11, 2021**



The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said after each weekend Mass on April 10th & 11th.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11th, at 3:00pm we will say the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Divine Prayers and have Adoration.

Fr. Roque & Fr. Francis will be available for confession from 3:00-4:30pm, followed by Mass at 5:00pm.



Thank you to everyone who donated baby items to  
**Nurture Pregnancy Centre**





## CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE

**\$ 9,480**

### 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!



### DRIVE-THROUGH FOOD DRIVE

**SUNDAY, APRIL 18TH FROM 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM.**

#### Mustard Seed Urgent Needs List...

Seasoning Salt, Celery Salt, Juice Boxes, Sandwich Meats, Lasagna Noodles, Mozzarella/Cheddar Cheese and Slices, Eggs, Breakfast Sausages, Coffee Creamers, Hash Browns, Rice, Canned Beans, Canned Tomatoes, Commercial Plastic Wrap with Cutter, Plastic Clear Bags 5 lb. Brewmaster, Small Ziploc Bags, Latex Gloves: Small and Medium, Metal Pot Scrubbers, Green Scouring Pads, Flats of Bottled Water, Ajax/Comet, New Kitchen Hand Towels/Dishcloths

If you would like a tax receipt, please fill in the envelope and place it in the box with your payment. Make cheques payable to Holy Family Parish. Thank you for your generosity.





# *The tradition of House Blessing*

The tradition of House Blessing dates back to early Christianity. We read in the Gospel of St. Matthew ""On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh." It means we open the doors to Jesus to come in and stay with us. As it is written in the Book of Revelation 3:20 *"Listen! I am standing at*

*the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me"*

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church "Among the sacramentals blessings occupy an important place. They include both praise of God for his works and gifts, and the Church's intercession for men that they may be able to use God's gifts according to the spirit of the Gospel.

At the Easter Vigil, all is restored: The fonts are filled again and the baptismal water is blessed. In this blessing, we hear how God has given water the "power to sanctify" throughout salvation history — the great flood cleansed the earth of sin, the Israelites passed through the Red Sea to freedom, Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River. For the remainder of the Easter season, the congregation is sprinkled liberally with this holy water in place of the penitential rite at the beginning of Mass. We are reminded of our baptism and our baptismal vow. During Easter time, when houses are blessed with the water blessed at Easter Vigil, reminds us about the life-giving water which flowed from the side of Jesus when his heart of pierced. There are during the blessing, we remember the words of the Psalmist, "**Blessed** art thou, and it shall be well with thee".



## HOLY TRIDUUM - YEAR B

### SERVICE, SACRIFICE & SALVATION

Today we begin Holy Triduum which brings us to the solemn celebrations of the Holy Week. These three days are holiest days for us all Christians to remember what Jesus did, how it was done? On Holy Thursday we learn the aspect of service. Pope Francis explains it this way; "On this Thursday, Jesus was at table with the disciples, celebrating the feast of Passover. And the passage of the Gospel which we heard contains a phrase that is the very core of what Jesus did for us: "having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end". Jesus loved us. Jesus loves us. Without limit, always, to the end". Jesus' love for us knows no limits: always more and more. He never tires of loving anyone. He loves us all, to the point of giving his life for us. Yes, giving his life for us; yes, giving his life for all of us, giving his life for each one of us. And every one of us can say: "He gave his life for me". Everyone: He gave His life for you, for you, for you, for you, for me, for him... for each person, by first and last name. His love is like that: personal. Jesus' love never disappoints, because He never tires of loving, just as He never tires of forgiving, never tires of embracing us. This is the first thing that I wanted to say to you: Jesus loves us, every one of us, to the end.

And then, He did something that the disciples did not understand, washed their feet. It was not done by the master of the house but by the slaves. That was the task of a slave. And like a slave, Jesus washes our feet, the feet of his disciples, and that is why He says: "What I am doing you do not know now, but afterward you will understand". Jesus' love is so great that He became a slave to serve us, to heal us, to cleanse us. He washes us entirely, He purifies us, He lets us feel his love yet again. There is a very beautiful phrase in the Bible, the prophet Isaiah says: "Can a mother forget her child? But even if a mother could forget her child, I will never forget you". God's love for us is like this. How are we serving the Lord and his people?

We need to have the attitude of Ruth: *"Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die—there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!"* (Ruth 1:16-17).

Without service there is no sacrifice and Jesus has given us the best example of sacrifice as we celebrate Good Friday to commemorate Jesus' death on the cross. Pope Francis has beautiful reflection for Good Friday, " Lord Jesus, help us to see in your Cross all the crosses of the world: The cross of those who hunger for bread and for love; The cross of those who are alone or abandoned even by their own children and family members; The cross of those who thirst for justice and peace; The cross of those who do not have the comfort of the faith; The cross of the elderly who are bowed down under the weight of years and loneliness; The cross of migrants who find doors closed because of fear, and hearts sealed by political calculations; The cross of the little ones, wounded in their innocence and purity; The cross of humanity that wanders in the darkness of uncertainty and in the darkness of the culture of the fleeting moment; The cross of families broken by betrayal, by the seductions of the evil one or by murderous lightness and by selfishness; The cross of consecrated persons who tirelessly seek to bring your light into the world and feel rejected, mocked and humiliated; The cross of consecrated persons who, along the way, have forgotten their first love; The cross of your children who, believing in you and trying to live according to your word, find themselves marginalized and discarded even by their families and their peers; The cross of our weaknesses, our hypocrisies, our betrayals, our sins and our many broken promises; The cross of your Church which, faithful to your Gospel, struggles to carry your love even among the baptized themselves; The cross of the Church, your bride, who feels continually attacked from within and from without; The cross of our common home that withers seriously before our selfish eyes that are blinded by greed and power. Lord Jesus, rekindle in us the hope of the resurrection and of your definitive victory against all evil and all death. Amen!"

Saint John Chrysostom says "If we wish to understand the power of Christ's blood, we should go back to the ancient account of its prefiguration in Egypt. Sacrifice a lamb without blemish, commanded Moses, and sprinkle its blood on your doors. If we were to ask him what he meant, and how the blood of an irrational beast could possibly save men endowed with reason, his answer would be that the saving power lies not in the blood itself, but in the fact that it is a sign of the Lord's blood. In those days, when the destroying angel saw the blood on the doors he did not dare to enter, so how much less will the devil approach now when he sees, not that figurative blood on the doors, but the true blood on the lips of believers, the doors of the temple of Christ.

If you desire further proof of the power of this blood, remember where it came from, how it ran down from the cross, flowing from the Master's side. The gospel records that when Christ was dead, but still hung on the cross, a soldier came and pierced his side with a lance and immediately there poured out water and blood. Now the water was a symbol of baptism and the blood, of the holy eucharist. The soldier pierced the Lord's side, he breached the wall of the sacred temple, and I have found the treasure and made it my own. So also, with the lamb: the Jews sacrificed the victim and I have been saved by it.

And the Author of the Letter to Hebrews sums up the sacrifice of Jesus in this way "When Christ came as high priest of the good things which have come to be, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation. He entered, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his



own blood, and achieved eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself up unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God!

Therefore he is mediator of a new covenant: since his death has taken place for deliverance from transgressions committed under the first covenant, those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance. Where there is a testament, it is necessary that the death of the testator be confirmed. For a testament comes into force only in the case of death; it has no force while the testator is alive. Hence, not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood.

When Moses had read all the commandments of the law to the people, he took the blood of goats and calves, together with water and crimson wool and hyssop, and sprinkled the book and all the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which God has enjoined upon you." He also sprinkled the tabernacle and all the vessels of worship with blood. According to the law almost everything is purified by blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

It was necessary that the copies of the heavenly models be purified in this way, but the heavenly realities themselves called for better sacrifices. For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by hands, a mere copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself that he might appear before God now on our behalf. Not that he might offer himself there again and again, as the high priest enters year after year into the sanctuary with blood that is not his own; if that were so, he would have had to suffer death over and over from the creation of the world. But now he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sins once for all by his sacrifice. Just as it is appointed that men die once, and after death be judged, so Christ was offered up once to take away the sins of many; he will appear a second time not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him" (Hebrews 9:11-28).

The third most important day in the Holy Triduum is Easter Sunday, the day our Lord conquered the death and rose from the dead. This victory can only be understood by people who know how to serve and sacrifice for others. He is truly risen from the dead, Alleluia, Alleluia. According to St. Augustine "it was impossible for the Author of life to stay under the earth for long" The Christians all over the world have been preparing themselves with prayer, penance, and work of charity to celebrate the greatest feast of all times, that's Easter. No one expected that it is going to happen that a man who was once crucified going to rise. St. Paul rightly says in his first letter to Corinthians ""Death has been swallowed up in victory. *"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"*.

According to Pope Francis "The women had gone to anoint the Lord's body and instead found themselves standing before a surprise. When God announces something, it is always a surprise because God is a God of surprises. It has been that way from the beginning of the story of salvation with Abraham: one surprise after another. God does not know how to make an announcement without surprising us. Surprise moves our hearts and touches us where we do not expect. Once those women saw he is risen, they did not stop there but their reaction was

priceless. They rushed back to share with the disciple, what they have seen. God's surprises demand an immediate response. Peter and John ran to the tomb. The shepherds on the night when Christ was born ran to see what the angel had revealed to them. The Samaritan woman also ran to say to her people, "this is something entirely new. I have met a man who has told me everything that I have done—and the people knew what she had done. Even St. Andrew did not waste time to go to St. Peter to say that he had found the Messiah.

The Feast of Easter is a feast of proclamation of his resurrection and victory over death. That salvation for us is won by Lord by his own blood. Are we ready to proclaim that "Truly he is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia?

**WISH YOU ALL A VERY BLESSED AND HAPPY EASTER.**



# 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](http://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](http://catholiccyyc.ca)

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

## COVID-19 Resources

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

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[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, March. 11.

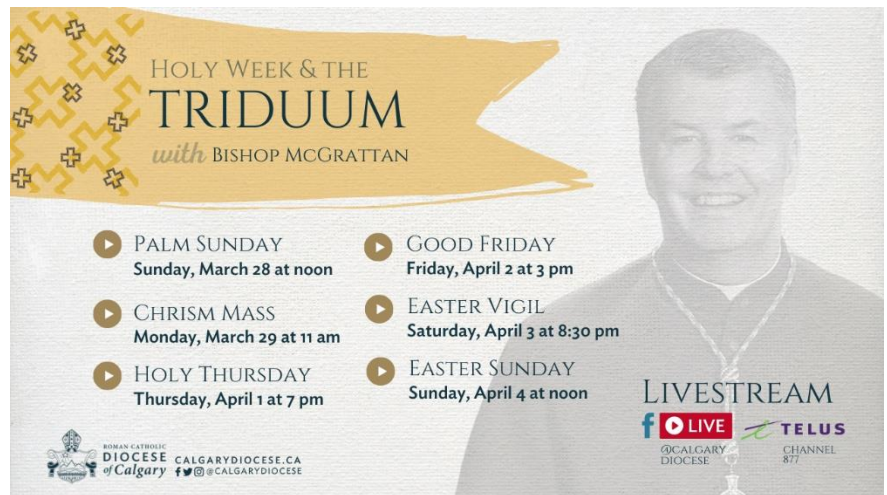
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# Holy Week & Triduum

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

- 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](#)

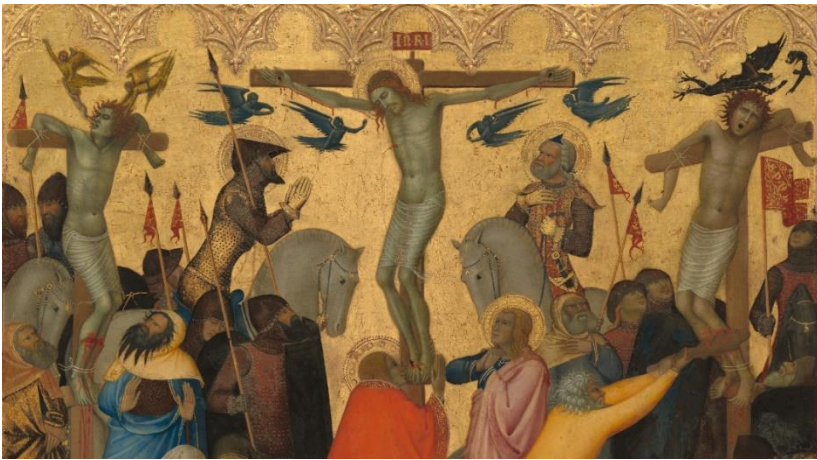
For more resources on Bill C-7 and Euthanasia, please visit:  
<https://www.catholiccyyc.ca/euthanasia.html>

## 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 [catholiccyyc.ca/donatednp](http://catholiccyyc.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](http://devp.org)
- To join the local council in the Diocese of Calgary, contact [devpyyc@gmail.com](mailto:devpyyc@gmail.com)
- To donate to Development & Peace, visit [catholiccyyc.ca/donatednp.html](http://catholiccyyc.ca/donatednp.html)

## Worth Sharing...

### 1. 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*

### 2. 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](#)



### 3. 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](#)

### 4. 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](#)

### 5. 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*.

### 6. 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](#)

## 7. 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](http://billingslife.ca)

## 8. 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)

## 9. *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](#)

## 10. 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](http://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](#)

11. **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](#).

## 12. 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](#)



## Have you subscribed to Faithfully?

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## Reduced tuition rates from DMU

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# Online Faith Formation Courses

## Certificate in Catholic Studies

The Benedict XVI Institute for New Evangelization offers comprehensive selection of courses on various aspects of the Catholic faith. All are offered online. Each course runs five weeks and costs \$85. Take an individual course for interest, or work toward one or all of the twenty two specialized Certificates in Catholic Studies. The next start date is April 5, 2021. Students may register completely online at [newman.edu/ccs](http://newman.edu/ccs) Visit our website for further details and FAQs.

## Other online formation opportunities

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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**CCS-022:** Liturgical Practices  
**CCS-023:** Acts of the Apostles  
**CCS-027:** Catholic Education in the Mission of the Church  
**CCS-030:** L'essentiel de la foi Catholique  
**CCS-032:** Catechesis - Human Development & Growth  
**CCS-039:** Marriage  
**CCS-040:** Theology of God  
**CCS-041:** Holy Orders  
**CCS-050:** The Holy Sacramental Mysteries: An Introduction  
**CCS-064:** Mercy in the Teachings of the Popes  
**CCS-068:** The Church in the World I - An Evolving Role  
**CCS-063:** The Social Principles of the Church - SSVP  
**CCS-064:** Les principes sociaux de l'Église - SSVP

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## National Collection

### for the needs of the Church in the Holy Land

It has been the practice throughout the Catholic world that on Good Friday a collection is taken up to support the Church and the people of the Holy Land. Because of the difficulties encountered by Christians in the Holy Land, that Church needs our support more than ever. There are many ways to be supportive: learn more about the situation of Christian minorities living there; be in solidarity with them through your prayers; and consider making a gift to help them.

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**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)



## 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.

## SCHEDULE

*For more Livestreams, visit*  
[CATHOLICCYC.CA/LIVESTREAMMASS](https://www.catholiccyc.ca/livestreammass)



**MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

**6 pm - Rosary**

**(WEDNESDAY - ROSARY AND MASS)**

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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**

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## LINKS

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

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



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**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.**



**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](#)