



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

APRIL 11, 2021 – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Email: contact@holyfamilymh.ca ~ Website: www.holyfamilymh.ca ~ Facebook: Medicine Hat Holy Family Parish

Reconciliation: By Appointment Only 403-527-6933 ext. 101

Office Hrs. Monday to Friday - 8:30am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm to 4:30pm - Closed on Holidays.

Reconciliation is by appointment only Tuesday to 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

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You Tube



” 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

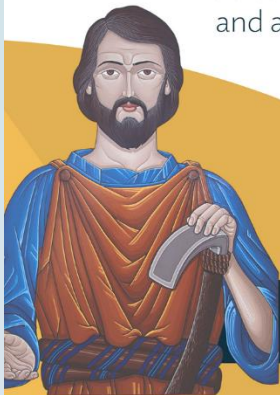
OUR PARISH GOAL

\$ 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 \$ 11,297 = 23% OF THE WAY



2021
THE YEAR of
ST. JOSEPH

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 10th-16th †

Saturday, April 10

5:00pm – Lynda & Ed Sutor

Sunday, April 11

8:30 am – Catherine Bernhard †

10:30am – Terry Parsons

6:00pm – Holy Family Parish

Monday, April 12

9:00am – Larry Parsons

Tuesday, April 13

9:00am – Carina Delwo

Wednesday April 14

9:00am – Patrick Glashan †

Thursday, April 15

9:00am – Gerry Nadeau †

Friday, April 16

9:00am – Kevin, Trisha, Ayla & Nixon
Churcher

Easter Offerings

Holy Land: \$2,898.50, Holy Thursday: \$2,181.

Easter Offering: \$8,960. *Thank You!!!*

2nd Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday
Sunday, April 11, 2021

1st Reading: Acts 4.32-35

They were of one heart and soul.

Responsorial Psalm: 118.2-4,16-18,22-24 (R 1)

R. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

2nd Reading: 1 John 5. 1-6

Whatever is born of God conquers the world.

Gospel: John 20.19-31

After eight days Jesus came and stood among them.

SO MANY CATCH PHRASES TODAY.

“The doors were locked.” “Peace be with you.” “There was no needy person among them.” “His mercy endures for ever.” “His commandments are not burdensome.” Locked doors cannot keep Jesus away. He speaks peace to us, even in these Covid-19 days. Because he is peace among us – no one has need. Because he is full and overflowing with mercy – nothing is a burden.

† How will I manifest peace, be peace this Easter week?

† How will I show mercy, be mercy this week?

† Whose burden will I ease?

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



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.

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. More information on Page 5.

Thank you, Knights of Columbus.



Light Weigh One King is coming back to Holy Family Parish. This 12-week DVD Bible Study program is designed to enrich our relationship with Jesus Christ and improve health through weight loss and healthy eating. New research shows church-based meetings increase people's weight loss success. There are no weigh-ins. Let Our LORD and King help you break free from all things keeping you chained! A **Light Weigh One King** Orientation will be held on **Thursday, April 29** at **6:30 pm** in the Faith Room at Holy Family Parish. We will begin our 12-week session on Thursday, May 6 at 6:30 pm in the Faith Room for all new and previous members to attend. Hope to see you there!



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

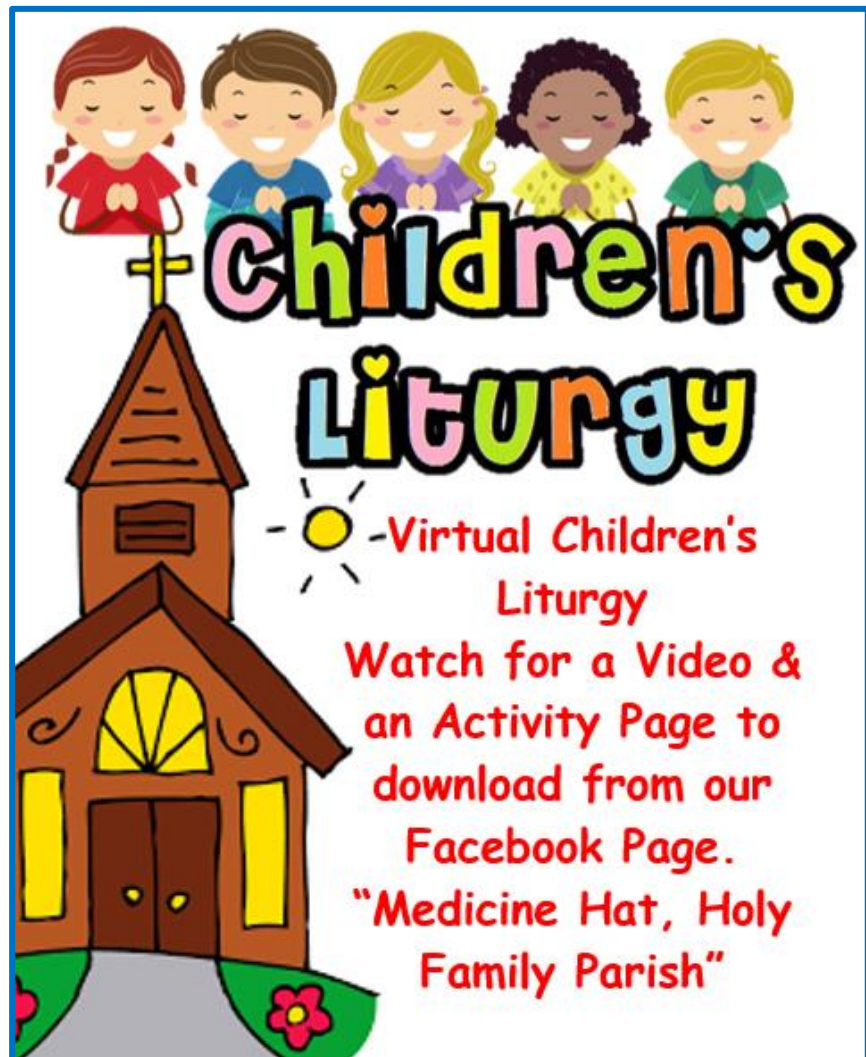
***NOTE: If any candidate has NOT received 1st Reconciliation please email Sally (sac.prep@holyfamilymh.ca) ASAP so we can set up a time. Your child will not be able to receive 1st Communion if they did not get this sacrament.

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





**40 LOONIES FOR LENT
CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE
\$ 10,741.05**

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.

APRIL – KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

If someone would like a definition of what a Knight's of Columbus member is, you do not need to look any further than Pat Ries. He has been a Knight for 28 years and during that time he has been a Grand Knight for 3 years and has been our Financial Secretary for the past 6 years. He also served as the Knights of Columbus representative on the Pastoral Council. Pat is part of the local ceremonial team to initiate new Brother Knights and their families.

Within the parish Pat is currently on the Parish council and has served as chair from 2019-2021. He is always available to usher or help out the church whenever he is needed.

Pat and Denise also help on the Feed the Homeless ministry for HF Parish; serving at Fifth Ave United Church and St. Barnabas Church on 4th Street. They also represented Alberta and our council at the annual Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention.

Additionally, Pat has a very strong prayer life which includes TMIY and a men's prayer group.

Pat is a strong family & community man and is always willing to lend anyone a hand, advice, tools, and support in any way.

As one Knights of Columbus member stated "Pat is a faithful Disciple of Christ!"



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

GOD'S MERCY IS UNMEASURABLE

The man whispered, "God, speak to me" And a meadowlark sang, but the man did not hear. So, the man yelled, "God, speak to me" And the thunder rolled across the sky. But the man did not listen. The man looked around and said, "God let me see you." And a star shined brightly. But the man did not see. And, the man shouted, "God show me a miracle." and a life was born. But the man did not notice. So, the man cried out in despair, "Touch me God, and let me know you are here." Where upon, God reached down and touched the man. But the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on. I found this to be a great reminder that God is always around us in the little and simple things that we take for granted even in our electronic age, so I would like to add one more: The man cried, "God, I need your help!" And an e-mail arrived reaching out with good news and encouragement. But the man deleted it and continued crying...

Today as we celebrate the Divine Mercy Feast, we could see the world just like the man in the story seeking to find God in this pandemic. St. Faustina was privileged to receive apparitions from Jesus emphasizing his mercy, and especially his mercy today. Jesus for the sake of us died on the cross to save us and show his great love and mercy. He does not leave people alone in their pain and suffering but shows compassion "he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without the shepherd". He keeps inviting people to himself "Come to me all that are weary and carry heavy burden and I will give you rest". Through St. Faustina, Jesus inviting us to experience his love and mercy through the Sacrament of Confession. Jesus said to St. Faustina: My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day, all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me,

even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary §699). Furthermore, he added: "I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy." (Diary §1109). He continued to say, "Ask of my faithful servant [a priest] that, on this day, he tell the whole world of My great mercy; that whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy." (Diary §300) Even today when we reflect on the Gospel, there we come to know that Jesus appears to his disciples and greets them with "Peace be with you". It shows the pure wishes of Jesus that he wants peace in the world. However sometimes we become like St. Thomas who did not believe but doubted in the resurrection of the Lord. Our doubt will lead us to nothing, but belief will make us to do work of mercy to the share the love of Jesus which he shared on the cross. "My daughter, if I demand through you that people revere My mercy, you should be the first to distinguish yourself by this confidence in My mercy. I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it. I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbor: the first – by deed, the second – by word, the third – by prayer. In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy and it is an unquestionable proof of love for Me. Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy, and I demand the worship of My mercy through the solemn celebration of the Feast and through the veneration of the image which is painted. By means of this image I shall grant great graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of my mercy because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works". (Diary §742).

Sometimes despite God's continuous mercy, we rely more on ourselves than God like the man in the following story:

Once upon a time there was a hardworking man. Initially he believed in God and attributed his success to God. He became a successful businessman. But gradually as he acquired success, he became very proud. He now thought that his success was due to his hard work. He stopped praising God and even removed God's statue from his house.

Once, during a discussion about God with some people, he said, "Who is God? It is not due to him, that I am so successful now. It is all my hard work only. And if God is so powerful then he can kill me in five minutes from now. I challenge him."

Five minutes later, he laughed at God for he was still alive. But an old man got up and said, "If your son asks you to kill him with a gun, will you do that? God is like your father and he'll never harm you." The man realized his mistake and apologised to God. Now he knew that faith in God is far more important than himself.

Let us ask Jesus on this Divine Mercy Sunday to help us believe in him and get rid of all the doubts we have in our lives.



Photo by Fr. Iqbal Kurshid



Spread the Word!

This game is much like another one you may have played. Gather everyone who is playing and have them stand in a line or in a circle. The first person will pick a phrase to say and whisper it to the person next to them, making sure no one else can hear. That person then whispers to the next person and so on until the message has reached the last person. This last person will say out loud what they heard!

Below are some phrases you can print, cut out, fold and have the first person randomly choose one:

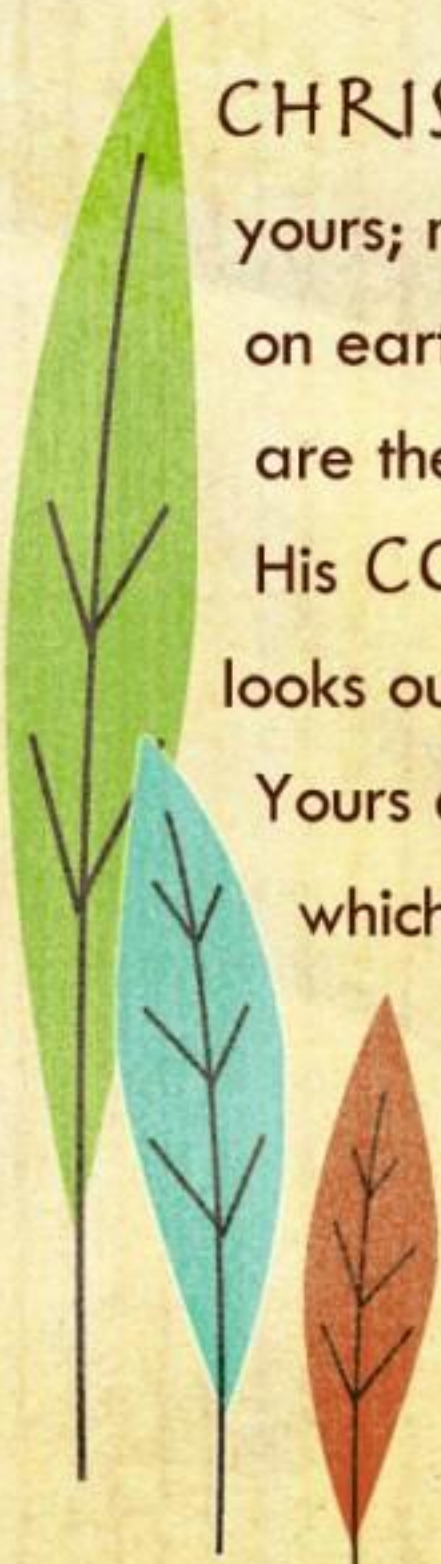
I am the light of the world.

Love one another as I have loved you.

I am the resurrection and the life.

He who believes in me shall not perish.

Happy are those who have not seen and still believe!



CHRIST has no body but
yours; no hands, no feet
on earth but yours. Yours
are the eyes through which
His COMPASSION
looks out upon the world.

Yours are the feet with
which He walks to do
GOOD. Yours are
the hands with
which He BLESSES
all the world.

—St. Teresa of Avila

LIVESTREAM

Full schedule of Parish Livestream Masses in the Diocese of Calgary is available at:

<https://www.catholicyyc.ca>.

You can also watch parish Sunday Masses via TELUS Optik TV Ch. 876 (choose Diocese of Calgary tile logo). For other online Masses, visit [Salt+Light TV](#), [Shalom World TV](#), [EWTN](#) and [Vision TV](#).

Sunday 10:30am Mass

Medicine Hat Holy Family Church Live Stream

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
[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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DIocese
of Calgary

THANK YOU  **TELUS**
FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE!

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].

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 - [Blog.CalgaryDiocese.ca](https://www.Blog.CalgaryDiocese.ca) | Catholic Pastoral Centre Blog
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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!](#)



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.

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*

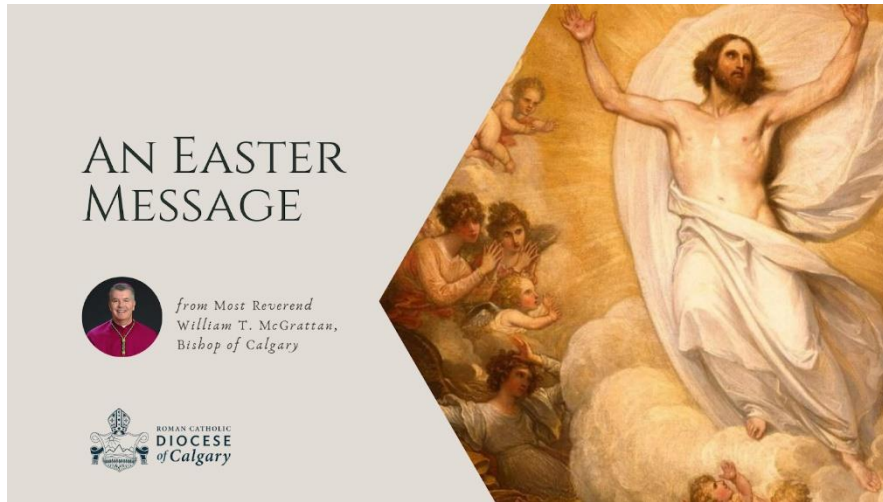
June 21-27: [6 Day Preached Retreat](#)

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

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

Divine Mercy Sunday

An Easter Message from the Bishop



- [Read the Bishop McGrattan's 2021 Easter Message here.](#)
- Watch Reflection #8 from the Bishop: *The Holy Eucharist* - [Youtube](#) | [Website](#)
- Watch the full series [here](#)

COVID-19 Resources

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

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[CCCB Daily Readings](#) (pick the desired date)

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National Volunteer Week (Apr 18-24)

April Edition of *Faithfully*

The April edition of *Faithfully* will be released on Thursday, April 15, 2021.

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



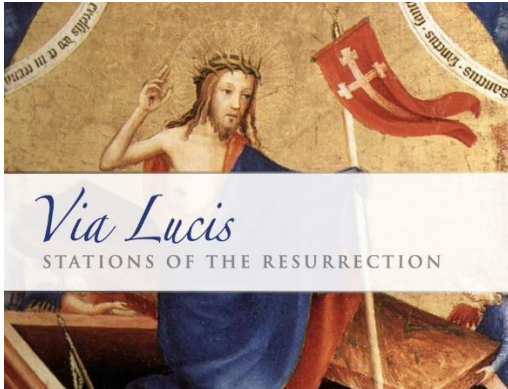
Thank you, Volunteers!

We are incredibly grateful to God for you and your loving service to the Church and the community. We want you to know that your work has not gone unnoticed. God bless you for your generosity, and thank you for being a blessing to others.



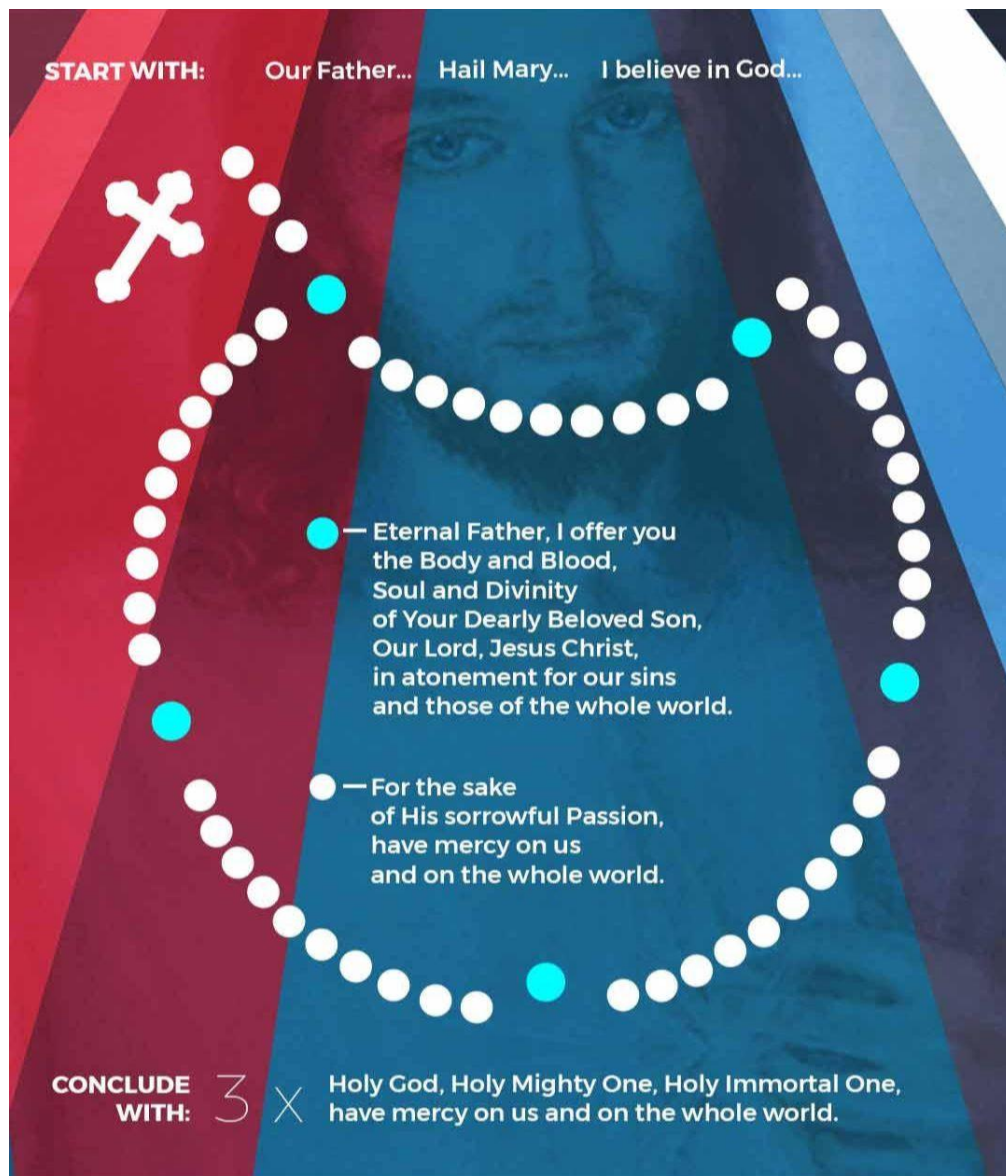
The Year of *Amoris Laetitia* Family

Through a series of 10 videos, the Holy Father, with the help of several families, invites us to journey together to rediscover the family as a gift, despite every problem, obstacle and challenge that families have to face today. In the first video “[Walking Together](#)” Pope Francis and a family share about the beauty of being a family and how each person is called to lovingly care for the life of the family. Never a problem, families are always a gift and, in terms of the future, they are an opportunity. Each video is accompanied by a [guide](#).



Stations of the Resurrection

The Stations of the Light is a spiritual journey with Christ through 14 of the most inspiring events of His post-Resurrection life on earth. In the early Church this practice was known as the *Via Lucis*, or Way of the Resurrection. Walk along a path of transforming joy by following in the footsteps of the Risen Christ and his friends. Find resources for praying *Via Lucis* here: catholiccyyc.ca/blog/stations-of-the-light



Divine Mercy Sunday

One of the devotions that Jesus revealed to St. Faustina was the “Divine Mercy Chaplet.” He said to her, “At the hour of their death, I defend as My own glory every soul that will say this chaplet; or when others say it for a dying person, the indulgence is the same ... When this chaplet is said by the bedside of a dying person, God’s anger is placated, unfathomable mercy envelops the soul, and the very depths of My tender mercy are moved for the sake of the sorrowful Passion of My son.” ([Aleteia](#))

- Here is a [brief visual guide](#) for those interested in praying this powerful chaplet made available by *Aleteia*
- Divine Mercy media resources:
 - Love and Mercy: Faustina (movie/docudrama). **This critically acclaimed film of the true-life story of St. Faustina, and the message of God's Divine Mercy. See why the Lord designated her His "Secretary" and the "Apostle" of His Mercy.** When: Saturday, April 10 at 6 pm MT. [Watch Live on EWTN](#)
 - Original Image of Divine Mercy, the Untold Story of an Unknown Masterpiece. **The history of the Original Image of Divine Mercy, from the events that led to its creation under St. Faustina’s guidance to its current place in the Cathedral in Vilnius, Lithuania.** When: Sunday, April 11 at 8 pm MT. [Watch Live on EWTN](#)
 - Ocean of Mercy. **Filmed on location in more than twenty cities across Poland and the US, this true story examines and chronicles the phenomenal lives and spiritual legacy of St. Faustina Kowalska, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and Pope St. John Paul II, modern day "Apostles of Mercy."** [Watch on Formed.org](#)
 - Divine Mercy 101 with Fr. Chris Alar, MIC. **Divine Mercy 101 provides a clear and concise overview of Divine Mercy and the role and mission of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), the apostle of Divine Mercy whom St. John Paul II called "a gift of God to our time." Learn the powerful devotion and graces associated with it in this dynamic presentation with Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, filmed live at the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.** [Watch on Formed.org](#)
 - Divine Mercy Crash Course with Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. **Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.** [Listen here](#)

Patris Corde Guided Video Reflections

In the Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* (With a Father’s Heart), Pope Francis identifies the extraordinary attributes of St. Joseph as a “*beloved, tender and loving, obedient, accepting, creatively-courageous, working father hidden in the shadows.*” (cf. No 1-7). We have prepared a series of guided reflections on each of the seven attributes. They may be used by individuals who wish to focus on only one or two of the attributes from home or in groups gathered in person or online.

- [Video reflections & guide here](#)

Worth Sharing

1. **Our Lady of Peace Mission Cairn Site Restoration Project**

A Spring 2021 update from Dan Lacroix, the coordinator of the Cairn Site Restoration Project: It has been just about a year since the restoration was completed and the site is looking good! [See this picture of the Our Lady of Peace Mission Cairn](#) (2020), an Alberta Provincial Historic Site, caught from

a bird's eye view in this photographic survey of the proposed Springbank Dam project area. The potential diversion channel from the Elbow River is directly east of the Cairn (behind the wall of trees captured in the photo) and well below the height of land where the Cairn sits. If and when construction begins it will be a busy place! [Photo source here](#) For more information, please contact Dan at dan.lacroix@hotmail.ca

2. **CCEF Virtual Wine Tasting**

A message from Calgary Catholic Education Foundation (CCEF): Book your tickets for the Calgary Catholic Education Foundation's Virtual Wine Tasting today! Proceeds in support of the CCEF to aid schools and classrooms in the Calgary Catholic School District. Enjoy a virtual wine tasting while sampling delicious Canadian wines from the comfort of your home. When: Friday, April 23, 2021 from 7 pm to 8 pm. Tickets on sale until April 7 at https://bit.ly/CCEF_wine

3. ***Arise: Put on the Armour of Light* - Retreat for Women**

Arise, in partnership with the Diocese of Saskatoon, is hosting a virtual retreat for women aged 18-101 called *Arise: Put on the Armour of Light*! The aim of this retreat is for women to encounter Jesus through powerful talks, small group discussion, prayer and praise and worship while building community among women. The Arise retreat also provides a unique opportunity for a 5 week follow up with our Armoured Series, included in both the Parish and Individual Packages. This past year has been a trying time and our goal is for women to come together whether virtually or in person within the local Covid-19 guidelines to strengthen community and support one another. The retreat includes talks from the following speakers: Bishop Scott McCaig, Heather Khym, Mary Bielski, Debbie Herbeck, Rachel Herbeck and the bishop of Diocese in Saskatoon, Bishop Mark Hagemoen. To register, visit arisecatholicmovement.ca

4. **Pope's Prayer Intention for April 2021**

Let us pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis, that they may see their sacrifice and their work bear abundant fruit. [Watch video here](#)

5. **Six Inspiring ways to feel the joy of Easter**

This year, Christian families across the world will be celebrating Easter with joy in their hearts and hope for a brighter future. Whether you're filled with joy, need a little inspiration, or you're a little down, look to the ways Easter joy can be found [here](#)

6. ***Regina Caeli* - a short prayer of Easter**

The *Regina Caeli* reminds us of the Resurrection and the meaning that it has for our lives. The Lord is risen and we can share in Easter joy with Mary, the Queen of Heaven. We can truly proclaim "alleluia," giving praise to God for the great gift of everlasting life he offers us. [Read more](#)

7. **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](#)

8. **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](#)

9. **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](#).

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](#)

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

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 catholicpyc.ca/donatednp.html

Feed the Hungry - 25k to go!



We have raised over \$142,000 in pledges, with \$25,000 to go!

Thanks to the generous support of the Bishop's Dinner sponsors, we are well on our way to serving over 15 thousands guests this year through Feed the Hungry program. The annual [Bishop's Dinner](#) is a little different this year. With so many of our community members facing food insecurity, we have redirected our efforts to provide care packages to those in need. Feed the Hungry has been providing "curbside-pickup" care packages to around 300 guests every Sunday since the beginning of the pandemic, being unable to host the weekly sit-down dinner.

Donations to Feed the Hungry through the [Birdies for Kids](#) website are matched up to 50%! Donate now using this link <https://shawcharityclassic.com/donatenow/>

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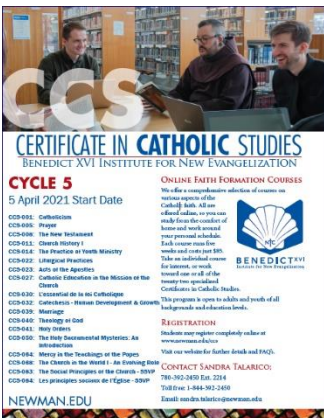
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Livestreams

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].