



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

APRIL 18, 2021 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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

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

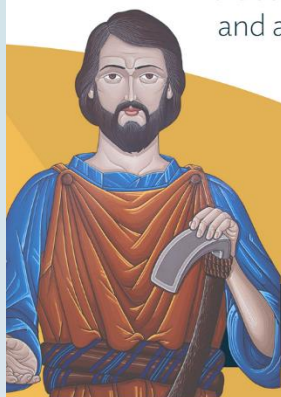
OUR PARISH GOAL

\$ 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 \$ 11,972 = 24% 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 17th – 23rd †

Saturday, April 17

5:00pm – Piera Dal Molin †

Sunday, April 18

8:30 am – Holy Family Parish

10:30am – Marie D'Amour †

6:00pm – Michael Hertz Sr. V & Michael Hertz Jr. †

Monday, April 19

9:00am – Jacob & Katherine Schmaltz †

Tuesday, April 20

9:00am – Anton & Dorothea Hertz †

Wednesday April 21

9:00am – Doreen Parsons

Thursday, April 22

9:00am – Eugene Thome †

Friday, April 23

9:00am – Jared Delwo

Easter Offerings

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

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

3rd Sunday of Easter - Sunday, April 18, 2021

1st Reading: Acts 3.13-15,17-19

You killed the Author of Life, whom God raised from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm: 4.1,3,6,8 (*R. 6b*)

R. Let the light of your face shine on us, oh Lord.

2nd Reading: 1 John 2.1-5

Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and for the sins of the whole world.

Gospel: Luke 24.35-48

Thus is written, the Christ is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day.

HAVE YOU ANYTHING TO EAT?

We long to be fed at the table of the Lord. We hunger to eat and drink his Blood and Body. If we can go to the church this day – what a joy! If we can't, we can still follow the gospel injunction: Look and touch. We can look for Jesus everywhere – because that is where he is. We can still touch Jesus in the persons who are near – because that is also where he is.

- † How will I look for and see Jesus every day?
- † How will I touch Jesus, either really or virtually, in touching another?
- † How will I do these mercy works: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty?

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!

Volunteers

*We are very grateful for you and your service to
Holy Family Parish and our Community.*



*Thank You for all the Blessings you give
freely to us and to others.*

May God Bless You Always!

Make sure to check out the article on the Calgary Diocese website that features our volunteer, Pat Ries.

[Volunteerism - the hidden power in parishes - Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary \(catholiccyyc.ca\)](http://catholiccyyc.ca)



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.

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
\$ 11,379.70**

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!"



3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B

WE CAN TOUCH HIM

The New Testament contains many accounts describing for us the experience of the original disciples of Jesus as they found faith through their encounter with the Risen Lord. The writers of the gospels were so certain of the meetings that laid the foundations of our Christian faith that they did not attempt to harmonise the details of the stories they were handing on. They passed on these stories to share the wonder of finding faith and new purpose through encounters with the Lord's triumph – a wonder that can hardly be captured by a single account.

As our Easter liturgies recall these stories, we are like a family group listening to one another sharing personal recollections of a past event that meant a great deal to the whole family. Given from different points of view, these recollections bring an appreciation of what took place. Last Sunday we heard the story as it was recalled in the community of John's gospel. Today, we hear Luke's account of the disciples' meeting with the Risen Saviour. From all these accounts a coherent story emerges that invites the Church of every age to share in the original moment of Resurrection faith: the disciples are confused and frightened; when Jesus comes into their midst, finding faith in him is not easy or immediate; his greeting, however, and his loving acceptance of them into his abiding friendship brings them great joy, and they find full faith in him; he instructs them – all that has taken place is according to the designs of God set forth in the Scriptures; he charges them with the mission of bringing to the whole world the good news of their Resurrection faith and the 'forgiveness of sins' it brings; he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The season of Easter is the season of celebrating life, not the death, because our Lord has won victory over his death. He is the author of life and came to give life and life in abundance as St. John says. However, it is the abuse of human freedom that has made the destructive world from which we need to be saved and set free. The words of Peter in the first reading suggest a

line of thought which has relevance for the world in which we live “you have killed the author of life”. We could see right now what is happening in our country that people are eager to spread the culture of death. On one hand people are afraid of death but on the other hand people are not only spreading but also supporting the culture of death over the culture of life. In a recent statement the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops have condemned the culture of death and also have called the faithful to prayer for life as they condemned the Bill-C7 which expands euthanasia and assisted suicide in Canada. The statement quotes “The Catholic Bishops of Canada remain steadfastly opposed to Bill C-7, which further expands euthanasia and assisted suicide in Canada, which the government and courts have euphemistically called “medical assistance in dying” (“MAID”). We also remain deeply troubled that the Federal Government chose not to appeal the Quebec Superior Court “Truchon v. Attorney General of Canada” ruling which requires the eligibility criteria for euthanasia and assisted suicide to be expanded by removing the “reasonable foreseeability of natural death” criterion. This decision not to appeal prompted Bill C-7 and bypassed the “parliamentary review of ...provisions [for “MAID”] and of the state of palliative care in Canada to commence at the start of the fifth year following the day on which [the Act] receives Royal Assent,” as provided in the original 2016 Act to amend the Criminal Code. This review, which the government had agreed to before introducing new amendments, has yet to occur. Bill C-7 goes far beyond the Truchon ruling by relinquishing and broadening some of the remaining “safeguards.” As we have previously noted, one example of this involves allowing patients whose death is “reasonably foreseeable” to waive their final consent to receiving euthanasia by allowing such a decision to be made through an advance directive”.

In today's world of confused moral values, who is to judge the moral guilt of many things that are done? But if what is done is a turning away from the light to darkness, from what leads to life to what leads to death, it is sinful in the sense that it is an aberration that has destructive consequences from which only God can save us. We are the people of Resurrection where death has no place because God has created everything for eternity as we read in the second chapter of the Book of Wisdom. Canadian bishops have taken a stronger stand to promote the culture of life and plead to every faithful to pray and cherish the greatest gift of life. The statement goes further to explain “The Bishops of Canada call on Catholics and all people of good will to make their voices heard in opposition to the Bill. Similarly, all Canadian legislators should recall that no law that permits the taking of innocent human life can ever be morally justified. Such a law would always violate the intrinsic dignity of the human person. The recent letter Samaritanus bonus by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith clearly summarizes the position of the Catholic Church on this matter: It is gravely unjust to enact laws that legalize euthanasia or justify and support suicide, invoking the false right to choose a death improperly characterized as respectable only because it is chosen. Such laws strike at the foundation of the legal order:

the right to life sustains all other rights, including the exercise of freedom. The existence of such laws deeply wound human relations and justice and threaten the mutual trust among human beings. The legitimization of assisted suicide and euthanasia is a sign of the degradation of legal systems. We firmly support and uphold most categorically the inherent dignity of each and every human person as well as their inalienable right to life which the Government must respect and protect as in any democracy. Elected public officials should not avoid, shy away from or delay sincere dialogue and constructive consultations with faith and community leaders, and others, who could bring to the common reflection and societal discernment a valid perspective worthy of respect and consideration for the good of all Canadians”.

Keep that statement in mind, I believe today’s Gospel reading is so powerful to remind us about the culture of life that we can touch Jesus because he has a physical body like us “Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have”. And St. Paul says, “he was like us but sin”. The two disciples are back to Jerusalem to witness the life they have experienced in the Lord as they recognized him in the breaking of the bread and St. John confirms that this bread is a bread of life that came down from heaven and however will eat this bread will live forever. St. Peter rightly claims, “you have the words of life and where shall we go”.

There is another aspect related to the culture of life which we can see in the Gospel “But out of joy they still did not believe in him and they stood there dumfounded” as Pope Francis states. The joy impeded them from believing. Their joy was so great, there was so much joy that it was a “no, this can’t be true” like moment. We all believe that the life we have in Jesus is real and he died for us to grant us eternal life.

Today more than ever we need to promote the culture of life and we must cherish it from conception to natural death. Also, we must remember as St. Paul says, “if we have died in him, we will also rise with him”. What are we going to choose during this season of Easter? In the Book of Deuteronomy (30:11-20) “Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, “Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, “Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow

down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings, and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob”.

Let us celebrate the great mystery of life as we reflect on the resurrection of Lord Jesus who has set his tent among us and wipes all of tears to rejoice in his victory of death. Our mission - as those who have found Resurrection faith and the hope it brings - is to bring liberation from sinfulness in all its forms, by sharing the light and life of the Risen Lord with our struggling world.



In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of Adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering. Pope Benedict XV1. Please come and join us for adoration on Friday April 23 from 930am to 930 pm, in the faith room. Volunteers needed to cover a 1-hour time slots needed, email Darrell at d_gofsky@shaw.ca if you can help. Otherwise please come out and spend time with our Lord.

LIVESTREAM

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

<https://www.catholiccyyc.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.

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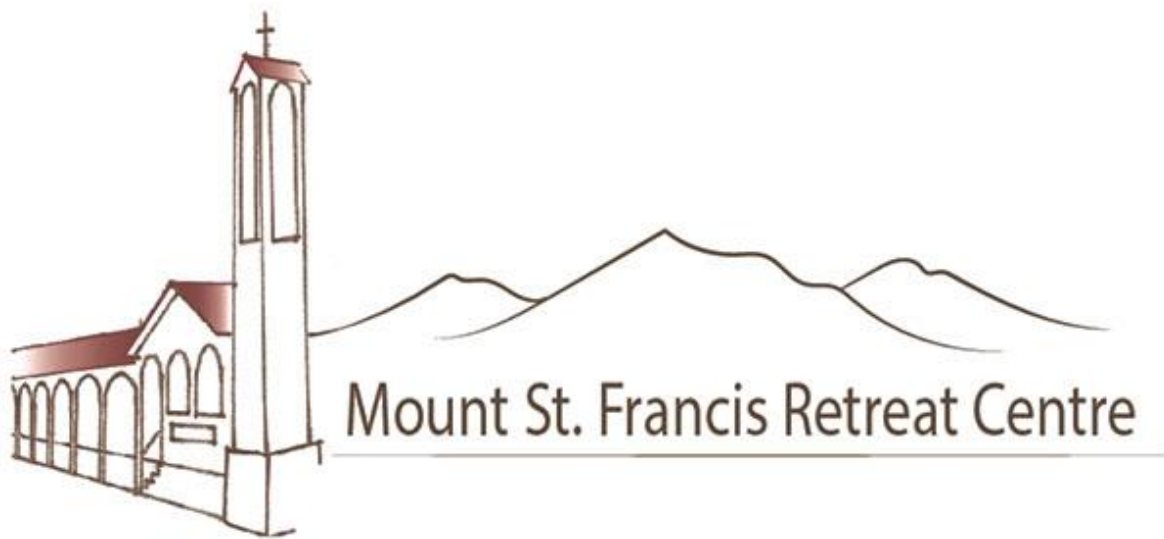


FCJ RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTRE

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!](http://www.fcjcentre.ca)



Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre is nestled in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains where all are 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 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](#)

Third Sunday of Easter



COVID-19 Resources

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

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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)

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April Edition of *Faithfully*

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

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CCCB responds to Bill C-7

Canada's Catholic bishops have issued a forceful condemnation of the country's new assisted suicide law, saying the possible pressures it will place on Canadians with mental illness or disabilities are "all too real, perilous, and potentially destructive." [Read review](#)

Below is the link to CCCB's message to the faithful on euthanasia and assisted suicide. The message was prompted by and responds to the passage of Bill C-7 into law on 17 March 2021, which expands the eligibility criteria within Canada's "MAiD" legislation. Note that Bishop William McGrattan and Bishop Noël Simard serve as CCCB spokespersons in this matter.

- Read the message here: [English](#) | [French](#)



Diaconate Information Sessions

The Diocesan Permanent Diaconate Council invites those who are interested or feel that they are being called to a vocation as a Permanent Deacon to join one of the following information sessions (Zoom).

- Wednesday, April 21 at 7 pm | [Join via Zoom](#)
Meeting ID: 864 2999 8972 - Passcode: 619475
- Saturday, April 24 at 10 am | [Join via Zoom](#)
Meeting ID: 841 7267 9702 - Passcode: 705724

Permanent Diaconate application deadline is May 31, 2021. The formation will run from September 2022 to November 2026.

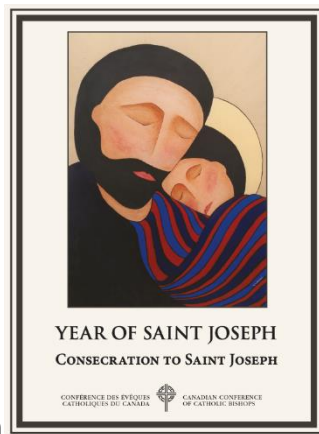
To find more information about how Permanent Deacons serve, the criteria and qualities sought for in a candidate, visit: catholicyc.ca/permanentdiaconate - or [download this brochure](#)

Vatican's new document on climate crisis



The climate crisis has a very human face. It is already a reality for multitudes of vulnerable people worldwide. Climate warming of merely 1.5°C would cause global sea levels to rise by 0.77 metres by 2100, threatening cities and crop and pasture land around the world. Projections based on current data predict a global temperature increase of 3-4°C by 2100.

The Vatican's Migrants and Refugees Section of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development has recently published and presented a resource document entitled, [Pastoral Orientations on Climate Displaced People](#). The resource highlights the new challenges posed by climate disruption and displacement and suggests pastoral responses to the global situation and crisis.



Consecration to Saint Joseph

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) invites all group and families to deepen their Christian commitment through the act of consecration to Saint Joseph. By entrusting ourselves completely to the fatherly care and powerful intercession of the Church's patron saint, we are beseeching his help in living out those same virtues he did and so grow in the likeness of Christ evermore.

This ritual of Consecration to St. Joseph can be used in parishes, religious communities and families, on a date chosen by the individual groups or families. Download the ritual: [Consecration to Saint Joseph \(PDF\)](#).

Worth Sharing

1. **A blog from Bolivia: How are families affected by the pandemic?**

CIDSE is a community of Catholic agencies, including Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, which seeks to serve the poor, promote justice, and harness the power of global solidarity. In this particular post, CIDSE shares how the pandemic affected families in Bolivia, and how transcendental role women have in their survival. [Read more](#)

To get involved with Development & Peace in the Diocese of Calgary, contact devpyyc@gmail.com

What to pray this week?

1. For the work of all who serve the poor and promote justice, especially when they are marginalized, bullied, and threatened for doing so.
2. For those who are affected by the pandemic worldwide, especially where there is no social safety net nor adequate protection against the virus and its impacts.

2. **Priests kidnapped in Haiti**

Five priests, two nuns and three lay people were kidnapped in Haiti on Sunday, and their captors are demanding a ransom of \$1 million. The priests and sisters are members of the Society of Priests of St. Jacques and the Archdiocese of Cap Haitien. Please pray for their safety. [Read more](#)

3. **Arson suspected in Manitoba church fire on Easter**

Just hours after Easter Sunday Mass, residents of St. Theresa Point First Nation in Manitoba could only watch and cry as their Catholic church burned to the ground. Arson is suspected and a 32-year-old man who was seen exiting the church has been arrested. [Read more](#)

4. **MPs to debate private member's bill to ban sex selection abortions**

Saskatchewan Conservative MP private member's bill to make abortions done on the basis of a baby's sex illegal in Canada will be up for debate and second reading in the House of Commons Wednesday, April 14. The bill would ban all abortions that are based on the predicted sex of the fetus, a practice that is common in societies valuing male children over females. [Read more](#)

5. **Seven reasons why being a Catholic priest is awesome**

The Catholic Talk Show discuss the best parts of being a Catholic priest and why it's an awesome vocation. You will learn: why celibacy is actually a great thing, how celebrating the Sacraments changes you, how the priesthood compares to fatherhood, and if priests get out of speeding tickets.

[Watch show](#)

6. **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

7. **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

8. **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](#)

9. **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](#)

10. **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](#)

11. **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](#)

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 \(Fr. Mike Schmitz\)](#)

13. **Video: [Bringing the same sins to confession? Try this](#)**

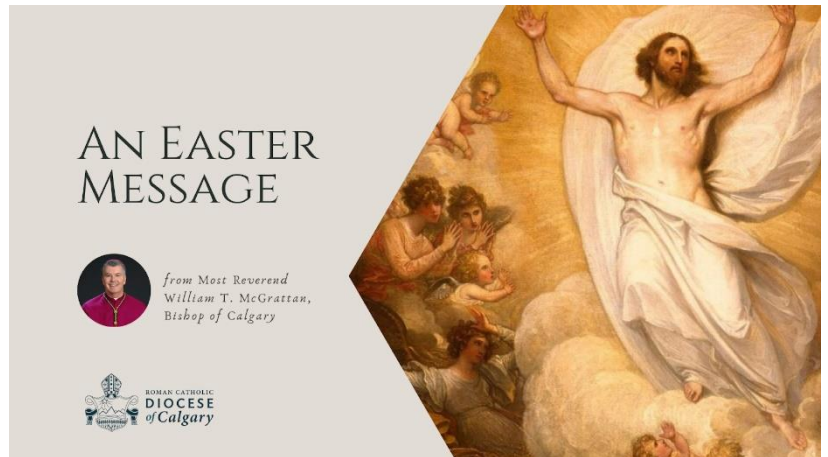
Children's Corner page from St. Joseph's Calgary | St. Joseph's Parish has started a living page online for Children. *Children's Corner* - featuring faith and Catholic resources (videos, audios, books, groups), best practices and tips for family with young children. The page is updated weekly - you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

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](#)

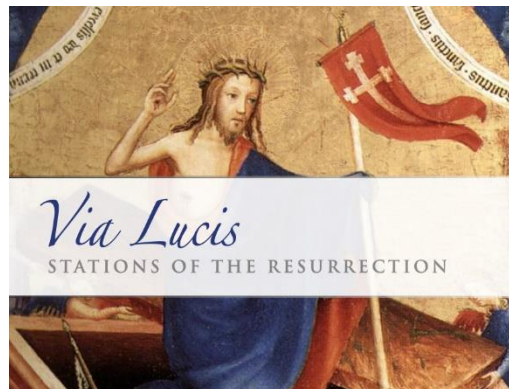


National Volunteer Week (Apr 18-24)



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

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](http://catholiccyyc.ca) and the [Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis](http://catholiccyyc.ca). 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](http://catholiccyyc.ca).

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 catholiccyyc.ca/donatednp.html

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](http://catholiccyyc.ca)



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/>

Find out other ways to help Feed the Hungry - visit www.bishopsdinner.ca

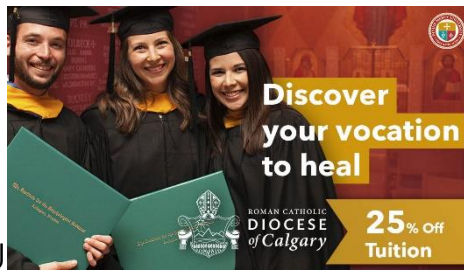


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Reduced tuition rates from DMU

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.

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

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 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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Weekly reflections can be found here:

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

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

Livestreams

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

<https://www.catholiccyyc.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.catholiccyyc.ca/donatetoparish> [or contact your Parish to set up a direct debit deposit].