



# Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

Email: [contact@holyfamilymh.ca](mailto:contact@holyfamilymh.ca) ~ Website: [www.holyfamilymh.ca](http://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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG6zK-XzuXdDHj79rV6ut_Q)

**You Tube**

## **TEMPORARY MASS TIMES**

**WEEKDAYS MONDAY – FRIDAY**

**8:00AM & 9:00AM**

**(LIMIT OF 15 PEOPLE EACH MASS)**

**ADORATION 9:30AM TO 4:00PM**

**(LIMIT OF 5 PEOPLE)**

**SATURDAY**

**8:00AM, 5:00PM & 6:30PM**

**(LIMIT OF 15 PEOPLE EACH MASS)**

**SUNDAY**

**7:30AM, 8:30AM, 10:30AM, 12:30PM, 4:00PM & 6:00PM**

**(LIMIT OF 15 PEOPLE EACH MASS)**

**ALL MASSES AND ADORATION ARE**

**FIRST COME FIRST SERVE**

**DOORS OPEN ½ HOUR BEFORE MASS**

**ALL GROUP MEETINGS CANCELLED**

Priest Online  
Retreats  
May 17-21,  
2021  
During that  
week the  
9:00am Mass  
will move to  
12:00pm

No  
Rosary  
before  
Masses



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

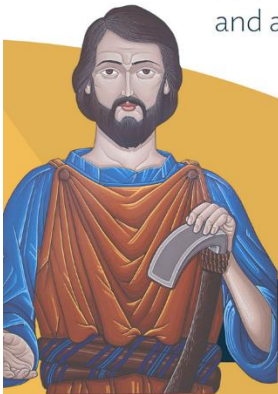
**1.4 MILLION** of the Diocesan goal will financially support the approved diocesan ministries, partner organizations, and agencies. See list at [catholicyyc.ca/tia](http://catholicyyc.ca/tia)

## 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



2021  
THE YEAR of  
ST. JOSEPH

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

TO DATE \$ 12,853 = 26% OF THE WAY

### OPERATING FINANCES

April 1-31, 2021

Operating Budget 2021	\$ 55,019
General Envelope Collection	\$ 45,501
Loose Collections	\$ 833
Future Development	\$ 2,885
Sale of Church Supplies & Other	\$ 8,559
Other Ministries	\$ 445
Budget Vs Actual	\$ 3,204

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 3,516
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 3,786
Clergy Retirement	\$ 25
Seminarian Fund	\$ 20
Mission Mexico	\$ 0
CARO	\$ 90

*Thank You for your  
Generous Contributions*

† Masses Intentions May 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> †

**Saturday, May 8**

5:00pm – George Lewans

**Sunday, May 9**

8:30 am – Holy Family Parish

10:30am – Tom Weisgerber †

6:00pm – Elise Krooshoop & Family

**Monday, May 10**

9:00am – Frank & Lena Schafer †

**Tuesday, May 11**

9:00am – Emmanuel & Kate

Weisgerber †

**Wednesday, May 12**

9:00am – Marcel Giroux †

**Thursday, May 13**

9:00am – Sharon Riffel †

**Friday, May 14**

9:00am – Patrick Glashan †

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - Sunday, May 9, 2021

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 10.25-26, 34-35, 44-48

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.

Responsorial Psalm: 98.1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 (*R. 2b*)

*R.* The Lord has revealed his victory in the sight of the nations.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 4.7-10

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Gospel: John 15.9-17

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

### LOVE LOVE LOVE

"Love" or "loved" is spoken seventeen times in the Bible readings today. Not a mushy Hallmark movie kind of love. But the love God has for us. The love we have for God and Christ. The love, therefore, we must have for everyone else. Strong, bold, lasting.

- † How do I know I am loved? Let me count the persons and ways?
- † How will I love those who are near?
- † How will I love everyone else?

MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS'  
EDUCATION FOUNDATION

# 50/50 RAFFLE

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2021

- Minimum \$2,000 prize
- 1 entry for \$10
- 4 entries for \$20
- 20 entries for \$50
- 100 entries for \$100
- Enter before June 9

**[rafflebox.ca/raffle/MHCSEF](https://rafflebox.ca/raffle/MHCSEF)**



### [Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education](#)

["People in Medicine Hat are very generous; they've certainly supported us in the past and they've always come through. So, we are hoping for their support again,"](#)

[- Rob Stroh, Education Foundation Chair](#)

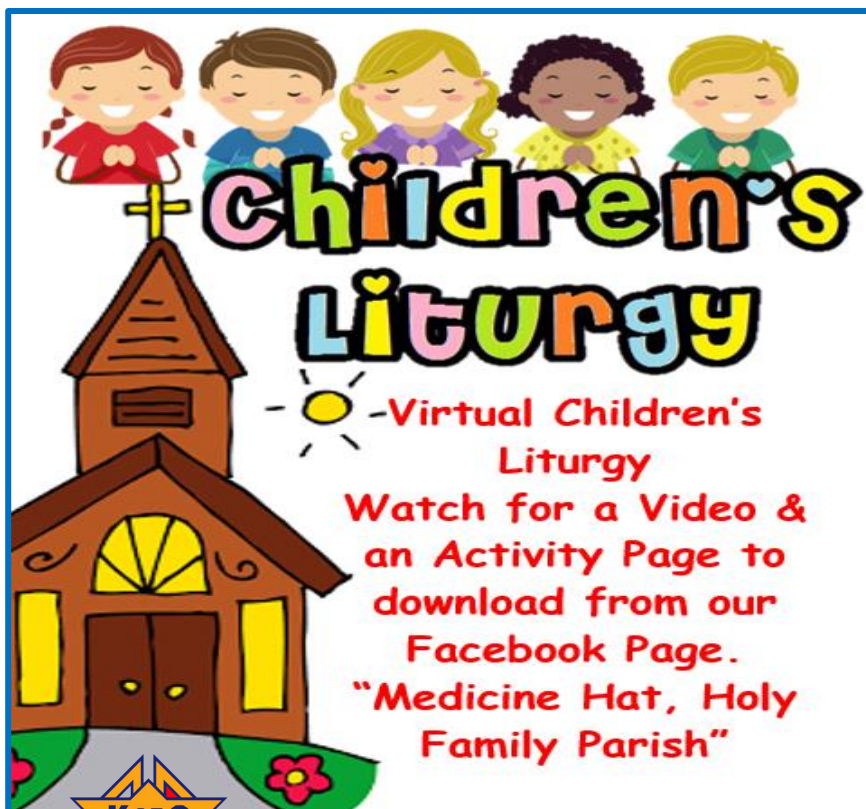
Full news article:

<https://medicinehatnews.com/.../catholic-schools.../>

Link to online 50/50 raffle:

<https://www2.rafflebox.ca/raffle/mhcsef>





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.



## May Knight of the Month Kent Friedt

Kent Friedt has been a Knights of Columbus member for 42 years, joining the Knights at the ripe old age of 20. He has served as Knights of Columbus trustee for several years, has been on the disbursement committee, and has held the position of Membership Director.

Kent is also our current Facility Manager at Holy Family Parish. Kent is a talented musician and shares these talents as part of Holy Family Music ministry.

Kent and his wife Cheryl are also very involved in the community. They are part of Saturday Feed the Needy at St Barnabas, members of Camp McCoy Association, and have been very faithful members of our parish and our former St Mary's Parish for many years.

To deal with covid restrictions Kent was laid off for good portion of last year, but despite his lay off he still came in on his own time and helped the parish deal with various situations. The parish thanks Kent for his dedication to our parish, and diligent work to keep us safe and keeping us warm in the winter and cool in the summer and trying to make everyone happy.

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus we congratulate Kent Friedt as our May Knight of the Month.

Contemplation is a gaze of faith fixed on Jesus. His gaze purifies our heart, the light of the countenance of Jesus illuminates the eyes of our heart. It teaches us to see everything in the light of his truth and compassion for all men. All parishioners welcomed and encouraged to attend this 12-hour knights sponsored event. **May 14<sup>th</sup>, starting at 930am until 930pm...** anyone who would like to volunteer for an hour, please email **Darrell** at [d\\_gofsky@shaw.ca](mailto:d_gofsky@shaw.ca).



# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OF YOU

**Those who  
honor  
their mother  
obey the  
Lord**

The Knights of Columbus  
State/Canada wide virtual  
novena for life is online.

It is available to everyone to  
join in. The platform has  
capacity for 5000 attendees.

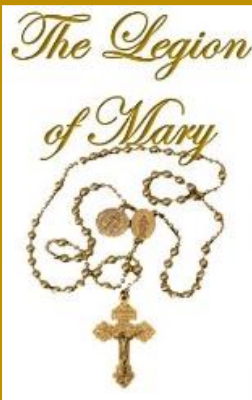
You are encouraged to  
participate by following this link  
which allows anyone to register  
for access to participate:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/59587190189402465>

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**Prayers for our Departed Loved Ones** - Once again, due to social distancing requirements, the Legion of Mary will not be able to facilitate the annual prayers on Mother's Day at the Cemetery to pray for our departed loved ones and the souls of all the faithful departed. Therefore, we encourage everyone to keep up this practice on their own. Please visit the graves of loved ones and pray for them on the Mother's Day weekend. Hopefully, next year we will be able to resume this tradition. Thank you, Mystical Rose Praesidium, Legion of Mary







**6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B**

## **UNTROUBLED HEARTS**

One Saturday night, a pastor was working late and decided to call his wife before he left for home. It was about 10:00 PM, but his wife did not answer the phone. The pastor let it ring many times. He thought it was odd that she did not answer but decided to wrap up a few things and try again in a few minutes. When he tried again, she answered right away. He asked her why she had not answered before, and she said that it had not rung at their house. They brushed it off as a fluke and went on their merry ways. The following Monday, the pastor received a call at the church office, which was the phone that he had used that Saturday night. The man that he spoke with wanted to know why he had called on Saturday night. The pastor could not figure out what the man was talking about. Then the man said, "It rang and rang, but I didn't answer." The pastor remembered the mishap and apologized for disturbing him, explaining that he had intended to call his wife. The man said, "That's okay, let me tell you, my story. You see, I was planning to commit suicide on Saturday night, but before I did, I prayed, 'God if you're there, and you don't want me to do this, give me a sign now.' At that point, my phone started to ring. I looked at the caller ID, and it said, 'Almighty God'. I was afraid to answer!" Don't we face all situations in our lives, and we want someone to be with us?

St. John is bringing us once again to the scene of Last Supper. Jesus is sitting with his disciples and talking with them about the possible things that are going to happen to him in the near future. This must have made his disciples worried, upset, stressful and anxious. They must have wondered why he was talking like this to them. Sometimes we too go through the similar situation where we get upset and anxious about our future and relationships as well. Furthermore, we start looking for some support and help. Sometimes our problems are too big to handle that some people

decide to end their lives. However, Jesus is reminding us that our hearts should not be troubled, and we should be free of our fears. To make our hearts untroubled, he makes the biggest promise ever made in the history of Salvation by sending the Holy Spirit, the Advocate. The Holy Spirit always helps us to have untroubled hearts as he fills our hearts with the Love of God.

Let us bring our troubles to the Lord asking him to help us to trust in his loving mercy, so that we may have untroubled hearts to glorify him.

*John 15.9-17*

*No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.*



Photo by Fr. Iqbal Khurshid



**FOR SALE**

**\$220,000**

125a - 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NE – the former St. Patrick's Rectory



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Year Built: 46

Total Bedrooms: 3  
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If you are interested, please call the Parish Office  
at (403) 526-2265. The office is open  
Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4pm

**Assumption Prayer Group in Lethbridge is presenting...**

a series as part of their Thursday DIALOGUE on **Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

**May 13<sup>th</sup>** – Introduction to Pentecost/ prayer for Baptism of the Spirit

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** – Gift of Tongues **May 27<sup>th</sup>** – Gift of Prophecy

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>** – community prayer **June 10<sup>th</sup>**- Gift of Knowledge and Wisdom

Each session will have a talk with a workshop to follow.

Call Jackie Erskine for more info and zoom link (403)399-6063.

# 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](#).

## EMAIL SCAMS

Several reports of email scams have been brought to our attention. The emails have been written in a compelling way that the email addresses of the senders were not visually verified, and responses were sent. Perhaps this is a reminder that when someone you know asks you to email them back and sounding desperate to perhaps check the sender's email address. The scammers have become more intelligent in acquiring the tone of how we write as clergy.

**Sunday 10:30am Mass**

**Medicine Hat Holy Family  
Church Live Stream**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG6zK-XzuXdDHj79rV6ut\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG6zK-XzuXdDHj79rV6ut_Q)



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# Sixth Sunday of Easter



## COVID-19 Resources

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

Visit the [Diocesan Event Calendar](#)

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Weekly reflections can be found here:

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

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

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## April Edition of *Faithfully*

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

- [Read March Faithfully](#)
- [Subscribe to Faithfully](#)
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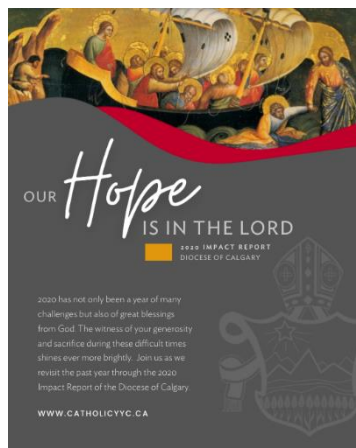
## 2020 Impact Report of the Diocese of Calgary

2020 has not only been a year of many challenges but also of great blessings from God. The witness of your generosity and sacrifice during these difficult times shines ever more brightly.

Join us as we revisit the past year through the 2020 Impact Report of the Diocese of Calgary.

View report now at

<https://www.catholiccycc.ca/2020impactreport.html> or  
[Download PDF of Impact Report here](#)





**Effective Wed., May 5**

**MAXIMUM IN-PERSON  
ATTENDANCE AT MASS  
IS NOW LIMITED TO**

**15 attendees**



Expanded COVID-19 restrictions will take effect on Wednesday, May 5, 2021. Note that to promote uniformity, unity and to avoid confusion, these restrictions will be in effect in all of the parishes of the Diocese of Calgary regardless of regions and number of cases in regions. More guidance will be forthcoming as needed.

Details on restrictions can be found here:

<https://www.catholiccyyc.ca/blog/covid19>

## **National Week for Life and the Family (May 9-16)**

Each year the Church in Canada designates one week to proclaim the gift of family and life. The Week of Life and the Family will be commemorated this year from **May 9 to May 16**, with the theme, *“Family, the Domestic Church: A Sign of Hope and Life.”* The family’s commitment to Christ is necessary as “evangelization depends largely on the domestic church,” St. John Paul II reminded us. Recognizing our own limitations and weaknesses before such a lofty task, during this special Week of Life and the Family, we ask that the Holy Spirit be rekindled in our hearts and in our families so that we may proclaim joyfully the good news of salvation with a spirit of power and love.

- Resources to share with parishioners:
  - [Suggested Events & Activities](#)
  - [Prayer Card](#)



## **Catholic Education Week (May 10 - 14)**

Catholic Education Week (May 10-14) celebrates the witness and mission of our Catholic schools in the province of Alberta. May all of these efforts unite us in prayer and strengthen us in our ongoing commitment to Catholic education.

Celebrate Catholic Education in Alberta with Provincial *Prayer with the Bishops of Alberta* (May 11-14). Hosted by Catholic school districts and shared virtually at 11 am each day. The focus will be a devotion to St Joseph.

- **Monday, May 10** - Liturgy with Bishop David Motiuk, Eparchy of Edmonton | [Zoom link](#) | Meeting ID: 851 9184 0999 - Passcode: 103446
- **Tuesday, May 11** - Seven Sorrows & Seven Joys of St. Joseph with Archbishop Pettipas, Archdiocese Grouard-McLennan | [Zoom link](#) | Meeting ID: 869 9150 4909 - Passcode: G PCSD
- **Wednesday, May 12** - Holy Mass with Archbishop Richard Smith, Archdiocese of Edmonton | [Facebook Live link](#)
- **Thursday, May 13** - Liturgy, World Catholic Education Day with Bishop Paul Terrio, Diocese of St. Paul | [Zoom link](#) | Meeting ID: 982 1302 9174 - Passcode: ss8L2Z
- **Friday, May 14** - Liturgy, Consecration to St. Joseph with Bishop William McGrattan, Diocese of Calgary | [Zoom link](#) | Meeting ID: Passcode: 1drDm3



## Prayer Intentions

- *For Catholic Education Week*
  - We pray for all educators, administrators and staff who dedicate themselves daily to authentic Catholic education
  - We pray for all students, for their safety and their learning, that they may know the love of God
  - We pray for all families, that they may grow in faith and unite in their prayers

## Resources

- [GrACE Newsletter for Catholic Education Sunday](#) (PDF)
- [Faith Formation Monthly from CCSD](#) (PDF)
- Five Marks of Catholic Education - [\(English\)](#) [\(French\)](#)
- [Download Poster](#) | [Download Banner](#)

# Holy Father's May 2021 Prayer Marathon

Pope Francis has invited Catholics and [30 Marian Shrines](#) around the world to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of praying the Holy Rosary for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic and the resumption of social and work activities. Each day of the month is also characterized by a prayer intention for the various categories of people most affected by the flight of pandemic. [Vatican news channels](#) will broadcast the Rosary each day at 10 AM MST.

- [Announcement](#)
- [List of 30 Marian Shrines](#)
- [Liturgical Guide](#)
- [Download graphic](#)

## Feast of Our Lady of Fatima - May 13

The Diocese of Calgary invites you to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on **Thursday, May 13, 2021** with your community. The message of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima pleaded with an urgent call to conversion of heart, penance and repentance. Please consider joining these events:

### 1. **Mater Fatima for the World - Worldwide Rosary**

On May 13, Colombia will host the worldwide rosary, which will be held at the National Marian Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary of Chiquinquirá, the Patron Saint of Colombia. The worldwide rosary will be held within the framework of the 450th anniversary of the Battle of Lepanto's victory, in which the Blessed Virgin Mary in Fatima heard the appeal made by the Church and the people. Holy Mass, Exposition, Rosary, Consecration to Sacred Heart of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and Procession will be available livestreamed, **starting at 10 am** (Calgary time). Livestream links: [Youtube](#) | [Facebook Live](#)

### 2. **Our Lady of Fatima Parish - Mass & Rosary**

On May 13, Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Calgary invites all the faithful to participate in the day's celebration through Mass and Rosary at 6 pm. Livestream links: [Facebook Live](#) or watch on TELUS Optik TV Ch. 877

Download Our Lady of Fatima graphic [here](#)







## Widening the Circle - FCJ Bicentennial

### A message from the Faithful Companions of Jesus Sisters:

Join us virtually, at the FCJ Christian Life Centre in Calgary, in the global tribute of the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Society of the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Let's honour the service and contributions of FCJ Sisters to the city of Calgary and Southern Alberta since 1885. You will be delighted with the engaging entertainment, testimonials, prizes and fundraising activities. [Details here](#)

When: **May 16, 2021 at 3 pm to 5 pm**

Livestream link: [fcjcentre.ca/bicentennial](http://fcjcentre.ca/bicentennial)

## Worth Sharing

### 1. Employment opportunities

New postings for the following positions: Administrative Assistant (St. Peter's Milk River), Communication Engagement Assistant (Sacred Heart, Strathmore), Marriage Preparation Presenter Couple (CFS, Calgary) and Research and Resources Assistant (CCCB). For more information and application details, please visit [catholicyyc.ca/careers](http://catholicyyc.ca/careers)

### 2. *The family in the light of the Word of God*

*"How do we imagine God's love? Is there a concrete reality in the world that helps us see this love with our own eyes? Certainly there is! It is the family. The image of God is reflected in man and in woman, in conjugal love: a living 'icon' through which God is made manifest."* This is the theme of the [second](#) of the 10 video featuring Pope Francis together with families from different parts of the world. The focus on chapter 1 of *Amoris Laetitia* is accompanied by a [guide](#) for further reflection in the family or in the community.

### 3. How to hope in the darkest of times with Immaculée Ilibagiza - May 13

Clear Water Academy invites you to a Zoom event with Immaculée Ilibagiza, *New York Times* best selling author, will be sharing her story as a survivor of the Rwandan genocide of 1994 and how she found there, in its midst, unconditional love, hope, and forgiveness. When: Thursday, May 13 at 7 pm. Cost: \$10/person. All proceeds will be donated to Immaculée's mission. [More info](#)

**4. RMEC Virtual Pub Night to celebrate Catholic Education - May 13**

The Religious and Moral Education Council (RMEC) will host a virtual pub night to celebrate World Catholic Education day on Thursday, May 13 at 7 pm on Zoom. The event is free and open to anyone who believes that Catholic Education is worthy of celebrating. Guest speakers for the evening include comedian Lars Callieou, Elvis Eginla (Edmonton lawyer and father of Calgary Flames hero Jerome Iginla!), Pete Lavorato (CFL legend for the Edmonton EE), Bartender Jacob, and musical interludes from Archbishop MacDonald and Bishop Carroll High Schools bands. In order to sign up, go to [www.tinyurl.com/WCEpubnight](http://www.tinyurl.com/WCEpubnight)

**5. Summer 2021 Online Sacred Music Workshops**

St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, NY invites you to experience the depths of the Church's riches, taught by experienced teachers and musicians, faithful to the Church's magisterium and tradition. With affordable tuition rates and convenient online course structures, St. Joseph's Seminary and College offers a rich learning experience for parish and school musicians who want to immerse themselves in the beauty and holiness of the Church's sacred music and liturgy. When: June - July, 2021. For more information, [click here](#)

**6. Pope Francis asks for prayers for peace in Myanmar**

Pope Francis on Sunday invited believers to say a special prayer for strife-ridden Myanmar every day during this Marian month of May during the recitation of the daily rosary. His appeal comes as Myanmar's security forces reportedly opened fire on some of the biggest protests against military rule in days, killing at least five people. The nation has been plunged into crisis since a military coup on 1 February, since when security forces have allegedly killed at least 759 protesters and detained thousands. [Read more](#)

**7. Finding my real mission**

Anne Curran, parishioner of Sacred Heart Parish in Calgary, was 17 when she was convinced that her calling was to be a missionary. But her applications to serve as one were rejected repeatedly. It wasn't until she attended a silent retreat 20 years later that she found what her real mission was. [Read more](#)

**8. Remember death: media nuns plan 'memento mori' resource**

Four years ago, Sister Theresa Alethia Noble of the Daughters of St. Paul started keeping a false skull on her desk, too. Like her congregation's founder, she let it remind her of the inevitable and lead her into meditation on the life to come. [Read more](#)

**9. Lac Ste. Anne Pilgrimage goes virtual again this year**

The annual pilgrimage attracts more than 30,000 people over five days each July. Last

year, the in-person pilgrimage was cancelled for the first time in its 130-year history. This year's pilgrimage will again be strictly spiritual and not physical. [Read more](#)

#### 10. **Spiritual Direction Training Program**

The FCJ Centre offers a two-year spiritual direction training program that meets on Wednesday evenings and includes four-weekend retreats. It is open to men and women who believe that God is calling them to the ministry of one-on-one companioning with people who are seeking a deeper relationship with God through the integration of faith and life. For more information, visit [fcjcentre.ca/sdtp](http://fcjcentre.ca/sdtp) or contact Sr. Madeleine Gregg, fcj at 403-228-4215. The application deadline is June 30, 2021.

#### 11. **Freedom through Healing Retreat**

The *Triumph: Freedom Through Healing* program, facilitated by Jerry and Donna Kristian, is a nine-day Christ-centered journey of inner healing and discovery equipping and empowering people with the tools needed to make meaningful and lasting changes in their lives – a path to true freedom through healing in Christ. Cost is \$1,395 which includes program registration, meals, facility, single occupancy bedroom and all retreat materials and resources. When: June 3-11, 2021. For more information or to register call Harriet at 403-239-6885 | [triumphretreat.com](http://triumphretreat.com) | [Brochure](#)

#### 12. **Catholic Love Life Online Conference**

So how do I grow closer to the people I love? How can I truly be known? If you're looking for answers to these questions — and so many others. At this free conference, you will learn how to experience intimacy in any state of life, elevate your relationships, address challenging topics like pornography, same sex marriage and gender identity. Conference presenters: Mark Hart, Matt Fradd, Jason Evert, Pete Burak, Mother Miriam, Chris Stefanick and many more. When: **May 14-16**. To sign up, [click here](#)

#### 13. **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](#)

#### 14. **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](#).

## Pentecost with CCCRS

[Calgary Catholic Charismatic Renewal Society](#) (CCCRS) invites you to prepare and celebrate Pentecost this year with the following prayer events:

- [Novena to the Holy Spirit - Online](#)

Join 9 days of Novena with CCCRS, priests and Catholic communities around the Diocese. When: **May 13 to May 21, 2021, starts at 6:30 pm. For more details and to join Zoom meetings, [click here](#)**

- May 13 – *Humility against pride* with Fr Jarek Dziuba
- May 14 – *Kindness against envy* with Fr. Rodel Abanto
- May 15 – *Abstinence against gluttony* with Fr. Gabriel Arihi
- May 16 – *Chastity against lust* with Fr. Ben Croix
- May 17 – *Patience against anger* with Fr. Julian Studden
- May 18 – *Generosity against greed* with Fr. Shibu Kallarakkal
- May 19 – *Diligence against sloth* with Deacon Norm Dumais
- May 20 – *Holiness, a call to repentance* with Fr. Jerry D'Souza
- May 21 – *Rejoice in Hope* with Fr. Cristino Bouvette

- [Pentecost Vigil Mass & Reflection with Bishop McGrattan](#)

When: **Saturday, May 22 at 7 pm (Mass), followed by Eucharistic Adoration and reflection.** Registration is required for those attending in person. To register, contact Beata at 403-397-6124 or email [beatabanka@shaw.ca](mailto:beatabanka@shaw.ca). If you are not able to attend, watch livestreams with these links ([Mass](#) | [Eucharistic Adoration and Reflection](#))

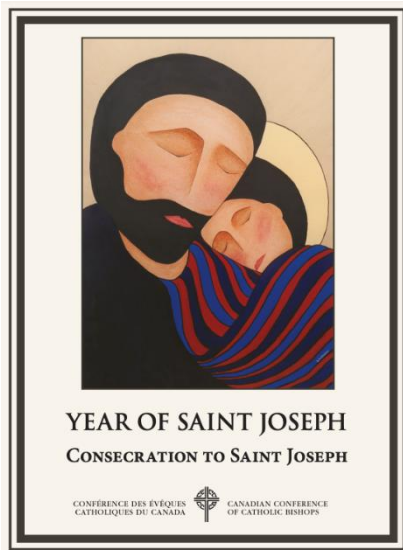
## Vatican's new document on climate crisis

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 (CCCCB) 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 \(PDF\)](#).

## 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](#).

## 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)

## ***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](#)

## **Have you subscribed to Faithfully?**

Faithfully gives a snapshot of faith at work in the lives of everyday people. Get inspired with faith stories, our Bishop's message, and find out what's happening in our Diocese.

- [Read the April issue of Faithfully](#)
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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 [divinemercy.edu](http://divinemercy.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](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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## Weekly reflections can be found here:

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

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

## Livestreams

Full schedule of Parish Livestream Masses in the Diocese of Calgary is available at: <https://www.catholicyc.ca>.

You can also watch parish Sunday Masses via TELUS Optik TV Ch. 876 and 877 (choose Diocese of Calgary tile logo). For other online Masses, visit [Salt+Light TV](#), [Shalom World TV](#), [EWTN](#) and [Vision TV](#).

Our parishes rely on your Sunday offerings for maintenance and growth. You can also use the online giving page on the diocesan website to set up a one-time or recurring donation to your parish via credit-card. Funds donated will be transferred to the selected parish. Give now at <https://www.catholicyc.ca/donatetoparish> [or contact your Parish to set up a direct debit deposit].



# 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 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.

**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](#)