



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

FEBRUARY 6, 2022 – 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

CLERGY AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Fr. Iqbal Khurshid & Fr Rodel Abanto
& Deacon Robert Risling

RECONCILIATION...

Friday 9:30am–10:30am. & Saturday 3:30–
4:45pm. Or by Appointment

MASS TIMES... MONDAY to FRIDAY at 9:00AM

FIRST SATURDAY OF MONTH at 8:30AM, SATURDAY at 5:00PM

SUNDAY at 8:30AM, 10:30AM & 6:00PM

THE CHAPEL IS OPEN

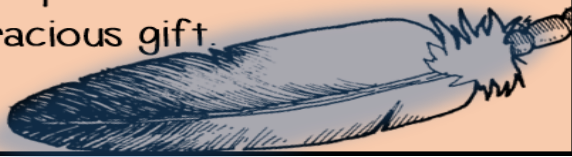
MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30am - 4:00pm

ADORATION FRIDAY 9:30 – 10:30am

Knights of Columbus - Kirby Peterson
Catholic Women's League - Marjorie Bowlby

Parish Pastoral Council Chair - Gary Heinbecker
Parish Finance Committee Chair - Cheryl Pocsik

We acknowledge that Treaty 7 territory, on which we stand, is the ancestral land of the Indigenous peoples and is common home to everyone in virtue of God our Creator's gracious gift.



Sunday 10:30am Mass

[Medicine Hat Holy Family Church Live Stream](#)

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



Believing Christ's Rising

Isaiah and Luke relate stories of being called to do God's work. Paul, in the second reading, recounts the Good News in which we stand and in which we are saved. Namely: Jesus died, was buried, was raised on the third day, and then appeared to many. He is with us still.

† How do I experience the risen Christ in daily life? My life? Other's lives?

† How will I "press in on Jesus" (Luke) to hear his saving words?

† From what does this Christ save me this day? Then tomorrow? Then the next day?

Countdown to Lent...Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, January 30, 2022

OPERATING FINANCES	
December 1-31, 2021	
Operating Budget 2021	\$ 55,019
General Envelope Collection	\$ 90,806
Loose Collections	\$ 1,774
Future Development	\$ 8,936
Sale of Church Supplies & Other	\$ 3,090
Other Ministries	\$ 1,564
Government Subsidy	\$ 0
Budget Vs Actual	\$ 51,151
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 18,998
Clergy Retirement	\$ 25
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 2,202
Seminarian Fund	\$ 35
Mission Mexico	\$ 3,759
CARO	\$ 846
Seed of the Word Sisters	\$ 3,100
World Missions	\$ 10
Catholic Education	\$ 35
2021 TIA GOAL – \$49,657 FINAL	
December: \$49,657 100% OF THE TOTAL	
<i>Thank You for your Generous Contributions</i>	

This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
 Here I am, send me!

Responsorial Psalm: 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5, 7c-8
 (R. 1b)
 R. Before the Angels I sing your praise, O Lord.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
 I preach what the other Apostles preach, and our preaching is your faith founded.

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11
 Peter, James, and John left everything and followed Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4.19
 Alleluia, Alleluia.
 Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of people. Alleluia, Alleluia.

† Masses Intentions † 

Saturday, February 5
 8:30 am - Dorothy Hagel †
 5:00pm - Teresita Bartulazo

Sunday, February 6
 8:30 am - Ed & Elizabeth Tumbach †
 10:30am - Carol Jangula †
 6:00pm - Holy Family Parish

Monday, February 7
 9:00am - Peter Christensen †

Tuesday, February 8
 9:00am - Eleanor Miller †

Wednesday, February 9
 9:00am - Vic Roxas †

Thursday, February 10
 9:00am - Scott Krooshoop

Friday, February 11
 9:00am - Corrairie Ries †



2022 Goal
 \$70,938
 total to date
 \$4,312.40
 which is 6 %

Together IN ACTION
 Annual Bishop's Appeal



Lenten Parish Mission
 Holy Family Parish & St. Patrick's Parish
March 7, 8, & 9, 2022

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Sacramental Preparation

Sessions for both children and parents, Children in Hall & Parents in the Church...

1st Holy Communion next class...

Thursday March 3, 2022
6:30-7:30pm

Confirmation next class...

Wednesday, March 16, 2022
6:30-7:30pm

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Online Bulletin Readers check out the Children's Pages near the end of the Bulletin Each Week...



TMIY
THAT MAN IS YOU!
BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

THAT MAN IS YOU

February 12, 2022

8:30 – 9:30 am

St. Patrick's Church Hall

Theme:

Just a Guy in the Pew

Presenter:

John Edwards

Holy Family Catholic Women's League

FEBRUARY 26 & 27 WEEKEND MASSES

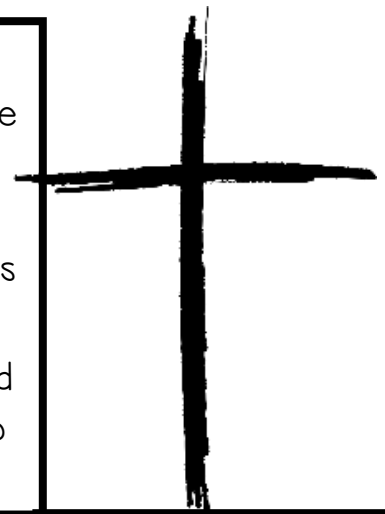
Donation Drive for Nurture Pregnancy Centre

New Baby Items may be left on the designated table in the foyer or CWL members will be on hand if you wish to make a cash/ cheque donation.



THE 2021 TAX RECEIPTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER AT THE CHURCH

Sean Kelly presently (member of our Parish) is training at the Haden Institute. The institute specializes in preparing interested persons in the art of spiritual companionship. Part of his course work involves creating opportunities for individuals to experience, through one-hour sessions once a month via zoom, spiritual accompaniment. His role would be to create a sacred space where together we would dream, explore, and discern your path toward personal wholeness and deeper intimacy with the Divine. If this is something you would like to know more about, please contact him at stk1956@gmail.com



Beautiful Attitude With the Beatitudes

"Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.



Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Our Lady of the Assumption Prayer Community sponsors two weekly Zoom programs

Wednesday's Charismatic Prayer Meeting at 7:00 p.m. MST. Meeting ID: 857 1975 7550 Password: 1515 &

Thursday's DIALOGUE with assorted topics to strengthen and challenge the Christian Community at 7:00 p.m. MST. Meeting ID: 863 0666 7643 Password: 800529.

All are welcome!

God Bless.
Ken Fabbi
Cell: 403-331-8923

Young Adults 18+ Retreat
From 2:00pm Saturday February 26th
until 2:00pm Sunday February 27th
Mt St Francis Retreat Center

To register or for more information contact: maritzachouza@gmail.com
clara.nguyen@ucalgary.ca

**JOIN US FOR A FREE ONLINE MOVIE EVENT
BEGINNING: Saturday, February 12th @ 9
AM MST until Sunday, February 13th @ 9
PM MST PLEASE REGISTER NOW!!**

Are you looking for peace in your heart, your family? In the film, PRAY: THE STORY OF PATRICK PEYTON, you will meet the extraordinary man who dedicated his life to reminding people that true peace comes from God and a relationship with Him. Father Peyton's deep friendship with God and the Blessed Virgin Mary, combined with his tireless zeal, inspired millions of families around the world to discover how prayer would bring them together and transform their hearts. Join us as we watch PRAY together.

Please follow these simple steps to register for and attend your digital event:

1. The first step is to register at the link provided here.

Event Registration URL: <https://watch.showandtell.film/watch/pray-stpatrick>

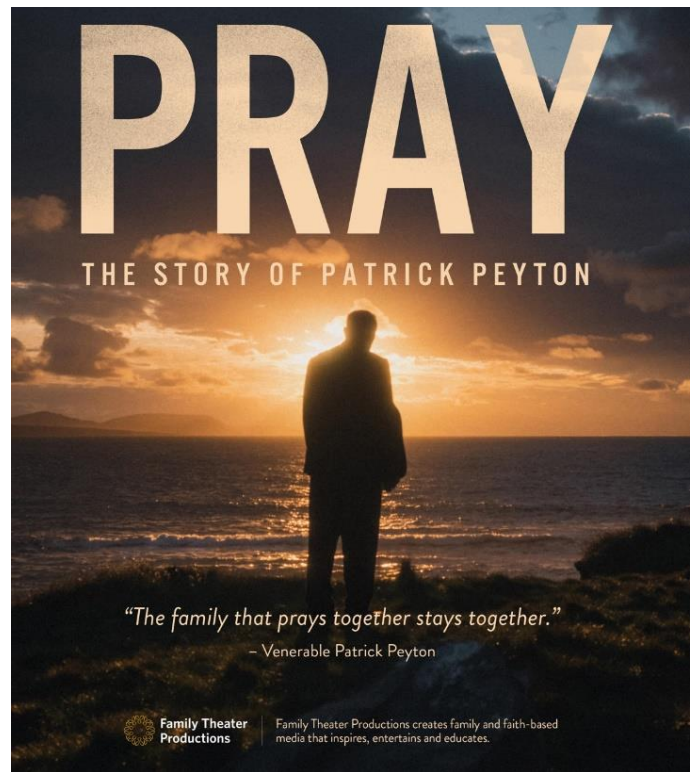
2. Once registered, a participant will receive an email (sender: system@showandtell.film) that contains their Digital Ticket to the Event. A digital ticket is a link to access and view the film at the day/time of the event. Note: Make sure to check your email junk folder if you do not receive the ticket. Also, a participant is able to register even after the event has started. In this case, a digital ticket will still be sent via email; however, the film will begin playing immediately after registration.

3. At the day and time of the event, click the Digital Ticket link. Your Digital Event will automatically open in a new window of your web browser. Ensure that your device is connected to the Internet. Note: If you do not see the red "Watch Now" button, it may be because you opened the link prior to the event start time. In this case, once it is time for the event to start, refresh your browser or click on the ticket link again.

4. Hit the red "Watch Now" button and the film will begin playing automatically. You may pause and play the film. The film will be available to watch for a total of 36 hours after the event start time. You can go back and re-watch the film multiple times within the 36 hour window by clicking the link on your digital ticket. Note: If you lose your digital ticket, simply re-register with a different email address.

5. To turn on Spanish subtitles, hover your mouse on the bottom right of the screen. A "CC" button will appear. Click the "CC" and select "Español."

6. The simplest way to watch this film on your TV is to access the event on your laptop and connect your laptop to your TV using an HDMI cable.



This Online Event is Sponsored by Council 1732





5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Sunday, February 6, 2022

IN OUR UNWORTHINESS

We are all human, we have our own shortcomings, failures, and weaknesses. Sometimes we are strong enough to overcome them and other times everything stays the same however there is always room to improve ourselves. God has created everyone with free will and with lots of gifts and talents to have freedom of our own heart and mind (please read Psalm 139). Every day in our faith journey we witness our unworthiness, but we do believe in the love and mercy of God who strengthens and purifies us. How true is it that “God does not call the qualified, but he qualifies the called”? In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus always says that we are unworthy servants, and we did what we were ought to do.

This vision narrated by the Founder of Salvation Army, William Booth (1829-1912) “On one of my recent journeys, as I gazed from the coach window, I was led into a train of thought concerning the condition of the multitudes around me. They were living carelessly in the most open and shameless rebellion against God, without a thought for their eternal welfare. As I looked out of the window, I seemed to see them all . . . millions of people all around me given up to their drink and their pleasure, their dancing and their music, their business and their anxieties, their politics, and their troubles. Ignorant - willfully ignorant in many cases - and in other instances knowing all about the truth and not caring at all. But all of them, the whole mass of them, sweeping on and up in their blasphemies and devilries to the Throne of God. While my mind was thus engaged, I had a vision.

I saw a dark and stormy ocean. Over it the black clouds hung heavily; through them every now and then vivid lightening flashed, and loud thunder rolled, while the winds moaned, and the waves rose and foamed, towered, and broke, only to rise and foam, tower, and break again. In that ocean I thought I saw myriads of poor human beings plunging and floating, shouting and shrieking, cursing, and struggling and drowning; and as they cursed and screamed, they rose and shrieked again, and then some sank to rise no more. And I saw out of this dark angry ocean, a mighty rock that rose up with its summit towering high above the black clouds that overhung the stormy sea. And all around the base of this great rock I saw a vast platform. Onto this platform, I saw with delight a number of the poor struggling, drowning wretches continually climbing out of the angry

ocean. And I saw that a few of those who were already safe on the platform were helping the poor creatures still in the angry waters to reach the place of safety.

But the thing to me that seemed the most amazing was that those on the platform to whom He called, who heard His voice and felt that they ought to obey it - at least they said they did - those who confessed to love Him much were in full sympathy with Him in the task He had undertaken - who worshipped Him or who professed to do so - were so taken up with their trades and professions, their money saving and pleasures, their families and circles, their religions and arguments about it, and their preparation for going to the mainland, that they did not listen to the cry that came to them from this Wonderful Being who had Himself gone down into the sea. Anyway, if they heard it, they did not heed it. They did not care. And so, the multitude went on right before them struggling and shrieking and drowning in the darkness. And then I saw something that seemed to me even more strange than anything that had gone on before in this strange vision. I saw that some of these people on the platform whom this Wonderful Being had called to, wanting them to come and help Him in His difficult task of saving these perishing creatures, were always praying, and crying out to Him to come to them!

Some wanted Him to come and stay with them and spend His time and strength in making them happier. Others wanted Him to come and take away various doubts and misgivings they had concerning the truth of some letters He had written them. Some wanted Him to come and make them feel more secure on the rock - so secure that they would be quite sure that they should never slip off again into the ocean. So, these people used to meet and get up as high on the rock as they could and looking towards the mainland (where they thought the Great Being was) they would cry out, "Come to us! Come and help us!" And all the while He was down (by His Spirit) among the poor struggling, drowning creatures in the angry deep, with His arms around them trying to drag them out, and looking up - oh! so longingly but all in vain - to those on the rock, crying to them with His voice all hoarse from calling, "Come to Me! Come, and help Me!"

And then I understood it all. It was plain enough. The sea was the ocean of life - the sea of real, actual human existence. That lightening was the gleaming of piercing truth coming from Jehovah's Throne. That thunder was the distant echoing of the wrath of God. Oh, what a black sea it was! And oh, what multitudes of rich and poor, ignorant, and educated were there. They were all so unlike in their outward circumstances and conditions, yet all alike in one thing - all sinners before God - all held by, and holding onto, some iniquity, fascinated by some idol, the slaves of some devilish lust, and ruled by the foul fiend from the bottomless pit! My friends in Christ, you are rescued from the waters, you are on the rock, He is in the dark sea calling on you to come to Him and help Him. Will you go? Look for yourselves. The surging sea of life, crowded with perishing multitudes rolls up to the very spot on which you stand".

How true it is to reflect on our own unworthiness and letting God purify us with the Fire of Holy Spirit? Today's Word of God speaks about the same spirit of our unworthiness and his power to purify us and protect us.

In the First Prophet Isaiah not only shares the vision he is having of Seraphim who crying "Holy, Holy, Holy" and praising God but also, he acknowledges his own unworthiness to be called and sent out as a prophet. As I said earlier, we all have our own weakness and shortcomings, but God knows who we are and purifies us as He did to Isaiah. He is purified with the fire. We all are familiar what fire does when silver and gold is purified (Please read Malachi 3, Zachariah 13 & 1 Peter 1:7-17).

Let me share a story by unknown author before I reflect on the Gospel today. I do believe that we are like a boy in the story and St. Peter won't be exception either. I will explain how after the story...

In the city of Chicago, one cold, dark night, a blizzard was setting in. A little boy was selling newspapers on the corner. The people were in and out of the cold. The little boy was so cold that he wasn't trying to sell many papers.

He walked up to a policeman and said, "Mister, you wouldn't happen to know where a poor boy could find a warm place to sleep tonight would you? You see, I sleep in a box up around the corner there and down the alley and it's awful cold in there for tonight. Sure, would be nice to have a warm place to stay." The policeman looked down at the little boy and said, "You go down the street to that big white house and you knock on the door. When they come to the door you just say John 3:16, and they will let you in." So, he did. He walked up the steps and knocked on the door, and a lady answered.

He looked up and said, "John 3:16." The lady said, "Come on in son." She took him in and she sat him down in a split bottom rocker in front of a great big old fireplace, and she went off. The boy sat there for a while and thought to himself: John 3:16... I don't understand it, but it sure makes a cold boy warm. Later, she came back and asked him, "Are you hungry?" He said, "Well, just a little. I haven't eaten in a couple of days, and I guess I could stand a little bit of food." The lady took him in the kitchen and sat him down to a table full of wonderful food. He ate and ate until he couldn't eat any more. Then he thought to himself: John 3:16... boy, I sure don't understand it but it sure makes a hungry boy full.

She took him upstairs to a bathroom to a huge bathtub filled with warm water, and he sat there and soaked for a while. As he soaked, he thought to himself: John 3:16... I sure don't understand it, but it sure does make a dirty boy clean. You know, I've not had a real bath in my whole life. The only bath I ever had was when I stood in front of that big old fire hydrant as they flushed it out. The lady came in and got him. She took him to a room, tucked him into a big old feather bed, pulled the covers up around his neck, kissed him goodnight and turned out the lights. As he lay in the darkness and looked out the window, at the snow coming down on that cold night, he thought to himself: John 3:16... I don't understand it, but it sure makes a tired boy rested.

The next morning, the lady came back up and took him down again to that same table full of food. After he ate, she took him down again to that same big old split bottom rocker in front of the fireplace and picked up a big old Bible. She sat down in front of him and looked into his young face.

"Do you understand John 3:16?" she asked gently. He replied, "No ma'am, I don't. The first time I ever heard it was last night when the policeman told me to use it." She opened the Bible to John 3:16 and began to explain to him about Jesus. Right there, in front of that big old fireplace, he gave his heart and life to Jesus. He sat there and thought: John 3:16. I don't understand it, but it sure makes a lost boy feel safe.

You know, I have to confess I don't understand it either, how God was willing to send His Son to die for me, and how Jesus would agree to do such a thing. I don't understand the agony of the Father and every angel in Heaven as they watched Jesus suffer and die. I don't understand the intense love for ME that kept Jesus on the cross till the end. I don't understand it, but it sure does make life worth living. John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. If you aren't

ashamed to do this, please follow the directions. Pass this on only if you mean it. Then sit back and watch the power of God work.

In the Gospel I believe St. Peter didn't know who Jesus was neither did he understand why he was obeying the stranger who had no knowledge of fishing but still he did. Holy Pope Francis reflecting on the Gospel says "The event takes place in the context of everyday life: there are several fishermen on the shore of the lake of Galilee, who, after working all night and catching nothing, are washing and arranging their nets. When he is finished speaking, he tells them to put out into the deep and cast the nets. Therefore, he responds: "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets". And this faith of his did not disappoint indeed, the nets filled with so many fish that they nearly broke. It is an episode that reminds us of the other miraculous catch of fish, which took place after the Resurrection, when Jesus asked His disciples if they had anything to eat. In both cases, there is an anointing of Peter: first as a fisher of men, then as a pastor. Jesus then changes his name from Simon to Peter; and, as a good Israelite, Peter knows that a change of name signifies a change of mission. Peter felt proud because he truly loved Jesus, and this miraculous catch represents a step forward in his life. Facing this extraordinary event, the fishermen are greatly astonished. Simon Peter throws himself at Jesus' feet, saying: "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord". That prodigious sign convinces him that Jesus is not only a formidable master whose word is true and powerful, but he is the Lord, he is the manifestation of God. For Peter this close presence brings about a strong sense of his own pettiness and unworthiness. From a human point of view, he thinks that there should be distance between the sinner and the Holy One. In truth, his very condition as a sinner requires that the Lord not distance Himself from him, in the same way that a doctor cannot distance himself from those who are sick".

Jesus' response to Simon Peter is reassuring and decisive: "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be fisher of men". Once again, the fisherman of Galilee, placing his trust in this word, leaves everything and follows the one who has become his Lord and Master. Simon's workmates, James, and John, do the same. This is the logic that guides Jesus' mission and the mission of the Church: go in search, "fish" for men and women, not to preach, but to restore full dignity and freedom to all, through the forgiveness of sins as St. Paul says "But I have made no use of any of these rights, nor am I writing this so that they may be applied in my case. Indeed, I would rather die than that no one will deprive me of my ground for boasting! If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:15-18).

This is the essential point of Christianity: to spread the free and regenerative love of God, with a welcoming and merciful attitude toward everyone, so that each person can encounter God's tenderness and have the fullness of life. Remember everyone who was called by the Lord were not perfect. They had their own weaknesses and somewhere they did feel unworthy to continue the work of God but still God called them to be chosen instrument of preaching his Word and spread his love, mercy, compassion, and protection. We need to say like Prophet Isaiah "Here I am Lord, send me". Nothing in the world is unworthy which is created by God but everything and everyone is unique and precious. Let me conclude my reflection with an amazing story of "Unworthy Tree" which was saved by the woman.

Once upon a time there was a tree. Most people did not notice this tree. One person did notice. Every day before work he would look up at the tree and into the sky beyond and tell if it was raining. He often said to his wife, you know if they take down that tree, I won't be able to find out if it is raining because I can't hear it on the roof, but I can see it against the dark pine tree. One day his wife discovered the house and section where the tree lived was to be sold for development. She knew her husband would be upset if he found out, so she went immediately to the council to see if the tree could be saved.

When she explained about the tree, they just laughed, saying the tree didn't measure up, it wasn't worthy: It was not native, It was not special, It did not qualify as the kind of tree the council would protect. It was not networked and had no connections and so had no power.

Fortunately for the tree, and the local area, she did not give up.

Luckily, she lived in a community that was becoming quite well connected. It had gone from being a suburb of people living separate lives in their suburban houses, towards being a connected community with an increasing sense of itself and what it had and what it wanted.

The community had its own media – a community magazine, and an electronic bulletin board which was to develop as an interactive community website. As with the villages of the past, people here still had face-to-face conversations, but now communication was also enhanced by electronic communication. These electronic communication tools enabled the community to be very well-connected. They now had somewhere they could communicate together around a shared text. Anyone could ask questions like, “Can anyone help?” “Does anyone know ...?” There was now space and opportunity for any, or many, to respond where they could and were willing to help.

With respect to the tree and the land it was on, help was sought to save the tree, and the tree became connected to networks of people, like the old-boys' network only different. This network was more inclusive and diverse – for instance many local people came together to help – local children presented their submission (in the form of pictures), local people who

understood council processes gave advice, people with skills, such as inclusive community development, ensured effective participation, local people with skills, such as landscape artists, photographers and writers all helped. The council made a decision to save the tree by buying the land for a local park ... exactly how they did it is another story, but the tree – Well, the tree had become connected, and so became worthy.



The Sea of Galilee in 2020, Photo by Fr. Iqbal

This week we have two challenges to achieve: “Do we know how to truly trust in the Word of the Lord?” And “Do we let ourselves become discouraged by our failures?”

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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<https://www.catholicyc.ca> | TELUS Optik TV Ch. 877 (choose Diocese of Calgary tile logo). For other online Masses, visit [Salt+Light TV](#), [Shalom World TV](#), [EWTN](#) and [Vision TV](#)

COVID-19 Resources

- [Sacraments & Liturgies](#)
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Resources for children

- **Gospel Reflection:** Simon Peter hadn't caught any fish. But he trusted Jesus. He followed Jesus' command to lower the nets into the water. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus call Simon Peter to be a leader among the disciples. He gives him a special job. (Loyola Press)
 - **Kid's challenge this week:** List the people who have a positive influence on our lives and write down the qualities of these people (i.e., kind, generous, etc.). How can we be a positive influence on others? (Sunday Connection)
 - [Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday](#)
 - [Colouring page this Sunday](#)
 - [Sunday Connection - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time](#) (Gr. 1-8 & family)
- **Children's Sunday Liturgy for 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
 - [Children's Liturgy for leaders/parents](#) (with intercessions and activities) - by CAFOD | [Illustration](#)
 - [Children's Liturgy of the Word with Miss Heidi](#) (Catholic TV)
 - Does your parish have online Sunday program for children? If so, please share it with communications@calgarydiocese.ca

CCCB updates on Indigenous Reconciliation

In case you missed them, please review the following updates released by the CCCB. These statements are also available on our diocesan website at catholicyc.ca (frontpage & news/events)

- **Canadian Bishops, Assembly of First Nations, Métis National Council, and Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami Announce Rescheduled Dates for Rome Delegation** (Feb 1) | The Canadian Catholic Bishops, Assembly of First Nations, Métis National Council, and Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami are pleased to announce that the delegation to Rome to meet with Pope Francis, originally planned for December 2021, is now scheduled to take place at the end of March and early April of this year. [Read more](#)
- **Indigenous Reconciliation Fund to Support Projects Across Canada** (Jan 28) | Canada's Catholic Bishops have agreed to establish a new registered charity to support and advance healing and reconciliation initiatives. The charity is expected to manage the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund, which will accept contributions from 73 dioceses across Canada in order to fulfill the \$30 million financial commitment made by Canada's Bishops in September. [Read more](#)

Canada's Bishops Provide Update on Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement (Jan 28) | The CCCB has worked over the past several months to clarify important issues related to the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement ("IRSSA") and the commitments made by Catholic Entities Party to the Indian Residential School Settlement ("CCEPIRSS"). Read summarized settlement obligations [here](#)



World Day of the Sick - Feb 11

Feb. 11 is World Day of the Sick, an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes and is an important opportunity for those who serve in Catholic health ministry to reflect on caring for those who are sick as well as those who provide care to them.

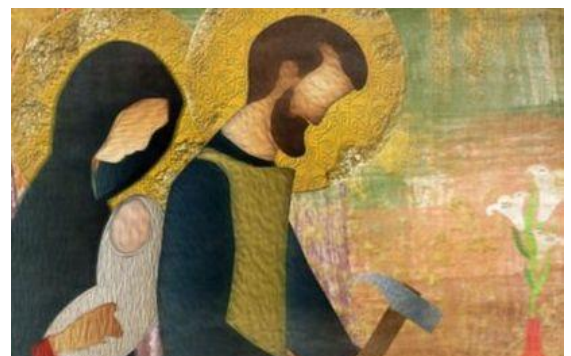
The theme of this year's message is "*Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful*" (Lk 6:36). Standing beside those who suffer on a path of charity.

Resources for the World Day of the Sick (Feb. 11) this year:

- [Pope Francis' Message](#) for the 30th World Day of the Sick
- [Prayer Service](#) for the World Day of the Sick
- [Prayer for all those who work in Catholic health care](#)
- Watch for a message from Bishop McGrattan next Monday in [Faithfully](#) for the World Day of the Sick

Month of the Holy Family

February is traditionally devoted to the Holy Family, an ideal time to strengthen our own family and its connection to Jesus's family. Here are [12 ways you can align your family to the Holy Family this February](#). (Source: Aleteia)





Lunch & Learn with an Iconographer

Sacred Arts Guild of Alberta is hosting a virtual Lunch & Learn with Iconographer Peter Murphy on **Tuesday, Feb. 8 at Noon**. Peter will answer common questions about icons, *i.e.*, how are icons created, why aren't they realistic, how do we use icons, etc. Zoom meeting info [available here](#)

Employment Opportunities

Employment opportunities in parishes and Catholic organizations throughout the Diocese. Highlighted this week:

- NEW: Receptionist (Part-time) - St. Martha's, Lethbridge
- NEW: Administrative Assistant (Part-Time) - Our Lady of the Rockies, Canmore
- Administrative Assistant / Bookkeeper - Holy Trinity, Blairmore
- Bookkeeper (casual) - St. Michael's, Pincher Creek
- Assistant Coordinator (casual) - Feed the Hungry, Calgary
- Pastoral Assistant (part time) - Ste. Famille, Calgary
- Support Staff (casual relief) - Elizabeth House, Calgary

Please visit catholiccyyc.ca/careers for more information and application details.

Resources & Announcements

Grandparents' Faith Cafe

The Grandparents' Faith Café will open again online on Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 12:30 pm with guest speaker Dana Rosemary Scallon. Dana is an Irish singer and former politician who served as a Member of the European Parliament from 1999 to 2004. She will speak about the joy of love in marriage and family. To register, [click here](#).

GrACE Newsletter

Kindly share and distribute the latest newsletter from GrACE (Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education) widely. [Download newsletter](#)

My Son, Jonathan

Jeff Joaquin's shares a story of wounds and healing, of God's unfathomable mercy. Jeff's vulnerability and openness to share his story in service to the Lord was the foundation for the *Setting Captives Free* series now available at paradisusdei.org/healing/

Faithful Living: A prayer room in your home

Our homes hold a lot of what is near and dear to us. It can also become a shelter to nourish our faith in Christ. Making a prayer corner in our home is one way to create a special spot for us to spend time with God. [Here are some tips from Faithful Living](#).

St. Jerome Emiliani (Feast day: Feb 8)

Very often in our lives it seems to take some kind of "imprisonment" to free us from the shackles of our self-centredness. A careless and irreligious soldier for the city-state of Venice, Jerome spent time in prison, where he made use of the time to reflect and gradually learned how to pray. [Read more](#)

Why St. Josephine Bakhita (Feast day: Feb 8) is a model of hope

An African slave during the 19th century, St. Josephine experienced first-hand the horrors of humanity. She was kidnapped at a young age and beaten until she bled. But when she encountered Christianity, she was able

to have a profound sense of hope that [overcame any suffering she experienced](#).

St. Scholastica (Feast day: Feb 10)

St. Scholastica is the twin sister to St. Benedict and patron saint of Benedictine sisters. Read how St. Scholastica is also known as the patron saint for those those [seeking protection against violent storms](#).

Bernadette: A movie to watch on the Feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes

Parishioners with access to Formed.org are able to watch beautiful movies about the apparition of Lady of Lourdes (Feast day Feb 11) and of St. Bernadette. The movie "[St. Bernadette](#)" is highly recommended by the Vatican as a "sensitive portrayal of a very moving story that deserves a wide audience." Shot on location in France with outstanding cinematography and a beautiful music score, this is the film that was chosen to be shown daily at the shrine in Lourdes. [Watch now](#)

5 messages from Marian apparitions and their meaning

As Christians, we should strongly consider the messages our Blessed Mother has given to us. Here we will take a look at the [specific messages that Our Lady gave during these five particular apparitions](#). All five of these have been approved by the Holy See and/or the local bishop.

***Laudato Si'* Action Platform launch | Feb 12**

Join the Canadian Launch of the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform in Canada. On Saturday, Feb. 12 at 9 AM (MT) with Norman Lévesque, Bishop Jon Hansen, C.Ss.R. (Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith) and the rest of your Catholic family from across Canada to learn more about how your community can engage in the works of *Laudato Si'*. [Register here](#) to receive the online meeting link

Lectio Divina for Families

Lectio divina or "sacred reading" is an ancient method of praying with sacred texts that dates to the fourth century. The basic idea is to spend time listening deeply and intently to what God might have to say to you through the text—almost as if the sacred text were a much-cherished love letter from God. Download this handy "[Lectio Divina for Families](#)" guide, and learn how you can walk even young children through the basic movements of lectio divina.

NET Canada's Youth Ministry 101 Podcasts

NET Canada recently launched a new podcast, *Youth Ministry 101*. This is a podcast where people can learn tips, tricks and hear stories to help reach youth in their life, parish, and youth group to share in the love and joy of Jesus Christ and His Church. [Listen to the podcasts](#)

The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 6th, 2022

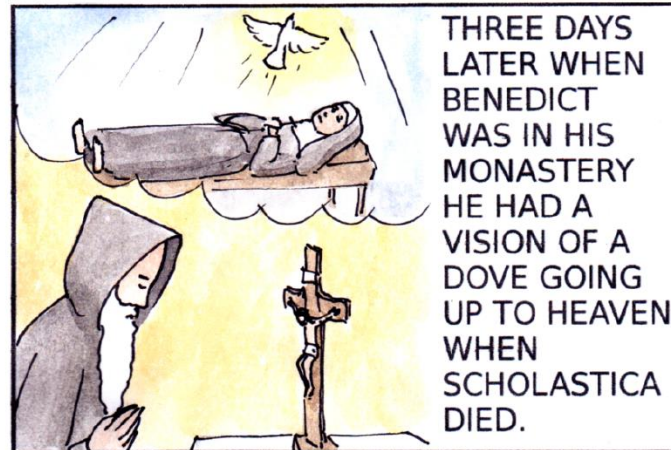
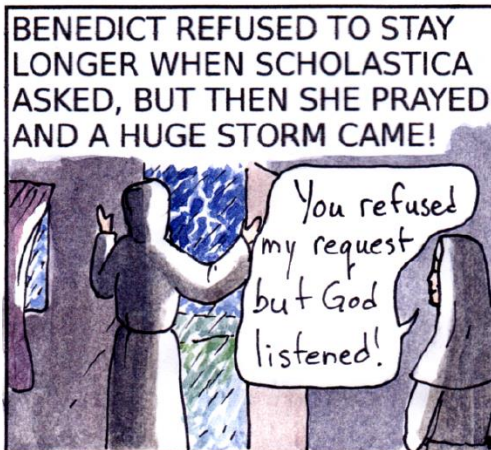
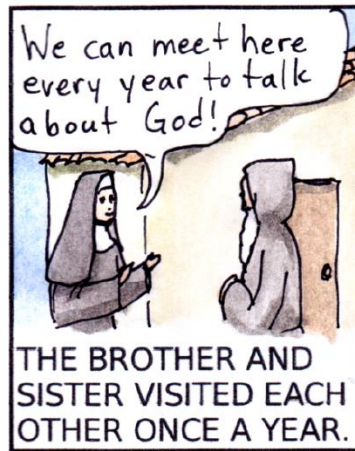
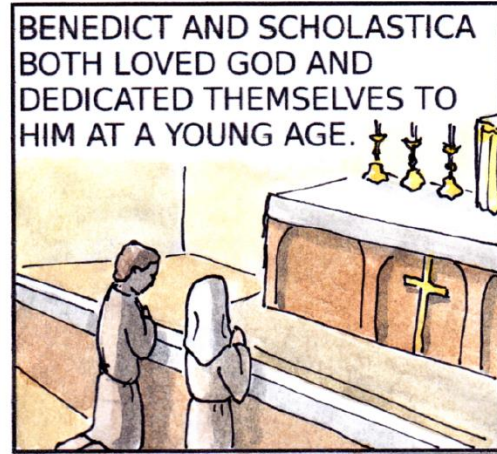


Luke 5:1-11

Peter had been fishing all night and caught nothing. But when Jesus told him to let the nets down again, they got filled right up! Can you draw enough fish to fill the nets?

Saint Scholastica

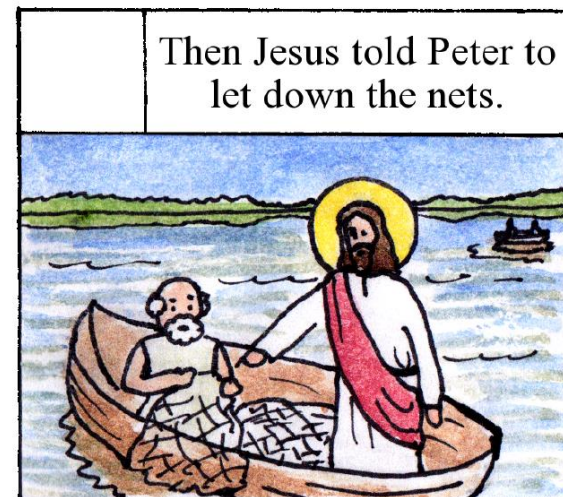
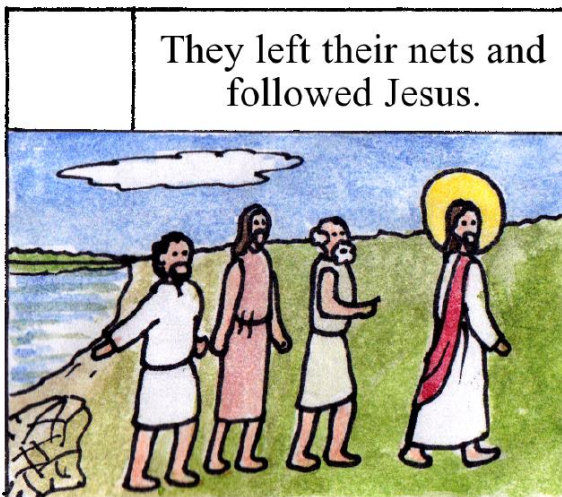
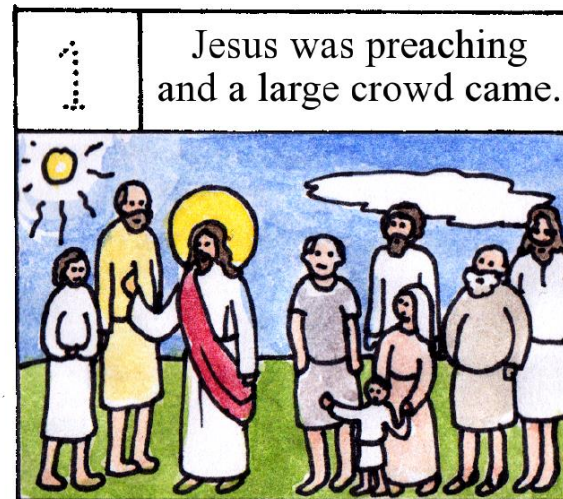
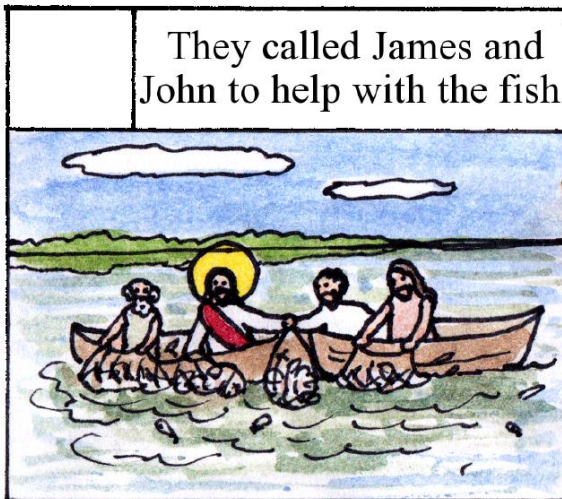
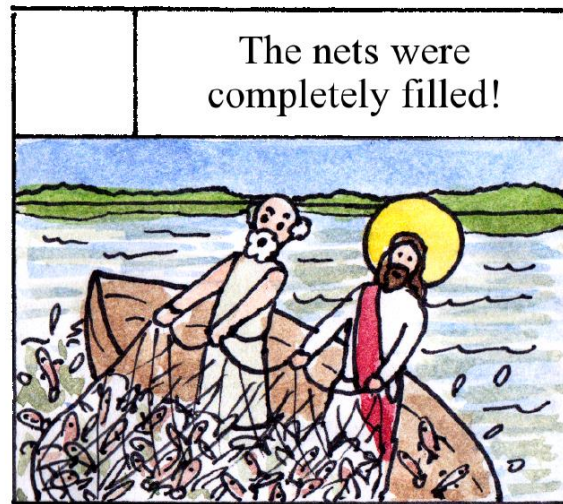
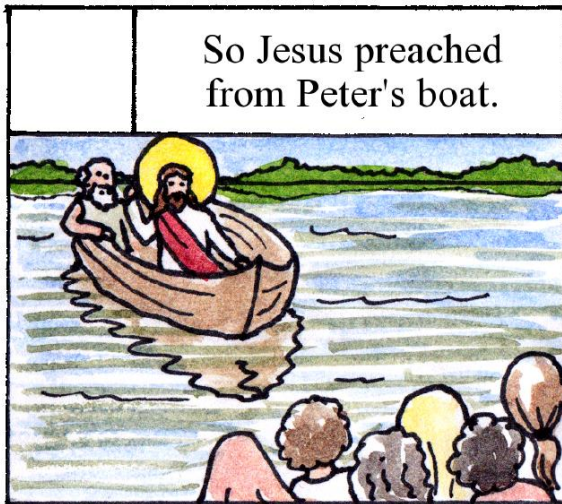
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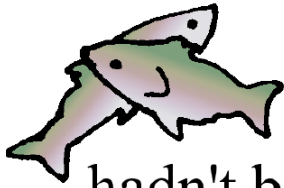
SAINT SCHOLASTICA AND HER BROTHER SAINT BENEDICT ARE A GREAT EXAMPLE TO US OF HOW BROTHERS AND SISTERS CAN HELP EACH OTHER TO BECOME HOLY. DO YOU EVER PRAY WITH YOUR BROTHERS OR SISTERS OR FRIENDS? YOU CAN HELP EACH OTHER BECOME SAINTS!

Picture Puzzle: An Amazing Catch!

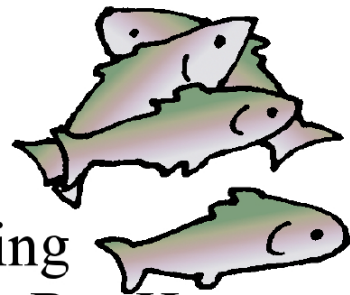
The pictures for this story are all mixed up!
Sort them out by putting the right numbers in the corners.



Fishers of Men



In today's gospel reading Peter had been out fishing all night and hadn't been able to catch any fish. When Jesus told him to let down the nets again he did it anyway. He was very surprised when the nets filled up with fish right away. And there were so many that the boat started to sink!



Jesus told Peter and his friends James and John that he was going to make them "fishers of men." But He didn't mean that they would catch people in nets! He was showing them that they had to bring people into the Church.



Who are the "fishers of men" today? Priests! They help people to come to the Faith by giving them the sacraments and teaching them the truth about God.



Answers to picture puzzle: top 2,4; middle 5,1; bottom 6, 3

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Retreat Centers in Southern Alberta

AN "OASIS" IN THE HEART OF CALGARY

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Our hope is that those who come to the FCJ Centre will encounter God, whether in prayer, in the Word, in the silence and the beauty; and that this encounter will touch many other lives too.



Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre is nestled in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains where we are all welcome in the name of Christ. The Franciscan Friars of Canada, inspired by the vision and example of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi, have served here since 1949.

We offer silent retreats and spiritual direction. We also serve those in the 12 Step Program through weekend and evening Serenity retreats. We listen to 5th steps. We host groups and individuals seeking a place of quiet and stillness in an often-hectic world. We can accommodate up to 50 people (46 rooms/50 beds). We have one large and one small meeting room, a library and chapel. We can accommodate most dietary restrictions. There are approximately 500 acres to explore.

Our retreats are organized through a group of dedicated volunteer Captains that oversee the registration. Please see our retreats page for more information.

We have strong ties with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary; other Christian Churches, schools, and organizations; as well as others not affiliated with any particular faith but who are in accord with our mission of peace, healing and prayer. We value the many loyal friends and benefactors that have supported us in our ministry for over 70 years.



Martha Retreat Centre, situated on the edge of the beautiful Lethbridge coulees, is a ministry of the Martha Retreat Centre Society, which was established in 2018. Originally founded by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Martha of Antigonish, Nova Scotia in 1968, the Centre continues to be supported by and aligned with the mission of the Sisters of St. Martha: inspired by God's graciousness, we strive to hear, embrace and respond to the cry for gospel hospitality.

