



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

MARCH 27, 2022 – 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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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

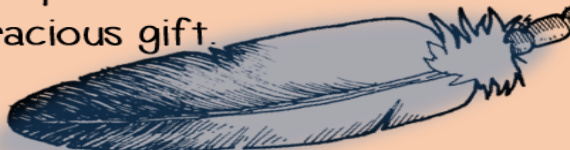
Knights of Columbus - Kirby Peterson

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

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Reflecting on Seeing

Since Jesus is the light of the world (look to the Easter candle),
there is no room for darkness in this Reign of God. The healing
of the man blind from birth clearly illustrates this for, while
sightless, he does as he is told and has insight into God's activity
in life. He "sees" even before he sees.

- ✝ What darkness is in need of Christ's light?
- ✝ What will I do, at Jesus' request, to see and live the Christian life more clearly?
- ✝ How will my lenten activity give light and insight to the elect preparing for Baptism-Confirmation-Eucharist this Easter?



Fourth SUNDAY IN LENT

4th Sunday of Lent, March 27, 2022

OPERATING FINANCES	
FEBRUARY 1-28, 2022	
Operating Budget 2022	\$ 59,708
General Envelope Collection	\$38,395
Loose Collections	\$388
Future Development	\$2,894
Sale of Church Supplies & Other	\$2,300
Other Ministries	\$440
Budget Vs Actual SHORT	-\$ 15,291
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
Together in Action (TIA)	\$7,273
St Vincent de Paul	\$2,156
Clergy Retirement	\$ 110
Mission Mexico	\$ 460
CARO	\$ 185
World Missions	\$ 30
Holy Land	\$ 5
Seminary Fund	\$ 65
Loonies for Lent	\$ 265
<i>Thank You for your Generous Contributions</i>	



2022 Goal
\$70,938

total to date
\$12,529.70

which is 18%



Eucharistic Adoration 930am to 930pm, Friday April 1st

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.

Thank you, Knights of Columbus, for arranging these events for **all parishioners** to attend. Anyone wanting to spare an hour can also sign the sign-up sheet in front foyer.

Sunday's Readings

1st Reading: Joshua 5.9a, 10-12

Having entered the promised land, the people of God celebrated the Passover.

Responsorial Psalm: 34.1-6 (R. 8a)

R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.17-21

Through Christ, God was reconciling us to himself.

Gospel: Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

This brother of yours was dead and has come to life.

Gospel Acclamation ~ Matthew 4.4

Glory & Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will get up and go to my father and say to him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.

Glory & Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

† Masses Intentions †



Saturday, March 26

8:30am ~ John & Veronica Bosch †

5:00pm ~ Stephen & Kaitlyn Little & Family

Sunday, March 27

8:30 am ~ Holy Family Parish

10:30am ~ Jacob Bischoff †

6:00pm ~ Gladys Gaetz †

Monday, March 28

9:00am ~ Yaqoob Khurshid †

Tuesday, March 29

9:00am ~ Joshua Bjorn Dahl

Wednesday, March 30

10:00am ~ Bob Hagel †

Thursday, March 31

9:00am ~ Tony & Lucille Schafer

Friday, March 32

9:00am ~ Neil Comas †

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VOLUNTEERS ROCK OUR WORLD



Sacramental Preparation

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

1st Holy Communion next class...

Thursday March 31, 2022, 6:30-7:30pm

Confirmation next class...

Wednesday, April 6, 2022, 6:30-7:30pm



Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 1

Starting at 6:00pm

Presented by:

Parish Pastoral Council



Everyone Welcome



Nurture Pregnancy Centre would appreciate your assistance to inform your church members of the following business.

- Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for: Monday, April 4, 2022 at 7:00pm at Nurture Pregnancy Centre.
- In need of volunteers to serve as board members and for various positions within the Centre. Flexible hours available. If interested, please call 403-504-8560 or e-mail mhpsc1@telus.net for more information.

TMIY

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

March 26, 2022

Holy Family Parish 8:30-10:30am

Synodal session for TMIY participants

8:30 – 9:30 am @ St. Patrick's Church Hall

April 2, 2022

Theme: **Working in Redemption**

Presenter: **Michael Gormley**



PRAY THE
DIVINE MERCY
Daily THROUGH LENT
SUNDAY TO FRIDAY
9:30AM &
SATURDAY 9:00AM

**SATURDAY MORNING MASS
DURING LENT
8:30 AM**



Seeds of the Word
Pr. Michael Vile



The Seeds of the Word Sisters will be here April 2nd & 3rd promoting their "Lectio Divina" book.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Holy Family Parish Knights of Columbus Council is pleased to announce that **March Knight of the Month is Greg Martin.**

Greg joined the Knights in 2015 and in 7

short years of service has been an incredible gift to our Council and more important to Holy Family Parish. Some of you may think that Greg has been a Knight for ever because of his knowledge about the Order. Greg recently retired after serving as a teacher in our Medicine Hat Catholic Schools for about 17 years. It is obvious that Greg has chosen to use his many talents for the benefit of the Parish.

He is presently our Deputy Grand Knight and also our Program Director of our Faith In Action Program, he provides leadership in the Faith, Family, Life and Community programs. The duty of the Deputy Grand Knight is to take the place of the Grand Knight whenever the GK requires assistance. Greg has also been the driving force with the Vocation Poster Challenge taking over from brother Fabian Delwo and with his teaching expertise has been a great liaison with our Catholic Schools. Greg has also been part of our Knights visitation ministry, visiting brother Knights in senior's homes. It takes courage to visit the sick.

Greg is always involved in various Knights activities. He helps the rectory lawn cutting and maintenance, he is always ready to help at a breakfast, picnic. Most recently he also took part in a snow removal for a parishioner who needed assistance because of ill health. You will also see him doing extra things around the parish like delivering food to Root Cellar and Mustard Seed. Greg is also part of the 5th Ave. and St. Barnabas Feed the Needy meal programs.

Greg takes part in Eucharist Adoration, does altar serving and is a great patience in instructing our altar servers. Greg is also part of the parish men's That Man is You Program on Saturday mornings and part of the Thursday 7:00 am Men's morning prayer group.

The Council would also like to acknowledge the support of Greg's wife Darlene who is willing to share Greg with our Parish. Any spouse of a Knight who sacrifices his time to be of service to his church means that often you may be on your own, so for the times Greg is up on this altar and you are sitting alone in your pew, thank you Darlene. Last summer when we had a work bee at the parish rectory my wife Denise and Darlene were part of that the work bee and anyone who was there will know that Denise and Darlene did the work of 4 brother Knights.

Holy Family would you please help me thank brother Greg for his work for our Parish.



Holy Family Parish Knights of Columbus Council 9502 would like to make you aware of our **6th Annual 40 Loonies for Lent project.** Your donations will go to **Medicine Hat Food Bank** or what is now called the Root Cellar, **Mustard Seed, Saint Vincent De Paul, 5th Avenue and Saint Barnabas Meal Programs.**

Thank you and may the Lord bless you and keep you.

LOONIES TO DATE: \$4,781.00



Lent 2022 at Mount St. Francis Retreat



41160 Retreat Road, Cochrane

Day Away – Life-Giving Spirit

April 6 - 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Registration at 8:30 am with Coffee and Muffins.

Day includes presentation, quiet reflection, Eucharist, noon meal and prayer.

Graduation Attire- to make you aware of a new project in our city. Shirley Greenfield from St. Barnabas Church is planning to provide students (male and female) in the city with grad outfits at no cost. Making them look and feel their best. She is accepting donations of new or gently used formal wear. For more information contact Shirley at 306-314-9016(call or text) or email shirleyagreenfield@yahoo.com



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In what ways do I hear God calling me to listen and embrace the thoughts, desires, struggles and hopes of others, especially those on the margins?

What do I need to leave behind in order to enter this process with an open heart, an open mind, and a willingness to share my experiences boldly and honestly?

In what ways is God inviting me to allow this experience to transform me and to strengthen my relationship with Him and with the Church?

2021-2023 SYNOD
ON SYNODALITY

PRAYER

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

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4th Sunday of Lent - Year C

Sunday, March 27, 2022

We all are Prodigal

One of the young monks in a Greek monastery committed a serious fault, and the oldest hermit, who was living alone in a shack far from the monastery, was summoned to judge him and decide his punishment. The hermit refused, but the other monks insisted, and he eventually gave in and answered their call.

He arrived at the monastery carrying on his back a heavy bucket with a hole in it, out of which sand was spilling behind him. "I have come to judge the young brother" he said to the monastery leaders. "My own sins, errors and faults are spilling behind me like the sand from this bucket, but since I don't look at what I leave behind me and don't see my own mistakes, I come to judge my brother for his own!"

The monks dropped their heads. They understood the wisdom of the hermit and gave up the idea of punishment, humbled in their hearts for their judgement against a child whom God wants to forgive.

Isn't it an amazing story to speak about the love, joy and forgiveness of the Lord who carried our sins and iniquities onto him to grant eternal life? This Sunday is called Laetare Sunday because joy of our salvation is drawing near to us. In the Western Christian liturgical calendar Laetare Sunday is the fourth Sunday in the season of Lent. Traditionally, this Sunday has been a day of celebration, within the austere period of Lent. This Sunday gets its name from the first few words (incipit) of the traditional Latin entrance (Introit) for the Mass of the day. "Laetare Jerusalem" ("Rejoice, O Jerusalem") is Latin from Isaiah 66:10. The term "Laetare Sunday" is used by most Roman Catholic, Lutheran and Anglican churches. The word comes from the Latin laetare, the singular imperative of laetari: "to rejoice". The Entrance antiphon reads:

"Laetare Jerusalem et conventum facite omnes qui diligitis eam; gaudete cum laetitia, qui in tristitia fuistis, ut exsultetis et satiemini ab uberibus consolationis vestrae. Psalm: Laetatus sum in his quae dicta sunt mihi: in domum Domini ibimus". "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast".

We must rejoice in the Lord because he loved us and died for us so that we may not be trapped in the evil around us. St. Paul writes in the letter to Philippians "rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, again I say rejoice in the Lord" is a beautiful invitation to come out of our doubts, faults and sins and believe he has the power to forgive. St. Augustine reflects the same element in this way "Those who have been freed and raised up follow the light. The light they follow speaks to them: I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness. The Lord gives light to the blind. Brethren, that light shines on us now, for we have had our eyes anointed with the eye-salve of faith. His saliva was mixed

with earth to anoint the man born blind. We are of Adam's stock, blind from our birth; we need him to give us light. He mixed saliva with earth, and so it was prophesied: Truth has sprung up from the earth. He himself has said: I am the way, the truth, and the life. We shall be in possession of the truth when we see face to face. This is his promise to us. Who would dare to hope for something that God in his goodness did not choose to promise or bestow? We shall see face to face. The Apostle says: Now I know in part, now obscurely through a mirror, but then face to face.

John the apostle says in one of his letters: Dearly beloved, we are now children of God, and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be. We know that when he is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. This is a great promise.

If you love me, follow me. "I do love you," you protest, "but how do I follow you?" If the Lord your God said to you: "I am the truth and the life," in your desire for truth, in your love for life, you would certainly ask him to show you the way to reach them. You would say to yourself: "Truth is a great reality; life is a great reality; if only it were possible for my soul to find them!"

Someone wrote the following poem to open our hearts and minds that though we all are prodigal and turn away from the Lord, but he is gracious and merciful, and he does not account our sins.

I have in my hands two boxes,
Which God gave me to hold.
He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black box,
And all your joys into the gold."
I heeded His words, and in the two boxes
Both my joys and sorrows I stored,
But though the gold became heavier each day,
The black was as light as before.
With curiosity, I opened the black.
I wanted to find out why,
And I saw, in the base of the box, a hole

Which my sorrows had fallen out by.
I showed the hole to God and mused,
"I wonder where my sorrows could be?"
He smiled a gentle smile and said,
"My child, they're here with me."
I asked God why He gave me the boxes,
Why the gold and the black with the hole?
"My child, the gold is for you to count your
blessings. The black is for you to let go."

How wonderful it is to see that God loves us and blesses us every blessing we need in our lives. The Psalmist says, "if you remember iniquities and transgression, who could be save? but with you is found mercy and forgiveness". We too read in the Book of Prophet Ezekiel that God has no pleasure in the death of a wicked "But if the wicked turn away from all their sins that they have committed and keep all my statutes and do what is lawful and right, they shall surely live; they shall not die. None of the transgressions that they have committed shall be remembered against them; for the righteousness that they have done they shall live. Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, says the Lord GOD, and not rather that they should turn from their ways and live? But when the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity and do the same abominable things that the wicked do, shall they live? None of the righteous deeds that they have done shall be remembered; for the treachery of which they are guilty and the sin they have committed, they shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?" (18:21-29).

The First Reading explains to us that God has the power to remove any disgrace which can thwart us from believing in God through the Blood of the Lamb. God keep giving the Bread of eternal life

(please read John 6 & Hebrews 9) to understand the real meaning of Jesus being our real Bread of Life. The Israelites were prodigal children in a time they complain (please read Psalm 95) but God's love was unconditional, and he brought them to promised land where honey and milk flows. How many times we have become disobedient to God but still he has shown his love?

In the Gospel today the scribes and the Pharisees who studied Jesus' actions were scandalised by the things that Jesus did and murmured against him: "This man is dangerous!" What scandalised them most was the fact that "Jesus ate with tax collectors and sinners, that he talked with them". Hence their reaction: "this man offends God; he desecrates the ministry of the prophet which is a sacred ministry" and "he desecrates it in order to draw close to these people". The music of their murmuring is the music of hypocrisy, and "Jesus responds to this murmuring hypocrisy with a parable of "Prodigal Son" in which he shows the unconditional love of the Father and his heart of mercy.

The story not only highlights some features of the father who is a man always ready to forgive and to hope against hope but also it exposes our human nature and understanding of other.

1. The first feature we see is tolerance of the father before the younger son's decision to leave home: he could have opposed it, knowing that he was still immature, a youth, or sought a lawyer not to give him his inheritance, as the father was still living. Instead, he allows the son to leave, although foreseeing the possible risks. (Please read Sirach 30:1-13). God works with us like this: He allows us to be free, even to making mistakes, because in creating us, He has given us the great gift of freedom. It is for us to put it to good use. This gift of freedom that God gives us always amazes me! St. Paul says "The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself" (2 Timothy 2:11-13).

2. The Second feature of the Father is though the son has left him but the separation from his son is only physical; for the father always carries him in his heart; trustingly, he awaits his return; the father watches the road in the hope of seeing him. And one day he sees him appear in the distance. But this means that this father, every day, would climb up to the terrace to see if his son was coming back! Thus, the father is moved to see him, he runs toward him, embraces him, kisses him. So much tenderness! And this son got into trouble! But the father still welcomes him so.

3. The third feature of the father is that he is ready to forgive and forget what son has done to him. He has forgotten his own pain and hurt but rejoices that his son has come back. (Please read Psalm 51...a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise). God the Father has the same heart to forgive us even if we turn away from him "I have seen the misery of my people and have heard their cries and have come down to save them". How wonderful to see his heart in times when we become prodigal.

4. The fourth feature of the father is his spirit of celebration. He orders his servant to restore back the status of his son by providing him the best shoes, robe and ring and have fatted animal slaughtered to rejoice over his coming. The Holy Bible starting from Adam and Eve keeps reminding us of God's spirit of rejoicing and celebrating for people who come back to him (please read Ezekiel 33:1-12).

5. The fifth feature of the father is that he treated the eldest son the same way, but as he had always stayed at home, he is now indignant and complains because he does not understand and does not share all that kindness toward his brother that had wronged. The father also goes to meet this son and reminds him that they were always together, they share everything, one must welcome with joy the brother who has finally returned home. And this makes me think of something: When one feels one is a sinner, one feels worthless, or as I've heard some — many — say: 'Father, I am like dirt', so then, this is the moment to go to the Father. Instead, when one feels righteous — 'I always did the right thing ...' —, equally, the Father comes to seek us, because this attitude of feeling 'right', is the wrong

attitude: it is pride! It comes from the devil. The Father waits for those who recognize they are sinners and goes in search of the ones who feel 'righteous'. This is our Father!

The figure of the Father in the parable reveals the heart of God. He is the Merciful Father who, in Jesus, loves us beyond measure, always awaits our conversion every time we make mistakes; he awaits our return when we turn away from him thinking, we can do without him; he is always ready to open his arms no matter what happened. As the father of the Gospel, God also continues to consider us his children, even when we get lost, and comes to us with tenderness when we return to him. He addresses us so kindly when we believe we are right. The errors we commit, even if bad, do not wear out the fidelity of his love. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we can always start out anew. He welcomes us, gives us the dignity of being his children and tells us: "Go ahead! Be at peace! Rise, go ahead!"

"Let us taste and see that the Lord is good" as this parable invites us to start over. A Zen master was given a beautifully crafted crystal cup. It was a gift from a former student. He was very grateful. Every day, he enjoyed drinking out of his glass. He would show it to visitors and tell them about the kindness of his student.

But every morning, he held the cup in his hand for a few seconds and reminded himself: "This glass is already broken." One day, a clumsy visitor toppled the glass on its shelf. The cup fell down. When it hit the floor, it was smashed into thousands of tiny pieces. The other visitors gasped in shock, but the Zen master remained calm. Looking at the mess in front of his feet, he said: "Ah. Yes. Let's begin." He picked up a broom and started sweeping.





MARCH 2022



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NEXT CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 @ 4:30pm ([agenda](#))
In-person meetings resume at Central Office
[Click here to access the YouTube live stream.](#)

MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD BULLETIN

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION



On Friday, March 11, division staff gathered as we held our Annual Employee Recognition celebration to honour those who reached a service year milestone in 2021. A total of 52 staff members were recognized.

Congratulations to our 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of service employees. Thank you for your dedication to Catholic education!

[Link: Full list of employees recognized in 2021](#)

3-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

At the Public Board Meeting on March 8, the Board of Trustees approved the 3-Year Capital Plan.



3-Year Capital Plan top three priorities are:

1. St. Mary's School right-sizing and modernization
2. Mother Teresa School right-sizing and modernization
3. St. Michael's School modernization

[Link: 2022-2025 3-Year Capital Plan](#)

50/50 RAFFLE FUNDRAISER



The Friends of McCoy Society is hosting a 50/50 Raffle Fundraiser. Proceeds will be used to support the students of Monsignor McCoy High School. Get your tickets! **Draw date: March 31.**

[Link: Purchase Tickets here!](#)

FAITH FORMATION DAY

On our March 11 Professional Development Day, staff spent the afternoon donating time and helping hands in our community. As people of faith, we are called to serve others. Our staff continue to lead by example and show the face of Christ in all that they do.

Some of the projects included lending a hand at the Root Cellar and Wellness Hub, cooking meals for local organizations, picking up litter, making blankets and much much more!



SAVE THE DATE!

Join us on June 10th, 2022 for the **20th Annual Medicine Hat Catholic Schools' Education Foundation Golf Tournament!** Register Early! Only 120 spots! Entries will be accepted on a first come, first paid basis.

[Link: Golfer & Sponsor Information](#)

REGISTER FOR 2022-2023 PD DAY CHILDCARE

The Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education is thrilled to offer a new program to better convenience our MHCBE families. PD Day and School Break Childcare will now be offered for all children from Kindergarten to Grade 6 during the 2022-2023 school year.



[Link: Q&A and Registration Information](#)

Sunday Updates

Fourth Sunday of Lent



Visit the [Diocesan Event Calendar](#)

Follow us on Social Media

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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)

Full schedule of Parish Livestream Masses:

<https://www.catholicyy.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](#)
- [Spiritual Resources](#)
- [Sacrament Preparation](#)
- [Online Formation Opportunities](#)

Resources for children

- **Kid's challenge this week:** Try to make sure you go to confession before Easter so your soul will be clean and ready for the great celebration! (THEKIDSBULLETIN)
 - [Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday](#)
 - [Colouring page this Sunday](#)
- [Sunday Connection - Fourth Sunday of Lent](#) (Gr. 1-8 & family)
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word this Sunday**
 - [Children's Liturgy for leaders/parents](#) (with intercessions and activities) - by CAFOD | [Illustration](#)
 - [Children's Liturgy of the Word with Miss Heidi](#) (Catholic TV)

Bishop McGrattan joins Pope Francis to consecrate Ukraine & Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary | Mar 25



Bishop McGrattan will join the Holy Father in the Act of Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at St. Mary's Cathedral on Friday, March 25.

- **Act of Consecration:** Friday, March 25 at 10 am (5 pm Rome time). Livestream begins at 9:45 am. Watch on [Facebook Live](#) or the Diocesan website at [catholiccyyc.ca](#)
- **Mass in the Cathedral:** 7:30 am & 5:00 pm
- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** 8 am to 4:30 pm
- [Lenten message from Bishop McGrattan](#) with an

invitation to join the Consecration.

Pastoral Letter from Bishop McGrattan

- Read a [Lenten message from Bishop McGrattan](#), as shared in [Faithfully](#) on March 21.



Indigenous Delegation: March 28 to April 1

Indigenous Delegations to meet the Pope this Monday
Catholics across the country are invited to join in collective prayer as a delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders, knowledge keepers and young people travel to Rome to meet with Pope Francis from March 28 to April 1. The journey, organized by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, represents an important moment in the ongoing journey of healing and reconciliation. As announced in late October, the delegation will also help inform the planned pilgrimage of the Holy Father to Canada at a future date. For more information, please visit [www.cccb.ca](#). Bishop William McGrattan and Edmonton Archbishop Richard Smith are among the Canadian bishops set to accompany the delegates. Please keep them in your prayers.



An interview with Fr. Cristino Bouvette

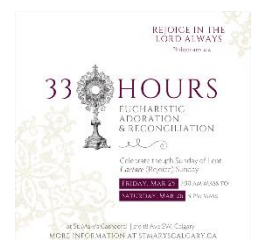
Archdiocese of Edmonton sat down with Fr. Cristino Bouvette a couple months ago to talk about how we define reconciliation, and to learn from his uniquely knowledgeable perspective as an indigenous Roman Catholic priest. [Watch video now](#)

Resources for Indigenous Delegation Visit

Please check the [Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops](#)'s website and find rich source of information about the Indigenous delegation. Resources include communication materials for parishes, the faithful, journalists and educational resources.

33 hours of Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation | Mar 25-26

To celebrate the 4th Sunday of Lent: Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday, everyone is invited to St Mary's Cathedral to spend 33 continuous hours in Eucharistic Adoration along with the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation starting Friday, Mar 25 at the 7:30 am Mass and concluding on Saturday, Mar 26 at the 5 pm Mass. Visit 33 Hours to sign up.

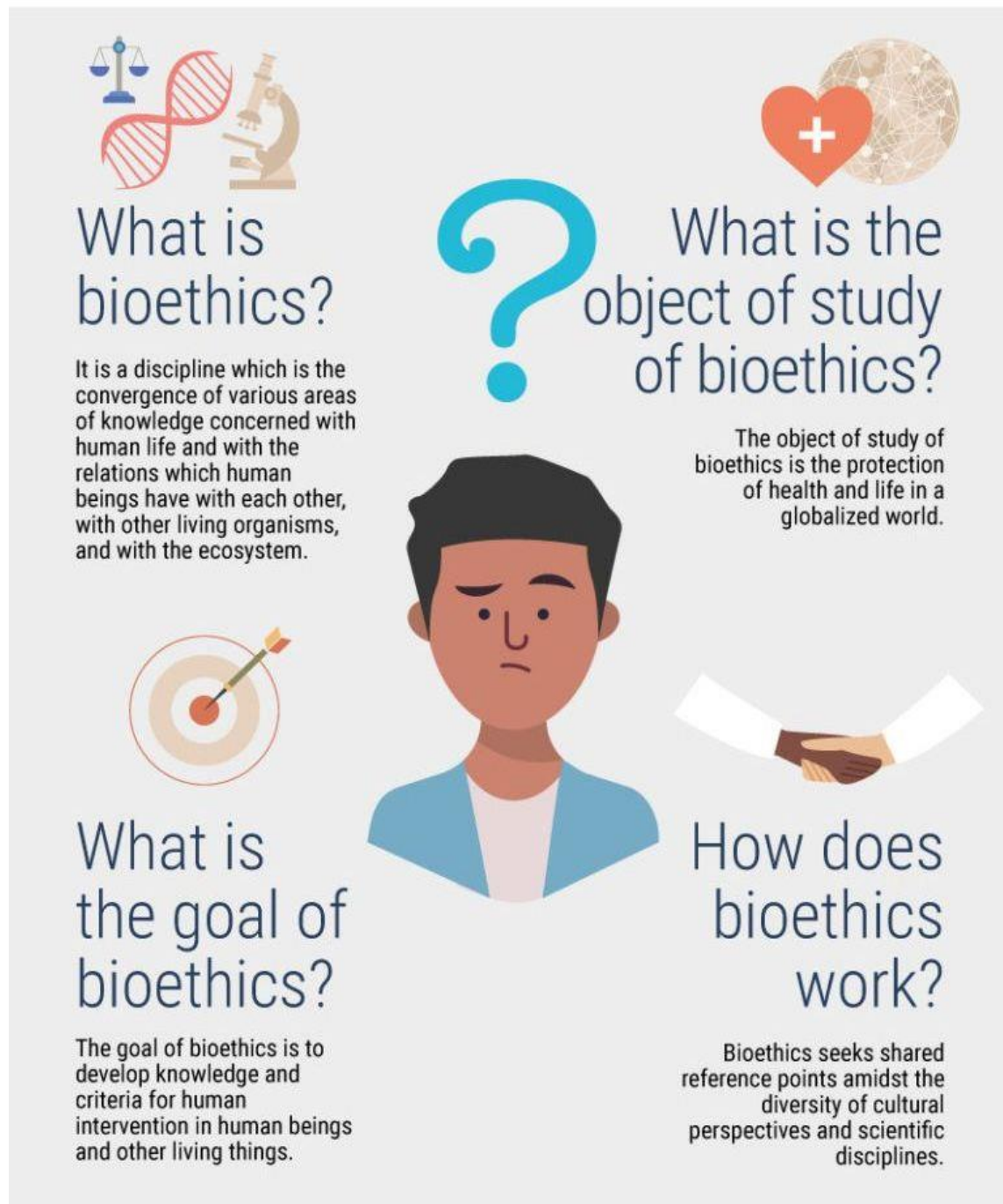


Christian response to bioethical challenges

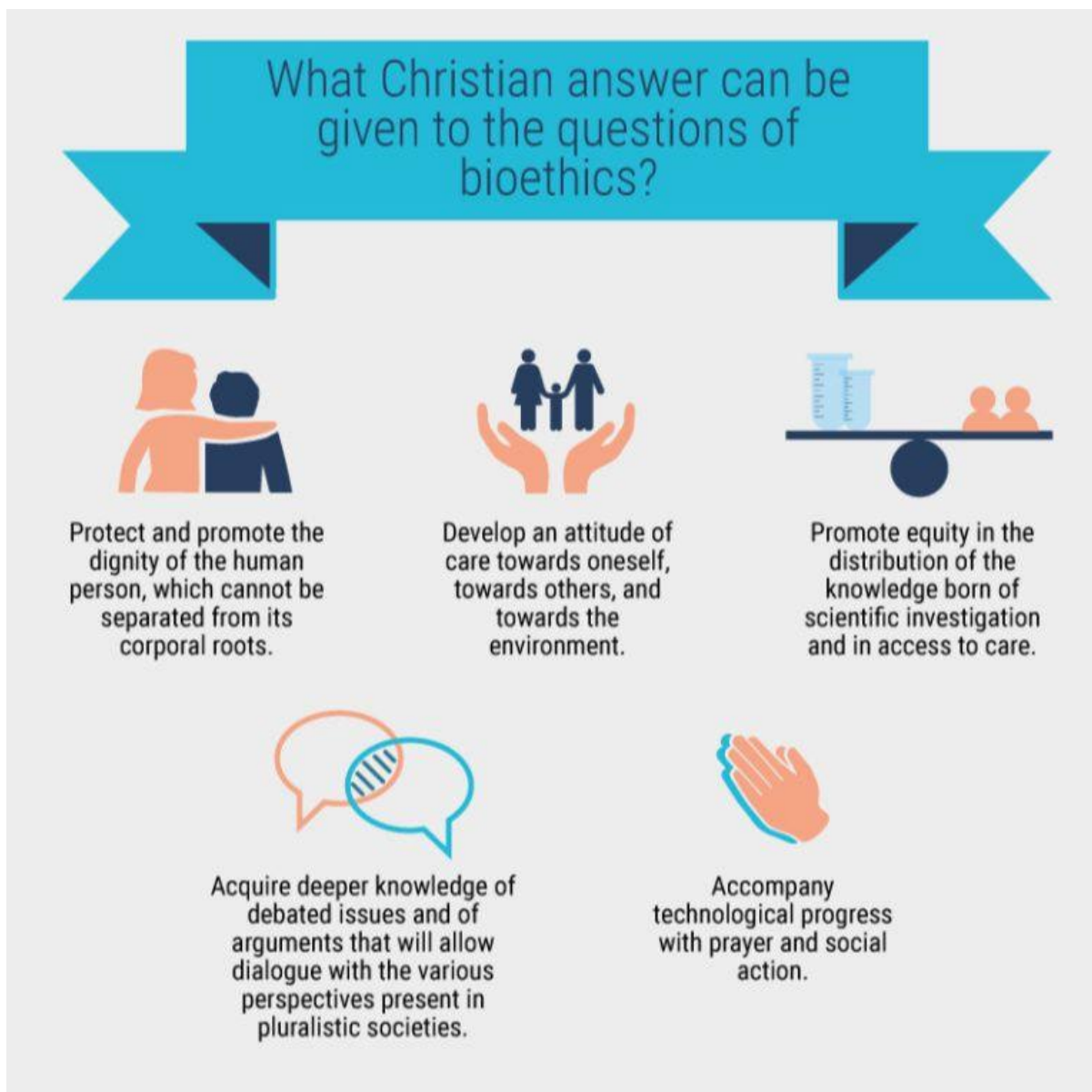
Pray the Pope's Intention this month:

- *We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.*
- [Watch Pope's video message](#)

Challenge for humanity and for the mission of the Church – March 2022



There are essentially two risks for Christians that Pope Francis highlights in this video. The first is to see technological progress as an enemy, and therefore, to oppose it in every way and try to "curb" it. The second risk is to suffer it passively, pretending that nothing is happening and ending up "hiding our head like an ostrich" when "respect for human dignity" is put into doubt. There is only one solution: "an even more profound and subtle discernment," so as to accompany technological progress in its path of service to humanity.



Re-introducing Solidarity Sunday | April 3

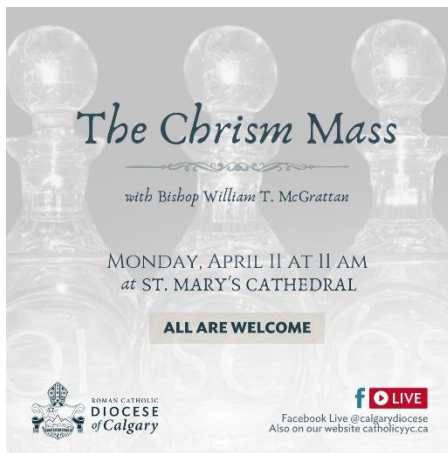
This Lent Bishop McGrattan has re-introduced [Solidarity Sunday in our Diocese](#).

So what is it? It has been an integral part of Development and Peace-Caritas Canada since 1968. Parishes throughout Canada hold a special Mass and a collection that gives us the opportunity to stand together in solidarity with the poorest of the poor in the Global South – in prayer and almsgiving.

Please note that due to the pandemic Bishop McGrattan asks that we hold this collection, just for this year, over more than just Solidarity Sunday so that more of us will have the opportunity to give.

This Lent we are invited to pray for all those who are the poorest and most forgotten and to give generously at our Solidarity Sunday Second Collection, which will be taken up on the Fourth Sunday (March 27) and Fifth Sunday (April 3) of Lent. Throughout our country our bishops are asking us to support Development and Peace-Caritas Canada in the life-giving work in places such as Honduras, Cambodia, Madagascar – and Ukraine.

- Pastoral Letter from Bishop McGrattan re: [Solidarity Sunday](#)



The Chrism Mass

The Paschal Triduum will begin with the blessing and consecration of oils and the Holy Chrism by Bishop McGrattan. All faithful are invited to this celebration which will take place on Monday, April 11, 11 am at St. Mary's, Cathedral.

Cathedral doors will be open to the public at 10 am. Reception to follow immediately after the Mass at the St. Mary's Cathedral Hall. This event is open to all.

Pastoral Care Ministry Training | May 6-7

The Diocese of Calgary is offering a Pastoral Care Ministry Training for those who feel called to assist their parish in a healing ministry to the sick, elderly, dying, homebound and bereaved members.

There is no cost to attend this workshop for new or those previously trained in Pastoral Care Ministry.

- For more information, visit catholicyc.ca/pastoralcare
- Download [poster](#)

Lenten Synodal Retreat



Bishop Emeritus Henry examined how the identity and mission of the Church as Communion, Participation and Mission is grounded in the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation and reaches its actualization in our fruitful and conscious participation in the Eucharist. His sessions were wonderful, witty, and inspiring. You don't want to miss his stories!

Sessions from Bishop Emeritus Henry's Lenten Synodal Retreat at St. Joseph's Parish are now available to [watch online!](#)

<https://www.catholicyc.ca/blog/ukraine-emergency-relief>

Resources & Announcements

Reminder: Mission Council Greeting Cards

Members of CWL prepare beautiful greeting cards for all occasions; Easter, First Communion, birthday, thank you, sympathy and more. Proceeds go to Mission Council and will be used to help the people in need through [home and international missions](#). Note that the Mission greeting cards team continues to collect used greeting cards, stamps, and unused envelopes. To get a box of cards to sell, please contact Theresa at 403-275-2632 or email grangerc@telusplanet.net

Russia-Ukraine: Where is God in war?

The eyes of the world are fixed on Ukraine. Our hearts turn to our fellow human beings under brutal attack. Terrible tragedies like this beg the question: [Where is God?](#)

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Session 1
FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2022 6:30 pm to 9 pm
SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022 9 am to 3 pm

Session 2
FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2022 6:30 pm to 9 pm
SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2022 9 am to 3 pm

WHERE
CATHOLIC PASTORAL CENTRE
120 17 Ave SW
Calgary T2S 1T2

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REGISTER
Please register by April 22, 2022
ONLINE
[CATHOLICYC.CA/PASTORALCARE](https://catholicyc.ca/pastoralcare)
PHONE: 403-218-5521
EMAIL: marilee.jacob@calgarydiocese.ca

PRESENTER
VIRGINIA BATTISTE, MTS
Virginia has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, a Diploma in Elementary Education, and a Master's in Theological Studies with a Pastoral Counseling major. She has completed the Clinical Pastoral Education Basic Unit. She has experience in family counseling and community development, and ended her work career as a Hospital Chaplain. In that role she designed and implemented training for Pastoral Care Volunteers. Visitors for hospital and long-term care visitation.

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Ukraine: Pope and Zelensky in conversation

Addressing the Italian Parliament via video link on Tuesday morning, Ukrainian President, Volodymyr Zelensky referred to a telephone conversation he had with Pope Francis, whom he said, had very important words. [Read more](#)

To support Ukraine beyond prayers

[Donate through CNEWA](#)

[Donate through Dev. & Peace](#)

Students for Song in Ukraine

Join school choirs from the Calgary Catholic School District at a special concert in support of Ukraine on Tuesday, March 29 at 7 pm. Where: St. Gerard's Catholic Church (8944 Elbow Drive SW). Admission by donation of money or non-perishable food at the door, rush seating (all proceeds to the Canada-Ukraine Foundation and food will go to the Calgary Food Bank). [More info](#)

Three unconventional ways to give alms this Lent when you're maxed out | So, what's a Christian to do? You want to give, and you know you should give, but feeding yourself and your family is taking every last penny. Here are [some creative ways](#) to make almsgiving possible this Lent.

Failing at Lent? Make this one change

Were you motivated to have a life-changing Lent this Ash Wednesday, only to find that—a few weeks in—you're failing? Fr. Mark-Mary walks you through [one change you can make](#) that could change your entire Lent: dedication.

Marriage preparation with Catholic Engaged Encounter

Catholic Engaged Encounter invites engaged couples to prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage guided by experienced couples in the Diocese. Next preparation date is April 30/May 1 2022. Sign-up online at ceewest.com/calgary



If you haven't already, please subscribe to the [Diocesan publication Faithfully](#) - to keep you updated with what's happening in our Diocese. Faithfully gives a snapshot of faith at work in the lives of everyday people in our Diocese and provide us with opportunities to spread the Good News of Christ beyond the walls of our churches. New release coming up this Monday! To subscribe, [click here](#).

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](#).

Online Faith Formation Courses

Certificate in Catholic Studies

The Benedict XVI Institute for New Evangelization offers a 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. 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](#).

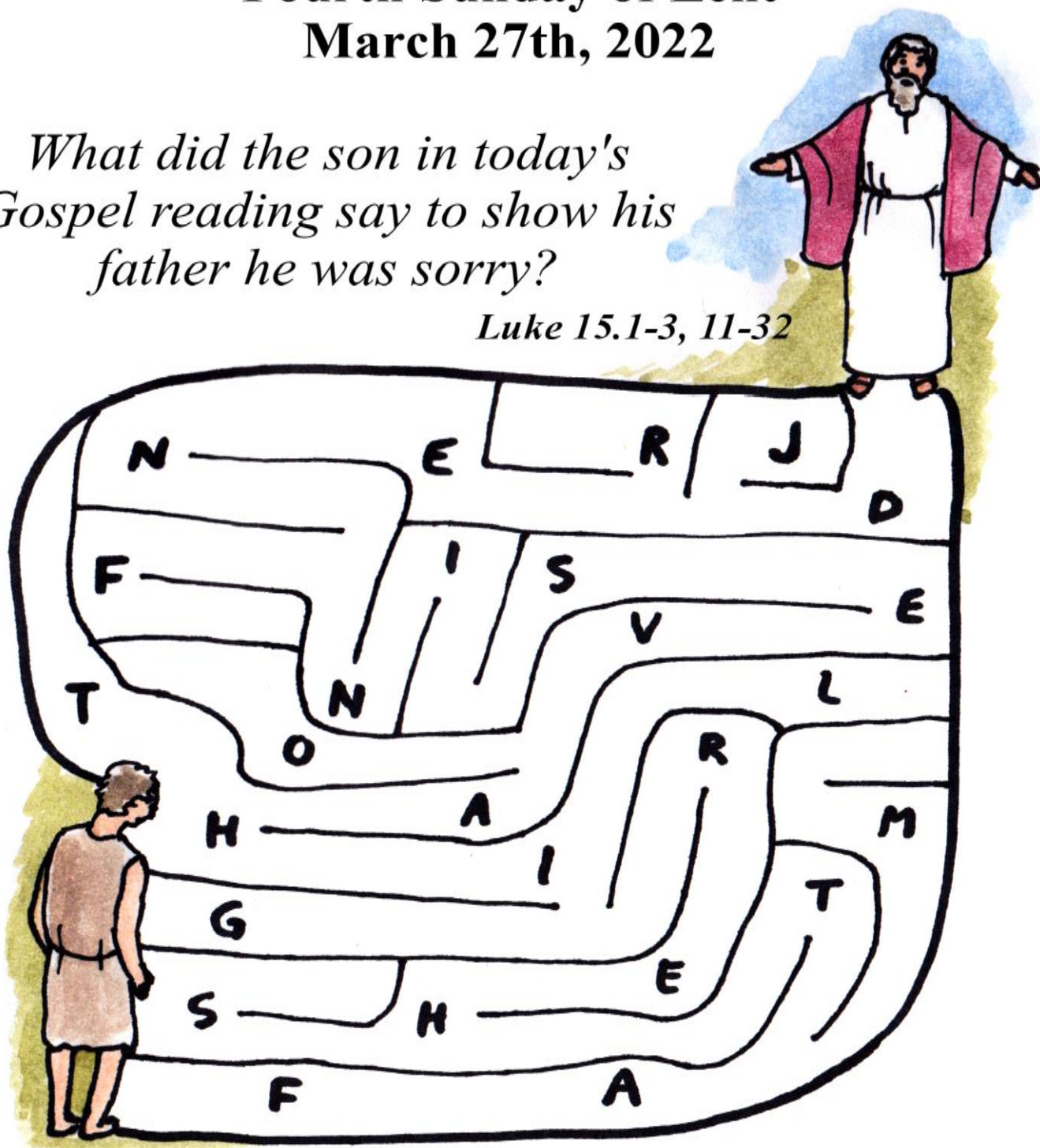
The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 27th, 2022

What did the son in today's Gospel reading say to show his father he was sorry?

Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

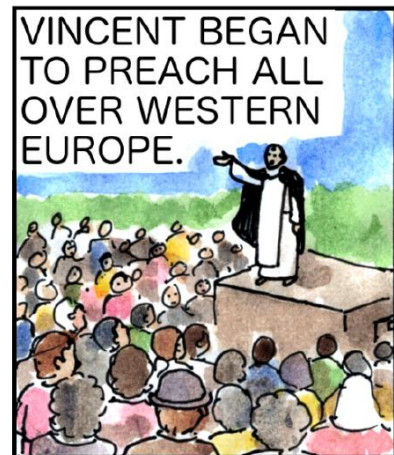
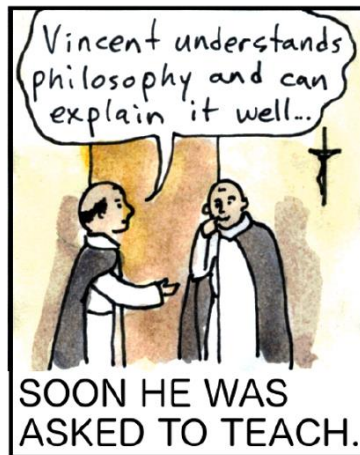
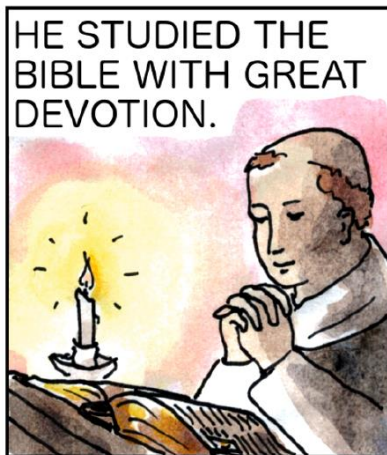
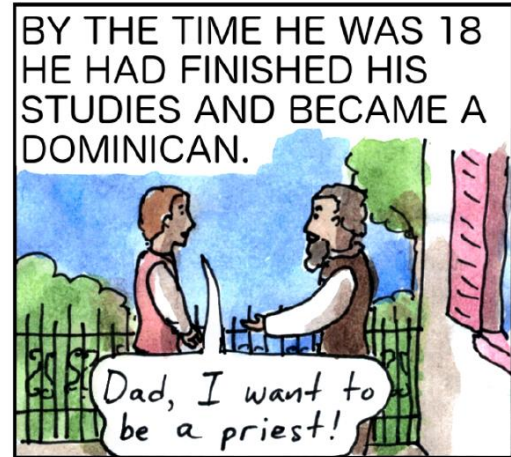


As you go through the maze, use only the letters in the right path to fill in the blanks:

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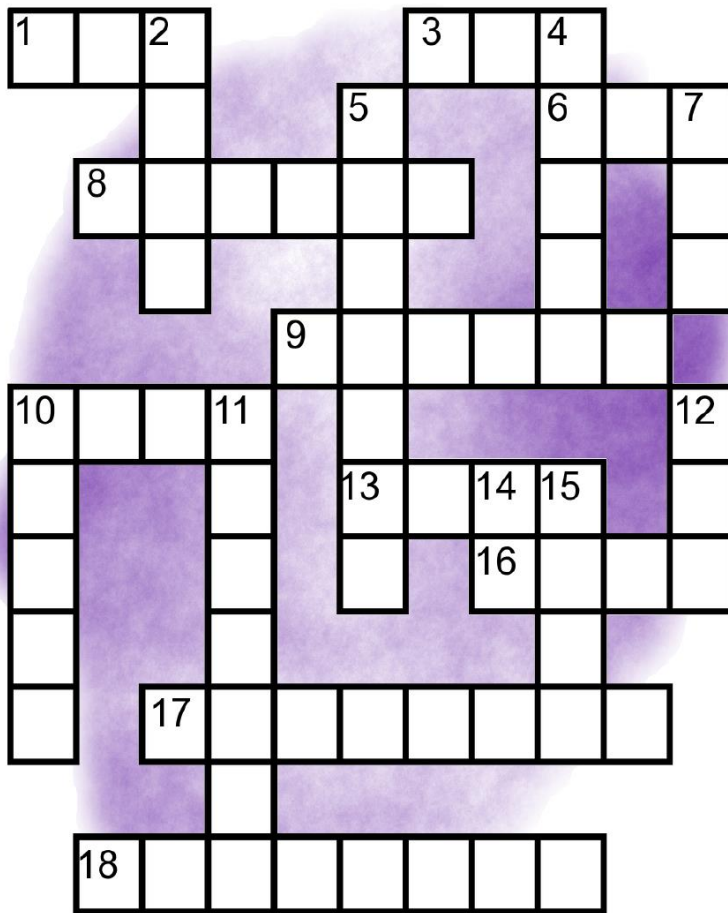
Saint Vincent Ferrer

April 5



SAINT VINCENT ONCE WROTE THAT TO STUDY WELL MEANS CONSULTING GOD MORE THAN BOOKS. TO KNOW WHAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT WE SHOULD READ AND KNOW AND LOVE THE BIBLE, SINCE IT TEACHES US ABOUT GOD. TRY TO READ A BIT OF THE BIBLE EVERY DAY!

Psalm 34 Cross-Word Puzzle



Use these words to fill
in the blanks for the
crossword puzzle:

**FROM
TERRORS
PRAISE
SET
GLORIFY
LET
HIS
ANSWERED
NAME
ON
SEE
TASTE
THAT
HUMBLE
ITS
TIMES
SOUL
MAKE
TOGETHER**

10D and 12D 10A the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all 4D,

His 9A is always 14D my lips;

In the Lord my 2D shall 15D 6A boast.

The 8A shall hear and be glad.



5D the Lord with me.

17A 3A us praise

1A 16A.

I sought the Lord

and he 18A me,

13A all my 11D he 7D me free.

The Son who was Sorry



Today's Gospel reading tells us about God's forgiveness. We are like the son who ran away and wasted all his money whenever we don't use our gifts or talents to serve God or others.

God is like the father in this story. He lets the younger son do whatever he wants, but he loves him even when he chooses to be bad. All he wants is for his son to come home and be sorry. He is ready and waiting to forgive the prodigal son.

God is waiting to forgive us too, in the sacrament of Confession. He wants us to be sorry for our sins and tell Him we are sorry so He can take them away.

Try to make sure you go to confession before Easter so your soul will be clean and ready for the great celebration!



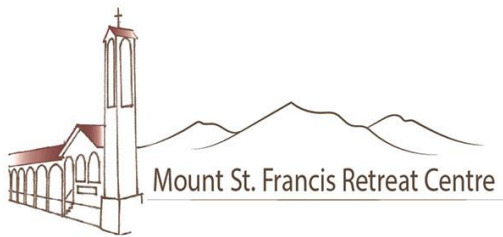
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Retreat Centers in Southern Alberta

AN "OASIS" IN THE HEART OF CALGARY

FCJ Retreat & Conference Centre is seen by many as a spiritual home where God feels very present both in the building and the surrounding landscape, and every year welcomes thousands of visitors to a unique experience of warm hospitality and deep spirituality.

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 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.

