



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

JULY 11, 2021 – 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

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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...

Friday 9:30am–10:30am. & Saturday

3:30–4:45pm.

Or by Appointment

THE CHAPEL IS OPEN

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

ADORATION FRIDAY 9:30 – 10:30am

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



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403-527-2739

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403-487-1909



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Sunday 10:30am Mass

**Medicine Hat Holy Family
Church Live Stream**

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

You Tube

Attending Masses...

- Masks are not mandatory however if you are more comfortable wearing one, please do.
- We do encourage hand sanitizing.
- Please respect each others' choices and personal space.

Listen to Mass on your phone...
Download the "Audio Fetch" app.
Our Network is: HFP_LIVE
The Password is: Liv3HFP*



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

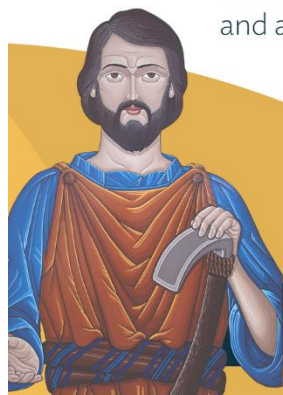
1.4 MILLION of the Diocesan goal will financially support the approved diocesan ministries, partner organizations, and agencies. See list at catholicyyc.ca/tia

OUR PARISH GOAL

\$ 49,657

Everything raised **OVER** our parish goal will go to support*:

Mustard Seed
Medicine Hat Food Bank
& Society of St. Vincent de Paul



2021
THE YEAR of
ST. JOSEPH

CATHOLICYC.CA/TIA

TO DATE \$ 18,318 = 37% OF THE WAY

OPERATING FINANCES

June 1-30, 2021

Operating Budget 2021	\$ 55,019
General Envelope Collection	\$ 41,154
Loose Collections	\$ 580
Future Development	\$ 2,836
Sale of Church Supplies & Other	\$ 2,572
Other Ministries	\$ 657

Budget Vs Actual -\$ 7,220

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 2,297
Needs of CDN Church	\$ 10
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 3,072
World Missions	\$ 60
Catholic Education	\$ 600
CARO	\$ 50

Thank You for your Generous Contributions

† Masses Intentions July 10-16 †

Saturday, July 10

5:00pm – Irene Lutz †

Sunday, July 11

8:30 am – Holy Family Parish

10:30am – Josephine Stodalka †

6:00pm – Derrick Risling †

Monday, July 12

9:00am – Tillie Lerner †

Tuesday, July 13

9:00am – Brent Desrosiers †

Wednesday, July 14

9:00am – Carolina Iannattone †

Thursday, July 15

9:00am – Helen Hammer †

Friday, July 16

9:00am – Irene Lutz †

1st Reading: Amos 7.12-15

Go, seer and prophesy to my people.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 85.8ab+9, 10-11, 12-13 (*R. 7*)

R. Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1.3-14

God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world.

Gospel: Mark 6.7-13

Jesus called the twelve and sent them out two by two.

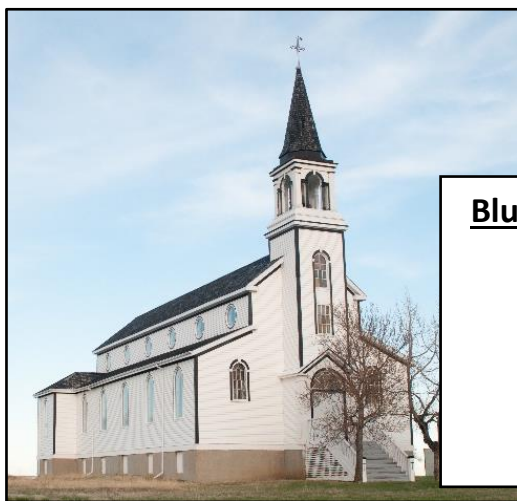
TRAVEL LIGHT

To do ministry – that includes every one of us who is baptized – the gospel, Jesus, really, tells us to travel light. No cane, food, suitcase, money. Just go and do.

- What encumbers me from doing what I am called to do, from doing good work?
- What food and drink can I give away (mercy work) to help others do good work?
- What money can I donate to worthy, needed causes?



If your child has received his/her 1st Holy Communion and would like to become an Altar Server please contact Ron Pisoni at ron.pisoni@mhcbe.ab.ca



Blumenfeld Church & Shrine to Our Lady of Sorrows Heritage Site

will be open for viewing on Sundays from 2-4pm

beginning July 11 until Sept 5, 2021!!

16 km south & 6.5 km east of Leader, SK

After hours, please contact... Karri W. @ 1-306-628-8083

or Ron D. @ 1-306-628-7403



**Funeral Attendants Ministry Training Session –
Saturday, July 17 at 9:00am**

If you are part of the Funeral Ministry Attendants Ministry, Fr. Iqbal will be having a training session for all to attend.



**EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTERS**

You can pick up
your new
schedules for July
to September.

The First Wednesday
of each Month the
Legion of Mary
will host the
Mother of Perpetual
Help Novena
Before Mass starting
at 8:00 AM.



We Need Your Support!



It's A *Drive Thru Baby Shower* In Aid Of



Friday July 16th, 2021

321 6th Ave. SE 10:00am - 4:00pm



We are looking for:

***Summer Gear (Sizes Premie, Newborn to 4T)**

***Baby Supplies (Diapers, Wipes, Formula)**

***Baby Toys**

***Baby Furniture**

New or Used will be accepted.

If you need more information call **403-504-8560**

Thank You!

KITCHEN & HALL CLEANERS

Thank you to all of you that came in to help clean the Hall and Kitchen. You are fantastic and Kent can not stop talking about the great job you all did!!!



A Day of Prayer in Nature

A Mini-Retreat at Echo Dale Park

With Fr. Julian Studden

St. Joseph: Our Inspiration & Imitation

Everyone is invited to share in a day at

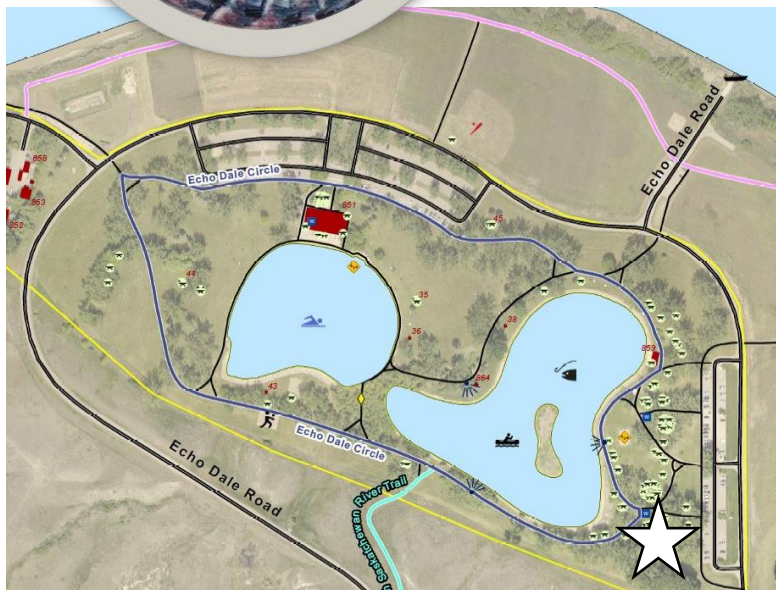
Echo Dale Park

Friday, August 13th, 2021

8:00am to 4:00pm

We will have a tent set up with chairs but if you are wanting to bring your own chairs, please feel free.

Bring a picnic lunch along and your own refreshments. And anything else you may need. We will have a tent set up but please dress for the weather. E.g. jacket, sunscreen



The White Star
indicates the
area we will be
using.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE'S INDOOR YARD SALE?

**SATURDAY AUGUST 21
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

RENT A TABLE...

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Why do we light candles at Holy Mass?

The liturgical use of candles during Mass calls for at least two lit candles to be placed on or next to the altar. We could use even four or six candles for special feasts, and then those may be carried in procession (GIRM no. 117). The original use of lit candles was functional; there was no electricity. Therefore, candles were necessary even in daytime because churches tended to be dark. Candles are no longer functional, but symbolic. In the context of the Gospel, they help us remember that Christ is the Light of the World and we, as the body of Christ, are to be a light that shines in the darkness of our world.

Why do we have candles at the ambo (pulpit)?

This practice underscores the importance of both the tables ("ambo" comes from the Greek word meaning "reading table") of the Word and the table of the Eucharist. Our first focus is on the Table of the Word (**Liturgy of the Word**) that's why we light candles at the ambo. Secondly our celebration of the Holy Eucharist emphasises on the importance of the Table of the Eucharist, that's why we light candles around the altar during offertory to remind us to focus our eyes on the Holy Sacrifice of the Eucharist. However, in the Roman Catholic Church, the liturgy of the Word cannot be separated from the liturgy of the Eucharist. We must remember that neither is "finished;" we are to continue to live this out in our lives, schools, homes and communities. We are truly to be Christ to others we encounter.





15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

Sunday, July 1, 2021

CALLED TO HEAL

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 did not 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!"

God has chosen people to go out and bring healing, but people did not want to be healed because they want to follow their own stubborn hearts. In the First Reading we come to know about the life of Prophet Amos who was a herdsman and called to prophesy to the house of Israel but did not want to heed as God called them "rebellious house" in the First Reading of last Sunday. There was a time when Israelites trusted more in the humans than God and Prophet Jeremiah has compared those people with the plant growing in the desert. However, he did believe that God has the power to heal "if you will save us, we will be saved and if you heal us, we will be healed". The healing only comes if we listen and answer to his call who says, "come and see".

The following is the testimony of an unknown man:

"Since a young age, I remember a vision of Jesus. A vision that would fill me with happiness and joy in a way nothing else could. In the vision, Jesus would show me His power, and tell me that I was His son

and belonged to Him. Growing up in Somalia, kids would make fun of what I had seen. In 2014, I had come to the USA. At that time, Revive Twin Cities was going on. A team from the outreach prayed for me, and as they prayed, the vision from my childhood returned. I was invited to Revive Twin Cities and given a Bible. I could feel the love and compassion found in His people. More and more joy kept filling my heart as they taught me more about Him. As I started to read the Bible, and learn more, I began to ask, "What can I do, Lord?" I prayed and asked others for prayer about this school, and God led me here." And found the answer that God is calling me to serve him and heal other people."

To receive healing, we must follow Jesus because he calls us to go out to heal other people. In the recent time we have seen so much, anger, sorrow, and grief in Canada over the discoveries of the graves and many people have acted harshly rather than listening to the call of Jesus for healing and reconciliation. Are we not called to bring healing to one another? Absolutely we are and that is the message we see in the Gospel today. The Gospel tells of how Jesus sends his disciples into the world to bring healing, just as He Himself came into the world to heal. To heal the root of sin in us, the original sin. Healing is a bit like creating from anew. Jesus recreated us from the root and then allowed us to move forward with his teaching, with his doctrine, a doctrine that heals. But the first requisite is that there be conversion. Conversion is the first step of healing in the sense that it opens the heart so that the Word of God may enter. If someone is sick and refuses to go to the doctor he will not be healed. As Christians, we may do many good things, but if our hearts are closed, it's only like we are putting a veil on our face and nothing else. To proclaim so that people may convert, one requires authority that comes from being like Jesus.

In the Gospel Jesus instructs the Apostles to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick - no food, no sack, no money in their belts. If we want to bring healing to others, we then must empty ourselves from all the worldly pleasures and desires. In the words of Pope Francis "The apostle must be a pastor who does not seek sheep's milk, who does not seek sheep's wool. As expressed by Saint Augustine the shepherd who seeks milk seeks money, and the shepherd who seeks wool likes to dress with vanity".

Jesus told the Apostles "Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet", but do so with meekness and humility. If an apostle, an envoy, one of us goes, with his nose in the air, believing himself superior to the others or because of self-interest looking for some human interest he will never heal anyone, he will never succeed in opening anyone's heart, because his word will have no authority. After having exhorted to conversion, the Twelve drove out many demons and they could do so because they had the authority to say "This is a demon! This is a sin." This authority is not the authority of someone who speaks down to people, but of someone who is interested in people. Demons flee before humility, before the power of Christ's name with which the apostle carries out his mission, because demons cannot bear that sins be healed.

All Christians can bring healing, not only priests and bishops: "each of us has the power to heal his brother or sister." We all need to be healed, and we can all heal others if we are humble and meek: with a good word, with patience, with a glance.

The Lord will shower down blessings, and our land will yield its increase". These are the words of the Psalm. We are invited to celebrate this mysterious communion between God and his People, between God and us. The rain is a sign of his presence, in the earth tilled by our hands. It reminds us that our communion with God always brings forth fruit, always gives life. This confidence is born of faith, from knowing that we depend on grace, which will always transform and nourish our land.

During every mass we attend, the words of the centurion are repeated "Lord I am not worthy but if you will say the word, my soul will be healed". Isn't it amazing to experience that how the Holy Eucharist is

healing us as we touch the Lord with our own hands and taste him with our tongue. We are called by Jesus to bring the same saving and healing power of him to other people. Jesus does not send them out as men of influence, landlords, officials armed with rules and regulations. Instead, he makes them see that the Christian journey is simply about changing hearts. One's own heart first, and then help to transform the hearts of others. It is about learning to live differently, under a different law, with different rules. It is about turning from the path of selfishness, conflict, division, and superiority, and taking instead the path of life, generosity, and love. It is about passing from a mentality which domineers, stifles, and manipulates to a mentality which welcomes, accepts, and cares.

How many of us have gone out to bring healing? Do we heal people in the name of Jesus, or do we show our own power to them?

The Church is a mother with an open heart. She knows how to welcome and accept, especially those in need of greater care, those in greater difficulty. The Church, as desired by Jesus, is the home of hospitality. And how much good we can do, if only we try to speak this language of hospitality, this language of receiving and welcoming. How much pain can be soothed, how much despair can be allayed in a place where we feel at home! This requires open doors, especially the doors of our heart. Welcoming the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, the prisoner (Mt 25:34-37), the leper and the paralytic. Welcoming those who do not think as we do, who do not have faith or who have lost it. And sometimes, we are to blame. Welcoming the persecuted, the unemployed. Welcoming the different cultures, of which our earth is so richly blessed. Welcoming sinners, because each one of us is also a sinner.

God never closes off horizons; he is never unconcerned about the lives and sufferings of his children. God never allows himself to be outdone in generosity. He sends us his Son, he gives him to us, he hands him over, he shares him... so that we can learn the way of fraternity, of self-giving. In a definitive way, he opens a new horizon; he is a new word which sheds light on so many situations of exclusion, disintegration, loneliness, and isolation. He is a word which breaks the silence of loneliness.

St. Augustine encourages everyone to show charity to others because by acting in the like manners means we are bringing healing to others: "We entreat you, brothers, as earnestly as we are able, to have charity, not only for one another, but also for those who are outside the Church. Of these some are still pagans, who have not yet made an act of faith in Christ. Others are separated, insofar as they are joined with us in professing faith in Christ, our head, but are yet divided from the unity of his body. My friends, we must grieve over these as over our brothers; and they will only cease to be so when they no longer say our Father.

The prophet refers to some men saying: When they say to you: You are not our brothers, you are to tell them: You are our brothers. Consider whom he intended by these words. Were they the pagans? Hardly, for nowhere either in Scripture or in our traditional manner of speaking do we find them called our brothers. Nor could it refer to the Jews, who do not believe in Christ. Read Saint Paul and you will see that when he speaks of "brothers," without any qualification, he refers always to Christians. For example, he says: Why do you judge your brother or why do you despise your brother? And again: You perform iniquity and common fraud, and this against your brothers.

Those then who tell us: You are not our brothers, are saying that we are pagans. That is why they want to baptize us again, claiming that we do not have what they can give. Hence their error of denying that we are their brothers. Why then did the prophet tell us: Say to them: You are our brothers? It is because we acknowledge in them that which we do not repeat. By not recognizing our baptism, they deny that we are their brothers; on the other hand, when we do not repeat their baptism but acknowledge it to

be our own, we are saying to them: You are our brothers. If they say, "Why do you seek us? What do you want of us?" we should reply: You are our brothers. They may say, "Leave us alone. We have nothing to do with you." But we have everything to do with you, for we are one in our belief in Christ; and so, we should be in one body, under one head.

Further he adds "And so, dear brothers, we entreat you on their behalf, in the name of the very source of our love, by whose milk we are nourished, and whose bread is our strength, in the name of Christ our Lord and his gentle love. For it is time now for us to show them great love and abundant compassion by praying to God for them. May he one day give them a clear mind to repent and to realize that they have nothing now but the sickness of their hatred, and the stronger they think they are, the weaker they become. We entreat you then to pray for them, for they are weak, given to the wisdom of the flesh, to fleshly and carnal things, yet they are our brothers. They celebrate the same sacraments as we, not indeed with us, but still the same. They respond with the same Amen, not with us, but still the same. So, pour out your hearts for them in prayer to God".

Today let us recognize our call to bring healing to other people so that we may have peaceful world where everyone is respected equally and loved with great care. I would like to end my reflection (though I already have shared with you before) with the following poem written by unknown author to remind ourselves that our healing and healing of others only comes from Jesus.

Before **U** were thought of or time had begun, God had stuck **U** in the name of His Son.

And each time **U** pray, you'll see it's true, you can't spell out Jes**U**s and not include **U**.

You are a pretty big part of His wonderful name, For **U**, he was born; that's why He came.

And His great love for **U** is the reason that he died, It even takes **U** to spell cr**U**cified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand, He rose from the dead with **U** in His plan.

The stones split away, the gold tr**U**mpet blew, and this word res**U**rection is spelled with a **U**.

When Jesus left the earth at His upward ascension, He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.

Go into the world and tell them it's true, That I love them all-Just like I love **U**.

So many great people
are spelled with a **U**,
Don't they have the
right to know Jes**U**s
too?

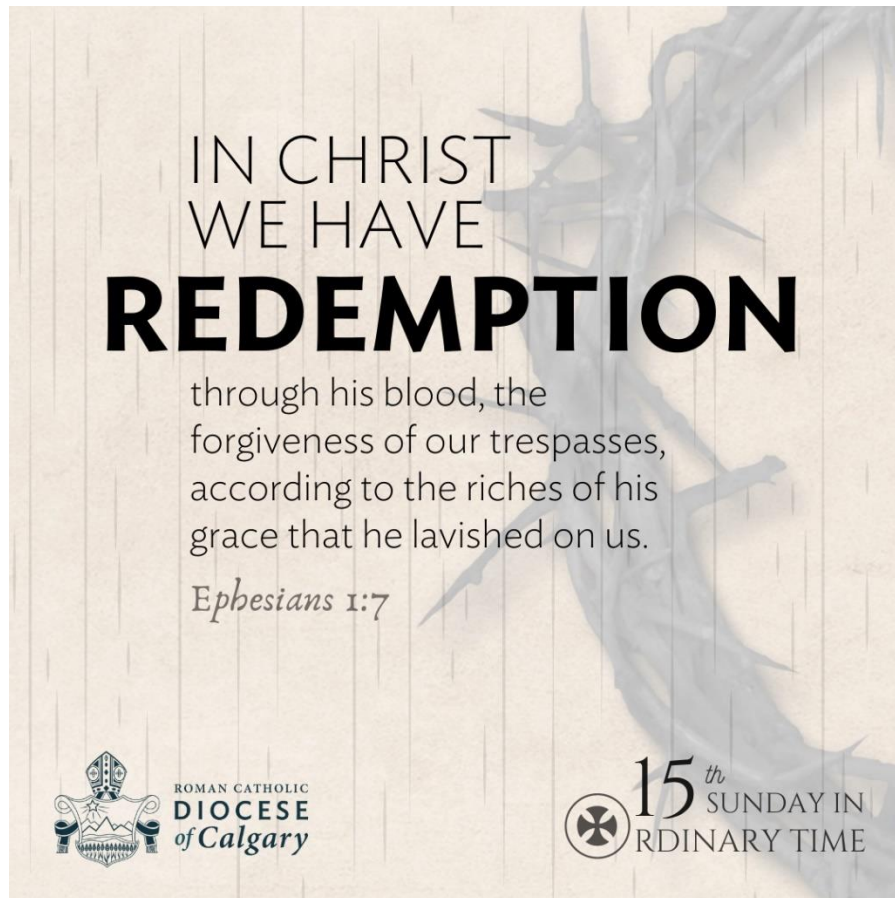
It all depends now on
what **U** will do, He'd
like them to know, but
it all starts with **U**.
Will **U** pass it on? Jes**U**s
Loves **U**!!!

Heal me Lord so that I
can bring healing to
others.



God chose us in Christ before the
foundation of the world. Ephesians 1.3-14

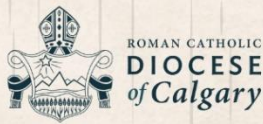
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



IN CHRIST WE HAVE **REDEMPTION**

through his blood, the
forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his
grace that he lavished on us.

Ephesians 1:7



COVID-19 Resources

- [Sacraments & Liturgies](#)
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- [Online Formation Opportunity](#)

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Weekly reflections can be found here:
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[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.catholiccyyc.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](#)

Recent Vandalism

On the night of Wednesday, June 30, more than 10 churches in Calgary were vandalized. These are churches of Catholic parishes including the Cathedral of St. Mary and of the Presbyterian and Evangelical faith communities defaced. The incidents have been reported to the Calgary Police Service and the investigation is being conducted by the Calgary Police Hate Crimes Unit. The Diocese will continue to cooperate with the police and the provincial government that have reached out to offer assistance.

Bishop McGrattan is visiting vandalized parish communities to offer his spiritual support this week. If you haven't already, please share the Bishop's message through printed bulletin or digital newsletter.

- [Bishop's Message - web link](#)
- [Bishop's Message - PDF](#)
- [Calgary Police Statement](#)

June Edition of *Faithfully*

The June edition of Faithfully was released on Thursday, June 10, 2021.

- [Read June Faithfully](#)
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New resources on Residential Schools



Some resources have been added to the frontpage of our website:

- Fr. Cristino Bouvette's shares the story on Global News of his kokum (grandmother) who survived a residential school and how he is using her legacy to work on reconciliation between the Catholic Church and Canada's Indigenous community. [Watch on Global News](#)
- A letter from Bishop McGrattan to the Pastor - Fr. Trini Pinca, the Parish Staff, and Parishioners of Saint Jean Baptiste Parish in Morinville, AB to express his support and prayers on behalf of the faithful of the Diocese of Calgary. [Read letter](#)
- Bishop's message to the faithful re recent vandalism. [Read letter](#)
- Prime Minister Trudeau speaks about Canada church burnings. [Read article](#)
- [Where are the children buried?](#) (A report from Dr. Scott Hamilton, available also on [NCTR](#))

Treaty 7 Territory

Retrouvaille Weekend Online

A message from Retrouvaille Calgary:

Most marriages go through hard times. It takes work to keep our relationships healthy and growing. If you need help rebuilding and rediscovering the love you once had for each other, Retrouvaille is offering a weekend program, and post follow-up

sessions to get you headed toward renewal. There is always hope for your relationship and the time to heal is now. Next Weekend: Sep. 10 -12, 2021. To register, contact 403-901-9582 or email coordinator@retrouvaillecalgary.com





First International Family Festival Online

A message from The Seeds of the Word Community:

The Seeds of the Word Community invites you to participate in this grand event! From July 14-18, we will celebrate the joy of being a family with programs for all ages: kids, teens, young adults, adults and the elderly! With the theme: "The glorious freedom of the children of God", the program will have artistic presentations, moments of prayer, talks, workshops and much more! Everything will be online and for the first time International! Available in six languages (Portuguese, English, Spanish, Italian, French and Dutch). To sign up, call Sr. Agatha at (587) 892-9673 or email

sr.agatha.seedsoftheword@gmail.com

Pray for Nigeria

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria.



Pictured here are the parents of the abducted students of Bethel Baptist school in Nigeria. A recent spate of kidnappings in Nigeria has seen the abductions of a Catholic priest, as well as 140

schoolchildren from a High school in Kaduna state. Nigeria's security forces have been battling an Islamist insurgency in the northeast of the country since 2009 in a conflict that has killed tens of thousands and has displaced over 2 million people. The kidnapping of Nigerian school children first drew international attention in 2014 when the Boko Haram extremist group snatched nearly 270 schoolgirls from a school in Chibok, Borno State. [Read more](#)

Worth Sharing

1. Kids Resources: 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

- Mark 6:1-6: Jesus sent his disciples out to spread his word, but told them not to take anything with them for the journey. They had to rely on the kindness and welcome of the people they met. (Source: CAVOD)
- [Kid's Bulletin for 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)
- [Colouring page this Sunday](#)
- [Sunday Connection for 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time \(Gr. 1-8\)](#)
- Children's online Sunday programs:
 1. [Video: The Big Bible Story \(15th Sunday OT\)](#)
 2. [Children's Liturgy at home](#) (for leader or parent)
 3. Does your parish have online Sunday program for children? If so, please share it with communications@calgarydiocese.ca

2. Career opportunities

- FCJ Retreat & Conference Centre in Calgary has an opening for a Resource Team Member for Young Adults (part time).
- Ste. Famille in Calgary has an opening for an Administrative Assistant (part time). Visit catholiccyyc.ca/careers to view more information about the positions, including qualifications and how to apply.

3. Grandparents' Faith Cafe

The Faith Café is an initiative of the Catholic Grandparents' Association which was introduced during the Covid-19 pandemic as a social and spiritual space for Grandparents to meet online once a month to chat, to offer prayers and intentions and to just be together in the spirit of faith. It has been a lifeline for so many people during this time of pandemic and has connected Grandparents across the world. All grandparents are invited to be a part of the next Faith Cafe with their patron, Archbishop Michael Neary. When: Tuesday, July 13 at 12:30 PM (MT). To register, email info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.com

4. Prayer for Pope Francis after surgery

The Pope underwent programmed surgery on Sunday evening (July 4). According to medical bulletin on July 6, he is doing well: Pope Francis rested well overnight. This morning he had breakfast, read the newspapers and got up to walk. Please join religious leaders and faithful across the world for the Holy Father's speedy recovery. [Read more](#)

5. US Bishops clarify purpose of Eucharist document

A week after the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' spring meeting, the conference has posted on its website [a clarification of the vote taken to write a teaching document on the Eucharist](#). In response to media coverage portraying the vote as being about denying Communion to President Joe Biden, a Catholic, for his support of abortion, the bishops said the document to be written is for all, and not directed toward one person." [Read more](#)

6. Pope Francis to visit to Slovakia

Archbishop Stanislav Zvolenský, President of the Slovak Bishops Conference expresses his delight following the announcement of Pope Francis' visit to Slovakia. The Archbishop of Bratislava went on to say that the visit "is a message of sensitivity to those who suffer, those who are on the margins of society, those who are in need, both in the material and spiritual spheres. Then there is his great concern for the good of the family, his great sensitivity to the

needs of young people.” [Read more](#)

7. A catechist risks his life to save a parish “treasure”

As soon as Paulo heard the shooting start and the first bombs exploding, the catechist rushed to save the historical memory of the Catholic community in Palma, Mozambique. Find out what he saved from the parish church. [Read more](#)

8. Our passports to paradise are the poor

During his homily at the first-ever “World Day for the Poor” Mass, Pope Francis declared: “The poor are our passport to paradise. In the eyes of the world they have little value, but they are the ones who open up to us the way to heaven.” Philip Douglas asked us this question “Oftentimes my heart can be cold and bitter, and sometimes I view the poor as an inconvenience or a hurdle to be jumped over throughout my day. Can you relate?” Do we see the eyes of Jesus in the marginalized and in the imprisoned? [Read more](#)

9. We want to share your great photos! – Got a great photo? Whether it’s of parish life, ministry life or home life, the Diocese of Calgary is wanting to promote daily Catholic life in action. Submit your photo by going to catholiccyyc.formstack.com/forms/photosubmission

10. Catholic Social Teaching for This Generation - Free Preview

Connected: Catholic Social Teaching for This Generation brings that message to young people through the issues they care about most deeply: The Dignity of Life ; Solidarity and Race; Environmental stewardship; Poverty and the Dignity of Work; The Family as the Foundation of Society. *Connected* shares the richness of Catholic social teaching in a beautiful and compelling way. [Sign up for a free preview](#)

11. Catholic Family Books

OSV asked dozens of Catholic parents for the books they recommend to other parents to help with raising kids in the faith. Prayer books, chapter books, picture books, parenting and advice books—you name it, they delivered. [Check out the selection](#)

12. Confession resources

Here are some resources that might help individuals and family in your community when you promote your parish confession schedule:

- [Diocesan printable Confession card for children](#) (includes examination of conscience, step-by-step and simple act of contrition)
- [Printable examination of conscience for children](#)
- Goodconfession.com
- [In depth examination of conscience](#)
- [Printable guide to Confession for adults](#) (provided by Knights of Columbus)
- Video: [Making a good confession \(Fr. Mike Schmitz\)](#)
- Video: [Bringing the same sins to confession? Try this](#)

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