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JULY 25, 2021 – 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

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Reconciliation...

Friday 9:30am–10:30am. & Saturday

3:30–4:45pm.

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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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Sunday 10:30am Mass

**Medicine Hat Holy Family
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You Tube

Attending Masses...

- Masks are not mandatory however if you are more comfortable wearing one, please do.
- We do encourage hand sanitizing.
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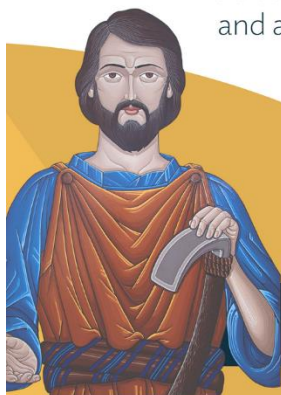


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1.4 MILLION of the Diocesan goal will financially support the approved diocesan ministries, partner organizations, and agencies. See list at catholicyyc.ca/tia



2021
THE YEAR of
ST. JOSEPH

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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

OUR PARISH GOAL

\$ 49,657

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

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

TO DATE \$ 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 24-30 †

Saturday, July 24

5:00pm – Jean Cozart †

Sunday, July 25

8:30 am – Jeanette Martini †

10:30am – Mary Lou Schmunk

6:00pm – Holy Family Parish

Monday, July 26

9:00am – Ken Quennell †

Tuesday, July 27

9:00am – Gabriel D'Amico †

Wednesday, July 28

9:00am – Tony Schafer †

Thursday, July 29

9:00am – George Schafer

Friday, July 30

9:00am – John Bosch †

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4.42-44

They shall eat and have some left.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145.10-11, 15-16, 17-18 (*R. 16*)

R. You open your hand to feed us Lord, you satisfy all our needs.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4.1-6

There is one body and one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

Gospel: John 6.1-15

Jesus distributed to those who were seated as much they wanted.

ENOUGH TO SHARE

So much in the gospel today. Large crowd following Jesus. Nearness of Passover, the remembering of rescue from slavery. The need to eat, thus, the need to provide a meal. A giving of bread and fish by a little boy. Bounty. Sharing. Wasting nothing. Right here in the heart of summer, it is time to read the letter of Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, on fraternity and social friendship. Download a free study guide from the USCCB:

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/fratelli-tutti-study-guide>.



Even if it seems I may not have enough, what food can I share?



Even if it seems I may not have enough, what comfort can I provide for someone?



Even if it seems I may not have enough, what do I have that I will not waste, that I will gather up, save, and recycle?

As we open up we are working on getting things back to *normalish*...

We would like to have the

"Annual"

Blessing of the Pets

September 12, 2021

This fun event requires lots of volunteers, We are presently gathering names of people that want to be part of it.

Please contact Lawrence or June Streifel and get your name on a list 403-527-8941 or lastreif@gmail.com



We will be having an altar server practice on Tuesday, August 24th at 7:00 pm at HFP. If your child has received his/her First Communion please consider becoming an altar server. Father would also like to have an adult serving at each of the masses so please consider volunteering for this ministry. If you have any questions you can contact Ron Pisoni at ron.pisoni@mhcbe.ab.ca.

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.



Thank You! & Welcome Back!

The parish will be hosting a Thank You and Welcome Back BBQ



Saturday, July 31 after the 5:00 pm mass.



Welcome Back to all our parishioners after a long time in lockdown.

And a huge Thank You to all who have helped keeping the parish operating



and safe during the pandemic.



Bring your family and help us celebrate a restart of our parish community.

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

SATURDAY AUGUST 21
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

RENT A TABLE...\$20.00

Call Louella @ 403-502-6883



LETHBRIDGE LIVEIN FELLOWSHIP BBQ

Date: August 8th **Place:** Henderson Lake Horseshoe Picnic Shelter

Please call Katie Lindsay to **sign up** (403)382-1235

Come and enjoy good food, fellowship and praise and worship

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.

STATEMENT



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE
of Calgary

RELEASE DATE July 16, 2021

SUBJECT The Commitment and Contribution of the Diocese of Calgary to Reconciliation and Healing

Bishop William McGrattan has been in consultation with other bishops and diocesan collaborators to be in solidarity with the Indigenous Peoples and their leaders on the next steps in supporting survivors and in addressing the intergenerational harm caused by the Residential Schools.

The Diocese of Calgary is committed to providing a monetary contribution to a forthcoming local/regional financial appeal. This expresses the commitment of the Diocese to the ongoing work of justice and healing in our country with the Indigenous Peoples and their communities.

The amount of this monetary contribution and the details of the diocesan pastoral plans related to this initiative will be announced in September 2021.

There were 25 residential schools in the Province of Alberta. Four of these operated by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI) were within the boundaries of the Diocese. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary did not operate any of the residential schools.

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Pastoral Letters of the Most Rev. William T. McGrattan, Bishop of Calgary

- July 2, 2021 - <https://www.catholiccyyc.ca/blog/bishops-message-re-recent-vandalism>
- June 4, 2021 - <https://www.catholiccyyc.ca/blog/a-message-from-bishop-mcgrattan-regarding-residential-school-grave-sites>



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CLERGY PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 20, 2021

PRIEST LEAVING THE DIOCESE

• **Fr. Joseph Tap Vu, O.P.**, currently Associate Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Calgary, is appointed by the Dominican Order Associate Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Vancouver, effective August 1, 2021.

DEACON RETIREMENTS

• **Deacon Bruce Jurgens**, currently assigned to St. James Parish, Calgary, will effective August 1, 2021 be returning to Halifax, Nova Scotia.

• **Deacon Michael Thompson** currently assigned to Sacred Heart Parish, Strathmore, will retire effective August 1, 2021.

The Diocese of Calgary is grateful for their many years of dedicated service, and I wish them our prayers and best wishes.

Yours in Christ,

+William T. McGrattan
Bishop of Calgary

PRIESTS ARRIVING IN THE DIOCESE

• **Fr. Joseph Do Cao Nhan, O.P.**, currently residing in St. Martin de Porres House, Vancouver, is appointed Associate Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Calgary, effective August 1, 2021.

• **Fr. John Luxbacher, L.C.**, currently in the Diocese of Rome, is appointed Associate Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Calgary, effective August 5, 2021.

CLERGY PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRIEST APPOINTMENT

• **Fr. Daniel Wilson, L.C.**, currently Associate Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Calgary, has been appointed Superior of the Legionaries of Christ community in Calgary and will dedicate more of his time to Regnum Christi. He will continue to reside in the Sacred Heart Rectory.

DEACON APPOINTMENT

• **Deacon Ron Nowell**, currently assigned to St. Antony's Parish, Calgary, is appointed to Mary Mother of the Redeemer, Calgary, effective August 1, 2021.

INCARDINATION

• **Fr. Rodel Abanto**, ordained in the Society of the Divine Word (SVD) and currently Associate Pastor of Holy Family Parish, Medicine Hat, has been granted an indult to leave the Institute by the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life on April 13, 2021 and has been granted Incardination into the Diocese of Calgary by Bishop McGrattan on April 25, 2021. We offer him our fraternal welcome and prayers of support.



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

Sunday, July 25, 2021

OUR HUNGER FOR GOD

The old saying rings true: “For those who believe, no explanation is necessary. For those who do not believe, no explanation will suffice.” You can see what is happening in the world, people have started giving up their faith and trust in the Lord and the hunger for God has slowly started to vanish. The world looks so barren without God as it was before God created the universe. We have experienced and witnessed during this pandemic, that people are afraid to come to Church to receive Holy Communion because there is no hunger for the Precious Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have heard people saying, “we are not comfortable or feel safe to come to Church” and I believe this is only because there is no hunger for the Lord. A little tiny virus has made us to lose our hunger for the Lord who says “do not be afraid because I am always there for you”. We have Church buildings but not people. We have Cross but there is no one to carry it. We have Holy Communion but no hunger for it. I think we must reflect on the following story and allow the Lord to come in our lives to fill us with his Holy Spirit, increase hunger for him and his Precious Body and Blood.

In the early dawn, a young gardener was pruning his trees and shrubs. He had one choice currant bush which had gone to wood. He feared therefore that it would produce little, if any, fruit. Accordingly, he trimmed and pruned the bush and cut it back. In fact, when he had finished, there was little left but stumps and roots.

Tenderly he considered what was left. It looked so sad and deeply hurt. On every stump there seemed to be a tear where the pruning knife had cut away the growth of early spring. The poor bush seemed to speak to him, and he thought he heard it say:

"O, how could you be so cruel to me; you who claim to be my friend, who planted me and cared for me when I was young, and nurtured me and encouraged me to grow? Could you not see that I was rapidly responding to your care? I was nearly half as large as the trees across the fence and might soon have become like one of them. But now you have cut my branches back; the green, attractive leaves are gone, and I am in disgrace among my fellows."

The young gardener looked at the weeping bush and heard its plea with sympathetic understanding. His voice was full of kindness as he said, "Do not cry; what I have done to you was necessary that you might be a prize currant bush in my garden. You were not intended to give shade or shelter by your branches. My purpose when I planted you was that you should bear fruit. When I want currants, a tree, regardless of its size, cannot supply the need." "No, my little currant bush, if I had allowed you to continue to grow as you had started, all your strength would have gone to wood; your roots would not have gained a firm hold, and the purpose for which I brought you into my garden would have been defeated. Your place would have been taken by another, for you would have been barren. You must not weep; all this will be for your good; and some day, when you see more clearly, when you are richly laden with luscious fruit, you will thank me and say, 'Surely, he was a wise and loving gardener. He knew the purpose of my being, and I thank him now for what I then thought was cruelty.'"

Some years later, this young gardener was in a foreign land, and he himself was growing. He was proud of his position and ambitious for the future. One day an unexpected vacancy entitled him to promotion. The goal to which he had aspired was now almost within his grasp, and he was proud of the rapid growth which he was making. But for some reason unknown to him, another was appointed instead, and he was asked to take another post relatively unimportant and which, under the circumstances, caused his friends to feel that he had failed. The young man staggered to his tent and knelt beside his cot and wept. He now knew that he could never hope to have what he had thought so desirable. He cried to God and said, "Oh, how could you be so cruel to me? You who claim to be my friend - you who brought me here and nurtured and encouraged me to grow. Could you not see that I was almost equal to the other men whom I have so long admired? But now I have been cut down. I am in disgrace among my fellows. Oh, how could you do this to me?" He was humiliated and chagrined and a drop of bitterness was in his heart when he seemed to hear an echo from the past. Where had he heard those words before? They seemed familiar. Memory whispered: "I'm the gardener here."

He caught his breath. Ah, that was it - the currant bush! But why should that long-forgotten incident come to him during his hour of tragedy? And memory answered with words which he himself had spoken. "Do not cry ... what I have done to you was necessary ... you were not intended for what you sought to be, ... if I had allowed you to continue ... you would have failed in the purpose for which I planted you and my plans for you would have been defeated. You must not weep; some day when you are richly laden with experience you will say, 'He was a wise gardener. He knew the purpose of my earth life, ... I thank him now for what I thought was cruel.'"

God's providence works in a mysterious way which is beyond our human understanding however it all depends on our hunger for him. People who are hungry for God will find him and will cherish his presence and providence as Psalmist says "As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?" (42:1-3).

In the First Reading we see the faith and trust of Prophet Elisha in God who is asking his servant to lay the food before the people because God is going to provide and there will be left over. How wonderful it is to trust in the Lord who provides us our daily bread in due season? This Reading does show on the other hand to examine ourselves to see if we have hunger for the Lord. Prophet Elisha was the man who followed Elijah till he was taken up to heaven in front of his eyes and the prophethood was given to him. His whole life story runs around his hunger for God.

In the Second Reading St. Paul is urging everyone to “lead a life worthy of the calling.... with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing one another in love”. This only happens if we have hunger for God and trust in him that he can enter our lives to transform them. Someone said, “if you are not hungry for God, you are probably full of yourself”. How true is it? We are losing hunger for God because we trust more in ourselves and less in God. The following example will help us to examine our day-to-day spiritual life.

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time, I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I am wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting their time by giving sermons at all".

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column.

Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible & receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment! IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL, YOU CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL!

Today's Gospel has few very interesting points for us to reflect upon:

1. People are following him because they have seen “signs” want to see more.
2. Jesus goes up to the mountain and sits there and sees a large crowd.
3. Jesus asks Philip “where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” the answer of Philip is kind of disappointing “six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.”
4. Andrew tells Jesus about a boy who has five barley loaves and two fish. Why would this boy be carrying so little food? Isn't it strange?
5. He fed people and collected 12 baskets of the fragment.

6. Jesus had to flee from there as people who are planning to make him king.
7. He withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

Here Jesus looks after the physical hunger of these people who are following him but on the other hand the people become greedy for the physical food only rather than having hunger for him. The Holy Bible is full of references where we come to know that God has fed them with the finest wheat. We have witnessed many people who follow Jesus but during this pandemic they have no fear to visit any store, but they find themselves unsafe in the Church. I always wonder why so? St. Ignatius of Antioch wrote once “I hunger for the bread of God, the flesh of Jesus Christ.... I long to drink of his blood, the gift of unending love”. Someone else said “God releases more of His power and presence according to the measure of our hunger for Him”.

In the words of St. Mother Teresa “People are hungry for something more beautiful, for something greater than people round about can give. There is a great hunger for God in the world today. Everywhere there is much suffering, but there is also great hunger for God and love for each other.

If we have hunger for God then the following story should help us to trust in him and he will bless us with every blessings.

On January 20, 1921, a humble dark-skinned man with a high-pitched voice entered the US Capitol in Washington DC for the first time. This former slave was one of the world’s greatest agricultural scientists and inventors. His name was George Washington Carver.

Carver had been invited to Washington to testify before the House of Representative’s Ways and Means Committee about his scientific work. There he explained to the nation’s most powerful leaders that peanuts and sweet potatoes were “two of the greatest products God has ever given to us.” Then he demonstrated several products which he had developed from the peanut. Wrapping up his testimony to the committee, Carver said:



Photo by Fr. Iqbal Khurshid

"If you go to the first chapter of Genesis, we can interpret very clearly, I think, what God intended when he said, 'Behold I have given you every herb that bears seed upon the face of the earth, and every tree bearing seed. To you it shall be meat' [Genesis 1:29]. That is what he means about it. 'It shall be meat.' There is everything there to strengthen and nourish and keep the body alive and healthy."

A period of questioning followed. The committee chairman asked, "Dr. Carver, how did you learn all of these things?"

Carver answered: "From an old book."

"What book?" asked the Chairman.

Carver replied, "The Bible."

The Chairman inquired, "Does the Bible tell about peanuts?"

"No, sir," Dr. Carver replied, "but it tells about the God who made the peanuts. I asked Him to show me what to do with the peanut, and He did."

Although Dr. Carver was ridiculed by the secular press, he remained unashamed of the Creator.

What kind of hunger do we have in our lives?

Let us examine ourselves to see if we are hungry for God?



**Pilgrimage to Marian Shrines
April 18-May 02, 2022
France, Portugal, and Spain
by Connaissance Travel and Tours**

There will be pilgrimage to Marian Shrines from April 18-May 02 to France, Portugal and Spain by Connaissance Travel and Tours. Agnes Zwierzyski from the company will be here to give an orientation on August 1st, @ 12:30pm in Faith Room. If you are interested to know more information, join her please. Blessings, Fr. Iqbal

PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN AND FRANCE, 15 days, April 18 – May 02, 2022

Under spiritual guidance of Fr. Iqbal Khurshid, Pastor of Holy Family Parish in Medicine Hat, AB

Apr 18 Depart from Toronto direct to Lisbon, Portugal.

Apr 19 Arrival in Lisbon. Panoramic tour of **Lisbon**, including a visit to the Church of Santo António. According to tradition, the church was built on the site where Saint Anthony of Padua was born in 1195. We also visit Lisbon Cathedral. Panoramic tour of the city. Transfer to our hotel in Fatima. After dinner you can participate in a memorable rosary and candlelight procession in the Sanctuary. Overnight in Fatima.

Apr 20 Full day in **Fatima**, famous for the apparitions of our Lady of the Rosary to the three shepherd children: Lucia dos Santos and her two cousins. Following morning Mass, we visit the Apparition Chapel, the Basilica which contains the tombs of St. Francisco, St. Jacinta and Sister Lucia. Later we will visit the village of **Aljustrel** and the homes where children lived. After dinner, procession with candles. Overnight in Fatima.

Apr 21 Today we leave Fatima and we travel to **Porto**, one of the oldest and most picturesque cities in Europe. Short walking tour of the city including visit to the Cathedral. Mass. In the evening we cross to Spain. Dinner and overnight in Santiago de Compostela.

Apr 22 After morning mass a walking tour, including visit to the Shrine of St. James, where the remains of Saint James, one of the apostles of Jesus Christ, are buried. **Santiago de Compostela** is known as the culmination of the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route popular since the Middle Ages. We will be visiting Santiago de Compostela during the Holy Year, the Xacobeo (Jacobean Year). Pope Callixtus II established the Jacobean Holy Year in 1126. According to tradition the Holy Door in the Shrine will remain open during the Jubilee. Late afternoon transfer to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Apr 23 Today we visit baroque sanctuary in the Basque village of **Azpetia**. Saint Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, was born herein 1491. We will visit the Basilica and the house of the Loyola family including the Chapel of Conversion, where St. Ignatius started his spiritual journey. Mass. In the afternoon we continue to Lourdes (France), a small town lying in the foothills of the Pyrenees, famous for the apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes to Bernadette Soubirous in 1858. After dinner a candlelight procession. Overnight in Lourdes.

Apr 24 Full day in **Lourdes**. After breakfast we start the day attending Mass in one of the Sanctuary chapels. Next we visit the Grotto de Massabielle where the Virgin Mary appeared 18 times to Bernadette Soubirous. Your walking tour includes the Crypt, containing relics of St. Bernadette; the Basilica of Our Lady of Immaculate Conception; the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary whose walls are covered with mosaics depicting the Mysteries of the Rosary then to the modern Basilica of St. Pius X. We continue in the footsteps of St. Bernadette visiting her birthplace and the “Cachot”, the small house where the young Bernadette lived with her family at the time of the apparitions. The balance of the day is at your leisure. You may attend the “Blessing of the Sick” or light candles for your loved ones at the Chapel of Light. After dinner a candlelight procession. Overnight in Lourdes.

Apr 25 After breakfast we travel to the mystical monastery of **Montserrat**. We visit the Basilica, one of Spain’s most important pilgrimage sites and admire the 12th century Romanesque carving of the La Moreneta (Black Madonna). Mass at the monastery. Dinner and overnight in Barcelona.

Apr 26 Full day in **Barcelona**, the cosmopolitan capital of Spain’s Catalonia region, known for its art and architecture.

Our tour of the city features Plaza de Catalonia, Paseo de Garcia, the Cathedral of Santa Eulalia city landmarks designed by Antoni Gaudí. Mass, dinner and overnight in Barcelona.

Apr 27 In the morning we continue our tour of Barcelona and visit the iconic Sagrada Família. Mass. In the afternoon we travel to Valencia for dinner and overnight.

Apr 28 Full day in **Valencia**. We enjoy a walking tour of the historical centre, the Ciutat Vella (Old Town) including the visit to the stunning Cathedral of Valencia housing a chalice that’s said to be the Holy Grail itself. Mass. Dinner and overnight in Valencia.

Apr 29 Today our journey takes us to **Toledo**, former capital of Spain, historic city in Castilla La Mancha, and situated majestically above the Tagus River. We enjoy a walking tour of this charming city and visit the Cathedral of St. Mary of Toledo, considered to be the most magnificent Gothic Cathedral in Spain. Mass. Continue to Madrid for dinner and overnight.

Apr 30 In the morning tour of **Madrid**. Mass. In the afternoon time for shopping. Dinner and overnight in Madrid.

May 01 After breakfast a full day side trip to **Avila** where we enjoy a walking tour of this medieval town surrounded by imposing city walls, eight monumental gates and over 80 watchtowers. The city was home to St. Teresa and St. John of the Cross. The medieval walls, many palaces and streets remain unchanged over the ages. We celebrate Mass at the Santa Teresa Convent, built over the house where Teresa was born. Return to Madrid for dinner and overnight.

May 02 Today our tour comes to an end and we travel back to Canada.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Clergy Personnel Announcement

The Bishop's Office have shared the newest clergy personnel announcement with all clergy and parish offices on Tuesday, July 20.

- [Download Personnel Announcement \(PDF\)](#)
- [Visit the Personnel Announcements page on our website](#)

The Statement on Commitment & Contribution to Reconciliation and Healing

The statement on "Commitment & Contribution of the Diocese of Calgary to Reconciliation and Healing" had been shared with all clergy and parishes on Friday, July 16.

- [Statement on our website](#)
- [Statement in PDF](#)
- Statement in image files ([#1](#) [#2](#))
- To share on social media, visit post on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) & [Twitter](#)

COVID-19 Resources

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Full schedule of Parish Livestream Masses:

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July Edition of *Faithfully*

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

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Statements & media coverage

- CBC News: [Catholic register, survivors offer clues to who may be buried in cemetery next to Marieval residential school](#)
- Global News: [Calgary Catholic Diocese announces financial support plan for residential school survivors](#)
- CBC News: [Toronto, Calgary Catholics join Sask. in fundraising drive for residential school survivors](#)
- A statement from the Catholic Bishops of Saskatchewan about a [Catholic TRC Healing Response Appeal across the province to support reconciliation and healing for residential school survivors and their communities](#)
- A statement from the Permanent Council of the CCCB [regarding the Saskatchewan "Catholic TRC Healing Response Appeal"](#)
- A statement from Bishop Gary's (Diocese of Victoria) in [response to Penelakut Island Graves](#). The disclosure of the unmarked graves was announced by the Penelakut Tribe on July 8, 2021. The graves are on Penelakut Island, in the area on which the Kuper Island Indian Residential School once stood.

First World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

Amid the global pandemic, Pope Francis instituted the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place each year on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents. In Canada and around the world, we are invited never to forget our grandparents and elderly persons, cherishing them as essential members of the Church and society.

On Sunday, 25 July 2021, this first World Day resonates well within Pope Francis' broader initiative of the *Amoris Laetitia Family Year* (19 March 2021 – June 2022). Pastoral care of the elderly is an urgent responsibility of the Christian community, calling us to spend time with one another relating and sharing in intergenerational conversations. Young people are especially encouraged to enter into dialogue with older generations and find time to dream together about our hopes for a better world (CCCB Standing Committee for Family and Life Message).

Fr. Julian Studden, Vicar for Permanent Diaconate, shares this *Message of Hope* with all grandparents and the elderly of the Diocese of Calgary in this [video](#). Families are encouraged to view and share it with your grandparents and the elderly.

- A message from Fr. Julian Studden (Diocese of Calgary): "*I am with you always: A message of hope to the elderly*" - a collaboration with Covenant Health. [Link to video](#)
- Video message from CCCB for the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. [English Video Message](#) | [French Video Message](#) | [Pastoral note](#)



Chip in for Kids



Feed the Hungry and Shaw Charity Classic invite you to *Chip in for Kids* by **texting KIDS099 to 30333 to donate \$10** and help us **feed one Calgarian in need at a time!** To make your generous contribution go further, Shaw will match your donation and the matched donation amount will then be matched again by the Shaw Charity Classic, up to an additional 50 per cent. Your \$10 donation can grow into a donation of \$30 to support Feed the Hungry Program!

The donations and matched contributions raised through the Chip in for Kids program will help ensure that charities like ours are able to continue supporting children and youth in our community. Download [Graphic](#)

[Read July's edition of Faithfully!](#)

The cover of the July edition of 'Faithfully' magazine. The title 'Faithfully' is in a large, elegant script font, with the tagline 'FAITH. LIVED. FULLY.' in a smaller, sans-serif font below it. The main headline is 'Living faith in the secular world'. Below this is a quote from Sam and Caiti Flynn: 'We can't underestimate the power of trying to set an example,' said Caiti. 'If you can bring peace into a meeting, or a project, or the way you handle setbacks or stress, I think those things stand out. It plants little seeds and over time people start to wonder what's different about this person.' To the right of the text is a photograph of a smiling couple holding a baby. At the bottom left, there is a blue button with the text 'Read their story'.

Pray the Pope's Intention - July 2021

Pope's July 2021 Prayer Intention: We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Watch the Pope's Video for July 2021 - <https://youtu.be/gjaOjJ1oqkU>

Pope Francis: *The Bible says that whoever finds a friend has found a treasure. I would like to invite everyone to go beyond their groups of friends and build social friendship, which is so necessary for living together well.*

We especially need to have a renewed encounter with the most impoverished and vulnerable, those on the peripheries. And we need to distance ourselves from populisms that exploit the anguish of the people without providing solutions, proposing a mystique that solves nothing. We must flee from social enmity which only destroys, and leave "polarization" behind. And this isn't always easy, especially today when part of our politics, society and media are bent on creating enemies so as to defeat them in a game of power.

Dialogue is the path to seeing reality in a new way, so we can live with passion the challenges we face in constructing the common good. Let us pray that, in social, economic, and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship, men and women who always hold out a helping hand, and may no spaces of enmity and war remain.

Share your 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 [here](#)



Photo: Bonnie Annicchiarico and husband celebrates 40th wedding anniversary, blessed by Fr. Marino Infante.

Worth Sharing

1. Kids Resources: 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

- [Gospel](#) Reflection: Jesus fed a huge crowd, over 5,000 people, with five loaves and two fish. What an amazing miracle! Jesus made sure that everyone got what they needed. Everyone in the crowd had enough to food to eat. What do you think Jesus would like us to do, if we are able to, having heard this story? Is there anything that you could do to help make sure that everyone has enough food? Tell me what you might do in this next week. (Source: CAVOD)
- [Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday](#)
- [Colouring page this Sunday](#)
- [Sunday Connection for 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time \(Gr. 1-8\)](#)
- Children's Sunday Liturgy programs for 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time
 1. NEW! [Children's Liturgy weekly leaflet](#) for leaders or parents by [CAFOD](#), with gospel reflection, intercession & activity suggestions) - produced by CAVOD. [Download Word file](#)
 2. [Children's Liturgy at home for leaders or parents](#) - by Catholic Children's Liturgy
 3. Video: [Jesus feeds the 5000](#)
 4. 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 a new opening for Communication, Marketing and Fund Development Specialist.
 - St. Anne's Parish in Calgary has a new opening for housekeeper.
 - St. Peter's Parish in Calgary has a new opening for Sacrament Preparation Coordinator.
 - St. James in Okotoks has a new opening for Receptionist.
- Please visit catholiccyyc.ca/careers for more information and application details.

3. Coptic Orthodox church destroyed in Surrey, BC

The Coptic Orthodox Church Diocese of Mississauga, Vancouver & Western Canada confirms that St. George Coptic Orthodox Church in Surrey, BC was destroyed on July 19 by fire. While this matter remains under investigation, there was an attempted arson on Wednesday, July 14 with a video evidence. St. George Coptic: "We are in shock and struggling to cope...Our church was more than a building. It brought together a diverse congregation of Coptic, Eritrean, Ethiopian, Iraqi & Lebanese Orthodox believers" [Read statement from St. George's Coptic Church](#) | [Watch report in CBC BC](#)

4. Pray for Indonesia #COVID19

Please keep those suffering with Covid-19 in your prayers. As the more virulent Delta variant of Covid-19 is causing record surges in infections and deaths in Indonesia, the nation of more than 270 million

has become the new epicentre of the pandemic in Asia, replacing India. With 54,000 infections last Friday, Indonesia led the world in new daily cases, followed by the UK with 51,870 cases and Brazil with 45,591. The daily toll on Friday surged to a record high of 1,205 deaths. [Read more](#)

5. Pray for Iraq

A bomb exploded on Tuesday as shoppers were obtaining what they needed for the festival of Eid al-Adha in a market in the northern Sadr City area in the capital city of Iraq. Reports estimate that 30 people have died as a result, and dozens more were wounded. This was the deadliest such attack in Baghdad in the past six months.

Pope Francis sends condolences for those who died in the bombing in Baghdad and renews his appeal for reconciliation in Iraq. [Read more](#)

6. 5 Questions (and answers) about Pope Francis' changes to Latin Mass

With the latest motu proprio, [Traditionis Custodes](#) (Guardians of the Tradition), Pope Francis has set forth new rules governing the Church's liturgical life. In essence, he has returned "exclusive competence" for permitting use of the Tridentine Rite to diocesan bishops. [Read more](#)

7. Certificate in Catholic Studies

Benedict XVI Institute for New Evangelization is offering faith formation courses on various aspects of the Catholic faith. All are offered online, so you can study from the comfort of home and work around your personal schedule. Each course runs five weeks and costs just \$85. Take an individual course for interest, or work toward one or all of the twenty two specialized Certificates in Catholic Studies. This cycle starts on August 9, 2021. Students can register online at newman.edu/ccs. For any questions, contact Sandra at 780-392-2450 ext. 2214, or email sandra.talarico@newman.edu | [Download brochure](#)

8. Reminder: First International Family Festival with Seeds of the Word

Starting today! 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

9. No one has right to burn churches

Rev. Dr. Andrew Bennett, Cardus Religious Freedom Institute Director, strongly condemned the growing violence and hatred aimed at the Catholic Church: Religious hatred "is a product of grave ignorance and an equally grave inability to see in the other one's own humanity." [Read more](#)

10. 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](#)

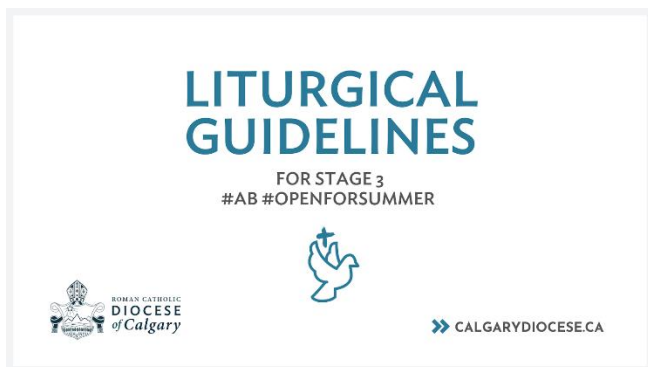
11. Confession resources

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](#)

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



Updated guidelines for Stage 3

The updated guidelines through this page: catholicyc.ca/blog/covid19 - it's also available on our front page by clicking "COVID-19 in the Diocese" button.

FCJ RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTRE

A corporate ministry of the Sisters Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) since 1980



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.