



# Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021, 2021 – 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*SATURDAY at 5:00PM*

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**Sunday 10:30am Mass**

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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](http://catholicyyc.ca/tia)

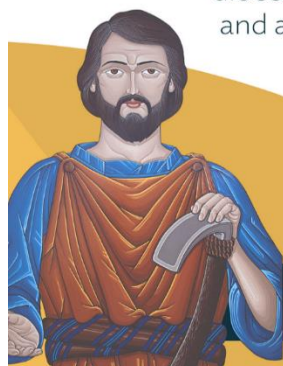
## OUR PARISH GOAL

**\$ 49,657**

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

Mustard Seed  
Medicine Hat Food Bank  
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TO DATE \$ **25,150** = 51%



2021  
THE YEAR of  
ST. JOSEPH

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### OPERATING FINANCES

August 1-31, 2021

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Operating Budget 2021           | \$ 55,019 |
| General Envelope Collection     | \$ 46,955 |
| Loose Collections               | \$ 1,252  |
| Future Development              | \$ 2,746  |
| Sale of Church Supplies & Other | \$ 2,209  |
| Other Ministries                | \$ 492    |
| Government Subsidy              | \$ 1,577  |
| Budget Vs Actual                | \$ 212    |

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Together in Action (TIA) | \$ 2,609 |
| Clergy Retirement        | \$ 20    |
| St Vincent de Paul       | \$ 3,206 |
| Seminarian Fund          | \$ 65    |
| Mission Mexico           | \$ 225   |
| CARO                     | \$ 66    |
| Needs of the Cdn. Church | \$ 50    |
| World Missions           | \$ 50    |

*Thank You for your Generous Contributions*

† Masses Intentions †  
September 18 - 24

Saturday, September 18

5:00pm – Pisoni Family

Sunday, September 19

8:30 am – Holy Family Parish

10:30am – Daniel Krassman †

6:00pm – Derrick Risling †

Monday, September 20

9:00am – Bernadette Mastel †

Tuesday, September 21

9:00am – Dal Molin Family

Wednesday, September 22

9:00am – Diane St. John †

Thursday, September 23

9:00am – Jack Buscholl †

Friday, September 24

9:00am – Lorraine Sehn †

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, September 19, 2021

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wisdom 2.12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a shameful death.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 54.1-2, 3, 4+6 (*R* 4b)

*R* The Lord upholds my life.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 3.16-4.3

A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace.

Gospel: Mark 9.30-37

The Son of Man will be betrayed. Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.

### **"I'M BETTER THAN YOU."**

Our lives are filled with all manner of put down, one upmanship, top dog behavior. When the disciples were caught in a similar conversation by Jesus, their response was silence. Perhaps, from embarrassment, even shame – especially after his teaching. He says to them and to us, be last not first, be of service, be open to receive.

- † Who needs to be first at something this week rather than me?
- † Whom can I serve because they need some help?
- † Whom will I receive with joy as I would a child or grandchild?



**THAT MAN IS YOU  
STARTING SEPTEMBER 25  
8:30AM**

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ALL MEN WELCOME!**



**CWL sponsored mass will be on  
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**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US.**

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## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

DO YOU HAVE A DESIRE TO LEARN ABOUT THE TRADITIONS AND TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH? DO YOU FEEL A NEED FOR A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF OUR FAITH BELIEFS IN ORDER TO KEEP UP WITH THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OF YOUR CHILD(REN)? IF SO, PERHAPS YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THE RCIA PROGRAM AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH.



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- WHETHER YOU ARE A BAPTIZED CATHOLIC, BAPTIZED IN ANOTHER CHRISTIAN FAITH, OR NON-BAPTIZED, YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO JOIN US. FURTHER INQUIRIES OR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RCIA PROGRAM CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE PARISH OF YOUR CHOOSING!

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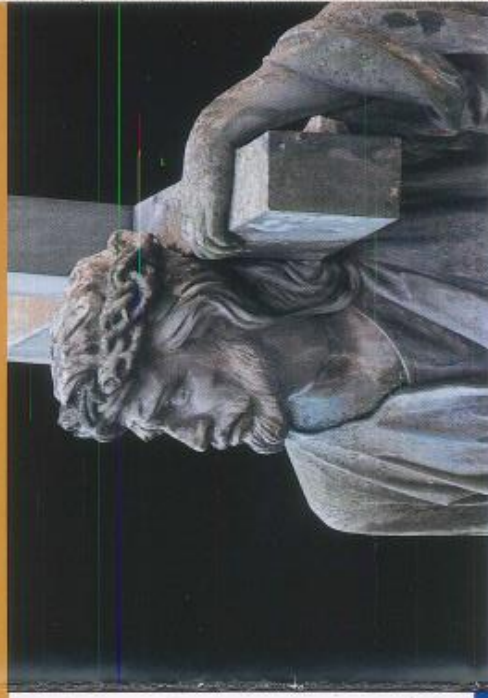
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NEW EVANGELIZATION."

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo  
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THAT MAN IS YOU!  
THE EVANGELIC CODE



## THAT MAN IS YOU!

is an interactive men's program focused on the development of male leadership in the modern world. It combines the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of authentic men capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society.

Jesus did not say to the Jews, "I've come to save you from Roman oppression and taxation." Christ did not promise a worldly kingdom. In fact, He said, "In the world you will have tribulation ... yet I have overcome the world ... My kingdom is not of this world ... My kingdom is in your midst ... My kingdom is within you!" The kingdom of God is among us. In deed, it is here now. For where the King is, there is His Kingdom. Let us live with an eternal perspective. May we become the men we need to rebuild the kingdom!

## EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF TRANSFORMATION AS YOU DISCOVER:

- Confront the worldly kingdoms and spiritual evils of our day.
- Discover exactly what it takes to overthrow an empire and inherit the kingdom of God.
- Discover a new way, a new outlook, and a new perspective on this life and the next.
- Wrestle with the mysteries of a kingdom "not of this world" yet simultaneously "within you".
- Learn to acquire the taste for the kingdom of heaven with food for both the body and the soul.
- Contemplate a powerful, modern day prophecy and discern its profound implications.
- Experience the transformation of God through personal testimonies that will touch the hardest of hearts.
- Embrace the God of mercy and experience His superabundant compassion and love.
- Discover Jesus Christ present as the true King of your heart and claim your royal inheritance.
- Live with an eternal perspective.
- Become the man we need to rebuild the kingdom!

THAT MAN IS YOU!  
THE KINGDOM COME

## FALL SEMESTER

- Week 1: Thy Kingdom Come
- Week 2: The Kingdom is Like Leaven
- Week 3: Christ The King!
- Week 4: The Overthrow of Satan
- Week 5: How to Overthrow an Empire
- Week 6: Word - Witness - Walk
- Week 7: The Men We Need to Build the Kingdom
- Week 8: The Kingdom of Comfort
- Week 9: Acquiring A Taste For -heaven
- Week 10: Blinded By The Kingdom
- Week 11: On Earth As It Is In Heaven
- Week 12: My Son, Jonathan
- Week 13: The Kingdom is Like Weeds Among the Wheat

**OBJECTIVES:** Discover that the kingdom of God is not of this world yet within your midst and your heart. Overthrow the power of sin and usher in a new way of living. Cultivate an eternal perspective as a prerequisite for kingdom living. Boldly proclaim the kingdom in both word and deed. Become the authentic Catholic leader our world, our church and our families so desperately need. Discover the greatest treasure of the human heart and allow the reign of Jesus Christ to permeate every aspect of your life.

## SPRING SEMESTER

- Week 14: Resilience and Perseverance
- Week 15: Son of Man, Do You See?
- Week 16: The Time of Purification
- Week 17: The Kingdom is Like a Dragnet
- Week 18: Just a Guy in the Pew
- Week 19: The Narrow Gate
- Week 20: A Tale of Two Cities
- Week 21: The Darkness of Modern Culture
- Week 22: A Civilization of Love
- Week 23: A Life of Dissipation
- Week 24: Working in Redemption
- Week 25: The Kingdom is Like a Great Banquet
- Week 26: A Royal People

**OBJECTIVES:** Set your eyes on the ultimate prize of eternal life with perseverance and precision. Experience a journey into the heart of the kingdom and heart of the Father. Together with a band of brothers, embark upon the narrow road to salvation as opposed to the superhighway of perdition. Experience the joy and the feast awaiting within the Father's house. Claim your royal dignity and inheritance. The spring semester is practical, profound and even prophetic.



## TESTIMONIALS

"**Fr. Dave Pivonka**...honest, humorous, practical and always truthful. Father Pivonka takes you by the hand and walks you right to Jesus." - Mark Hart, author, *Blessed Are the Bored in Spirit: and Ask the Bible Geek*

"**Fr. Leo Patalinghug**...The Master himself did a lot of his teaching over meals and identified himself and his enduring love for his people with bread and wine. Catechetics-through-cooking might seem new, but it's as old as the Gospels, and in Father Leo, this ancient craft has an engaging 21st-century practitioner."

- George Weigel Distinguished Senior Fellow, Ethics and Public Policy Center

"**Ralph Martin** is one of the most reliable analysts of the state of the Church. He is brave and bold, outspoken but never snarky or alarmist... (He) sheds fresh light on some of the most debilitating confusions of our age." - Dr. Janet Smith, Author of *Self-Gift: Humanae Vitae and the Thought of John Paul II*

"**John Edwards** is quickly becoming one of the top Catholic speakers in the country... Firmly rooted in the teachings of the Church, John will both challenge and motivate those who hear him to strive for deeper intimacy with the Lord." - Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers

"**Mark Hartfiel's** talks have been incredible! The content is awesome and the delivery is perfect. Many of our men comment after his talks as being "some of the best". - Core Team Leader, Michigan

"**Steve Bollman's** unique abilities allow him to synthesize the teachings of the Catholic faith and human sciences and present them in an impactful way to men, especially as it relates to their roles as husbands and fathers." - Fr. Peter Towsley, pastor



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2021

Intentions... the unborn  
children and expectant  
mothers and their families.

Everyone is welcome and  
encouraged to attend



First Friday of  
each Month

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9:30 AM

to

9:30 PM



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\$5 each

**CWL is holding their annual  
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**Thursday October 21 to  
Saturday October 23.**

Donations can be dropped off at  
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October 20. Thank you for your  
support.







**25<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B**

**Sunday, September 19, 2021**

### **DO WE TALK ABOUT JESUS?**

What do we talk every day? How do we talk? Why do we talk? About whom do we talk? These are questions we face every day of our life. Do we talk of positive & constructive things to strengthen other people or negative & destruction things to put other people down? As it is written in the Book of Sirach (28:1-26) “If you blow on a spark, it will glow; if you spit on it, it will be put out; yet both come out of your mouth. Curse the gossips and the double-tongued, for they destroy the peace of many. The blow of a whip raises a welt, but a blow of the tongue crushes the bones. Many have fallen by the edge of the sword, but not as many have fallen because of the tongue. As you fence in your property with thorns, so make a door and a bolt for your mouth. As you lock up your silver and gold, so make balances and scales for your words. Take care not to err with your tongue and fall victim to one lying in wait”.

St. James the Apostle on the other hand compares the tongue with fire “How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine fig? No more can saltwater yield fresh” (3:1-12).

I believe positive and healthy talks not only change other people but also, they do change us as well. We are living in a time or world where mainstream and social media has spread some much negativity that people have forgotten to respect and believe other people. In fact, through negativity comes envy and greed and when these two become strong and overtake our thoughts and feelings then we don't spare to harm other people. This is the message we are receiving from the Word of God this week. Remember God always talks to us to remind us that he loves,

and loves unconditionally. Someone wrote this inspiring note which I would like to share with you all. This a letter God has written to us all.

"I am God. Today, I will be handling all your problems. Please remember that I do not need your help. If life happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, do not attempt to resolve it. Kindly put it in the SFGTD (something for God to do) box. All situations will be resolved in My time, not yours.

Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold onto it by worrying about it. Instead, focus on all the wonderful things that are present in your life now.

If you find yourself stuck in traffic, don't despair. There are people in this world for whom driving is an unheard-of privilege.

Should you have a bad day at work, think of the man who has been out of work for years.

Should you despair over a relationship gone bad, think of the person who has never known what it's like to love and be loved in return.

Should you grieve the passing of another weekend, think of the woman in dire straits, working twelve hours a day, seven days a week to feed her children.

Should your car break down, leaving you miles away from assistance; think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take that walk.

Should you notice a new gray hair in the mirror, think of the cancer patient in chemo who wishes she had hair to examine.

Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering what is life all about, asking what is my purpose? Be thankful. There are those who didn't live long enough to get the opportunity.

Should you find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness, or insecurities; remember, things could be worse. You could be one of them!

Should you decide to send this to a friend, thank you. You may have touched a life in ways you will never know!"

However, in our human wisdom and understanding we ignore that God is talking to us but become like people in the First Reading. People don't want to hear the truth but those who try to speak, they stand against them to reject. This we have been witnessing in our present times. Of course, the First Reading is a prophecy about Jesus' passion. People are talking about him but in a negative way because they cannot bear the truth he is speaking. "The godless say, "let us lie in wait for the righteous one, who makes life inconvenient to us and opposes our actions, who reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training...."

The envy of these people has led them to harbor anger and poison of their tongue against the righteous. Being envious and jealous we allow negative thoughts, emotions, and feelings to lead to destroy other people. Once a saint was going to a city. On his way he saw a big tree and stopped by to rest for some time. The saint fell asleep. He saw a dream. In his dream he saw a man who was passing by that way with five donkeys carrying a heavy load, which seemed to be



very difficult to carry by the donkeys. The saint asked man, "What have you kept in these bags which they are not even able to carry?" The man replied, "These are filled with things for human use. I am taking these to market to sell." The saint asked, "OK...! Tell me what are the things in these bags? I want to know." The man replied, "The first donkey you see. It is laden with tyranny (cruel and oppressive rule), It is sold at a very high rate." The saint asked, "But who will buy tyranny?" The man replied, "The buyers for this, are King's and Ruling people, that's why it fetches high prices." The saint asked, "What is in the bags of second donkey?"

The man replied, "Those bundles are full of arrogance and it's buyers are scholars."

The man continued, "On the third donkey there are bags of jealousy and it's customers are rich people, who are unable to tolerate each other's progress. There is an influx of people to buy it." The saint asked, "What's in bags of fourth donkey?"

The man replied, "The fourth donkey's bag, is full of dishonesty and it's customers are businessmen, who cheat in the market to get a lot of profit from sales."

The saint was curious and asked, "Then what's in the last one?"

The man smiled and said, "It contains bundle of trickery and it's demand is among those who have no work and try to deceive others for their benefits."

Just then the saint woke up from his sleep and realized that the man he saw in his dream was Satan, the devil itself who was spreading evil in the world and it's victim become selfish people of weak mentality.

In the Second Reading St. James is warning us all to avoid envy and selfish ambition which will lead us to disorder and wickedness of every kind. This could only happen if we talk about Jesus because he is the symbol of humility, obedience, and love. We can read in the Letter of Galatians (chapter 5:16-26) where St. Paul is comparing two types of people; one who walk without the Holy Spirit and other who walks under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. To talk to Jesus, prayer is the most important tool for us to have. Prayer helps us to ask strength from the Lord to have better relationship with him.

Today's Gospel has two parts: First about the passion of Jesus. Jesus is foretelling about his suffering, death, and resurrection. Secondly apostles are talking about power and status that who will be first. But the question of Jesus to his disciples "What were you arguing about on the way?" is a shack up for us all. We do talk a lot about other things and people but not about Jesus. Jesus asks his disciples an apparently indiscreet question: "What were you discussing along the way?" It is a question which he could also ask each of us today: "What do you talk about every day?" "What are your aspirations?" The Gospel tells us that the disciples "did not answer because on the way they had been arguing about who was the most important". They were ashamed to tell Jesus what they were talking about. Like the disciples then, today we too can be caught up in these same arguments: who is the most important? Don't we talk the same thing? I guess we do as our Federal Election is approaching fast, our focus of talking is on the election. Who will win? What people are going to gain from the new government? Are people

going to vote for a right person to lead country, society, and community to right direction? But is talking to Jesus to seek his guidance?

Jesus does not press the question. He does not force them to tell him what they were talking about on the way. But the question lingers, not only in the minds of the disciples, but also in their hearts. Remember the questions of Jesus from last Sunday “Who do people say am I? and What do you say, ‘who am I’?”

Who is the most important? This is a life-long question to which, at different times, we must give an answer. We cannot escape the question; it is written on our hearts. I remember more than once, at family gatherings, children being asked: “Who do you love more, Mommy or Daddy”? It’s like asking them: “Who is the most important for you?” But is this only a game we play with children? The history of humanity has been marked by the answer we give to this question.

Jesus is not afraid of people’s questions; he is not afraid of our humanity or the different things we are looking for. On the contrary, he knows the depths of the human heart, and, as a good teacher, he is always ready to encourage and support us. As usual, he takes up our searching, our aspirations, and he gives them a new horizon. Like St. Thomas when asked Jesus “We don’t know where you are going and how can we know the way?” And the answer of Jesus was authoritative “I am the way, the Truth and the Life and no one can come to the Father except through me”. Jesus is not afraid of our questions.

This is the great paradox of Jesus. The disciples were arguing about who would have the highest place, who would be chosen for privileges – they were the disciples, those closest to Jesus, and they were arguing about that! –, who would be above the common law, the general norm, to stand out in the quest for superiority over others. Who would climb the ladder most quickly to take the jobs which carry certain benefits? Jesus upsets their “logic”, their mindset, simply by telling them that life is lived authentically in a concrete commitment to our neighbour. That is, by serving.

All of us are called by virtue of our Christian vocation to that service which truly serves, and to help one another not to be tempted by a “service” which is “self-serving”. All of us are asked, indeed urged, by Jesus to care for one another out of love. Without looking to one side or the other to see what our neighbour is doing or not doing. Jesus says: Whoever would be first among you must be the last, and the servant of all”. That person will be the first. Jesus does not say: if your neighbour wants to be first, let him be the servant!

As the time is passing by, we could feel there is less talk about Jesus because we have started losing the true meaning of our discipleship. The evil is prevailing and making people feel that we don’t need Jesus in our lives. We can do everything without him. We can also fall into temptation like disciples not to talk about Jesus about world things but remember the words of our Lord “you can not serve both God and wealth”

Let us not forget the Good News we have heard today: the importance of a people, a nation, and the importance of individuals, which is always based on how they seek to serve their vulnerable brothers and sisters. Here we encounter one of the fruits of a true humanity. Let’s



make Jesus the center of our lives and talk about him who is always standing at the door and knocking and waiting for us to open the door for him. By talking to him we will allow ourselves to get rid of envy, selfish ambitions, feelings, and temptations.



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# 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time



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<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](#)

## COVID-19 Resources

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# How can faith and politics meet in today's world?

Some resources to help guide the faithful for the upcoming Federal Election this Monday:

- As Canadians return to the polls once again, former politician John Milloy spoke with Salt + Light Media's Benjamin Boivin about his experience as a Catholic politician. In this interview he offers a perspective on the relationship between faith and today's political realities from a politician's point of view. [Read the interview here.](#)
- Not sure who to vote for next Monday? Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto, a ShareLife-funded organization, has produced this insightful guide highlighting Catholic Social Teaching on human dignity, poverty, Indigenous issues, health care, the environment and other issues. Read the guide here: [ow.ly/IQ7G50G6uju](http://ow.ly/IQ7G50G6uju)
- Brendan Steven of [CatholicConscience.org](http://CatholicConscience.org) joins Deacon Eric Gurash and Dr. Brett Salkeld (Archdiocese of Regina) and discuss the role of Catholic voters and the need for deep discernment in the upcoming Canadian federal election. Show Snippet: "I want more Catholics to learn more about Catholic Social Teaching, and...how blown away you will be about the consequences of Christ's love for all his people, and the way that manifests in how the Church teaches how we live in community with one another." [Listen to podcast](#)
- Parishes: Consider adding the petition below during Masses this weekend:
  - *For our nation in this time of discernment, election, and transition: May all citizens cast their vote in a spirit of reverence for this right, charity for those they disagree with, and concern for the good of all as we strive for a more perfect and peaceful union. Let us pray to the Lord...*
  - *We pray for all election candidates who desire to serve in our national and local government: May all seeking election commit themselves to the common good and encourage a peaceful response so that our nation may be faithful to its pledge of liberty and justice for all. Let us pray to the Lord...*
- How to vote like a Catholic? [Download poster](#)
- **UPDATED!** Catholic Conscience's [election page](#) and parties' [platform comparison](#) (a work in progress, more parties will be added by Monday)
- [A prayer for Elections](#) (jpg)



## New employment opportunities

- **Last week to apply: Family and Youth Ministry Coordinator (full time) at All Saints, Lethbridge.**

For more information and job application details, please visit [catholiccyyc.ca/careers](http://catholiccyyc.ca/careers)

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## Haiti needs our support

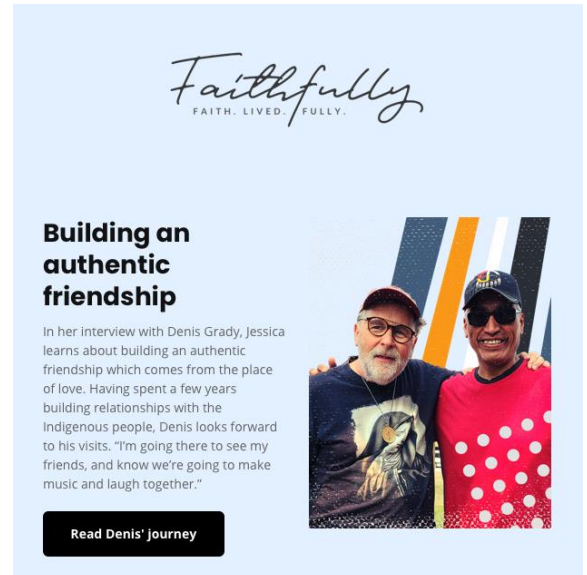
At 8:29 a.m. on Saturday, August 14, 2021, a powerful magnitude 7.2 earthquake struck Haiti's Tiburon Peninsula, about 150 kilometres west of the capital, Port-au-Prince. Much of the damage occurred in the towns of Jérémie and Les Cayes. The force of the earthquake was felt across most of the country, particularly in the West Department.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partners, the Institut de Technologie et d'Animation (ITECA) and Caritas Haiti have sprung into action. In three stricken departments, Caritas Haiti is participating in various coordination activities under Haiti's national risk management plan, which has been activated to help the population. ITECA has sent relief trucks and assessment teams to the affected regions.

- [Donate now](#) or link available on our website: [catholiccyyc.ca/give](https://catholiccyyc.ca/give)

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- For Tickets: (\$15 per person) call Nonie Ramos at 587-435 2509
- To donate, visit: <https://www.catholiccyyc.ca/lovemorebenefit>
- [Download poster](#)

## Worth Sharing

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2. **Pope Francis tackles debate over Communion for politicians who support abortion** | Answering questions aboard the papal plane from Bratislava, Slovakia, to Rome on Sept. 15, the pope said that abortion ends a human life and that human life must be respected. Pope Francis said Wednesday that the Catholic Church is firm in its stance on abortion because "abortion is murder," and urged priests to be pastoral rather than political when faced with the question of who can receive Communion. [Read more](#)
  3. **Pope to young people in Slovakia: dream fearlessly**  
Pope Francis meets with young people in Slovakia at the Košice Lokomotiva Stadium and answers three of their questions, on love for each other and love for the cross. "Whenever someone embraces us, we regain confidence in ourselves and in life. So let us allow ourselves to be embraced by Jesus." [Read more](#)
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  5. **Haitians remain 'people of hope'**  
Despite earthquake and political turmoil, a Felician sister says Haitians remain people of hope. "It is a troubling reality for Haitians that their struggle seems to be brought to wider attention only in the aftermath of catastrophes like the August earthquake." Sister Marilyn and other Felician sisters began working in Haiti in response to the devastation it experienced in 2010. They have been providing medical, social and employment assistance ever since. [Read more](#).
  6. **What a 9/11 fireman found burned into steel**  
While many stories of courage and grace have been shared about 9/11, a new story has emerged that most people probably haven't heard before – and it involves the Bible. It wasn't just any page of the Bible, it part of the [Sermon on the Mount](#). And while most of the page was marred, right in the middle one of the only parts still clearly readable was Christ's radical teaching on retaliation. [Read more](#)
  7. **Sometimes saying sorry just isn't enough**  
Chances are that you can remember a time you hurt someone through your actions. Maybe it was just missing something important to them, or letting your words slip to someone else, but whatever you did cost them something. And when your mistakes lead to someone in your life losing something, [saying you're sorry just isn't enough](#). Fr. Mike Schmitz explains why [we have to ask people for forgiveness](#) and not just say we're sorry. [Watch video](#)
  8. **5 reasons your parish should have a bereavement ministry**  
If your parish is hoping to meet people where they are, then implementing a bereavement ministry program is a good starting point. Here are five reasons to include bereavement ministry, or grief ministry, in your parish. [Read more](#)

## 9. When my friend cussed in front of Mother Teresa

Chirs Stefanick: Imagine what would happen if you cussed in front of ... I don't know, say ... Mother Teresa of Calcutta. I have a friend who did just that! And what happened gives you an insight into one of the great souls of modern times, whose feast day was this past week on Sept. 5. [Read more](#)

## 10. Pope Francis challenged Catholics to read Dante this year.

In his 2021 apostolic letter "[Candor Lucis Aeternae](#)," the pope poses questions about Dante's great work. "What can he communicate to us in this day and age? Does he still have anything to say to us or offer us? Is his message relevant or useful to us? Can it still challenge us?" Writer Douglas V. Henry invites you to read it together. [Read more](#)

## 11. Totus Tuus - Rosary Making

Totus Tuus lay association group (home parish at Holy Spirit, Calgary) makes and distributes rosaries all around the world. If you are interested in getting involved with this activity, please contact Marta at [totustuus@shaw.ca](mailto:totustuus@shaw.ca) | More information [here](#)

## 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](#)

# Season of Creation

On the occasion of the sixth anniversary of Laudato Si', the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development invites you to join the ecumenical family in celebrating the Season of Creation that takes place from Sep. 1 (World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation) to Oct. 4 (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi).

This year's theme is "A home for all? Renewing the Oikos of God," and the logo reflects that theme as it's Abraham's tent, which symbolizes "a home for all."

During the 2021 [Season of Creation](#), from 1st September through 4th October, thousands of Christians on six continents get together for a time of restoration and hope, a jubilee for our Earth, and to discover radically new ways of living with creation. More than ever before, the global Christian family will unite to pray and take action for our common home.

Season of Creation 2021 Guide is available now for parishes, ministries, small groups, families and individuals.

- 2021 Celebration Guide ([Full Guide](#) | [Short Guide](#))
- [Season of Creation 2021 Prayer](#)
- [Ecumenical Prayer Service for the Season of Creation](#)
- [Engage your local ecology through this Earth Examen](#)
- [Event checklist](#)
- [Season of Creation Themed Lectionary Notes](#)
- [Register your event](#)

More at [seasonofcreation.org](http://seasonofcreation.org)





# Pray and fast for Afghanistan

Pope Francis on Sunday urged Christians to intensify their prayer, penance, and fasting for the situation in Afghanistan, as he entrusted the souls of those who have died to God's mercy.

Please consider praying these intentions on Sunday Masses this weekend:

- *For our brothers and sisters in Afghanistan, that there be an end to the violence in their country; and may God give them courage, hope and strength in this time of crisis, let us pray to the Lord.*
- *For solidarity in our global human family, so that we may work together to protect those who are most vulnerable and most in need, let us pray to the Lord.*



Pope Francis ✓  
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As Christians the situation in Afghanistan obligates us. In historic moments like this, we cannot remain indifferent. For this reason, I address an appeal to everyone to intensify your prayer and practice fasting, asking the Lord for mercy and forgiveness.

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## 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](#)

## Creation Care School - Free Courses

Creation Care School offers pastoral staff a selection of quality courses which explore integral ecology developed by Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudato Si'* (2015). "This school is for Christians who want to get involved in environmental action and awareness in their own local church. When a whole faith community starts caring for Creation, your church gets new media coverage and youth wanting to participate."

Instructor: Norman Levesque, who is the diocesan officer for Creation Care Ministry since 2011 in the Diocese of Saint-Jean-Longueuil (near Montreal) and a member of the *Laudato Si'* working group of the Vatican Dicastery for Integral Human Development. Here are two free courses for you:

- [Greening your church in 10 steps \(1 hr\)](#)
- [Laudato Si': A revolutionary encyclical \(1 hr\)](#)
- [More courses here](#)

# FCJ RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTRE

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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.