



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

OCTOBER 24, 2021, 2021 – 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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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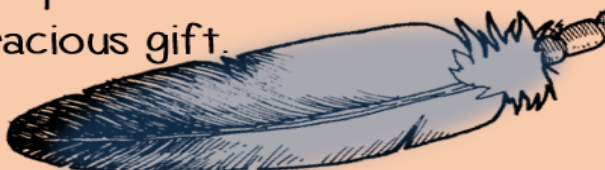
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Sunday 10:30am Mass
Medicine Hat Holy Family Church
Live Stream

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



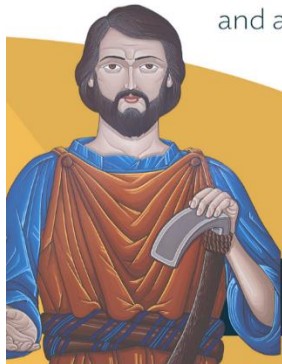
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1.4 MILLION of the Diocesan goal will financially support the approved diocesan ministries, partner organizations, and agencies. See list at catholicyyc.ca/tia



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 \$ **32,604.40** = 66%

OPERATING FINANCES

September 1-30, 2021

Operating Budget 2021	\$ 55,019
General Envelope Collection	\$ 35,987
Loose Collections	\$ 867
Future Development	\$ 3,683
Sale of Church Supplies & Other	\$ 4,837
Other Ministries	\$ 440
Government Subsidy	\$ 1,528
Budget Vs Actual	-\$ 7,677

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 3,540
Clergy Retirement	\$ 25
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 3,866
Seminarian Fund	\$ 55
Mission Mexico	\$ 225
CARO	\$ 35
Needs of the Cdn. Church	\$ 712
World Missions	\$ 50

Thank You for your Generous Contributions

† Masses Intentions †

October 23 - 29, 2021

Saturday, October 23

5:00pm – Leo & Irene Bachmier

Sunday, October 24

8:30 am – John Bosch †

10:30am – Carolina Iannattone †

6:00pm – Holy Family Parish

Monday, October 25

9:00am – Marlene Hoffart †

Tuesday, October 26

9:00am – Rose Hintz †

Wednesday, October 27

9:00am – Fr. Cecil Zinger †

Thursday, October 28

9:00am – Mary Bachmeier

Friday, October 29

9:00am – Kaspar & Georgina
Dietrich †

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31.7-9

I am going to bring my people home – both those who are blind and those who are lame.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 126.1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5. 6 (*R. 3*)

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5.1-6

You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel: Mark 10.46-52

My teacher, let me see again.

ENLIGHTENED SIGHT

The blind man will not be silenced today. Insistently he calls on Jesus by name. He asks for pity; he asks for sight. Jesus makes it happen. Instead of returning home to a renewed life, he throws off his cloak and jumps into action and follows. Even when sightless, he saw with eyes of faith. Because of this encounter with Jesus, his insight is richer.

- † What do I need to beg of Jesus? For myself? For someone else?
- † How can I keep listening for Jesus already active in my life? In the lives of others?
- † What “cloak” that holds me back will I throw off to follow Jesus?



Please join us for
All Souls Day
Mass

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Lighting Candles and Laying Flowers 6:30pm

Mass at 7:00pm

Mass of the Angels



Tuesday, November 9, 2020

Mass 6:30pm

Bring live flowers in remembrance.

Sacramental Preparation



ALTAR SERVERS



Looking for children
12yrs +, adults, and
families to help altar
serve at masses.

Next Practice on
Thurs, November 4th
at 7:00pm

Call Ron for info: 403-528-1848

1st Reconciliation Classes

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

Thursday October 28, 2021 – 6:30-7:30pm

Thursday November 18, 2021 – 6:30-7:30pm

Thursday December 2, 2021 – 6:30-7:30pm

1st Reconciliation Penitential Service - TBA

Confirmation

All Sessions in the Hall...

Wednesday, January 5, 2022 – 6:30-7:50pm

Wednesday, February 2, 2022 – 6:30-7:30pm

Wednesday, February 23, 2022 – 6:30-7:30pm

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

Retreat, Saturday April 30, 2022 – 10:00am-3:00pm



October 30, 2021

8:30 – 9:30 am

St. Patrick's Parish Hall

Theme

Word – Witness - Walk

Presenter

Michael Gormley

 *Knights of
Columbus*
**12-hour
Eucharist Adoration**

**Friday
November 5th
9:30am – 9:30pm**



"Our Lord in the blessed sacrament has his hands full of graces, and He is ready to bestow them on anyone who asks for them"

All parishioners welcome and encouraged to attend

**Workshop: Eucharistic
Transformation Workshop
for all Lay Ministers
Nov 8-10**

The heart of eucharistic celebration is the mystery of Christ, commonly summed up as the Paschal Mystery.

That mystery flows out from the hidden mystery of God's saving plan of redeeming love fully revealed and enacted in the person and mission of Christ. His mission to announce and spread that love is entrusted to us in turn. Liturgical celebration of the Paschal Mystery is formative, it is "the cradle of the three attitudes that generate a Eucharistic culture, for it impels us to express in our way of life and our thinking the grace of Christ who gave of himself to the full" (Pope Francis).

All lay volunteers of the Diocese of Calgary are invited to the National Liturgy Webinar to be spiritually nourished for service during this period of the fourth wave of the pandemic. We will look at ritual actions and symbols, along with select texts, for gathering, listening, presenting gifts, sharing bread and wine, and being sent on mission. We will trace themes of what we bring and offer, and of finding our life stories within our master story. That story calls us to be a living sacrifice of praise, to do what Jesus commanded at the Last Supper, to join him in saying and living his Amen to God and to the world. **When: Monday to Wednesday, Nov. 8 - 10, 2021 (11 to 1 pm MT). Speaker: [Fr. Gilbert Ostdiek, OFM](#)**

- [Participants can register through Zoom.](#) Registrations are manually approved. Please allow 1-2 business days for confirmation. There is no cost for registration.
- For more information, [click here](#)



Finance Committee Report October 16/17, 2021

The pandemic continues to be challenging for our parish, parishioners, and our community.

We are grateful for the support we continue to receive from our parishioners – financially and in volunteerism. We are also grateful for the leadership shown by our Diocese. They continue to support our parishes by providing guidelines for our liturgical services and guidance for our financial matters through on-line meetings.

Our weekly collections which include envelopes, preauthorized payments, credit card and website donations provide the funding for our budgeted expenses. Past updates have indicated that our weekly collections have been trending under budget. We are fortunate that we have received government subsidies and bequests totalling about \$35,000. We have also been keeping expenses to a minimum. These factors have led us to a healthy net income. We continue to maintain our property and so far, this year, we have made repairs to our lift station, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning in the administration area and the sanctuary.

We are currently working on a budget for next year. As with this year, we do not know how the pandemic may affect us. Once again, we are keeping our expenses to a minimum. We do know that there will be increases. Our insurance premium will be due in November. This year we expect it to be about \$45,000. The Diocese has advised us that next year, we will likely see an increase of about 75% or an increase of \$34,000 making our insurance premium around \$79,000. The income goal set by the Diocese is \$755,000 and our Diocesan Assessment will be \$109,000 – an increase about of \$14,000. Our Together in Action goal for the next year will be \$71,000 – an increase of \$23,000. We will also be employing a part time Sacramental Prep Co-ordinator. We have a fair idea of our fixed expenses such as utilities, office expense and so on. We cannot predict what our repairs will be, but we do expect that our pews may need to be refinished. We anticipate minor equipment upgrades but those costs will be kept to a minimum as well. It will be difficult to meet these additional expenses if our contributions continue to decline.

In addition to envelopes, automated payments and credit card payments, donations can be directed to Holy Family Parish through the Diocesan website. We have also added an option for e-transfers. If you have questions about any of the options, please call the parish office.

We are thankful for all our parishioners who continue to pray for this parish. We are thankful for the volunteers who assist in our liturgies and who serve on our many committees. We are thankful for the leadership of our priests. We are thankful for our staff. We are thankful for your generous financial support.

We know that the last year and a half has been difficult, and we can only pray that next year will be better.

“Coats on Finlay” will take place again this year, on Saturday, November 13th, commencing at 2:00 pm and continuing until Sunday morning (9:00 am)

If you have a new or gently used winter coat, please consider coming down and hanging it on the bridge. (Wire hangers will be available)

We will also be accepting mittens, winter hats and scarfs) No footwear or summer or lighter attire please.

If you need a winter coat, come and ‘shop’ at the bridge! See you Saturday, Nov 13th.

THE PLACE OF TABERNACLE IN THE CHURCH

The tabernacle is the center of our Faith as we believe in the true presence of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Where Tabernacle should be? Many Catholics raise the same question as they enter into the Church and don't see Tabernacle in its traditional place. Let me answer that question.

Both the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the 1983 Code of Canon Law, as well as the constant Tradition of the Church, affirm that the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life" and "all the works of the apostolate are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it." Accordingly, Church regulations pertaining to the Holy Eucharist call us to hold the Blessed Sacrament in the highest honor and give it the greatest care. A review of the documents regulating the tabernacle renders the following:

Code of Canon Law (1983): "The tabernacle in which the blessed Eucharist is reserved should be sited in a distinguished place in the Church or Oratory, a place which is conspicuous, suitably adorned and conducive to prayer".

"The tabernacle in which the blessed Eucharist is habitually reserved is to be immovable, made of solid and non-transparent material, and so locked as to give the greatest security against any danger of profanation. . .

"The person in charge of a Church or Oratory is to see to it that the key of the tabernacle in which the blessed Eucharist is reserved is in maximum safekeeping" (Canon 938).

According to **Catechism of the Catholic Church** "The Tabernacle is to be situated 'in churches in a most worthy place with the greatest honour.' The dignity, placing and security of the Eucharistic Tabernacle should foster adoration before the Lord really present in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar" (CCC1183). "...It is for this reason that the Tabernacle should be located in an especially worthy place in the church and should be constructed in such a way that it emphasizes and manifest the truth of the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament" (CCC1379).

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal: "In accordance with the structure of each church and legitimate local customs, the Most Blessed Sacrament should be reserved in a Tabernacle in a part of the Church that is truly noble, prominent, conspicuous, worthily decorated, and suitable for prayer".

"The tabernacle should usually be the only one, be irremovable, be made of solid and inviolable material that is not transparent and be locked in such a way that the danger of profanation is prevented to the greatest extent possible. Moreover, it is appropriate that before it is put into liturgical use, the tabernacle be blessed according to the rite described in the Roman Ritual".

"It is more appropriate as a sign that on an Altar on which Mass is celebrated there not be a Tabernacle in which the Most Holy Eucharist is reserved. Consequently, it is preferable that the tabernacle be located, according to the judgment of the Diocesan Bishop:

"a) either in the sanctuary, apart from the altar of celebration, in an appropriate form and place, not excluding its being positioned on an old altar no longer used for celebration (cf. No. 303);

"b) or even in some chapel suitable for the private adoration and prayer of the faithful and organically connected to the church and readily noticeable by the Christian faithful" (Nos. 314-315).



I hope this will help many people to understand that "Why do we have Tabernacle in Church" at Holy Family Church. "Blessed be the Lord in his most Sacred Sacrament of the Holy Altar"



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

Sunday, October 24, 2021

OUR JOY COMES FROM HIM

Today once again we come to reflect on the Word of God which is the life-giving source and helps us to enjoy our relationships by his following his teachings. For the last two Sundays we have been reflecting on the lives of three young men in the Gospel; one came to ask Jesus to help him to inherit eternal life but went away grieving because he couldn't detach himself from the worldly possessions. However, the other two of Jesus' disciples came to ask him to enjoy and share in his glory. The answer from Jesus changed their minds from worldly pleasures to heavenly treasures "Son of Man has come not to be served but to serve and give his life for the ransom of many". Whenever I reflect on the words of John and James, I always wonder why would they demand such a thing from Jesus when they knew him? Were they feeling inferior to other disciples, or did they fail to see the true face of Jesus in their lives? I guess sometimes we act the same way, though walking with Jesus but still fail to understand him.

Many of you know that besides photography, I have one more hobby and that is gardening. I love to grow plants, sometimes I graft them, and other times love to transplant them from one pot to another. Recently I decided to grow roses bushes from the clippings and while cutting them, many thorns have pierced my hands. Through this I realized that we all love roses but hate thorns but "joy has no value without suffering" or "joy only comes after suffering which is complete joy beyond comparison. This is the message we receive from the Sacred Scripture this week "our joy comes from Him who suffered for our sake". To enjoy that joy we must learn to live today as the Chinese Proverb says "The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second-best time is now". How do we look at our life? Where are we now compared to where we could be? How much have we enjoyed our life in Him? Someone once wrote "The life of every man is a diary in which he means to write one story and writes another; and his humblest hour is when he compares the volume as it is with what he vowed to make it."

What should we have started last week, last month, or even last year?

Where would we be if we had started last week?

Where would we be if we had started last month?

Where would we be if we had started last year?

Where would we be if we had started five years ago?

These thoughts may be somewhat depressing but hiding from them isn't going to help. The truth is what we must face if we're serious about making our future better than our past. Our current position in life reflects our previous desires, planning, and choices. If we want a better future, we'll need to make some immediate and powerful changes and choices right now. Now is the time.

It will never be convenient to be and live how we know we should. If it were convenient, everyone would be living at a much higher level. There would be no internal conflict. Instead, most people continue to wait for someone or something outside of them to wake them up or pick them up. It's not going to happen for those people. If we want something from life, we must want it as bad as we want air. And we must start TODAY.

A young man once approached Socrates and asked the philosopher how he could acquire wisdom and knowledge.

"Follow me," Socrates said in response, as he led the young man down to the sea. The young man followed as Socrates began wading through the water, first at ankle, then knee, then waist, and finally to shoulder height.

Then, rather abruptly, Socrates grabbed the young man and dunked him under the water. The young man struggled desperately and just before he blacked-out, Socrates pulled him up.

Infuriated, the young man screamed, "What are you doing?! Trying to kill me?"

Calmly, Socrates responded, "Absolutely not. If that was my intention, I would not have pulled you up."

"Then why did you just do that?" the young man gasped.

"When you want wisdom and insight as badly as you desired that breath of air, then you shall have it," Socrates replied while looking the man in the eyes. Then, he turned to the shore and walked away.

The joy that comes from the Lord is as important as the air for us. Having joy includes feeling good cheer and a vibrant happiness. But joy, in its fuller, spiritual meaning of expressing God's goodness, involves more. It is a deep-rooted, inspired happiness. According to Nehemiah "For the joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10). We also can see that in the beginning when God created Adam and Eve, he kept them in the Garden of Eden ("Garden of Joy") and gave everything under their dominion. Throughout our salvation history, God has been giving joy and happiness to his people who fear and believe in him. He has blessed them with many blessings and fought for them to protect them from any human or evil powers. When the Bible talks about the joy of the Lord, is it talking about the feeling and experience? "Rejoice in the Lord always," we know that we do not always have those kinds of feelings. What then is the joy of the Lord?

One of the most powerful verses about joy in the Bible is Habakkuk 3:17-18. Habakkuk had just found out, by a revelation from God that his nation is going to be destroyed. The book of Habakkuk begins with a question by the prophet. He asks, "Why are your people so wicked and why do they seem to be getting away with it?" God answers him by saying, "I am aware of the wickedness of my people, and I am going to punish them by bringing an evil nation against them to destroy them." Habakkuk is shocked by this answer and wonders how God could allow a nation even more wicked than Israel to be the instrument of God's punishment. God answers him again and by the end of the book, Habakkuk has heard something from God that allows him to say, "Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior." That also is not the joy of a concert in the park, yet it exists in the most difficult circumstances and is present in the worst possible conditions. What is joy? "Joy is a peace filled confidence about life because of the character, acts and promises of God".

In the First Reading, Prophet Jeremiah is encouraging everyone who are suffering or being bowed down by burdens of life to "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations, proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel". Prophet Jeremiah is delivering a message of hope and joy to the people in a time when people are experiencing the effects of Babylonian exile. He is boosting the spirit of people up that after the suffering there going to be joy and hope which will come from the Lord; "With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first born". The Psalmist adds more to it in this way "Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves" (Psalm 126).

Moreover, the Author of the Letter to Hebrews is confirming that Jesus being the High Priest is the reason of our joy which he brought to us by his sacrifice once for all. This joy only comes from the Lord by doing his will and listening to his voice because he is our Good Shepherd who leads us to into the green pastures. He leads his people with staff and rod and shows his love and mercy.

A 92-year-old man, short, very well-presented, who took great care of his appearance, was moving into a retirement home one day. His wife of 70 years had recently died, and he was obliged to leave his home. After waiting several hours in the retirement home lobby, he gently smiled as I told him his room was ready. As he slowly walked to the elevator, using his cane, I described his small room to him, including the sheet hung at the window, which served as a curtain. "I like it very much", he said, with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old boy who had just been given a new puppy. "Sir, you haven't even seen the room yet. Hang on a moment, we are almost there." "That has nothing to do with it," he replied. "Happiness is something I choose in

advance. Whether or not I like the room does not depend on the furniture, or the decor – rather it depends on how I decide to see it. It is already decided in my mind that I like my room. It is a decision I make every morning when I wake up. "I can choose. I can spend my day in bed enumerating all the difficulties that I have with the parts of my body that no longer work very well, or I can get up and give thanks to heaven for those parts that are still in working order. Every day is a gift, and if I can open my eyes, I will focus on the new day, and all the happy memories that I have made during my life. "Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw in later life what you have deposited along the way. " For a moment, I thought about the old man's words, and it all made sense. He made me realize that in life, we must deposit all the happiness we can in our bank account of memories. Like this, we will always have a trove of them to cherish. I would like to thank you for your part in filling my account with happy memories, which I am continuing to fill... And I remind you, that to live a happy life, you have to free your heart from hate, free your mind from worry, live simply, give more, and expect less. That's what the wise old man lives by.

That's same joy we can see in the life of Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus, who is blind and sitting by the roadside. Though his father's name is mentioned he is nowhere to be found. In the Jewish and many cultures, if someone is born blind, lame or disabled, it was always related to sin. His excitement stunned the crowd as he spoke out "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me". Do we proclaim Jesus to other? Remember there will always be people to shut us down as we see in the Gospel today in particular and Acts of the Apostles in general. We must continue to profess Jesus as our Lord and Saviour; "You will be my witnesses to the end of the world".

How sad it is to see when someone with disabilities is not respected and heard? This blind man experienced the same. For such disciples, a person in need was a nuisance along the way, an obstacle unexpected and unforeseen. They preferred their own timetable above that of the Master, their own talking over listening to others. They were following Jesus, but they had their own plans in mind. This is a risk constantly to guard against. Yet, for Jesus, the cry of those pleading for help is not a nuisance but a challenge. How important it is for us to listen to life! The children of the heavenly Father are concerned with their brothers and sisters, not with useless chatter, but with the needs of their neighbours. They listen patiently and lovingly, just as God does to us and to our prayers, however repetitive they may be. God never grows tired; he is always happy when we seek him. May we ask for the grace of a heart that listens. However, being compassionate not only calls him but also listens. I believe listening is essential to experience the joy of the Lord which opens the closed doors of our hearts, minds, and soul to come to him and speak with him. We need heart of Blessed Virgin Mary who always heard and kept everything in her heart and pondered.

Jesus not only listens but also acts and adds more to our joy; "What do you want me to do for you?" The reply of the blind should be our reply "My teacher, let me see again". There is a joy hidden in the question of the Lord because he always keeps asking us of our needs but need to

have openness like the blind. God never leaves us alone but fills us with his joy so that we may always cherish his presence in our lives. He never leaves us alone in our struggles of lives. One night a man had a dream. He dreamt he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints on the sand — one belonging to him and the other to the Lord. When the last scene had flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints, and he noticed only one set. He also noticed that this happened during the lowest and saddest times of his life. This bothered him and he questioned the Lord. “Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk all the way with me, but I noticed that during the most troublesome times of my life there was only one set of footprints. I don’t understand why, when I needed you most, you deserted me.” The Lord replied, “My precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, those were the times when I carried you in my arms.” What is our joy? Do we experience the joy that comes from the Lord?



Photo by Fr Iqbal Khushid

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Children

Resources for the
30th in Ordinary
Time

- [Gospel](#)
Reflection:
Bartimaeus
continues to call
out to Jesus
because he
believes that
Jesus will heal

him. Jesus' words to Bartimaeus tell us that our persistence in prayer is a sign of our faith that God wants to save us. (Loyola Press)

- [Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday](#)
- [Colouring page this Sunday](#): *Invite the children to colour in the accompanying illustration and to "spot the difference". Which picture shows something unfair and which shows a possible solution? Encourage them to draw on the back what change they would like to see in the world to make it a fairer place for all people to live.*
- [Sunday Connection for 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time](#) (Gr. 1-8)
- Video: Studio 3:16 | [The First Shall Be Last](#) - Comedy for kids
- Children's Sunday Liturgy for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 - [Children's Liturgy weekly leaflet for leaders or parents](#) by CAFOD, with gospel reflection, intercession & activity suggestions) | [Illustration](#)
 - [Children's Liturgy at home for leaders or parents](#) - by Catholic Children's Liturgy
 - [Children's Liturgy of the Word with Miss Heidi](#) (Catholic TV)
 - Does your parish have online Sunday program for children? If so, please share it with communications@calgarydiocese.ca

Visit the [Diocesan Event Calendar](#)

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Weekly reflections can be found here:

[Vatican News](#) | [The Sunday Website](#)
[Sunday Connection](#) | [CCCB Reflection \(new link\)](#)

Daily and Sunday Mass
Prayers & Readings: [CCCB Daily Readings](#) (pick the desired date)

Full schedule of Parish
Livestream Masses:
<https://www.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

- [Sacraments & Liturgies](#)
- [Spiritual Resources](#)
- [Sacrament Preparation](#) (First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation)
- [Online Formation Opportunity](#)

#ListeningChurch

How have you experienced **WALKING TOGETHER** AS THE CHURCH?



People of God throughout the world are invited by the Holy Father and the Bishops to examine the way the Church has carried forward her work and mission in the world.

In the Diocese of Calgary, you will be able to participate in the Synod through your involvement in parish committees or groups, lay associations, Catholic schools, or online.

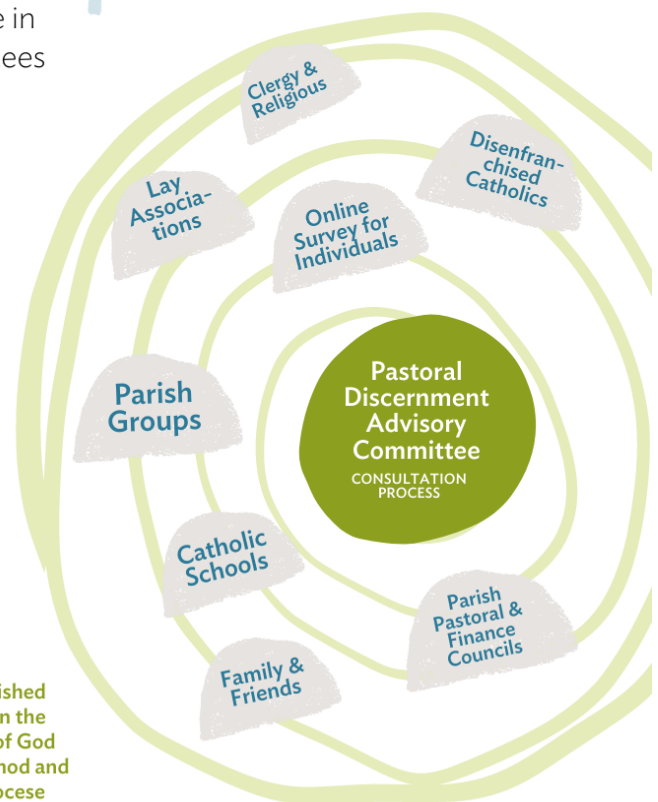
What is a Synod?

"Synod" is an ancient and venerable word in the Tradition of the Church which indicates the path along which the People of God walk together. Synodality denotes the particular style that qualifies the life and mission of the Church, expressing her nature as the People of God journeying together and gathering in assembly, summoned by the Lord Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel.

GET INVOLVED IN THE SYNODAL PROCESS

We are in the early stages of the local Synodal process. For more information and to sign up for updates on the Synod on Synodality in our Diocese

* VISIT CATHOLICYYC.CA/
SYNOD



The Pastoral Discernment Advisory Committee (PDAC) has been established by the Bishop to facilitate and sustain the pathways for consulting the People of God during the Diocesan Phase of the Synod and for the continuing renewal of the Diocese

Bishop William T. McGrattan | Bishop of Calgary
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World Mission Sunday - Oct. 24

Your prayer and donations will assist churches, hospitals, schools, and the training of priests in mission dioceses & throughout the world. The funds collected assist some 1,250 mission dioceses under the responsibility of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.

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THIS COMING SUNDAY
**World Mission
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Oct. 23/24, 2021

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday. Today, every Catholic community and parish throughout the world is involved in this special event. It is a day that we show that all Catholics are missionaries who have a role to play in spreading the message of the Gospel. We are being sent to be witnesses to what we have seen and heard, through prayer and personal sacrifices, for our brothers and sisters around the world. For as little as \$40 helps support a catechist for a month in remote areas of the missions; \$80 provides for the work of Religious Sisters caring for orphaned children in Africa, Asia, Latin America; \$100 assists poor children in boarding schools in the Amazon, Africa, and Asia. The financial assistance that you offer today, on World Mission Sunday, will support mission priests, religious sisters and brothers, and catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His love, healing, and peace. As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the missions. Thank you for participating with your prayers and donations on this World Mission Sunday. Please give generously today for the World Mission Sunday by visiting: catholiccyyc.ca/WorldMissionSunday or use the assigned parish envelopes for World Mission Sunday.

- [Message from Pope Francis](#) | [Message from National Director](#)
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