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NOVEMBER 7, 2021, 2021 – 32ND 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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SATURDAY at 5:00PM

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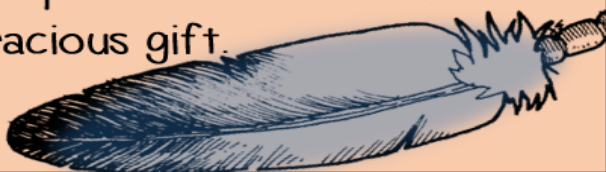
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Sunday 10:30am Mass
Medicine Hat Holy Family Church
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We acknowledge that Treaty 7 territory, on which we stand, is the ancestral land of the Indigenous peoples and is common home to everyone in virtue of God our Creator's gracious gift.



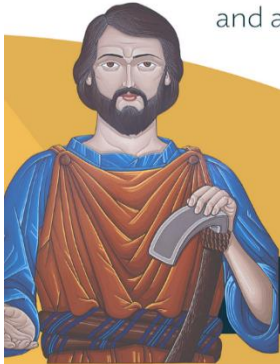
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1.4 MILLION of the Diocesan goal will financially support the approved diocesan ministries, partner organizations, and agencies. See list at catholicyyc.ca/tia



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 \$ **34,582.40** = 70%

OPERATING FINANCES

October 1-31, 2021

Operating Budget 2021	\$ 55,019
General Envelope Collection	\$ 45,397
Loose Collections	\$ 773
Future Development	\$ 2,736
Sale of Church Supplies & Other	\$ 2,661
Other Ministries	\$ 575
Government Subsidy	\$ 4,241
Budget Vs Actual	\$ 1,364

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 6,302
Clergy Retirement	\$ 50
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 2,561
Seminarian Fund	\$ 10
Mission Mexico	\$ 75
CARO	\$ 190
Needs of the Cdn. Church	\$ 225
World Missions	\$ 550
Catholic Education	\$ 55

Thank You for your Generous Contributions

† Masses Intentions †

November 6 to 12, 2021

Saturday, November 6

8:30 am – John, Lorraine & Henry
Weimer †

5:00pm – Katie Schafer †

Sunday, November 7

8:30 am – Holy Family Parish

10:30am – Chester Dumanowski

6:00pm – The Sehn Kids

Monday, November 8

9:00am – Steve Van Den Broek †

Tuesday, November 9

9:00am – Bonnie Ann Desormeau †

6:30pm – Mass of the Angels †

Wednesday, November 10

9:00am – Cruz's Deceased Family †

Thursday, November 11

9:00am – Joseph Schafer †

Friday, November 12

9:00am – Simon & Mary Voeller †

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, November 2, 2021

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17.10-16

The widow made a little cake and brought it to Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 146.6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10 (*R. 1*)

R. Praise the Lord, oh my soul!

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9.24-28

Christ appeared once for all to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Gospel: Mark 12.38-44

The poor widow has put in more than all the rest.

WHAT BOTHERS JESUS.

False piety and arrogant behavior are two things that bother Jesus in today's gospel. He applauds, instead, the poor widow who is so generous with the little she has.

- † How will I be generous with the money I have?
- † How will I be generous with the time I have for the benefit of another?
- † How will I be generous with mercy work?

Mass of the Angels

Tuesday, November 9, 2020

Mass 6:30pm

Bring live flowers in remembrance.

For all the unborn babies, still born babies and their families We ask that you bring a living flower with your family name attached in memory of your baby to place at the altar.

Sacramental Preparation



1st Reconciliation next class...

Sessions for both children and parents,
Children in Hall & Parents in the Church...
Thursday November 18, 2021 – 6:30-7:30pm

Confirmation next class...

All Sessions in the Hall...
Wednesday, January 5, 2022 – 6:30-7:50pm



November 13, 2021

8:30 – 9:30 am

St. Patrick's Parish Hall

Theme

The Kingdom of Comfort

Presenter

Kevin Wells

"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.

Photo Directories Available for \$20.00 at the office



Sisters' Visit

November 20 - Family Retreat 9:30am-1:00pm

Attending All Weekend Masses November 20 & 21

November 21 - 4:00-5:00pm St. Patrick's Church -

Advent Parish Mission

November 22 - Morning School Visit

6:00pm Holy Family Parish -

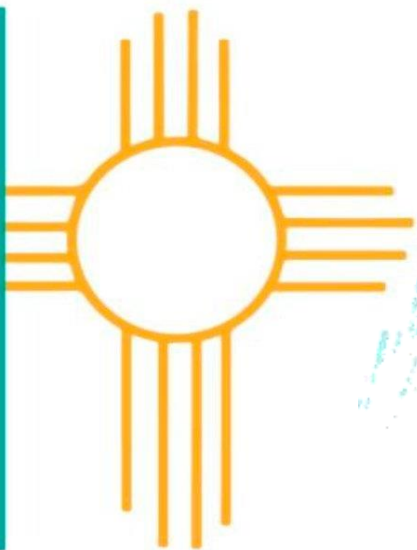
Holy Mass followed by the Advent Parish Mission

Remember Their Sacrifices for the Sake of our Peace

Remembrance Day 2021

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021

CATHOLIC EDUCATION:
REBUILD
RESTORE
 **RENEW**
TOGETHER



Bishops' Letter Regarding Catholic Education Sunday

God of grace,
help us to rediscover how to be side by side
in **rebuilding** our communities of faith and learning.
Help us **restore** harmony and balance in our
relationships,
and **renew** our desire to approach challenges
confidently and with peaceful hearts.
May we always rejoice in recognizing the blessings our
lives hold.
Amen.

#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.

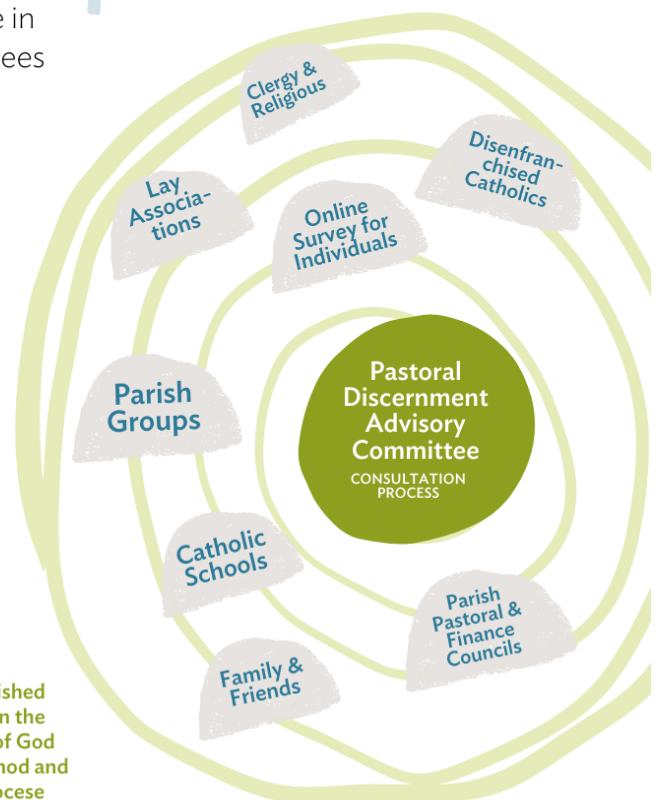
What is a Synod?

"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

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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

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

Sunday, November 7, 2021

TRUE SHARING

As we begin the month of November, I find the air around us is full of sadness and restlessness. Everything looks so gloomy and broken that we fail to understand where and which way to go? I think it is a natural feeling we have as we remember our dear and near ones who have gone to the Lord before us. However, this month does leave two questions for us to ponder and reflect upon: Is death the end of everything? What should we do about people who have gone to the Lord before us? These questions are always disturbing because no one wants to die and neither does anyone want to see someone die and leave them. But we must remember Christian death is not the end of life but a transition from one place to another place for those who have gone to the Lord, they have left us an example of true sharing of their lives. The true sharing involves love, faith, and sacrifice. These elements make the sharing or giving selfless and priceless of those who do, will always be remembered as St. Maximilian Kolbe.

During the Second World War, Polish Priest Maximilian Kolbe was arrested by the German Gestapo for hiding Jews and Polish refugees from the Nazis. When three prisoners disappeared from the Auschwitz concentration camp, the deputy camp commander issued orders to pick ten men to be starved to death to deter further escape attempts. One of these ten, Franciszek Gajowniczek, began to cry out, "My wife! My children! I will never see them again!" At this point, Kolbe stepped forward, removed his cap, and said, "I am a Catholic Priest. Let me take his place. I am old. He has a wife and children." Amazingly, the commander allowed the request.

In the starvation cell, he celebrated Mass each day and sang hymns with his fellow prisoners. After two weeks of dehydration and starvation, only Kolbe remained alive. Because the cell was needed for other prisoners, he was given a lethal injection. Those present say he raised his left arm and calmly waited for the injection. That's an example of true sharing which is the true identity of Christian living. St. James in his letter reminds everyone to look after their actions: "But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who investigate the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing"

(1:22-25). I always say our dear and near ones who have gone back to the Lord, have given us so much to cherish and learn from their lives the true example of Christian sharing or giving. The stories of their lives are written in such a way that we cherish their memories and wisdom. Their lives were living example of true faith and sharing that we admire their presence in our lives. True sharing happens not only with faith but action as well.

St. James is right to say "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So, faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you, my faith. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is barren? Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. Thus, the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness," and he was called the friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead" (2:14-26).

Following is the story "The shoe man" by an unknown author which really opens our hearts and minds to understand our Christian discipleship and true identity. The story follows as:

"My alarm went off. It was Sunday again. I was sleepy and tired, my one day to sleep in. But the guilt I would feel the rest of the day would have been too much. So, I'd go, and I'd pray. I showered and shaved. I adjusted my tie. I got there and sat in a pew just in time. Bowing my head in prayer. As I closed my eyes, I saw the shoe of the man next to me touching my own. I sighed. With plenty of room on either side I thought, "Why must our soles touch?" It bothered me, his shoe touching mine, but it didn't bother him much. A prayer began: "Our Father"... I thought, "This man with the shoes has no pride. They're dusty, worn, and scratched. Even worse, there are holes on the side!" "Thank You for blessings," the prayer went on. The shoe man said a quiet "Amen."

I tried to focus on the prayer. But my thoughts were on his shoes again. Aren't we supposed to look our best? When walking through that door? "Well, this certainly isn't it," I thought, Glancing toward the floor. Then the prayer was ended. And the songs of praise began. The shoe man was certainly loud. Sounding proud as he sang. His voice lifted the rafters. His hands were raised high. The Lord could surely hear the shoe man's voice from the sky. It was time for the offering. And what I threw in was steep. I watched as the shoe man reached into his pockets so deep. I saw what was pulled out. What the shoe man put in. Then I heard a soft "clink" as when silver hits tin. The sermon really bored me. To tears, and that's no lie. It was the same for the shoe man. For tears fell from his eyes. At the end of the service as is the custom here. We must greet new visitors and show them all good cheer.

But I felt moved somehow and wanted to meet the shoe man. So, after the closing prayer I reached over and shook his hand. He was old and his skin was dark, and his hair was truly a mess. But I thanked him for coming. For being our guest. He said, "My names' Charlie. I'm glad to meet you, my friend."

There were tears in his eyes. But he had a large, wide grin "Let me explain," he said. Wiping tears from his eyes. "I've been coming here for months, and you're the first to say 'Hi.'" "I know that my appearance is not like all the rest, But I really do try to always look my best. I always clean and polish my shoes before my very long walk but by the time I get here they're dirty and dusty, like chalk."

My heart filled with pain, and I swallowed to hide my tears. As he continued to apologize for daring to sit so near. He said, "When I get here, I know I must look a sight. But I thought if I could touch you, then maybe our souls might unite." I was silent for a moment, knowing whatever was said would pale in comparison. I spoke from my heart, not my head. "Oh, you've touched me," I said, "And taught me, in part; "That the best of any man is what is found in his heart." The rest, I thought, this shoe man will never know. Like just how thankful I really am that his dirty old shoe touched my soul".

The Readings of Sacred Scripture for this Sunday are eye opening to examine ourselves to see if we have the spirit of true sharing. In the First Reading taken from the First Book of Kings we read the story of an old widow who has little food to live on but when requested by Prophet Elijah, she shows the true spirit of sharing. Through her true sharing, she won the reward of having the blessings of God. Author of Letter to Hebrews says "Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So, we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" (13:1-6)

There are three very important aspects in the First Reading: First the willingness of the Widow who is living with her son. We don't know how old she was and her son as well. She was willing to share what little she had to live on. Secondly, she trusts in Elijah and provided him the food he requested. I believe trust in sharing is very important because God gives to everyone who trust in him as Psalmist says, "the lion cub can go hungry but know the one who trust in him". Thirdly God's blessings continue to be given to those who learn to share and give. There is always reward for those people as Abraham was rewarded by the Lord after showing hospitality to three angels.

In the Second Reading we reflect on the true sharing spirit of our Lord who sacrificed himself once of all to unite us to himself. Jesus being the High Priest offered sacrifice of our sins and saved us from the dominion of sin so that we may become worthy of God's kingdom.

Today's Gospel has two parts: not to follow the hypocrites and offers an example of true Christian giving and sharing. Let's start with the first: what not to do. In the first part, Jesus accuses the scribes, the teachers of the law, of having three defects in their lifestyle: pride, greed, and hypocrisy. They like "to have salutations in the marketplaces and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at feasts". But beneath such solemn appearances they are hiding falsehood and injustice. While flaunting themselves in public, they use their authority as Jesus says to devour "the houses of widows"; those who, along with orphans and foreigners, were considered to be the people most vulnerable and least protected. Lastly, Jesus says that the scribes, "for the sake of appearance say long prayers". Even today we risk taking on these attitudes. For example, when prayer is separate from justice so that God cannot be worshiped and causing harm to the poor. Or when one claims to love God, but instead offers him

only grandiosity for one's own advantage. Remember of the words of St. Paul to the Galatians "Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God" (5:16-21). This is absolutely against our Christian dignity and identity as well. Rather, as St. Paul continued to say, our true Christian identity must lie on "By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another" (5:22-26).

The second part of the Gospel follows this line of thinking. The scene is set in the temple of Jerusalem, precisely in the place where people are tossing coins as offerings. There are many rich people putting in large sums, and there is a poor woman, a widow, who contributes only two bits, two small coins. Jesus observes the widow carefully and calls the disciples' attention to the sharp contrast of the scene. The wealthy contributed with great ostentation what for them was superfluous, while the widow, Jesus says, "put in everything she had, she had to live on". For this reason, Jesus says, she gave the most of all. Because of her extreme poverty, she could have offered a single coin to the temple and kept the other for herself. But she did not want to give just half to God; she divested herself of everything. In her poverty she understood that in having God, she had everything; she felt completely loved by him and in turn loved him completely. What a beautiful example this little old woman offers us! St. Paul reminds all of us to give with cheerful hearts "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful give" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Today Jesus also tells us that the benchmark is not quantity but fullness. There is a difference between quantity and fullness, we can have a lot of money and still be empty. There is no fullness in our heart. This week, think about the difference there is between quantity and fullness. It is not a matter of the wallet, but of the heart. There is a difference between the wallet and the heart.... There are diseases of the heart, which reduce the heart to the wallet.... This is not good! To love God "with all your heart" means to trust in him, in his providence, and to serve him in the poorest brothers and sisters without expecting anything in return. The spirit of this widow should shake our Christian dignity to see if we have the true spirit of giving or sharing.

In our recent times our true spirit of giving or sharing has started shrinking and we have started losing respect and love for one another and we allow Satan to control us, just like in the story below: Satan called a worldwide convention of demons. In his opening address he said, "We can't keep Christians from going to church. We can't keep them from reading their Bibles and knowing the truth. We can't even keep them from forming an intimate relationship with their Savior. Once they gain that connection with Jesus, our power over them is broken. So let them go to their churches; let them have their covered dish dinners, but steal their time, so they don't have time to develop a relationship with Jesus Christ. This is what I want you to do," said the devil: "Distract them from gaining hold of their Savior and maintaining that vital connection throughout their day!"

"How shall we do this?" his demons shouted. "Keep them busy in the nonessentials of life and invent innumerable schemes to occupy their minds," he answered. "Tempt them to spend, spend, spend, and borrow, borrow, borrow. Persuade the wives to go to work for long hours and the husbands to work 6-7 days each week, 10-12 hours a day, so they can afford their empty lifestyles. Keep them from spending time with their children. As their families fragment, soon their homes will offer no escape from the pressures of work!"

"Over-stimulate their minds so that they cannot hear that still, small voice. Entice them to play the radio or cassette player whenever they drive. To keep the TV, VCR, CDs and their PCs going constantly in their home and see to it that every store and restaurant in the world plays non-biblical music constantly. This will jam their minds and break that union with Christ. Fill the coffee tables with magazines and newspapers. Pound their minds with the news 24 hours a day. Invade their driving moments with billboards. Flood their mailboxes with junk mail, mail order catalogs, sweepstakes, and every kind of newsletter and promotional offering free products, services and false hopes."

"Give them Santa Claus to distract them from teaching their children the real meaning of Christmas. Give them an Easter bunny so they won't talk about his resurrection and power over sin and death. Even in their recreation, let them be excessive. Have them return from their recreation exhausted. Keep them too busy to go out in nature and reflect on God's creation. Send them to amusement parks, sporting events, plays, concerts, and movies instead. Keep them busy, busy, busy!"

"And when they meet for spiritual fellowship, involve them in gossip and small talk so that they leave with troubled consciences. Crowd their lives with so many good causes they have no time to seek power from Jesus. Soon they will be working in their own strength, sacrificing their health and family for the good of the cause. It will work! It will work!"

It was quite a plan! The demons went eagerly to their assignments causing Christians everywhere to get busier and more rushed, going here and there, having little time for their God or their families and friends. Having no time to tell others about the power

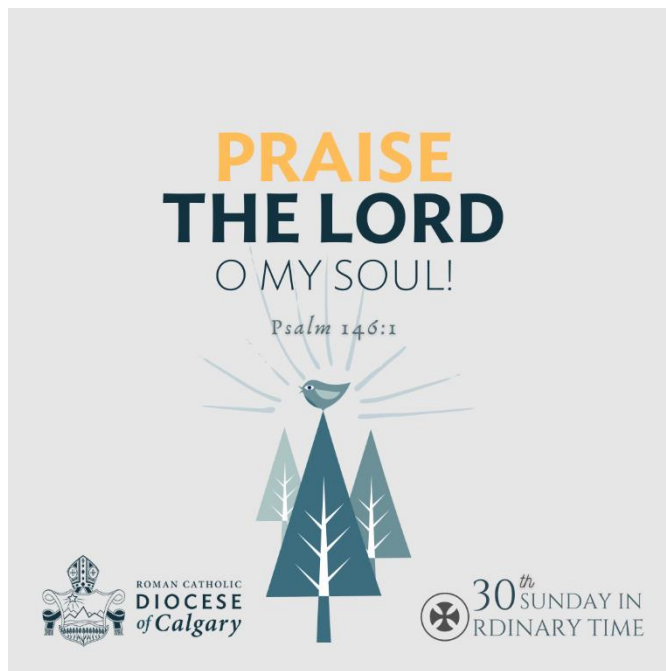
of Jesus to change lives. I guess the question is, has the devil been successful at his scheme? You be the judge!

Does "busy" mean: B-eing U-nder S-atan's Y-oke? Do we cherish our True Christian Sharing?



Photo by Fr. Iqbal Khurshid

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time



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COVID-19 Resources

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

Children Resources

- [Gospel](#) Reflection: We are called to be generous like the widow. Many of us can feel that we have little to give to a world that has so many problems. As he did with the widow, Jesus is telling us that what is most important to God is to give what we have with a generous heart. (Loyola Press)
 - [Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday](#)
 - [Colouring page this Sunday](#) - Invite the children to colour in the accompanying illustration and to draw on the collection box what they will give to share in the coming week.
 - [Sunday Connection for 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time](#) (Gr. 1-8)
 - Video: [Studio 3:16](#) | Weekly Comedy for kids (anticipating the Sunday Gospel)
- Children's Sunday Liturgy for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 - [Children's Liturgy for leaders/parents](#) (with intercessions and activities) - by CAFOD | [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

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Lest we forget



ROMAN CATHOLIC
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of Calgary

O GOD,

by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, look kindly on our departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of their country. Grant that through the passion, death and resurrection of your Son they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you with your saints forever. Amen.

Prayer: USCCB - Prayer for Deceased Veterans

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Pope Francis' visit to Canada

The Catholic Bishops of Canada are grateful that Pope Francis has accepted their invitation to visit Canada on a pilgrimage of healing and reconciliation. The Holy Father's full statement on the matter can be found [here](#).

In anticipation of this visit, the planned delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders, knowledge keepers and youth will travel to the Holy See, where they will have the opportunity to speak to Pope Francis about the timing, focus, and themes in preparation for his future pilgrimage to Canada.

"The Bishops of Canada have been engaged in meaningful discussions with Indigenous Peoples, especially those affected by Residential Schools who have shared stories about the suffering and challenges that they continue to experience," said CCCB President, the Most Rev. Raymond Poisson. "We pray that Pope Francis' visit to Canada will be a significant milestone in the journey toward reconciliation and healing."

The Canadian Bishops recently pledged to work with the Holy See and Indigenous partners on the possibility of a pastoral visit to Canada by the Pope. Following this pledge and informed by three years of ongoing dialogue between the Canadian Bishops, the Holy See, and Indigenous Peoples, the President and former-President of the CCCB met in Rome with the Secretary of State of the Holy See to discuss next steps on the reconciliation journey earlier this month and in preparation for the delegation.

This delegation to the Holy See will take place from December 17-20, 2021 and is being planned in close collaboration with National Indigenous Organizations and other partners.

"We will invite the delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders, knowledge keepers, and youth who will meet with Pope Francis to open their hearts to the Holy Father and share both their suffering as well as their hopes and desires for his eventual visit to Canada," added Bishop Poisson.

Additional details about Pope Francis' pilgrimage to Canada, as well as the Rome delegation will be announced by the CCCB as details are confirmed.

We pray that Pope Francis' visit to Canada will be a significant milestone in the journey toward reconciliation and healing.

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Employment Opportunities

There are more employment opportunities in parishes and Catholic organizations throughout the Diocese. Highlighted this week:

- Project Assistant (Archives - Contract) - Catholic Pastoral Centre
- Admin Assistant (part time) - Ste. Famille, Calgary
- Pastoral Assistant (part time) - Ste. Famille, Calgary

Please visit catholiccyyc.ca/careers for more information and application details.

World Day of the Poor – Nov. 14

The Fifth World Day of the Poor will be observed on **14 November 2021**. In the message, entitled *“The poor you will always have with you” (Mk 14:7)*, Pope Francis states:

“The *poor*, always and everywhere, *evangelize us*, because they enable us to discover in new ways the true face of the Father. ‘They have much to teach us. Besides participating in the *sensus fidei*, they know the suffering Christ through their own sufferings. It is necessary that we all let ourselves be evangelized by them. The new evangelization is an invitation to recognize the salvific power of their lives and to place them at the centre of the Church’s journey. We are called to discover Christ in them, to lend them our voice in their causes, but also to be their friends, to listen to them, to understand them and to welcome the mysterious wisdom that God wants to communicate to us through them. Our commitment does not consist exclusively of activities or programmes of promotion and assistance; what the Holy Spirit mobilizes is not an unruly activism, but above all an attentiveness that considers the other in a certain sense as one with ourselves. This loving attentiveness is the beginning of a true concern for their person which inspires me effectively to seek their good’ (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 198-199).”

Pope Francis established the World Day of Poor following the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in November 2016.

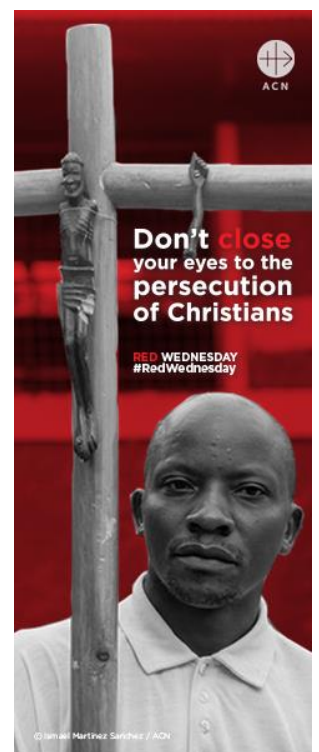
- [Pope Francis' message for the 2021 World Day of the Poor](#)

Red Wednesday – Nov. 17

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN Canada) will hold its 7th annual [Red Wednesday](#) on **November 17**. The goal of the event is to raise awareness and to pray for persecuted Christians, who are the most discriminated against religious group in the world.

To show our solidarity with Christians who are suffering, ACN is asking all parishes to contribute to this day in memory of martyred and suffering Christians. Please consider these activities:

- Light a candle in red glass holders and place around the parish altar on Nov. 17. Families can be encouraged to do this at home as well.
- Use the *Prayer for persecuted Christians* at the beginning of committee/group meetings during the week of Nov. 17. [Download prayer](#)
- Organize a Mass or Adoration hours for persecuted Christians on that day.
- Organize devotional prayers such as the Rosary and/or the Divine Mercy Chaplet.



- Wear red and invite people to do the same and share your pictures on social media channels with hashtags #RedWednesday #CatholicYYC
- Illuminate in red a church or other important buildings in your area.
- Use social media to publicize the event and raise awareness of the cause using #RedWednesday
- Choose special Universal Prayer petitions to include in the Mass

The *Saint John's Bible*: A Lifetime's Dream

St. Mary's University invites you to a virtual event with world-renowned artist and calligrapher Donald Jackson, Artistic Director of the [St. John's Bible](#). Join the event and listen to Donald's personal insights and experience. When: **Thursday, Nov. 18, 2021 at 4 pm.** Cost: Free.



- To learn more about the event and register, [click here](#).

Resources & Announcements

Pope calls for international commitment to eliminate child labour

In a message to the General Director of the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization, Pope Francis calls for a joint international commitment to eradicate the scourge of child labour. [Read more](#)

Pope prays for Haiti, flood victims in Vietnam & Sicily

Pope Francis expresses his closeness to people hit by flooding in Vietnam and the Italian island of Sicily, urges civil authorities in Haiti to protect people as gang-related violence spikes, and hopes COP26 will produce effective solutions to climate change. [Read more](#)

2021 Vatican Nativity Scene hails from the Andes

The traditional St. Peter's Square Crib is a gift, this year, from Peru's Chopcca Nation, while the majestic red fir Christmas tree comes from a forest in the northern Italian region of Trentino. [Read more](#)

Dedication of Saint John Lateran Basilica (Nov. 9)

Most Catholics think of St. Peter's as the pope's main church, but this is not the case. St. John Lateran is the pope's church, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome where the Bishop of Rome presides. Unlike the commemorations of other Roman churches, this anniversary is a feast. To learn why, [read more](#).

St. Leo the Great on confronting unexpected challenges

The next time you find yourself dealing with something that seems difficult or impossible, let Fr. Rennier's reflection on St. Leo the Great (Feast day: Nov. 10) inspire you. [Read more](#)

Saint Martin of Tours, who raised three people from the dead

It is a happy coincidence that Remembrance Day falls on the feast day of St. Martin of Tours, patron of soldiers (among other occupations). To learn why, [read more](#).

St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

St. Josaphat (Feast day: Nov. 12) was an Eastern Rite Bishop who was martyred in 1623 while trying to restore unity between the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church. To learn about this amazing saint, [read more](#).



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.