



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

NOVEMBER 14, 2021, 2021 – 33RD 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.

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Fr. Iqbal Khurshid & Fr Rodel Abanto
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Reconciliation...

Friday 9:30am–10:30am. & Saturday 3:30–4:45pm.
Or by Appointment

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

THE CHAPEL IS OPEN

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

ADORATION FRIDAY 9:30 – 10:30am



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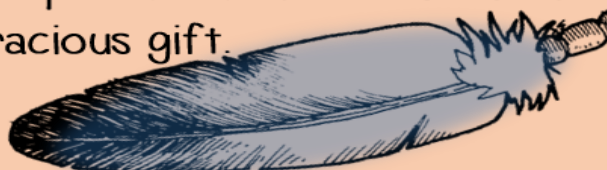
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Sunday 10:30am Mass
Medicine Hat Holy Family Church
Live Stream

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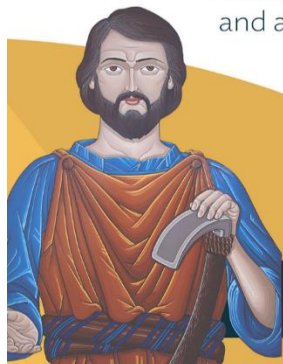
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1.4 MILLION of the Diocesan goal will financially support the approved diocesan ministries, partner organizations, and agencies. See list at catholicyyc.ca/tia



2021
THE YEAR of
ST. JOSEPH

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

OUR PARISH GOAL

\$ 49,657

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

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

TO DATE \$ 35,312 = 71%

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 13 to 19, 2021

Saturday, November 13

5:00pm – Sophie Dumanowski †

Sunday, November 14

8:30 am – Helen Buchinski †

10:30am – Albert Weimer †

6:00pm – Holy Family Parish

Monday, November 15

9:00am – Brent Desrosiers †

Tuesday, November 16

9:00am – Maria Garcia

Wednesday, November 17

9:00am – Derrick Risling †

Thursday, November 18

9:00am – Tony & Eugena Schafer

Friday, November 19

9:00am – Ken Quennell †

**6:30pm – Knights of Columbus
Memorial Mass**

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, November 14, 2021

1st Reading: Daniel 12.1-3

At that time your people shall be delivered.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 16.5+8. 9-10, 11 (R. 1)

R. Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10.11-14, 18

By a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Gospel: Mark 13.24-32

The Son of Man will gather the elect from the four winds.

Our Society of St. Vincent de Paul volunteers continue to assist families and single people in need in our community. Most of us live a life in which we can easily meet our needs. However, there are many who do not have the means to ensure they have a roof over their heads, let alone money to buy groceries or medication or to pay bills to ensure they have utilities and phone service. Often, those we assist are overwhelmed by the help we provide. We do our best to give them words of comfort and reassurance to let them know they are not alone and that others do care about their well being.

Thank you for your generosity as it makes it possible for us to help our neighbours in need within our community.

IS THE END-TIME COMING?

The liturgical year of 2021 ends in 14 days. These past weeks have kept our focus on living in the Kingdom of God and living for its completion. Who knows when this world will end? None of us! It will come when God is ready. We know it ends here for each of us at death. And then perdures forever in the eternal presence of God. Rather than fret about when the end will come, let us behave rightly now.

- ✝ What will I do today to behave as God wants?
- ✝ What will I say today that is right and true and just?
- ✝ What mercy work will guide my week?

Sacramental Preparation



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

1st Reconciliation next class...

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

Confirmation next class...

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

Catholic and Living It New Evangelization in your Advent

LADIES RETREAT

PRESENTER IS KATHY GLASGO

November 27, 2021

1:00 - 4:00 PM

THIS IS OPEN TO ALL LADIES



November 20, 2021

8:30 – 9:30 am

St. Patrick's Parish Hall

Theme

Acquiring A Taste for Heaven

Presenter

Dr. Lenny Delorenzo

RED WEDNESDAY

CWL will lead the rosary at 8:30 am Wednesday Nov 17th before the 9:00 am Mass for RED WEDNESDAY. The intentions are for persecuted Christians and promotion of respect and tolerance.

Please wear RED.

Photo Directories Available for \$20.00 at
the office

Retreat theme: **"SAINT JOSEPH,
A ROLE MODEL IN THE FAMILY"**

November 20 at 9:30am-1:00 at Holy Family
People can bring their own snacks if they like.

Advent mission: **"THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE
DARKNESS."** (Jn 1.5)

November 21 @ 4-5pm at St. Patrick's Parish or
November 22 @ 6pm at Holy Family Parish
Mass followed by the Parish Mission.
There will be free will offering.



Seeds of the Word *For Mass Vis* **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

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

The 2022 envelopes
are ready to be picked
up; however, many of
you will have a
different envelope
number since we used
the lowest numbers
possible!

Please write your
name and address as
you begin to use your
new envelopes!!!

THANK YOU!

The 28th Annual GIFT SHARING Sunday November 27th & 28th.



The First Sunday of Advent. Make the Christmas season more enjoyable for families and individuals in need in our community. Parishioners can bring gifts (unwrapped toys, non-perishable food items or monetary donations) before all Masses November 27th & 28th. The unwrapped toys for The Santa Claus Fund can be placed in the alcove by the Mary statue. Non-perishable food items for the Food Bank can be placed in the alcove by the Jesus and the Saints statue. All monetary donations for The Society of St. Vincent de Paul can be placed in the donation box near the Altar. Please make cheques payable to "Holy Family Parish Gift Sharing". If you wish to donate cash and would like a tax receipt, please include your name and address and envelope number if you have one.



CAREER OPPORTUNITY for

Administrative Assistant/Sacrament Preparation (Part-time)
St. Patrick's Parish (Medicine Hat)

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and look under Careers click on the link below

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

Sunday, November 14, 2021

HE PROTECTS US

We are almost coming to the end of the liturgical calendar Year B and next Sunday we will be celebrating the Solemnity of Christ the King. During this liturgical calendar we were given one Biblical personality to walk and pray with: St. Joseph. All though he is a silent character in the New Testament, his silence is worth a million words as he gave us the examples of obedience, righteousness, care, protection and love for God and his family. He is the patron saint of the parting souls who reminds us that we share in the resurrection of Christ who died on the Cross to give us eternal life.

The Readings this week not only speak about the end time, (Eschatology), they offer us a moment to reflect on the protection the Lord God is going to provide. Although end time narratives always scare people and thus no one wants to talk to about them. We want to live in peaceful world and don't have to hear anything about violence, war, hatred, division, killing and destruction but reality is very bitter and maybe sometimes more than what we can think. However, when we hear about the end times through the Bible, it is not to scare us but to prepare us for the final destination, that is eternal life or heaven. God loves us and he wants to protect us, even though sometimes that protection may not be visible.

During World War II, a Marine was separated from his unit on a Pacific Island. The fighting had been intense, and in the smoke and the crossfire, he had lost touch with his comrades. Alone in the jungle, he could hear enemy soldiers coming in his direction. Scrambling for cover, he found his way up a high ridge to several small caves in the rock. Quickly he crawled inside one of the caves. Although safe for the moment, he realized that the enemy soldiers looking for him had swept up the ridge, they would quickly search all the caves and he would be killed. As he waited, he prayed, "Lord, if it be your will, please protect me. Whatever your will though, I love you and trust you. Amen."

After praying, he lay quietly listening to the enemy begin to draw close. He thought, "Well, I guess the Lord isn't going to help me out of this one." Just then he saw a spider begin to build a web over the front of his cave. As he watched, listening to the enemy searching for him all the while, the spider layered strand after strand of web across the opening of the cave. "Hah" he thought, "what I need is a brick wall and what the Lord has sent me is a spider web. God does have a sense of humor." As the enemy drew closer, he watched from the darkness of his hideout and could see them searching one cave after another. As they came to his, he got ready to make his last stand. To his amazement, however, after glancing in the direction of his cave, they moved on. Suddenly, he realized that with the spider web over the entrance, his cave looked as if no one had entered it for quite a while. "Lord, forgive me," prayed the young man, "I had forgotten that in you a spider's web is stronger than a brick wall."

We all face times of great trouble. When we do, it is so easy to forget the victories that God would work in our lives, sometimes in the most surprising ways.

As the great leader, Nehemiah, reminded the people of Israel when they faced the task of rebuilding Jerusalem, "In God we will have success!" Nehemiah 2:20

Remember: Whatever is happening in our life, with God, a mere spider's web can become a brick wall of protection. Trust and believe that He is with us always. Just ask for his help and we will see His great power and love for us. Issues concerning the end of the world have always been fascinating. They are also quite terrifying. The end of the world will usher in a time of divine judgment. We might not like to talk about it, but we must.

There are really only three ways we can look at the end of the world. The first way is popular, and it goes like this: "What 'end of the world?' There's not going to be any 'end of the world.' Who's to say there's some God? Or a purpose? Or guiding hand? Or any real progress to speak of? History isn't going anywhere, except maybe 'round and 'round in a circle. There's not going to be any 'end of the world'. The second way we can look at the end of the world is to say, "There sure is going to be an 'end of the world!'" This second view usually comes in different versions. For example, many folks speak of an environmental apocalypse, saying, "Follow the trends on rising temperatures, melting glaciers, disappearing rain forests, and shrinking ozone layers.

Third, is a spiritual end times of the world which Bible speaks frequently about. Why Bible or God needs to speak about end times when God himself created world with great love and has never left the world unattended? Is God making people afraid of the end times, when he himself says "do not be afraid, I am with you till the end of age? Answer to above all is only "No because he loves us, and he wants to protect us from every fear and evil" as St. Paul says, "he can not deny himself". So, the world is going to end one day - but probably not yet. There is a day coming in which God will destroy the universe and all that is in it. The Bible refers to that day in various terms: the "day of judgment" (Matthew 12:36), "Christ's second coming" (1 Corinthians 15:23), the "great and terrible day of the Lord" (Malachi 4:5).

In the First Reading we read through Prophet Daniel about the end times but with the great image of a protector St. Michael the Archangel. "When those terrible things take place, God has a plan to save his people. We first heard of Michael in 10:13, when "a man clothed in linen"—presumably an angel sought to reassure Daniel. He said that "the prince of the kingdom of Persia" had opposed him, but Michael dealt with that dark prince. He then said, "there is none who holds with me against these, but Michael your prince". In the New Testament, Michael is portrayed as fighting Satan (Jude 1:9; Revelation 12:7).

This time of anguish would be when Antiochus IV tried to "profane the sanctuary, even the fortress, and shall take away the continual *burnt offering*, and they shall set up the abomination that makes desolate". He will defeat Egypt and "go forth with great fury to destroy and utterly to sweep away many". In spite of this bad king's power and wealth, "he shall come to his end, and none will help him". His power and wealth will not protect him against justice of God, who will deliver his people. That is a book in which God records the names of the righteous. It is "a list of those who belong to God's people, the citizen list of the true Jerusalem". Daniel's vision promises that the faithful shall shine like those stars—beautiful—dependable—useful—eternal. People would admire them. They would learn to guide by the light of their faithful mentors. Faithful people would bless all those who observed their lives, just as we are all blessed by the lights that God has placed in the sky. Surely with this verse

in mind, Jesus concluded his Parable of the Weeds by saying: "Then the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father" (Matthew 13:43).

The Responsorial Psalm contains the prayer of protect and refuge "Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge". This Psalm encourages us to keep praying every day to God for our protection and protection of others. During this pandemic we have seen similar situation as fear has wrapped the whole world, yet no one has the answer "how and when this pandemic will end?" The Author of Letter to Hebrews does remind us of that despite all fear, sorrows, anguish and grief of end time, we must believe in Jesus "who had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, and since then has been waiting until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering, he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified". How do we trust in the protection of Jesus, is a question for us to reflect?

This is a writing by an unknown author on behalf of Jesus for us to ponder upon.

As you well know, we are getting closer to my birthday. Every year there is a celebration in my honor, and I think that this year the celebration will be repeated. during this time there are many people shopping for gifts, there are many radio announcements, TV commercials, and in every part of the world everyone is talking that my birthday is getting closer and closer. It is really very nice to know, that at least once a year, some people think of me. As you know, the celebration of my birthday began many years ago. At first people seemed to understand and be thankful of all that I did for them, but in these times, no one seems to know the reason for the celebration. Family and friends get together and have lots of fun, but they don't know the meaning of the celebration. I remember that last year there was a great feast in my honor. The dinner table was full of delicious foods, pastries, fruits, assorted nuts, and chocolates. The decorations were exquisite and there were many, beautifully wrapped gifts. But do you want to know something? I wasn't invited. I was the guest of honor, and they didn't remember to send me an invitation. The party was for me, but when that great day came, I was left outside they closed the door in my face, and I wanted to be with them and share their table.

In truth, that didn't surprise me because in the last few years all close their doors to me. Since I wasn't invited, I decided to enter the party without making any noise. I went in and stood in a corner. They were all drinking; there were some who were drunk and telling jokes and laughing at everything. They were having a grand time. To top it all, this big fat man all dressed in red wearing a long white beard entered the room yelling Ho-Ho-Ho! He seemed drunk. He sat on the sofa and all the children ran to him, saying: "Santa Claus, Santa Claus" as if the party were in his honor! At midnight all the people began to hug each other; I extended my arms waiting for someone to hug me and do you know no-one hugged me. Suddenly they all began to share gifts. They opened them one by one with great expectation. When all had been opened, I looked to see if, maybe, there was one for me. What would you feel if on your birthday everybody shared gifts and you did not get one? I then understood that I was unwanted at that party and quietly left. Every year it gets worse. People only remember the gifts, the parties, to eat and drink, and nobody remembers me. I would like this Christmas that you allow me to enter into your life. I would like that you recognize the fact that almost two thousand years ago I came to this world to give my life for you, on the cross, to save you. Today, I only want that you believe this with all your heart. I want to share something with you. As many didn't invite me to their party, I will have my own celebration, a grandiose party that no one has ever imagined, a spectacular party. I'm still making the final arrangements.

Today I am sending out many invitations and there is an invitation for you. I want to know if you wish to attend, and I will make a reservation for you and write your name with golden letters in my great guest book. Only those on the guest list will be invited to the party. Those who don't answer the invite

will be left outside. Be prepared because when all is ready you will be part of my great party. See you soon. I Love you! Jesus.

The Gospel of this Sunday of the liturgical year offers us part of Jesus' discourse regarding the last events of human history, oriented toward the complete fulfilment of the reign of God. It is the talk that Jesus gave in Jerusalem before his last Passover. It has certain apocalyptic elements, such as wars, famine, cosmic catastrophes: "The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken". However, these segments are not the essential part of the message. The core around which Jesus' words turn is he himself, the mystery of his person, and of his death and resurrection, and his return at the end of time. He is for eternity who has conquered the world and its forces.

Holy Father Pope Francis reflecting on the Gospel says "Our final goal is the encounter with the Risen Lord. I would like to ask how many of you think about this. "There will be a day in which I meet the Lord face to face". And this is our goal: the encounter. We do not await a time or a place, but we are going to encounter a person: Jesus. Thus, the problem is not "when" these premonitory signs of the last days will occur, but rather our being prepared. Neither is it about knowing "how" these things will happen, but instead "how" we have to act today, in awaiting these things".

We are called to live the present, building our future with serenity and trust in God. The parable of the fig tree that sprouts, as a sign of the approaching summer teaches that the perspective of the end doesn't distract us from the present life, but rather brings us to look at our current days with an outlook of hope. The smallest but strongest of the virtues. And our hope has a face: the face of the Risen Lord, who comes "with great power and glory", which will manifest his love, crucified, and transfigured in the Resurrection. This virtue of hope that is so hard to live. Many of you will agree with me that this pandemic has really exposed the true colours of our lives and faith. How many of us are divided over the pandemic issues, masking & vaccine for example to mention some? So much hate and division going on in our society that we have lost respect for other people. The triumph of Jesus at the end of time will be the triumph of the Cross, the demonstration that the sacrifice of oneself for love of neighbour, in imitation of Christ, is the only victorious power, the only stable point during the upheavals and tragedies of the world.

The Lord Jesus is not only the destination of our earthly pilgrimage, but also a constant presence in our lives; he is also beside us, he always accompanies. That's why, when we speak of the future and project ourselves toward it, it is always to lead us back to the present. He weeps over the destruction of Jerusalem and how much more will he not cry for us (Luke 20)? He is at our side; he walks with us; he loves us. He wants to remove from his disciples of every age the curiosity about dates, predictions, horoscopes, and focus their attention on the today of history. How many of you read your horoscope every day? Each one answer, and when you feel like reading your horoscope, look to Jesus who is with you. This is better and will be better for you. This presence of Jesus calls us to the anticipation and vigilance that exclude both impatience and weariness, both the escaping to the future and the becoming prisoners of the current moment and of worldliness. Remember the words of Jesus "Come to me all those who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, I will give you rest" (Mt 11:27-30). St. Peter does warn to be strong against the devil who deceives us, makes afraid of our future rather than trusting in the Lord who protects us from every evil and human powers "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will

himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen” (5:6-11).

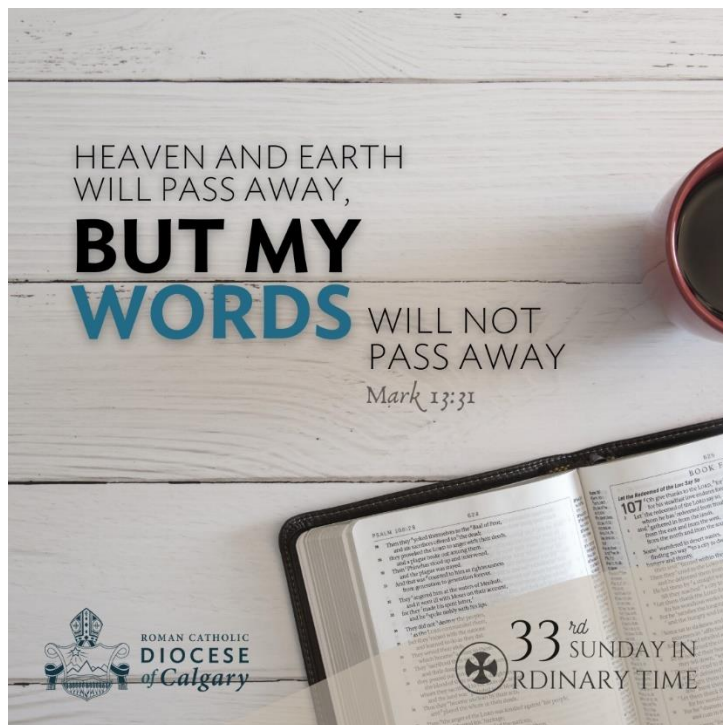
In our days, too, there is no lack of natural and moral disasters, nor of adversities and difficulties of every kind. Everything passes, the Lord reminds us; he alone, his Word remains as the light that guides and encourages our steps. He always forgives us because he is at our side. We need only look at him and he changes our hearts. St. Paul says “But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So, death is at work in us, but life in you” (2 Corinthians 4:7-11).

Do we believe in his protection?



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33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time



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[Reflection \(new link\)](#)

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

Children Resources for the 32nd in Ordinary Time

- [Gospel](#) Reflection: *Jesus teaches us that our world changes and will one day end. But we do not have to be afraid of change. Jesus' love for us will never end. His words are true, and he is always with us.* (Loyola Press)
 - [Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday](#)
 - [Colouring page this Sunday](#) - Invite the children to colour in the accompanying illustration of a family preparing for a meal and to draw or write on the back what they will do to prepare for the coming of Jesus.
 - [Sunday Connection for 33rd 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 33rd 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

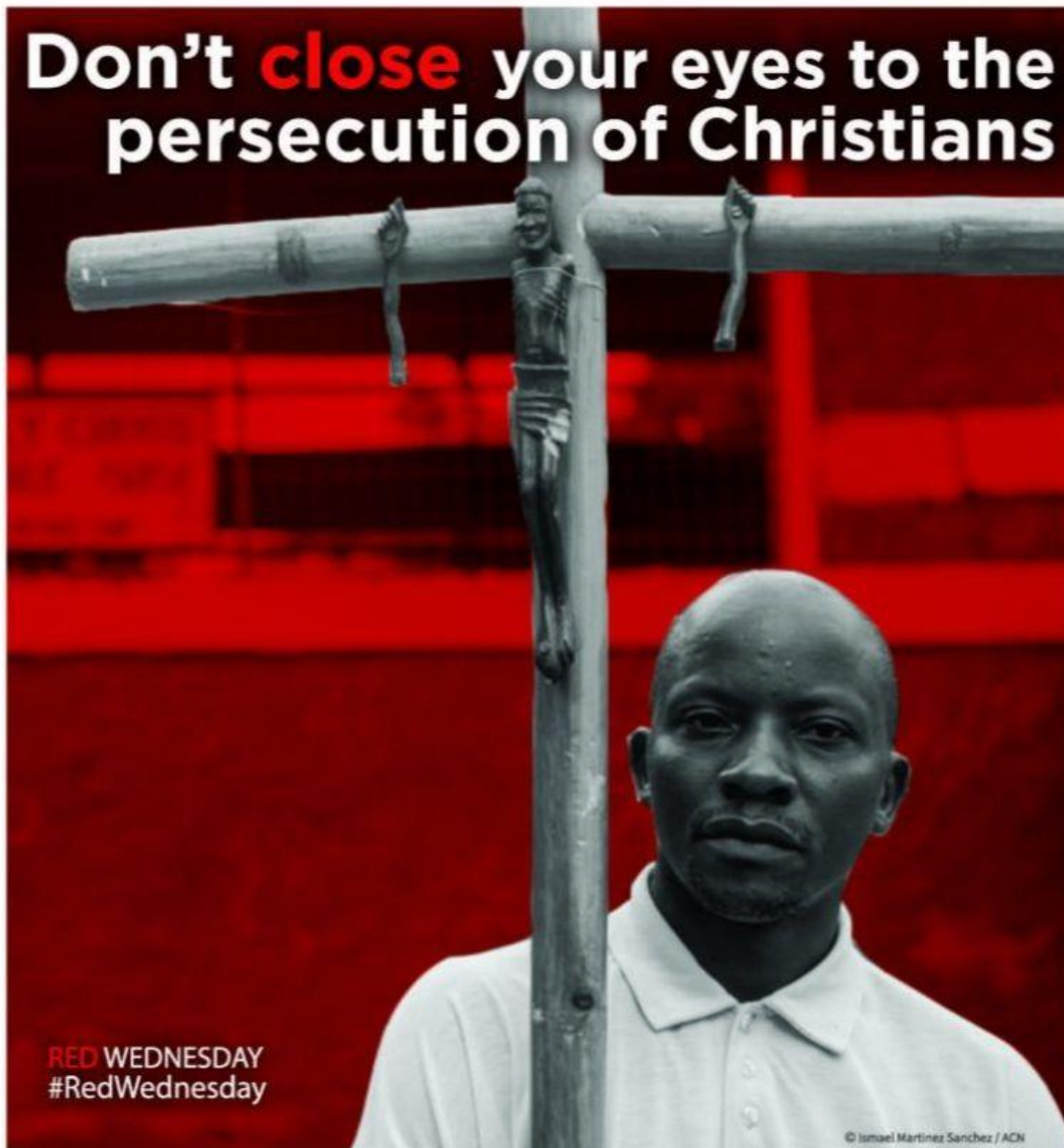
Full schedule of Parish Livestream Masses:

<https://www.catholiccycc.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](#)

Red Wednesday – Nov. 17



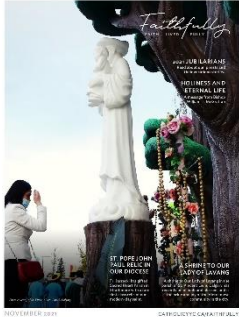
Reminder: [Red Wednesday](#) is next Wednesday, **Nov. 17**. To show our solidarity with Christians who are suffering, ACN is asking all parishes to contribute to this day in memory of martyred and suffering Christians. We rely on your help to raise awareness and to pray for persecuted Christians, who are the most discriminated against religious group in the world.

Updated resources from ACN Canada:

- [Prayer of the Faithful](#) (for Nov. 17 Mass in Parishes)
- [Prayer Vigil outline & script](#) on Red Wednesday
- [Mass for Persecuted Christians](#) script on Red Wednesday
- [General text/explanation on Religious Persecution](#)
- [Red Wednesday presentation on the initiative](#)

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
- Join Cardinal Thomas Collins for Mass in St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto on November 17 at 7 pm MT.
- More information available on catholicyyc.ca/blog/redwednesday



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As promised, *Faithfully* is available monthly as a printable version (curated and compact) for those without access to the digital edition.

- [Download PDF of November edition](#) (click November 2021 PDF)

A toolkit for Palliative Care

Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care, will be launched on Nov. 15 & 16. The launch marks the culmination of a four-year process whereby the CCCB partnered with experts from Pallium Canada, Dominican University College, the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute, Catholic Health Alliance of Canada, and the Congregation of the Sisters Saint Joseph in Canada. This partnership ensured the development of a high-level resource that will benefit Catholic parishioners eager to grow in their understanding of palliative care and Church teaching on end-of-life questions.



The toolkit is available in French and English. Key features include a detailed facilitator's guide, four modules organized in a step-by-step learning process, videos, and take-home resources. The entire toolkit will be available on the CCCB webpage immediately following its launch. **Promo Video** - [English](#) | [French](#)

The Committee has planned Zoom presentations where an expert panel will introduce the toolkit.

- English Zoom presentation: **Monday, 15 November from 8 am to 9:30 am MST** [Click here to register for the English Launch Webinar](#)
- French Zoom presentation: **Tuesday, 16 November from 8 am to 9:30 am MST.** [Click here to register for the French Launch Webinar](#)

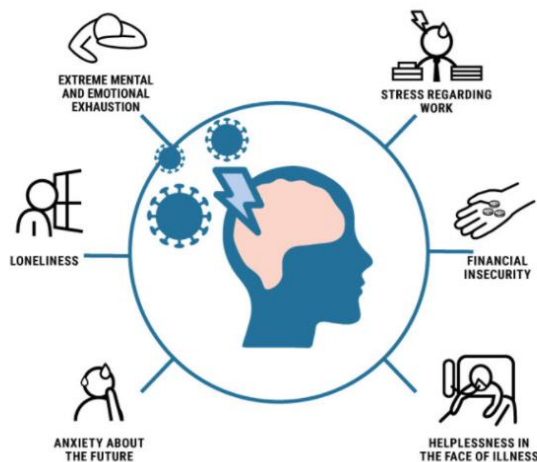
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Pope's Prayer Intention - Nov. 2021

Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of November, and invites everyone to pray for and be near those who suffer from exhaustion, burn-out, and depression.

"Let us pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life." ~Pope Francis

The **COVID-19** pandemic has had a major impact on mental health



The worldwide COVID-19 pandemic has caused the death of millions of people. It has also tried the mental and emotional resilience of countless people and has affected their psychological equilibrium. Sometimes, this has created situations of real anguish and despair. With this reality in view, the Holy Father asks that we "be close to those who are exhausted, to those who are desperate, without hope. Often, we should simply listen in silence."

The message of **Pope Francis'** prayer intention addresses a central issue in the lives of millions of people: **mental health**. In the video, he explains that in many cases, "sadness, apathy, and spiritual tiredness end up dominating people's lives, which are overloaded due to the rhythm of life today." - [Watch Pope's video](#)



PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM DEPRESSION

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- Pope Francis -

Employment Opportunities

New employment opportunities in parishes and Catholic organizations throughout the Diocese. Highlighted this week:

- **Admin Assistant / Sacrament Prep. Assistant - St. Patrick's, Medicine Hat**
- Support Staff (casual) - Elizabeth House, Calgary
- Volunteer Screening (part time) - St. Michael's, Calgary
- Admin Assistant (part time) - Ste. Famille, Calgary

- Pastoral Assistant (part time) - Ste. Famille, Calgary

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

Advent Mission & Retreats

- **All Saints Parish Advent Mission** | Assumption Church, Lethbridge & also livestreamed at allsaintslethbridge.org at 7 pm to 8 pm
 - Dec. 1 - The Garden and the Promise with Fr. Kevin Tumback
 - Dec. 8 - God's Promise with Michael Chiasson & Fr. Kevin Tumback
 - Dec. 15 - Rebellion with Fr. Kevin Tumback
 - Dec. 22 - Redemption with Fr. Kevin Tumback
- **Rejoice in the Lord Always:** 33 hours of Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation | St. Mary's Cathedral. To celebrate the third Sunday of Advent: Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday, everyone is invited to St Mary's Cathedral to spend 33 continuous hours in Eucharistic Adoration and the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation starting Friday Dec. 10 at the 7:30 am Mass and concluding on Saturday, Dec 11 at the 5 pm Mass. For more information, please visit <https://www.stmaryscalgary.ca> | [Download graphic](#)
- **Advent Mission with Fr. Max Oliva SJ** | Holy Spirit Parish, Calgary. When: Mon, Dec. 6 to 9. Mornings (9:30 am), Evenings (7:30 pm). In this 2021 Advent Mission, Fr. Max Oliva will guide us on how we can become a person of mercy. During the sessions, we will have questions for reflection and discussion to help us discern how God calls us to extend mercy to others, and to ourselves.
- **Advent Mission with Bishop Emeritus Frederick Henry** | St. Joseph's Parish, Calgary. When: Sunday, Dec. 12 to 14, at 7 pm to 8 pm.
 - Dec. 12 - St. Francis and the word of Gubbio: Make me an instrument of your peace
 - Dec. 13 - The willing witness of St. John the Baptist: The Benedictus
 - Dec. 14 - Mary - The Mercy of God Becomes Flesh: The Magnificat

Resources & Announcements

1. **Pope to married couples: Don't be afraid of crises**
A crisis might make you "wobble" a bit, but you can come out from it better than before. Thus, we shouldn't be afraid of crises. It is a painful opportunity, but an opportunity nonetheless, says Pope to Retrouvaille marriage ministry. [Read more](#)
2. **A dram with Fr. Cristino Bouvette**
In this week's episode of "A dram with Friends", God Squad Canada's Sean Lynn invites Fr. Cristino Bouvette to the pub as they discuss Fr. Cristino's journey from growing up in an Italian home in Medicine Hat, to listening to the call of St. John Paul II at World Youth Day in Toronto (2002). Listen as they discuss issues around how young people today are faced with the disconnection pandemic of social media and how to facilitate bringing people together. [Listen to podcast](#)
3. **Mission Council Christmas Cards**
Reminder for Parishes: Please stop by the Catholic Pastoral Centre if your parish or lay association is interested in selling greeting cards for Mission Council. This initiative does not only help our home and international missions, it also reduces waste as it extends the life of each greeting card. For more information, please call reception at (403) 218-5500 or Sr. Mariflor Jacob at (403) 218-5521.
4. **Blessed Charles de Foucauld to become a saint in May next year**
Pope Francis will canonize Blessed Charles De Foucauld, considered to be one of the pioneers of interreligious dialogue, together with six other Blesseds, during a Canonization Mass in St. Peter's Basilica on 15 May, 2022. [Read more](#)

5. **How St. Elizabeth Hungary handled hospital overflow**

St. Elizabeth of Hungary (Feast Day: Nov. 14) noticed a problem in her kingdom: the sick and suffering weren't being adequately cared for. This created great anguish in her heart and she did not delay in establishing more healthcare facilities to address the overflow problem. [Read more](#)

6. **Michigan man attributes recovery from COVID-19 to visitation from Blessed Solanus Casey** | The Diocese of Lansing has released video [testimony](#) from a man who claims Blessed Solanus Casey (1870-1957) visited him twice in the hospital and miraculously cured him of COVID-19. [Read more](#)



If you haven't already, please subscribe to the [Diocesan publication Faithfully](#) - to keep you updated with what's happening in our Diocese. Faithfully gives a snapshot of faith at work in the lives of everyday people in our Diocese and provide us with opportunities to spread the Good News of Christ beyond the walls of our churches. New release coming up this Monday! To subscribe, [click here](#).

For couples preparing for marriage:

[Rosary for Engaged Couples](#) in the Light of *Amoris Laetitia* | During this year dedicated to St. Joseph, engaged couples, even young people who are dating, are invited to pray together turning with trust and love to Mary, recreating the atmosphere of communion, love and friendship that was experienced in the family of Nazareth. Mary and Joseph were first engaged and then married, and they show us a specific tangible example of humanity and holiness, that can be achieved in our relationship with God and with those we love. Until December 8, 2021, engaged couples will be able to obtain the Plenary Indulgence by reciting the Holy Rosary and fulfilling the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Holy Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father: Our Father, Hail Mary). Note to Parish Staff – please share with parishioners, especially couples in marriage preparation and young adult groups.

Development and Peace

Let's spread the word about putting *People and Planet* first

Development and Peace's 2021-2022 campaign, ***People and Planet First***, is calling for Canada and cCanadian corporations not to be complicit in violations against the planet and its inhabitants. The easiest way to take action is to [sign the petition](#) calling on the government to implement a due diligence law that would require its companies to respect human and environmental rights in their overseas operations.

However, there are several other options available to you if you have already signed and want to continue your commitment! You can follow the latest campaign news on our [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) pages and even [update your profile](#) to show the campaign colors. If you'd like to delve into the subject deeper, take the time to read our printable [backgrounder](#). And what about sharing [the campaign video](#) with your friends and family? Whatever you choose to do, thank you for helping to spread solidarity! <https://devp.org/en>



The Year of *Amoris Laetitia* Family

Through a series of 10 videos, the Holy Father, with the help of several families, invites us to journey together to rediscover the family as a gift, despite every problem, obstacle and challenge that families have to face

today. In the first video "[Walking Together](#)" Pope Francis and a family share about the beauty of being a family and how each person is called to lovingly care for the life of the family. Never a problem, families are always a gift and, in terms of the future, they are an opportunity. Each video is accompanied by a [guide](#).

Online Faith Formation Courses

Certificate in Catholic Studies

The Benedict XVI Institute for New Evangelization offers a comprehensive selection of courses on various aspects of the Catholic faith. All are offered online. Each course runs five weeks and costs \$85. Take an individual course for interest, or work toward one or all of the twenty two specialized Certificates in Catholic Studies. Students may register completely online at newman.edu/ccs Visit our website for further details and FAQs.

Other online formation opportunities

These formation opportunities will help you with your faith journey and to help you grow closer to Christ. Find a list of webinars and courses on our diocesan website [here](#).



- **Advent at the Retreat Centres**

- FCJ Centre, Calgary
 - [Advent fireside gathering](#) on Dec. 1 at 6:30 pm to 8 pm; [Taize Prayer of Light](#) on Dec. 3 at 7 pm; [Deck the Halls of our Hearts](#): A family event in preparation for Christmas on Dec. 18 from 1:30 pm to 4 pm; [Full listing here](#)
- Mount St. Francis, Cochrane
 - Advent twilight retreat on Nov. 30 and Dec. 15 at 6 pm to 9 pm; Advent retreat with Br. Michael on Dec. 3-5; Winter Stillness Retreat on Dec. 10-12; Greccio: A St. Francis Christmas Pageant on Dec. 12 - virtual event | More info and [full listing here](#)
- Martha Centre, Lethbridge
 - Advent twilight retreat on Dec. 6 at 4:45 pm to 9 pm. More info and [full listing here](#)



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.