



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

NOVEMBER 21, 2021, 2021 – CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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

CLERGY AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Fr. Iqbal Khurshid & Fr Rodel Abanto
& Deacon Robert Risling

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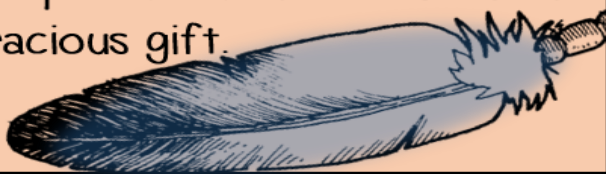
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Sunday 10:30am Mass
Medicine Hat Holy Family Church
Live Stream

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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.



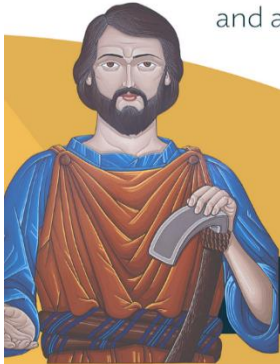
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1.4 MILLION of the Diocesan goal will financially support the approved diocesan ministries, partner organizations, and agencies. See list at catholicyyc.ca/tia



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 \$ 35,614 = 72%

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 20 to 26, 2021

Saturday, November 20

5:00pm – Brenda & Wendy Harty

Sunday, November 21

8:30 am – Holy Family Parish

10:30am – Brandon Niwa †

6:00pm – Dorothy Materi †

Monday, November 22

**9:00am – Mike & Leona Somerville
& Family**

Tuesday, November 23

9:00am – Eugene Kammerloch †

Wednesday, November 24

9:00am – Con Miller †

Thursday, November 25

9:00am – Phil Klotz †

Friday, November 26

9:00am – Fr. Cecil Zinger C.S.B. †

Christ the King Sunday - Sunday, November 21, 2021

1st Reading: Daniel 7.13-14

His dominion is an everlasting dominion.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 93.1ab, 1c-2, 5 (R. 1a)

R The Lord is the king, he is robed in majesty.

2nd Reading: Revelation 1.5-8

The ruler of the kings of the earth has made us to be a kingdom,
priests serving his God.

Gospel: John 18.33b-37

You say that I am a king.

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.

ALPHA AND OMEGA

Go look at the parish Easter Candle near the baptismal font. You see an Alpha (A) and an Omega (Ω), the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. They remind us that Christ, yesterday and today, is the Beginning and the End. To him belongs all time, all the ages, and glory and power for ever. Amen. Since he is more powerful than me:

- ✝ What will I believe about God's Kingdom?
- ✝ What truth do I need to hear Jesus speak?
- ✝ What action will I do because it is right and true?



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

Photo Directories Available
for \$20.00 at the office

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!



November 27, 2021

8:30 – 9:30 am

St. Patrick's Parish Hall

Theme

Blinded By The Kingdom

Presenter

Dr. Lenny Delorenzo

**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



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
The Word 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

Novena for Life to Our Lady of Guadalupe

As part of the Knights of
Columbus Faith in Action,
Holy Family Parish will have a
Novena for Life to Our Lady of
Guadalupe. The Novena will begin
Sunday, December 5, being said
**one half hour before weekend
and weekday Masses**, concluding
at a Mass on **Monday, December
13 at 6:30pm on the Feast Day of
Our Lady of Guadalupe.**

Parishioners are encouraged to
join us in our prayers to Our Lady
for a culture of life.



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.

Use Christmas (Nativity) postage stamps... Canada Post began the tradition of featuring Nativity art on stamps in 1965, with an issue featuring the Gifts of the Magi. But do you know that Christian-themed Christmas stamps are an example of successful resolutions by the Catholic Women's League (CWL) of Canada? CWL Canada encourages the faithful to support this initiative to ensure their continued production. [Read more](#) on the Calgary Diocese Website.





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NEXT CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 @ 4:30pm ([agenda](#))

Hosted online via Google Meet.

[Click here to access the YouTube live stream.](#)

MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD BULLETIN

MEET OUR NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES



The Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education is pleased to introduce our newly elected Board of Trustees serving Medicine Hat Catholic Schools until 2024.



Welcome, Ms. Kathy Glasgo (Board Chair), Rev. Robert Risling (Vice-Chair), Mr. Bernie Kinch, Mr. David Leahy, and Mr. Dick Mastel.



On Tuesday, October 26, 2021, The Board of Trustees were officially sworn in as Trustees for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education at the commissioning ceremony followed by the Organizational Meeting. Committees will be finalized next week.



The Board of Trustees will meet next on Nov. 2 at 4:30 p.m. The public is welcome to join via YouTube live stream: www.youtube.com/mhcatholic.



FAREWELL TRUSTEE GRAD

As we welcome a newly elected Board of Trustees, we also say a heartfelt farewell to our outgoing trustee, Mr. Peter Grad.

Trustee Grad has been serving Medicine Hat Catholic Schools since 2007. During his time on the board, Mr. Grad has made a tremendous impact on our division. His passion for Catholic education is truly inspiring. **Thank you for your years of service!**



SALE OF FORMER ST. LOUIS SCHOOL

The sale of the 110-year-old school building was approved by the Board of Trustees on October 12.

The school building located on Balmoral Street has been called home by many teachers and students over the last century. [Learn more about the history of the building here.](#)



COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

At the Public Board Meeting on October 12, the Board of Trustees passed a motion directing our senior administration team to develop an Administrative Procedure (AP) regarding COVID-19 Vaccines related to school staff and visitors entering division buildings.

This Administrative Procedure requires all adults who enter division buildings to provide their COVID-19 vaccination record or present proof of a negative COVID-19 test. This includes (but not limited to): division employees, contractors, practicum students, on-site partners, volunteers, parents, guardians and members of the public including school bus drivers.

[Administrative Procedure 492: COVID-19 Vaccination Status](#) approved on October 25.

DIVISION EMPLOYEES COMPLETE DOCTORATE OF EDUCATION

At the Public Board Meeting on October 12, the Board of Trustees honoured Monica Braat and Dwayne Zarichny for each recently completing their Doctorate of Education from Western University.

Dr. Braat is our division Inclusive Learning Consultant and has been a part of our school division for 24 years and has been teaching for 30 years. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Dr. Zarichny began his teaching career 27 years ago and joined our school division as the Superintendent of Schools in July of 2019. [Click here to learn more.](#)

We extend congratulations to Dr. Braat and Dr. Zarichny for their incredible accomplishments!





34th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

Sunday, November 21, 2021

MAY YOUR KINGDOM COME

Today with the Feast of Christ the King, we conclude the liturgical calendar of Year B. Next Sunday we will begin new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. The Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe, which we celebrate today, is set at the conclusion of the liturgical year, and recalls that the life of creation does not advance at random but proceeds toward a final destination: the definitive manifestation of Christ, Lord of history and of all creation. The conclusion of history will be his eternal kingdom. Instituting this Feast of Christ, the King in 1925, Pope Pius XI proclaimed: ‘Pax Christi in regno Christi’ (the peace of Christ in the reign of Christ). This means that we live in the peace of Christ when we surrender our lives to him every day, accept him as our God, Savior and King and allow him to rule our lives.

Theologian Origen says “The kingdom of God, in the words of our Lord and Savior, does not come for all to see; nor shall they say: Behold, here it is, or behold, there it is; but the kingdom of God is within us, for the word of God is very near, in our mouth and in our heart. Thus, he who prays for the coming of God’s kingdom prays rightly to have it within himself, that there it might grow and bear fruit and become perfect. For God reigns in each of his holy ones. Anyone who is holy obeys the spiritual laws of God, who dwells in him as in a well-ordered city. The Father is present in the perfect soul, and with him Christ reigns, according to the words: We shall come to him and make our home with him.

Thus, the kingdom of God within us, as we continue to make progress, will reach its highest point when the Apostle’s words are fulfilled, and Christ, having subjected all his enemies to himself, will hand over his kingdom to God the Father, that God may be all in all. Therefore, let us pray unceasingly with that disposition of soul which the Word may make divine, saying to our Father who is in heaven: Hallowed be your name; your kingdom come. Note this too about the kingdom of God. It is not a sharing of justice with iniquity, nor a society of light with darkness, nor a meeting of Christ with Belial. The kingdom of God cannot exist alongside the reign of sin.

Therefore, if we wish God to reign in us, in no way should sin reign in our mortal body; rather we should mortify our members which are upon the earth and bear fruit in the Spirit. There should be in us a kind of spiritual paradise where God may walk and be our sole ruler with his Christ. In us the Lord will sit at the right hand of that spiritual power which we wish to receive. And he will sit there

until all his enemies who are within us become his footstool, and every principality, power and virtue in us is cast out”.

He continues to say “All this can happen in each one of us, and the last enemy, death, can be destroyed; then Christ will say in us: O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory? And so what is corruptible in us must be clothed with holiness and incorruptibility; and what is mortal must be clothed, now that death has been conquered, in the Father’s immortality. Then God will reign in us, and we shall enjoy even now the blessings of rebirth and resurrection”.

Once upon a time there was a poor, old man who lived in a small village. He owned a beautiful white horse. Kings offered fabulous prices for the horse, but the man would say, “This horse is my friend.” The man was poor, but he never sold the horse.

One morning he found the horse was gone from the stable. The whole village gathered and said, “You foolish old man! We knew someday the horse would be stolen. You should have sold it. What a misfortune!” The old man replied, “That’s not necessarily true. The horse is simply not in the stable. This is the fact. Everything else is a judgment. Who knows if it is a misfortune or a blessing?”

People laughed at the old man. They knew he was a little crazy. But after fifteen days, the horse suddenly returned. He had not been stolen but had gone visiting. Not only that, but a dozen wild horses returned with him. Again, the people gathered and said, “Old man, you were right. The disappearance of your horse is not a misfortune. It has indeed proved to be a blessing.” The old man said, “Again you are going too far. Just say the horse came back. Who knows whether its return is a blessing or not? When you read a single word, how can you judge the whole book?”

The people did not say much, but they knew he was wrong. After all, twelve beautiful horses had come. The old man’s only son started to train the wild horses. But a week later he fell from a horse and broke his legs. The people gathered and again they judged. “You’re right! Getting twelve horses was a misfortune. Your son, who is your only support, has lost the use of his legs. Now you are poorer than ever.”

The old man said, “you are obsessed with judgment. Only say my son has broken his legs. Nobody knows whether this is a misfortune or a blessing. Life comes in fragments, and more is never revealed.”

After a few weeks the country went to war. All the young men in town were forced into the military. Only the old man’s son was left because he was crippled. The whole town cried because they knew most of the young men would never return. They said to the old man, “you were right. This is a blessing. Your son may be crippled, but he is still with you. Our sons are gone forever.” The old man said again, “Nobody knows! Say only this: Your sons have entered the army and my son has not. We can’t know whether it is a blessing or a misfortune. Stop judging or you will always be obsessed with fragments and live-in faulty conclusions.”

I believe we are receiving the same from the King whose feast we are celebrating today. Jesus being a King, has always been humble in heart who is always compassionate for other. He goes out to find the lost, the marginalized, rejected and outcastes to bring them back to the mercy and love of his Father. Saint Andrew of Crete reflects on his kingship in this way inviting all of us to come to him with converted hearts, minds and souls: “Behold, your king is coming to you, the Holy One, the Savior. Let us say to Christ: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel. Let us wave before him like palm branches the words inscribed above him on the cross. Let us show him honor, not with olive branches but with the splendor of merciful deeds to one another. Let us spread the thoughts and desires of our hearts under his feet like garments, so that entering with the whole of his being, he may draw the whole of our being into himself and place the whole of his in us. Let us say

to Zion in the words of the prophet: Have courage, daughter of Zion, do not be afraid. Behold, your king comes to you, humble and mounted on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden”.

In the First Reading we read about the dream and vision of Prophet Daniel. He is coming with the clouds of heaven. What a wonderful King we have whose divinity and majesty is shown in an amazing way. Everything is handed over to him and everyone is serving him. There is no end to his kingdom because “He is King of Kings” as St. Paul says. The whole Book of Revelation is full of descriptions of his Kingdom, and he is being represented as a just King who will be just to everyone with the rod of justice. As St. Andrew says “He is coming who is everywhere present and pervades all things; he is coming to achieve in you his work of universal salvation. He is coming who came to call to repentance not the righteous but sinners, coming to recall those who have strayed into sin. Do not be afraid then: God is in the midst of you, and you shall not be shaken”.

As the Psalmist says, “the Lord is King; he is robbed in majesty” and indicates that he is a totally different king than the kings of the world who are always after the power and are filled with pride, arrogance, and selfish motives. His words and decrees are trustworthy and truthful. St. John of course confirms everything in the Second Reading today “Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will lament”. He is Alpha and Omega, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. If he is our King, then how should we receive him? St. Andrew makes it easy for us “Receive him with open, outstretched hands, for it was on his own hands that he sketched you. Receive him who laid your foundations on the palms of his hands. Receive him, for he took upon himself all that belongs to us except sin, to consume what is ours in what is his. Be glad, city of Zion, our mother, and fear not. Celebrate your feasts. Glorify him for his mercy, who has come to us in you. Rejoice exceedingly, daughter of Jerusalem, sing and leap for joy. Be enlightened, be enlightened, we cry to you, as holy Isaiah trumpeted, for the light has come to you and the glory of the Lord has risen over you. What kind of light is this? It is that which enlightens every man coming into the world. It is the everlasting light, the timeless light revealed in time, the light manifested in the flesh although hidden by nature, the light that shone round the shepherds and guided the Magi. It is the light that was in the world from the beginning, through which the world was made, yet the world did not know it. It is that light which came to its own, and its own people did not receive.

The Gospel this Sunday gives us totally and beyond comparison the description of the Divine King. St. John presents him as a suffering king who suffers for us so that we can be saved. History of the world reveals that whoever became king, made other people to suffer and sacrifice their lives for them but he came not to be served but serve others and lay his life for the ransom of others. He is a king whose glory we can see on the cross. And what is this glory of the Lord? Clearly it is the cross on which Christ was glorified, he, the radiance of the Father’s glory, even as he said when he faced his passion: Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him, and will glorify him at once. The glory of which he speaks here is his lifting up on the cross, for Christ’s glory is his cross and his exaltation upon it, as he plainly says: When I have been lifted up, I will draw all men to myself.

Jesus as he introduces himself to Pilate as king of a kingdom that “is not of this world”. This doesn’t mean that Christ is the king of another world, but that he is king in another manner, but he is king in this world. It is a contrast between two types of logic. Worldly logic is based on ambition, competition, it fights using the weapons of fear, extortion, and the manipulation of consciences. On the other hand, the logic of the Gospel, that is, the logic of Jesus, is expressed in humility and gratuitousness. It is silently but effectively affirmed with the strength of truth. The kingdoms of this world at times are sustained by arrogance, rivalries, and oppression; the reign of Christ is a “kingdom of justice, love and peace”.

When did Jesus reveal himself as king? In the event of the Cross! Those who look at the Cross cannot but see the astonishing gratuitousness of love. For a Christian, speaking of power and strength means referring to the power of the Cross as St. Paul says "But for us is a sign of salvation", and the strength of Jesus' love: a love which remains steadfast and complete, even when faced with rejection, and it is shown as the fulfilment of a life expended in the total surrender of oneself for the benefit of humanity. On Calvary, the passers-by and the leaders derided Jesus, nailed to the Cross, and they challenged him: "Save yourself, and come down from the cross!" "Save yourself!". Had Jesus come down from the Cross, he would have given in to the temptations of the prince of this world. Instead, he cannot save himself precisely so as to be able to save others, precisely because he has given his life for us, for each one of us. To say: "Jesus gave his life for the world" is true. But it is more beautiful to say: "Jesus gave his life for me". Let each one of us say in heart: "He gave his life for me, in order to save each one of us from our sins".

As Jesus is telling about his Kingdom which is not based on war, oppression, rejection, violence but on love. He wants us to work for the same kingdom as we say during the prayer of Our Father "Thy Kingdom come" so that people can feel. It is easy to run after power and control but very difficult to follow the path of service and love. Let us listen to the voice of the Lord and keep praying "may your kingdom come" so we may work together to make this world peaceful.

Let me end my reflection with the imaginative story which explains the importance of sacrifice of the Divine King by whose suffering we have been saved.

For the past twelve years, Aman has been serving the Roman Empire as the trusted guard of Pontius Pilot. His house is one on a quiet street of blooming trees, across the town of Judea. Aman was posted to assist in the execution of the criminals.

"I cannot be at service today my Lord! I am to take my wife to the hospital as she is seriously afflicted with multiple sclerosis. I ask pardon my Lord!" said Aman to Pontius Pilot. "What! Off duty today? Impossible. That is indeed sheer irresponsibility. Today is the execution of the so-called self-made king of the Jew; I command you to be at your place," said Pilot imperiously. With utmost reverence to his master Aman left the court.

At the end of the day after the tedious work at Calvary, Aman rushed home to take his wife for medication. On his way back, he had many disturbing thoughts which engulfed him. He was feeling ashamed for the man whom he had crucified.

"Oh! It was not just," he said to himself. "He had done nothing wrong that deserved such a death. There was nothing so grievous which could justify his crucifixion."

"Oh! Those quibbles, insults, torments. Who has ever undergone such violence in life?" "How pitiful was he! Impious rabble, we had to drag him to a cruel death, wounded, torn by stripes, crowned with thorns, streaming with blood, bearing the heavy cross.

"Ah! Grief of his mother beholding her Son! Who would not weep at seeing this Mother's grief? But who has been the cause of such woe? I, it is I, who with my own hands have so cruelly wounded the heart of that mother! And yet I was not moved; I was like a stone when my heart should break because of my ingratitude," said Aman and cried bitterly. "How painful was that when he was nailed on the cross! On the other hand his mother. Sad is the sight of that dear Mother drowned in a sea of woe, seeing her beloved Son, part of her very self, cruelly nailed to the shameful tree of the cross."

Ah me! How every blow of the hammer, how every stripe that fell on that body I felt fell also on the disconsolate spirit of that mother.

"Oh! That moment when she stood at the foot of the cross, pierced by the sword of sorrow, she turned her eyes on him, until she knew that he lived no longer and had resigned his spirit to his Abba. Her soul then was like to have left the body and joined itself to that of her son." "What could I do? I could have stopped the flogging or dying? No, no, it was impossible. I couldn't help this man. How graceful he was! He even forgave his murders. Truly he is the Son of God." With all these irreplaceable disturbing thoughts, Aman reached home. Seeing the stains of blood on his coat his wife was terrified. With all her strength she embraced her husband and cried bitterly thinking that he has returned from a battlefield mortally wounded.

Holding her husband, she cried the cry of a wife who would lose her husband. As she kept crying, she could feel a great relief in her painful body. She could feel a change - a change of life - a life of ease - a new life. All her pain vanished, vanished into thin air. What a relief! What a redemption from pain! "I am healed," she proclaimed. Knowing that the blood stains of Jesus had healed his wife, Aman threw himself down to the ground and wept bitterly.

"It was the blood of Christ that healed you," professed Aman.

"What did you do to that God man?" asked his wife.

"No it was not me," he said, "I was compelled to pierce his side. As I did, blood and water flowed out and my dress got drenched."

The wife was dumbfounded at the words of her husband.

"His blood has saved us dear," said Aman. God has forgiven my deeds, we are true witnesses of his saving mercy," he added and praised God.

Therein, began a journey of true faith in the life of Aman and his wife.



Photo by Fr. Iqbal Khurshid

Christ the King Sunday, November 21, 2021



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[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:
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Children Resources for Christ the King Sunday

- Resources for children: Christ the King Sunday
 - [Gospel](#) Reflection: We believe that Jesus is our king, but his kingdom is heaven. He is a heavenly king who shows us how to live. All who believe in him want to obey him because they know he teaches us how to be truly happy. (Loyola Press)
 - [Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday](#)
 - [Colouring page this Sunday](#) - Encourage the children to also draw or write on the back how they will listen to Jesus and to others in the coming week.
 - [Sunday Connection for Christ the King Sunday](#) (Gr. 1-8)
 - Video: [Studio 3:16](#) | Weekly Comedy for kids (anticipating the Sunday Gospel)
 - Children's Sunday Liturgy for the Christ the King Sunday
 - [Children's Liturgy for leaders/parents](#) (with intercessions and activities) - by CAFOD | [Illustration](#)
 - [Children's Liturgy of the Word with Miss Heidi](#) (Catholic TV)
 - [Yes, Lord!](#) Salt + Light Media's popular children's liturgy show is back! Join Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann, Mr. Monk, and the band Rhythm and Grace as they journey with us through Advent and help us prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Begins: Nov. 27 | Saturdays at 2 pm & Sundays at 12:30 pm.
 - Does your parish have online Sunday program for children? If so, please share it with communications@calgarydiocese.ca

COVID-19 Resources

- [Sacraments & Liturgies](#)
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- **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).

Resources & Announcements

1. **Reminder | Upcoming Events**

- . Nov. 21-27 | The Eucharistic Miracles of the World: An International Exhibition Designed and Created by Bl. Carlo Acutis at [St. John the Evangelist Church](#). [Click here](#) to check exhibition schedule.
- a. Nov. 25 & Dec. 9 | Metanoia youth group at [Ascension Catholic Parish](#) in Calgary (for youth grade 9-12).
- b. Advent Missions & Retreat at catholiccyyc.ca/advent
- c. Find more online formation opportunities, [click here](#)
- d. Submit your parish events [here](#) - click "Submit Event" in the [Calendar](#)

2. **Use Christmas (Nativity) postage stamps**

Canada Post began the tradition of featuring Nativity art on stamps in 1965, with an issue featuring the Gifts of the Magi. But do you know that Christian-themed Christmas stamps are an example of successful resolutions by the Catholic Women's League (CWL) of Canada? CWL Canada encourages the faithful to support this initiative to ensure their continued production. [Read more](#)

3. **Saints who struggled with mental illness**

Here are the profiles of four saints who are patrons of those who struggle with mental illness as a source of hope and intercession. [Read more](#)

4. **Dominican Sisters make etiquette fun again with 'Manners Monday'**

The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, in Ann Arbor think manners still matter. And they're using a fun new video series to talk about it. [Read & watch](#)

5. **Advent in 2 minutes**

What is Advent all about? How is Advent different from Christmas? Busted Halo explains the significance of this special season in the Church and why the experience of waiting, hope, and preparation is still so important in our lives today. [Watch video](#)

6. **How to know if the Sunday readings are Year A, B or C**

We are at the end of the Liturgical Year (Cycle B). Here is a quick guide to understanding the three-year cycle of Sunday readings at Mass. [Read more](#)



- **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.

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