



# Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

**APRIL 24, 2022 – SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**

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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

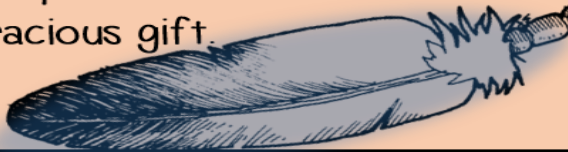
**MASS TIMES...** **MONDAY to FRIDAY** at 9:00AM  
**FIRST SATURDAY OF MONTH** at 8:30AM, **SATURDAY** at  
5:00PM

**THE CHAPEL IS OPEN**  
**MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30am - 4:00pm**  
**ADORATION FRIDAY 9:30 –**

**Knights of Columbus - Kirby Peterson**  
**Catholic Women's League - Marjorie**

**Parish Pastoral Council Chair - Gary Heinbecker**  
**Parish Finance Committee Chair - Cheryl Pocsik**

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.



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

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG6zK-XzuXdDHj79rV6ut\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG6zK-XzuXdDHj79rV6ut_Q)



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# SUBDAY OF DIVINE MERCY ~ APRIL 24, 2022

## OPERATING FINANCES

MARCH 1-31, 2022

Operating Budget 2022	\$ 59,708
General Envelope Collection	\$ 39,060
Loose Collections	\$ 966
Future Development	\$ 3,886
Sale of Church Supplies & Other	\$ 9,497
Other Ministries	\$ 367
<b>Budget Vs Actual SHORT</b>	<b>-\$ 5,504</b>

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 9,281
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 3,843
Clergy Retirement	\$ 25
Mission Mexico	\$ 75
CARO	\$ 120
World Missions	\$ 20
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$ 5
Seminary Fund	\$ 10

*Thank You for your Generous Contributions*

## Sunday's Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 5.12-16

More then ever believers were added to the Lord,  
great numbers of both men and women.

Responsorial Psalm: 118

R. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his  
steadfast love endures forever.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Revelation 1.9-19

I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever.

Gospel: John 20.19-31

After eight days Jesus came and stood among them.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia.

You believe, Thomas, because you have seen me,  
blessed are those who have not seen me, and yet  
believe!

Alleluia, Alleluia.

## † Mass Intentions †



Saturday, April 23

5:00pm ~ Olande Conte †

Sunday, April 24

8:30am ~ Annemarie Derheim †

10:30am ~ Jacob Bischoff †

6:00pm ~ Holy Family Parish

Monday, April 25

9:00am ~ Joe & Irene Lutz †

Tuesday, April 26

9:00am ~ Alice McDams †

Wednesday, April 27

9:00am ~ Simon Schmaltz †

Thursday, April 28

9:00am ~ Gladys Gaetz †

Friday, April 29

9:00am ~ Nick & Rosina Mucciarone †

2022 Goal  
\$70,938  
total to date  
\$17,246  
which is 25%

**Together IN ACTION**  
Annual Bishop's Appeal

## Sacramental Preparation

1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Mass...

Friday, April 29 2022, 6:30pm

At Holy Family Parish

**Confirmation Retreat...**

Saturday, April 30, 2022,

10:00am – 3:00pm



E-Transfer Donations [accounting@holymfamilymh.ca](mailto:accounting@holymfamilymh.ca)

# 12 Hour Adoration

Friday

May 6, 2022

9:30am – 9:30pm



In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent Adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host.

All parishioners welcome and encouraged to attend

**LOONIES  
TO DATE  
\$9,396.00**



Those CWL members wishing to attend the convention at the end of April please Call Jackie 403-581-5479. Sunday Mass on April 24 will be sponsored by CWL, all ladies please wear your pins and/or scarf to all masses as we will be saying our League Prayer.

CWL is sponsoring a bottle drive, **Saturday, April 23 and Sunday, April 24**. Shamrock truck will be in parking lot. Truck opens **Saturday morning from 10am to 12pm**; also **before and after all Masses** that weekend.



**FUNDRAISING**



If the truck is not open when you arrive, please leave items at the truck.



Perhaps you have a family member or know of a friend who is homebound and would like to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist but is unable to attend Mass for various reasons including illness, fear of getting a virus, lack of transportation or mobility issues, etc. Please make a phone call to the Parish office 403-527-6933 to leave a contact name and phone number and someone in the Pastoral Care Ministry will return the call to obtain details and assistance to plan for two members of the Parish Pastoral Care team to visit the homebound person.

Interested in visiting the homebound? Struggles in life often create situations where parish members are unable to attend mass or other parish activities, yet the need and desire is for contact with our Parish community. We are there for them. The Parish Pastoral Care ministry sends two team members to visit private residences to bring Holy Communion, pray & share some time together. Please consider joining this very worthwhile and fruitful ministry to give some time to serve our brothers and sisters in need. Let us bring Jesus to the housebound, bringing them light and hope.



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# EMERGENCY FUNDS *for* UKRAINE

Emergency Funds  
for Ukraine...  
To date we have  
raised...  
**\$ 6,775.00**

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THROUGH THESE ORGANIZATIONS



Development  
and Peace  
CARITAS CANADA



The Sisters from the Seeds of the Word in Calgary left us some of their *Lectio Divina* Books to sell for \$20.00 each. Available at the office!

MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' EDUCATION FOUNDATION

## 20TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, JUNE 10TH, 2022

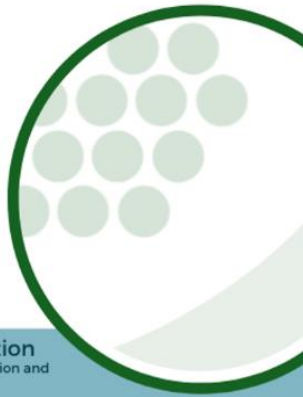
**1:00 p.m - Shotgun Start**  
**Cottonwood Coulee**  
**Golf Course**  
**Medicine Hat, Alberta**

Register by calling 403-502-8351  
Registration closes June 1, 2022

Register Early! Only 120 spots!  
Entries will be accepted on a first come, first paid basis



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**SPRING TEA & BAKE SALE**  
**HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL**  
**HOSTED BY CWL**  
**May 7<sup>th</sup> 2:00 – 4:00**  
**Adults - \$5.00 ~ Children - \$2.00**  
**Door Prizes,**  
**Raffle,**  
**Good Food & Good Company**



Walk for Life

Kin Coulee Park

May 7, 2022

1pm-4pm



**Sunday of Divine Mercy – April 24**

The Legion of Mary invites everyone to join them for a Divine Mercy Service on Divine Mercy Sunday at 3 pm at Holy Family Church. In addition to praying the Chaplet, there will be veneration of the Divine Mercy Image and the opportunity to submit prayer petitions. Due to COVID, there will be no potluck dinner this year.



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## **CAREER OPPORTUNITY** for Facility Operator (Part-Time) Holy Family Parish, Medicine Hat

### REPORTS TO

Parish Pastor

# **CARETAKER POSITION**

### OVERVIEW

The Facility Operator is responsible for the overall operations and maintenance of the Parish buildings, equipment and grounds assets. The Facility Operator is expected to maintain church facilities in accordance with established standards.

[careers@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:careers@calgarydiocese.ca)



## **EXCITING NEWS::))**

Children's Ministry 10:30 am Mass will resume May 1<sup>st</sup> ☺ Children will gather on the carpet area in the foyer with their Leaders prior to 10:30 am to join the procession to the altar.

## SAINTS ALIVE BIBLE MORNING CAMP

Friday July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Registration forms will be available April 30<sup>th</sup> before 5:00 pm Mass & May 1<sup>st</sup> before 8:30 am, 10:30am and 6:00 pm Masses.

NO COST - Mid morning snack will be provided.

SCHEDULE Friday July 15<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am MASS at Holy Family Parish

9:40 am Children to gather in the Faith Room

12:30 Lunch to be sponsored

1:30 pm Dismissal



## Blumenfeld Pilgrimage

June 12, 2022

Youth Carnival @1 pm

Reconciliation @2 pm

Rosary & Mass @3 pm

Bishop Mark Hagmoen presiding

Fathers Prince Gipson Owusu, Francis

Appiah-Kubi & John Abban-Bonsu

Flower girls/boys welcome (bring baskets)

Bring lawn chairs, umbrella & bug spray

Supper to follow

16 km S & 6.4 km E  
of Leader, Sk on  
Blumendfeld Rd

Blumenfeld  
& District  
Heritage Site

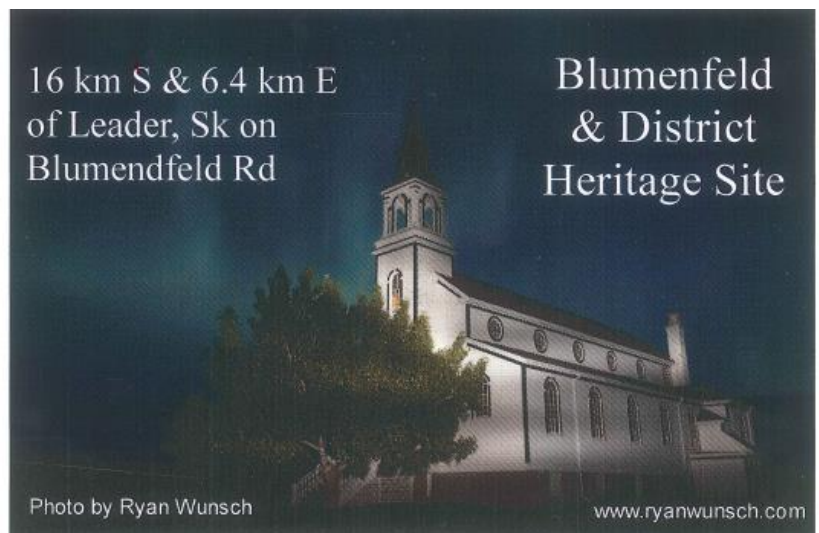


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### \*\* Church Steeple\*\*

**“A generous couple will anonymously match donations, dollar for dollar, up to \$25,000 for the refurbishing of the Blumenfeld steeple. Tax receipts will be issued for your portion of the donation.**

Anyone donating \$250 or more will receive permanent recognition at the Blumenfeld & District Heritage Site.”

**\$250 - Friend of Blumenfeld \* \$500 - Sponsor of Blumenfeld \***

**\$1,000 or more - Patron of Blumenfeld**

This donation is in honour of God's people: His Priests, Sisters, pioneers and descendants

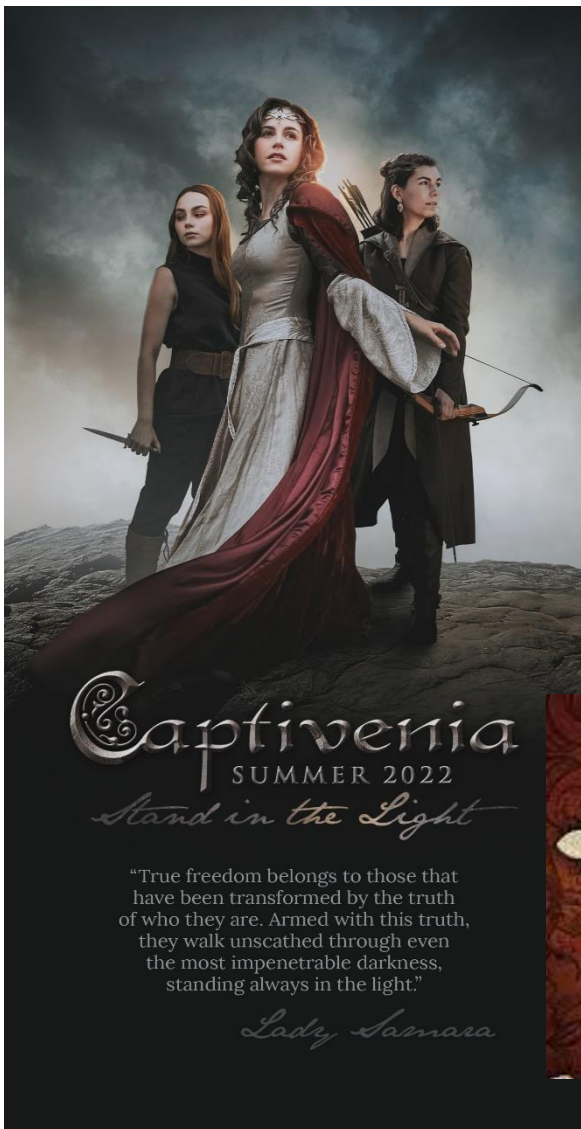
**Open to visitors Sundays from 2-4 from July 3 – September 4, 2022**

Inquiries contact Karri @ 306-628-8083 ([karriwagman.kw@gmail.com](mailto:karriwagman.kw@gmail.com))

Ron @ 306-628-7403 or Kendra @ [avolk@sasktel.net](mailto:avolk@sasktel.net)

Hello!

I write to you today on behalf of both Arcātheos (<https://www.arcatheos.com/>) and Captivenia (<https://captivenia.com/>), two Catholic medieval summer camps designed to create an encounter with Christ while fostering authentic masculinity and femininity in the hearts of their participants. Boys and girls of all ages should be ready for the adventure of their life! Following a theatrical storyline, they will encounter danger, risk, and trial, learning that through it all, God is their strength and their shield.



Those who register prior to May 1st will be entered into a draw and could win a 25% discount off of their registration fee!

If you, or anyone you know, might feel called to participate in our mission in a financial way, please see our websites for more details:

- <https://www.arcatheos.com/support-us>
- <https://captivenia.com/donate/>

Following the uncertainty of the pandemic and living currently in a world fraught with its own darkness, we hope to be able to provide the youth of today with the eternal hope of the heavenly kingdom and to help them deepen their relationship with Christ in order that they might face all the trials of this world with Him.





**Divine Mercy Sunday Year C**

**Sunday, April 24, 2022**

## New Creation in His Love

St. Augustine reflecting on the mystery of Easter say “I speak to you who have just been reborn in baptism, my little children in Christ, you who are the new offspring of the Church, gift of the Father, proof of Mother Church’s fruitfulness. All of you who stand fast in the Lord are a holy seed, a new colony of bees, the very flower of our ministry and fruit of our toil, my joy and my crown. It is the words of the Apostle that I address to you: Put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh and its desires, so that you may be clothed with the life of him whom you have put on in this sacrament.

You have all been clothed with Christ by your baptism in him. There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor freeman; there is neither male nor female; you are all one in Christ Jesus. Such is the power of this sacrament: it is a sacrament of new life which begins here and now with the forgiveness of all past sins and will be brought to completion in the resurrection of the dead. You have been buried with Christ by baptism into death in order that, as Christ has risen from the dead, you also may walk in newness of life.

You are walking now by faith, still on pilgrimage in a mortal body away from the Lord; but he to whom your steps are directed is himself the sure and certain way for you: Jesus Christ, who for our sake became man. For all who fear him he has stored up abundant happiness, which he will reveal to those who hope in him, bringing it to completion when we have attained the reality which even now, we possess in hope. This is the octave day of your new birth.

Today is fulfilled in you the sign of faith that was prefigured in the Old Testament by the circumcision of the flesh on the eighth day after birth. When the Lord rose from the dead, he put off the mortality of the flesh; his risen body was still the same body, but it was no longer subject to death. By his resurrection he consecrated Sunday, or the Lord’s day. Though the third after his passion, this day is the eighth after the Sabbath, and thus also the first day of the week. And so, your own hope of resurrection, though not yet realized, is sure and certain, because you have received the sacrament or sign of this reality and have been given the pledge of the Spirit. If then, you have risen with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your hearts on heavenly things, not the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, your life, appears, then you too will appear with him in glory”.

Today we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy as it also called today Divine Mercy Sunday. Throughout the Lenten Observances we had been reflecting on the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord so that our faith may be renewed in the Lord. On Easter Vigil we witnessed the blessing of the fire and lighting up the Paschal Candle and then we all heard about the history of Salvation through the Sacred Scripture. These celebrations always encourage to believe that we the new creation and old humanity have died. Soon after Easter Sunday we are invited to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday to reflect that His Mercy is beyond comparison and his blood and water flowing from his side make us a new creation.

A long time ago, there was a huge apple tree. A little boy loved to come and play around it everyday. He climbed to the treetop, ate the apples, and took a nap in the shade. He loved the tree and the tree loved to play with him. Time went by. The little boy had grown up and he no longer played around the tree every day.

One day the boy came back to the tree, and he looked sad. 'Come and play with me', the tree asked the boy. "I am no longer a kid. I do not play around trees anymore," the boy replied. "I want toys. I need money to buy them." 'Sorry... but I do not have money, but you can pick all my apples and sell them. So, you will have money.' The boy was so excited. He grabbed all the apples on the tree and left happily. The boy never came back after he picked the apples.

The tree was sad. One day the boy who now turned into a man returned and the tree was excited. 'Come and play with me' the tree said. "I do not have time to play. I have to work for my family. We need a house for shelter. Can you help me?"

'Sorry... but I do not have any house. But you can chop off my branches to build your house.' "So, the man cut all the branches of the tree and left happily. The tree was glad to see him happy, but the man never came back since then. The tree was again lonely and sad. One hot summer day, the man returned, and the tree was delighted. 'Come and play with me!' the tree said. I am getting old. I want to go sailing to relax myself, can you give me a boat?" said the man. "Use my trunk to build your boat. You can sail far away and be happy." So, the man cut the tree trunk to make a boat. He went sailing and never showed up for a long time. Finally, the man returned after many years. 'Sorry, my boy. But I do not have anything for you anymore. No more apples for you', the tree said. "No problem, I do not have any teeth to bite" the man replied. 'No more trunk for you to climb on.' 'I am too old for that now.' The man said. "I really cannot give you anything, the only thing left is my dying roots," the tree said with tears. "I do not need much now, just a place to rest. I am tired after all these years," the man replied. 'Good! Old tree roots are the best place to lean on and rest come sit down with me and rest.' The man sat down, and the tree was glad and smiled with tears.

This is a story of everyone. The tree is like the Divine Heart of Jesus who provides us every blessing we need in our lives (please read Colossians 3:12-17). Even if we go away from the Lord and get lost in our daily chores and attractions of life, his mercy never ends but he works in such a mysterious way that we become new creatures in him "Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful for he cannot deny himself" (2Timothy 2:8-13).

St. Faustina was privileged to receive apparitions from Jesus emphasizing his mercy, and especially his mercy today. In short, her mission consists of reminding us of the immemorial, but seemingly forgotten, truths of our faith about God's merciful love for men, and in conveying to us new forms of devotion to The Divine Mercy, the practice of which is to lead to the revival of the spiritual life in the spirit of Christian trust and mercy. The Image of the Merciful Jesus. Its pattern was revealed in the vision St.

Faustina had on February 22, 1931, in her convent cell at Plock. "In the evening, when I was in my cell," she recorded in the Diary, "I saw the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in the gesture of blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From beneath the garment, slightly drawn aside from at breast, there were emanating two large rays, one red, the other pale. .... After a while, Jesus said to me, "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You" (Diary, 47). "I want this image ..... to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy" (Diary, 49).

Jesus for the sake of us died on the cross to save us and show his great love and mercy. He doesn't leave people alone in their pain and suffering but shows compassion "he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without the shepherd". He keeps inviting people to himself "Come to me all that weary and carrying heavy burden and I will give you rest". Through St. Faustina, Jesus inviting us to experience his love and mercy through the Sacrament of Confession. Jesus said to St. Faustina: My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary §699). Furthermore, he added: "I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy." (Diary §1109). He continued to say, *"Ask of my faithful servant a priest that, on this day, he tell the whole world of My great mercy; that whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy."* (Diary §300)

Even today when we reflect on the Gospel, there we come to know that Jesus appears to his disciples and greets them with "Peace be with you". It shows the pure wishes of Jesus that he wants peace in the world. However sometimes we become like St. Thomas who didn't believe but doubted in the resurrection of the Lord. Our doubt will lead us to nothing, but belief will make us to do work of mercy to the share the love of Jesus which he shared on the cross. *"My daughter, if I demand through you that people revere My mercy, you should be the first to distinguish yourself by this confidence in My mercy. I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it. I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbor: the first – by deed, the second – by word, the third – by prayer. In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy and it is an unquestionable proof of love for Me. Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy, and I demand the worship of My mercy through the solemn celebration of the Feast and through the veneration of the image which is painted. By means of this image I shall grant great graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of my mercy because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works".* (Diary §742).

This feast is not only a day in particular for worshipping God in His mystery of mercy, but also a time of grace for all people. The Lord Jesus said: "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners" (Diary, 699). "Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation, that is, recourse to My Mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity" (Diary, 965, 998).

The greatness of this feast is measured by the measure of extraordinary promises that the Lord attached to this feast: Jesus said "Whoever approached the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment" (Diary, 300), and also, "On this day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My Mercy. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet" (Diary, 699). To profit from those great gifts we must fulfill the conditions of the Divine Mercy devotion (trust in God's goodness and active love toward neighbor), be in the state of sanctifying grace - having gone to Holy Confession, and worthily receive Holy Communion. Jesus explained: "No soul will be justified until it turns with confidence to My mercy; and this is why the first Sunday after Easter is to be the Feast of Mercy, and on that day, priests are to tell everyone about My great and unfathomable mercy" (Diary, 570).

Once a Japanese Zen master, forgave a thief for stealing in the most inspiring way. He once went into seclusion for weeks, and people from all over Japan came to learn from him and take part in the seclusion. But soon, they began to notice that someone was stealing things in this gathering. They immediately informed Master, but he was not willing to take any action against the thief. This incident happened the next day, too; the pupils caught the man stealing again and told Master about it. Once again, Master ignored the whole incident and did not do anything to the thief.

Finally the people objected that they could not go on with the seclusion and meditation when they knew a thief was among them. Everyone asked Master to take the matter into his hands and expel the thief. No one was willing to stay unless the thief went away. These were master's words when everyone asked him to take action and stop the thief:

"Brothers, you are wise. You know what is right and what is wrong. This brother of ours, does not know right from wrong like you. If I do not teach him, then who will? I am not going to expel him. Even if it means that you all will leave, I am going to keep him beside me." The thief, of course, heard everything and was greatly impressed by master's compassion and big heart. He burst into tears and swore to himself that he would never steal ever again.

Even something like burglary, which seems rather a small deed compared to more significant matters, can show you how much better people have in their hearts and how good they are capable of being. The Master decided to forgive the thief even if it meant that no pupil would ever attend his sessions of seclusion anymore. But he did it to prove that goodness, forgiveness, and patience are always stronger than any form of punishment.

Jesus does the same in our weaknesses and failures, he forgives us and loves us "there is no greater to lay one's life for another". So today on the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday let us ask Jesus to help us believe in him and become new creation so that we wholeheartedly say "Jesus I trust in you".



# Sunday Updates

*Divine Mercy Sunday*



Visit the [Diocesan Event Calendar](#)

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Weekly reflections can be found here:

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

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

## Resources for children

- **EASTER SUNDAY**
  - **Kid's challenge this week:** The gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit help us be Jesus' loving and forgiving disciples. Write or draw what peace means to you [in this banner](#), and say a prayer for peace in Ukraine. (Loyola Press & CAFOD)
  - [Colouring page this Sunday](#)
  - [Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday](#)
  - [Sunday Connection - Easter Sunday](#) (Gr. 1-8 & family)
  - **Children's Liturgy of the Word this 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)

Full schedule of Parish Livestream Masses:

<https://www.catholiccyyc.ca> | TEL US 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](#)

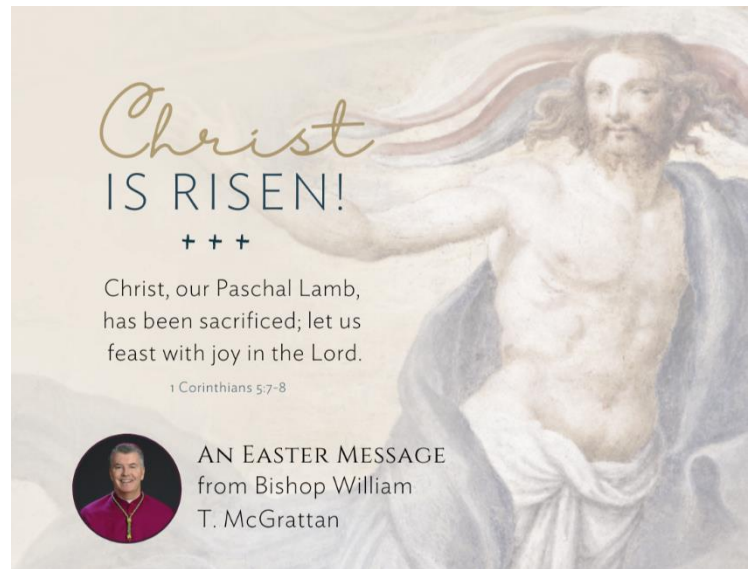
## COVID-19 Resources

- [Sacraments & Liturgies](#)
- [Spiritual Resources](#)
- [Sacrament Preparation](#)
- [Online Formation Opportunities](#)

## Easter Message from Bishop McGrattan

Christ is risen! We wish you and your loved ones, friends, family and communities a most blessed, healthy and graced Easter Season! Please read an Easter message from Bishop McGrattan.

- [Easter message from Bishop McGrattan](#) for all the faithful
- [Easter message from CCCB](#) President, Bishop Raymond Poisson



## Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate

Santiago Torres, currently in seminary formation and studies at St. Joseph Seminary, Edmonton, has been called to Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate. He will be ordained a transitional deacon by Most Rev. William T. McGrattan, at the parish where he completed his pastoral year, All Saints' Parish, Lethbridge, on **Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 11 am.**

- Download [Invitation](#)

## Pray for Health Care Workers

Pray Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April 2022: *Let us pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.*

## An apology from the Holy Father

The Holy Father expressed “sorrow and shame” for the abuse and lack of respect for Indigenous identities, culture and spiritual values in the residential school system, “I ask for God’s forgiveness and I want to say to you with all my heart: I am very sorry. And I join my brothers, the Canadian bishops, in asking your pardon.”

- Read the [full address from Pope Francis to the Indigenous Delegation](#)
- Read the latest statement from CCCB: Canada's Catholic Bishops [welcome Pope Francis' apology](#)
- Read [Faithfully](#) (April 4) for more information

- We have captured and curated some of the best moments from the historic visit, as well as a list of interviews for your convenience. [Check it out](#)
- Download Pope's Apology graphic - [PNG](#)
  - Please hyperlink graphic to [this page](#)
- Photo credit: Vatican Media

## Last call for Synod online participation



**Over 400 small groups** from parishes, communities and schools throughout the Diocese have participated in the synodal experience of listening, praying and discerning together the way in which we have carried forward our life and mission of holiness in the Church and in the world. **Bishop McGrattan wants to hear from you!** If you missed the parish listening sessions, share your thoughts online by visiting [catholicyyyc.ca/synod](https://catholicyyyc.ca/synod) - available until April 30.

## Pastoral Care Ministry Training | May 6-7

The Diocese of Calgary is offering a Pastoral Care Ministry Training for those who feel called to assist their parish in a healing ministry to the sick, elderly, dying, homebound and bereaved members. There is no cost to attend this workshop for new or those previously trained in Pastoral Care Ministry.

- For more information, visit [catholicyyyc.ca/pastoralcare](https://catholicyyyc.ca/pastoralcare)
- Download [poster](#)

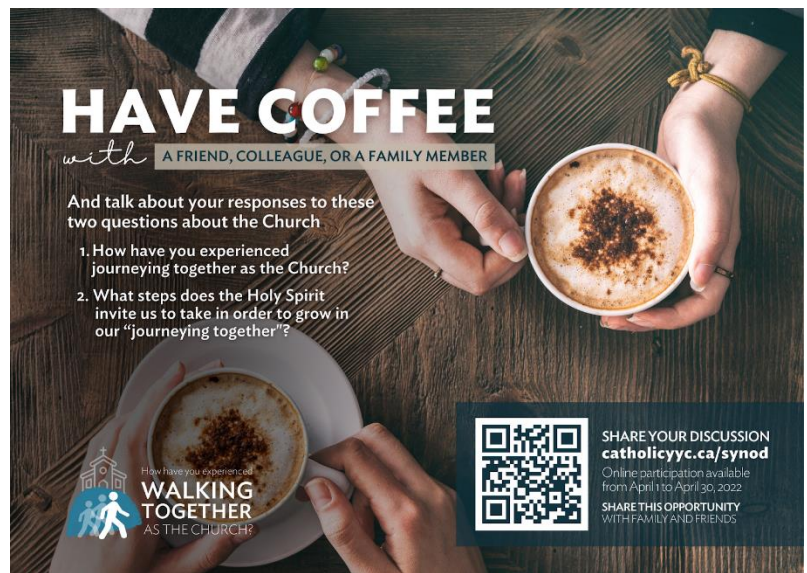
## Synod Updates

### List of Parish/Community Listening Sessions

Jesus walks alongside people and listens to the concerns and questions in their hearts. Synodal listening sessions follow the same journey as the Lord. Come, listen, and share your joys, challenges, but also hopes and dreams for our community of faith. Contact your parish to join a listening session or [find one here](#).

- [Download "Have coffee" postcard | screen](#)
- [Download "Host a dinner" postcard | screen](#)

Would you like some printed copies to share with your friends/family? Inquire with Jan for availability at [receptionist@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:receptionist@calgarydiocese.ca)



## Resources & Announcements

### 1. Spiritual Direction Training Program | FCJ Centre

The FCJ Christian Life Centre will again be offering a part-time, two-year Ecumenical training program starting September 2022. Program will run until June 2024. If you are currently receiving Spiritual Direction and are interested in training to help others to explore their personal and spiritual experience as they grow closer to God, this program might be for you. Application deadline is July 31, 2022 and space is limited. Please contact Sr. Ann Marie Walsh, FCJ, at 403-228-4215 for more information about the program or visit [fcjcentre.ca/sdtp](http://fcjcentre.ca/sdtp) | [Download poster](#)

### 2. Marriage Preparation Course with Catholic Engaged Encounter

Catholic Engaged Encounter is holding a marriage preparation weekend at the FCJ Centre. When: April 29 and May 1. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper, more meaningful life together and who are considered "free to marry" according to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. To register, visit [ceewest.com](http://ceewest.com)

### 3. Diocesan Pastoral Care Ministry Training

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### 4. CCEF Distilled

Enjoy an exclusive event in support of the Calgary Catholic Education Foundation at an evening of curated cocktails paired with delicacies from Villa Firenze at Bridgeland Distillery located in Bridgeland. Funds raised at this event will be matched by up to 50% by Shaw Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink. This is an adults only event. Tickets: \$85 include a \$20 donation to the CCEF. When: May 4 at 6 pm at Bridgeland Distillery. Tickets are limited and can be [purchased online](#) | [Promo](#) [graphic](#)

**5. Billings Ovulation Method® Online Introduction**

This is an invitation to learn about Billings Ovulation Method®, a natural fertility regulation system. 78% pregnancy achievement rate, 99% effective for avoiding pregnancy. Women: regular cycles not required, Billings can accommodate irregular cycles and times of transition too (post partum, peri-menopause, coming off hormonal birth control, PCOS, etc). Register for this online introduction class at [billingslife.ca/learn](http://billingslife.ca/learn)

**6. Workshop: Encounters of Hope: The Process of Evangelization in our Daily Lives**

The CCCB Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to a webinar: *Encountering Hope: The Process of Evangelization In Our Daily Lives*, exploring the catechist's role as an evangelizing catechist. When: Tuesday, Apr 26 at 11 AM. [Register here](#).

**7. The New Evangelization and New Media | Featuring Leah Darrow**

Ready to see how today's most compelling Catholic influencers share their experiences, faith and authenticity on social media? Check out Max Studios & Word on Fire free master class from successful Catholic social media influencers. Episode 1 with Leah Darrow (Catholic speaker, former professional model, author and mother of six) is out: "[Leah Darrow Explores Facebook](#)".

**8. Faithful Living: The joy of Easter**

What would happen if we lived the Easter season with as much fervour as we live Lent? God has graces in store for us this season, just as he did during Lent. We only need to keep our eyes peeled so that we don't miss them. [Learn 3 things we can do](#) to colour our spiritual lives with Easter joy during this liturgical season.

**9. Via Lucis - Stations of the Resurrection**

The Stations of the Light is a spiritual journey with Christ that takes one through fourteen of the most inspiring events of His post-Resurrection life on earth. In the early Church this practice was known as the *Via Lucis*, or Way of the Resurrection. It invites participants to walk along a path of transforming joy by following in the footsteps of the Risen Christ and his friends. Find resources for praying *Via Lucis* [here](#).

**10. 3 Lessons from St. Catherine of Siena (Feast day: April 29) for the modern Christian**

St. Catherine of Siena stood up for truth in times of conflict, persevered in God's will for her against all odds, and worked for God's Kingdom here on earth. Her story leaves us with [several lessons that can apply to Christians](#) today.

**11. Learn about St. Marie De L'Incarnation (Feast day: April 30)**

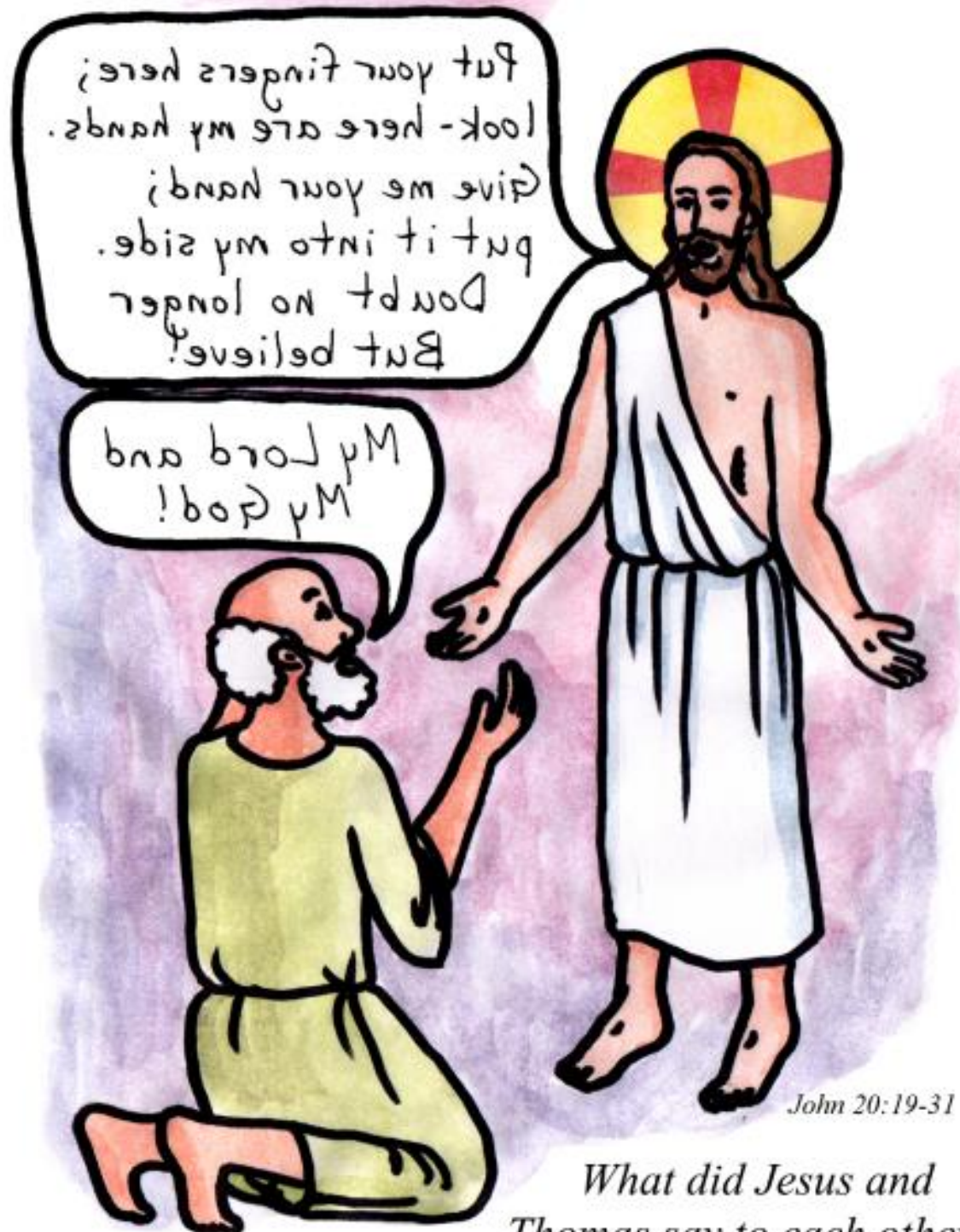
Do you know that the remains of Saint Mary of the Incarnation rest in Canada, at the Monastery in Old-Quebec? St. Marie was born in Tours, France, on Oct. 28, 1599. Time would disclose her generous heart, keen intelligence and unusually strong character. Her spiritual and mystical life was rooted in her family and in the poor around her. [Read more](#)

# The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 24th, 2022



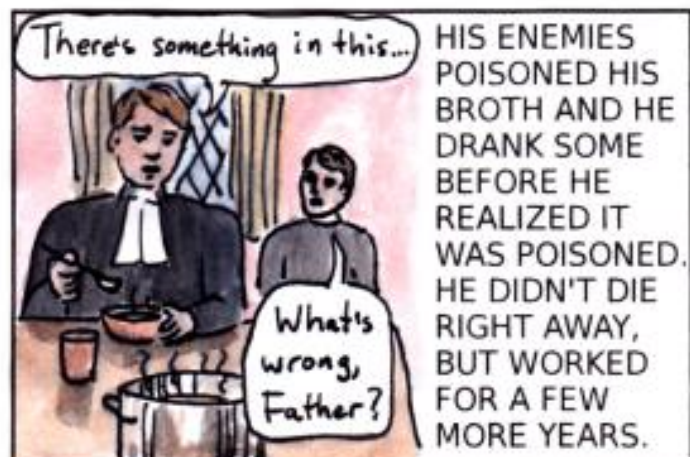
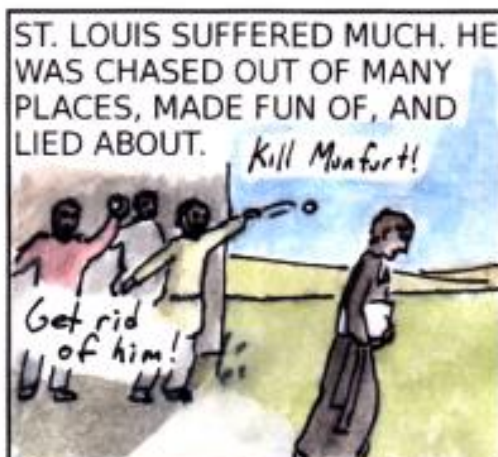
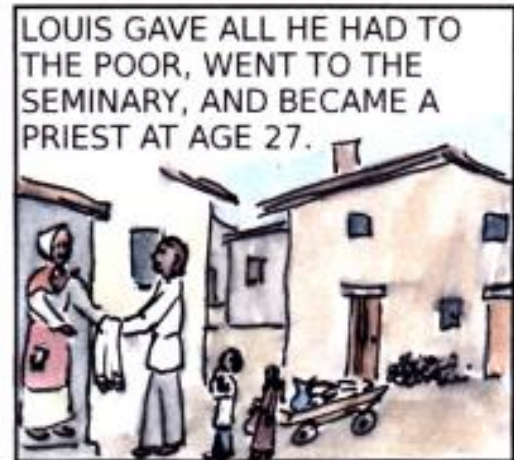
John 20:19-31

*What did Jesus and  
Thomas say to each other?*

*Look in the mirror to find out!*

# Saint Louis Marie de Montfort

## April 28



SAINT LOUIS DIED WHEN HE WAS 43 YEARS OLD. HE HAD WORKED VERY HARD TO HELP EVERYONE TO TURN TO GOD. WHAT DO YOU THINK HE TOLD THE PEOPLE WAS THE BEST WAY TO GROW CLOSE TO GOD? THROUGH MARY! NOBODY WAS EVER CLOSER TO GOD THAN MARY WAS. TALK TO MARY TODAY!

# *True or False:*

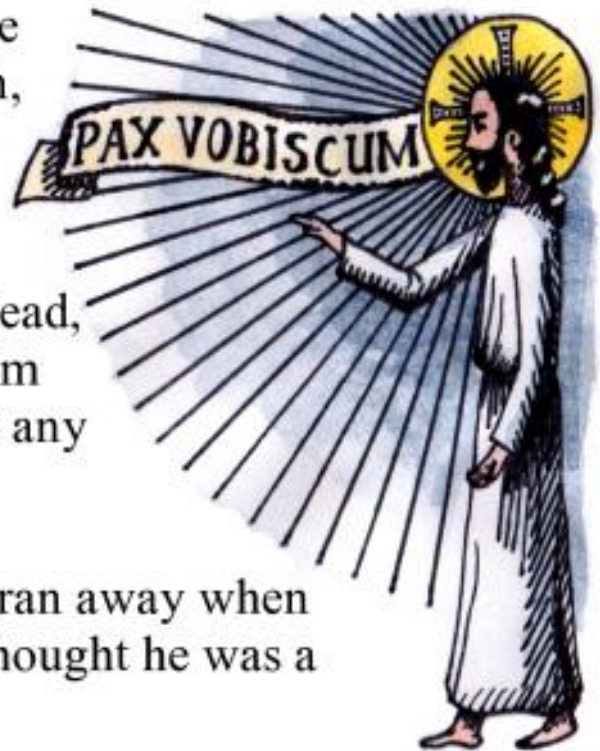
## *When Jesus Came to the Apostles*

1. When Jesus first came to the Apostles after His resurrection, He said "Peace be with you" twice. True or False?

2. When Jesus rose from the dead, you couldn't see the marks from the nails in His hands and feet any more. True or False?

3. The Apostles panicked and ran away when they saw Jesus because they thought he was a ghost. True or False?

4. Jesus breathed on the Apostles and told them that they now had the power to forgive people's sins. True or False?



5. The Apostle Thomas was not with the others when Jesus first came to them after He rose from the dead. True or False?

6. Thomas believed that they had seen Jesus, so he wasn't surprised when Jesus came again a week later. True or False?

7. Jesus told Thomas to put his fingers in the nail-holes in His hands and put his hand in Jesus' side where the spear had gone in. True or False?





# Divine Mercy

In today's Gospel we hear about the first time that Jesus came to the Apostles after He rose from the dead. He breathed on them and told them that they had the power to forgive sins. Jesus had just given us the Sacrament of Confession- now a priest could take God's place to hear our sins and tell us that we are forgiven.

Today, the second Sunday of Easter, is also the feast of Divine Mercy. Mercy means being treated well even though we don't deserve it. God is so merciful that He wants to forgive ALL our sins, no matter how bad. All we have to do is be sorry and go to Confession.

God's Divine Mercy is so great that even the worst sinner in the world can be saved from Hell if he asks for it. But even our little sins hurt Jesus, so we need to ask God for mercy too. Don't ever imagine that God can't forgive you when you are sorry- remember, Jesus died on the cross so that you would be able to go to Heaven!

## Jesus, I Trust in You!

Answers to True or False:  
1.true 2.false 3.false 4.true 5.true 6.false 7.true

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# Retreat Centers in Southern Alberta

## AN "OASIS" IN THE HEART OF CALGARY

FCJ Retreat & Conference Centre is seen by many as a spiritual home where God feels very present both in the building and the surrounding landscape, and every year welcomes thousands of visitors to a unique experience of warm hospitality and deep spirituality.

Our hope is that those who come to the FCJ Centre will encounter God, whether in prayer, in the Word, in the silence and the beauty; and that this encounter will touch many other lives too.



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.

Martha Retreat Centre, situated on the edge of the beautiful Lethbridge coulees, is a ministry of the Martha Retreat Centre Society, which was established in 2018. Originally founded by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Martha of Antigonish, Nova Scotia in 1968, the Centre continues to be supported by and aligned with the mission of the Sisters of St. Martha: inspired by God's graciousness, we strive to hear, embrace and respond to the cry for gospel hospitality.

