



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

MAY 8, 2022 – FORTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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

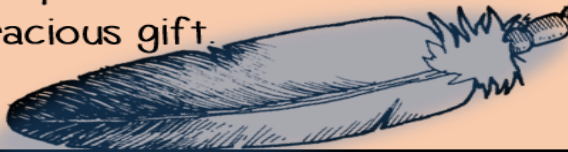
MASS TIMES... **MONDAY to FRIDAY** at 9:00AM
FIRST SATURDAY OF MONTH at 8:30AM, **SATURDAY** at
5:00PM
SUNDAY at 8:30AM, 10:30AM & 6:00PM

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

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

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OPERATING FINANCES	
APRIL 1-30, 2022	
Operating Budget 2022	\$ 59,708
General Envelope Collection	\$ 49,668
Loose Collections	\$ 1,047
Future Development	\$ 2,592
Sale of Church Supplies & Other	\$ 7,494
Budget Vs Actual	\$ 1,093
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 3,638
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 1,527
Clergy Retirement	\$ 25
Mission Mexico	\$ 200
CARO	\$ 120
World Missions	\$ 20
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$ 20
Seminary Fund	\$ 120
Ukraine Relief YTD	\$ 7,935
Loonies 4 Lent YTD	\$ 10,491
<i>Thank You for your Generous Contributions</i>	

† Mass Intentions †	
Saturday, May 7	8:30am - John & Veronica Bosch † 5:00pm - Den. Bill Schnitzler †
Sunday, May 8	8:30am - Holy Family Parish 10:30am - Yaqoob Khurshid † 6:00pm - Ed & Janice Bohrn & Family
Monday, May 9	9:00am - Katherine Marshall
Tuesday, May 10	9:00am - Mildred Martin & Family
Wednesday, May 11	9:00am - Garry & Lucille Lux's deceased Family Members †
Thursday, May 12	9:00am - Tom Mastel †
Friday, May 13	9:00am - Georgina Koch †

Good Shepherd Sunday



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and my own know me.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Hearing the Voice of the Shepherd

Oh, to hear the voice of the One who keeps us safe. The One who protects us all. The One who leads us to the Father. We do know and believe that this shepherd still speaks today - often very softly.

- † How will I listen for the voice of the Shepherd every day?
- † How will I choose to follow the voice of this Shepherd and not other voices?
- † How can I help others to listen to this voice? And follow?

Sunday's Readings

1st Reading: Acts 13.14, 43-52

We are now returning to the Gentiles.

Responsorial Psalm: 100

R. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

2nd Reading: Revelation 7.9, 14b-17

The Lamb will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life.

Gospel: John 10.27-30

I give my sheep eternal life.



2022 Goal
\$70,938
total to date
\$20,081.85
which is 29%

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Emergency Funds
for Ukraine...
To date we have
raised...
\$ 7,935.00

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Sacramental Preparation

Confirmation Rehearsal...

Friday, May 13, 2022, 6:30pm

Confirmation Mass...

Saturday, May 14, 2022, 11:00am

Followed by fellowship in Hall

"We would like to show our appreciation to all of our altar servers by having a Pizza Party on Thursday May 12th at 6:00 in the Faith Room. Please confirm with Ron Pisoni (ron.pisoni@mhcbe.ab.ca) if you are able to come. Also please let Ron know of any food allergies."



Knights of Columbus next general meeting is
Monday, May 9th at 7 pm

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

REPORTS TO
Parish Pastor

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.

**YOU MUST
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Prayers for the Souls of the Faithful Departed - Please join the Legion of Mary on Mother's Day, May 8th, from 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm to pray the rosary for your departed loved ones. The rosary will be prayed at Hillside Cemetery (use 13th St. SW entrance and take 1st right to grassed area beside the office). There will be an altar for Mary set up on which we encourage you to place a flower which can later be placed on the grave of a loved one. For more information, please contact Karen-Anne (St. Pat's) at kacherwono@shaw.ca or Cora at Holy Family. PS - Please bring a lawn chair.

Attention All Active and Auxiliary Legion of Mary members: You are encouraged to attend the Marion Mass at 8:30 am at St. Patrick's Church on May 7th to fulfill the conditions for the plenary indulgence announced by Pope Francis on the occasion of the One-hundredth anniversary of the Legion of Mary. Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence to the Legion of Mary worldwide up until September 7, 2022. A plenary indulgence, properly fulfilled under the usual conditions (sacramental Confession, Holy Communion and prayer for the intention of the Holy Pontiff), to Active and Auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary who are truly penitent may be gained. The rosary will be prayed at 8 am prior to Mass and Fr. Roque will hear Confessions.

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



Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education
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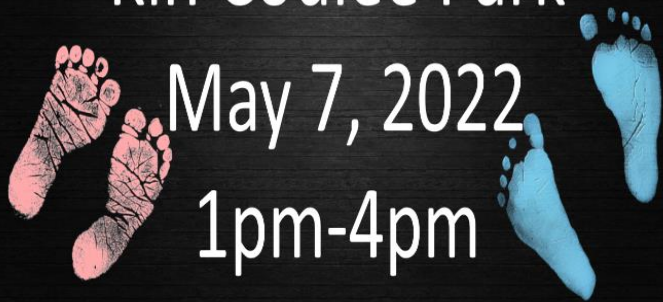
Seeds of the Word
Pro Mundi Vita



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!



Walk for Life
Kin Coulee Park
May 7, 2022
1pm-4pm



Medicine Hat Pro-Life Notice of Meeting
Monday, May 2, 2022 at 7:30 pm @ St. Pat's Church & Medicine Hat & District Pro-Life Association is hosting the annual **HIKE for LIFE** on **Saturday, May 7 at 1:00 pm at Kin Coulee Park** (by the band shelter).

Please come join us and support **ALL LIFE**. We need your support. Pledge sheets are available at the back of the Church and in your schools. Phone George Ibach at 403-527-7434 for more information. See you there!



Children's Liturgy

EXCITING NEWS::))

Children's Ministry 10:30 am Mass
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 15th, 2022.

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

NO COST - Mid morning snack will be provided.

SCHEDULE Friday July 15th

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



SPRING TEA & BAKE SALE

HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL

HOSTED BY CWL

May 7TH 2:00 – 4:00

Adults - \$5.00 ~ Children - \$2.00

Door Prizes, Raffle,

Good Food

& Good Company



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
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Blumenfeld
& District
Heritage Site

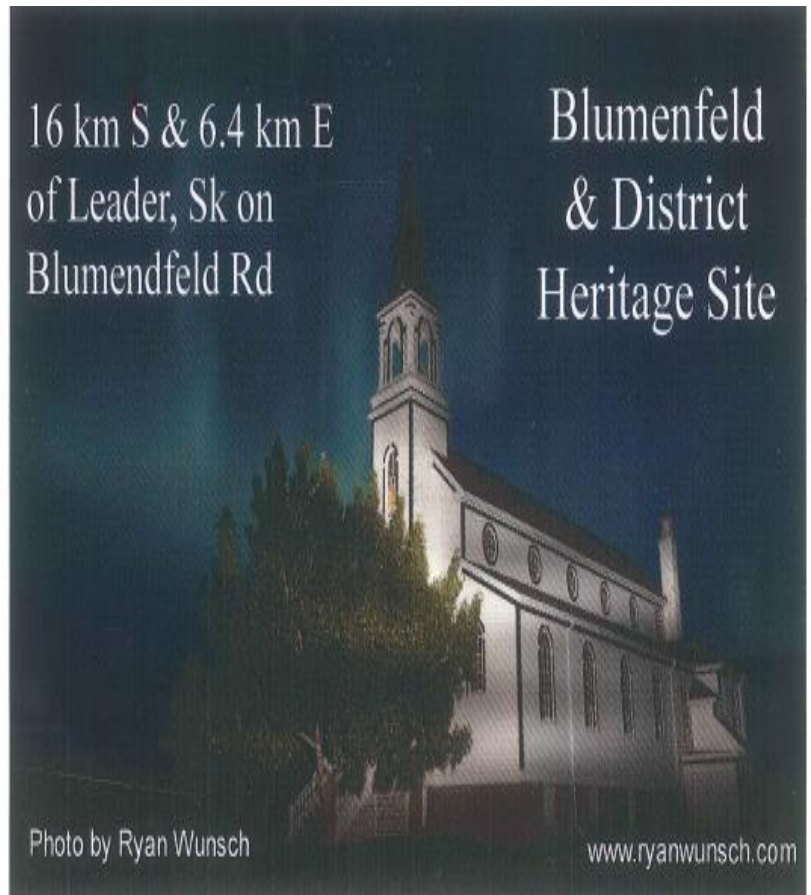


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**** Church Steeple****

“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

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4th Sunday of Easter Year C

May 8, 2022

DO WE KNOW OUR SHEPHERD?

Every year the fourth Sunday during Easter is celebrated as “Good Shepherd Sunday” to highlight the qualities and attributes of Jesus who is our Good Shepherd who died for his own sheep. Today we also pray for more vocation to religious life because “harvest is plentiful, but labourers are few”. Jesus called himself “THE GOOD SHEPHERD”. When he said this, his audience probably knew well the role of a shepherd. I live in a village and shepherds are very common there. The life of shepherds is very hard and busy 24/7 looking after the animals. They are protective, caring, and strong in relationship with their sheep.

In the Bible, sheep and shepherds are referred to with great frequency. Sometimes, the Bible talks about real sheep and real shepherds. Other times, it compares God’s people to sheep and the leaders of God’s people as shepherds. Only Jesus is called *the good shepherd*. What is it about Jesus that makes him refer to himself as such?

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of root beer, and he started his journey. When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old man. He was sitting in the park just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old man looked hungry, so he offered him a Twinkie. He gratefully accepted it and smiled at him. His smile was so pleasant that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer. Again, he smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word. As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man, and gave him a hug. He gave him his biggest smile ever. When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, “What did you do today that made you so happy?” He replied, “I had lunch with God.” But before his mother could respond, he added, “You know what? He’s got the most beautiful smile I’ve ever seen!” Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face, and he asked, “Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?” He replied, “I ate Twinkies in the park with God.” However, before his son responded, he added, “You know, he’s much younger than I expected.”

"The Lord is our Good Shepherd and there is nothing I shall want because he leads me to the green pastures and anoints my head with the purest of oil" Psalmist describes the attributes of the Lord. All of us have amazing vocation stories to share with one another which lead us to have better and strong relationship with the Lord. Our vocation stories are based on our calling, mission and vision and without these we are nothing. St. Gregory the Great reflecting on the image of Christ the Good Shepherd says "I am the good shepherd. I know my own—by which I mean, I love them—and my own know me. In plain words: those who love me are willing to follow me, for anyone who does not love the truth has not yet come to know it. My dear brethren, you have heard the test we pastors' have to undergo. Turn now to consider how these words of our Lord imply a test for yourselves also. Ask yourselves whether you belong to his flock, whether you know him, whether the light of his truth shines in your minds. I assure you that it is not by faith that you will come to know him, but by love, not by mere conviction, but by action. John the evangelist is my authority for this statement. He tells us that anyone who claims to know God without keeping his commandments is a liar. Consequently, the Lord immediately adds: As the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. Clearly, he means that laying down his life for his sheep gives evidence of his knowledge of the Father and the Father's knowledge of him. In other words, by the love with which he dies for his sheep he shows how greatly he loves his Father".

He continues to say "Again he says: My sheep hear my voice, and I know them; they follow me, and I give them eternal life. Shortly before this he had declared: If anyone enters the sheepfold through me, he shall be saved; he shall go freely in and out and shall find good pasture. He will enter into a life of faith; from faith he will go out to vision, from belief to contemplation, and will graze in the good pastures of everlasting life. So, our Lord's sheep will finally reach their grazing ground where all who follow him in simplicity of heart will feed on the green pastures of eternity. These pastures are the spiritual joys of heaven. There is the elect look upon the face of God with unclouded vision and feast at the banquet of life for ever more".

In the First Reading we see St. Paul and St. Barnabas after seeing the stubbornness of the Jewish authorities, turn their focus to Gentiles "It was necessary that the Word of God should be spoken first to you. Since you reject it and judge yourselves to be unworthy of eternal life, we are now turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, 'I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles, so that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth'". Apostles played the role of shepherds to different communities within the Roman Empire and converted them to Christian Faith. Although they suffered for the sake of the Gospel and embraced martyrdom, but they knew about their calling and obligation to continue to witness Jesus to other people.

As we reflect on the attributes of Good Shepherd, we are also invited to test our own obedience to him "who was humble and became obedient to death even death on a cross" as St. Paul says. The following is a very interesting story from the early desert fathers. A brother from Scetis was going to harvest: and he went to one of the great hermits and said, 'Tell me, abba, what am I to do, while I am harvesting?' The hermit said, 'If I tell you, will you do as I say?' The brother answered, 'Yes; I will obey you.' He said, 'If you do what I say, you will give up your harvesting: and come here, and I will tell you what to do.' So, the brother abandoned his harvesting, and came to the hermit who said, 'Go into your cell, and stay there fifty days without a break. Eat bread and salt once a day. At the end of that time, I will tell you what to do next.' He did so and came back to the hermit. The hermit realized that he was in earnest and told him how he ought to live in his cell. The brother went into his cell, and for three days and nights he lay prone upon the ground, in penitence before God. Then the thought came into his mind, 'You are very good, you are a great man,' but he took control of his thoughts, and in humility called his sins to mind, saying, 'What about all the sins I have committed?' If the thought rose in his mind that he had neglected the commandments of God, he said to himself, 'I will offer God a little service, and I believe that He will have mercy upon me.' So, he conquered the demons that sent him

wicked thoughts: and they appeared before him in a visible form, and said, 'You are making us angry.' He said to them, 'Why?' They said, 'If we praise you, you are quick to be humble; if we humble you, you rise up on high.'

In our calling or vocation obedience is the most important element. In the Gospel today, Jesus himself shared the first quality of good sheep "my sheep hear my voice" which is the first step to obedience. Jesus our Good Shepherd keep calling us every day to obey and listen.

Secondly Jesus speaks about his relationship with his sheep "I know them, and they follow me". This is the key point of our relationship and only takes place when we listen and obey. However, our relationship with God has to be defined on His terms, because He has ownership of our past, present and future. God is faithful to forgive a genuine heart, guide a willing servant and uphold the promises He makes to those who faithfully endure. We can trust in the one who does not change, cannot lie, whose "mercy is ever lasting" and whose "truth endures to all generations" (Psalm 100:5). He does not deny us as St. Paul says. God has called those who trusted in Him "His children." He loved the patriarchs of old like Noah and Job who endured, despite mounting pressure to give up. He was patient with the Israelites as they perfected being indifferent to the "God of their fathers." Today, the trials of those who love Him find the same patience and forgiveness those first-century Christians found while studying at the feet of Paul, Timothy or Peter. God loves His children. He cares for them and values the relationship they share with Him on a daily basis more than any other relationship in this world.

Thirdly Jesus gives us eternal life and saves us from being perished in our shortcomings and failures of life. Jesus is the way, the truth, the life, and the resurrection and he gives us eternal life in abundance. Jesus being our Good Shepherd searches for us and have compassion all the time. He rejoices over sheep which was lost and got it back. Prophet Ezekiel talking about Good Shepherd says "For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice".

Fourthly Jesus being the Good Shepherd is very protective of his sheep "No one will snatch them out of my hand". It is a powerful image of his protection we can see, and the Psalmist says, "he has appointed his angels to look after you lest you foot dash against the rock". Jesus loves his own and never leaves them alone because he came to search for the lost sheep of Israel. St. John says in his First Letter "We know that those who are born of God do not sin, but the one who was born of God protects them, and the evil one does not touch them". There is a beautiful prayer by Judith which really speaks about the protection of God towards his people "For your strength does not depend on numbers, nor your might on the powerful. But you are the God of the lowly, helper of the oppressed, upholder of the weak, protector of the forsaken, savior of those without hope. Please, please, God of my father, God of the heritage of Israel, Lord of heaven and earth, Creator of the waters, King of all your creation, hear my prayer! Make my deceitful words bring wound and bruise on those who have planned cruel things against your covenant, and against your sacred house, and against Mount Zion, and against the house your children possess. Let your whole nation and every tribe know and understand that you are God, the God of all power and might, and that there is no other who protects the people of Israel but you alone!"

Being under Jesus the Good Shepherd means we are one with him as he is one with his Father "The Father and I are one". However, condition is only one that we must know our Good Shepherd.

There was once a Shakespearean actor who was known everywhere for his one-man shows of readings and recitations from the classics. He would always end his performance with a dramatic reading of Psalm 23. Each night, without exception, as the actor began his recitation - "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. the crowd would listen attentively. And then, at the conclusion of the Psalm, they would rise in thunderous applause in appreciation of the actor's incredible ability to bring the verse to life.

But one night, just before the actor was to offer his customary recital of Psalm 23, a young man from the audience spoke up. "Sir, do you mind if tonight I recite Psalm 23?" The actor was quite taken back by this unusual request, but he allowed the young man to come forward and stand front and center on the stage to recite the Psalm, knowing that the ability of this unskilled youth would be no match for his own talent.

With a soft voice, the young man began to recite the words of the Psalm. When he was finished, there was no applause. There was no standing ovation as on other nights. All that could be heard was the sound of weeping. The audience had been so moved by the young man's recitation that every eye was full of tears. Amazed by what he had heard, the actor said to the youth, "I don't understand. I have been performing Psalm 23 for years. I have a lifetime of experience and training - but I have never been able to move an audience as you have tonight. Tell me, what is your secret?" The young man quietly replied, "Well sir, you know the Psalm... I know the Shepherd."



Sunday Updates

Fourth Sunday of Easter



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Daily and Sunday Mass Prayers &
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Masses, visit [Salt+Light TV](#), [Shalom](#)
[World TV](#), [EWTN](#) and [Vision TV](#)

Resources for children

- **Kid's challenge this week:** Not only can we recognize family members' voices, we can also read the tone of their voices and know something about how they are feeling. Do you recognize Jesus' voice? Ask your family to share some ways that Jesus brings them closer to God and one another. Pray together the [Acts of Faith](#), [Hope](#), and [Love](#). (Loyola Press)
 - [Colouring page this Sunday](#)
 - [Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday](#)
 - [Sunday Connection - 4th Sunday of Easter](#) (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)

COVID-19 Resources

- [Sacraments & Liturgies](#)
- [Spiritual Resources](#)
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Good Shepherd Sunday



This Sunday we are observing the World Day of Vocations, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfil the Lord's instruction to, "Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. The Diocese of Calgary also asks you to give generously for a special collection today, to help with formation and education of our seminarians and those in the permanent diaconate program.

- To donate online, visit: <https://www.catholiccyc.ca/donatevocations.html>
- Download graphic to promote special collection on Good Shepherd Sunday
 - Download graphic#1: [Square](#) | [Wide](#)
 - Download graphic#2: [Square](#) | [Wide](#)

Serra Calgary

On this Vocations Sunday, please pray for an abundant increase in vocations to the priesthood, religious and consecrated life, especially here in our diocese and from our parish communities. If you would like to be a part of creating a culture of vocations in our diocese, check out the Serra Club of Calgary at www.facebook.com/SerraCalgary or email serracalgary@gmail.com The next Serra Club meeting is Saturday, May 14th at 11:30am at St. Mary's Parish Hall.

Supporting Ukrainians in our Diocese

In collaboration with Calgary Catholic Immigration Services (CCIS), we invite all the faithful and parish communities in our Diocese to be in solidarity with our Ukrainian brothers and sisters and to consider offering assistance in four different ways, including financial donation and individual hosting. More information online at: catholiccyc.ca/blog/ukraine

Now more than ever we are called to recognize the responsibilities we have for each other as St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians reminds us, "So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God." (Ephesians 2:19).



SUPPORTING UKRAINIANS

IN OUR DIOCESE

The war in Ukraine continues to force many Ukrainians to flee their homes in seeking safety, protection, and assistance.

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MORE INFO

Please consider offering your assistance in one of the following ways:

- 1 Donate to the Emergency Funds for Ukraine
- 2 Donate directly to CCIS to help with resettlement
- 3 Parish supporting a Ukrainian Family
- 4 Individual hosting a Ukrainian family

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Our Lady of the Cape in Calgary & Canmore



Beginning May 1, the pilgrim statue of Our Lady of the Cape, Queen of Canada, Queen of the Holy Rosary will be traveling from Canada's Shrine of Notre Dame Du Cape, Trois-Rivières, Quebec across Canada to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Consecration of Canada to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

To mark the second anniversary of the Dedication of the Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Rockies, the pilgrim statue tour will visit the Diocese of Calgary from **May 22 to June 2, 2022**. We hope to honour Our Blessed Mother by providing the faithful the opportunities to venerate Canada's National Madonna; to promote consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary; and to encourage enrolment in the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary.

Tour Schedule in Calgary & Canmore:

- May 25 & 27 (evenings) | St. Albert the Great
- May 28-29 | St. Mary's Cathedral
- May 29-30 | The Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Rockies
- May 31 | Holy Spirit Church
- June 1 | Canadian Martyrs Church
- June 2 | Sacred Heart Church

Please visit catholicyyc.ca/OurLady for more information (detailed schedule, rosary rallies, school visits, prayers etc.)

- [Download poster](#) (PDF)

Third Annual
GrACE Summit 2022
Catholic Education: Together

Take us back to You, O Lord, and we will be restored. Renew our hope as of old. —Lamentations 3:21

Monday, May 30
10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
St. James Church
1504 - 20 Street SW, Calgary
Gathering Mass with Bishop McGroarty and plenary session.

12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
St. Leo Curriculum Centre, CCSD
6220 Lakeshore Drive SW, Calgary
Breakout, sharing and listening session.
Lunch provided.

Registration
\$40 per person - includes lunch
Registration open March 28 - May 20, 2022
Register here: studentquickpay.com/cssd
To register as a student, please email: info@gracealberta.ca
To register as a parent, please email: info@gracealberta.ca

Hotels close by for those seeking overnight accommodations:
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Reservations: (403) 287-7070
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GrACE Summit 2022

As we rebuild, restore and renew together, all stakeholders in Catholic Education are invited to join the GrACE movement across Alberta to inspire, invigorate and embolden the spirit of Catholic education in our province. Come and join the **GrACE Summit 2022 "Catholic Education: Together"**.

The Summit will be held on **Monday, May 30** from 10 am to 3:30 am in Calgary. Registration is \$40/person - includes lunch. Register before May 20, 2022 at

studentquickpay.com/cssd | [Download poster](#)

Read the [latest newsletter from GrACE](#)

How to bring Catholic Moms Group to your parish?

[Catholic Moms Group](#) is a ministry that allows women to connect with other moms, providing opportunities for prayer, fellowship, and discussion about topics pertaining to marriage, family and faith in a supportive and encouraging environment. We are inviting you to attend an introductory online session on **Thursday, May 26 at 7 to 9 pm**, on how to bring [Catholic Moms Group](#) to your parish. Dorothy Pilarski, who spearheaded the group in the Archdiocese of Toronto, will share the importance of this ministry, best practices, effective tools, resources, and practical tips that will make all the difference.

To register, [fill in this registration form](#). Or contact Sr. Mariflor at 403-218-5505 or email mariflor.jacob@calgarydiocese.ca

- [Watch introduction video](#)
- [Register online](#)
- [Download Poster](#)



Information sharing webinar with Dorothy Pilarski for pastors, staff, parish lay ministers or members

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The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima (May 13)

Our Lady of Fatima Parish invites you to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima with their community:

- **Friday, May 13 at 6 pm** - Rosary followed by Mass with Fr. Fabio DeSouza
- **Saturday, May 14 at 6 pm** - Rosary, followed by Mass at 6:45 pm with Fr. Cristino Bouvette, followed by candlelight procession.



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Our Lady of Fatima Parish

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
The Church dedicated to the Virgin of Fatima in Calgary
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Breathe: Marriage Conference

2-Day Catholic Marriage Getaway in the Rockies. Experience the "Breathe Marriage Conference" on **May 27-28, 2022** in Canmore, at The Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Rockies. This exciting Catholic Marriage conference is creatively designed to enrich your relationship. The conference will provide an opportunity for you to invest in your relationship by stepping away from the busyness of life in order to recharge, refresh and journey deeper into the sacrament. **Only 20 more spots available!** Speakers: Gerald & Denise Montpetit; John & Tracy Connelly and Fr. Kenneth Leblanc. [Register now](#) or contact Denise at 306-369-2220 | Download [Poster \(portrait\)](#) or [Poster \(landscape\)](#)

2021 Annual Impact Report

With a profound sense of gratitude, we would like to share with you the 2021 Diocese of Calgary Impact Report.

- View [2021 Impact Report](#) online at catholicyy.ca/2021impactreport
- A [printable 2021 Impact Report](#) (PDF) is downloadable on the website (click Download)

The pandemic in 2021 was challenging and we are grateful for your dedication, commitment and courage in serving the Church especially during the uncertain time. Thank you for answering God's call to love and serve Christ in one another. Please share our gratitude with all parishioners on behalf of those who benefit from the ministries, services, programs, and outreach of the parishes and the Diocese.



Welcome ONE ANOTHER
just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.
Romans 12: 5 + + +

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Resources & Announcements

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3. **CCEF Inaugural Gala** Join CCEF for an evening of celebrating Catholic education at our inaugural CCEF Gala on **Friday, May 27** at 6 pm at Hotel Arts. The evening will be hosted by award-winning interviewer and writer, Dave Kelly who will feature inspiring conversations with Fr. Raymond DeSouza, live performance by Sofia Durante and so much more. Your support of Catholic education will make a difference in the lives of students right here in Calgary and surrounding areas. [Purchase tickets here](#)
4. **St. Matthias (Feast day: May 14)** St. Athanasius was not afraid to defend the truth at all costs, which got him into difficulties with four different emperors, and many of his brother bishops. To help us appreciate the life of St. Athanasius and the masterful work of *De Incarnatione*, here are [10 inspiring quotes](#) from a Church Father whose example of standing up for the truth still has relevance today.
5. **Fr. Tim & Fr. Wilbert's Pilgrimage to the North** [Read the latest Faithfully](#) and learn about Fr. Tim and Fr. Wilbert's experience in the Diocese of McKenzie-Fort Smith.
6. **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
7. **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](#).

The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 8th, 2022



In today's second reading Saint John saw a great multitude gathered around someone. Connect the dots to find out who it was.

Saint Damien of Molokai

May 10

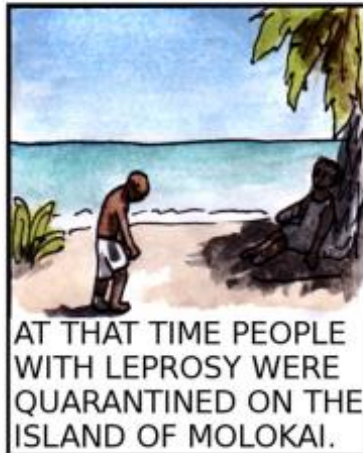
ST. DAMIEN WAS BORN IN BELGIUM IN 1840. HE HAD TO QUIT SCHOOL AT 13 TO WORK ON THE FARM. EVERY DAY HE PRAYED IN FRONT OF A PICTURE OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, PATRON OF MISSIONARIES.



HE JOINED A RELIGIOUS ORDER AND WHEN HIS BROTHER GOT SICK, HE TOOK HIS PLACE ON A MISSION TO HAWAII.

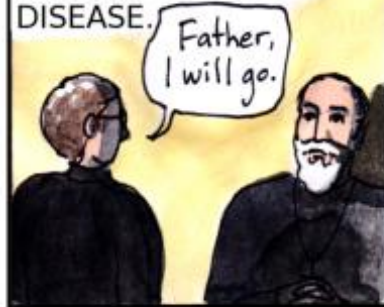


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AT THAT TIME PEOPLE WITH LEPROSY WERE QUARANTINED ON THE ISLAND OF MOLOKAI.

DAMIEN VOLUNTEERED TO GO THERE, EVEN THOUGH HE KNEW HE MIGHT CATCH THE DISEASE.



HE CARED FOR THE PEOPLE AND BUILT CHURCHES AND HOSPITALS. HE MADE LIFE MUCH BETTER FOR THEM.



FATHER DAMIEN GOT LEPROSY HIMSELF WHEN HE WAS 45. HE CONTINUED TO WORK WITH THE PEOPLE AS LONG AS HE COULD. HE DIED AT AGE 49 AND WAS BURIED ON THE ISLAND.

ST. DAMIEN KNEW THAT THE PEOPLE IN MOLOKAI NEEDED GOD, JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE. HE DECIDED TO GO THERE EVEN THOUGH HE KNEW THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY GET THE DEADLY DISEASE OF LEPROSY. HE GAVE HIS LIFE FOR THOSE PEOPLE. WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR THE POOR OR SICK TODAY?

Jesus' Sheep Word Puzzle

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks.

Use the numbered letters to fill in the blanks at the very end.

Jesus _____○⁴.

John 10:27-30

"My sheep hear my voice;

I _____○³ them

and they _____○² _____○⁷

I give them eternal life;

and they shall never _____○⁸ _____.

and no one can take them out of my _____○¹².

My Father, who has _____○¹ _____ them to me,

_____○⁵ _____○¹⁰ _____ than all,

and no one can take _____○⁶ _____

out of the Father's hand.

The _____○⁹ _____ and I _____○¹¹ one."

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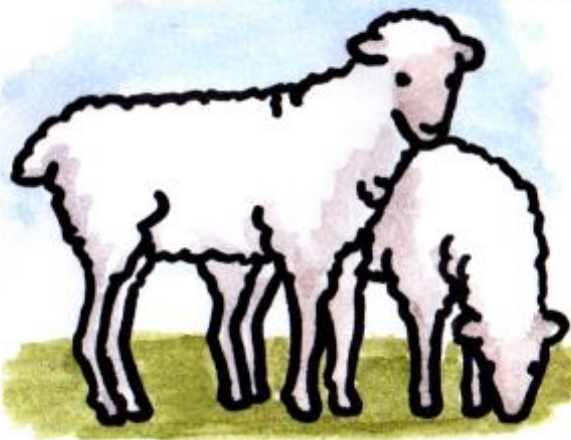
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The Sheep and the Shepherd

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us about His sheep. Do you know who His sheep are? We are His sheep! He loves us and protects us just like a shepherd cares for his sheep. And what do the sheep do in return? They listen to His voice and follow Him.

We also hear about Jesus being called the "Lamb of God." When He became man, He was like one of the sheep in God's sheepfold. But He was not the same as all the rest of us. He never did any sins Himself, but he died for us on the cross to save us from our sins. That is why at every Mass we say, "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us."

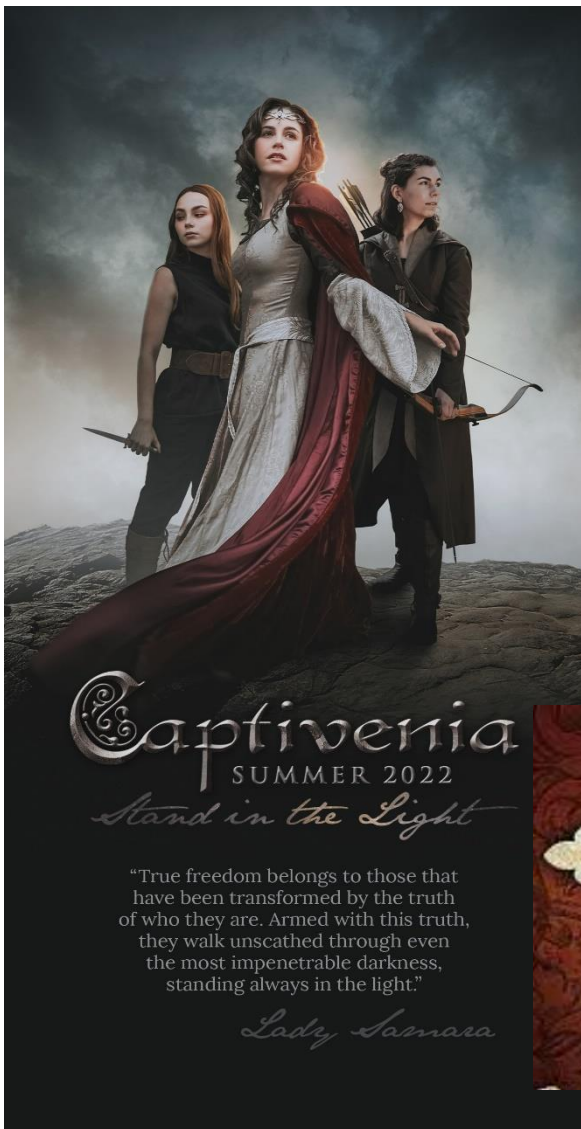
Now that Jesus is not visibly here on earth, He has left us another shepherd to care for His flock. Do you know who that is? It's the pope! God gives him grace to guide and protect the Church. Can you say a Hail Mary for Pope Francis today?



Answer to Word Puzzle: GOOD SHEPHERD

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.

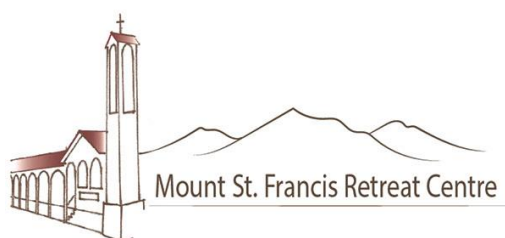


Retreat Centers in Southern Alberta

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 we 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-hecktic 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.

