



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

MAY 22, 2022 – SIXTH 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

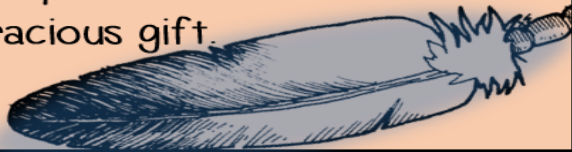
MASS TIMES... **MONDAY to FRIDAY** at 9:00AM
FIRST SATURDAY OF MONTH at 8:30AM, **SATURDAY** at
5:00PM
SUNDAY at 8:30AM, 10:30AM & 6:00PM

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>	



2022 Goal
\$70,938

total to date
\$20,593

which is 29%

† Mass Intentions †	
Saturday, May 21	5:00pm - Michelle Guinette †
Sunday, May 22	8:30am - Holy Family Parish 10:30am - Rose Fortier Family 6:00pm - Osvalda Ferreira †
Monday, May 23	NO MASS TODAY
Tuesday, May 24	9:00am - Simon Schmaltz †
Wednesday, May 25	9:00am - Bea Moxham †
Thursday, May 26	9:00am - Ted & Donna Rodych
Friday, May 27	9:00am - Philip & Irene Stein †

Gospel Acclamation - John 14.23

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

Alleluia, Alleluia.



Sunday's Readings

1st Reading: Acts 14.1-2, 22-29
 It has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to impose on you no further burden than what is essential.

Responsorial Psalm: 67.1-2, 4-7 (R.4)
 R. Let the people praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

2nd Reading: Revelation 21.10-14, 22-23
 The Angel showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

Gospel: John 14.12-29
 The Holy Spirit will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

Keeping the Lord's Word

Love me. Keep my words. Will teach you everything. Be not afraid. What an Easter message! From the other side of death, the living Jesus still embraces us, still teaches us, still wants the best of everything for us.

† How will I love God today? What impact will that have on someone else?

† How can I be at peace and trust in the Lord's care for me?

† How will I shed fear and not let my heart be troubled?

PRAYER & Praise



PRAYER & PRAISE in the CHAPEL is starting up again **MAY 30**
Monday Evenings from 7 to 8 pm



Children's Liturgy

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.

ARE YOU SPRING CLEANING?

The Catholic Women's League are collecting gently used, clean clothing for the Parish of Cluny/ Brocket.

Please place your donations in the provided bins in the front foyer.

We will accept donations up to June 12.

THANK YOU

SAINTS ALIVE BIBLE MORNING CAMP

Friday July 15th, 2022

Registration forms are available in Church Foyer

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



HEALING & GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKSHOP - ASSUMPTION CHURCH

2405 - 12 Avenue S. Lethbridge

Fri. June 17th (6:30 p.m.): Receiving the infusion of the Holy Spirit.

Sat. June 18th (8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.): Tongues, Prophecy, Wisdom, Knowledge, Resting in the Spirit & Intro to Healing.

Register: bea_earth@hotmail.com or 306-740-6301

HOLY FAMILY CWL GARAGE SALE
Friday, June 10 - 3:00pm - 6:00pm
Saturday, June 11 - 9:00am - 3:00pm
Table Rental - \$30.00



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Information
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403-502-6883

EMERGENCY FUNDS for UKRAINE

PEACE & DEVELOPEMENT

To date we
have raised...
\$ 6,100.00

To make monetary donations to the Ukrainian Refugees coming to Medicine Hat Please mark your cheque or cash donation... St. Vincent de Paul, Hatters for Ukraine or e-transfer to:

ssvpmedhat@gmail.com Tax receipts will be

issued for any donations of \$20 or more.

The Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education and the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta are working together to support our new friends and neighbors.

MOUNT ST FRANCIS MEN'S SILENT RETREAT

June 10-12

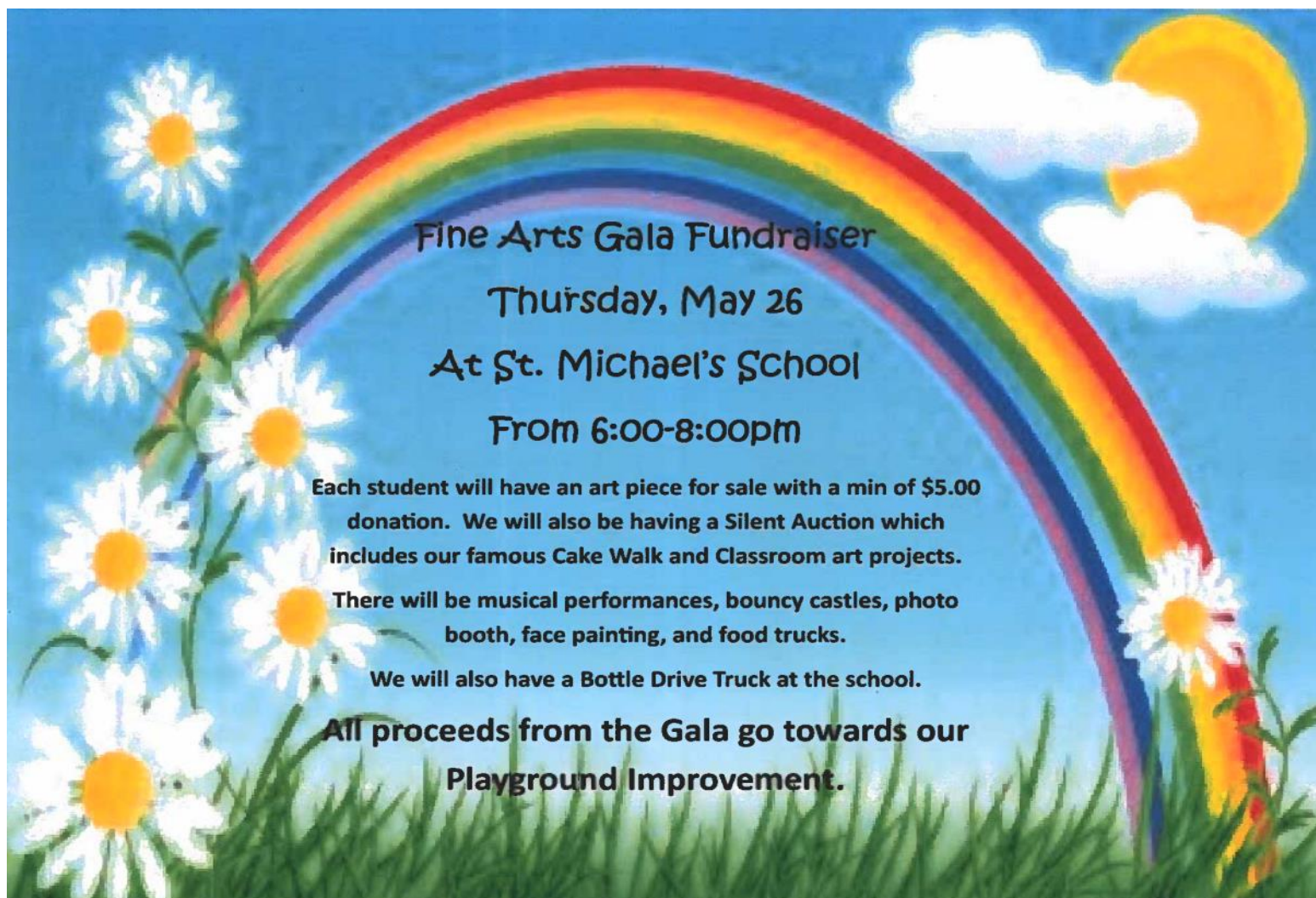
"Seeking Wholeness and Holiness"



Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre

To Book or for further
information or assistance
getting there Please call

Ken Moen at
403-866-1270



Fine Arts Gala Fundraiser

Thursday, May 26

At St. Michael's School

From 6:00-8:00pm

Each student will have an art piece for sale with a min of \$5.00 donation. We will also be having a Silent Auction which includes our famous Cake Walk and Classroom art projects.

There will be musical performances, bouncy castles, photo booth, face painting, and food trucks.

We will also have a Bottle Drive Truck at the school.

All proceeds from the Gala go towards our
Playground Improvement.

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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WILLIAM T. MCGRATTAN

BISHOP *of* CALGARY

May 18, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The great feast of Pentecost celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit into the life of the Church through the Apostles, the disciples, and with Mary, the mother of our Lord, who were gathered in the upper room “constantly devoting themselves to prayer” (Acts 1:12-14). This gathering for worship is necessary for our identity as disciples of Christ.

In March of 2020, the Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories issued in their respective dioceses a dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation to provide the faithful the freedom to choose and not be obligated to participate in large liturgical gatherings and thus to reduce the spread of COVID-19 during the time of the global pandemic.

Now, at this stage where the necessity for health and safety restrictions has been relaxed, a return to in-person gatherings on Sundays as a worshipping community is necessary for our continued spiritual nourishment and growth. Therefore, the Bishops of Alberta and Northwest Territories in their respective dioceses will be lifting the dispensation on Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022.

While acknowledging the continuing presence of COVID-19 in our midst, the decree restoring the Sunday obligation will continue to provide the exemption for those who are ill, vulnerable and those providing direct care for them, and those who cannot attend Mass because of frailty or old age.

Our sacred duty to worship God on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation orients our personal freedom to the worship and service of God. May the feast of Pentecost inspire us to constantly devote ourselves to prayer especially in the highest form of our worship of God in the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠William T. McGrattan
Bishop of Calgary

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DECREE

In the name of God.

The Most Reverend William T. McGrattan

Bishop of Calgary

Whereas in March 2020 the Bishop of the Diocese of Calgary dispensed with the obligation to Sunday Mass in light of the coronavirus pandemic for the safety of the faithful and the common good;

Whereas public restrictions have now been lifted for public gatherings, including public worship;

Therefore, in gratitude for the decrease of the danger to public health caused by the coronavirus and for the good of souls, I hereby restore the Sunday obligation for Catholics starting on Saturday, June 4, 2022, the Vigil of Pentecost, in accordance with Canon 1245 of the Code of Canon Law.

As has always been the case, anyone with a "serious reason" or "grave cause" is excused from this obligation. Such reasons include:

- anyone who is sick, symptomatic or recently exposed to the coronavirus;
- anyone with serious health risk factors that requires them to avoid public spaces;
- anyone who cares for someone who is sick;
- anyone who cannot attend Mass, through no fault of their own, because of frailty or old age.

May the trials of these two years lead us to a renewed faith in Christ's real Presence in the Holy Eucharist, a renewal of Sunday as a family day of prayer and rest, and cultivate within our souls a desire that sees our obligation as the greatest privilege of our faith.

Given at Calgary, on this Wednesday, May 18, 2022.

+William T. McGrattan
Bishop of Calgary

Rev. Anthony Pudota
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6th Sunday of Easter Year C

May 22, 2022

KEEPING HIS COMMANDMENTS

There was once a man who had four young sons. Wanting to teach them about the dangers of judging things too rapidly, he decided to send each of them on a journey, one after the other, to a distant pear tree. Each son when in a different season, the first in winter, the second in spring, and so on. At the end of the year, he brought his children together and asked them what they'd seen.

The son who'd travelled in winter described a gnarled, twisted, and barren tree that stood stark and ugly against the land. The son who went in spring disagreed. No, he said, the tree seemed full of hope and promise, with green buds along its branches. The third son, who'd travelled in summer, disagreed once more. The pear tree he had seen was covered in beautiful blossom that looked and smelled divine. Finally, the last son, who'd made the journey in fall, disagreed again, describing a tree laden with sweet and delicious pears that tasted better than any he'd eaten before.

When each son had spoken, the father said they were all correct, because they'd only seen but one season of the pear tree's life. He explained to his sons that it's foolish and impossible to judge something in this manner. The essence of something, whether it's a tree or their fellow man, can only be measured as a whole, at the end of the year, having seen it in its fullness. To make your judgment in winter is to miss the promise of spring, the beauty of summer, and the fruit in fall.

How true it is to see the lesson from the Readings today? By keeping the commandments of the Lord, we can change our lives and can become followers of Jesus. Last Sunday we reflected on our Christian identity when Jesus said, "By this people will know that you are my disciples". Our identity lies within the commandment of loving one another. There is a beautiful reflection from a letter to Diognetus:

"Christians are indistinguishable from other men either by nationality, language or customs. They do not inhabit separate cities of their own, or speak a strange dialect, or follow some outlandish way of life. Their teaching is not based upon reveries inspired by the curiosity of men. Unlike some other people, they champion no purely human doctrine. With regard to dress, food and manner of life in general, they follow the customs of whatever city they happen to be living in, whether it is Greek or foreign. And yet there is something extraordinary about their lives. They live in their own countries as though they were only passing through. They play their full role as citizens, but labor under all the disabilities of aliens. Any country can be their homeland, but for them their homeland, wherever it may be, is a

foreign country. Like others, they marry and have children, but they do not expose them. They share their meals, but not their wives. They live in the flesh, but they are not governed by the desires of the flesh. They pass their days upon earth, but they are citizens of heaven. Obedient to the laws, they yet live on a level that transcends the law.

Christians love all men, but all men persecute them. Condemned because they are not understood, they are put to death, but raised to life again. They live in poverty, but enrich many; they are totally destitute, but possess an abundance of everything. They suffer dishonor, but that is their glory. They are defamed, but vindicated. A blessing is their answer to abuse, deference their response to insult. For the good they do they receive the punishment of malefactors, but even then, they rejoice, as though receiving the gift of life. They are attacked by the Jews as aliens, they are persecuted by the Greeks, yet no one can explain the reason for this hatred.

To speak in general terms, we may say that the Christian is to the world what the soul is to the body. As the soul is present in every part of the body, while remaining distinct from it, so Christians are found in all the cities of the world but cannot be identified with the world. As the visible body contains the invisible soul, so Christians are seen living in the world, but their religious life remains unseen. The body hates the soul and wars against it, not because of any injury the soul has done it, but because of the restriction the soul places on its pleasures. Similarly, the world hates the Christians, not because they have done it any wrong, but because they are opposed to its enjoyments.

Christians love those who hate them just as the soul loves the body and all its members despite the body's hatred. It is by the soul, enclosed within the body, that the body is held together, and similarly, it is by the Christians, detained in the world as in a prison, that the world is held together. The soul, though immortal, has a mortal dwelling place; and Christians also live for a time amidst perishable things, while awaiting the freedom from change and decay that will be theirs in heaven. As the soul benefits from the deprivation of food and drink, so Christians flourish under persecution. Such is the Christian's lofty and divinely appointed function; from which he is not permitted to excuse himself".

The passage taken from the Acts of the Apostles speaks to us about what is essential. In the early Church there was immediately a need to discern what was essential about being a Christian, about following Christ, and what was not. The apostles and the other elders held an important meeting in Jerusalem, a first "council" (which took place in 50AD known as Council of Jerusalem), on this theme, to discuss the problems which arose after the Gospel had been preached to the pagans, to non-Jews. It was a providential opportunity for better understanding what is essential, namely, belief in Jesus Christ who died and rose for our sins and loving him as he loved us. There is a beautiful lesson hidden for us to know that by coming together and speaking out, we can solve the problems but unfortunately guns and wars have become the means to solve the issues which lead us towards hatred, division, disunity, and discrimination. But note how the difficulties and misunderstandings were overcome: not from without, but from within the Church. Once we know what is essential then we can keep the command of the Lord within our hearts (please read Psalm 119). Holy Father Pope Francis says "In your parishes, in your dioceses, be a true "lung" of faith and Christian life, a breath of fresh air! In this Square I see a great variety: earlier on it was a variety of umbrellas, and now of colours and signs. This is also the case with the Church: a great wealth and variety of expressions in which everything leads back to unity; the variety leads back to unity, and unity is the encounter with Christ".

To keep the commandment of the Lord means we look at his Holy Cross everyday because whenever we carry the crucifix in procession with such great veneration and love for the Lord, we are not performing a simple outward act; we are pointing to the centrality of the Lord's paschal mystery, his

passion, death and resurrection which have redeemed us, and you are reminding yourselves first, as well as the community, that we have to follow Christ along the concrete path of our daily lives so that he can transform us. I remember during the Confirmation Mass, when Bishop asked the candidate the question about the Easter Symbol, many of them responded about the Paschal Candle and how the flame reminds us that we are called to be the light and without keeping his commandments we can't follow his paths. The Blessed Virgin Mary teaches us how to keep his commandments and meditate on them day and night.

Jesus through the Gospel of John continue his farewell discourse as he is sitting at the dinner table. Jesus entrusts his last thoughts, as a spiritual testament, to the apostles before he leaves them. Last Sunday Jesus said in the same chapter "today I give you a new commandment... love one another" which was followed by him washing the feet of his disciples. Today's text makes it clear that Christian faith is completely centred on the relationship between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Whoever loves the Lord Jesus welcomes him and his Father interiorly, and thanks to the Holy Spirit receives the Gospel in his or her heart and life. Here we are shown the centre from which everything must go forth and to which everything must lead loving God and being Christ's disciples by living the Gospel. Pope Benedict XVI used this expression: evangelical spirit.

Pope Francis says "Draw always from Christ, the inexhaustible wellspring; strengthen your faith by attending to your spiritual formation, to personal and communitarian prayer, and to the liturgy. Advance with determination along the path of holiness; do not rest content with a mediocre Christian life, but let your affiliation serve as a stimulus, above all for you yourselves, to an ever greater love of Jesus Christ".

Saint Gaudentius of Brescia, bishop reflecting on the true image of Christians who keep the commandment of the Lord said "One man has died for all, and now in every church in the mystery of bread and wine he heals those for whom he is offered in sacrifice, giving life to those who believe and holiness to those who consecrate the offering. This is the flesh of the Lamb; this is his blood. The bread that came down from heaven declared: The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world. It is significant, too, that his blood should be given to us in the form of wine, for his own words in the gospel, I am the true vine, imply clearly enough that whenever wine is offered as a representation of Christ's passion, it is offered as his blood. This means that it was of Christ that the blessed patriarch Jacob prophesied when he said: He will wash his tunic in wine and his cloak in the blood of the grape. The tunic was our flesh, which Christ was to put on like a garment and which he was to wash in his own blood".

Even if we fail to keep his commandments, Holy Spirit does help us to understand his message because Holy Spirit is our Advocate and Help who prays for us as St. Paul writes to the Romans "Brothers and Sisters: For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him" (8:14-17).

There was once a group of 100 people attending a seminar on personal development.

In the middle of their talk, the speaker stops and decides to run an impromptu group activity. He hands out a balloon to each attendee and tells them to write their name on it. The balloons are then collected and placed in an adjacent room. The speaker then instructs the 100 attendees to enter that room and,

within 5 short minutes, find the balloon with their name on it. Pandemonium breaks loose as they charge in, pushing and colliding with each other as they desperately search for their name. The 5 minutes pass and nobody succeeds. The speaker then tells each person to pick up any random balloon and give it to the person whose name is written on it. Within a few minutes everyone has their balloon back. He then said, "What just happened with those balloons is exactly what happens in our search for happiness. We frantically look for it all around us, not knowing where it is." Our happiness and strength is found in the commandment of the Lord and Holy Spirit is there to follow them.

Do we keep his Commandments?



Mount Tabor Church of the Transfiguration above the main altar
Photo by Fr Iqbal Khurshid, 2020

Sunday Updates

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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)

Full schedule of Parish Livestream Masses:
<https://www.catholiccyyc.ca> | TELUS Optik TV Ch. 877 (choose Diocese of Calgary tile logo). For other online Masses, visit [Salt+Light TV](#), [Shalom World TV](#), [EWTN](#) and [Vision TV](#)

COVID-19 Resources

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



Resources for children

- **Kid's challenge this week:** Pray the rosary this week, on your own or with your family, and pray for world leaders; that they may do all they can to make the world a peaceful place for everyone to live in. (CAFOD)
 - [Coloring page this Sunday](#)
 - [Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday](#)
 - [Sunday Connection - 6th 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)

The restoration of the Sunday Obligation



The Bishops of Alberta and NWT have decided to issue in each of their own dioceses the decree restoring the Sunday Obligation which will take effect at the Vigil of Pentecost, June 4, 2022.

- [Bishop's Pastoral Letter & Decree for the restoration of Sunday obligation](#)

Celebrate the Holy Spirit - A Synodal Celebration

Come for a day of prayer, reflection on the synodal experience, sharing of the Diocesan Synthesis, BBQ lunch and Eucharistic celebration with Bishop McGrattan.

When: **Saturday, June 4, 2022** from 10 am to 3 pm. Where: St. Michael Catholic Community (800 85 St. SW, Calgary). Please register online at catholiccyyc.ca/synod or call 403-218-5521 (Registration is required by May 31).



Our Lady of the Cape in Calgary & Canmore

The pilgrim statue of Our Lady of the Cape will be in our Diocese 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.

Visit catholiccyyc.ca/ourlady



Bishop McGrattan will be celebrating the following Masses during the visit of Our Lady of the Cape Tour:

- **Sunday, May 29 at Noon at St. Mary's Cathedral.** Taking place at this Mass: the blessing of the Roses and enrolment to the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary. [Full schedule](#)
- **Monday, May 30 at 7 pm at The Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Rockies, Canmore.** This Mass will celebrate the second anniversary of the Dedication of the Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Rockies. The Bishop will also consecrate the Diocese of Calgary to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and bless ten thousand Miraculous Medals for distribution to the faithful in the Diocese. [Full schedule](#)

Tour detailed schedule in Calgary & Canmore:

- May 25 & 27 (evening) | St. Albert the Great, Calgary | [Schedule](#)
- May 28-29 | St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary | Poster & Schedule | [Poster & Schedule](#)
- May 29-30 | Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Rockies, Canmore | [Poster & Schedule](#)
- May 31 | Holy Spirit Church, Calgary | [Schedule](#)
- June 1 | Canadian Martyrs Church, Calgary | [Schedule](#)
- June 2 | Sacred Heart Church, Calgary | [Schedule](#)

Traveling Procession on May 23 | [Schedule](#)

Traveling Procession on May 28 | [Schedule](#)

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

Papal Visit to Canada | July 24-29



As many of you heard last Friday, Pope Francis will make a pastoral visit to Canada from **July 24 to 29, 2022**. The Pope's visit will provide an opportunity for him to listen and dialogue with Indigenous Peoples, to express his heartfelt closeness and to address the impact of residential schools in Canada. The papal visit will also provide an opportunity for the shepherd of the world's 1.2 billion Catholics to connect with the Catholic community in Canada. Pope Francis will adopt three communities as a base for his Canadian visit: **Edmonton, Quebec City, and Iqaluit**.

Specific programming and events will be confirmed approximately six weeks prior to the Holy Father's arrival. Visit papalvisit.ca or visitepapale.ca for more information and to stay updated on the latest developments.

NEW PRIEST APPOINTMENT

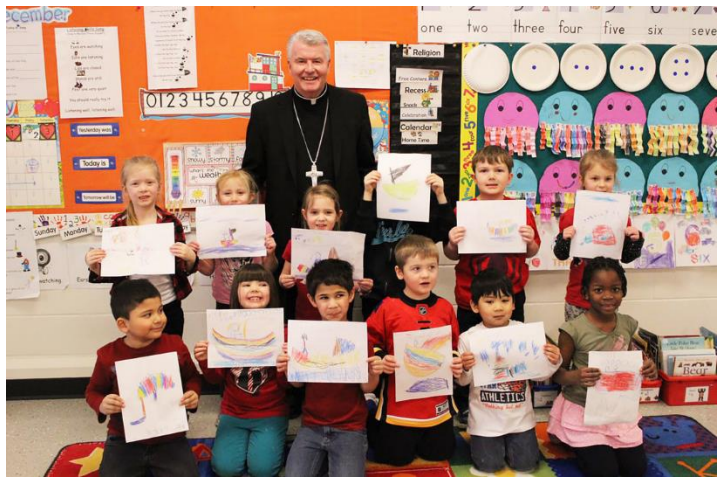
Rev. Cristino Bouvette, Vicar for Vocations & Young Adults and Chaplain to the St. Francis Xavier Chaplaincy has been seconded to assist in planning for the Papal Visit to Canada as the National Liturgical Coordinator. Fr. Bouvette will be temporarily absent from the Diocese and his ministry but will continue with the sacramental care of the Chaplaincy with the support of brother priests in these weeks of preparation leading up to the Papal Visit in July. The Seeds of the Word Community has made available their lay-missionary, Chris Kokot, to assist with the administration of the Chaplaincy during Fr. Bouvette's absence.

Catholic Education Week - May 23-27

Catholic Education Week is an annual event in the month of May which celebrates the important and vital role that our Catholic schools play in the province of Alberta and the Northwest Territories. Publicly funded Catholic education provides a faith-based education to more than 180,000 students in Alberta.

You are invited to celebrate Catholic Education Week 2022! Across Alberta and in each Catholic school district, Catholic Education Week is recognized with uniting prayer events and specific actions. Rebuild, restore, renew together! Included the special edition of [May GrACE Newsletter](#) are all the links and information you need to celebrate Catholic education in your school, community and home.

On Friday, May 27, at 10 am, Bishop McGrattan of the Diocese of Calgary will celebrate Mass to close the Catholic Education Week. To join the Mass online, [click here](#).



- [Letter from the Bishops of Alberta and the NWT for Catholic Education Week](#)
- [Read May GrACE Newsletter](#)



A Pastoral message *from* Bishop McGrattan

Read Bishop McGrattan's newest message about the importance of dialogue with our young people and to listen to their experience of living the faith. "Through receiving Confirmation and being sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit we cannot underestimate young people in their contribution to the ongoing synodal process of the Church."

- [Read Bishop's message now](#)

The Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope encourages young people, in the process of finding their own paths in life, to listen like the Virgin Mary did and to pay attention to the words of their grandparents. In his message, Francis invites them to a full life which will come from having the courage to give themselves to serving others.



FOR FAITH-FILLED YOUNG PEOPLE

"Let us pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service."

- Pope Francis -

Employment opportunities

New employment opportunities on our [Careers](#) page:

- Sacrament Preparation Coordinator - St. Peter's Church, Calgary
- Resilience Specialist - Elizabeth House, Calgary

- Volunteer & Operations Coordinator - Elizabeth House, Calgary
- Director of Administration & Finance - Diocese of Saskatoon

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

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](#)
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Information sharing webinar with Dorothy Pilarski for pastors, staff, parish lay ministers or members

HOW TO BRING CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP TO YOUR PARISH

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SPEAKER
Dorothy Pilarski
Catholic Moms Group in the Archdiocese of Toronto is one of the most successful Catholic ministries in the country. Dorothy will share the importance of this ministry, best practices, effective tools, resources, and practical tips that will make all the difference.

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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. 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 \(landscape\)](#)

Resources & Announcements

1. World Day of Prayer for the Church in China (May 24)

May 24 is the feast day of Our Lady Help of Christians, and it was proclaimed a World Day of Prayer for the Church in China as an act of solidarity with the faithful in China, and in all Asia. Pray the [prayer of Pope Benedict XVI to Our Lady of Sheshan](#).

2. Vigil of Pentecost with CCCRS and Bishop McGrattan

The Calgary Catholic Charismatic Renewal Society (CCCRS) invites you to the Vigil of Pentecost Mass with Bishop McGrattan on **Saturday, June 4 at 6:30 pm at Ascension Catholic Parish**, followed by Adoration, talk and praise & worship. Theme: "Walking together in challenging times." [Read more](#)

3. St. Francis Xavier Chaplaincy lineups in May 2022

Young adults: Check out St. Francis Xavier Chaplaincy's [lineups of exciting activities in May 2022](#).

4. 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](#)

5. Reminder: Laudato Si' Week 2022

May 22-29, 2022 will mark the seventh anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on creation care and unite the world's 1.3 billion Catholics to listen and respond to the cry of God's creation. [Laudato Si' Week 2022](#) is sponsored by the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and facilitated by [Laudato Si' Movement](#)

6. Billings Ovulation Method - Online introduction

Online introduction to the Billings Ovulation Method®, a natural fertility regulation system will be held on **Thursday, May 26 at 7 pm**. 78% pregnancy achievement rate, 99% effective for avoiding pregnancy. Billings can accommodate irregular cycles and times of transition too (post partum, peri-menopause, coming off hormonal birth control, PCOS, etc). [Read more](#)

7. St. Bede the Venerable (Feast day May 25)

Renowned for his love of teaching and learning, St. Bede was known for his modesty and for the joy with which he lived out his monastic vocation. Bede is especially remembered for his *Ecclesiastical History of the English People*, and his other writings include commentaries on Sacred Scripture, history and lives of the Saints. [Read more](#)

8. 5 Tips for finding a good mood, from St. Philip Neri (Feast day May 26)

St. Philip Neri is known as the patron saint of joy, because he was convinced that cheerfulness should be a mark of those who follow Christ. Here are five quotes from the fun-loving saint to help us live in better spirits. [Read more](#)

9. St. Augustine of Canterbury (Feast day May 27)

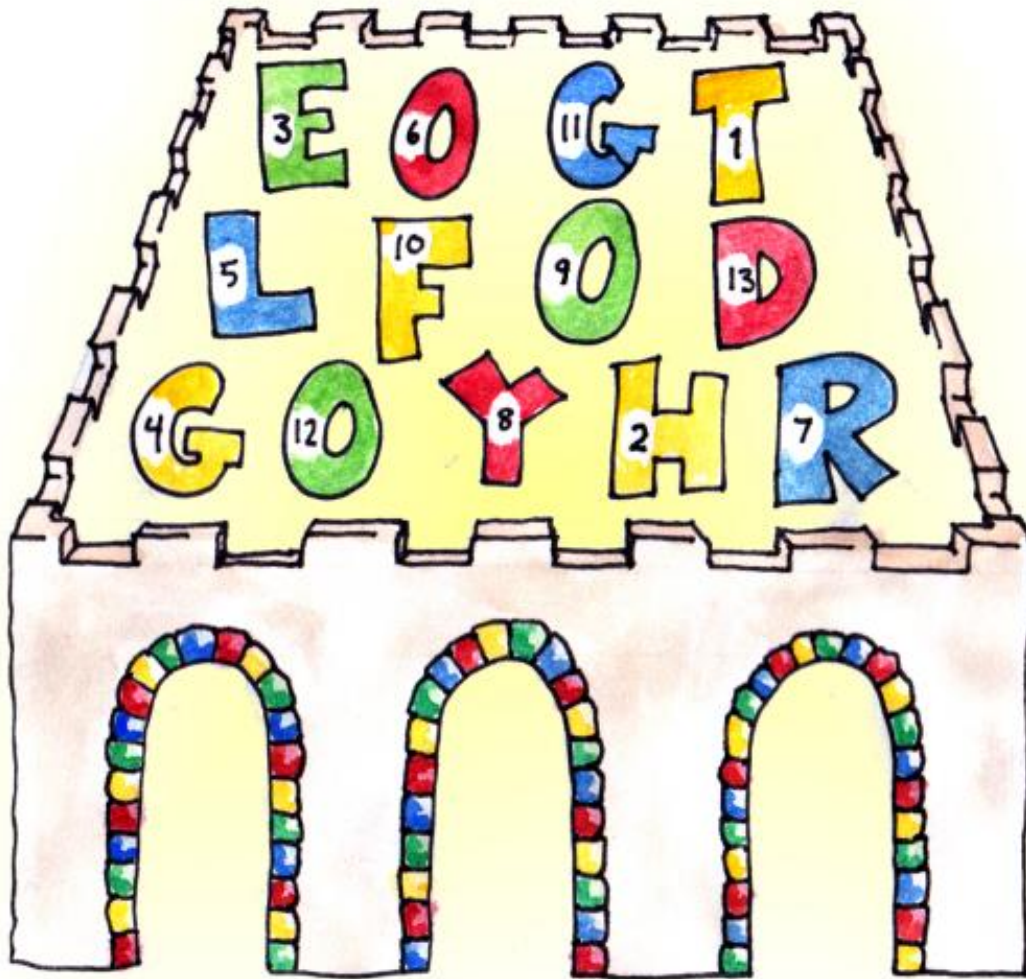
Augustine of Canterbury comes across today as a very human saint, one who could suffer like many of us from a failure of nerve. Augustine's perseverance amidst obstacles and only partial success teaches today's apostles and pioneers to struggle on despite frustrations and be satisfied with gradual advances. [Read more](#)

10. An interview with Santiago Torres

Chris Moraes (President of the Serra Club of Calgary for Vocations) sat down with Santiago at his home parish of St. Bonaventure to ask him about his vocation journey and his upcoming Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate. [Get to know our newest Transitional Deacon.](#)

The Kids' Bulletin

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 22nd, 2022



*Today's second reading tells about
the new Jerusalem, the heavenly city.
Sort out the letters by their numbers
to fill in the blanks...*

The city has no need of sun or moon because

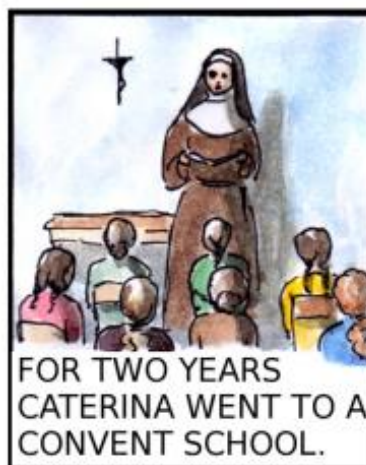
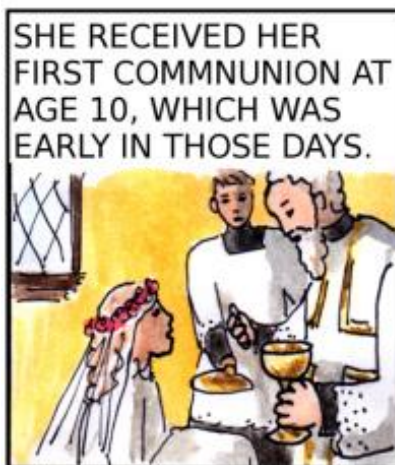
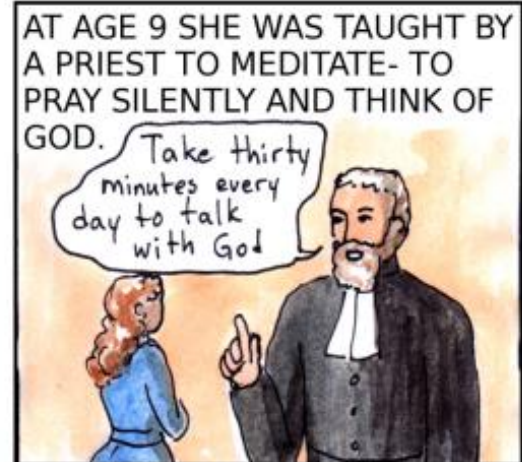
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will be its light.

Rev.21:22-23

Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi

May 25

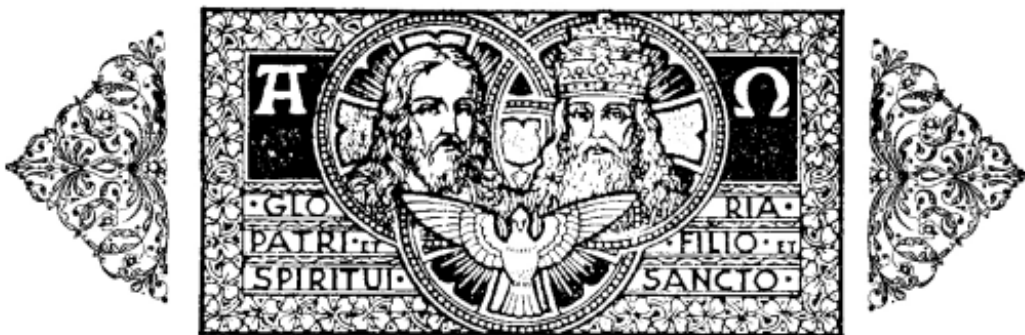


MARY MAGDALENE DE PAZZI RECEIVED MANY VISIONS FROM GOD, AND BY WHAT SHE SAID PEOPLE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT HIM. BUT SHE SUFFERED A LOT TOO. SHE WAS SICK DIFFERENT TIMES, AND HAD VERY HARD TEMPTATIONS, BUT SHE STAYED FAITHFUL TO GOD. SHE DIED FROM A PAINFUL SICKNESS WHEN SHE WAS 41.

Gospel Match-up

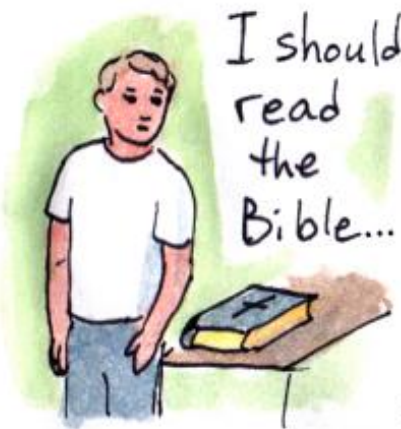
*How well do you know today's Gospel?
See if you can match up the parts of the sentences.*

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| 1. If a man loves me, he | ● | ● | A. make our home with him. |
| 2. My Father | ● | ● | B. is my gift to you. |
| 3. We will come to him and | ● | ● | C. will not keep my words. |
| 4. He who does not love me | ● | ● | D. will keep my word. |
| 5. These things I | ● | ● | E. have spoken to you, while I am still with you. |
| 6. The Holy Spirit | ● | ● | F. will love him... |
| 7. A peace that the world cannot give, this | ● | ● | G. will teach you all things. |



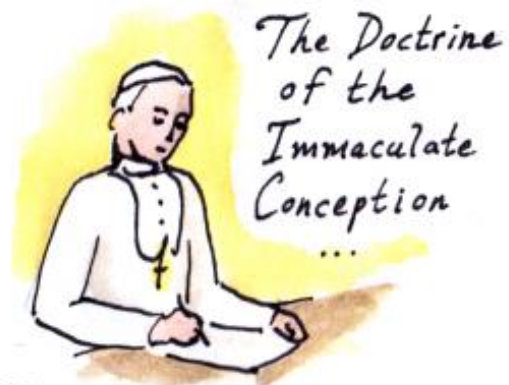
Jesus Promises to Send the Holy Spirit

In today's Gospel reading Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to the disciples after He was gone. The Holy Spirit would teach them all they needed to know.



After Jesus left, the disciples would be confused about what Jesus had wanted them to do and how to go about building the Church He had started. But Jesus promised that they would not be alone. God the Holy Spirit would come to them and show them what they needed to do.

Where is the Holy Spirit now? He is still working in the Church. He inspires people to do what is right and to learn the truth. He also shows the leaders of the Church what God wants of them and keeps the Church's teachings free of error. Can you think of times when the Holy Spirit helped you?



Answers to Match-up puzzle: 1-D, 2-F, 3-A, 4-C, 5-E, 6-G, 7-B.
Answer to puzzle on front: The glory of God.

John 14:23-29

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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

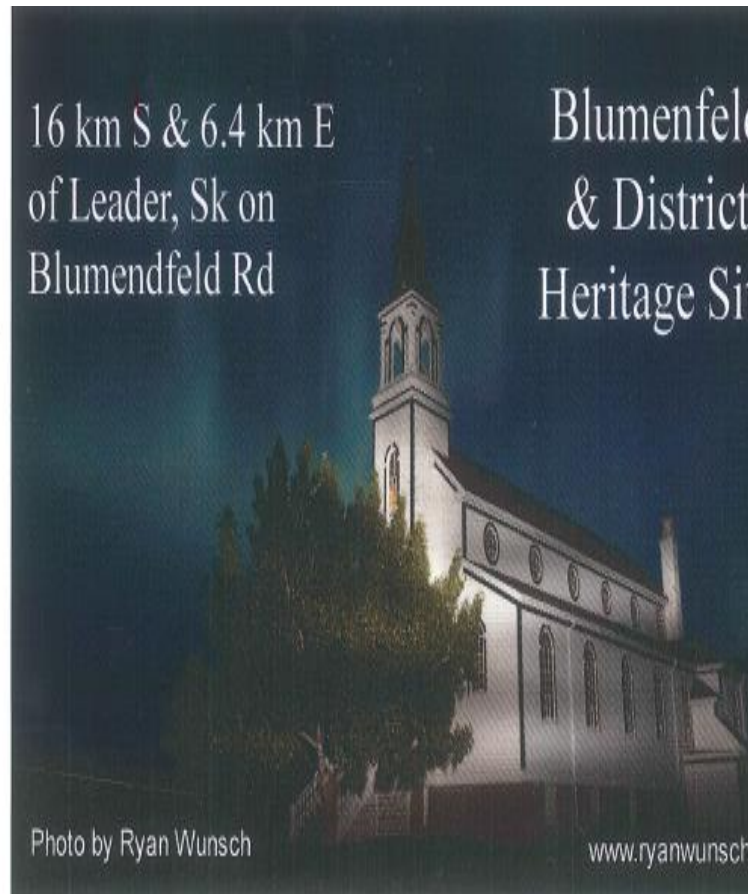


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**** Church Steeple ****

“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

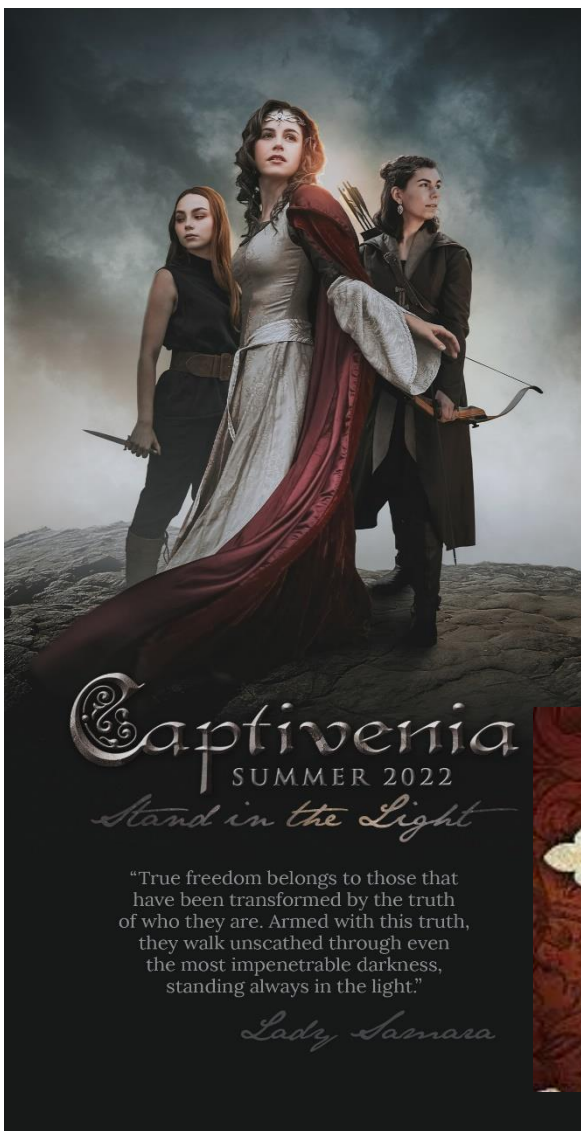
Open to visitors Sundays from 2-4 from July 3 – September 4, 2022

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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.



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 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.

