



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

MAY 29, 2022 – ASCENSION OF THE LORD SUNDAY

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

CLERGY AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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

RECONCILIATION...

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

MASS TIMES... MONDAY to FRIDAY at 9:00AM

FIRST SATURDAY OF MONTH at 8:30AM, SATURDAY at 5:00PM
SUNDAY at 8:30AM, 10:30AM & 6:00PM

THE CHAPEL IS OPEN

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30am - 4:00pm
ADORATION FRIDAY 9:30 – 10:30am

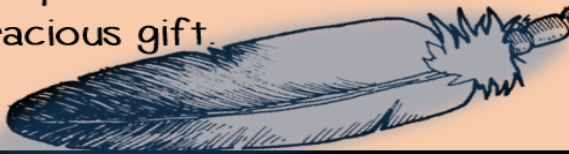
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Parish Pastoral Council Chair - Gary Heinbecker

Parish Finance Committee Chair - Cheryl Pocsik

We acknowledge that Treaty 7 territory,
on which we stand, is the ancestral land
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home to everyone in virtue of God our
Creator's gracious gift.



Sunday 10:30am Mass

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OPERATING FINANCES

APRIL 1-30, 2022

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| 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

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|--------------------------|-----------|
| 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 |

Thank You for your Generous Contributions

† Mass Intentions †

Saturday, May 28

5:00pm – Joe & Irene Lutz †

Sunday, May 29

8:30am – Holy Family Parish

10:30am – Marlin Schafer †

6:00pm – Orlando & Virginia Cabral †

Monday, May 30

9:00am – Sr. Clem Liboiron

Tuesday, May 31

9:00am – Sr. Vicki Hagel

Wednesday, June 1

9:00am – Philomena & Mike Hecker †

Thursday, June 2

9:00am – Harry Sehn †

Friday, June 3

9:00am – Nick & Rosina Mucciarone †

Act 1.11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, Alleluia.



Being One

Jesus prays at the Last Supper that both his present and all future disciples be one in perfect unity. This unity is a Kingdom of Heaven goal. Even in our somewhat discordant world, praying and working for unity is our fervent task.

- ✚ How will I be one with my family?
- ✚ How will I be one with my friends?
- ✚ How can I be united with all those who believe in God – and even with those who do not believe?

Sunday's Readings

1st Reading: Acts 1.1-11

As the disciples were watching, Jesus was lifted up.

Responsorial Psalm: 47.1-2, 5-8 (R.5a)

R. God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1.17-23

God seated Jesus at his right hand in heaven.

Gospel: Luke 24.46-53

Jesus withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.



PRAYER & Praise



PRAYER & PRAISE in the CHAPEL is starting up again **MAY 30**
Monday Evenings from 6:30-7:30 PM

First Saturday Mass
The 1st Saturday of
each Month
8:30 AM

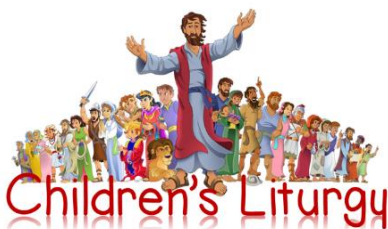


Holy Family

Parish Picnic

Sunday, June 19th
after the
10:30 Mass

Everyone Welcome – No Charge



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

HOLY FAMILY PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

IT IS A COUPLE YEARS SINCE WE HAVE BEEN ABLE
TO DO THIS WITH EVERYONE IN THE PARISH. FIND
OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR PARISH, HAVE
YOUR VIEWS HEARD...

PLAN ON ATTENDING

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022

AT 7:00 PM IN THE FAITH ROOM

12 Hour Adoration

Friday
June 3, 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.

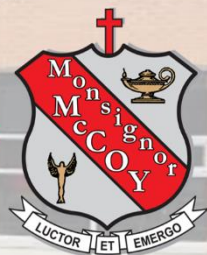
All parishioners welcome and encouraged to attend

God has a great plan for you.

Jeremiah 29:11



Congratulations Grads' 2022



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



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.

EMERGENCY FUNDS *for* UKRAINE

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

PEACE & DEVELOPEMENT

HEALING & GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKSHOP - ASSUMPTION CHURCH 2405 - 12 Avenue S. Lethbridge

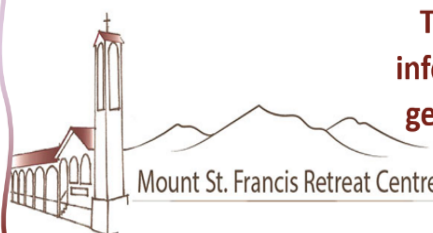
Fri. June 17th (6:30 p.m.): Receiving the infusion of the Holy Spirit.

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

MOUNT ST FRANCIS MEN'S SILENT RETREAT June 10-12

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

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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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Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord Year C

May 29, 2022

OUR MISSION CONTINUES

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord has a twofold meaning: first it's closing chapter of Our Saviour's earthly life and secondly, it's a mission entrusted to us to carry on. I found this very interesting story to share with you as it contains a great message for us. Though Jesus is gone back to his Father but still he puts his arms around to encourage to continue our mission as witnesses to his great message of Love.

Wishing to encourage her young son's progress on the piano, a mother took her boy to a Paderewski concert. After they were seated, the mother spotted a friend in the audience and walked down the aisle to greet her. Seizing the opportunity to explore the wonders of the concert hall, the little boy rose and eventually explored his way through a door marked "NO ADMITTANCE."

When the house lights dimmed and the concert was about to begin, the mother returned to her seat and discovered that the child was missing.

Suddenly, the curtains parted, and spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway on stage. In horror, the mother saw her little boy was sitting at the keyboard, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." At that moment, the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano, and whispered in the boy's ear, "Don't quit. Keep playing."

Then, leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon, his right arm reached around to the other side of the child, and he added a running obligato. Together, the old master and the young novice transformed a frightening situation into a wonderfully creative experience. The audience was so mesmerized that they couldn't recall what else the great master played - only the classic "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."

That's the way it is with God. What we can accomplish on our own is hardly noteworthy. We try our best, but the results aren't exactly graceful flowing music. However, with the hand of the Master, our life's work truly can be beautiful. Next time you set out to accomplish great feats, listen carefully. You can hear the voice of the Master, whispering in your ear, "Don't quit. Keep playing."

Feel His loving arms around you. Know that His strong hands are there helping you turn your feeble attempts into true masterpieces. God doesn't call the equipped; He equips the called, and He'll always be there to love and guide you on to great things.

On this seventh Sunday of Easter, we celebrate the solemnity of Ascension. It is an important solemnity that marks the return of Jesus to the Father. Together with the Resurrection, it is a manifestation of the victory of Christ. On one hand this feast brings sadness to his disciples because he is going to leave

them physically however on the other hand this feast is a reminder that we are going to rise in glory with him. We read in the Letter to Hebrews: "Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs".

"All peoples clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy...God goes up with shouts of joy and the Lord goes up with trumpet blast."

Ascension is a solemnity that sustains the hope of Christians that one day we shall be where Christ is. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that: "...Jesus Christ the head of the Church precedes us into His Father's glorious kingdom, so that we the members of his body may live in the hope of one day being with him forever." (665-667).

In the Creed we say that Jesus "ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father". Jesus' earthly life culminated with the Ascension, when he passed from this world to the Father and was raised to sit on his right. What does this event mean? How does it affect our life? What does contemplate Jesus seated at the right hand of the Father mean? What mission does he leave for us? These questions are very important to ask and reflection upon.

St. Augustine reflecting on this feast says "Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth. For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies. Christ is now exalted above the heavens, but he still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of his body, must bear.

He showed this when he cried out from above: Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? and when he said: I was hungry, and you gave me food. Why do we on earth not strive to find rest with him in heaven even now, through the faith, hope and love that unites us to him? While in heaven he is also with us; and we while on earth are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power, and his love. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love. He did not leave heaven when he came down to us; nor did he withdraw from us when he went up again into heaven. The fact that he was in heaven even while he was on earth is borne out by his own statement: No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven. These words are explained by our oneness with Christ, for he is our head, and we are his body. No one ascended into heaven except Christ because we also are Christ: he is the Son of Man by his union with us, and we by our union with him are the sons of God.

So, the Apostle says: Just as the human body, which has many members, is a unity, because all the different members make one body, so is it also with Christ. He too has many members, but one body. Out of compassion for us he descended from heaven, and although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace. Thus, no one but Christ descended and no one but Christ ascended; not because there is no distinction between the head and the body, but because the body as a unity cannot be separated from the head".

In the First Reading the words of the Lord to his disciples "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth" it is our obligation to be missionaries and our mission should continue. Church by her nature is missionary. Holy Father Pope Francis invites us to reflect on the First Reading with him "Let us reflect on the three key phrases that synthesize the three foundations of the life and

mission of every disciple: “You shall be my witnesses”, “to the ends of the earth” and “you shall receive the power of the Holy Spirit”.

1. “You shall be my witnesses” – The call of every Christian to bear witness to Christ. This is the central point, the heart of Jesus’ teaching to the disciples, in view of their being sent forth into the world. The disciples are to be witnesses of Jesus, thanks to the grace of the Holy Spirit that they will receive. Wherever they go and in whatever place they find themselves. Christ was the first to be sent, as a “missionary” of the Father (Jn 20:21), and as such, he is the Father’s “faithful witness” (Rev 1:5). In a similar way, every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. And the Church, the community of Christ’s disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. To evangelize is the very identity of the Church. Each baptized person is called to mission, in the Church and by the mandate of the Church: consequently, mission is carried out together, not individually, in communion with the ecclesial community, and not on one’s own initiative.

2. “To the ends of the earth” – In telling the disciples to be his witnesses, the risen Lord also tells them where they are being sent: “...in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8). Here we clearly see the universal character of the disciples’ mission. The disciples are sent not to proselytize, but to proclaim; the Christian does not proselytize. The Acts of the Apostles speak of this missionary expansion and provide a striking image of the Church “going forth” in fidelity to her call to bear witness to Christ the Lord and guided by divine providence in the concrete conditions of her life. Persecuted in Jerusalem and then spread throughout Judea and Samaria, the first Christians bore witness to Jesus everywhere. The words “to the ends of the earth” should challenge the disciples of Jesus in every age and impel them to press beyond familiar places in bearing witness to him.

3. “You will receive power” from the Holy Spirit – Let us always be strengthened and guided by the Spirit. When the risen Christ commissioned the disciples to be his witnesses, he also promised them the grace needed for this great responsibility: “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8). According to the account in Acts, it was precisely following the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples that the first act of witnessing to the crucified and risen Christ took place. The Holy Spirit gave them the strength, courage, and wisdom to bear witness to Christ before all. Just as “no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’, except by the Holy Spirit” (1 Cor 12:3), so no Christian is able to bear full and genuine witness to Christ the Lord without the Spirit’s inspiration and assistance. All Christ’s missionary disciples are called to recognize the essential importance of the Spirit’s work, to dwell in his presence daily and to receive his unfailing strength and guidance.

The Holy Spirit equally reminds us we must commend ourselves to his guidance and counsel. In the second reading, Paul prays asking God to send us the Holy Spirit: “May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ give you the Spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you the full knowledge of him.” This must be our prayer and wish every day of our life. We must invite the Holy Spirit to take control of our entire mission. We must invite him to lighten the dark spots of our lives as Paul prays: “May he enlighten the eyes of your minds so that you can see the hope his call holds for you...”

On this Feast Day we must remember that “it is a day in which we direct our gaze to heaven, then back to our mission on earth”. In fact, that is the place where our legacy comes from. In the scripture today we come to know about the instructions given by Jesus before he departed from earth to his Father to be seated on the right hand of him. In the words of Holy Father “This feast contains two elements’, “On one hand, it directs our look to Heaven, where Jesus, glorified, is seated at the right hand of God. On the other, it recalls the beginning of the Church’s mission: why? Because Jesus risen and ascended into Heaven sends His disciples to spread the Gospel throughout the world; therefore, the Ascension exhorts us to raise our gaze to Heaven, to then turn it back immediately to earth, carrying out the tasks that the Risen Lord has entrusted to us.” It’s in fact Baptism that qualifies us and drives us to be missionaries, to proclaim the Gospel. As at the beginning the Risen Christ sent His Apostles

with the strength of the Holy Spirit, so today He sends all of us, with the same strength, to put concrete and visible signs of hope; because Jesus gives us hope; He has gone to Heaven and has opened the doors of Heaven and the hope that we will arrive there.”

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Jesus’ Ascension into heaven thus constitutes the end of the mission that the Son received from the Father and the beginning of the continuation of this mission on the part of the Church. From this moment, from the moment of the Ascension, in fact, Christ’s presence in the world is mediated by his disciples, by those who believe in him and proclaim him. This mission will last until the end of history and every day will have the assistance of the Risen Lord, who assures: “I am with you always, to the close of the age”.

Our mission must continue to witness his name without any problem. However sometimes we become like this person: once a man whispered, “God, speak to me” And a meadowlark sang. But the man did not hear. So, the man yelled, “God, speak to me” And the thunder rolled across the sky. But the man did not listen. The man looked around and said, “God let me see you.” And a star shined brightly. But the man did not see. And, the man shouted, “God show me a miracle.” And a life was born. But the man did not notice. So, the man cried out in despair, “Touch me God, and let me know you are here.” Whereupon God reached down and touched the man. But the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.

In order to rise in glory, we need to feel the presence of the Lord because Ascension of Our Lord marks the beginning of the fulfilment of Christ’s promise to us.

So, let’s pray that this feast will help us to understand the presence of the Lord into our lives and ask the Lord: “Sent forth your Spirit O Lord and renew the face of the earth.”



Sunday Updates

Ascension of the Lord



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.catholicyc.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:** Jesus has this place of honour, seated now at the right hand of the Father. Discuss with your family about why it might be important to a person to sit in a particular place. And then pray the [Apostles' Creed](#) together. (Loyola Press)
 - [Colouring page this Sunday](#)
 - [Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday](#)
 - [Sunday Connection - Ascension of the Lord](#) (Gr. 1-8 & family)
 - **Children's Liturgy of the Word this Sunday**
 - [Children's Liturgy for leaders/parents](#) (with intercessions and activities) | [Illustration](#) - by CAFOD
 - [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](#)



In memoriam: Fr. John Petravicius

In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. John Petravicius who died peacefully in his sleep on May 22, 2022. He was 89 years of age.

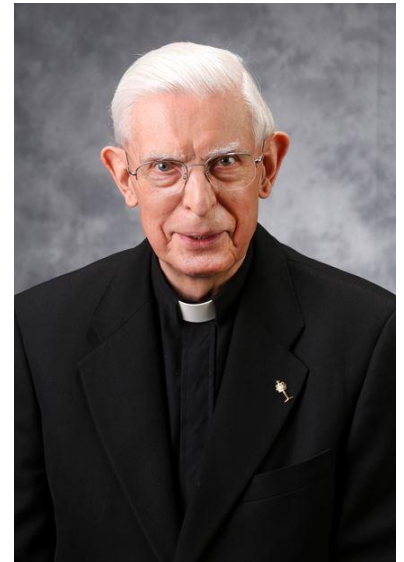
Funeral Vigil

Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 7 pm
St. Anthony's Church (5340 4 Street SW, Calgary)

Funeral Mass

Friday, May 27, 2022 at 11:30 am
St. Mary's Cathedral (219 18 Avenue SW, Calgary)
Burial immediately following the Mass

To learn more about Fr. John Petravicius, please Faithfully: "[Portrait of a priest, Fr. John Petravicius](#)" published last year in Faithfully.



Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Blessing of 48k Miraculous Medals

On **Monday, May 30 at 7 pm** at **The Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Rockies, Canmore**, Bishop McGrattan will lead the Eucharistic Celebration to mark the second anniversary of the Dedication of the Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Rockies.

- At this Mass the Bishop will also consecrate the Diocese of Calgary to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and bless forty-eight thousand Miraculous Medals for distribution to the faithful in the Diocese.
- There will be a standing reception after the Mass. Are all welcome!
- Visit catholicyc.ca/ourlady to see the full schedule of Our Lady of the Cape tour at the Shrine Church.

Our Lady of Cape Tour details

- May 28-29 | St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary | Poster & Schedule | [Poster & Schedule](#)
- May 28 | Traveling procession to churches | 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](#)

Please visit catholicyc.ca/OurLady for more information (detailed schedule, rosary rallies, school visits, prayers etc.) | [Download Poster](#)

Newly ordained Transitional Deacon



Deacon Santiago Torres was ordained as a Transitional Deacon on May 21, 2022 by Bishop McGrattan at All Saints Parish in Lethbridge.

Please pray for our newly ordained Deacon Santiago Torres, that he may be strengthened by the gift of God's grace to carry out faithfully the work of ministry, and that he may imitate our Lord who came not to be served but to serve. Amen.

- View [photos](#) from the Ordination, courtesy of photographer Adam Thom and Deacon Santiago's family.

Pope asks young people to be courageous

Pope Francis' prayer intention for May 2022: "We 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."

This month, the **Holy Father** speaks to young people and invites them to "see in Mary's life the way to discover in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage of faith, and dedication to service."

The message for May also insists on service, in such a way that discernment must have a positive impact on others. **Francis** invites young people to be courageous and to decide to say "yes" to the Lord just like Mary, who took the risk to put everything on the line, changing her life to follow him. "You young people, who want to build a better world, follow her example," the **Holy Father** insists.

What is the Pope saying to young people?



Look to Mary as an example.



Open yourselves to listening, especially to your grandparents.



Discern to go beyond the trends of the day.



Be courageous enough to risk everything and say "yes".



Have the will to build a better world.



Commit to serving others.

What is the Pope asking you and the Church?



Make space for the voice of young people.



Pray for them.

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).



SATURDAY
4 JUNE 2022 FROM 10 AM TO 3 PM
CATHOLICYC.CA/SYNOD

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.

- Download web [banners #1](#) | web [banners #2](#)
- [Catholic Bishops Welcome Announcement of Dates and Hub Cities for Papal Visit to Canada](#) (CCCB)
- News Conference re: Papal Visit by Archbishop Richard Smith, National Coordinator for the Papal Visit, May 13 at 8 am (Archdiocese of Edmonton) [Facebook Live](#) on [Youtube](#)
- [FAQ on Papal Visit to Canada](#)

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.

- [Read Calgary Pro Life May's Newsletter](#)

RESOURCES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Restoration of the Sunday Mass Obligation - effective June 5

The Bishops of Alberta and NWT are restoring the Sunday Mass Obligation which will take effect on June 5, 2022, the Feast of Pentecost. Read: [Bishop's Pastoral Letter & Decree for the restoration of the Sunday obligation](#)

2. Still Green and Growing Virtual Retreat with Archbishop Sylvain

We all face three challenges in life: how to live life to the fullest, how to age gracefully, and how to die well. The last two challenges are becoming more urgent, as we are living longer lives but lack a spirituality for our wisdom years. The retreat will focus on personal

growth, inner healing and human development from the perspective of the second half of our lives. **Facilitator:** Archbishop Emeritus Sylvain Lavoie OMI. When: June 3-5. [More info](#)

3. An Evening with Fr. Laurence Freeman at FCJ Centre

Come spend an evening with Fr Laurence Freeman, Spiritual Director for the World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM). The evening will include a meditation session, a talk, and fellowship. When: **June 2** at 7 pm. [More info](#)

4. Women's Retreat at Mount St. Francis, Cochrane

Mount St. Francis invites women for a retreat with theme: Seeking Holiness and Wholeness in our Spiritual Journey. When: **June 3-5**. To register, contact Cathy Pamer at 403-274-3217 or email emheffernan@shaw.ca | [More info](#)

5. The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast day: May 31)

The Virgin Mary is filled with God. She carries the Incarnate Word in her womb and the grace of the Holy Spirit in her heart, [putting her life at the service of the Father's plan](#). In this month of the Rosary, take a moment to reflect on the Second Joyful Mystery.

6. St. Justin, Martyr (Feast Day: June 1)

As patron of philosophers, Justin may inspire us to use our natural powers—especially our power to know and understand—in the service of Christ, and to build up the Christian life within us. For his staunch adherence to the Christian religion, Justin was beheaded in Rome in 165. [Read more](#)

7. Bishop Barron on St. Charles Lwanga & Companion (Feast Day: June 3)

For his unwillingness to submit to immoral acts and his efforts to safeguard the faith of his friends, St. Charles Lwanga was burned to death at Namugongo on June 3, 1886. Read the courageous story of [St. Charles Lwanga and his companions](#), patron of youth and Catholic action, who died in 1886 in Namugongo, Uganda.

The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Ascension
May 26th or 29th, 2022



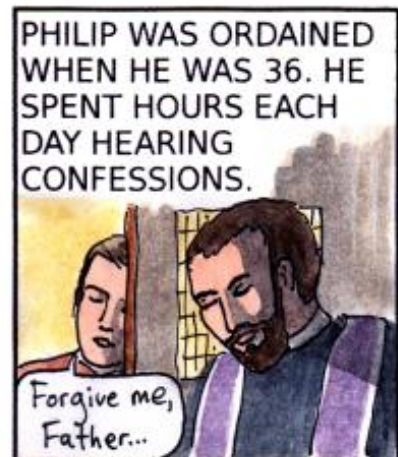
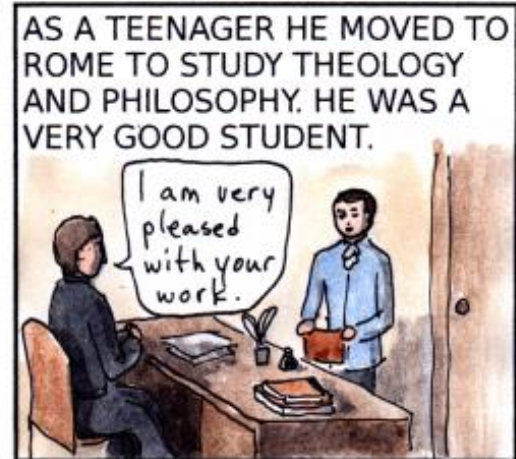
Luke 24:46-53

*Jesus disappeared into a cloud forty days after
He rose from the dead. Where did He go?*

*Colour in the spaces with crosses (+)
to find out!*

Saint Philip Neri

May 26



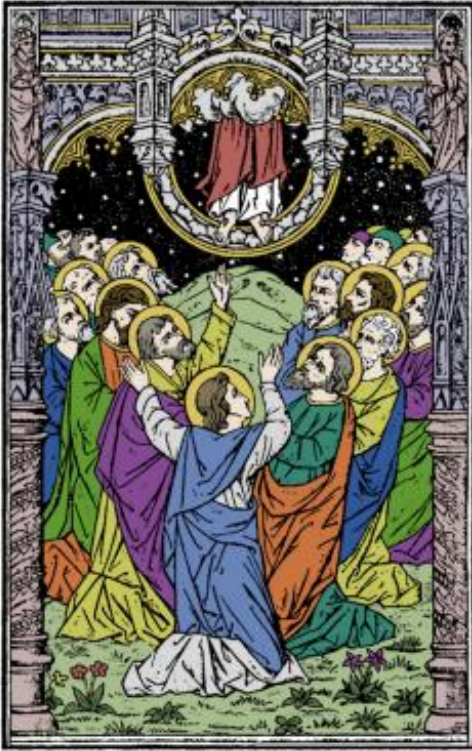
AT ONE TIME PHILIP THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A TRAVELING MISSIONARY BUT A HOLY MONK TOLD HIM THAT ROME WAS HIS MISSION COUNTRY. WE CAN IMITATE SAINT PHILIP BY BEING CHEERFUL AND BRINGING GOD TO THE PEOPLE AROUND US, WHEREVER WE ARE! HOW CAN YOU DO THAT TODAY?

The Ascension: True or False?



1. Jesus kept appearing to His disciples for forty days after Easter. True or False?
2. Jesus did not send the Holy Spirit to the disciples until after He went up into Heaven. True or False?
3. Jesus had taught the Apostles everything they needed to know before He died, so He didn't have to teach them anything after the Resurrection. True or False?
4. Some of the disciples asked Jesus if He was going to start a new kingdom in this world. True or False?
5. Jesus and the apostles were all gathered in one room when Jesus disappeared and went into Heaven. True or False?
6. Jesus was with a big crowd of His friends on a hill when He went up, body and soul, into Heaven. True or False?
7. When Jesus comes back, He will return in the same sort of way as how He left. True or False?

Jesus Ascends into Heaven!



Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension- when Jesus went up, body and soul, into Heaven. Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead He took his disciples up to a big hill and told them that He was going to send the Holy Spirit to them soon. Then He went up into the sky and disappeared behind the clouds.

At first it seems kind of sad that Jesus left His friends, doesn't it? But how could they be sad when Jesus was returning with joy to His Father in Heaven?

Sometimes we are sad when somebody we love dies or moves away, and that's okay. We can't stay with our friends forever in this world, but we will in Heaven. Jesus is there waiting for us to come and live forever with Him and all our friends.

So today we should celebrate Jesus' going into Heaven, and remember that He has gone ahead of us to make a place ready for us when we die.

Answers to The Ascension True or False:
1. True, 2. True, 3. False, 4. True, 5. True, 6. True, 7. True.

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

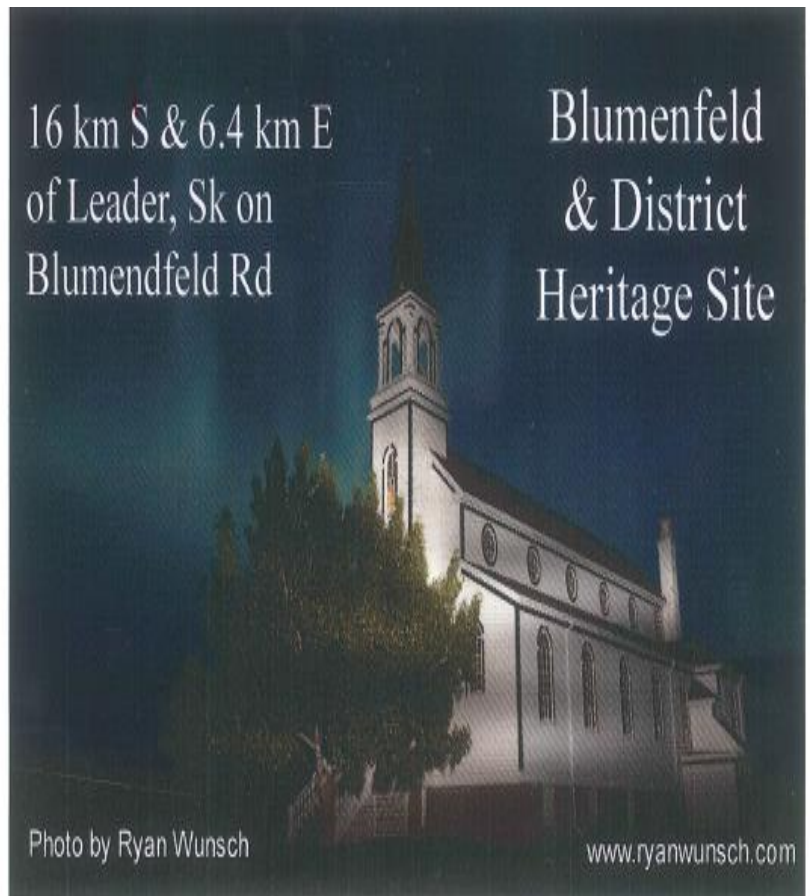


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**** Church Steeple****

“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

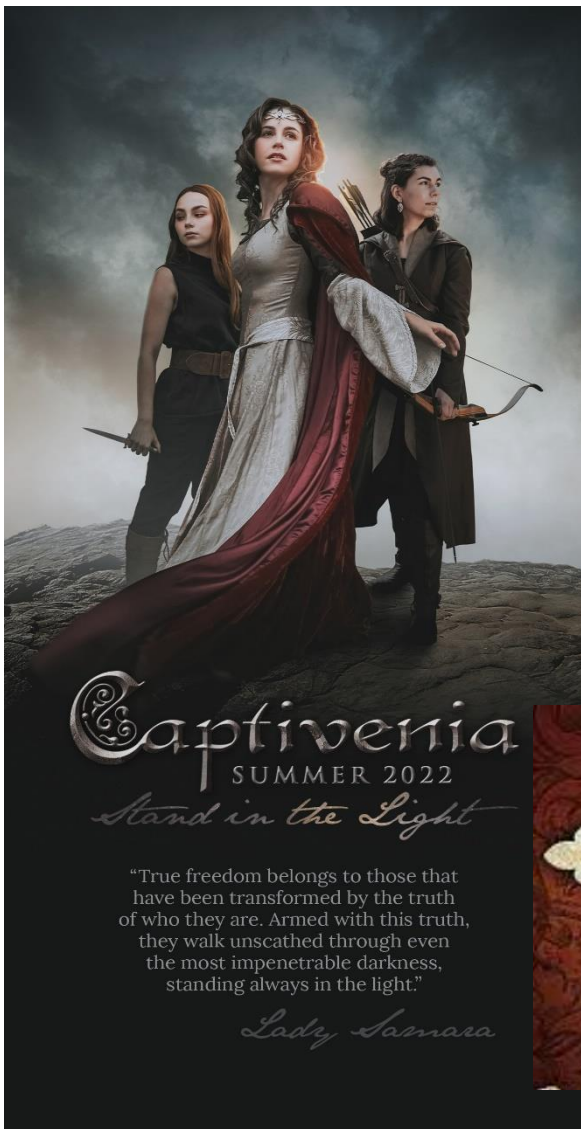
Open to visitors Sundays from 2-4 from July 3 – September 4, 2022

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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/>

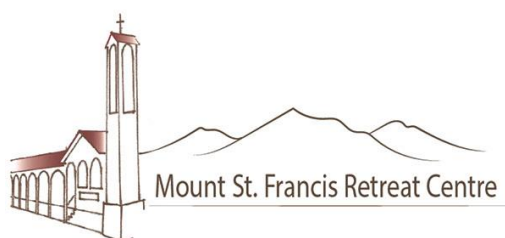
Following the uncertainty of the pandemic and living currently in a world fraught with its own darkness, we hope to be able to provide the youth of today with the eternal hope of the heavenly kingdom and to help them deepen their relationship with Christ in order that they might face all the trials of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

