



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JULY 10, 2022

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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

Knights of Columbus - Kirby Peterson

Catholic Women's League - Marjorie Bowlby

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.



About Doing Likewise

Question 1: What must I do to inherit eternal life?

Question 2: What is written in the law? Answer 1:

Love God, love neighbor, love self. Question 3: Who

is my neighbor, then? Answer 2: The one who shows

mercy (In this story, it is not the one who needs mercy

– though likely a neighbor, too.). Point: Go and do

the same!

◆ Who is a “neighbor” beyond my acquaintances,
my tribe?

◆ What mercy work do I see being done?

◆ What will I likewise go and do?

Sunday's Readings

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 30.10-14

God's word is very near to you, that you may observe it.

Responsorial Psalm: 19.7-10 (R.8)

R. The precepts of the Lord are right, and give joy to
the heart.

2nd Reading: Colossians 1.15-20

In Christ, all things in heaven and earth were created.

Gospel: Luke 10.25-27

Who is my neighbor?

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OPERATING FINANCES	
MAY 1-31, 2022	
Operating Budget 2022	\$ 59,708
General Envelope Collection	\$ 49,290
Loose Collections	\$ 967
Future Development	\$ 3,475
Sale of Church Supplies & Other	\$ 3,942
Budget Vs Actual	-\$ 5,033
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 4,168
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 4,160
Clergy Retirement	\$ 55
Mission Mexico	\$ 415
CARO	\$ 115
World Missions	\$ 20
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$ 974
Seminary Fund	\$ 1,120
Ukraine Relief YTD	\$ 16,770
Loonies 4 Lent YTD	\$ 10,581
<i>Thank You for your Generous Contributions</i>	
Average Weekly Attendance	855

2022 Goal
\$70,938
total to date
\$22,072.99
which is 32%

Farewell to Fr. Rodel
Plan on joining us in celebrating him.
Saturday, July 23rd
after the 5:00pm Mass
Holy Family Parish Hall

† Mass Intentions †

Saturday, July 9

5:00pm ~ Willie Simons †

Sunday, July 10

8:30am ~ Della Standell †

10:30am ~ Mac McKee †

6:00pm ~ Holy Family Parish

Monday, July 11

9:00am ~ Fr. Iqbal Khurshid

Tuesday, July 12

9:00am ~ Gualberto Pimentel †

Wednesday, July 13

9:00am ~ Fr. Rodel Abanto †

Thursday, July 14

9:00am ~ Allen Kaupp †

Friday, July 15

9:00am ~ Tina Hertz †

Mark Your Calendars

July 15, 2022 ~ 9:00am to 1:30pm

Saints Alive Bible Morning Camp

July 23, 2022 ~ After 5:00pm Mass

Fr. Rodel Farewell Party

August 13, 2022 ~ 9:00am ~ 3:00pm

Echo Dale Mass & Retreat

September 9-10, 2022 ~ Fri, 3-6 & Sat, 9-3

CWL ~ Garage Sale

September 15, 2022 ~ 6:30pm in the Faith Room

Sacramental Prep Class Registration

September 18, 2022 ~ After 10:30 Mass

Parish Corn Roast

September 18, 2022 ~ 2:00 pm

Annual Blessing of the Pets

October 1 -2, 2022 ~ After all Masses

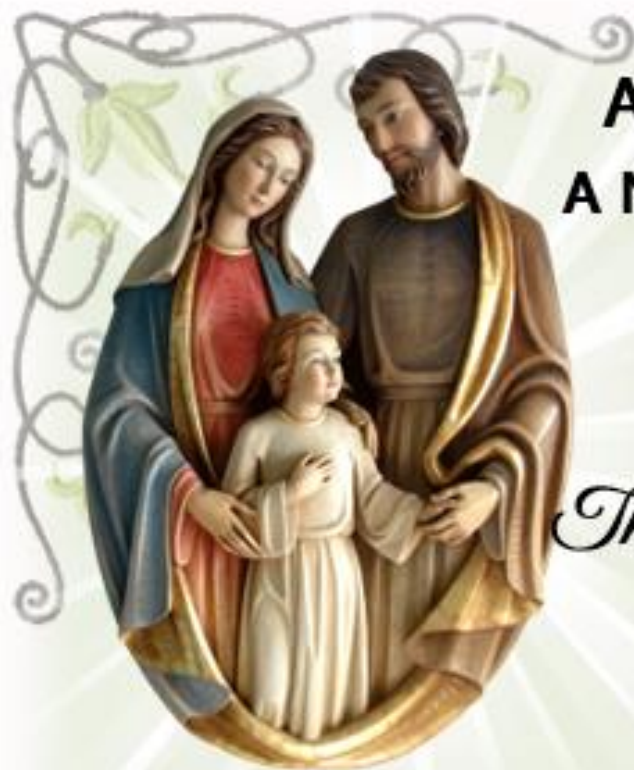
Parish Ministry Fair

November 6, 2022 ~

CWL Fall Supper

November 12-13 ~ After all Masses

Parish Art Show



A Day of Prayer in Nature

A Mini-Retreat at Echo Dale Park

With Fr. Julian Studden

The Family

The home is where faith is learned and grows... Pope Francis

Saturday, August 13th, 2022

9:00 AM.....INTRODUCTION & MASS

10:00 AM.....WE ARE GIVEN A NEW IDENTITY – BAPTISM

11:00 AM - BORN INTO A FAMILY OF LOVE – UNPACKING OUR CALL TO HOLINESS

12:00 PM – BREAK FOR LUNCH

1:00 PM – OUR BLESSED MOTHER MARY – MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

2:00 PM – CONCLUSION

There will be opportunity for Reconciliation

Tent set up with chairs or you may bring your own chair.

Bring a picnic lunch and refreshments. And anything else you may need. We will have a tent set up but please dress for the weather. E.g. jacket, sunscreen



The White Star indicates the area we will be using.

SHORT BIO OF FR. NAVEED ARIF O.P

(You will get to meet Fr. Naveed July 30th & 31st)

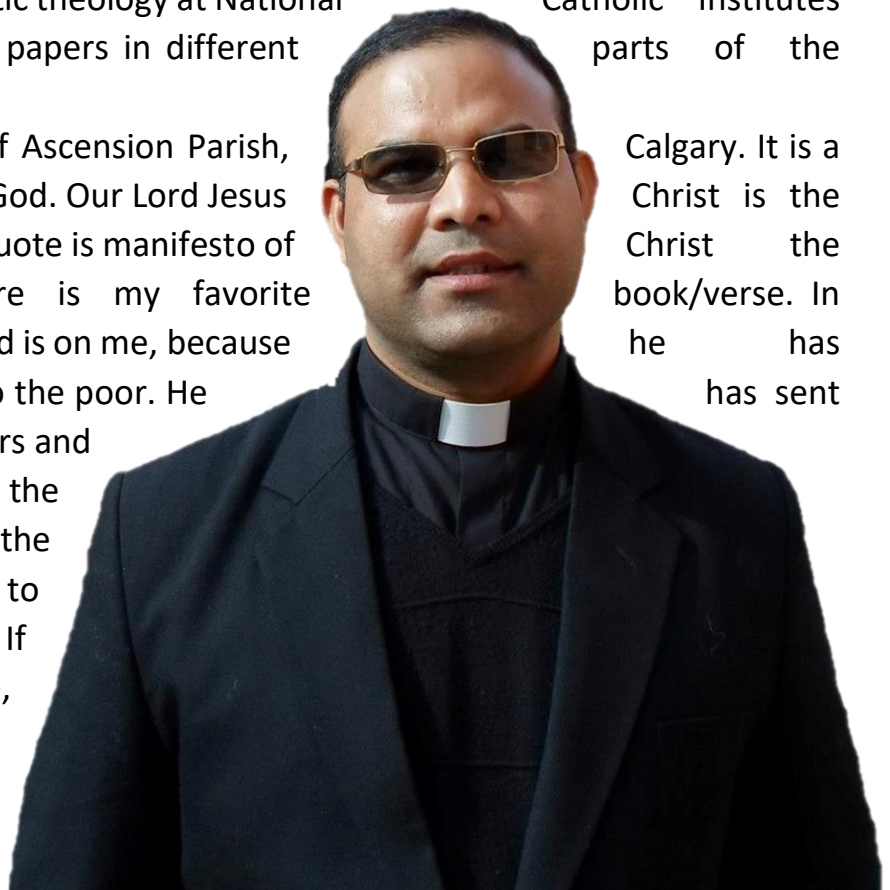
It is a joy to introduce myself as Naveed Arif and my Baptismal name is 'John the Baptist'. I was born in a very traditional Roman Catholic family in Khushpur (Catholic Village-Faisalabad, Pakistan) and I was Ordained as a Roman Catholic Priest by Cardinal Joseph Coutts for Dominican Province of Son of Mary Pakistan on 11 November 2010. As a religious, I have taken the vows of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience.

My father, Walter Saleem (RIP) went to the Lord and my mother 'Victoria Mukhtar' is still living. We are five brothers and two sisters; I am the eldest among them. It was a privilege for me to be formed and educated in the best possible educational institutes. I finished my STL from Angelicum (Rome) in 2015. In Rome, I was privileged to live and work in General Curia of Dominican Order and Vatican in Rome (Italy). I have served the 'people of God' in Pakistan, Italy, Ireland, England, and some other parts of the world, with dedicated and faithful heart. I had an opportunity to work as a Vocation Director, Justice and peace, community syndic (responsible for finances). Teaching and preaching are 'charism of Dominicans' and so is mine. For the fulfillment of this mission, I have been serving the poor, needy, mentally challenged, seniors, street children, orphanages, choirs, people of all ages, regional, cultural, and social groups, Interfaith dialogue, Inter-religious Dialogue, ecumenical dialogue, Justice and Peace commission Pakistan, hospital, and Jail Chaplain.

"Laudare, Benedecere, Predicare", To praise, To bless and To preach is my 'hobby', my goal and centre of my life. I have been preaching retreats, giving recollections and seminars on theological topics. I have taught dogmatic theology at National Catholic Institutes of theology and have delivered other papers in different parts of the world.

Currently, I am the Associate Pastor of Ascension Parish, joy to be here and serve the people of God. Our Lord Jesus only influencer in my life. My favorite quote is manifesto of Savior. In general, Sacred Scripture is my favorite particular, I like "... The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because anointed me, to proclaim good news to the poor. He me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Lk 4:18-19). I would say to all of you: 'keep the faith and share it'. If you want to know more about me, please 'invite me for dinner' (LOL) or 'Come and see' (Jn 1:39).

Blessings and peace.



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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



Brown Scapular Enrollment: The Legion of Mary invites you to sign up for the Brown Scapular Enrollment that Fr. Roque will conduct on Sunday, July 17th, immediately following the 9 am Mass at St. Patrick's Church. To be sure we have enough blessed Brown Scapulars, please sign up by printing your name in the binder at the back of St. Patrick's Church, or by e-mailing Karen-Anne at kacherwono@gmail.com or Cora at cora.blanchette@gmail.com. For more information on the Brown Scapular, please pick up a pamphlet available on the stand of materials facilitated by the Legion of Mary at either church. Thank You.



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We are graciously accepting new homestay families for the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education International Program. Currently we are seeking 11 homestay families for the upcoming 2022-23 school year. If you have extra accommodations, we assure you this will be a positive experience for your family. We pay \$800 per month to help defray the price of groceries. With the grace of God, and your help, we know our program will continue to be exceptional. Should you request a conversation with a current homestay family, we will accommodate this request. For more information, please contact Sasha Campbell at 403-502-4671.

4 PAGES OF FUN NEAR THE END OF THE BULLETIN EACH WEEK...

The Kids' Bulletin

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Which of the three paths would the good Samaritan take?

Sunday 10:30am Mass

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IN OUR HEARTS

Long ago, a young man went in search of a perfect master. He was determined to find him, even if he had to go around the world. However, when he began his journey, just outside his village, he saw an old man who was sitting under a tree. This young man went to him and said “you look a wanderer...Are you? Old man replied, “Yes, I am a wanderer, I wandered all over the earth”. The young man thought to himself that old man looks like right person to ask his question. So, he said, “Can I ask you a question?” Old man replied, “Sure”. Man, then said, “I want to be a disciple of a Perfect Master. Can you suggest to me where I can go? Where can I find him?” Oldman suggested a few addresses to him. Young man thanked him went on. Man wandered for thirty years around the earth, and he found no body who was up to his expectations. He dejected and depressed. He decided to come back to his village. When he was entering his village, he saw same old man who had become very old, sitting under tree and suddenly he recognized him as his Master! He fell at his feet and said, “Why didn’t you say it to me, that you are the master?” Old man said, “But that was not the time for you. You couldn’t recognize me at that time. You needed some experience. Wandering around earth has given you a certain maturity, a certain understanding. Now you can see. Last time we met you did not see me. You had missed. You were asking me about some Master. That was enough proof that you couldn’t see me, couldn’t feel my presence, you couldn’t smell the fragrance. You were utterly blind, hence I gave you some addresses, so you could go. Even to be with wrong people is good because that how one learns. For thirty years I have been waiting for you, I have not left this place, this tree”.

Young man was not young anymore, looked at the tree and even more surprised because at that time he remembered that in his dreams, in his visions he was always seeing that tree and there was always a feeling that he would find his Master sitting under this tree. He realized that thirty years back, he didn’t see the tree, he met Master but couldn’t recognize him. Everything was ready but he was not.

Are we ready to recognize Jesus our Perfect Master? Through the Holy Bible we learn how to live our faith-filled life and follow Jesus as St. Jerome says, “ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ”. St. Augustine highlights the importance of the Sacred Scripture in our day-to-day life as he reflects on Psalms; “We entreat you, brothers, as earnestly as we are able, to have charity, not only for one another, but also for those who are outside the Church. Of these some are still pagans, who have not yet made an act of faith in Christ. Others are separated, insofar as they are joined with us in professing faith in Christ, our head, but are yet divided from the unity of his body. My friends, we must grieve over these as over our brothers; and they will only cease to be so when they no longer say Our Father.

The prophet refers to some men saying: When they say to you: You are not our brothers, you are to tell them: You are our brothers. Consider whom he intended by these words. Were they the pagans? Hardly, for nowhere either in Scripture or in our traditional manner of speaking do we find them called our brothers. Nor could it refer to the Jews, who do not believe in Christ. Read Saint Paul and you will see that when he speaks of “brothers,” without any qualification, he refers always to Christians. For example, he says: Why do you judge your brother or why do you despise your brother? And again: You perform iniquity and common fraud, and this against your brothers”.

He continues to say, “Those then who tell us: You are not our brothers, are saying that we are pagans. That is why they want to baptize us again, claiming that we do not have what they can give. Hence their error of denying that we are their brothers. Why then did the prophet tell us: Say to them: You are our brothers? It is because we acknowledge in them that which we do not repeat. By not recognizing our baptism, they deny that we are their brothers; on the other hand, when we do not repeat their baptism but acknowledge it to be our own, we are saying to them: You are our brothers. If they say, “Why do you seek us? What do you want of us?” we should reply: You are our brothers. They may say, “Leave us alone. We have nothing to do with you.” But we have everything to do with you, for we are one in our belief in Christ; and so we should be in one body, under one head. And so, dear brothers, we entreat you on their behalf, in the name of the very source of our love, by whose milk we are nourished, and whose bread is our strength, in the name of Christ our Lord and his gentle love. For it is time now for us to show them great love and abundant compassion by praying to God for them. May he one day give them a clear mind to repent and to realize that they have nothing now but the sickness of their hatred, and the stronger they think they are, the weaker they become. We entreat you then to pray for them, for they are weak, given to the wisdom of the flesh, to fleshly and carnal things, yet they are our brothers. They celebrate the same sacraments as we, not indeed with us, but still the same. They respond with the same Amen, not with us, but still the same. And so, pour out your hearts for them in prayer to God”.

In the First Reading we see how Moses is instructing Israelites to “obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in the book of the Law; turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul”. The Word of God helps us to examine ourselves and change ourselves according to the commandments of the Lord. An important truth is to remember we live in a covenant relationship with God. God has made a covenant with us in Jesus Christ. We call this the Covenant of Grace, which basically means that God now relates to us in Jesus Christ. All that Jesus Christ has accomplished is freely given to us and therefore it is a Covenant of Grace. As our Mediator Jesus has obtained salvation for us and earned all the spiritual blessings of the covenant for us by meeting all God’s perfect requirements and now freely shares with us all the benefits that He has earned. What is the heart of the covenant? Obviously, it is God sovereignly entering into a bond of fellowship and friendship with His people. As Reformed Christians, the covenant forms the main framework within which we understand our salvation. Sometimes the tendency is for us to theorise covenant at the cost of personal application. But we must be careful here because even though the covenant is unconditionally administered by God, He requires that we be obedient to His word. Closely aligned with God’s grace is His law. By law I am referring to God’s moral law found in the Ten Commandments and its general application given to us in the Mosaic Law and the Prophets of the Old Testament. The reason why I specifically want to stress the importance of covenant obedience is because this is the basis upon which we experience the richness of God’s presence in fellowship.

Is it difficult to keep God’s commandments in our hearts? Moses says “No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe”. If we keep the commandments of the Lord in our hearts, then God himself will strengthen us and help us to believe that he walks with us as God says to Joshua “Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the

land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” And the Psalmist says ‘Seek God in your need, and let your hearts revive’” which reminds us that once we keep his commandments in our hearts, he being our Good Shepherd grants us our needs. Following is the story by an unknown author to help us to keep him in our hearts.

I once watched a most incredible thing. I watched a small bird trying to gather string, which I presumed would have gone into the building of a nest. It is amazing that this little creature acting on instinct alone would gather this kind of material for building. You see, a bird cannot reason, “A piece of string would be nice to use for building my nest, so I’ll take it.” God has given this little bird the natural instinct to function. You probably are thinking, “What’s so incredible about watching a bird do what it naturally does?” I watched as the bird made several attempts to gather the string. She would pick up one end of the string in her beak and fly upward, but the string would fall, and she would try again. This activity went on for several minutes. What made this so incredible to me was that the other end of the string was attached to a boat sitting on a boat trailer.

I thought of the bird’s PERSISTENCE in her efforts. No matter how many times she failed, the bird kept on trying. How often do you and I show this kind of persistence in our endeavors? Even though the odds of getting that particular piece of string were greatly against the bird, I found myself hoping that she would succeed. I thought of the bird’s FOCUS on the string. She was oblivious to the fact that the string was attached to an immovable object. All she saw was the string, and she went after it. How often do we keep a singular focus on a particular goal? Too often we allow our focus to scatter to several objectives, and then we wonder why we don’t succeed in achieving any of them.

I thought the bird had great CONFIDENCE. Her intention was to get that string. The bird was not deterred by the fact that a large boat was in her way. Watching the scene unfold as time and again the bird would try to fly away with that string, I almost expected to see the boat lift off the ground. We need to be PERSISTENT, FOCUSED, and CONFIDENT in our efforts as we serve the Lord. I am sure we will find more success in our endeavors.

What a beautiful illustration for us to focus our eyes on the Lord and trust him. St. Paul in the Second Reading offers us a profound vision of the centrality of Jesus. He presents Christ to us as the first-born of all creation: in him, through him and for him all things were created. He is the centre of all things, he is the beginning: Jesus Christ, the Lord. God has given him the fullness, the totality, so that in him all things might be reconciled. He is the Lord of creation; he is the Lord of reconciliation. This image enables us to see that Jesus is the centre of creation; and so the attitude demanded of us as true believers is that of recognizing and accepting in our lives the centrality of Jesus Christ, in our thoughts, in our words and in our works. And so our thoughts will be Christian thoughts, thoughts of Christ. Our works will be Christian works, works of Christ; and our words will be Christian words, words of Christ. But when this centre is lost, when it is replaced by something else, only harm can result for everything around us and for ourselves. Secondly, besides being the centre of creation and the centre of reconciliation, Christ is the centre of the people of God. It is he who cares for his people, for all of us, even at the price of his life. In him we are all one, one people, united with him and sharing a single journey, a single destiny. Only in him, in him as the centre, do we receive our identity as a people. If Jesus is the center of our lives, then we must keep him in our hearts.

In the Gospel today a young man who is lawyer by profession is looking for an answer to live a better life by observing the commandments of the Lord. I believe his question should be ours “Teacher, what

must I do to inherit eternal life?" The answer of Jesus to him, is an open invitation for us to examine ourselves if we are keeping his commandments in our hearts. There are two parts of the Gospel; first is the instruction and a reminder about keeping the commandments and secondly an example of living the commandment by the parable of Good Samaritan. The Gospel indicates that the Lord wants to be Christian by action than by words. St. Mother Teresa is the best example of today's Gospel in our recent era.

St. Ambrose has beautiful explanation for people who not only keep God's commandments in their hearts but also act accordingly. He writes "My Father and I will come and make our home with him. Let your door stand open to receive him, unlock your soul to him, offer him a welcome in your mind, and then you will see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the joy of grace. Throw wide the gate of your heart, stand before the sun of the everlasting light that shines on every man. This true light shines on all, but if anyone closes his window, he will deprive himself of eternal light. If you shut the door of your mind, you shut out Christ. Though he can enter, he does not want to force his way in rudely or compel us to admit him against our will. Blessed then is the man at whose door Christ stands and knocks. Our door is faith; if it is strong enough, the whole house is safe. This is the door by which Christ enters. So, the Church says in the Song of Songs: The voice of my brother is at the door. Hear his knock, listen to him asking to enter: Open to me, my sister, my betrothed, my dove, my perfect one, for my head is covered with dew, and my hair with the moisture of the night. When does God the Word most often knock at your door? Our soul has a door; it has gates. Lift up your heads, O gates, and be lifted up, eternal gates, and the King of glory will enter. If you open the gates of your faith, the King of glory will enter your house in the triumphal procession in honor of his passion".

As I said early, today's Gospel has twofold meanings to keep God's commandments in our hearts and act to show the message in a practical way. This indicates a way of life, which has as its main point not ourselves, but others, with their difficulties, whom we encounter on our journey and who challenge us. Others challenge us. And when others do not challenge us, something is not right; something in the heart is not Christian. Holy Father Pope Francis reflects on the Gospel in this way "Jesus uses this parable in his dialogue with a lawyer when asked about the twofold commandment that allows us to enter into eternal life: to love God with your whole heart and your neighbour as yourself. "Yes", the lawyer replies, "but, tell me, who is my neighbour?". We too can ask ourselves this question: Who is my neighbour? Who must I love as myself? My parents? My friends? My fellow countrymen? Those who belong to my religion?... Who is my neighbour?" Jesus responds with parable of Good Samaritan.

At this point, Jesus turns to the lawyer and asks him: "Which of these three — the priest, the Levite, or the Samaritan — do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell victim to the robbers?". And the lawyer, of course — because he was intelligent —, said in reply: "The one who had compassion on him". In this way, Jesus completely overturned the lawyer's initial perspective — as well as our own! —: I must not categorize others in order to decide who is my neighbour and who is not. It is up to me whether to be a neighbour or not — the decision is mine — it is up to me whether or not to be a neighbour to those whom I encounter who need help, even if they are strangers or perhaps hostile. And Jesus concludes, saying: "Go and do likewise".

A cold March wind danced around the dead of night in Dallas as the doctor walked into the small hospital room of Diana Blessing. She was still groggy from surgery. Her husband, David, held her hand as they braced themselves for the latest news. That afternoon of March 10, 1991, complications had forced Diana, only 24-weeks pregnant, to undergo an emergency Cæsarian to deliver couple's new daughter, Dana Lu Blessing. At 12 inches long and weighing only one pound nine ounces, they already knew she was perilously premature. Still, the doctor's soft words dropped like bombs. "I don't think she's going to make it," he said, as kindly as he could. "There's only a 10-percent chance she will live through the night, and even then, if by some slim chance she does make it, her future could be a very

cruel one" Numb with disbelief, David and Diana listened as the doctor described the devastating problems Dana would likely face if she survived. She would never walk, she would never talk, she would probably be blind, and she would certainly be prone to other catastrophic conditions from cerebral palsy to complete developmental disabilities.

"No! No!" was all Diana could say. She and David, with their 5-year-old son Dustin, had long dreamed of the day they would have a daughter to become a family of four. Now, within a matter of hours, that dream was slipping away. But as those first days passed, a new agony set in for David and Diana. Because Dana's underdeveloped nervous system was essentially 'raw', the lightest kiss or caress only intensified her discomfort, so they couldn't even cradle their tiny baby girl against their chests to offer the strength of their love.

All they could do, as Dana struggled alone beneath the ultraviolet light in the tangle of tubes and wires, was to pray that God would stay close to their precious little girl. There was never a moment when Dana suddenly grew stronger. But as the weeks went by, she did slowly gain an ounce of weight here and an ounce of strength there.

At last, when Dana turned two months old. her parents were able to hold her in their arms for the very first time. And two months later, though doctors continued to gently but grimly warn that her chances of surviving, much less living any kind of normal life, were next to zero, Dana went home from the hospital, just as her mother had predicted.

Five years later, when Dana was a petite but feisty young girl with glittering gray eyes and an unquenchable zest for life. She showed no signs whatsoever of any mental or physical impairment. Simply, she was everything a little girl can be and more. But that happy ending is far from the end of her story.

One blistering afternoon in the summer of 1996 near her home in Irving, Texas, Dana was sitting in her mother's lap in the bleachers of a local ballpark where her brother Dustin's baseball team was practicing. As always, Dana was chattering nonstop with her mother and several other adults sitting nearby when she suddenly fell silent. Hugging her arms across her chest, little Dana asked, "Do you smell that?"

Smelling the air and detecting the approach of a thunderstorm, Diana replied, "Yes, it smells like rain." Dana closed her eyes and again asked, "Do you smell that?"

Once again, her mother replied, "Yes, I think we're about to get wet. It smells like rain." Still caught in the moment, Dana shook her head, patted her thin shoulders with her small hands and loudly announced, "No, it smells like Him. It smells like God when you lay your head on His chest."

Tears blurred Diana's eyes as Dana happily hopped down to play with the other children. Before the rains came, her daughter's words confirmed what Diana and all the members of the extended Blessing family had known, at least in their hearts, all along. During those long days and nights of her first two months of her life, when her nerves were too sensitive for them to touch her, God was holding Dana on His chest and it is His loving scent that she remembers so well.

We can smell God only if we keep his commandments in our life. Do we keep them in our hearts? Let's ask ourselves.



keep his commandments in our life

Strathmore Sacred Heart Church

50/50 Fundraiser



Sacred Heart Church 50/50 Building Fundraiser

We are currently fundraising, seeking to raise the necessary funds to begin renovating the old IGA building in Strathmore into our new spiritual home. Please watch the new extended virtual walkthrough video below to see the gorgeous design that our architecture team have developed for our new Church.

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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- [Online Formation Opportunities](#)

Resources for children

- **Kid's challenge this week:** This week, think about who might be ignored or neglected in your parish, school, family, neighbourhood, and what you could do about this. [Colour this page](#), and try to do at least one thing in the coming week to show that you are good neighbours to others. (CAFOD)
- [Colouring page this Sunday](#)
- [Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday](#)
- [Sunday Connection - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time](#) (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)

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

Let us minister together to ensure no one lives in isolation and loneliness. **On Sunday, July 24**, we invite you to take a step forward in co-creating compassionate communities that see relationship and accompaniment with the elderly and grandparents as a normal part of family, neighbourhood, parish, and communal life.

Share your visit with us and get a gift

This World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2022, we invite parishioners and families to participate in the following activity:

- **Make plans to visit grandparent(s) and/or elderly individual(s)** in your family, neighbourhood, or parish community on, or around July 24. You may consider taking with you some pastry, coffee, and/or flowers, and/or a handmade card with your child(ren). Ultimately, it's about the gift of time and presence.
- **Share a picture from your visit with the Diocese and receive a gift!** Submit your photo (with caption) by emailing it to communications@calgarydiocese.ca or use this [Diocesan form](#), and receive a beautiful gift for your grandparent(s) or the elderly you visit!
- Each family/person who submitted a photo and/or caption will receive a printed icon of Sts. Joachim and Anna to take back to the individual(s) they visited.

Practical things parishes, families and individuals can do for the *World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly* [can be found here](#).



PAPAL MASS JULY 26 at 10:15 am
COMMONWEALTH STADIUM, EDMONTON

PUBLIC TICKETING

AVAILABLE ON
MONDAYS, JULY 11 & 18
AT 10:30 AM
PAPALVISIT.CA

WALKING TOGETHER
POPE FRANCIS CANADA
24 - 29 JULY 2022
MARCHER ENSEMBLE
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Papal Visit Mass in Alberta

The Holy Father will travel within Alberta (based in Edmonton) from July 24-27, followed by a visit to Quebec City and Ste. Anne-de-Baupré, July 27-29. Pope Francis will visit Iqaluit, Nunavut the afternoon of July 29 before returning to Rome.

- [Find detailed schedule](#)
- **The public can access tickets (free)** through papalvisit.ca for Papal Mass on **Tuesday, July 26 at 10:15 am** at the Commonwealth Stadium, Edmonton.
 - For those unable to secure tickets this morning, a second block of tickets will be offered on **Monday, July 11 at 10:30 am**

MT, and final block of ticket will be released on **Monday, July 18 at 10:30 am MT**.

- To volunteer, donate or learn more, visit papalvisit.ca

Ethiopia is in crisis

Ethiopia is facing a crisis and its population is becoming increasingly vulnerable. The high price of essentials, a drought and interethnic violence have been made worse by the shortage of essentials caused by the war between Russia and Ukraine. [CNEWA Canada](#) is launching a campaign to for Ethiopia and hopes Canadians will be able to respond.

- [Donate through CNEWA Canada](#)

Faithfully - Love changes everything

Highlights from the latest [Faithfully, July 4, 2022](#):

- **Love changes everything:** What does it mean to walk with a woman who is pregnant and vulnerable?
- **Novena to start in July** & prayer intentions
- Read the story from the **grotto blessing at Elizabeth House** by Bishop William McGrattan.
- **Faithful Living tips** on the usage of rainwater and melted snow!
- Public ticketing for Papal Mass
- [Read Faithfully now](#)

Employment Opportunity

Employment opportunities are available on our [Careers](#) page:

- **Administrative Assistant (part-time)** - Ste. Famille, Calgary
- **Sacrament Preparation Coordinator (part-time)**- St. Luke's Church, Calgary
- **NEW! Assistant Care Coordinator (Full-time)** - Elizabeth House
- Resilience Specialist - Elizabeth House, Calgary
- Volunteer & Operations Coordinator - Elizabeth House, Calgary
- Executive Director - FCJ Christian Life Centre, Calgary

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

Other Resources & Events

1. Pope Francis saddened by Fourth of July shooting in Chicago

On Monday, a gunman on a rooftop opened fire on an Independence Day parade in the affluent northern Chicago suburb killing at least six people and wounding at least 30 others. [Pope Francis decries the shooting on July 4](#) where a gunman on a rooftop opened fire on an Independence Day parade in the affluent northern

Chicago suburb killing at least six people and wounding at least 30 others.

2. **The Holy Father reflects on his personal life in a podcast** Pope Francis met with Argentine priest Guillermo Marcó, who was in charge of the Press Office of the Archbishopric of Buenos Aires for 10 years, while Archbishop Bergoglio was the head of the see. A part of the conversation was broadcast on the priest's podcast. [Read now](#)

3. **Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education (GrACE) Newsletter**

Here is the final GrACE newsletter before the new school year. Please share our JOY of Catholic education and continue to spread the good news. [Read now](#)

4. **July-August 2022 Calendar Highlights**

- [Throughout month of July](#) | Catechesis of the Good Shepherd summer camps
- [NEW - July 11, 12 & 13](#) from 6:30 pm to 9 pm | Inner Healing Retreat with Fr. (Dr.) Antony Parankimalil, VC from Divine UK ministries, at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, Calgary
- [July 12-15](#) | Ignite Alberta summer camp for teens at St. Luke, Calgary
- [July 16](#) | Brother Sun - Sister Moon Pilgrimage at Mount St. Francis, Cochrane
- [July 20-30](#) | Captivenia - Medieval adventure camp for girls ages 9-17
- [July 24](#) | World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly
- [July 24-29](#) | Papal Visit in Canada
- [July 29](#) | Triumph Retreat - Live-in program of inner healing & transformation
- [Aug 1-13](#) | Archateos - Adventure camp for boys ages 7-17
- [Aug 12-14](#) | Holy Ground - Women's Retreat at Mount St. Francis, Cochrane
- [Aug 22](#) | Mary: A Biblical Walk - Zoom bible study with Fr. Julian Studden

5. **July Saints**

There are many well known saints whose feast days are celebrated in July. Below is just a few of them and if you click on the names you can find out more about these saints.

- July 11 [Saint Benedict](#)
- July 15 [Saint Bonaventure](#)
- July 16 [Our Lady of Mount Carmel](#)
- July 21 [Saint Lawrence of Brindisi](#)
- July 22 [Saint Mary Magdalene](#)
- July 25 [Saint James](#)
- July 26 [Saint Joachim and Saint Anne](#)
- July 29 [Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus](#)
- July 31 [Saint Ignatius of Loyola](#)

The Kids' Bulletin

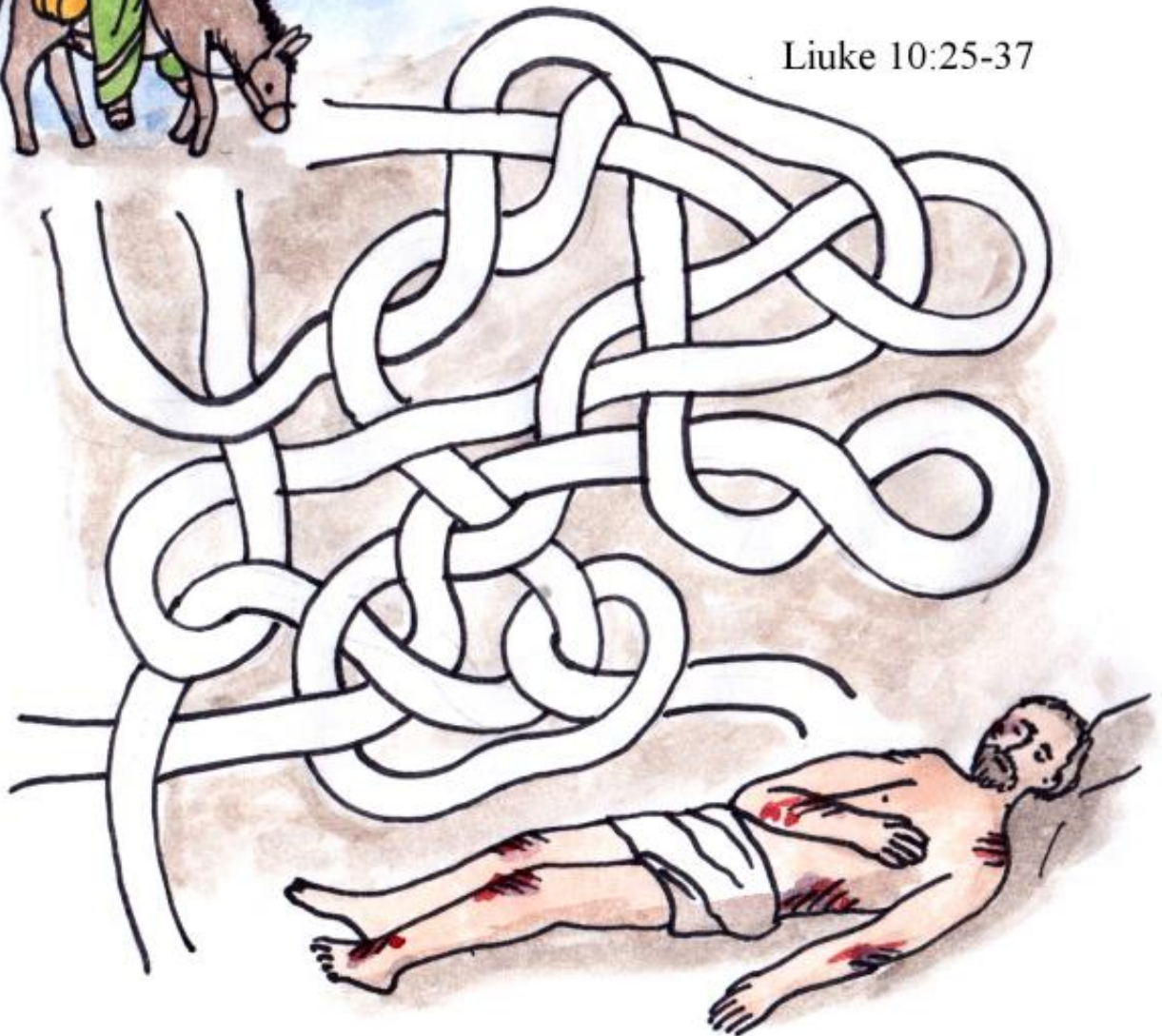
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 10th, 2022



*Which of the three paths would
the good Samaritan take?
Find out which one leads to the
man who was robbed.*

Liuke 10:25-37



*Jesus told the Parable of the Good Samaritan
to show the people what it means to love your neighbour
after someone asked Him "Who is my neighbour?"*

SAINT BONAVENTURE

JULY 15

BONAVENTURE WAS BORN IN ITALY AROUND THE YEAR 1221. WHEN HE WAS A BABY HE WAS VERY SICK AND WAS CURED BY THE INTERCESSION OF ST. FRANCIS.

AT AGE 21 BONAVENTURE JOINED THE FRANCISCANS AND WAS SENT TO STUDY IN PARIS.

THERE HE BECAME FRIENDS WITH THE GREAT SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS.

BONAVENTURE WAS CHOSEN TO BECOME THE LEADER OF THE FRANCISCANS.

HE SOLVED PROBLEMS IN THE ORDER AND WROTE THE LIFE OF ST. FRANCIS.

POPE GREGORY MADE BONAVENTURE A CARDINAL.

BONAVENTURE DIED, PROBABLY FROM BEING POISONED, WHILE HE WAS HELPING TO RUN THE SECOND CHURCH COUNCIL OF LYONS.

ST. BONAVENTURE DID MUCH WORK TO BRING PEACE AMONG THE FRANCISCANS, WHO WERE BECOMING DIVIDED. DIFFERENT GROUPS WANTED DIFFERENT RULES, SO HE SHOWED THEM HOW THEY WERE WRONG TO FIGHT AMONGST THEMSELVES. CAN YOU HELP PEOPLE TO MAKE PEACE WITH EACH OTHER?

True or False?

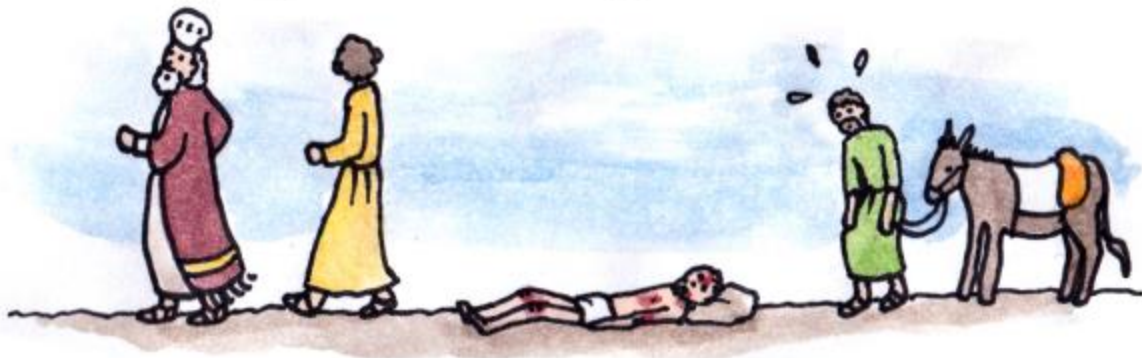
The Story of the Good Samaritan

Jesus told the people a parable to show them how to be a good neighbour. At that time the Samaritans were enemies of the Jews.

How well do you know the story?

See if you can figure out which of these are true and which are false.

1. In the parable, a man was walking from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he came across a group of people who had been robbed. True or False?
2. The robbers beat the man and took all he had. True or False?
3. A priest walked past the man and ignored him. True or False?
4. A Levite saw the man and left him some money. True or False?
5. A Samaritan saw the man, bandaged his wounds, and took him to an inn. True or False?
6. The Samaritan told the innkeeper that he had done his job and he didn't care what happened to the man. True or False?
7. In the parable, the Samaritan, who was normally the man's enemy, was his best neighbour. True or False?



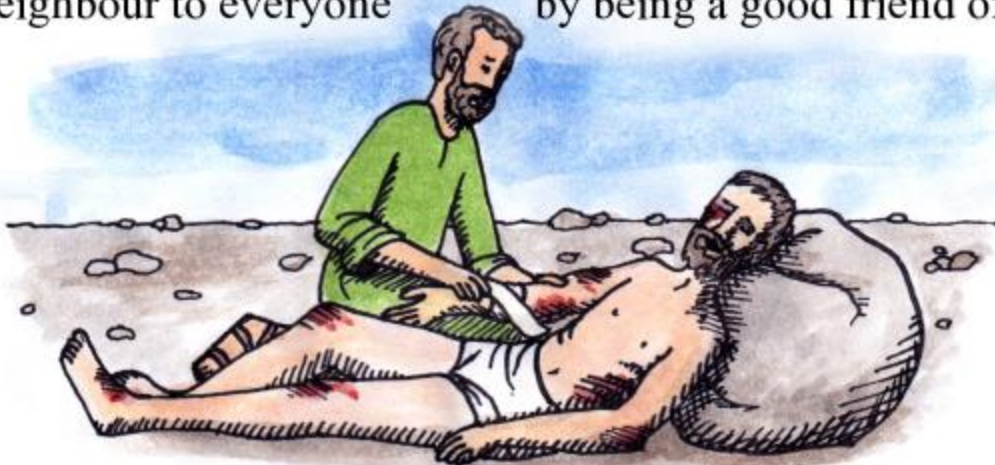
Loving God and Our Neighbour

In today's Gospel reading we learn that the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart and soul and strength, and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

The most important thing you do in your life is loving God. If you really love God then you will do what is right and love other people as well. The Samaritan in the story loved God even though he didn't worship Him in the proper way like the Jews did. But because he loved God he wanted to please Him by being kind to his enemy.

If you don't love God then you will not be able to make good decisions about other things either. You can't even love other people properly if you don't love God the most. The priest and Levite in the parable probably cared more about themselves than about God. That is why when they saw their own countryman injured and lying by the roadside they just walked past.

Is God the most important person in your life? Talk to Him every day and you will grow to love Him. You can be a good neighbour to everyone by being a good friend of God.



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

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.

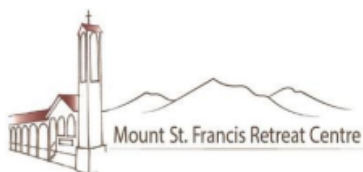
We offer silent retreats and spiritual direction. We also serve those in the 12 Step Program through weekend and evening Serenity retreats. We listen to 5th steps. We host groups and individuals seeking a place of quiet and stillness in an often-hectic world. We can accommodate up to 50 people (46 rooms/50 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.





Looking for a Summer Retreat? Mount St. Francis is offering:



Brother Sun – Sister Moon Pilgrimage Retreat - July 16 Saturday

A full-day outdoor retreat beginning at 9:00 am. Pilgrimage Walk, Eucharist, Laudato Si' reflections, personal prayer time, picnic lunch, BBQ dinner and bonfire. Please dress and prepare for the weather and terrain. Bring a water bottle and a small day pack.

\$60

Registration is limited. Registration deadline: July 12

Holy Ground – Seeing the Sacred in the Everyday - Women's Silent Retreat August 12-14

Our day is often busy or restless. Even a few minutes each day of reflection or an annual retreat awakens us to God's presence in our lives. As Jesus promises, "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matt. 28:20) God pitches a tent, dwells within us and among us.

\$215

Soul Care – Women's Retreat with Guest Presenter: Cathy AJ Hardy August 16-18

Soul Care Retreats are times of oasis for the heart, body & soul. A time away to be replenished, restored and renewed. Soul Care Retreats are created to give opportunities for women to come back home to themselves and to God.

\$415

Registration is limited.

Preached Retreat – Weaving Our Life in God – Reflections from the Life of St. Clare August 22-28

Guided by images, moments, and reflections from the life of St. Clare this week-long retreat gives space to be and to ponder how God weaves life into a beautiful tapestry. St. Clare points to Christ and invites us to have an encounter with him.

\$600

Laudato Si' – World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation Thursday, September 1, 9 am – 1 pm

Pope Francis declared September 1 as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. This half-day prayer retreat includes a reflective walk, Eucharist, time for prayer, and delicious earth-inspired lunch. Please dress and prepare for the weather. Bring a water bottle and a small day pack.

Cost: \$20

For more information or to register - mtfrancis@shaw.ca 403-932-2012

