



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 – THE 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 Naveed Arif
& 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

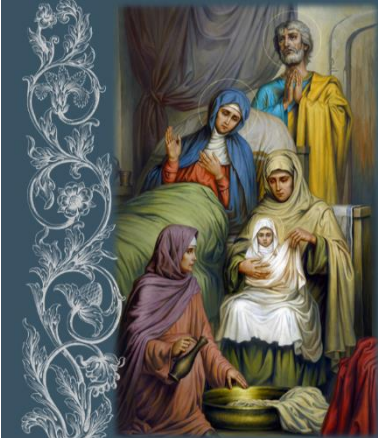
Parish Pastoral Council Chair - Gary Heinbecker
Parish Finance Committee Chair - Cheryl Pocsik

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.



Office Closed Monday – Labor Day

September 8
The Nativity
of the
Blessed Virgin
Mary



Sunday's Readings

1st Reading: Wisdom 9.13-18

Who can discern what the Lord wills?

Responsorial Psalm: 90.3-6, 12-14+17 (R.1)

R. Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

2nd Reading: Philemon.9b-10, 12-17

Take him back, no longer as a slave but as a much-loved brother.

Gospel: Luke 14.25-33

Whoever of you does not give up all that he has cannot be my disciple.

What Does It Take to Be a Disciple?

Jesus is relentlessly traveling to Jerusalem. He urges the following crowds to be relentless disciples. How? (1) Be loyal to me and my Father. (2) Carry your own cross – every day. (3) Don't let possessions get in the way.

- † What does my loyalty to God expect of me?
- † What cross will I carry today, tomorrow, and each day this week?
- † What of my possessions will I share in merciful ways?

September 4, 2022 – The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



OPERATING FINANCES	
JULY 1-31, 2022	
Operating Budget 2022	\$ 59,708
General Envelope Collection	\$ 45,656
Loose Collections	\$ 1,114
Future Development	\$ 4,240
Sale of Church Supplies & Other	\$ 3,217
Budget Vs Actual	-\$ 5,481
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 2,793
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 3,558
Clergy Retirement	\$ 55
Mission Mexico	\$ 275
CARO	\$ 110
World Missions	\$ 20
Seminary Fund	\$ 125
Ukraine Relief YTD	\$ 21,665
<i>Thank You for your Generous Contributions</i>	
Average Weekly Attendance	715

† Mass Intentions †

Saturday, September 3

8:30am - Erma Wagner †

5:00pm - Kevin Jenkins †

Sunday, September 4

8:30am - Rev Fr Cecil Zinger †

10:30am - Dan Hudek

6:00pm - Holy Family Parish

Monday, September 5

9:00am - Tina Ressler †

Tuesday, September 6

9:00am - Colleen Dietrich †

Wednesday, September 7

9:00am - Diane Hachey †

Thursday, September 8

9:00am - Joseph Dorval †

Friday, September 9

9:00am - Mary Buscholl

2022 Goal
\$70,938
total to date
\$28,667.49.
which is 41%

Together IN ACTION
Annual Bishop's Appeal

Sacrament Classes Registration

St. Patrick's Parish

Wednesday, September 14th

6:30pm to 7:30pm

Holy Family Parish

Thursday, September 15th

6:30pm to 7:30pm



Mark Your Calendars

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

CWL - Garage Sale

September 14, 2022 - 6:30pm in the Church

Funeral Ministry Workshop & Fellowship

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

September 21, 2022 - 7:00pm in the Faith Room

RCIA starts up for a new year

October 1 -2, 2022 - After all Masses

Parish Ministry Fair

November 6, 2022 -

CWL Fall Supper

Funeral Ministry

There will be a training for the Funeral Ministry on Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30 pm in the Church. A get together for socializing with coffee and donuts will follow. See you there!!!

HOLY FAMILY PARISH CWL GARAGE SALE



Friday, September 9
3:00pm – 6:00pm
Saturday, September 10
9:00am – 3:00pm
Table Rentals- \$25.00 Call Louella
at 403-502-6883
To Donate call Jackie at
403-581-5479

Holy Family Parish



Pastoral Care Ministry

How to put the Love for God into Action. We do this through the Pastoral Care Ministry. Throughout the summer many of the residents of the Senior Homes have not received Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. There is a desire in their hearts to receive Jesus in this Sacrament, **we are in need of more volunteers.** With many volunteers it may be once or twice a month. Some of the duties include...

Setting up the Altar	Leading the Rosary
Porter Residents to Chapel	Lead in Song
Lead the Communion Service	

Please take it to our Lord in prayer who speaks to your heart.

MEETING – THURS., SEPT. 8 AT 7PM - FAITH ROOM FOR MORE DETAILS

" It is not how much we do but how much love we put in the doing.

A lifelong sharing of love with others." **Mother Teresa**

**THURSDAY
SEPT. 8 at 7:00PM**

Sunday 10:30am Mass on YOUTUBE

Medicine Hat Holy Family Church Live Stream

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG6zK-XzuXdDHj79rV6ut_Q



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ANNUAL BLESSING OF PETS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 AT 2:00PM
 Pets of all religious backgrounds and their owners are welcome!

St. Francis gave special consideration to all of God's creatures, calling them sisters and brothers.
 Pets must be leashed or in a crate.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
 Do you have a desire to learn about the traditions and teachings of the Catholic faith?
 Do you feel a need for a deeper understanding of our faith beliefs in order to keep up with the religious education of your child(ren)?
 Wednesday, September 21, 2022 –
 Wednesday, May 24, 2023
 7:00-9:00 pm.
 Call Pat at 403-878-6073

Ministry Fair
October 1st & 2nd
after each Mass

St. Patrick's Catholic Women's League and Knights of Columbus 1732 send our thanks to everyone for supporting our recent raffle.
Winners of our Raffle for the \$1000.00 South Country Co-Op gift cards are Emily Harris and Carol Kimenius.

All Legion of Mary Members, both Active and Auxiliary or Praying members, as well as those interested in learning more about the Legion of Mary, are invited to our Annual Praesidium Function on September 11th from 7 pm to 8:30 pm in St. Patrick's Church Hall. In addition to praying the Legion of Mary prayers and learning more about the Legion, we will have a chance to visit and celebrate Mary's Nativity with birthday cake and light refreshments.

Coffee & Fellowship Will Restart After the 10:30 Mass Starting September 25

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10TH & 11TH THE OFFERTORY BASKET WILL RESUME BEING PASSED AROUND

PLEASE EMAIL TERESA TO LET HER KNOW WHEN YOUR MINISTRIES AND MEETINGS WILL BE STARTING UP AGAIN... REMEMBER THE CALENDAR FILLS UP FAST... contact@holyfamilymh.ca

Journey Through Grief Group

An eight-week course dealing with grief and loss...

"The death of a loved one changes our lives. Moving from "before" to "after" almost always is a long, painful journey. But if we are to heal, we cannot avoid our grief. We must journey through it all, sometimes meandering the side roads and plowing directly into its raw center.

The journey also requires mourning. That's different from grief. Grief is what you think and feel inside. Mourning is the outward expression of those thoughts and feelings. To mourn is to be an active participant in our grief journey."

Quote from: Dr. Alan Woelfelt

Fall and Spring Sessions will run on Tuesday Evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Fall Session – September 20 – November 15, 2022

*Location: Saamis Memorial Funeral Chapel & Crematorium,
in the Creekside Centre at #1 Dunmore Road SE, Medicine Hat*

Group Size: 4-10 participants

Program Fee: \$60.00 per person or \$100 per couple



To Register Contact Facilitator:

Belinda Deis, R.M.

Grief and Bereavement Certificate, UWO

Certificate in Counselling Skills, OCC

at 403-527-0345

or by email: belinda_deis@live.ca



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NO PARTIALITY IN OUR DISCIPLESHIP

Every Sunday afternoon, after the morning service at their church, the Pastor and his 11-year-old son would go out into their town and hand out Gospel tracts. This particular Sunday afternoon, as it came time for the Pastor and his son to go to the streets with their tracts, it was very cold outside as well as pouring down rain. The boy bundled up in his warmest and driest clothes and said, "Okay Dad, I'm ready." His Pastor Dad asked, "Ready for what?" "Dad, it's time we gather our tracts together and go out." Dad responds, "Son, it's very cold outside, and it's pouring down rain." The boy gives his Dad a surprised look, asking, "But Dad, aren't people still going to Hell, even though it's raining?" Dad answers, "Son, I am not going out in this weather." Despondently the boy asks, "Dad, can I go? Please?" His father hesitated for a moment but said, "You can go. Here are the tracts; be careful, son." "Thanks Dad!" And with that, he was off and out into the rain. This 11-year-old boy walked the streets of the town, going door-to-door and handing everybody he met in the street a Gospel tract. After hours of walking in the rain, he was soaking bone-chilled wet and down to his very last tract. He stopped on a corner and looked for someone to hand a tract to, but the streets were totally deserted. Then, he turned toward the first home he saw and started up the sidewalk to the front door and rang the doorbell. He rang the bell, but nobody answered. He rang it again and again, but still no one answered. He waited, but still no answer. Finally, this 11-year-old trooper turned to leave, but something stopped him. Again, he turned to the door and rang the bell and knocked loudly on the door with his fist. He waited, something holding him there on the front porch. He rang again, and this time the door slowly opened. Standing in the doorway was a very sad looking elderly lady. She softly asked, "What can I do for you, son?" With radiant eyes and a smile that lit up her world, this little boy said, "Ma'am, I'm sorry if I disturbed you, but I just want to tell you that JESUS REALLY DOES LOVE YOU! I came to give you my very last Gospel tract which will tell you all about Jesus and His great love." With that, he handed her his last tract and turned to leave. She called to him as he departed, "Thank you, son! And God bless you! The following Sunday morning in church, Pastor Dad was in the pulpit and as the service began, he asked, "Does anybody have a testimony or want to say anything?" Slowly, in the back row of the church, an elderly lady stood to her feet. As she began to share the experience, she had with the young kid handing over the tract and how she was helped not to commit suicide. I truly believe that JESUS REALLY DOES LOVE ME.

What a heartwarming story to read and reflect on the value of our discipleship. God shows his love everyday through his Son's passion and resurrection. There are four basics of discipleship which lead us to give ourselves complete to the Lord.

1. We share the Word and speak about the Gospel as we live accordingly.
2. We show the Word to the world and once we share it and people believe in Christ as their Saviour, we baptize them in the Holy Trinity to be one with Christ as he is one in God the Father and the Holy Spirit.
3. We teach the Word of eternal life to other people making them to believe that is the true Word of God.
4. We serve the Word as our ultimate goal of our lives because Word of God lives forever as St. Peter says (1 Peter 1) and it fulfills the purpose for it is being sent in the words of Prophet Isaiah (55).

As I said earlier there is no partiality in our discipleship and should not be because we need to remember the characteristics of our discipleship:

- Introducing others to Jesus. ...
- Praying: our primary work. ...
- Stewarding resources generously. ...
- Knowing & Obeying God's Word. ...
- Completing the Great Commission. ...
- Depending on the Holy Spirit's empowering. ...
- Taking Faith-Filled risks.

This is only possible through the wisdom of God as we see in the First Reading today. We are not sure how long we are going to live but one thing for sure we know is that the wisdom of God will lead us to eternal life. King Solomon is just reminding everyone that there is no one who could know the counsel of God or who can discern what the Lord wills? God helps us to discern our vocation as a disciple to understand that if we have given our lives to him, then we must give it completely without holding anything back. "Who can learn the counsel of God?" suggests that our life is a mystery and that we do not possess the key to understanding it. There are always two characters in history: God and man. Our task is to perceive the call of God and then to do his will. But in order to do his will, we must ask ourselves, "What is God's will in my life?" We find the answer in the same passage of the Book of Wisdom: "People were taught what pleases you". In order to ascertain the call of God, we must ask ourselves and understand what pleases God. On many occasions the prophets proclaimed what was pleasing to God. Their message found a wonderful synthesis in the words "I want mercy, not sacrifice" (Hos 6:6; Mt 9:13) and also please read Job 38-42 chapters to understand the will and power of God. God is pleased by every act of mercy, because in the brother or sister that we assist, we recognize the face of God which no one can see. Each time we bend down to the needs of our brothers and sisters, we give Jesus something to eat and drink; we clothe, we help, and we visit the Son of God (Mt 25:40). In a word, we touch the flesh of Christ. We are thus called to translate into

concrete acts that which we invoke in prayer and profess in faith. There is no alternative to charity: those who put themselves at the service of others, even when they don't know it, are those who love God. The Christian life, however, is not merely extending a hand in times of need. If it is just this, it can be, certainly, a lovely expression of human solidarity which offers immediate benefits, but it is sterile because it lacks roots. The task which the Lord gives us, on the contrary, is the vocation to charity in which each of Christ's disciples puts his or her entire life at his service, so to grow each day in love.

At first glance Gospel reading looks very scary, how Jesus could ask us to hate our own families when he himself was part of our family. Does he really ask us to do so? I believe he is not, but he is reminding us that if we want to follow him, then there is a cost to it and there shouldn't be partiality. We must give up everything for his sake to follow him. He paid a cost for us by shedding his blood on the cross for our salvation. Are we ready to take his challenge of giving up everything to follow him? Following Jesus is a serious task, and, at the same time, one filled with joy; it takes a certain daring and courage to recognize the divine Master in the poorest of the poor and those who are cast aside, and to give oneself in their service.

This is true to this Sunday's readings. God has created us with love and showed this love by sending his only Begotten Son into the world to save us. At first glance the Gospel reading looks very scary, how Jesus could ask us to hate our own families when he himself was part of our family. Does he really asking us to do so? I believe he is not, but he is reminding us that if we want to follow him, then there is a cost to it and there shouldn't be partiality. We must give up everything for his sake to follow him. He paid a cost for us by shedding his blood on the cross for our salvation. Are we ready to take his challenge of giving up everything to follow him?

Following Jesus does not mean taking part in a triumphal procession! It means sharing his merciful love, entering his great work of mercy for each and every man and for all people. The work of Jesus is, precisely, a work of mercy, a work of forgiveness and of love! Jesus is so full of mercy! And this universal pardon, this mercy, passes through the Cross. Jesus, however, does not want to do this work alone: he wants to involve us too in the mission that the Father entrusted to him. After the Resurrection he was to say to his disciples: "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you" ... if you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven" (Jn 20:21-22). Jesus' disciple renounces all his possessions because in Jesus he has found the greatest Good in which every other good receives its full value and meaning: family ties, other relationships, work, cultural and economic goods and so forth.... The Christian detaches him or herself from all things and rediscovers all things in the logic of the Gospel, the logic of love and of service. To explain this requirement, Jesus uses two parables: that of the tower to be built and that of the king going to war. The latter says: "What king, going to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and take counsel whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends an embassy and asks terms of peace". Jesus does not wish to address the topic of war here; it is only a parable. We must understand the value of our discipleship to serve the Lord otherwise we may fall in a trap like this scholar to become proud of ourselves.

There was once a great scholar. Everybody in the kingdom appreciated him because he was so learned. Unfortunately, in spite of his great learning he had great pride. One day this scholar put on a gold necklace and went to the palace of another king. He said, "Whoever can defeat me in wisdom will get this necklace. I challenge everybody!" All the scholars in that particular kingdom had heard about this scholar and they were afraid that they would lose. So they would not accept his challenge. The king was very sad that nobody would accept the challenge.

Finally, the court jester said, "I accept your challenge." The king had almost surrendered to the scholar but thought it would be amusing to see his jester compete. He believed he was only a joker and would not be able to win the necklace. The court jester said, "I will ask you four questions. If you answer any of my questions correctly, then you will lose, but if all your answers are incorrect, then I will accept defeat and the king will give you anything you want."

Then the court jester asked his first question: "Where do you come from?" The scholar said, "I live here." This was incorrect, since he came from another kingdom. So, by giving the wrong answer the scholar passed the first test. The jester's second question was, "How long have you been here?"

"Three years," the scholar said, which was also incorrect. Still the court jester was unable to trick him. The third time the jester asked, "Our king is good, kind and generous. Do you agree?" The scholar said, "Your king? What you are saying is totally wrong. Your king is undivine and very unkind." So again the scholar passed the test.

The court jester said, "It seems that I can't defeat you. How many questions have I asked so far?" The scholar said, "You have asked me three questions; you have one more. If I do not answer it correctly you will lose."

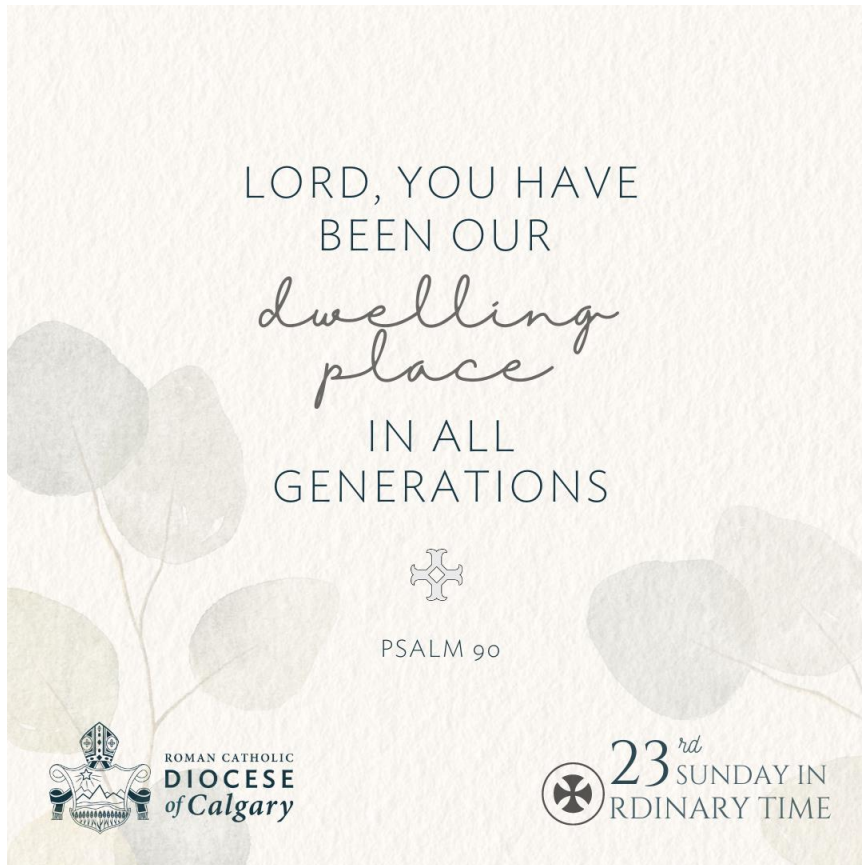
The court jester cried out, "Look! The scholar has lost. He has answered this question correctly." So the scholar gave his necklace to the court jester, and the jester immediately gave it to the king. The scholar's pride was totally smashed. He said, "I will never come to your kingdom to challenge anybody again." All the scholars were very impressed by the court jester's cleverness. They knew that they would not have been able to defeat the great scholar. The jester said, "You see, when great scholars are not alert, they lose. Had he been alert, he could have saved himself."

Are we alert to understand the cost of our discipleship to carry our Cross everyday? Let's be grateful to God for our commitment to serve the Lord without any partiality so that we may acclaim "Lord we are unworthy servants, we only did what we ought to do".



Sunday Updates

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Visit the [Diocesan Event Calendar](#)

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Weekly reflections can be found here:

[Vatican News](#) | [The Sunday Website](#)
[Sunday Connection](#)

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:** Colour in [this illustration](#) of someone achieving something difficult and on the back to write or draw what you will do in the coming week to show that you are followers of Jesus. (CAFOD)
 - [Colouring page this Sunday](#)
 - [Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday](#)
 - [Sunday Connection - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time](#) (Gr. 1-8 & family)
 - **Children's Liturgy of the Word this Sunday**
 - [Children's Liturgy sheet for leaders/parents](#) (CAFOD) | [Illustration](#)
 - [Children's Liturgy of the Word with Miss Heidi](#) (Catholic TV)

Bereavement: Support & Care Training

The Diocese of Calgary is offering a training opportunity in providing bereavement support and care. This workshop is offered to those who are involved in the Pastoral Care Ministry in their parishes, and/or for those desiring to be better equipped in accompanying those dealing with grief and loss. Topics to be explored include: What is grief and mourning and how it impacts our whole being; Grief as a spiritual journey; How the parish community can assist a grieving person; Practical ideas for a successful parish bereavement ministry.

- When/where: **Saturday, Oct. 1 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at St. Luke's** (1566 Northmount Drive NW, Calgary).
- [Register online here](#) or by contacting Sr. Mariflor at 403-218-5521. Please register by **Sep. 26**.
- For more information, visit: catholicyc.ca/pastoralcare

Serra Club meeting with the Bishop | Sep 17

Come hear from Bishop McGrattan about his vision for promoting and supporting religious and priestly vocations in the Diocese of Calgary. Those who are called to support the work of vocations are invited to join Serra Club of Calgary meeting this month on **Saturday, Sep. 17 at 9 am** (Mass), followed by breakfast and talk in the Parish Hall.

- [Download poster](#) from Serra Calgary (organizer)
- [More info](#)

World Day of Migrants & Refugees | Sep 25

On September 25, the Church will mark the 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. It is an occasion to express our concern for the many vulnerable people on the move, to pray for them as they face many challenges, and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. Since 1979, private sponsors have resettled over 350k refugees to Canada. This is a remarkable accomplishment for Canadians. Eighteen Catholic organizations (Dioceses, Religious congregations, and other groups) across Canada currently work as Sponsorship Agreement Holders (SAHs). It is estimated that there are currently over 89 million people who have been forced from their homes, of which over 36 million have fled their homelands. This terrible situation is made even worse in recent months with Russia's invasion of Ukraine, forcing millions of Ukrainians to flee their home country.

As Pope Francis has said, "In turbulent times we are to re-commit to the journey of building the kingdom".

- Click [here](#) for a series of pastoral suggestions from the Catholic Refugee Sponsors' Council (CRSC), as well as a resource list which includes bulletin announcements and prayers of the faithful.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation | September 1

In 2015, Pope Francis declared **September 1** as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Gatherings for prayer are encouraged in parishes. The faithful should also be encouraged to take practical initiatives to combat earth's environmental crisis. (Source: ORDO)

"Not only has God given the earth to man, who must use it with respect for the original good purpose for which it was given to him, but man too is God's gift to man. He must therefore respect the natural and moral structure with which he has been endowed." ~St. John Paul II (Centesimus Annus #38).

- **Sep 1, World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation Retreat at Mount St. Francis, Cochrane** | 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. [More info](#)
- **Download [Laudato Si' Movement Prayer Book](#)**: a collection of prayers to lift up all who seek to care for our common home.
- The Pontifical council for Justice and Peace proposes a [prayer for the Care of Creation](#).
- [Prayer to Care for our Common Home](#)
- [3 reasons to become a Laudato Si' Animator](#) (free training)
- **Read: [Season of Prayer for the Care of Creation](#)** - A Pastoral Letter from Bishop McGrattan (Sep. 2020)



National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples | Dec. 12

"This year, we have been blessed to have had a delegation of Indigenous people visit Pope Francis in Rome in order to receive his apology on behalf of the Roman Catholic Church, and again to welcome the Holy Father to this land to hear his words of sorrow as he embarked on his, self described, "Pilgrimage of Penance". Let us take this opportunity to build on the reflections offered by Pope Francis."

The National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples will be celebrated on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas.

- Download/print [this reflection](#) from the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council

Pray for the abolition of the death penalty



<https://youtu.be/Cpv3zCBJzSc>

Pope's Prayer Intention for September 2022:

Let us pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

Papal Visit Updates

Pope Francis completes his Apostolic Journey to Canada from July 23-29, 2022. On this pilgrimage of penance the Holy Father made a series of public statements regarding Indigenous reconciliation and healing. Find all links to the Pope's messages, news, photos and livestream of the events here:

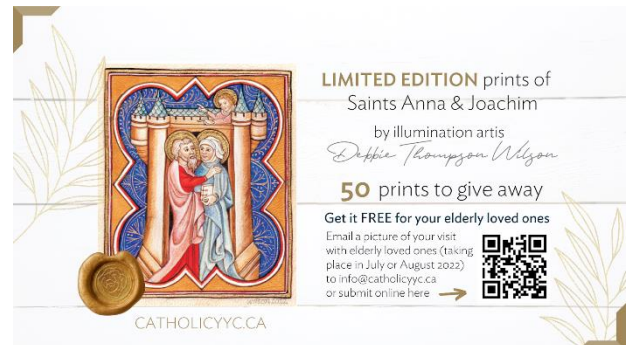
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Marriage Preparation Courses

- For marriage preparation courses in the fall, see our Diocesan page where couples can choose the appropriate date, register and pay for the course: catholicyc.ca/marriageprep

Special gift for your elderly loved ones

Thank you for your participation on World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly last month. We would like to extend our invitation to keep stepping forward in co-creating compassionate communities and accompaniment with the elderly and grandparents as a normal part of our family and communal life.



Sacred artist Debbie Thompson Wilson has created a beautiful print of Saints Anna and Joachim for this occasion, and 50 limited edition high quality prints will be available to give away.

How to get it free for your elderly loved one(s)?

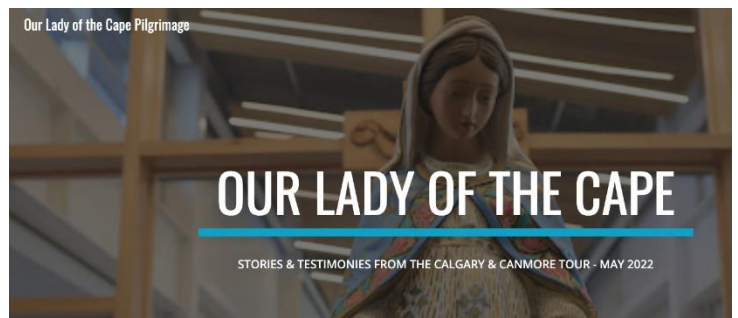
- Submit a photo from your visit with an elderly loved ones (grandparent(s) or elderly in community/parish) taking place in July or August 2022. Please submit photo **by Aug 31** via email to info@catholicyc.ca (with caption, address, phone, and parish name), or submit [online](#)

Never-before shared stories & photos from Our Lady of the Cape in Calgary & Canmore

Our Lady of the Cape pilgrim tour was graciously welcomed in 12 parishes, 6 schools and many other sites within our Diocese. Prayers, veneration, Masses, testimonies and talks blessed each day of the visit. Many were touched, changed, and renewed by this beautiful devotion to the Queen of Canada.

Read never-before shared stories, photos, and testimonies from the Our Lady of the Cape's pilgrimage in Calgary & Canmore highlighted in [Faithfully last Monday](#).

- [View site](#) or read in [PDF](#)



Catechist training for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#) (CGS) is a unique program for bringing Christ to the 3-6 year old child. This Catechist weeklong program will be held at St. Peter's Parish in Calgary. The CGS catechist training is a wonderful way to learn your own Catholic faith in order to proclaim it to the youngest members of our parish and community. The catechist course runs from Sept. 9-15, 2022.

- For more information or to register for the Catechist training workshop, contact Paula Sabatini at cgscalgary@gmail.com

Retroville weekend for struggling couples

The Retroville program is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. A Christian marriage program, Catholic in origin, where couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend. A weekend away, designed to give your marriage a chance. This program have helped tens of thousands married couples as it offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage. Follow-up sessions will be provided after the weekend.

- Upcoming Retroville weekend: September 9-11. [Register here](#)

Employment opportunity

There are a number of employment opportunities that are currently available in the Diocese of Calgary and beyond.

- **NEW:** Caretaker (FT) - St. Bonaventure, Calgary
- Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper (FT) - St. Mary's, Brooks
- Assistant Care Coordinator (FT) - Elizabeth House

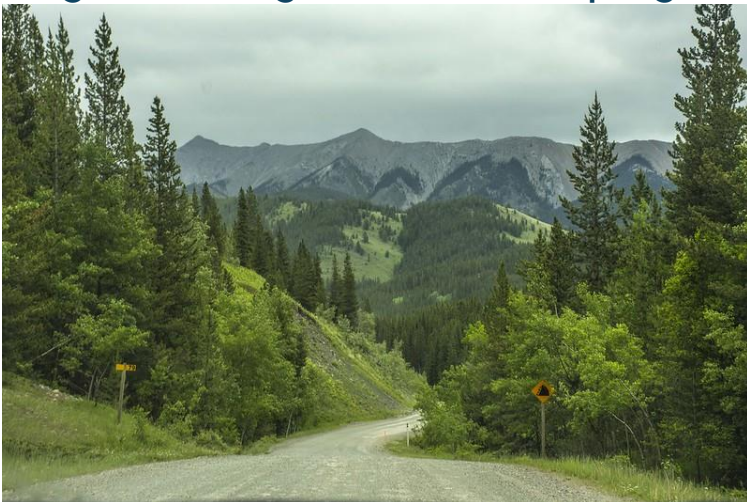
Please visit catholicyc.ca/careers for more information and application details.

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](#)

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- [Sign up for the journey to camp and /or hike](#)
- [Make a donation](#)
- Download [Angels on High poster](#)

Other Resources & Events

1. **Bereavement: Support & Care Training**

The Diocese of Calgary is offering a training opportunity in providing bereavement support and care. This workshop is offered to those who are involved in the Pastoral Care Ministry in their parishes, and/or for anyone desiring to be better equipped in accompanying those dealing with grief and loss. When/where: **Saturday, Oct. 1 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm** at **St. Luke's** (1566 Northmount Drive NW, Calgary). [Register online here](#) or by contacting Sr. Mariflor at 403-218-5521. Please register by **Sep. 26**. For more information, visit: catholiccyyc.ca/pastoralcare | [Download poster](#)

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3. **Feast of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary (Sep 8)**

The Church celebrates the feast of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary on Thursday, Sep. 8. For ideas on celebrating the Nativity of Mary with children, visit these great resources from [CatholicCing](#) and [OSV](#)

4. **Pope defends life rather than taking political positions**

In response to polemics that have arisen in recent days concerning the words of Pope Francis, a communiqué from the Holy See cites the Pope's "numerous" interventions concerning the war, and recalls that he has always condemned the Russian aggression as "morally unjust, unacceptable, barbaric, senseless, repugnant, and sacrilegious." [Read more](#)

5. **Big Bob in the Florida death house: Leaving through death's door**

Vatican Media presents a story by Dale Recinella, a former Wall Street finance lawyer who, along with his wife Susan, assists prisoners in Florida. [Read now](#)

6. **Caritas Pakistan on the frontline of flood disaster**

As Pakistan continues to be hit by unprecedented flash floods which have washed away roads, crops, infrastructure, and bridges, Caritas Pakistan is one of the aid organizations on the frontline of a catastrophe the country's climate change minister has called a "climate-induced humanitarian disaster of epic proportions." Over a thousand people have been killed, and more than 1500 injured by the historic floods. It is estimated that more than 1 million homes have been damaged, leaving tens of thousands displaced. [Read more](#)

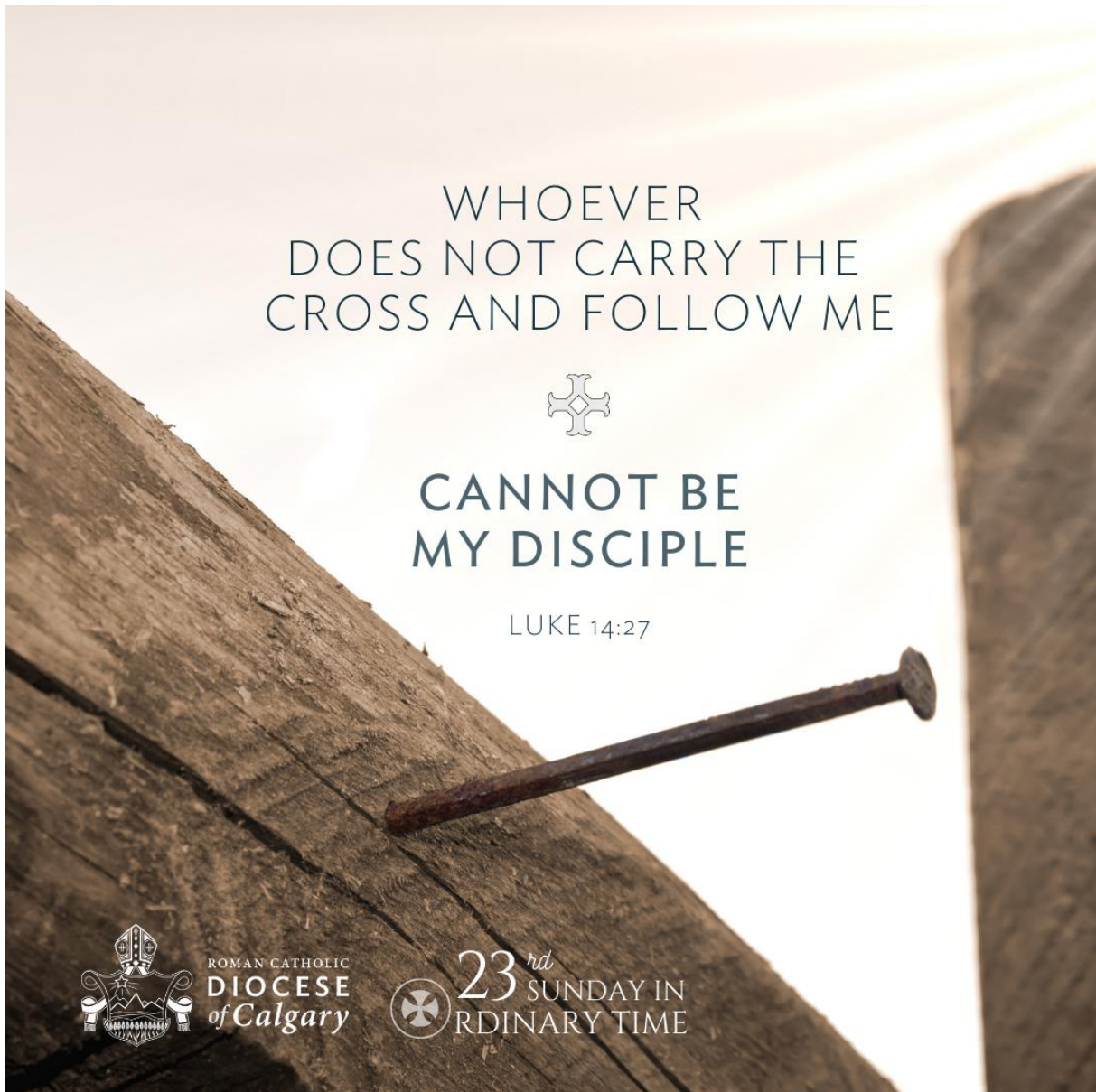
7. **How to thrive while living with chronic pain and no diagnosis**

A woman who lives with pain and uncertainty shares her secrets for living life to the full in every circumstance. [Read now](#)

8. **August/September 2022 Calendar Highlights**

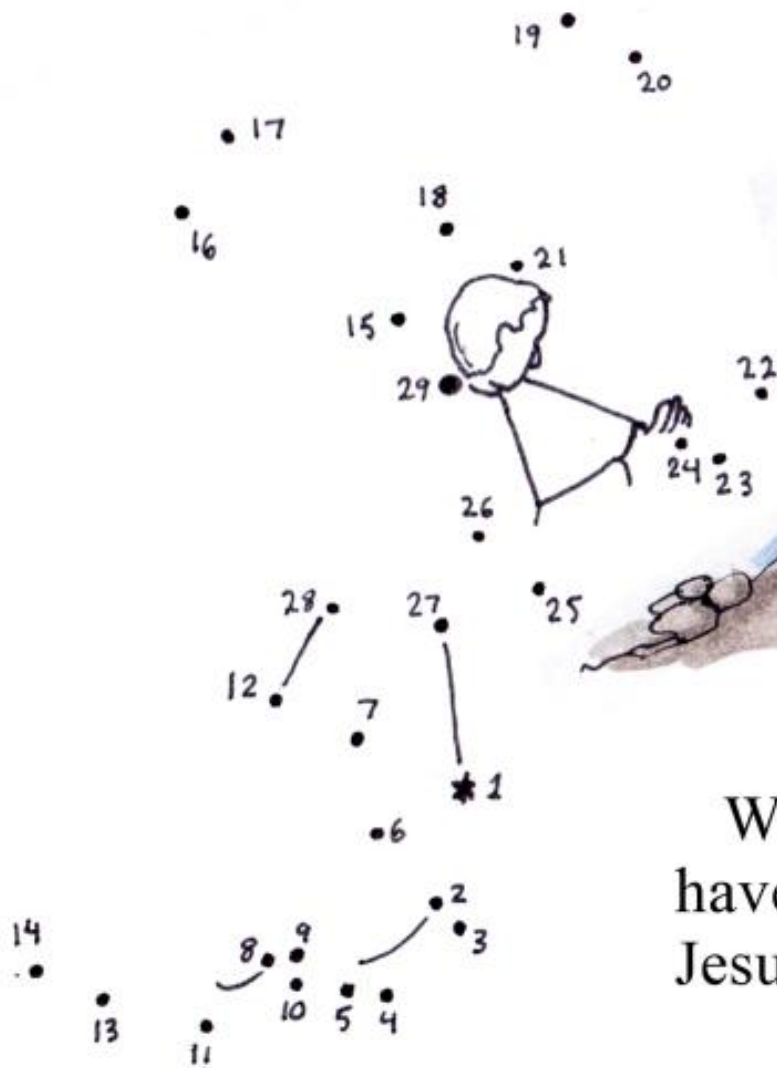
- **Sep 1** | [World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation Half Day Retreat](#) at Mount St. Francis, Cochrane
- **Sep 6, 15, 19 & 26** | [Mary: A Biblical Walk](#) - Bible Study online

- **Sep 7** | [Info Session for Feed the Hungry on resuming sit-down dinners](#) at St. Mary's Cathedral Parish Hall, Calgary
- **Sep 8** | [Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#) at Divine Mercy Centre
- **Sep 9 -15** | [Catechist Training for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#) at St. Peter's, Calgary
- **Sep 9** | [Retroville Marriage Weekend](#)
- **Sep 9** | [End of Life Conference](#) with Archbishop Greg Kerr-Wilson & Bishop William T. McGrattan at All Saints Anglican Church, Cochrane
- **Sep 16** | [Angels on High Hike & Camping Weekend](#) at Bow Valley Provincial Park
- **Sep 17** | [Enrichment Day with Bishop Emeritus Henry](#) at the Divine Mercy Centre
- **Sep 17** | [Hunger: A Collaborative Response Conference](#) at St. Mary's University
- **Sep 17** | [Serra Calgary club meeting](#) with special guest Bishop McGrattan
- **Sep 17** | [Used Book Sale](#) at Holy Spirit Parish, Calgary
- **Sep 19** | [Spiritual Direction: What is it and how it helps](#) at FJC Centre
- **Sep 20** | [Pastoral Care: The Art of Accompaniment](#) (online & at St. Martha's Lethbridge)
- **Sep 22** | [An evening of Reconciliation and openness](#) with Fr. Cristino at FCJ Centre
- **Sep 23** | [Marriage Preparation](#) (virtual) weekend
- To **submit your parish/lay association events** - go to catholicyc.ca/news and click "Add Event"



The Kids' Bulletin

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 4th, 2022



Luke 14.25-33

What do you
have to do to be
Jesus' disciple?


Connect the dots to find out,
starting at the star beside the number 1.
Then you can colour the picture in.

*This Thursday is Our Lady's Birthday!
What can your family do to
celebrate Mary's Birthday?*

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

September 5

AGNES GONXHA BOJAXHIU WAS BORN IN YUGOSLAVIA IN 1910. HER FATHER DIED WHEN SHE WAS 8. AT AGE 12 SHE KNEW GOD WANTED HER TO BE A MISSIONARY.



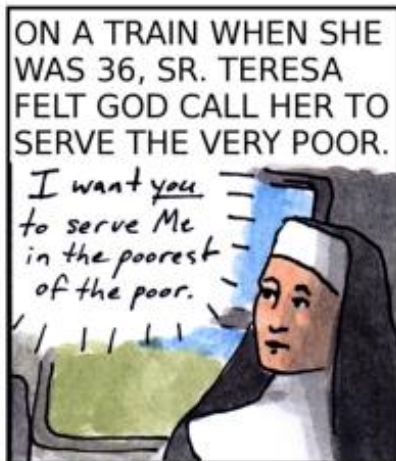
Lord, You want me to work for You, don't You?

WHEN SHE WAS 18 AGNES BECAME A NUN AND TOOK THE NAME TERESA. SHE TAUGHT AT A SCHOOL FOR RICH GIRLS IN INDIA.



ON A TRAIN WHEN SHE WAS 36, SR. TERESA FELT GOD CALL HER TO SERVE THE VERY POOR.

I want you to serve Me in the poorest of the poor.



Today we will start learning how to read!

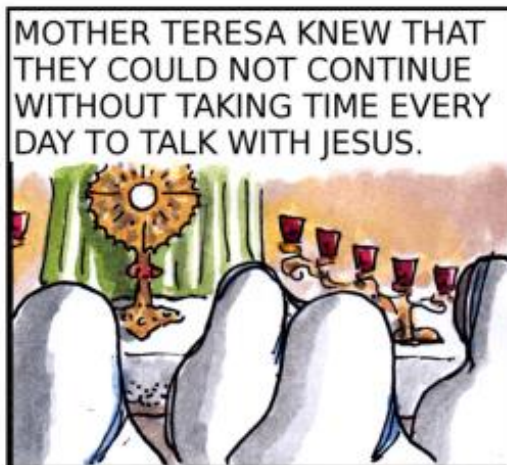


SHE GOT PERMISSION TO TAKE A NEW HABIT AND START A SCHOOL FOR POOR CHILDREN.

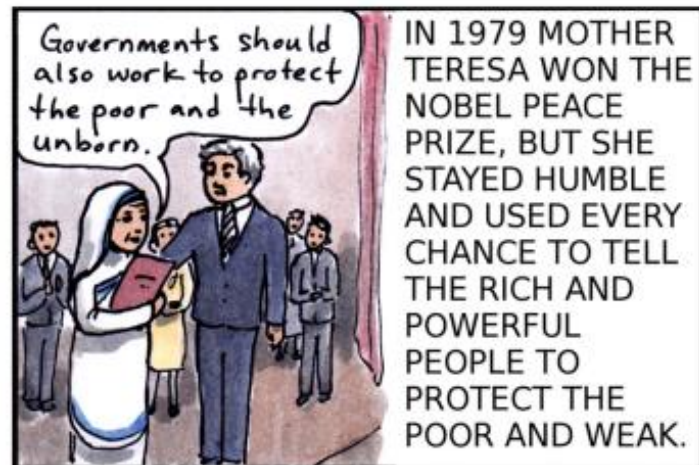
SOON OTHER WOMEN JOINED MOTHER TERESA TO HELP THE POOR AND DYING.



MOTHER TERESA KNEW THAT THEY COULD NOT CONTINUE WITHOUT TAKING TIME EVERY DAY TO TALK WITH JESUS.



Governments should also work to protect the poor and the unborn.



IN 1979 MOTHER TERESA WON THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE, BUT SHE STAYED HUMBLE AND USED EVERY CHANCE TO TELL THE RICH AND POWERFUL PEOPLE TO PROTECT THE POOR AND WEAK.

SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA DIED ON SEPTEMBER 5TH, 1997. WE CAN LEARN FROM HER TO DEFEND AND HELP THOSE WHO CAN'T HELP THEMSELVES, ESPECIALLY THE POOR AND UNBORN CHILDREN. WE ALSO LEARN FROM HER EXAMPLE THAT WE NEED TO SPEND TIME IN PRAYER WITH JESUS EVERY DAY.

Psalm 90 Word-Find

F W S A T I S F Y E E
A S W A H E A R T S V
D E E M O R N I N G E
E R E K U L O V E L N
S V P R S O G O D A I
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E S N I G H T S S T W
W A T C H M E S R Y A
E C Y E S T E R D A Y
D A Y S Y W I S D O M

*See if you can find all
the words from today's
Psalm that are written
in CAPITALS.*

*The leftover letters tell
what we are doing when
we pray this Psalm.*



A THOUSAND YEARS in thy sight
are but as YESTERDAY when it is past,
or as a WATCH in the NIGHT.

Thou dost SWEEP men AWAY; they are like a DREAM,
like GRASS which is RENEWED in the morning:
in the MORNING it flourishes and is renewed;
in the EVENING it FADES and withers.

So teach us to number our DAYS
that we may get a HEART of WISDOM.
Return, O LORD! How long?
Have PITY on thy SERVANTS!

SATISFY us in the morning with thy steadfast LOVE,
that we may REJOICE and be GLAD all our days.

Family and Friends or God?

YES, I AM A CHRISTIAN.



In today's Gospel reading Jesus says, "If any one comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."

You probably thought that God doesn't want us to hate anyone, right? Well He doesn't! What Jesus was saying was that we should love God more than we love the people closest to us. He means that we should be ready to do what God wants even if that means losing our family or best friends.

Normally God wants us to stay close to the people we love, but what if you had to choose between doing the right thing or keeping your friends? Are you ready to give up anything or anyone that would stop you from loving God?

STEAL THAT IF YOU WANT TO STAY FRIENDS WITH ME.

NO. I WON'T.



Answer to Word-Find:
We ask God for His mercy.

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.

