



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 – THE 25TH 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

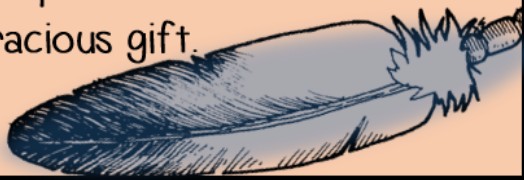
THE CHAPEL IS OPEN

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.



How to Use Material Possessions?

This is a tough gospel today. An employee squanders the boss's property. That same employee, on firing, gives away even more. What is the point? Don't let possessions possess. In the words of Amos, the prophet, do not trample the needy or destroy the poor.

- ◆ What do I own that controls my life?
- ◆ How can I trust more in God than in the things I have?
- ◆ How will I tend to the poor and needy with this merciful behavior: _____?

Sunday's Readings

1st Reading: Amos 8.4-7

The Lord's word against those who buy the poor silver.

Responsorial Psalm: 113.1-8 (R. 1a,7a)

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the needy.

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2.1-7++

Let prayer be offered to God for all, to God who desires all men be saved.

Gospel: Luke 15.1-13

You cannot serve God and wealth.

September 20
The feast of St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon,
Priest & St. Paul Chong Ha-Sang and
companions.

September 21
The feast of St. Matthew

September 23
The feast of St. Padre Pio

September 18, 2022 – The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OPERATING FINANCES	
AUGUST 1-31, 2022	
Operating Budget 2022	\$ 59,708
General Envelope Collection	\$ 35,344
Loose Collections	\$ 725
Future Development	\$ 3,030
Sale of Church Supplies & Other	\$ 2,921
Budget Vs Actual	-\$ 17,688
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 3,518
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 3,086
Clergy Retirement	\$ 25
Mission Mexico	\$ 160
CARO	\$ 80
World Missions	\$ 30
Seminary Fund	\$ 60
Needs of Cdn Church	\$ 5
Root Cellar/FoodBank	\$ 35
Ukraine Relief YTD	\$ 21,665
<i>Thank You for your Generous Contributions</i>	
Average Weekly Attendance	824



2022 Goal
\$70,938

total to date
\$30,070.26.

which is 43%

Mark Your Calendars

- September 18, 2022 - 11:30 am
Annual Parish Corn Roast
- September 18, 2022 - 2:00 pm
Annual Blessing of the Pets
- September 19, 2022 - 6:30pm - Chapel
Prayer & Praise - Everybody Welcome
- September 21, 2022 - 7:00pm in the Faith Room
RCIA starts up for a new year
- September 24, 2022 - 7:30am HFP Hall
That Man is You - Breakfast & Presentation
- September 24 & 25, 2022 - All Masses
Knights will be providing Rosaries for Praying the Rosary
- September 25, 2022 - Baptism Class
You must register at the office, both parents to attend.
- October 1 -2, 2022 - Before & After all Masses
CWL Bottle Drive
- October 1 -2, 2022 - After all Masses
Parish Ministry Fair
- October 1, 2022 - 6:30 pm HFP Hall
Volunteer Appreciation Wine & Cheese Social
- October 7, 2022 - 9:30am to 9:30pm Chapel
Adoration
- October 10, 2022 - 7:00pm - Faith Room
Knights of Columbus General Meeting
- October 11, 2022 - 6:00pm - Faith Room
Catholic Women's League General Meeting
- November 6, 2022 -
CWL Fall Supper
- November 12-13 - After all Masses
Parish Art Show

† Mass Intentions †



Saturday, September 17

5:00pm - Fleur Larson †

Sunday, September 18

8:30am - Jennifer Wrzosek †

10:30am - Terry & Pam Whitfield Family

6:00pm - Holy Family Parish

Monday, September 19

9:00am - Daniel Krassman †

Tuesday, September 20

9:00am - Howard & Rita Snodgrass Family

Wednesday, September 21

9:00am - Colleen Sehn

Thursday, September 22

9:00am - Joyce Risling †

Friday, September 23

9:00am - Justin Delwo

THAT MAN IS YOU!
 Holy Family Parish Hall
 Breakfast 7:30am
 Presentation
 8:30 – 9:30 am
 September 24, 2022
 Theme:
 How to Win the Culture War
 Presenter:
 Dr. Peter Kreeft



THAT MAN IS YOU!

Sacramental Preparation



Confirmation Class - HFP Faith Rm
 Thursday, Sept. 29th at 6:30pm
 1st Reconciliation Parents - HFP Hall
 Thursday, Sept. 29th at 6:30pm
 1st Reconciliation Class - HFP Faith Rm
 Sunday, October 2nd at 10:15am

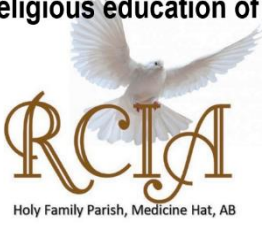
PRAYER & Praise

Mondays at 6:30pm
 In the Holy Family Parish Chapel

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



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



Medicine Hat Pro-Life Association

We cannot abandon the struggle and must continue to promote RESPECT for ALL LIFE!

Please join us at the: **RALLY for LIFE - LIFE CHAIN**
 Sunday, October 2, 2-3 pm – 2948 Dunmore Rd. SE

Annual Parish Corn Roast

Sunday, September 18
 11:30 AM

Everyone is Welcome!



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.



CWL is having a bottle drive, **Weekend of October 1st and 2nd**. Shamrock truck will be in parking lot. Truck opens **Saturday morning from 10am to 12pm**, also **before and after all Masses** that weekend. If the truck is not open when you arrive, please leave items at the truck.



FUNDRAISING



St. Patrick's Church Garage/Boot Sale and More! Friday, September 23rd

(Outdoor in the parking lot so weather dependant)

Noon to 6 pm

Good deals, Good Food, Good Fun

Variety of vendors including:

- Food service provided by the *Community View Lions Club* (Fee)
- Church tours at 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm and 4 pm. (free)
- Karaoke from 1 pm to 5 pm (50 cents per song)
- Face painting by *Crazy Paints by Katie* (Fee)

10% of profits from Food Service and Face Painting and

10% of sales by vendors will go to support Parish Ministries.

If interested in booking a spot (\$10 table fee), please contact St. Patrick's

Church for more information at (403) 526-2265. (Limited space available)



COMMUNITY LIONS CLUB EVENTS

Friday Sept 23, 2022 – St. Patricks Church Garage/Boot Sale

12:00 Noon – 6:00 PM

The Community View Lions Club will be at this event serving a wide variety of food. Please come out to support this charity BBQ with a portion of proceeds going to St. Patrick's Church.

Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers	\$5.00 / \$6.00
Hot Dogs	\$4.00
Fries/Poutine	\$4.00 / \$6.00
Soft Drinks, Bottled Water	\$2.00
Coffee & Tea	\$2.00
Root Beer Floats/Freezies	\$4.50 / \$1.00



Wednesday Sept. 21, 2022 - Lions Club Open House – 6:00 PM

The Medicine Hat Community View Lions Club is looking for new members. We would love to have more people join our club, bring new ideas and allow us to volunteer more in the community.

We are having an open house at our first meeting of the year on **Wednesday Sept. 21, 2022**. Join us for a BBQ and see if our club is the right fit for you! Families are welcome!

Please let us know if you would like to attend.

Contact: **Nancy** 403 866 7994 or **Chris** 403 594 4105

[Sunday 10:30am Mass on YOUTUBE](#)

[Medicine Hat Holy Family Church Live Stream](#)

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#9502 Knights of Columbus Events September and October 2022

Event Name and Description	Date and Time
Corn Roast - parishioners invited to enjoy some tasty corn and fellowship	Sunday, September 18 at 11:30am in Parish Hall
Rosary Program - Blessed rosaries are available for parishioners to have for praying the rosary	Saturday, September 24 and Sunday, September 25 after weekend Masses
Membership Drive - Men who want to deepen their Catholic faith and serve their parish join the Knights of Columbus	Saturday, October 1 and Sunday, October 2 after weekend Masses
Volunteer Appreciation - wine and cheese social recognize the valuable contribution volunteers make to our parish	Saturday, October 1 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall
Knights of Columbus Mass	Sunday, October 2 at 10:30am Mass
Stand Up Life - attend a Pro-Life event supporting life from conception to natural death	Sunday, October 2 at 2:00pm to 3:00pm at the Health Unit on Dunmore Road
Adoration - all parishioners are asked to spend time in prayer and reflection before Christ in the Blessed Sacrament	Friday, October 7 Holy Family Parish Chapel 9:30am to 9:30pm
General Council Meeting	Monday, October 10 at 7:00pm in HFP Faith Room
Canada Needs Our Lady - honor Our Lady of Fatima by attending this rosary rally	Saturday, October 15 at 12:00pm at City Hall
Parish Breakfast	Sunday, October 16 after 8:30am and 10:30am Masses in Parish Hall



Scams Alert

There are many scams going around masquerading as your clergy (priests, deacons or lately, the bishop).

Please exercise caution when responding to email messages. If you receive unusual emails, check the sender's email address to see whether it is the person's genuine address. Even if the sender's address looks correct, always verify suspicious emails by phoning the sender. There have been many similar scams reported by several parishes in our diocese and across Canada.

Note that these scams do not stop at emails. Those in social media should stay vigilant when responding to friend requests or to other compelling posts requiring a response. There are many fake Twitter, Facebook and other social media accounts trying to impersonate people you know and our church leaders. Some scammers may take the time to build a relationship with you to gain your trust, before trying to extort money or other things like gift cards.

Please exercise vigilance when you are being charitable. Use the channels you are most familiar with and avoid becoming victims of a scam.

NOBODY is going to ask you for gift cards, or bit coins from the church! NOBODY!!!

All our email addresses only end in @holymfamilymh.ca never a @gmail account.

If you get an email or a text, PLEASE DO NOT RESOND to it, you can forward it to contact@holymfamilymh.ca so it can be sent to the diocese.



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

September 18, 2022

Whom to Serve?

"You cannot serve God and wealth" is the key point in the Gospel today for us to examine our lives. We all love to serve the Lord but most of the time we are distracted by the things happening around us and we find great comfort in following them. It is important that we understand that we were made by God and for God (Genesis 1:26–27; Colossians 1:16–17). God is our maker (Psalm 95:6; Isaiah 54:5), our Heavenly Father (Matthew 6:26; 23:9), and He is the one we must obey (Ecclesiastes 12:13–14; Matthew 28:20; Luke 11:28). We are told that we should not allow anything in this life to become more important to us than He is: "You shall have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:3). "And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols" (1 John 5:20–21). Even the Gospel Reading of 23rd Sunday speaks about the same spirit to give up everything and follow him wholeheartedly and without partiality "In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions can not be my disciples. We were made by God, for God. He is our rightful master. Having a relationship with Jesus based on God's grace and received through faith (Ephesians 2:8–9) is the only way we can serve God alone and live life as we are fully meant to live it (John 3:16–18; 10:10; Matthew 4:19) by walking with God and not with anything or anyone else (Galatians 5:16). When we choose to follow something or someone other than God, our thinking and hearts will become divided. If we prioritize anything, good or bad, such as careers, bank accounts, reputations, relationships, alcohol, lust, etc., over God, we will become slaves to them (Romans 6:16) and it will be difficult to obey, serve, and love God as we are commanded to (Matthew 22:34–40; John 15:1–17). Because we cannot do this on our own (Ephesians 2:1–9), Jesus has set us free from slavery so we can follow Him (Galatians 5:1). We get to choose God because God first chose us: "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

So now, for those who are "in Christ," belonging to God, we can, by the work of the Holy Spirit, choose to follow God over all other would-be masters (Philippians 2:12–13; Romans 6:15–23). Because of who God is, this is in our best interest. When we are "slaves to Christ" we actually experience true life whereas being a slave to anything else ultimately leads only to death (Romans 6:23; John 15:10–11). Jesus calls us to follow Him and to leave other would-be masters behind. Jesus called Peter, James, and John, all fishermen, from their vocations (Mark 1:16–18) just as He did with Matthew, the tax-collector (Matthew 9:9). Jesus called a rich man to give up his doubleminded pursuits by selling everything he

owned and then come follow Him. The man chose not to follow Him and "went away sad" (NIV) presumably because he learned that he could not serve two masters—money and Jesus (Matthew 19:16–22). Other people who met Jesus wanted to listen to Him teach and to witness and experience His miracles, but they weren't committed to follow and obey only Him (John 6:25–71). They could not serve two masters.

Today we see so many masters in our lives to serve (I leave it up to you to figure out which master you would like to serve) and most of the time we are lost in their service to understand we have only one Master, Jesus the Lord - as he says. There is a very interesting story which though I have shared it several times with you, I felt I should share it again as it coincides with the reflection. This is by an unknown author.

Several years ago, a friend of mine and her husband were invited to spend the weekend at the husband's employer's home. My friend, Arlene, was nervous about the weekend. The boss was very wealthy, with a fine home on the waterway, and cars costing more than her house.

The first day and evening went well, and Arlene was delighted to have this rare glimpse into how the very wealthy live. The husband's employer was quite generous as a host and took them to the finest restaurants. Arlene knew she would never have the opportunity to indulge in this kind of extravagance again, so she was enjoying herself immensely.

As the three of them were about to enter an exclusive restaurant that evening, the boss was walking slightly ahead of Arlene and her husband. He stopped suddenly, looking down on the pavement for a long, silent moment.

Arlene wondered if she was supposed to pass him. There was nothing on the ground except a single darkened penny that someone had dropped, and a few cigarette butts. Still silent, the man reached down and picked up the penny.

He held it up and smiled, then put it in his pocket as if he had found a great treasure. How absurd! What need did this man have for a single penny? Why would he even take the time to stop and pick it up?

Throughout dinner, the entire scene nagged at her. Finally, she could stand it no longer. She casually mentioned that her daughter once had a coin collection, and asked if the penny he had found had been of some value. A smile crept across the man's face as he reached into his pocket for the penny and held it out for her to see. She had seen many pennies before! What was the point of this? 'Look at it,' he said. 'Read what it says.' She read the words 'United States of America.' 'No, not that; read further.'

'One cent?' 'No, keep reading. 'In God we Trust?' 'Yes!' 'And...?'

He explained, 'And if I trust in God, the name of God is holy, even on a coin. Whenever I find a coin I see that inscription. It is written on every single United States coin, but we never seem to notice it! God drops a message right in front of me telling me to trust Him. Who am I to pass it by? When I see a coin, I pray, I stop to see if my trust IS in God at that moment. I pick the coin up as my response to God; that I do trust in Him. For a short time, at least, I cherish it as if it were gold. I think it is God's way of starting a conversation with me. Lucky for me, God is patient and pennies are plentiful!'

When I was out shopping today, I found a penny on the sidewalk. I stopped and picked it up and realized that I had been worrying and fretting in my mind about things I cannot change. I read the words, 'In God We Trust,' and had to laugh. Yes, God, I get the message.

It seems that I have been finding an inordinate number of pennies in the last few months, but then, pennies are plentiful! And... God is patient.

If we trust in God and accept him as our Creator and Father, then there is no way that we can go against his people. In the first reading we are warned against cheating others and trampling on their rights. We could see the injustices done in the world by the rich countries and people towards the poor countries and their people. In the First Reading Amos condemns the practices that "trample the

needy” and “ruin the poor.” Specifically, the prophet challenges practices that create untrustworthy markets. God does not condemn markets. Rather, God’s laws are about creating trustworthy markets, which will create social prosperity and be a fair means of exchange: “You shall have only a full and honest weight; you shall have only a full and honest measure” (Deuteronomy 25:15).

Amos also condemns those who yearn for the end of the Sabbath day, so that they can cheat their neighbors. It is well here to remember that the Sabbath day was not first-and-foremost about a time for worship, but rather was originally a justice law designed to give rest to all of society—not just to the property owner, but also “your ox and your donkey, and your livestock, and the resident alien in your towns” (Deuteronomy 5:14). But in Amos’ day, the justice sense of the laws had been lost. People longed for the justice-establishing Sabbath to be over, so that they could return to exploitation. The phrase “buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals” refers to the practice of enslaving those in debt, even those who owed only a pair of sandals. Note how far this is from a just social order in which debts are forgiven! “Selling the sweepings of the wheat” was prohibited because these were to be left for the poor. In general, during the days of Amos, people learned to worship or serve only one master and that was money. People forgot the judgment day as all the minor prophets speak about it. Greediness has and is destroying the world because everyone wants to have everything by hook or crook. However, those who trust in the Lord lack nothing because “the Lord is our Good Shepherd and there is nothing we shall want”. If we serve him, he will provide us with everything.

One day, a woman found three old men sitting in front of her house. By seeing the three old men, the woman said:

Woman: I don’t know who you are? But it seems like you all are feeling very hungry so please come inside and have some food.

Old men: Is your husband staying inside or has he gone out?

Woman: He went out and he will be back by evening.

Old men: Let your husband come then we will come to your home.

Woman: Ok.

In the evening her husband came back home. She told her husband everything; her husband told her ok now I am home so ask them to come in and have some food.

Woman: My husband came home. Hence, now you can come in and have some food.

Old men: Yeah, but only one of us will come inside.

Woman: Why? No problem, all of you can come in and eat together.

Old men: No, you have to choose any one and the remaining two will stay out

Woman: Why are you people asking me to choose just one?

Old men: First you choose someone. Then according to that you decide we will know what to do.

Now the old men introduced themselves. Their names are *Love, Wealth, and Success*.

Old men: Now, choose any one of us. If you want, you can discuss with your husband

Woman: Yeah, I will discuss with my husband

Then the woman went inside her home and made discussion with her husband.

Husband: Oh, then you call wealth inside first.

Woman: No, it will be better if we call success first.

Their child listens to all this conversation and gives a suggestion.

Child: Mom and Dad. I feel that calling Love will be much better.

Father: ok we will do as our child wishes.

So, mother went out and invited Love to come in but to her surprise all three stood up and went inside. Immediately the woman said to that old man that I asked Love to come but why all three are coming inside.

Old man replied, If you invite wealth, he alone will come inside likewise success too. But you invite Love, wherever love stays, wealth and success also stay in.

Isn't it an amazing story to help us to understand that if we choose to serve the Lord, we are going to have every blessing. (please read Colossians 3:12-17). Today, in the Gospel Jesus invites us to reflect on two opposing ways of life: the way of the world and that of the Gospel — the worldly spirit is not the spirit of Jesus — and He does so by recounting the parable of the unfaithful and corrupt steward, who is praised by the owner, despite his dishonesty. We must point out immediately that this administrator is not presented as a model to follow, but as an example of deceitfulness. This man is accused of mismanaging his master's affairs, and before being removed, astutely he tries to ingratiate himself with the debtors, condoning part of their debt so as to ensure himself a future. Commenting on this behaviour, Jesus observes: "For the children of this world are wiser in their own generation than the children of light". (Please read Ephesians 6:10-20)

We are called to respond to this worldly shrewdness with Christian astuteness, which is a gift of the Holy Spirit. This is a matter of departing from the worldly spirit and values, which the devil really favours, in order to live according to the Gospel. How is worldliness manifested? Worldliness is manifested by attitudes of corruption, deception, subjugation, and it constitutes the most ill-chosen road, the road of sin, because one leads you to the other! It's like a chain, even if — it's true — it is generally the easiest road to travel. Instead, the spirit of the Gospel requires a serious lifestyle — serious but joyful, full of joy! — serious and challenging, marked by honesty, fairness, respect for others and their dignity, and a sense of duty. And this is Christian astuteness!

The Holy Father Pope Francis says "The journey of life necessarily involves a choice between two roads: between honesty and dishonesty, between fidelity and infidelity, between selfishness and altruism, between good and evil. You can not waver between one and the other, because they move on different and conflicting forms of logic. The prophet Elijah said to the people of Israel that went on these two roads: "You are limping with both feet!" (1 Kings 18:21). It's a fine image. It is important to decide which direction to take and then, once you have chosen the right one, to walk it with enthusiasm and determination, trusting in God's grace and the support of His Spirit. The conclusion of the Gospel passage is powerful and categorical: "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other" (Lk 16:13). (Please read 1 Peter 5:1-14)

With this teaching, Jesus today urges us to make a clear choice between Him and the worldly spirit, between the logic of corruption, of the abuse of power and greed, and that of righteousness, meekness and sharing. We must try to follow the Gospel logic of integrity, clarity in intentions and in behaviour, of fraternity, to become the instrument of justice. And we open horizons of hope for humanity. In gratuitousness and by giving of ourselves to our brothers and sisters, we serve the right master: God. If we serve him rightly then we can claim "we are unworthy servants, we only did what we ought to do" and St. Paul says "no one can separate us from the Lord of Christ...."(Please Romans 8 chapter).

Let me conclude my reflection with this story to make you understand to choose the better Master and to serve him.

There once was a man who had two indentured servants. One day a disagreement arose between them as to who was the greatest in the eyes of their master. So they went to the master of the house and asked him, "My lord, which of us is greater?"

The master of the house replied, "I will let you discover that for yourself. I will ask each of you a question and you must answer truthfully."

So the servants stood before him and he started to question them. To the first servant, he asked, "What do you do for me?"

"Sir, I work in the fields all day long to grow wheat for my lord's granary," the first servant replied. "Then, at night, I go through the house and fill all the lamps so that my lord will have light. For this you pay me a wage, but I hope that one day I may earn my freedom."

The master nodded his head. He turned to the second indentured servant and asked, "And what do you do for me?"

"Sir," he replied, "I am an educated man. I am well-versed in literature, music, mathematics and science. I teach your children all that I know so that one day they may leave your house and be successful in the world. And when they do, I hope that you will grant me my freedom. In the meantime, you give me a wage for what I do."

Again, the master nodded. Then he turned to a lowly slave who was standing nearby, and asked, "And what do you do for me?"

"You know that I love you, my lord, and my only wish is to do whatever you ask," the slave answered without hesitation. "You bought me and I know that I will be a slave for life, therefore I earn no wage. But you are kind and merciful to me, and do not beat me as other masters beat their slaves. You are wise and just and kind and that is why I love you."

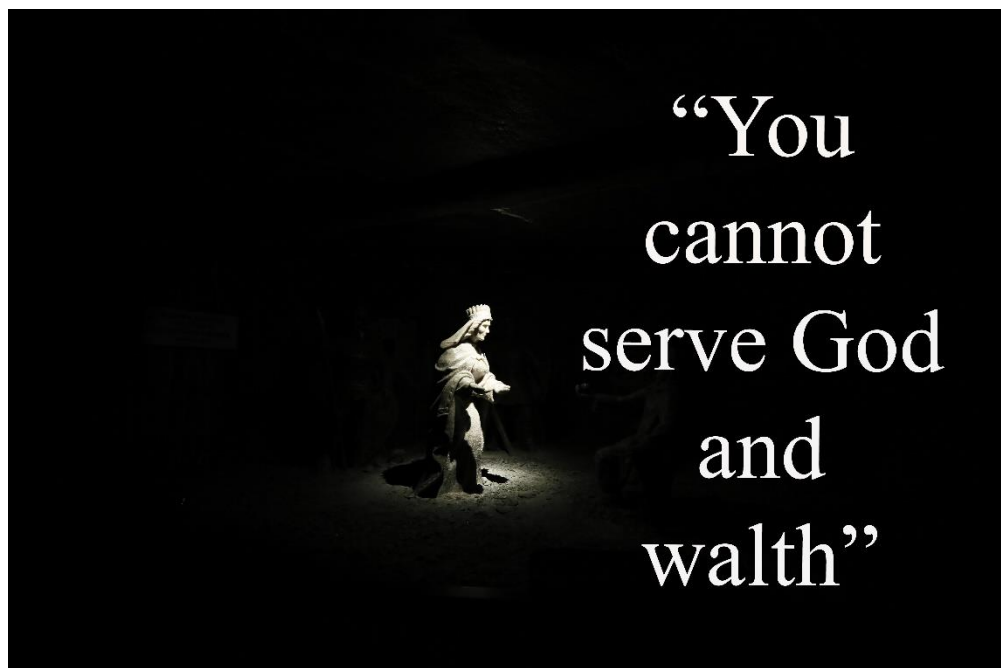
The master of the house smiled. "Then you are the greatest of all my servants and I will make you a free man."

When they heard this, the two servants were aghast. "Why him?" they cried. "We do much more work than he does. He waits around for you to give him an order, but we labor in your fields without orders, teach your children, and light your lamps. We work unceasingly and should be rewarded."

"Yes," the master of the house replied. "You do work in my fields and do all the other things that you said. But this man wants only to serve me, not himself. He waits patiently until I tell him what I want him to do. His faithfulness has never failed him. He now has his reward -- his freedom. And I will place him as overseer, and you will be his servants. Because of his faithful service to me -- though he was once a lowly slave -- he is truly the greater."

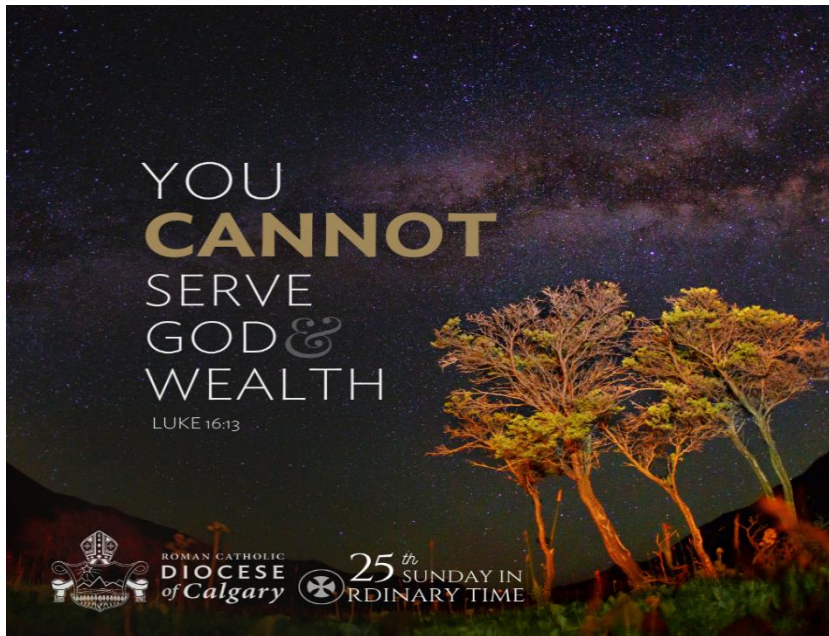
"Slaves, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, in singleness of heart, as you obey Christ; not only while being watched, and in order to please them, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. Render service with enthusiasm, as to the Lord and not to men and women, knowing that whatever good we do, we will receive the same again from the Lord, whether we are slaves or free. (*Ephesians 6:6-8*)

Who is the Master we serve?



Sunday Updates

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Daily and Sunday Mass Prayers & Readings: [CCCB Daily Readings](#) (pick the desired date)

Full schedule of Parish Livestream Masses:

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COVID-19 Resources

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August/September 2022 Calendar Highlights

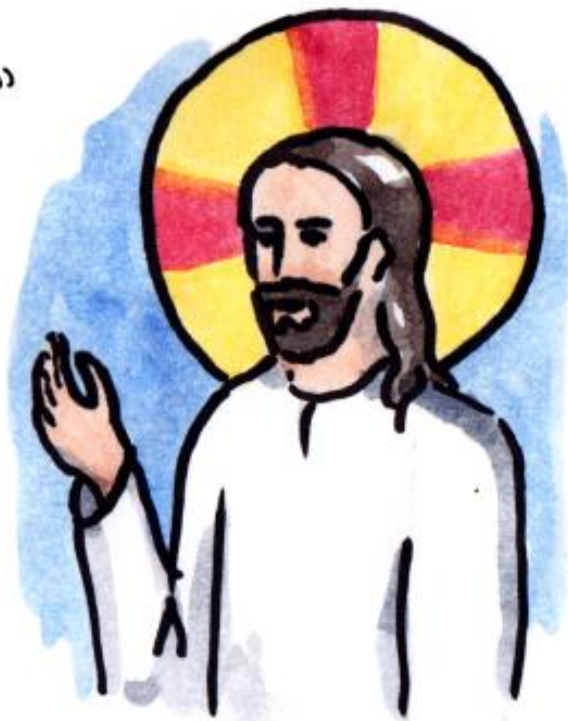
- **Sep 19** | [Spiritual Direction](#): What is it and how it helps at FJC Centre
- **Sep 20** | [Pastoral Care: The Art of Accompaniment](#)
- **Sep 22** | [An evening of Reconciliation and openness](#)
- **Sep 23** | [Marriage Preparation](#) (virtual) weekend
- **Sep 25** | [World Day of Migrants & Refugees](#)
- **Sep 25** | [Secular Franciscan Information Sesion](#)
- **Sep 26** | [The Role of Catholic University in the 21st Century](#)
- **Sep 27** | [Young Adult Come & See](#) at FCJ Centre
- **Sep 28** | [Living in Harmony with Creation](#) at FCJ Centre
- **Sep 30** | [Mass for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#)
- **Oct 1** | [Bereavement Support & Care Training](#)
- **Oct 2** | [Blessing of Pets](#) at Mount St. Francis
- **Oct 2** | [A Catholic Conversation on Intimacy](#) with Dr Sri & Beth Sri
- **Oct 9** | [Rosary Coast to Coast](#)
- **Oct 13** | [Creative self-care to enhance well being](#) at FCJ Centre
- **Oct 14** | [Braiding Together: Dialogue towards truth](#) - RMEC Conference
- **Oct 21** | [Marriage Preparation](#) at St. Albert the Great
- **Oct 22** | [Celebration & veneration of St. John Paul II](#) at St. Mary's Cathedral
- To **submit your parish/lay association events** - go to catholicyc.ca/news and click "Add Event"

The Kids' Bulletin

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 18th, 2022



"He who is faithful in
a very little
also will be faithful in
much, and he
who is dishonest in
a very little is
dishonest also in much."



Luke 16:1-13

*Look in the mirror to find out one of the lessons
Jesus taught from today's parable.*

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

September 23

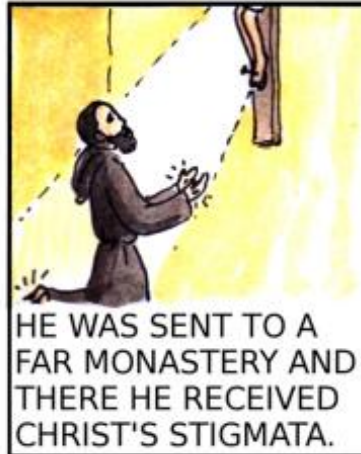
FRANCESCO FORGIONE WAS BORN IN 1887 IN ITALY TO A PEASANT FAMILY, ONE OF SEVEN CHILDREN. HE WAS VERY PIOUS EVEN AS A CHILD.



HE ENTERED A MONASTERY AT AGE 16 AND WAS ORDAINED AT 23. HE BECAME KNOWN AS PADRE (FATHER) PIO.



PADRE PIO WAS FORCED TO JOIN THE ARMY, BUT WAS DISCHARGED BECAUSE HE WAS SICK.



PADRE PIO SUFFERED GREATLY FROM THE WOUNDS BUT HE WAS STILL CHEERFUL.



SOON THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WERE COMING TO ST. PIO FOR CONFESSION. HE COULD SEE WHAT WAS IN THEIR SOULS.



PADRE PIO BROUGHT ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE CLOSER TO GOD. HE LOVED THE SICK AND HAD A HOSPITAL BUILT. HE DIED AT THE AGE OF 81.

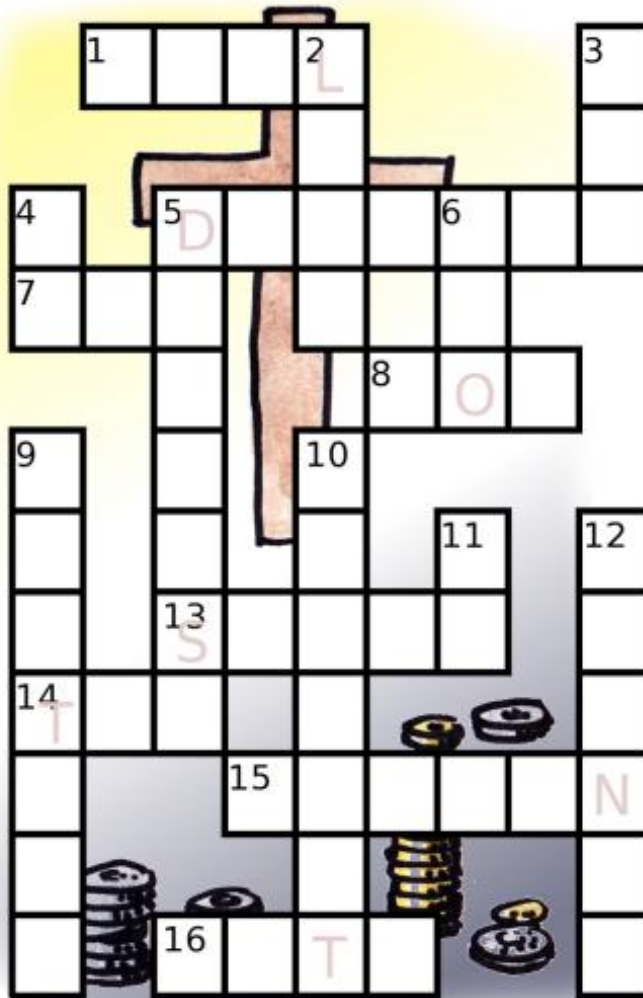
SAINT PIO SUFFERED MUCH DURING HIS LIFE, BUT HE KNEW THAT SAVING SOULS WAS WORTH IT. HE SPENT HUNDREDS OF HOURS HEARING CONFESSIONS TO HELP BRING PEOPLE BACK TO GOD. HAVE YOU GONE TO CONFESSION LATELY? IF YOU HAVEN'T, GO THE NEXT TIME YOU HAVE THE CHANCE!

Whom Do You Serve?

Cross-Word

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading and fit them into the puzzle.

A=Across D=Down



CANNOT
HATE
MASTERS
SERVANT
MAMMON
THE
SERVE
HE
DESPISE
YOU
TWO
ONE
LOVE
NO
DEVOTED
GOD
WILL

" _____ 4D _____ 10D can serve _____ 6D
 _____; 9D for either _____ 11D will _____ 16A
 the one and _____ 2D _____ 14A other, or he
 _____ 1A be _____ 5A to the _____ 7A
 and _____ 5D the other. _____ 8A
 _____ 12D _____ 13A _____ 3D and
 _____." 15A

Being a Good Steward



Jesus tells the story of a steward who looked after a rich man's wealth. When he was about to lose his job, he quickly made friends by letting the rich man's debtors pay less than what they owed. Then when he couldn't work anymore these friends would look after him.

What Jesus is telling us through this parable is that we should use the money and things we have on earth to make friends with God and the saints so that they will be happy to take us into Heaven when we die and have nothing left.

How can you make friends with God using your money? First of all, God wants us to be good stewards. That means spending money when it is good or necessary, and not foolishly.

We can also please God by giving money to the Church and the poor. He wants us to show that we can do well looking after small things like money so that He can trust us with bigger jobs.



Answers to Cross-word: Across: 1.will 5.devoted 7.one 8.you 13.serve 14.the 15.mammon 16.hate Down: 2.love 3.God 4.no 5.despise 6.two 9.masters 10.servant 11.he 12.cannot

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.

