



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 – THE 26TH 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.



Sunday's Readings

1st Reading: Amos 6.1A,4-7

You that lounge and sing shall now go into exile.

Responsorial Psalm: 146.6c-78-10 (R. 1)

R. Praise the Lord, O my soul!

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6.11-16

Keep the commandment until the manifestation of the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 15.19-31

You received good things, but Lazarus received evil: now he is comforted, while you are in agony.

Are the Rich in Trouble?

Here, today, is the story of a rich man and a poor man, Lazarus (means, "My God helps"). The impoverished life of the latter and the sumptuous life of the former gets reversed in death and the life that follows. Are the rich in trouble? It depends.

- ◆ How will I keep one eye on heaven, my final home?
- ◆ How will I be generous today?
- ◆ How can I feed those who are hungry?



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

September 25, 2022 – The 26th 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
\$31,275.06

which is 44%



Mark Your Calendars

- September 24, 2022 - 7:30am HFP Faith Room
That Man is You - Breakfast & Presentation
- September 24 & 25, 2022 - All Masses
Knights providing Rosaries for Praying the Rosary
- September 25, 2022 - Baptism Class
You must register at the office, both parents to attend.
- September 28, 2022 - 7:00pm in the Faith Room
RCJA
- September 30, 2022 - OFFICE CLOSED
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- September 30, 2022 - 6:00am HFP Faith Room
Ukrainian Supper
- October 1, 2022 - 8:30am
First Saturday of the month Mass
- October 1, 2022 - 7:30am HFP Hall
That Man is You - Breakfast & Presentation
- 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 5, 2022 - 8:00am Holy Family Parish
Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
- October 7, 2022 - 9:30am to 9:30pm Chapel
First Friday of the month 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 - HFP Hall

† Mass Intentions †



Saturday, September 24

9:00am - CWL Mass
5:00pm - Jose Gomes †

Sunday, September 25

8:30am - Holy Family Parish
10:30am - Jared Delwo
6:00pm - Sehn Kids

Monday, September 26

9:00am - Dorothy Hagel †

Tuesday, September 27

9:00am ~ Chuck Love †

Wednesday, September 28


9:00am - Victor Manuel Carreon †

Thursday, September 29

9:00am - Fr. Iqbal Khurshid

Friday, September 30

9:00am - Fr. Rodel Abanto



September 27

**Saint Vincent
De Paul**

September 29

*Archangels
Michael, Gabriel &
Raphael*



THAT MAN IS YOU!
Holy Family Parish Hall
Breakfast 7:30am
Presentation
8:30 – 9:30 am
October 1, 2022
Theme:
Envy: The Jaundiced Eye
Presenter:
Michael Gormley



TMIY
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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults


Wednesdays
7:00pm
Faith Room



RCIA

Holy Family Parish, Medicine Hat, AB
For information call Pat at 403-878-6073

The Parish library will be open before and after weekend masses. Please stop by and check it out. Volunteers are also needed to help at different masses.




Ministry Fair


October 1st & 2nd after each Mass



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





You Be You Fitness with Mary Jean Rath from **SK8TREE** COACHING
 Tuesdays, starting October 4th, 2022 - 9:45am - 11:00am (after the daily mass) in the FAITH ROOM
 DROP IN COST: \$5.00 per session
 Please Bring a towel, and water bottle & Wear comfortable clothing and shoes!
 A SAFE AND NON-JUDGEMENTAL SPACE!!!!
 Email: mj.rath@yahoo.com or call 403-581-8004



Talk to God. He will listen to you. This is a time for just you and God. Tell him what is on your mind. And remember, to hear God. You must listen first. Come join Holy Family Parish for first Friday Eucharistic Adoration on October 7th. We need 12 volunteers to sign up to not leave our Lord alone. Sign up sheet available in front Foyer before and after Mass.

Canada Needs Our Lady

Come join us at City Hall on Saturday October 15th, for a Rosary rally at 12 noon. As we pray the rosary for Canada, and the conversion of Russia, very important in these uncertain times.

Stand For Life

Come join our stand for life Saturday October 1st, from 2 to 3pm, at the Health Unit. As we are standing for the protection of the unborn, and against Abortion. Please if you can stand for even 5 minutes, your support is greatly appreciated.

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



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catholiccyc.ca/Faithfully

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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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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Just a reminder to all brother Knights if you have an address change, email change, phone change, cell phone added kindly notify your Financial Secretary

Pat Ries at pjries@meplane.com or 403-458-0442(text)

Would all the brother Knights who are not getting emails regarding Honor Guard request kindly contact me. It has been brought to my attention that I do not have your email address entered in the Supreme Member Management website. Contact as per above. Thank You

#9502 Knights of Columbus Events September and October 2022	
Event Name and Description	Date and Time
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



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Compassionate Heart

The world is divided between two types of people: first who have compassion, love and care for other people, and second, those who only care about themselves. The later group has mentality of Stoics & Epicureans who believed in the pursuit of pleasure and the avoidance of pain and pursuing happiness, which they believed was a product of “living in accordance with nature”. Are we not called to care about other people? St. Augustine is right to say when he reflected on the role of shepherds and sheep: ‘The straying sheep you have not recalled; the lost sheep you have not sought. In one way or another, we go on living between the hands of robbers and the teeth of raging wolves, and in light of these present dangers we ask your prayers. The sheep moreover are insolent. The shepherd seeks out the straying sheep, but because they have wandered away and are lost, they say that they are not ours. “Why do you want us? Why do you seek us?” they ask, as if their straying and being lost were not the very reason for our wanting them and seeking them out. “If I am straying,” he says, “if I am lost, why do you want me?” You are straying, that is why I wish to recall you. You have been lost; I wish to find you. “But I wish to stray,” he says: “I wish to be lost.” So, you wish to stray and be lost? How much better that I do not also wish this. Certainly, I dare say, I am unwelcome. But I listen to the Apostle who says: Preach the word; insist upon it, welcome and unwelcome. Welcome to whom? Unwelcome to whom? By all means welcome to those who desire it; unwelcome to those who do not. However unwelcome, I dare to say: “You wish to stray, you wish to be lost; but I do not want this.” For the one whom I fear does not wish this. And should I wish it, consider his words of reproach: The straying sheep you have not recalled; the lost sheep you have not sought. Shall I fear you rather than him? Remember, we must all present ourselves before the judgment seat of Christ”.

He continues to shake everyone who is only concerned about him/herself “I shall recall the straying; I shall seek the lost. Whether they wish it or not, I shall do it. And should the brambles of the forests tear at me when I seek them, I shall force myself through all straits; I shall put down all hedges. So far as the God whom I fear grants me the strength, I shall search everywhere. I shall recall the straying; I shall seek after those on the verge of being lost. If you do not want me to suffer, do not stray, do not become lost. It is enough that I lament your straying and loss. No, I fear that in neglecting you, I shall also kill what is strong. Consider the passage that follows: And what was strong you have destroyed. Should I neglect the straying and lost, the strong one will also take delight in straying and in being lost.

On September 21 we celebrated the Feast of St. Matthew the Evangelist who was a chief tax collector but when he was called to follow the Lord, he left everything and became his disciple. St. Bede the Venerable reflected on the call of St. Matthew in this way "Jesus saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office, and he said to him: Follow me. Jesus saw Matthew, not merely in the usual sense, but more significantly with his merciful understanding of men. He saw the tax collector and, because he saw him through the eyes of mercy and chose him, he said to him: Follow me. This following meant imitating the pattern of his life—not just walking after him. Saint John tells us: Whoever says he abides in Christ ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. And he rose and followed him. There is no reason for surprise that the tax collector abandoned earthly wealth as soon as the Lord commanded him. Nor should one be amazed that neglecting his wealth, he joined a band of men whose leader had on Matthew's assessment, no riches at all. Our Lord summoned Matthew by speaking to him in words. By an invisible, interior impulse flooding his mind with the light of grace, he instructed him to walk in his footsteps. In this way Matthew could understand that Christ, who was summoning him away from earthly possessions, had incorruptible treasures of heaven in his gift.

As he sat at table in the house, behold many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples. This conversion of one tax collector gave many men, those from his own profession and other sinners, an example of repentance and pardon. Notice also the happy and true anticipation of his future status as apostle and teacher of the nations. No sooner was he converted than Matthew drew after him a whole crowd of sinners along the same road to salvation. He took up his appointed duties while still taking his first steps in the faith, and from that hour he fulfilled his obligation and thus grew in merit. To see a deeper understanding of the great celebration Matthew held at his house, we must realize that he not only gave a banquet for the Lord at his earthly residence, but far more pleasing was the banquet set in his own heart which he provided through faith and love. Our Savior attests to this: Behold I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into him and eat with him, and he with me. On hearing Christ's voice, we open the door to receive him, as it were, when we freely assent to his promptings and when we give ourselves over to doing what must be done. Christ, since he dwells in the hearts of his chosen ones through the grace of his love, enters so that he might eat with us and we with him. He ever refreshes us by the light of his presence insofar as we progress in our devotion to and longing for the things of heaven. He himself is delighted by such a pleasing banquet".

Jesus is the Lamb of sacrifice who has died once for all to save us (Please read Hebrews 9) because he has carried our iniquities and infirmities onto him as Prophet Isaiah says. The Holy Bible is full of stories about having a compassionate heart to help people in need because we are just made little less than angels as the Psalmist says. I found this very interesting story on the internet by an unknown author, and I do believe this story will help us to understand today's Sacred Scripture.

I was driving home from a work when my car started to choke and sputter and died.

I barely managed to coast, cruising, into a gas station, glad only that I would not be blocking traffic on the highway and would have a somewhat warm spot to wait for the tow truck. It wouldn't even turn over. Before I could make the call, I saw a woman walking out of the "quickie mart" building, and it looked like she slipped on some ice and fell into a gas pump! So, I got out to see if she was okay. When I got there, it looked more like she had been overcome by sobs than that she had fallen. She was a young woman who looked really haggard with dark circles under her eyes. She dropped something as I helped her up, and I picked it up to give it to her. It was a nickel.

At that moment, everything came into focus for me: the crying woman, the ancient Suburban crammed full of stuff with 3 kids in the back (1 in a car seat), and the gas pump reading \$4.95. I asked her if she was okay and if she needed help, and she just kept saying "I don't want my kids to see me crying," so we stood on the other side of the pump from her car. She said she was driving to California and that things were very hard for her right now.

So, I asked, "And you were praying?" That made her back away from me a little, but I assured her I was not a crazy person and said, "He heard you, and He sent me."

I took out my card and swiped it through the card reader on the pump so she could fill up her car completely, and while it was fueling, walked to the next-door McDonald's and bought 2 big bags of food, some gift certificates for more, and a big cup of coffee. She gave the food to the kids in the car who attacked it like wolves, and we stood by the pump eating fries and talking a little.

She told me her name and that she lived nearby. Her boyfriend left 2 months ago, and she had not been able to make ends meet. She knew she wouldn't have money to pay the rent January 1st, and finally, in desperation, had called her parents, with whom she had not spoken in about 5 years. They lived in California and said she could come live with them and try to get on her feet there.

So, she packed up everything she owned in the car. She told the kids they were going to California for Christmas but not that they were going to live there.

I gave her my gloves and a little hug and said a quick prayer with her for safety on the road. As I was walking over to my car, she said, "So, are you like an angel or something?"

This definitely made me cry. I said, "Sweetie, at this time of year, angels are really busy, so sometimes God uses regular people."

It was so incredible to be a part of someone else's miracle. And of course, when I got in my car, it started right away and got me home with no problem. I'll put it in the shop tomorrow for a check, but I suspect the mechanic won't find anything wrong.

Do we remember the Readings of Last Sunday? If not, then let us refresh our memories. First Reading was taken from Amos who warned the people of Israel to look into the attitude towards poor people and God and don't focus only on the worldly things as many were buying the poor with silver and a pair of shoes. And the Gospel Reading was about a dishonest manager who was squandering with the property and money of his master. Jesus goes on to teach us how to be shrewd in our building our relationship with God and warned us to choose only Master to Serve because we cannot serve God and wealth.

Today once again we are introduced to a similar attitude of the people who are only concerned about themselves and have no compassion about others. In the First Reading we see once again the attitude of the rich towards poor people; "Woe to the complacent in Zion, to those who feel secure ... lying upon beds of ivory!" They eat, they drink, they sing, they play, and they care nothing about other people's troubles." These are harsh words which the prophet Amos speaks, yet they warn us about a danger that all of us face. What is it that this messenger of God denounces; what does he want his contemporaries, and ourselves today, to realize? The danger of complacency, comfort, worldliness in our lifestyles and in our hearts, of making our well-being the most important thing in our lives. Whenever material things, money, worldliness, become the centre of our lives, they take hold of us, they possess us; we lose our very identity as human beings.

Let us try to think: How does something like this happen? How do some people, perhaps ourselves included, end up becoming self-absorbed and finding security in material things which ultimately robs us of our face, our human face? This is what happens when we become complacent when we no longer remember God. "Woe to the complacent in Zion", says the prophet. If we don't think about God, everything ends up flat, everything ends up being about "me" and my own comfort. Life, the world, other people, all of these become unreal, they no longer matter, everything boils down to one thing: having. When we no longer remember God, we too become unreal, we too become empty. Those who run after nothing become nothing – as another great prophet Jeremiah, observed (2:5). We are made in God's image and likeness, not the image and likeness of material objects, of idols!

In the Gospel today we see the story of a rich man robed in purple and a poor man sitting at his door with sore wounds. Is God against the riches? Absolutely not but the uncompassionate heart and selfishness of human. The sin of the rich man in the Gospel is not that he is rich but the sin is that he

not does care about other people. This was the case of the rich man in the Gospel, who dressed in fine garments and daily indulged in sumptuous banquets; this was what was important for him. And the poor man at his doorstep had nothing to relieve his hunger! That was none of his business, it didn't concern him. Think of it: the rich man in the Gospel has no name, he is simply "a rich man". Material things, his possessions, are his face; he has nothing else. (Please Luke 4:1-13).

In the Gospel, there are two stories of the rich man and of the poor man named Lazarus. In particular, the first story is that of the rich man, who was clothed in purple and the finest linen, who took good care of himself, and feasted sumptuously every day. The text does not say he was bad, but rather that he had a comfortable life, he gave himself a good life. In fact, the Gospel doesn't say that he overindulged; instead, his was a quiet life, with friends. Who knows, perhaps if he had parents, he surely sent them things so they would have the necessities of life. And maybe he was a religious man, in his way. Perhaps he recited a few prayers; and surely two or three times a year he went to the temple to make sacrifices and gave large offerings to the priests. And they, with their clerical cowardliness, thanked him and made him sit in the place of honour. This was the social lifestyle of the rich man presented by Luke.

Then there is the second story, that of Lazarus, the poor mendicant who lay at the rich man's gate. How is it possible that this man didn't realize that Lazarus was there, below his house, poor and starving? The wounds that the Gospel speaks of, are a symbol of the many needs he had. In the final analysis, the rich man wasn't bad, he was sick: afflicted with worldliness, therefore that worldly man wasn't able to see reality.

The second story is clear: there are so many people who conduct their lives in a difficult way but if I have a worldly heart, I will never understand this. After all, with a worldly heart it is impossible to comprehend the necessities and needs of others.

These are the two stories presented by the Liturgy. The two judgements, instead, are a curse and a blessing. There are the three names offered in the Gospel Reading: they are that of the poor man, Lazarus, that of Abraham, and that of Moses. Another key to understanding is that the rich man had no name, because the worldly lose their name, which is merely a feature of the well-off crowd who need nothing. On the other hand, there are Abraham, our father; Lazarus, a man who struggles because he is good and poor and has so much pain; and Moses, the man who gives us the law. But "the worldly have no name. They didn't listen to Moses because they only needed extraordinary manifestations.

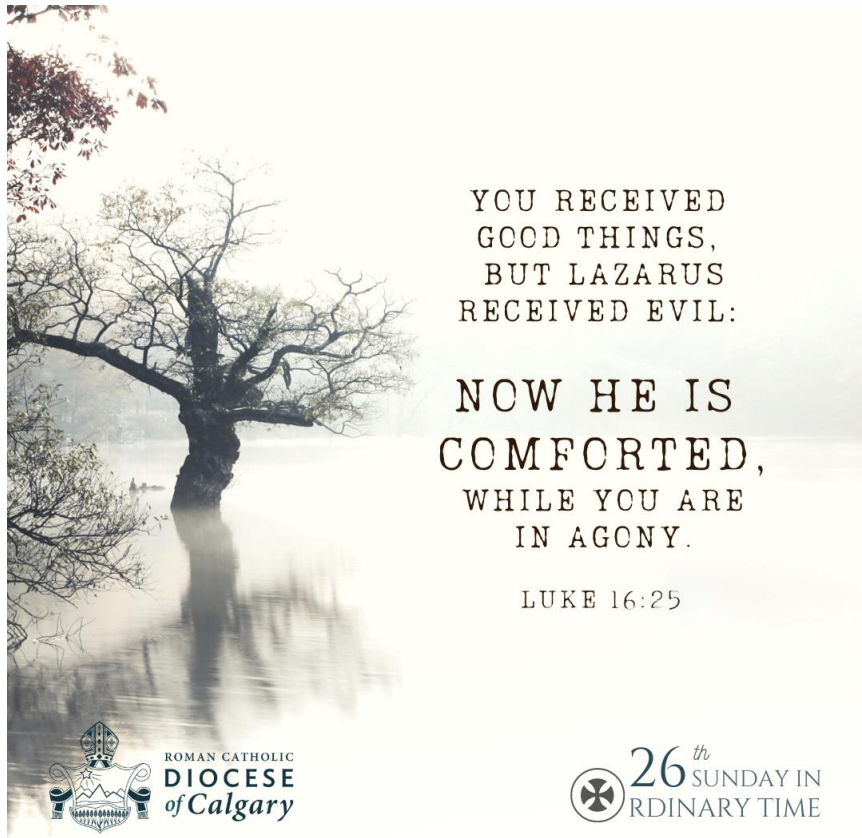
Do we have a compassionate heart to see the needs of our brothers and sisters? Are we lost in our worldly pleasures and close our eyes to the realities of the world? Let us remember the words of Abraham in the Gospel today "Remember son, in the world you had everything... and amend our ways of living.

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Sunday Updates

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Weekly reflections can be found here:

[Vatican News](#) | [The Sunday Website](#)
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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](#)
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Resources for children

- **Kid's challenge this week:** What do you think it was like for Lazarus to have nothing and see someone who had so much? This week, make a commitment as a family to do something in which you will choose to share your possessions with someone in need. (LOYOLA PRESS)
 - [Colouring page this Sunday](#)
 - [Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday](#)
 - [Sunday Connection - 26th 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)

World Day of Migrants and Refugees - Sep 25

This Sunday (Sep. 25) is the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The theme announced by His Holiness Pope Francis for the 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees." In his message, Pope Francis reminds us that inclusion of those most vulnerable is the necessary condition for full citizenship in God's Kingdom. Read the Pope's message and find resources for families and parish life on migrants and refugees here: www.catholiccycc.ca/blog

Please help Pakistan

The Government of Canada is **matching donations dollar for dollar** (up to \$3 million) **until September 28, 2022** to help the people of Pakistan cope with the worst flooding in the country's history. Caritas Pakistan is counting on our support. Please give online to Caritas Pakistan through Development and Peace - Caritas Canada at www.devp.org

National Synthesis for Canada

We invite everyone to read the Synod on Synodality reports, which is the culmination of a sincere listening exercise that occurred in every diocese across the country.

- Download the [Western Region Synod Synthesis](#)
- Download [National Synthesis](#)
- Download the [Diocesan Synthesis](#)

National Day of Truth & Reconciliation

All are invited to join the Eucharistic Celebration with Bishop McGrattan on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, **Friday, Sep. 30 at 5 pm** at St. Mary's Cathedral. Please note that parish offices and the Catholic Pastoral Center will be closed on Friday, Sep. 30 to mark the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

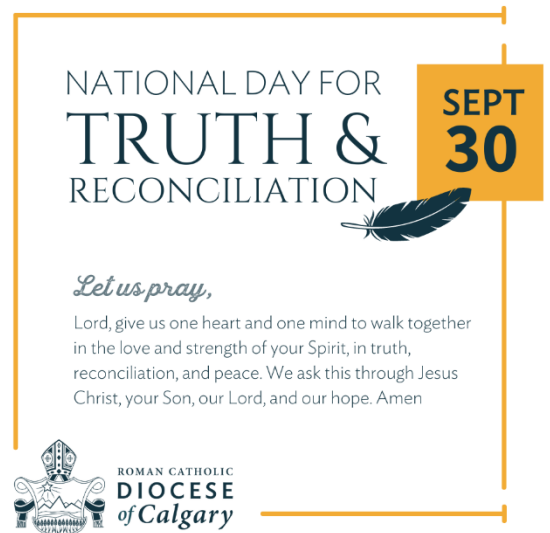
Save the date: Resourcing churches for ministering well in this next season - Nov 5

Hosted by the [Flourishing Congregations Institute](#), join researchers and church leaders across theological contexts and Canadian regions for Canadian data, theological reflection, and practical application on themes related to volunteers, finances, attendance, and more. When: **Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022** at 9 am to 12 pm. [More info](#) | [Poster](#)

- Bonus short video: [Want to grow your volunteer base? Ask!](#) Presented by Fr. Avinash Colaco, Rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary.
- Read [Report on Catholic Parishes in Canada](#) by Flourishing Congregations Institute

An evening of reconciliation and openness with Fr. Cristino Bouvette | Sep 22


The FCJ Centre invites you to an evening with Fr. Cristino as he shares his story of reconciliation, openness, vulnerability, suffering and reconciling his identities as an indigenous and a priest. When: Thursday, Sep. 22 at 7 pm. [More info](#) & [registration](#)



NATIONAL DAY FOR
TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

SEPT 30

Let us pray,
Lord, give us one heart and one mind to walk together in the love and strength of your Spirit, in truth, reconciliation, and peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, and our hope. Amen

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Abolish death penalty worldwide

This month of September, the Pope invites us to pray and mobilize to concretely support associations and organizations that fight for the abolition of the death penalty. (Fr. Frédéric Fornos, S.J.)

- **Pray the Pope's Intention this month:** *Let us pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.*

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.

- 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

The Role of the Catholic University in the 21st Century

2022 Catholic Women's League Annual Lecture in Catholic Studies at St. Mary's University - Listen to a panel discussion on the purpose of a Catholic university and how it is distinct from secular/non-Catholic institutions. When: **Monday, Sep. 26 at 7 pm**. Where: St. Mary's University, M100. In this riveting discussion, we will explore how Catholic Intellectual Tradition (characterized by rigorous intellectual inquiry and with rich roots in the past) can serve as a creative guide for transforming Catholic higher education in the 21st century. [More info](#) | [Poster](#)

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:

Employment opportunity

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

- Support Staff (PT) - Elizabeth House, Calgary
- Administrative Assistant (PT) - St. Mary's, Brooks
- Bookkeeper (Casual) - St. Mary's, Brooks

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

Other Resources & Events

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

What is the Pope asking of us?



Mobilize for the abolition of the death penalty throughout the world.



Pray for the abolition of the death penalty throughout the world.

"God is a Father who always awaits the return of his son, who, aware he has made a mistake, asks forgiveness and begins a new life. Thus, life cannot be taken from anyone, nor the hope of one's redemption and reconciliation with the community."

- Pope Francis -

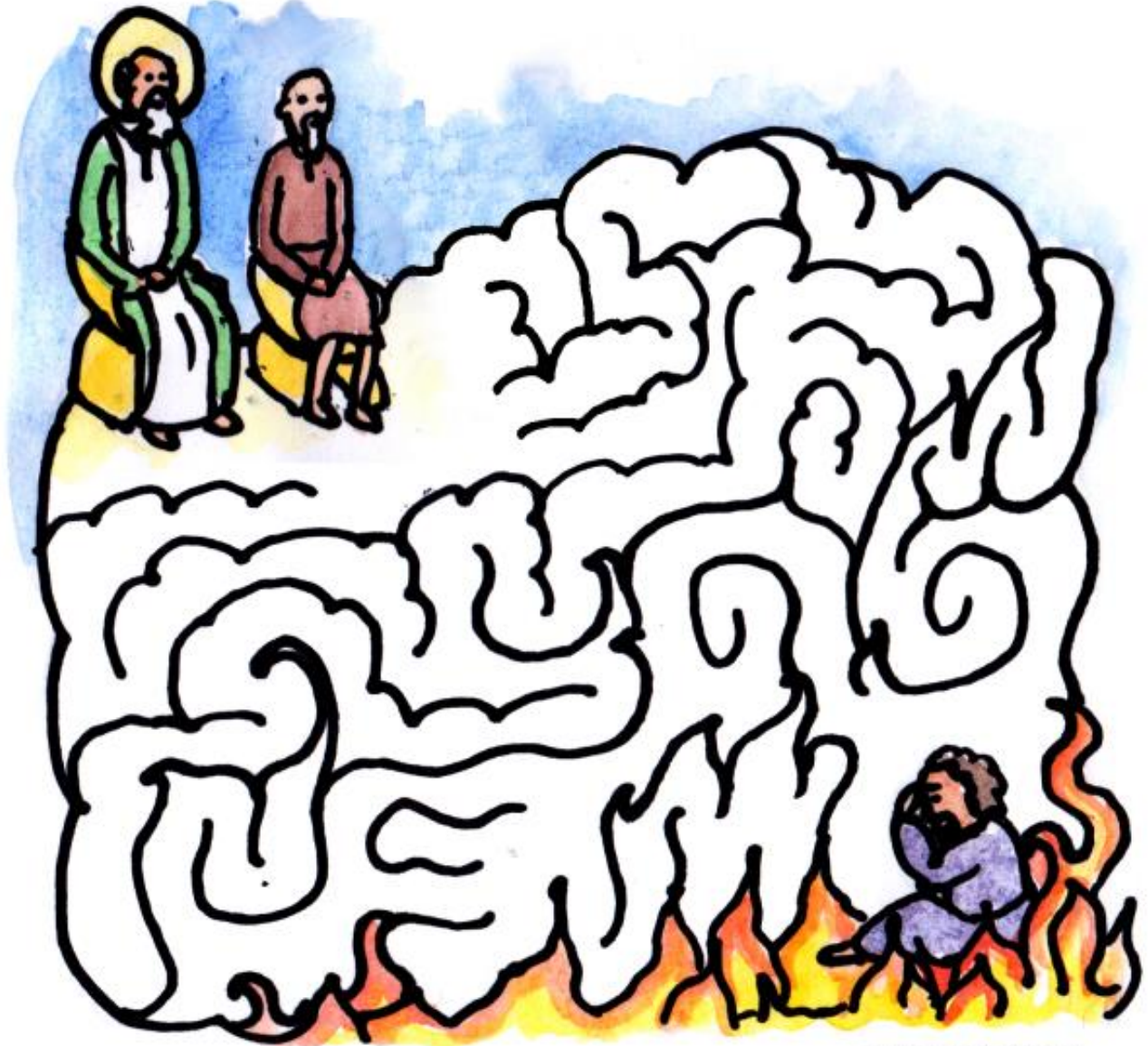
The Diocese of Calgary is offering a training opportunity in providing bereavement support and care. When/where: **Saturday, Oct. 1 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm** at **St. Luke's** (1566 Northmount Drive NW, Calgary). [Register online here](#) or by contacting Sr. Mariflor at 403-218-5521. Please register by **Monday, Sep. 26**. For more information, visit: catholicycyc.ca/pastoralcare

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3. **St. Jean de Brébeuf, St. Isaac Jogues and Companion (Feast day: Sep. 26)** | Nearly four hundred years has passed since St. Jean de Brébeuf and his companions laid down their lives for the Indigenous people and the faith. Learn about the origins of these Jesuit missionaries. [Read more](#)
4. **St. Vincent de Paul (Feast day: Sep. 27)**
St. Vincent de Paul was born on April 24, 1581 in the Kingdom of France. At the young age of 15, his father sent him to the seminary, where St. Vincent hoped to establish a successful career as a priest, so that he could retire early and comfortably. But God had other plans in mind for St. Vincent. [Read more](#)
5. **St. Raphael, a powerful healer for anyone suffering right now (Feast day: Sep. 29)** | Among the three archangels named in the Bible, St. Raphael is probably the least known. This is likely due to the fact that St. Raphael is only found in the Old Testament. In the Book of Tobit, he reveals himself as a healer of mind, body and spirit. His angelic mission on earth is to heal, which is very important for those suffering in any way. [Read more](#)
6. **St. Jerome (Feast Day: Sep. 30)**
St. Jerome was a Scripture scholar, translating most of the Old Testament from Hebrew. He also wrote commentaries which are a great source of scriptural inspiration for us today. Though frequently remembered for his bad temper, St. Jerome's love for God and his son Jesus Christ was extraordinarily intense; anyone who taught error was an enemy of God and truth, and Saint Jerome went after him or her with his mighty pen. [Read more](#)
7. **Remembering St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (Feast Day: Oct. 1)**
How is it that those of us living today know anything at all about this young obscure nun, Sister Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, who lived for nine years within a nondescript French convent more than a hundred years ago? The answer lies in her relationship with God and how God permitted that her writings about that relationship were spread throughout the entire world after her death. [Read more](#)
8. **September/October 2022 Calendar Highlights**
 - **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 18** | [Pastoral Care: Grace Accompanies Every Person](#) with Fr. Tim Boyle
 - **Oct 21** | [Marriage Preparation](#) at St. Albert the Great
 - **Oct 21** | [Vespers & Study of the Rule of St. Benedict](#) at St. Bernard's, Calgary
 - **Oct 22** | [Celebration & veneration of St. John Paul II](#) at St. Mary's Cathedral
 - **Oct 28** | [Courageously Embracing Change and Building Resilience](#) at FCJ

To submit your parish/lay association events - go to catholicycyc.ca/news and click "Add Event"

The Kids' Bulletin

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday September 25th, 2022




Luke 16:19-31

*In today's Gospel reading the rich man asks
Abraham to send Lazarus to him
with a drop of cool water.
But can Lazarus cross between
Heaven and Hell?
See if the maze will let him cross.*

Saint Francis of Assisi


October 4

FRANCIS WAS BORN TO A RICH MERCHANT FAMILY IN ITALY IN 1181. HE WAS SPOILED BUT WAS STILL FUN AND LOVED HAVING PARTIES WITH HIS FRIENDS.



Please, Mom, can my friends come over again?

HE WENT TO WAR HOPING TO BECOME A KNIGHT, BUT INSTEAD HE WAS CAPTURED AND IMPRISONED.



Now how can I become a knight?

WHEN HE GOT HOME HE WOULD HAVE GONE BACK TO WAR, BUT GOD CALLED HIM...



Francis, I want you to rebuild my house.



PEOPLE THOUGHT HE WAS CRAZY, BUT HE HAD DECIDED TO GIVE HIS LIFE TO GOD.

HE GAVE AWAY EVERYTHING HE HAD, EVEN TRADING CLOTHES WITH A BEGGAR!



Ugh! ... Oh-the poor man. I should give him my clothes...

NOW FRANCIS WENT AROUND PREACHING AND TEACHING PEOPLE TO REPENT FROM THEIR SINS.



How can you say you love God when you make wealth your idol?

WE CAN LIVE IN THESE SHACKS.

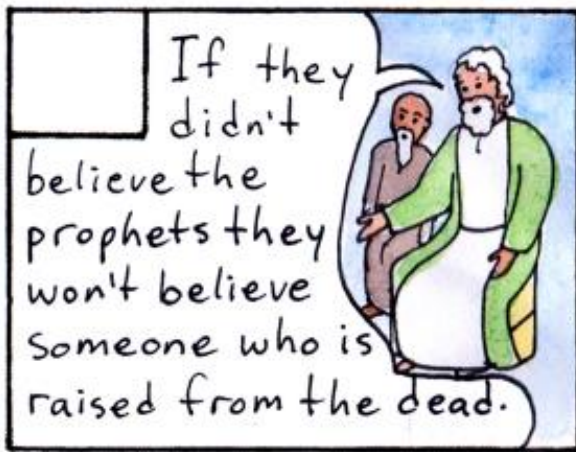


MANY PEOPLE SAW HOW HOLY AND HAPPY FRANCIS WAS, SO THEY GAVE UP THEIR POSSESSIONS AND FOLLOWED HIM. SOON THERE WERE 5000 FOLLOWERS!

SAINT FRANCIS LIVED A LIFE OF POVERTY AND HUMILITY EVEN THOUGH THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE BEGAN TO FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS. SOON THE ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR (FRANCISCANS) WAS STARTED. SAINT FRANCIS ALSO RECEIVED THE STIGMATA. HE DIED AT AGE 45 AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF SICKNESS.

Sort-the-Pictures

Lazarus and the Rich Man



In this story are Lazarus, the rich man, and Abraham.

The pictures are not in order, though.

Can you put the numbers from 1 to 6 in the corners to show their proper order?

Lazarus and the Rich Man

In today's Gospel Jesus tells a parable about a rich man and a poor man. While they were alive, the rich man had everything he wanted. He feasted every day and was never hungry. Meanwhile Lazarus, the poor man, lay in the rich man's gate, always hungry and sick. Even the dogs came to lick the sores on his body.

Once the men died everything changed. The rich man went to Hell. He got what he deserved for thinking only of himself while he was alive. Lazarus, on the other hand, went to be with Abraham in Heaven. He had suffered so much while he was alive, but now he was perfectly happy.

The rich man wanted a drop of water to cool his tongue but Lazarus couldn't help him. He found out what happens if you only think about getting the best for yourself. What does this story make you want to do for the poor and suffering people around you?



Maze on Front: you can't cross from Heaven to Hell or vice-versa.
Answers to Sort-out-the-pictures: Top: 6,3 Middle: 1,4 Bottom: 5,2

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.





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.