



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

OCTOBER 9, 2022 – THE 28TH 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

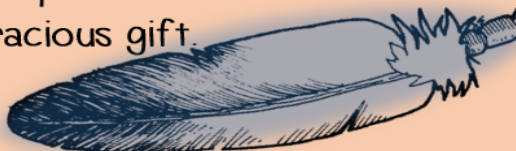
THE CHAPEL IS OPEN

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.



October 8
Memorial of Blessed Virgin Mary
October 9
Feast Day of St. Denis

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Sunday's Readings

1st Reading: 2 Kings 5.14-17

Naaman returned to Elisha, man of God, and confessed his faith in the God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: 98.1,2-3ab,3cd-4 (R. 2b)

R. The Lord has revealed his victory in the sight of the nations.

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2.8-13

If we endure, we will also reign with Christ.

Gospel: Luke 17.11-19

No one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner.

How Does Faith Save?

In the first reading today, Naaman, the foreigner, wants two loads of earth for his home so that he can always stand on God's holy ground and give thanks. In the gospel, the ten cry out: Kyrie, eleison - Lord, have mercy. Of the ten, only one, the foreigner, returns to Jesus to give thanks. God responds to cries for help. Those who are cured, as all who are helped, respond.

- † What help, what mercy do I seek from the Lord?
- † How will I be grateful? What will I do or say?
- † Because help, because mercy is given to me, what mercy work will I do for another this week?

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OPERATING FINANCES	
SEPTEMBER 1-30, 2022	
Operating Budget 2022	\$ 59,708
General Envelope Collection	\$ 41,461
Loose Collections	\$ 1,826
Future Development	\$ 5,777
Sale of Church Supplies & Other	\$ 1,445
Budget Vs Actual	-\$ 9,199
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 3,729
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 3,083
Clergy Retirement	\$ 25
Mission Mexico	\$ 115
CARO	\$ 100
Seminary Fund	\$ 120
Needs of Cdn Church	\$ 735
Ukraine Relief YTD	\$ 22,075
<i>Thank You for your Generous Contributions</i>	
Average Weekly Attendance	801



2022 Goal
\$70,938

total to date
\$33,552.18

which is 48%

Mark Your Calendars

- October 8, 2022 - 7:30am HFP Hall
That Man is You - Breakfast & Presentation
- October 10, 2022 - 7:00pm - Faith Room
Knights of Columbus General Meeting
- October 11, 2022 - 9:45am - Faith Room
You Be You Fitness with MJ Rath
- October 11, 2022 - 7:00pm - Faith Room
Catholic Women's League General Meeting
- October 12, 2022 - 7:00pm Faith Room
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- October 13, 2022 - 6:00pm Hope Room
Grief Share
- October 14, 2022 - 6:30 - 9:00pm - Faith Room
Renew How You Serve God - Volunteer Workshop
- October 15, 2022 - 7:30am HFP Hall
That Man is You - Breakfast & Presentation
- October 15, 2022 - 9:30am - Noon - Faith Room
Renew How You Serve God - Volunteer Workshop
- October 15, 2022 - 7:00pm HFP Hall
Faith & Family - Meet & Greet



† Mass Intentions †

Saturday, October 8

5:00pm - Michael Ibach †

Sunday, October 9

8:30am - Holy Family Parish
10:30am - Allen Kaupp †
6:00pm - Michael Schmaltz †

Monday, October 10

9:00am - Lucia Pimentel †

Tuesday, October 11

10:00am - Elise Krooshoop †

Wednesday, October 12

9:00am - Ria's Family

Thursday, October 13

10:00am - Jonny & the girls

Friday, October 14

9:00am - Orlando & Virginia Cabral †

Happy Thanksgiving

October 10, 2022

Let Us Always Give Thanks.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 113

Blessed be the name of the Lord forever.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

How will You be Thankful?



Sacramental Preparation

Confirmation Class - HFP Faith Rm
Thursday, October 20 at 6:30pm

1st Reconciliation Parents - HFP Hall
Thursday, October 20 at 6:30pm

1st Reconciliation Class - HFP Faith Rm
Sunday, October 23 at 10:15am



Renew How You Serve God

Are you using the gifts you received from God?
Come and take a deep dive into your parish.
~ What are we doing right?
~ What can we do to improve?

All Volunteers are encouraged to attend one of these sessions...

Friday, October 14, from 6:30 – 9:00pm
Or Saturday, October 15 from 9:30am to Noon

Welcome to Faith & Family Ministry!

Join us as we begin this new ministry together!
We invite you to come share your ideas and suggestions to help give shape to this ministry. All the parents with children are encouraged to join this ministry.

Upcoming Dates:
Saturday Oct. 15, 7:00 pm - **Meet & Greet**
Saturday Oct. 29, 7:00 pm - **Faith & Family Night Kickoff Meeting & Pumpkin Carving**



Purpose: Provide opportunities for our families to gather so they can grow in faith and prayer, developing a bond of community within the church.

Mission Statement: Strengthen the family church by focusing on relationships and deepening our faith.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Wednesdays

7:00pm

Faith Room



Holy Family Parish, Medicine Hat, AB

For information call Pat at 403-878-6073



A New Ministry for Seniors



A source of faith and wisdom...
We are looking forward to starting a new ministry for seniors to help them spend some time together having a cup of coffee and playing some games while sharing their faith and wisdom. If you are interested in coordinating this ministry, please contact Fr. Iqbal through Parish Office.

THAT MAN IS YOU!

Holy Family Parish Hall

Breakfast 7:30am

Presentation

8:30 – 9:30 am

October 15, 2022

Theme:

Pride: The Anti-God

Presenter:

John Sablan



PRAYER & PRAISE

No Prayer & Praise on Thanksgiving Monday
Will be back the following week!!

Monday 7:30pm

In the Holy Family Parish Chapel

Children's Liturgy

10:30 Mass

We are excited to help your children reflect on the gospel readings through discussion, songs, activities, and crafts.

Children Preschool to Grade 2.



GriefShare

Are you or someone you know grieving the loss of a loved one. Whether your loved one passed a while ago, or just recently, we can all benefit from others who have experienced similar losses. Join us on a journey from Mourning to Joy, a 13-week program of healing that helps us to transition and work through our grief and learn to move forward with the help of videos and discussion.

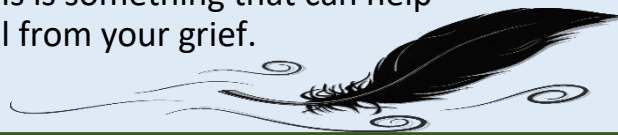
We will meet on Thursdays at 6:00 PM in the Hope Room, starting on October 13th.

Call Karen at 403-487-4893 for Information or call the church to register at 403-527-6933

There is no fee to attend, come and plan to attend

all 13 sessions or come to one or two sessions to

see if this is something that can help you heal from your grief.



The Catholic Women's League would like to remind members that the 2023 fee is \$40.00



You Be You Fitness

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

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul provides assistance to those in need. Each week we contact families or individuals who have requested help. We meet them, listen to them and try our best to help to meet their needs or redirect them to a service that can.

We are so grateful for each and every donation we receive from you - thank you for making it possible for us to help our neighbors in need. May God bless you!

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.



Please pick up the free books from the Knights of Columbus kiosk by the Vestment Room in the Foyer
It seems Prayer Time is a best seller.



The Legion of Mary invites you to attend the Public Rosary Rally on October 15th at Riverside Veteran's Memorial Park beginning at noon. Everyone Welcome.

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.



**PARISH
BREAKFAST
OCTOBER 16
@ 9:30AM &
11:30AM**



Cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 for youth and under 6 free.

**St. Michael's Parish
Community Fall Supper
Sunday, October 30 – 4:30 – 6:30pm
Golden Age Center, Bow Island
Adults \$20 – 7-12yrs \$10 – 6 & under Free
Family Rate \$50 (Immediate Family)**

**Thank you to all adults and
children who came out to stand as
a witness for Pro-Life!**

**Sunday 10:30am Mass on YOUTUBE
Medicine Hat Holy Family Church Live Stream
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG6zK-XzuXdDHj79rV6ut_Q**

You Tube

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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@memlane.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 October 2022	
Event Name and Description	Date and Time
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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October 9, 2022

GOD SURPRISES US

As we have begun the month of October which helps us to walk with the Blessed Virgin Mary who is an example of thanksgiving (Please read her hymn from Luke 1:45-57) as we mark the month of Rosary which is the best weapon to fight against evil. God always surprises us with so many blessings and gifts which even sometimes we don't request or pray for them, but God keeps showering his love, protection, healing, and care. This weekend as we celebrate Thanksgiving Day to praise the Lord for our families, friends, careers, and faith to remind ourselves that God grants everything to those who trust and fear him. (Please read Colossians 3:12-17). Let me share the following story to help us to understand the spirit of thanksgiving.

When Mrs. Klein told her first graders to draw a picture of something for which they were thankful, she thought how little these children, who lived in a deteriorating neighborhood, actually had to be thankful for. She knew that most of the class would draw pictures of turkeys or of bountifully laden Thanksgiving tables. That was what they believed was expected of them.

What took Mrs. Klein aback was Douglas's picture. Douglas was so forlorn and likely to be found close in her shadow as they went outside for recess. Douglas's drawing was simply this:

A hand, obviously, but whose hand? The class was captivated by his image. "I think it must be the hand of God that brings us food," said one student.

"A farmer," said another, "because they grow the turkeys."

"It looks more like a policeman, and they protect us." "I think," said Lavinia, who was always so serious, "that it is supposed to be all the hands that help us, but Douglas could only draw one of them."

Mrs. Klein had almost forgotten Douglas in her pleasure at finding the class so responsive. When she had the others at work on another project, she bent over his desk and asked whose hand it was.

Douglas mumbled, "It's yours, Teacher."

Then Mrs. Klein recalled that she had taken Douglas by the hand from time to time; she often did that with the children. But that it should have meant so much to Douglas ...

Perhaps, she reflected, this was her Thanksgiving, and everybody's Thanksgiving—not the material things given unto us, but the small ways that we give something to others.

St. Ambrose encourages us to be grateful for everything and to remember to "Offer God a sacrifice of praise and fulfill your vows to the Most High. If you praise God you offer your vow and fulfill the promise you have made. So, the Samaritan leper, healed by the Lord's word of command, gained greater credit than the other nine; he alone returned to Christ, praising God and giving thanks. Jesus said of him: There was no one to come back and thank God except this foreigner. He tells him: Stand up and go on your way, for your faith has made you whole. The Lord Jesus, in his divine wisdom, taught you about the goodness of the Father, who knows how to give good things, so that you might ask for the things that are good from Goodness itself. He urges you to pray earnestly and frequently, not offering

long and wearisome prayers, but praying often, and with perseverance. Lengthy prayers are usually filled with empty words, while neglect of prayer results in indifference to prayer. Again, Christ urges you, when you ask forgiveness for yourself, to be especially generous to others, so that your actions may commend your prayer. The Apostles, too, teaches you how to pray; you must avoid anger and contentiousness, so that your prayer may be serene and wholesome. He tells you also that every place is a place of prayer, though our Savior says: Go into your room. But by "room" you must understand, not a room enclosed by walls that imprison your body, but the room that is within you, the room where you hide your thoughts, where you keep your affections. This room of prayer is always with you, wherever you are, and it is always a secret room, where only God can see you. You are told to pray especially for the people, that is, for the whole body, for all its members, the family of your mother, the Church; the badge of membership in this body is love for each other. If you pray only for yourself, you pray for yourself alone. If each one prays for himself, he received less from God's goodness than the one who prays on behalf of others. But as it is, because each prays for all, all are in fact praying for each one. To conclude, if you pray only for yourself, you will be praying, as we said, for yourself alone. But if you pray for all, all will pray for you, for you are included in all. In this way there is a great recompense; through the prayers of each individual, the intercession of the whole people is gained for each individual. There is here no pride, but an increase of humility and a richer harvest from prayer".

St. Paul in his First Letter to Timothy says "First of all, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be offered for all men, especially for kings and those in authority, that we may be able to lead undisturbed and tranquil lives in perfect piety and dignity. Prayer of this kind is good, and God our savior is pleased with it, for he wants all men to be saved and come to know the truth. And the truth is this:

God is one. One also is the mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all." This truth was attested at the fitting time. I have been made its herald and apostle (believe me, I am not lying but speak the truth) , the teacher of the nations in the true faith. It is my wish, then, that in every place the men shall offer prayers with blameless hands held aloft, and be free from anger and dissension" (2:1-10).

This Sunday's Readings are full of God's surprises for us. First surprise of God we see in the First Reading when a non-Jewish person is being cured from leprosy. There are three very important lessons for us to learn and reflect upon:

First Naaman the Syrian trusts in the Man of God that is Elisha the Prophet and did what he told him to do. What about us? Do we trust in the Lord and do what he tells us to do? (Please read John 2:1-10).

Second Naaman the Syrian comes back to give thanks and firm his faith in the Almighty God the Father who has the power to grant what we ask of him because he is our Good Shepherd. Do we give thanks to God for his blessings?

Third Naaman the Syrian offers to gifts which is a way to express gratitude. What do we offer to the Lord to express our gratitude?

Thanksgiving is all about thinking about other people whether you have much to share or little to survive and that's one of God's surprises for us to experience. As I was searching for an inspirational story to share with you all, I came across to his story of an old man and young man who though are struggling in their ways but had a heart to share.

At noon on a dreary November day, a lonesome little fellow stood at the door of a cheap restaurant in Boston and offered a solitary copy of a morning paper for sale to the people passing. But there were really not many people passing, for it was Thanksgiving Day, and the shops were closed, and everybody who had a home to go to, and a dinner to eat, seemed to have gone home.

An old man, with a face that looked pinched, and who was dressed in a seedy black coat, stopped at the same doorway, and, with one hand on the latch, he appeared to hesitate between hunger and a sense of poverty, before going in. It was possible, however, that he was considering whether he could afford himself the indulgence of a morning paper, seeing it was Thanksgiving Day; so at least Bert thought, and addressed him accordingly.

"Buy a paper, sir? All about the fire in East Boston, and the arrest of burglars in Springfield. Only two cents."

The little old man looked at the boy, with keen gray eyes which seemed to light up the pinched look of his face, and answered in a shrill voice, "You ought to come down in your price, this time of day. You can't expect to sell a morning paper at 12 o'clock for full price."

"Well, give me a cent, then," said Bert. "That's less than cost; but never mind. I'm bound to sell out, anyhow."

"You look cold," said the old man.

"Cold," replied Bert, "I'm nearly froze. And I want my dinner. And I'm going to have a big dinner, too, seeing it's Thanksgiving Day."

"Ah! Lucky for you, my boy!" said the old man. "You've a home to go to, and friends, too I hope."

"No, sir; no home, and no friend—only my mother."

"It's more lonesome not to eat at all," said the old man, his gray eyes twinkling. "Here, I guess I can find one cent for you—though there's nothing in the paper, I know."

The old man spoke with some feeling, his fingers trembled, and somehow he dropped two cents instead of one into Bert's hand. "Here! You've made a mistake!" cried Bert. "A bargain's a bargain. You've given me a cent too much!"

"No, I didn't, I never give anybody a cent too much!"

"But, see here!" And Bert showed the two cents, offering to return one.

"No matter," said the old man. "It will be so much less for my dinner—that's all."

Bert had instinctively pocketed the pennies, but he felt bad. "Poor old man!" he thought; "he's seen better days, I guess. Perhaps he has no home. A boy like me can stand it, but I guess it must be hard for him. He meant to give me two cents the whole time; and I don't believe he has had a decent dinner for many a day." "Look here," he cried; "where are you going to get your dinner, to-day?"

"I can get a bite here as well as anywhere—it doesn't matter much to me," replied the old man.

"I'll pay for your dinner!" Bert exclaimed. "Come! We don't have Thanksgiving but once a year, and a fellow wants a good time then."

Everyone wants a good time to enjoy his/her life but sometimes circumstances are not favorable which lead people to stress, depression, loneliness, and disconnected. We could see similar stories of the ten lepers who are living out of town and away from their families as per the commandment found in the Old Testament. The Gospel does not speak about their age or families but only one desire is to be cleansed and turn back to their homes. However, their attitude changed after the healing, and they forgot to thank the Lord except one.

That's why Sunday's Gospel invites us to acknowledge God's gifts with wonder and gratitude. On the way to his death and resurrection, Jesus meets ten lepers, who approach him, they keep their distance and tell their troubles to the one whom their faith perceived as a possible savior: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!". They are sick and they are looking for someone to heal them. Jesus responds by telling them to go and present themselves to the priests, who according to the Law were charged with certifying presumed healings. In this way, Jesus does not simply make them a promise; he tests their faith. At that moment, in fact, the ten were not yet healed. They were restored to health after they set out in obedience to Jesus' command. Then, rejoicing, they showed themselves to the priests and continued on their way. They forgot the Giver, the Father, who cured them through Jesus, his Son made man.

All but one: a Samaritan, a foreigner living on the fringes of the chosen people, practically a pagan! This man was not content with being healed by his faith but brought that healing to completion by returning to express his gratitude for the gift received. He recognized in Jesus the true Priest, who raised him up and saved him, who can now set him on his way and accept him as one of his disciples. To be able to offer thanks, to be able to praise the Lord for what he has done for us: this is important! So, we can ask ourselves: Are we capable of saying "Thank you"? How many times do we say "Thank you" in our family, our community, and in the Church? How many times do we say "Thank you" to those who help us, to those close to us, to those who accompany us through life? Often, we take everything for granted! This also happens with God. It is easy to approach the Lord to ask for something, but to return and give thanks... That is why Jesus so emphasizes the failure of the nine ungrateful lepers: "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" (Lk 17:17-18). Significantly, Naaman and the Samaritans were two

foreigners. How many foreigners, including persons of other religions, give us an example of values that we sometimes forget or set aside! Those living beside us, who may be scorned and sidelined because they are foreigners, can instead teach us how to walk on the path that the Lord wishes. If we trust in the Lord during our times of sadness and happiness, God will surprise us with the blessings we never expected because he knows what we need as he has given two boxes to carry.

I have in my hands two boxes,
Which God gave me to hold.
He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black box,
And all your joys into the gold."
I heeded His words, and in the two boxes
Both my joys and sorrows I stored,
But though the gold became heavier each day,
The black was as light as before.

With curiosity, I opened the black.
I wanted to find out why,
And I saw, in the base of the box, a hole
Which my sorrows had fallen out by.

I showed the hole to God and mused,
"I wonder where my sorrows could be?"
He smiled a gentle smile and said,
"My child, they're here with me."

I asked God why He gave me the boxes,
Why the gold and the black with the hole?
"My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings.
The black is for you to let go."

On this thanksgiving weekend let us
trust in the Lord that he will give us
what we need in our lives.

Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone



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DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

28TH 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](#)

- [Sacraments & Liturgies](#)
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Resources for children

- **Kid's challenge this week:** Discuss with your family how God can work miracles in our lives, and how God can use us to make a difference in our world. Together as a family, pray [Saint Ignatius of Loyola's Prayer of Generosity](#). Ask that God will work through your family to make a difference in the lives of those around you. (LOYOLA PRESS)
 - [Colouring page this Sunday](#)
 - [Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday](#)
 - [Sunday Connection - 27th 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)

Pastoral outreach for receiving the Sacraments

Despite the heroic efforts from parishes and schools to adapt the way children were prepared for the sacraments in the past few years, it is estimated that 4700 children still missed the Sacraments of Initiation since 2020. In response to the need for pastoral outreach to those missing their sacraments, Bishop McGrattan shares some immediate action plans in the diocese. Read his message at catholicyc.ca/blog

World Youth Day 2023

For information re: SFXC group that will be travelling to Lisbon, Portugal for World Youth Day in 2023, contact Fr. Cristino at vocations@calgariodiocese.ca

Study Group Series for Directory for Catechesis

An online opportunity (via Zoom) for those engaged in sacramental preparation, RCIA, pastoral care ministry, and other parish ministries to delve deeper into the reading, studying, and discussing of the Directory for Catechesis. Start date: Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 6 pm to 7:30 pm, then bi-monthly. Register here, or contact 403-218-5521.

Rosary Coast to Coast

This year, Rosary Coast to Coast will air live on Sunday, Oct. 9 at 2 pm MT. You are invited to pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, Rosary and Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary together. More info at rosarycoasttocoast.ca

White Mass - Oct 18

Calgary Catholic Medical Association invites all health care professionals and all the faithful to celebrate White Mass on the feast day of St. Luke, the patron saint for Physicians and those working in Health Care. When: Tuesday, October 18 at 7 pm, at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Rules of St. Benedict - Vespers & Study

The Oblates of St. Benedict invites you to learn about the Rule of St. Benedict and how it can be applied to live a balanced prayer and work life. When: Friday, Oct. 21 at St. Bernard's Church, Calgary

Celebration & Veneration of St. John Paul II

Join a celebration of the Feast Day of St. John Paul II. Beginning with Holy Mass with the Bishop at 9 am, the celebration will continue with veneration of the 1st class relic of Pope St. John Paul II in the Cathedral until 2 pm. When: Saturday, Oct. 22 at 9 am at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Discerning God's call for unmarried women

The Office of Vocations invites women seeking to know how to discern the will of God in their lives, to learn how to listen and discover God's call in their life. We will be engaging in Lectio Divina prayer and exploring how to discern using the Ignatian method of discernment. When: Sunday, Oct. 23 at 2 pm at Catholic Pastoral Centre, 120 17 Ave SW, Calgary (1 or 2 hours session).

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

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 at Ambrose University in Calgary. To register, visit flourishingcongregations.org or call 403-410-2000 ext.2987

Like A Mighty River Conference 2022

The Calgary Catholic Charismatic Renewal Society (CCCRS) invites you to the annual Like A Mighty River Conference on the weekend of Nov. 18 & 19, with the theme: "but as for me, and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15). Guest speakers: Fr. Alexander Braganza, OCD. Superior of

Carmel Hill Monastery – Deroche Mission
BC. Register at ccrs.com or call 587-894-5314

Pray for a Church open to everyone

Pray for the Holy Father's Intention this month: Let us pray that the Church, ever faithful to the Gospel and courageous in preaching it, may live in an increasing atmosphere of synodality and be a community of solidarity, fraternity, and welcome. For more info, visit thepopevideo.org

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Pastoral Care: Grace Accompanies Every Person

Join Fr. Timothy Boyle in a monthly reflection on ministry, pastoral care, and the art of accompaniment, inspired by the teachings of Pope Francis. When: Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 10:30 am at St. Martha's Church in Lethbridge, or join via livestream: stmarthasparish.ca

Marriage Preparation Courses

Next course: Weekend of Oct. 21 at St. Albert the Great, Calgary. For more dates, visit our Diocesan website where couples can choose the course date with access to registration and payment catholicyc.ca/marriageprep

Employment opportunities

Assistant Coordinator - Feed the Hungry
Support Staff - Elizabeth House, Calgary
Admin. Assistant - St. Mary's, Brooks
Bookkeeper - St. Mary's, Brooks

Visit catholicyc.ca/careers for more information and application details.

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2. Reminder: Study Group Series for Directory for Catechesis

An online opportunity (via Zoom) for those engaged in sacramental preparation, RCIA, pastoral care ministry, and other parish ministries to delve deeper into the reading, studying, and discussing of the [Directory for Catechesis](#). Starts on Oct 11. [Register here](#)

3. **Reminder: Discerning God's call for unmarried women**

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4. **Vatican II's primary goal, according to St. John XXIII (Feast Day: Oct. 11)** | The

20th century saw a rapid advance in technology and a radical change in living. When St. John XXIII inaugurated the Second Vatican Council, he stated its principal goal was to defend the truth. [Read more](#)

5. **St. Callistus I (Feast Day: Oct. 14)**

Callistus began his career as a highly-placed domestic servant, eventually taking responsibility for his master's banking business. When the bank failed, he was demoted to serve as a manual laborer in Rome. Thus, under inauspicious circumstances, Callistus came as a slave to the city where he would later serve as Pope. [Read more](#)

6. **From novels to hard reality: St. Teresa of Jesus (Feast Day: Oct 15)** | St. Teresa

of Avila had a happy childhood with her brothers and cousins, and was fascinated by novels that told tales of chivalry. After the death of her elder brother, John, in 1524 and the loss of her mother, Teresa was sent to study at the Augustinian Monastery of Our Lady of Grace, where she was struck by a first existential crisis. [Read more](#)

7. **October/November 2022 Calendar Highlights**

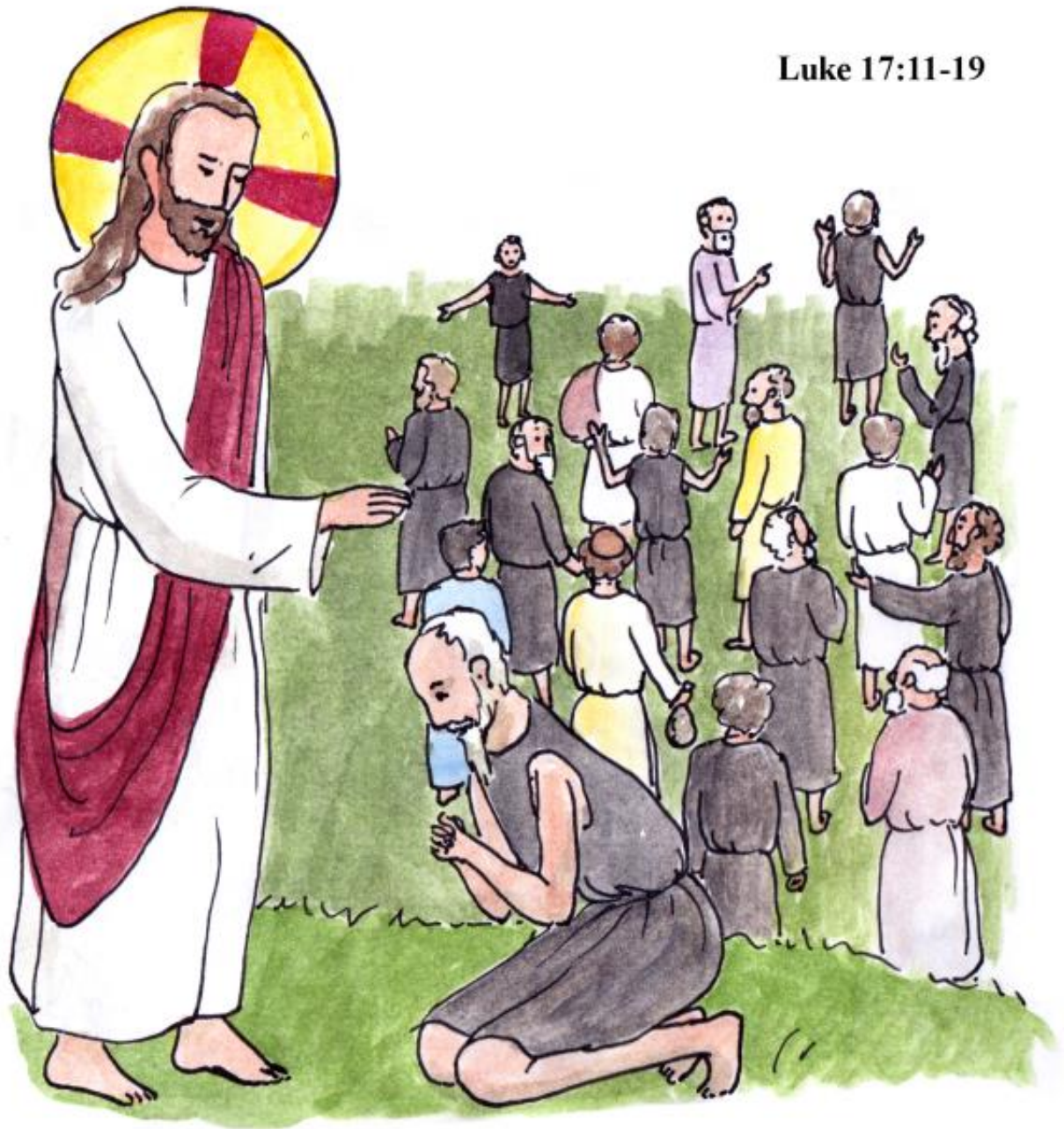
- Oct 11 | [Directory of Catechesis Study Group](#) - Zoom
- Oct 13 | [Creative self-care to enhance well being](#) at FCJ Centre
- Oct 14 | [Braiding Together: Dialogue towards truth](#) - Conference
- Oct 18 | [White Mass with Bishop McGrattan & Healthcare Professionals](#)
- Oct 18 | [Pastoral Care: Grace Accompanies Every Person](#) with Fr. Tim Boyle
- Oct 20 | [Dreamwork Evening](#) at FCJ Centre
- Oct 21 | [Marriage Preparation](#) at St. Albert the Great
- Oct 21 | [Vespers & Study of the Rule of St. Benedict](#) at St. Bernard's
- Oct 22 | [Celebration & veneration of St. John Paul II](#) at the Cathedral
- Oct 23 | [Discerning God's Call for Unmarried Women](#) at CPC
- Oct 28 | [Courageously Embracing Change and Building Resilience](#) at FCJ
- Nov 5 | [Resourcing churches for ministering well in this next season](#)
- Nov 11 | [Live-In Retreat](#)
- Nov 10 | [Triumph Retreat](#) in Calgary
- Nov 12 | [Come & See with Poor Clares](#) (online)
- Nov 18-19 | [Like a Mighty River Conference](#) at St. James', Okotoks
- Nov 25 | [Marriage Preparation](#) (online + Ascension Catholic Parish)
- Nov 22 | [Pastoral Care: Accompanying in Conflict and Complicated Situations](#)

The Kids' Bulletin

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 9th, 2022

How many lepers walked away without saying 'Thank you' when Jesus healed them?

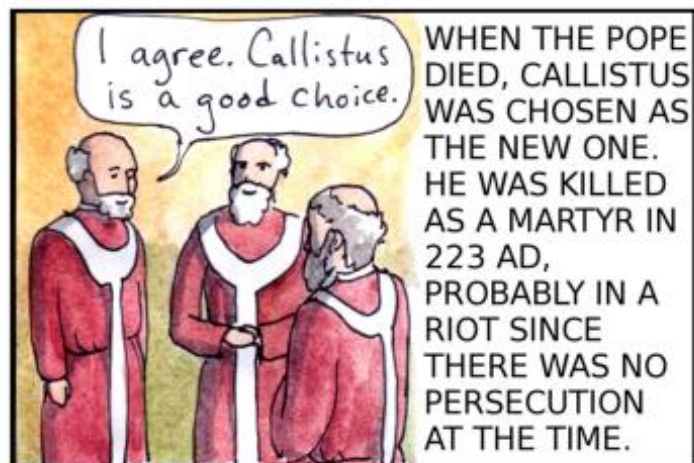
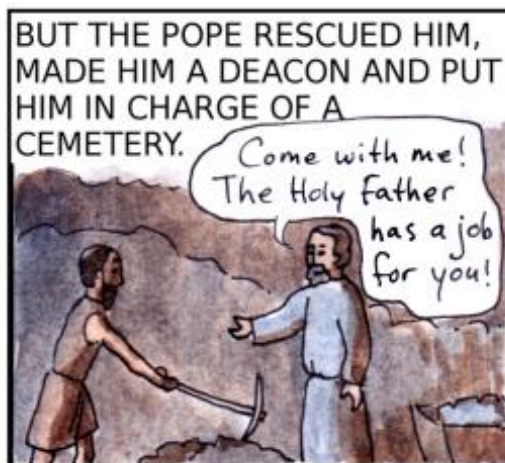
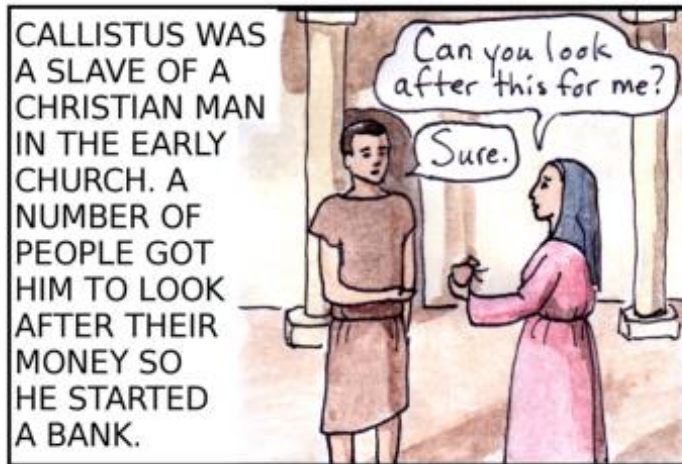
Luke 17:11-19



Count how many of the people who are walking away are wearing dark grey clothes.

Pope Saint Callistus I

October 14



SAINT CALLISTUS SAID THAT BAD SINNERS WHO HAD GONE TO CONFESSION AND DONE PENANCE COULD RETURN TO FULL COMMUNION WITH THE CHURCH. SOME PEOPLE DISAGREED WITH HIM, BUT THE CHURCH STILL TEACHES WHAT HE SAID. HOW CAN YOU GIVE HOPE TO PEOPLE THAT HAVE SINNED?

True or False?

Jesus Cures the Ten Lepers

How well do you know the story of Jesus and the Lepers?

1. When Jesus was walking to Jerusalem, he met ten lepers. True or false?
2. The lepers came right up to Jesus and touched Him. True or false?
3. Jesus didn't touch them; all He said was, "Go show yourselves to the priests." True or false?
4. Half of the lepers were healed and half weren't. True or false?
5. All of them came back to thank Jesus. True or false?
6. Only one man came back to thank Jesus, and he was a foreigner. True or false?
7. Jesus said, "Your faith has saved you." True or false?



thankfulness

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus cured ten lepers. Leprosy is a horrible disease that eats away at a person's body until they die. It was pretty amazing for those people when Jesus just told them to go and show themselves to the priests and they realized that they were cured!



But then something interesting happened. Only one of the ten who had been cured came back to say 'Thank you' to Jesus. Do you think that the other nine were not happy that they were better? Why do you think they didn't come back to thank Jesus?

**THANK YOU FOR
LETTING ME
RECEIVE YOU!**



Now think about your life. You've probably never had a disease like leprosy, but God has still done amazing things for you. He made you and gave you everything you need to live. He gave you your friends and family, and most especially He gives Himself to us in the Mass and at Holy Communion.

Do you remember to say 'Thank you' to God?

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

Retreat Centers in Southern Alberta

AN "OASIS" IN THE HEART OF CALGARY

FCJ Retreat & Conference Centre is seen by many as a spiritual home where God feels very present both in the building and the surrounding landscape, and every year welcomes thousands of visitors to a unique experience of warm hospitality and deep spirituality.

Our hope is that those who come to the FCJ Centre will encounter God, whether in prayer, in the Word, in the silence and the beauty; and that this encounter will touch many other lives too.



Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre is nestled in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains where are all welcome in the name of Christ. The Franciscan Friars of Canada, inspired by the vision and example of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi, have served here since 1949.

We offer silent retreats and spiritual direction. We also serve those in the 12 Step Program through weekend and evening Serenity retreats. We listen to 5th steps. We host groups and individuals seeking a place of quiet and stillness in an often-hectic world. We can accommodate up to 50 people (46 rooms/50 beds). We have one large and one small meeting room, a library and chapel. We can accommodate most dietary restrictions. There are approximately 500 acres to explore.

Our retreats are organized through a group of dedicated volunteer Captains that oversee the registration. Please see our retreats page for more information.

We have strong ties with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary; other Christian Churches, schools, and organizations; as well as others not affiliated with any particular faith but who are in accord with our mission of peace, healing and prayer. We value the many loyal friends and benefactors that have supported us in our ministry for over 70 years.



Martha Retreat Centre, situated on the edge of the beautiful Lethbridge coulees, is a ministry of the Martha Retreat Centre Society, which was established in 2018. Originally founded by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Martha of Antigonish, Nova Scotia in 1968, the Centre continues to be supported by and aligned with the mission of the Sisters of St. Martha: inspired by God's graciousness, we strive to hear, embrace and respond to the cry for gospel hospitality.





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.