



# Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

OCTOBER 30, 2022 – THE 31<sup>ST</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wisdom 11.22-12.1

You are merciful to all, for you love all things that exist.

Responsorial Psalm: 145.1-2,8-11,13cd-14 (R. 1b)

R. I will bless your name forever, my King and my God.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1.11-2.2

May the name of our Lord Jesus Christ be glorified in you,  
and you in him.

Gospel: Luke 19.1-10

The Son of Man came to seek out and save the lost.

## Whom Does Jesus Seek?

The short of stature Zacchaeus runs ahead, climbs a tree, and  
seeks Jesus as he passes by. But Jesus stops, seeks  
Zacchaeus out, and invites himself to dinner. This story, as is  
all of the gospel, is about us, too. In our seeking Jesus, we  
discover he has been seeking us. All. The. Time.

- † Why does Jesus want to stay with me?
- † How does his invitation to stay with me urge me to  
change some behaviors?
- † How does all of this help me to be more generous?  
What mercy work will I do this week?

## All Saints' Day, November 1st

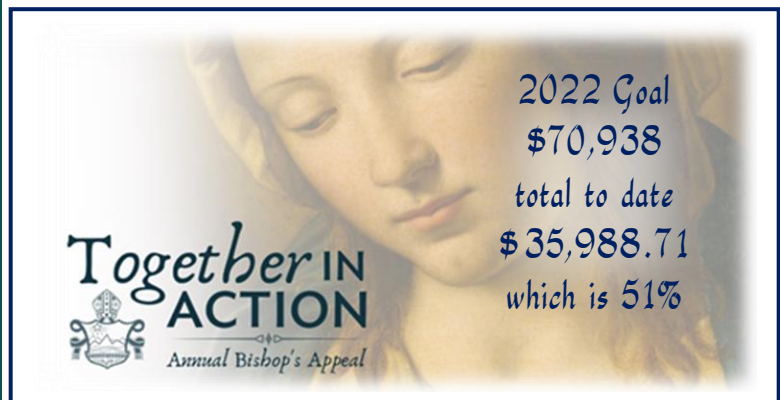
All Saints' Day is a celebration of all  
Christian saints, particularly those who  
have no special feast days of their own.

## All Souls' Day, November 2nd

All Souls' Day is a day of prayer and  
remembrance for the faithful departed.

## October 30, 2022 – The 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time


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
<b>Budget Vs Actual</b>	<b>-\$ 9,199</b>
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  
\$35,988.71

which is 51%



### Mark Your Calendars

- October 29 ~ 7:30am HFP Hall  
That Man is You ~ Breakfast & Presentation
- October 29 ~ 7:00Pm HFP Hall  
Faith & Family Kick Off Meeting & Pumpkin Carving
- October 31 ~ 6:30pm Chapel  
Prayer & Praise
- November 1 ~ 9:45am ~ Faith Room  
You Be You Fitness with MJ Rath
- November 1, ~ 6:30pm Church  
Monthly Healing Mass
- November 2, ~ 6:30pm Church  
"All Soul's Day" Memorial Mass
- November 2 ~ 7:00pm Faith Room  
R C J A
- November 3 ~ 6:00pm Hope Room  
Grief Share
- November 5 ~ 7:30am HFP Hall  
That Man is You ~ Breakfast & Presentation
- November 6, 2022 ~ HFP Hall  
CWL Fall Supper
- November 8, ~ 6:30pm Church  
"Mass of the Angels" Memorial Mass

### † Mass Intentions †

Saturday, October 29

5:00pm ~ Family

Sunday, October 30

8:30am ~ Holy Family Parish

10:30am ~ Sui Lung Wong †

6:00pm ~ The Sehn Kids

Monday, October 31

9:00am ~ Patrick Oliver O'Reilly †

Tuesday, November 1

9:00am ~ Haley Stewart

6:30pm ~ Healing Mass

Wednesday, November 2

9:00am ~ Maria Gladys Caro †

6:30pm ~ All Souls Day Mass

Thursday, November 3

9:00am ~ Italo Dal Molin †

Friday, November 4

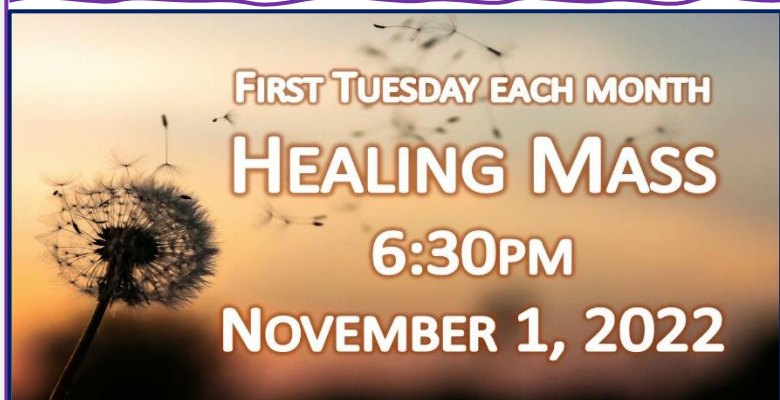
9:00am ~ George & Felicia Bischoff & Deceased  
Family †

FIRST TUESDAY EACH MONTH

# HEALING MASS

6:30PM

## NOVEMBER 1, 2022







## Sacramental Preparation

**Confirmation Class - HFP Faith Rm**

**Thursday, November 17 at 6:00pm**

**1st Reconciliation Parents - HFP Hall**

**Thursday, November 17 at 6:30pm**

**1st Reconciliation Class - HFP Faith Rm**

**Sunday, November 20 at 10:15am**

**Confirmation Parents - HFP Hall**

**Thursday, November 26 at 10:00am**

GriefShare



**Are you or someone you know grieving the loss of a loved one.**

**Thursdays at 6:00 PM in the Hope Room.**

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



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup> @ 7:00PM**

**FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT**

**KICKOFF MEETING**

**& PUMPKIN CARVING**

**THAT MAN IS YOU!**

**Holy Family Parish Hall**

**Breakfast 7:30am**

**Presentation**

**8:30 – 9:30 am**

**November 5, 2022**

**Theme:**

**Gluttony: The Modern Binge**

**Presenter:**

**Steve Bollman**

**TMiY**  
THAT MAN IS YOU!



**Upcoming Dates to Save**

**November 13 – 2:00 – 4:00pm**

**November 27 2:00 - 4:00pm**

**BRING THE  
WHOLE FAMILY**

**PRAYER  
& Praise**

**Mondays at 6:30pm**

**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.**



**Holy Family Parish Fall Supper**  
**Sunday, Nov 6, 5 PM**

**Adults \$15.00**

**Kids 7-12 \$5.00**

**6 & under Free!**

**Beef on a Bun**



**Tickets available before and after weekend masses until Oct 30<sup>th</sup> & at the office weekdays. Limited tickets of 250**

**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**



WILL BE  
LIVESTREAMED

Please join us for

# All Souls Day Mass

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

Lighting Candles and Laying Flowers 6:30pm

Mass at 7:00pm

&

Stay for  
Fellowship  
after Masses

## Mass of the Angels



Tuesday, November 8, 2022

Mass 6:30pm

Bring live flowers in remembrance.

## 12 Hour Adoration

Friday

November 4, 2022

9:30am – 9:30pm



The Eucharist  
bathes the  
tormented soul in  
light and love. Then  
the soul appreciates  
these words 'come  
all you who are sick,  
I will restore your  
health'.

All parishioners welcome and encouraged to attend

The Parish needs 12 people to  
sign up for this to be  
successful, please sign in the  
foyer for a one-hour slot. All  
parishioners are welcome.

We have had to lock our 2 garbage bins. Unfortunately, unknown person/persons are filling our bins with their own garbage. Please see Don Shaw our caretaker for key, location and kindly take the time to place garbage bags in the bins, it will reduce the workload and thank you for your cooperation. Pat Ries, Maintenance Chair



## You You Fitness

Tuesday's 9:45 to 11:00 AM in the Faith Room

Drop-in \$5.00 per session

Bring your own towel & water bottle.

Wear comfortable clothes and footwear.

A safe non-judgmental space!

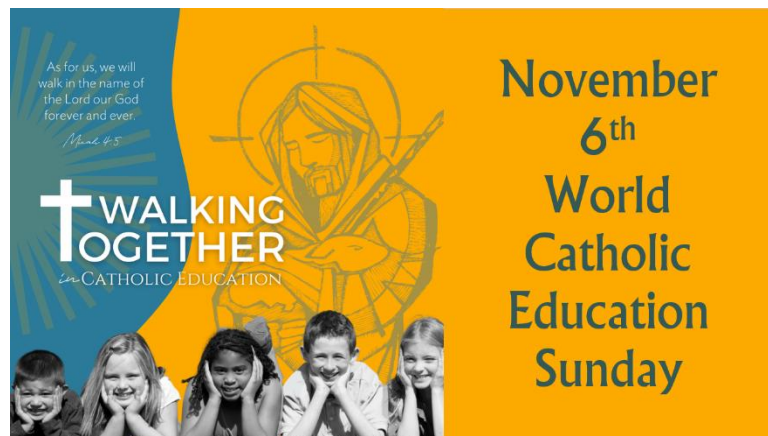
Facilitator is MJ Rath with SK8TREE COACHING

Society of St. Vincent de Paul is so very grateful for your prayers and financial support. Without you we could not assist the people in dire need who live in our midst. We are happy to accept E-transfers to our organization at:

[ssvpmedhat@gmail.com](mailto:ssvpmedhat@gmail.com).

Tax receipts will be issued for donations if requested.

May God bless you for sharing with your neighbours.



## Text/Web Chat Service Expansion + Family Violence Prevention Month

Dear Community Partners,

The Medicine Hat Women's Shelter Society is excited to announce that we are expanding our text line and web chat services to be available 24/7 starting this November 1st.

This will mean that anyone can text 587-850-5885 or visit [www.mhwss.ca](http://www.mhwss.ca) to connect with a MHWSS Crisis Intervention Worker at any time - a change from our current hours which are 7AM-11PM daily. As always, our help line is available 24/7 by calling 403-529-1091 or 1-800-661-7949. November also marks the start of Family Violence Prevention Month in Alberta. MHWSS has collaborated with a number of community partners to host a range of events and activities that we hope you can be a part of. This includes:

- 8th Annual Memorial Walk - Nov. 1st @ 2PM, City Hall. Join us as we walk through downtown Medicine Hat and put up purple ribbons to honour those impacted by Family Violence.
- Webinar Series: These free webinars include presentations by MHWSS and community agencies, with a focus on family violence and building a safer and inclusive community for all. For information on sessions and to register, visit <https://www.mhwss.ca/fvpm2022-webinars/>
- Annual Pet Walk - Sunday November 13th @1PM – Kin Coulee toboggan Hill. Our annual Pet Walk celebrates our Pet Safekeeping partnership with the Medicine Hat SPCA.
- Community Displays: Such as our Silent Witness Display at the Medicine Hat Public Library, and Elder Abuse display at the Veiner Centre
- Our #IWearPurpleBecause ad campaign will run again this year on the radio, and on social media. You can participate by printing off a blank #IWearPurpleBecause sign to fill out, snap a picture with, and then share on social media their reason. Signs are available for download by clicking [here](#). A complete and up-to-date list of all FVPM events and activities is available at our website. We are always thankful for any promotion you can provide for these events - so have made posters and promotional material available for download [here](#).

If you have any questions, or wish to have updated posters, brochures or other materials for our 24/7 Support Services or Family Violence Prevention Month, please connect with our Community Education & Awareness Coordinator, Peggy Revell, at [peggyr@mhwss.ca](mailto:peggyr@mhwss.ca) or by calling 403-527-8223.

Connect with us





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.



### St. Patrick's Fall Supper Sunday, October 30, 2022

4:00 pm and 6:00 pm sittings  
6 & under free, 7 to 12 - \$5.00, 13 & over \$15.

Tickets still available until Oct. 27 at  
St. Patrick's Church Office.  
Thank you for your support.

### Next People of Praise Live-In Date: November 25 – 27<sup>th</sup> 2022

1<sup>st</sup> Back up mtg: Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>

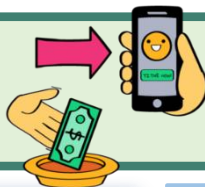
2<sup>nd</sup> Back up mtg: Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Back up Mtg: Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>

Location: St. Joseph's School, Coaldale



## E-Transfer Donations



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The Password is: Liv3HFP\*



[Sunday 10:30am Mass on YOUTUBE](#)  
[Medicine Hat Holy Family Church Live Stream](#)

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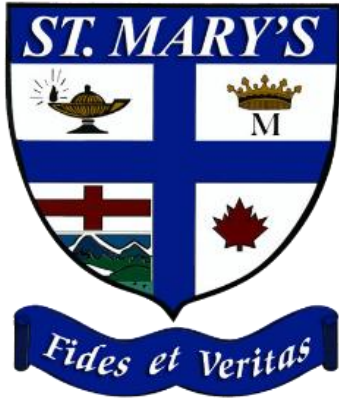


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# St. Mary's School's Report



St. Mary's School is off to a great start this school year. We offer grades 7 - 9 in both French and English. Students also have the opportunity to register for our Fine Arts Academy where they participate in Band, Choral, Drama, Art, and Dance. We are pleased to share that this year's musical is Frozen Junior and will be performed at the Esplanade Theater in March. We would love to see many members of our Catholic community out to support our students. We are very proud of our many clubs and teams at our school. This year we have 6 volleyball teams, over 30 students participating on our football team, a Cross Country team, our new Archery team, and an Art and Games club. We're looking forward to Basketball, Badminton, and Track and Field seasons which are all just around the corner. We are very proud of all our student participation and thank all our staff for providing an exceptional experience for our students. We would like to thank all the parishioners of St. Patrick's and Holy Family Parishes for their continuous support, and we hope our relationships will continue to grow.

## Ecole St. John Paul II School's Report



École St. John Paul II School is the newest of all Catholic schools in the Division. We opened our doors in August of 2017. This is our 5th year. The school building is located in Southlands (across from Masterpiece Southland Meadows Retirement). We have 300 students registered at the school in ELP (Early Learning Program), Kindergarten and Grade 1-6, as well as 30 staff members. Our school has two tracks of learning for parents to choose from - English or French Immersion. On Friday, October 21, the staff, and students at École St. John Paul II School gathered in the Learning Commons area to celebrate the official unveiling of our new statues of St. John Paul II and Mary, Our Lady of Fatima (the day before the Feast Day of École St. John Paul II, which is celebrated each year on October 22). Fr. Iqbal and Deacon Robert Risling came to lead a liturgy and the blessing of these statues. This was a very joyous occasion for all gathered. Many of you may have forgotten, but the parishioners of Holy Family Parish collected funds (in large part) for 3 years prior to the construction of École St. John Paul II School. Without your generosity, the acquisition of these beautiful statues would not have been possible. Thank you very much from the bottom of our hearts for your continuous generosity and support towards our school.





3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

October 30, 2022

## REJECTED IS ACCEPTED

St. Clement I, pope and martyr while writing to the Corinthians, encouraged us to unite ourselves with the Lord and believe that he is going to accept us even if we are rejected by others. "Let us put on the unity of mind, thinking humble thoughts, exercising self-control, keeping ourselves far from all backbiting and slander, being righteous in deed, and not in word only. Scripture says: He who says much hears much in his own turn. Or does the easy talker think that he is righteous? It is our duty then to be eager to do good, for everything is from God. He warns us: See, the Lord is coming, and the reward he brings is before him, for paying each according to his work. He urges us, who believe in him with all our heart, not to be idle or careless in any good work. Our boasting and our confidence must rest on him. Let us be subject to his will. Let us look carefully at the whole host of his angels; they stand ready and serve his will. Scripture says: Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him, and a thousand, thousand served him, and cried out: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole creation is full of his glory. We, too, dutifully gathered in unity of mind, should cry out to him continuously as with one voice to share in his great and glorious promises. It is written; Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, man's heart has not conceived, what great things have been prepared for those who wait for him".

He continues to encourage us "Beloved, how blessed, how wonderful, are God's gifts! Life with immortality, glory with righteousness, truth with confidence, self-control with holiness: all these are the gifts that fall within our understanding. What then are those gifts that are in store for those who wait for him? Only the most holy Creator and Father of the ages knows their greatness and their splendor. We should then strive with the greatest zeal to be found among the number of those who await him, so that we may share in the promised gifts. How will this be, beloved? If our mind is fixed on God through faith, if we are diligent in seeking what is pleasing and acceptable to him, if we fulfill what is according to his blameless will and follow the way of truth, casting away from ourselves all that is unholy".

Here is an interesting story of a Desert Father Macarius (St. Macarius) who was rejected by people, but God approved him to be innocent and guiltless. He himself shares his story. "When I was a young man, and living in my cell in Egypt, they caught me, and made me a cleric in a village. Because I did not want to minister, I fled to another place. A man of the world, but of a devout life, came to help me, and took what I made with my hands and ministered to my needs. It happened that a girl of the village was tempted by the devil and seduced. When she was seen to be pregnant, she was asked who the father of the child was, and she said, 'It was this hermit who slept with me.' They came out, arrested me, and brought me back to the village; they hung dirty pots and jug handles on my neck, and made me walk round the village, beating me as I went, and saying, 'This monk has seduced our girl. Away with him, away with him.' They beat me until I was almost dead, but another hermit came and said, 'How long



have you been beating that stranger monk?' The man who used to minister to my needs followed behind, much ashamed, and they heaped insults on him, saying, 'You supported this hermit, and look what he has done.' The parents of the girl said that they would not let me go unless I found someone to guarantee her support. I spoke to the man who used to minister to me and asked him to be my guarantor, and he gave a pledge on my behalf. I went back to my cell, and I gave him all the baskets I had, and said, 'Sell them, and give my wife some food.' Then I said to myself, 'Macarius, since you have found a wife for yourself, you need to work much harder to support her.' So, I worked night and day and passed on to her the money that I made. When it was time for the unfortunate girl to bear the child, she spent many days in labour, and still did not produce the baby. They said to her, 'What's the matter?' She said, 'I know why I am in agony so long.' Her parents asked her why. She said, 'I accused that hermit falsely, for he had nothing to do with it; the father is a young man named so-and-so.' The man who ministered to me heard this, and came to me with joy saying, 'The girl could not bear her child, until she confessed that you had nothing to do with it and that she had told lies about you. Look, all the villagers want to come to your cell and glorify God and ask your pardon.' When I heard this, I did not want them to trouble me, so I rose and fled here to Scetis.

I guess we too face rejection in our lives everyday either based on religion, colour, race, and language etc. but our Christian discipleship unites us as one in the Lord (Please read Acts 4:32-35). People are trying to build either walls or bridges to accept or to reject others. The First Reading helps us to understand that our rejection is nothing before the Lord because "The whole world before you, O Lord, is like a speck that tips the scales, and like a drop of morning dew that falls on the ground". Although our life is nothing from the Lord, but he is merciful to all, and he loves us all. St. Paul rightly says, "even if we deny him, he will deny us and if we become unfaithful to him, but he remains faithful because he can not deny himself".

In the Gospel today we have a very interesting story of Zacchaeus who is rich and chief tax collector, but he is missing something in spite of having all riches of the world and that was Jesus. Let me share with you about the situation of the tax collectors before I reflect on the Gospel today. During the time of Jesus, Israel was divided into various territories that were governed by the descendants of Herod the Great, but Judea was an Imperial territory governed by a Roman procurator and the taxes were very high there. Wealthy Jews would bid for the position of tax collector and get even more rich by adding a substantial fee above whatever was owed. The religious leaders especially despised the tax collectors, and they were considered unclean because of their contact with Romans. Their testimonies were rejected in court, and they were not redeemable under the law of Moses. When Jesus made friends with the tax collectors his ministry was immediately under suspect because the Pharisees hated the tax collectors and sinners, they thought that Jesus should follow them as well. The fact that Jesus sat and ate with what was considered the dregs of society was an act of grace that the Pharisees could not comprehend. However, Jesus kept showing mirror to the Pharisees and Scribes of their contradiction to the teaching of Law & Prophets. In the stories of Good Samaritan, Samaritan Woman and the Samaritan Leper are perfect examples of God's acceptance towards rejection of these people.

Today's Gospel is the answer to how Jesus treated the tax collector and sinner. Christ had mercy upon the tax collector and sinners, and He always received them because that was why He came, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost". As Scripture tells us, "God does not show favoritism" (Acts 10:34). Therefore, Jesus treated the tax collector and the sinner in the same way, with grace.

Today's Gospel places us in the footsteps of Jesus Who, on His way to Jerusalem, stopped in Jericho. There was a great crowd to welcome Him, including a man named Zacchaeus, the head of the "tax collector". He was the least likely man to be saved that day. He was a well-known sinner. Not only did he have the reputation of a sinner because of his trade, he was the leader of the Tax Collectors...leader of the sinners. For some reason, which is beyond human understanding, he wanted to see Jesus. Perhaps he lay awake all night thinking about his life and wondering if this is all there is. Perhaps he thought, *I'm very successful and very wealthy but I still have this empty feeling inside and I know there must be more.* Perhaps he'd heard something about Jesus. What were some hindrances he had in seeing Jesus? He was small and the crowd large. He was short and could not see

over the people. However, being determined to see Jesus he runs up ahead where the crowd had not yet formed and climbed up into a sycamore tree. There were other things working against this man as well. He was rich. Jesus had already stated the impossibility of a rich man entering the Kingdom of God. He was a sinner. Both these characteristics worked against him as far as seeing Jesus. God had been working in this man's heart because sinners do not on their own accord seek Christ. (Please read Romans 3: 1-20).

He was curious. And being short in stature, "to see him" he climbs up a tree. When Jesus comes close, he looks up and sees Him. And this is important: the first glance is not from Zacchaeus, but from Jesus, who among the many faces that surrounded Him – the crowd – seeks precisely that one. The merciful gaze of the Lord reaches us before we realize that we need it to be saved. And with this gaze of the divine Master there begins the miracle of the conversion of the sinner. Indeed, Jesus calls to him, and He calls him by his name: "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today". He does not reproach him, He does not deliver a "sermon" to him; He tells him that he must go to Him: "he must", because it is the will of the Father. Despite the murmuring of the people, Jesus chose to stay at the home of that public sinner. We too would have been scandalized by this behaviour of Jesus. But contempt for and rejection of the sinner only isolate him and cause him to harden in the evil he commits against himself and the community. Instead, God condemns sin, but tries to save the sinner; He goes looking for him to bring him back on the right path. Those who have never felt they are sought by God's mercy find it difficult to grasp the extraordinary greatness of the gestures and words with which Jesus approaches Zacchaeus. (Please read Ezekiel 33:1-12).

Jesus' acceptance and attention to him lead him to a clear change of mentality: in just a moment he realized how petty life is when it revolves around money, at the cost of stealing from others and receiving their contempt. Having the Lord there, in his house, makes him see everything with different eyes, even with a little of the tenderness with which Jesus looked at him. And his way of seeing and using money also changes: the gesture of grabbing is replaced by that of giving. Indeed, he decides to give half of what he possesses to the poor and to return four times the sum to those from whom he has stolen. Zacchaeus discovers from Jesus that it is possible to love gratuitously: until this moment he was mean, but now he becomes generous; he had a taste for amassing wealth, now he rejoices in distributing. By encountering Love, by discovering that he is loved despite his sins, he becomes capable of loving others, making money a sign of solidarity and communion.

Do we long to see Jesus despite the negativity of the Society about Jesus? His confession "if he has taken more than..." made him win the favour of Jesus "Today salvation has come to his house..." Do we have the courage to confess ourselves to the Lord to gain his redemption who died on the Cross for our sins? Finally, Zacchaeus's desire to see Jesus and his confession made Jesus to reveal the core purpose of his coming to the world "For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost". In our rejection by the world, there is acceptance of the Lord.

There was a singer who put everybody to sleep when he sang. As soon as he began to sing, his audience would fall asleep. They would wake up hours later when the power of his singing had worn off. Some said that he was such an excellent singer that he put everyone's soul to sleep. Others said that he was such a horrible singer that people slept rather than listen to him. So, there were two schools of thought about the singer. One deeply appreciated his musical talent; the other did not appreciate him at all. But they all went to hear him sing.

One day, two burglars came to the singer and said, "You are such a great singer. We want to hire you. If we give you a lot of money, will you sing at a particular place?" The singer said, "Of course! If you pay me, I'll sing. I don't trust you, but if you give me the money beforehand, then I'll go wherever you want me to."

The two burglars gave the singer the promised sum of money and asked him to follow them. They brought him in front of a small bank and asked him to sing there. It was early evening, and there was only one guard watching this bank. As soon as the singer started singing, the guard fell asleep. Then the two burglars entered the bank and began collecting all the money.

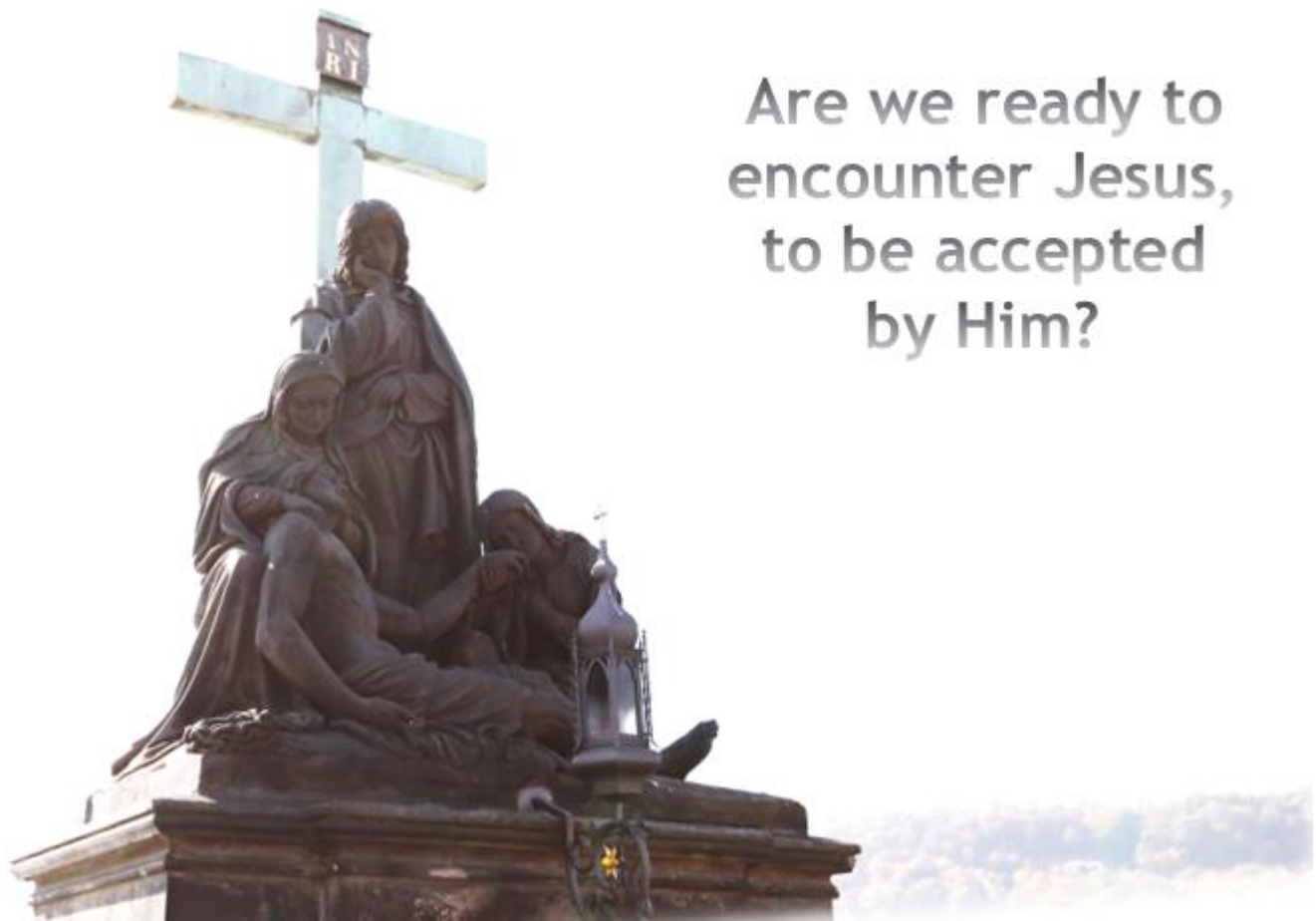
After a while the singer stopped singing because the guard was fast asleep. He thought, "There is nobody to listen. This man doesn't like my music." For a long time the singer waited for the burglars to



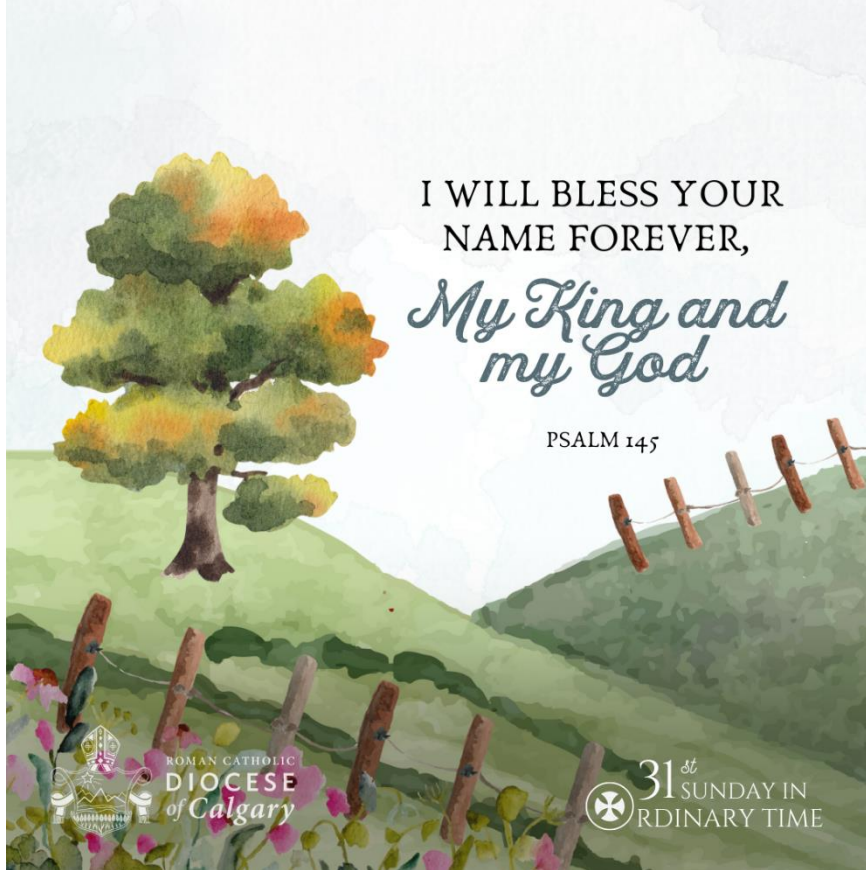
come out of the bank. Finally, he went inside and told them, "You've already given me my money. I'm leaving."

The burglars, greedily stuffing their pockets, said, "Go ahead," and they thanked him profusely. As the singer was about to leave, suddenly he got the inspiration to start singing. Immediately both burglars fell asleep. In the meantime, the guard who was outside woke up since he was not in earshot of the singing. When the guard saw the singer coming out of the bank, he said, "What were you doing inside the bank? What's going on in there?" The singer said, "I don't know," and he ran away. When the guard went inside, he found the two burglars sleeping and he caught them.

Are we ready to encounter Jesus, to be accepted by Him?



# 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Kid's challenge this week:

Ponder why it would be frustrating to purchase a video game that never allows you to play again if you lost the first time. Second chances do encourage us to try harder to improve upon our previous attempts. The story of Zaccheus reminds us of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. God forgives our sins and gives us opportunities to improve upon our previous attempts to follow Jesus. Is it time for you to plan your next Confession? (Loyola Press)

- [Colouring page this Sunday](#)
- [Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday](#)
- [Sunday Connection - 31st 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)

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[Sunday Connection](#)

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

Full schedule of Parish Livestream Masses:  
<https://www.catholiccyyc.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](#)

## Resources

- [Sacraments & Liturgies](#)
- [Spiritual Resources](#)
- [Sacrament Preparation](#)
- [Online Formation Opportunities](#)



## Other Resources & Events

### 1. Dinner with Mike MacDonald

Let's have supper together with Mike MacDonald and talk about Mission Mexico - **Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022**, at 6 pm at Tu Tierra Mexican Restaurant (8995 Bonaventure Drive SE, Calgary). Since Mission Mexico is a charitable program, we kindly ask that each **pay for their own meal**. RSVP by November 9 to Cristina Marcil at [cristina.marcil@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:cristina.marcil@calgarydiocese.ca)

### 2. Red Wednesday is on Nov. 16 this year

Red Wednesday is a day to remember persecuted Christians all over the world through our prayer and gestures of solidarity and remembrance. What will you or your parish do this year to mark this day for persecuted Christians? Please [consider these activities](#).

### 3. Catholic Education Sunday on Nov. 5/6 Weekend

Join us in celebrating Catholic Education Sunday on November 5 & 6, 2022. Let us unite with our community to support and give thanks for Catholic education in Alberta. Your dedicated donation will provide enhanced learning opportunities for Calgary and area Catholic students. For more information, please visit [theccef.ca](http://theccef.ca) | Download [Poster](#) | [One-page insert](#) for Bulletin | web/social media [graphic](#)

### 4. Coming to Cinemas: Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

"Mother Teresa: No Greater Love", the newest documentary film from the Knights of Columbus, will be premiered in Calgary Landmark theatres (16, 10) this Nov. 2 & 3. The documentary was released to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Mother Teresa's passing. For more information, visit [motherteresamovie.com](http://motherteresamovie.com)

### 5. The secret of St. Martin de Porres (Feast Day Nov. 3)

Often when we read the lives of the saints, we do so trying to find the secret of their holiness. If we could only find what it was that made them a saint, maybe we could imitate them and become saints ourselves. During the canonization ceremony, St. John XXIII shared the simple secret to St. Martin's saintliness. [Read more](#)

### 6. St. Charles Borromeo (Feast Day Nov. 4)

St. Charles' story of sanctity and his great "yes" to the call of Christ involves elements of the classic tale of heroism: a voluntary rejection of great privilege, wealth, and worldly notoriety in order to serve God. And yet, this was not the heart of his sainthood. [Read more](#)

### 7. Special Topics in Evangelization and Catechesis Webinar

The CCCB Office for Evangelization and Catechesis will offer a webinar from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm MT on **Nov. 1** with speaker: Dr. Catherine Clifford. Theme: "Listeners on the Synodal Way". [Register here](#) | [Download Poster](#) (PDF) | [PNG](#)

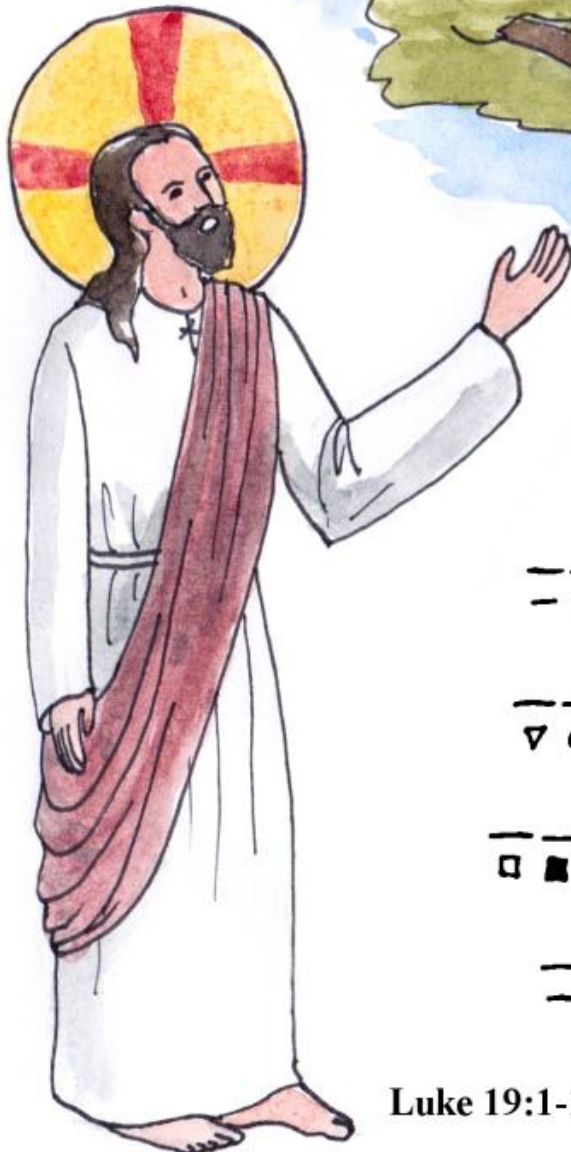
### 8. October/November 2022 Calendar Highlights

- **Nov 1 & 2** | [Feasts of All Saints and All Souls - Resources](#)
- **Nov 5** | [Dinner & Auction for Sacred Heart Church, Strathmore](#)
- **Nov 5** | [Resourcing churches for ministering well in this next season](#)
- **Nov. 8** | [Grandparents' Online Faith Cafe](#)
- **Nov. 10-13** | [Come and see the life of the Franciscans](#)
- **Nov 11** | [Live-In Retreat](#)
- **Nov 12** | [Love More 5.0 Benefit Concert for Retired Priests](#)
- **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' Church, Okotoks
- **Nov 22** | [Pastoral Care: Accompanying in Conflict and Complicated Situations](#) at St. Martha, Lethbridge
- **Nov 25** | [Marriage Preparation](#) at Ascension Catholic Parish, Calgary
- **Nov 25-27** | [Live-In Retreat in Coaldale, AB](#)
- To **submit your parish/lay association events** - go to [catholiccyyc.ca/news](http://catholiccyyc.ca/news) and click "Add Event"

# The Kids' Bulletin

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 30th, 2022

*What did Jesus  
say to the man  
in the tree?  
Use the code  
to find out!*



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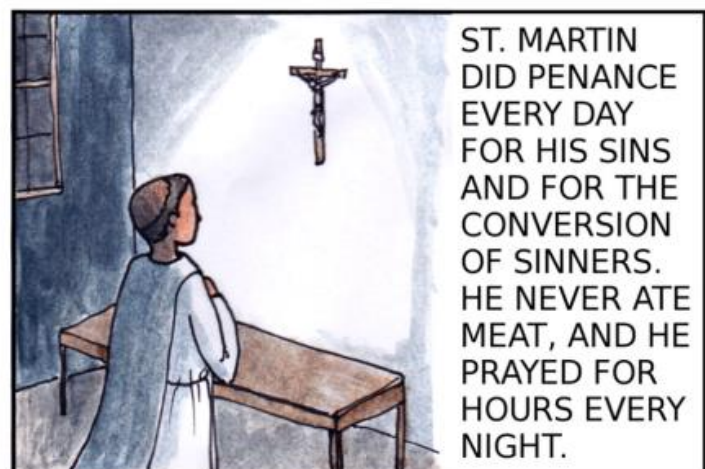
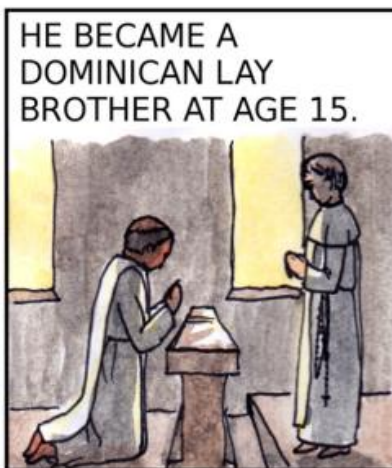
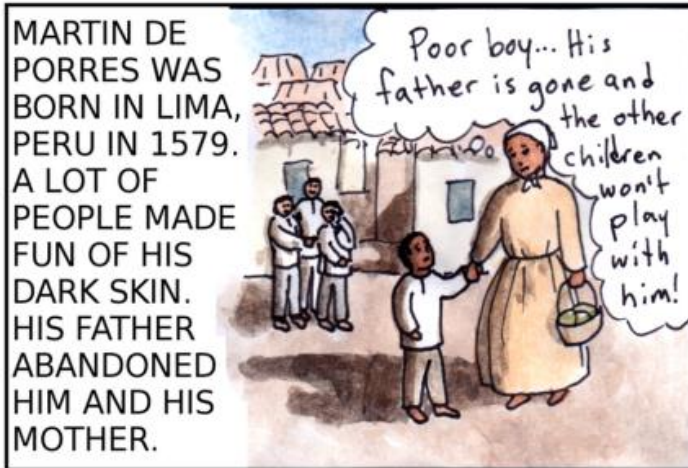
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# Saint Martin De Porres

## November 3



SAINT MARTIN DIED WHEN HE WAS 60. HE HAD BEEN KIND AND LOVING TO EVERYONE EVEN THOUGH HE HAD BEEN BULLIED AS A CHILD. BY THE TIME HE DIED EVERYONE KNEW THAT HE WAS A SAINT. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TREATED BADLY? SHOULD THAT STOP YOU FROM BEING A LOVING PERSON TO OTHERS?

# All Saints Word-Find

The Feast of All Saints is November 1st.

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*This list has the names of just some of the many saints in heaven. Do you have a saint name? If you don't, maybe you can become the first saint with your name!*

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BERNADETTE

CATHERINE

DOMINIC

ELIZABETH

FRANCIS

GEMMA

HENRY

ISAAC

JAMES

JOHN

JUSTIN

KATERI

LIDWINA

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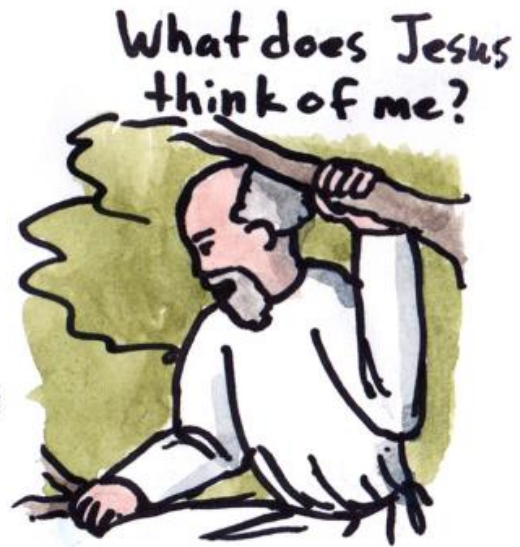
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*I want to*    \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ *!*



# Does Jesus Want To Forgive Your Sins?

In today's Gospel reading, we hear about a tax collector, Zacchaeus, who was curious about Jesus. Jesus saw that this was a chance for him to turn from his evil ways, so He called him down from his perch in the tree and said He was going to visit him at his house.



Some people were shocked that Jesus went to a sinner's house, but Jesus told them that He had come to save the people who were lost in sin. Zacchaeus was sorry for his sins and promised to pay everyone back for what he had stolen.

Have you ever felt really bad because of something you did? What do you think Jesus would say to you if you were sorry for it? Do you think that there is any sin that Jesus can't forgive? Well there isn't! Jesus came to save us from our sins!



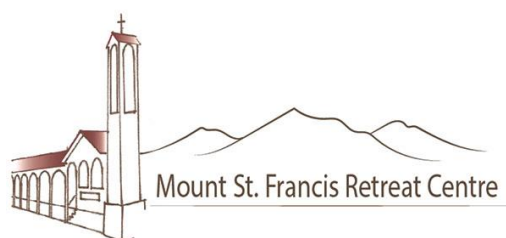
Answer to front: Zacchaeus, hurry and come down.  
I must stay at your house today.  
Answer to word-find: BE A SAINT!

# 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.





# 2022 Advent @ Mount St. Francis

TAKE A MOMENT IN THE SEASON

More and more the **Season of Advent** is swept up into the hype of a busy Christmas. The gift of the season is one of preparation, of reflection, of taking time to pause so as to enter into the celebrations and demands with a heart orientated toward the Light. At **Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre**, we provide space for you to come and be: for **prayer**, for **peace** and for **healing** during this sacred season. We invite you to register for any of these Advent Retreats by contacting Deb at 403-932-2012 [mtfrancis@shaw.ca](mailto:mtfrancis@shaw.ca) Monday-Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

## **Weekend Retreat – “Advent Hope: Life Worth Living”**

**December 2 - 4                      \$215**

with Friar Joshua and Friar Michael

Our world continues to be bombarded with messages faster and louder. How many speak of hope? How many speak of the gift of life?

Advent gives us a chance to recalibrate and align our living in hope and life-giving ways.

Register with **Linda and Russ Nicol** 403-932-1804  
[lindamnicol50@gmail.com](mailto:lindamnicol50@gmail.com)

## **At A Glance**

**December 2 - 4  
Advent Retreat  
“Advent Hope:  
Life Worth Living”**

**December 6  
Advent Twilight Retreat  
“An Evening with St. Nicholas”**

**December 7  
Advent Day Away  
“Pregnant with the Divine”**

**December 9 - 11  
Winter Stillness Retreat**

**December 11  
Greccio: A St. Francis  
Christmas Pageant**



## Twilight Retreat – “An Evening with St. Nicholas”

Tuesday, December 6

\$30 each

\$15 youth ages 12-17

Registration at 6:00 pm    Supper at 6:30 pm

Enjoy a hearty homecooked meal followed by a guided reflection, time for quiet and moments of shared prayer.

Consider attending as a family (ages 12+)

Consider gifting this Twilight Retreat to a friend or family member.



## Day Away – “Pregnant with the Divine”

Wednesday, December 7

\$30

Registration 8:40 am

The day begins with homemade muffins, includes a reflection, time for quiet, Eucharist, a home-cooked noon meal, prayer prompts and closing ritual.

Consider gifting this Day Retreat to a friend or family member.

## Winter Stillness Retreat

Friday, December 9 – Sunday, December 11

\$215

A quiet weekend, the perfect gift in a busy season. Come and rest. Delicious meals to nourish your body, liturgical prayer to nourish your heart, quiet and nature to nourish your soul.



## The Joy of Greccio: A St. Francis Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 11

St. Francis of Assisi began the popular tradition of re-enacting the Christmas story in Greccio, Italy. Mount St. Francis has held the Greccio Christmas pageant since 2006. We are excited to welcome you back for this in person outdoor pageant.

**2:15 pm - 5:00 pm - Snacks and Hot Chocolate**

**Pageant at 4:15 pm**

**Accepting non-perishable food  
and cash donations for the Cochrane Food Bank.**



# 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 @holyfamilymh.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@holyfamilymh.ca](mailto:contact@holyfamilymh.ca) so it can be sent to the diocese.**