



# Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

NOVEMBER 6, 2022 – THE 32<sup>ND</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.



## What Is This Resurrection?

The Bible readings have something to say about faithfulness. The brothers Maccabees remain faithful to the Lord even while facing torture and death. Saint Paul tells the Thessalonians – and us – God is faithful and, thus, be faithful in return. In conversation with the Sadducees, Jesus says that as important as this life is, resurrected life is more so and will be much more than we imagine.

- † How will I be faithful this week?
- † To whom will I be faithful?
- † How will I keep my focus on resurrected life and not let prosperity of this life get in the way?

## Sunday's Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Maccabees 7.1-2,7,9-14++

The King of the universe will raise up to a resurrection of eternal life.

Responsorial Psalm: 17.1,5-6,8+15 (R. 15b)

R. I shall be satisfied, Lord, when I awake and behold your likeness.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Thessalonians 12.16-3.5

May the Lord strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.

Gospel: Luke 20.27-38

He is not God of the dead, but God of the living.


Come, Let us go to the  
House of the Lord



Feast of the Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica  
November 9

## November 6, 2022 – The 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

OPERATING FINANCES	
OCTOBER 1-31, 2022	
Operating Budget 2022	\$ 59,708
General Envelope Collection	\$ 47,216
Loose Collections	\$ 3,236
Future Development	\$ 3,277
Sale of Church Supplies & Other	\$ 4,016
<b>Budget Vs Actual</b>	<b>-\$ 1,963</b>
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 3,654
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 3,270
Clergy Retirement	\$ 25
Mission Mexico	\$ 215
CARO	\$ 100
Seminary Fund	\$ 65
Needs of Cdn Church	\$ 175
Ukraine Relief YTD	\$ 22,126
<i>Thank You for your Generous Contributions</i>	
Average Weekly Attendance	812



2022 Goal  
\$70,938

total to date  
\$37,569.88

which is 53%

Mark Your Calendars

November 5 ~ 7:30am HFP Hall  
That Man is You - Breakfast & Presentation

November 6, 2022 ~ HFP Hall  
CWE Fall Supper

November 7 ~ 1:00pm Hope Room  
CWE Executive Meeting

November 7 ~ 6:30pm Chapel  
Prayer & Praise

November 7 ~ 6:30pm Faith Room  
Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting

November 8 ~ 9:45am ~ Faith Room  
You Be You Fitness with MJ Rath

November 8 ~ 6:00pm ~ Faith Room  
CWE General Meeting

November 8, ~ 6:30pm Church  
"Mass of the Angels" Memorial Mass

November 9 ~ 9:30am Faith Room  
Bible Study

November 9 ~ 7:00pm Faith Room  
R C I A

November 10 ~ 2:00pm Hope Room  
Grief Share

November 11 ~ 6:30pm Candles & Flowers 7:00 Mass  
CWE Memorial Mass

November 12 ~ 7:30am HFP Hall  
That Man is You - Breakfast & Presentation

November 13 ~ 2:00pm HFP Hall  
Faith & Family Meet Up & Potluck

† Mass Intentions †



Saturday, November 5  
8:30am ~ Mary Lou Schmunk  
5:00pm ~ Jacob Bischoff †

Sunday, November 6  
8:30am ~ Holy Family Parish  
10:30am ~ Elise Krooshoop †  
6:00pm ~ Michael & Michelle Rae & Family

Monday, November 7  
9:00am ~ Peter Braat †

Tuesday, November 8  
9:00am ~ Ronald Becker †  
6:30pm ~ Mass of the Angels †

Wednesday, November 9  
9:00am ~ Noreen McBryne †

Thursday, November 10  
9:00am ~ Marianne Hintz †

Friday, November 11  
9:00am ~ Martin & Elizabeth Schwartz † & Family †



**Fall Back**  
6th November 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**



Bring the  
Whole Family

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2:00-4:00PM**

**REMEMBERING GOD'S GRACE**

**GAMES & SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR TEENS**

**FOLLOWED BY A POTLUCK 4:00-5:00PM**

**BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE**

**WE CAN THEN ATTEND MASS AT 6:00PM**

## GriefShare



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

**Grief Share meets Thursdays at 2:00pm in  
the Hope Room**

**Call Karen at 403-487-4893**

## THAT MAN IS YOU!

**Holy Family Parish Hall**

**Breakfast 7:30am**

**Presentation**

**8:30 – 9:30 am**

**November 12, 2022**

**Theme:**

**Sloth: Sluggishness of  
the Soul**

**Presenter:**

**Mark Hartfiel**

**TMIIY**  
THAT MAN IS YOU!



**2023 CWL Membership dues are due at \$40.00 this year.**

**Fees can be put in the collection baskets labels CWL.**



# 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.**



**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**



## 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**




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As for us, we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever.  
*Psalm 138*

**WALKING TOGETHER**  
in CATHOLIC EDUCATION



November 6<sup>th</sup>  
World Catholic Education Sunday

# Mass of the Angels



Tuesday, November 8, 2022

Mass 6:30pm

Bring live flowers in remembrance.

## We Remember...



Remembrance Day  
November 11, 2022



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.



**HEALING & GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKSHOP** - Friday, Dec 09<sup>th</sup> (6:30 p.m.) & Saturday Dec 10<sup>th</sup> (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Location: FCJ Christian Life Centre, 219 – 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta. *There will be a love offering for meal and facility cost.* Friday Workshop: *Receiving the infusion of the Holy Spirit.* Saturday Workshops: *Forgiveness, Tongues, Prophecy, Wisdom, Knowledge & Resting in the Spirit.* Presented by: OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PRAYER COMMUNITY, All Saints Parish in Lethbridge, Alberta. Registration: Email [kfabbi@gmail.com](mailto:kfabbi@gmail.com) or phone Ken at 403-331-8923

UNDER SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE OF FR. IQBAL KHURSHID

MAY 13 – MAY 27, 2023 - 15 DAYS

\$5,290.00 INCLUDING TAXES AND TIPS (CALGARY DEPARTURE)

## MARIAN PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN & FRANCE



CONNAISSANCE TRAVEL AND TOURS

3852 FINCH AVE EAST, SUITE #306, TORONTO ON, M1T 3T9, TEL: 416 291 2676

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT

Agnes: 416-418-3599 [agnes@cttour.ca](mailto:agnes@cttour.ca) or Maria: 905-334-0559 [maria@cttour.ca](mailto:maria@cttour.ca)

### 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>

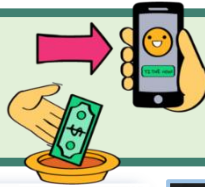
2<sup>nd</sup> Back up mtg: Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>

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

Location: St. Joseph's School, Coaldale



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**Medicine Hat Holy Family Church**  
**Live Stream**

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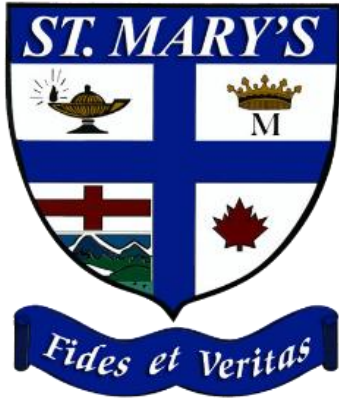


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# St. Mary's School's Report



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.

# MIDNIGHT MADNESS

St. John's Presbyterian Church  
504 – 2 Street SE

Friday, November 18, 2022  
4:00 – 9:00 PM



- ✿ Crafts
- ✿ Baked Goods
- ✿ Homemade Preserves
- ✿ *"New to You"*  
Jewellery
- ✿ Christmas Decorations
- ✿ *"Second Hand"* Books
- ✿ Gift Basket Raffles
- ✿ Artwork

Supper 4:00 – 8:00 PM

Chili & a Bun

Dessert

Beverage

\$8.<sup>00</sup> or \$4.<sup>00</sup> for children 12 & under





32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

November 6, 2022

### WE LIVE AND DIE IN HIM

As we begin the month of November, I find the air around us is full of sadness and restlessness. Everything looks so gloomy and broken that we fail to understand where and which way to go? I think it is natural feelings we have as we remember our dear and near ones who have gone to the Lord before us. However, this month does leave two questions for us to ponder and reflect upon: Is death the end of everything? And what should we do about people who have gone to the Lord before us? These questions are always disturbing because no one wants to die, neither does anyone want to see someone die and leave them alone. But we must remember as Christians, death is not the end of our life but a transition from one place to another place. Those who have gone to the Lord, have left for us an example of true sharing of their lives. True sharing involves love, faith, and sacrifice.

A woman's only child died. She got so upset and went around with her child's body asking people, "is there any physician anywhere who can bring my child back to life? Please tell me". It happened that Buddha was coming to town, one of the villagers said to her, "I don't know any physician, but Buddha is coming to our village. Buddha is an enlightened being. It's a great chance. You can take your child to Buddha and ask him to help you". So, she went to Buddha and put the dead body of her child at Buddha's feet and said, "Please bring him back to life. You know all secrets of life; you have attained enlightenment, can't you do a small miracle for a poor woman?"

Buddha replied, "I will do it but there is one condition". Woman said, "I will fulfill any condition to bring my child back to life". Buddha said, "the condition is go around and find a house where nobody has ever died in their family and when you find it, bring a few mustard seeds from that house".

That village was cultivating mustard seeds, so Buddha just asked her to go around the village and look. She went to the first house and told them everything and asked for seeds. People from that house said, "a few mustard seeds? We can bring back carts full of mustard seeds if Buddha can bring back your son to life with the help of these seeds. However, these mustard seeds will be no help to you because we have been living here for ages and we have lost not only one but many members of our family. She went to another house but got a similar answer. She visited every house of that village, and she even went to the nearby villages as well, but she came back empty handed to Buddha.

Buddha asked, "Where are mustard seeds?"



Woman smiled and said, "You tricked me. There is no family, not this village, nor in the whole world, where nobody has died. Everybody who is born is going to die. I understand now, I don't want my son to be brought back to life again. Please help me to understand the space of immortality where birth and death have never happened".

Buddha said, "You understood the point that whoever is born, will die but attain eternal life".

The life and death are two mysteries which no one has ever understood and will never understand. St. Ambrose once wrote: "We see that death is gain, life is loss. Paul says: *For me life is Christ, and death as well.* What does "Christ" mean but to die in the body, and receive the breath of life? Let us then die with Christ, to live with Christ. We should have a daily familiarity with death, a daily desire for death. By this kind of detachment our soul must learn to free itself from the desires of the body. It must soar above earthly lusts to a place where they cannot come near, to hold it fast. It must take on the likeness of death, to avoid the punishment of death. The law of our fallen nature is at war with the law of our reason and subjects the law of reason to the law of error. What is the remedy? *Who will set me free from this body of death? The grace of God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.* We have a doctor to heal us; let us use the remedy he prescribes. The remedy is the grace of Christ, the dead body our own. Let us then be exiles from our body, so as not to be exiles from Christ. Though we are still in the body, let us not give ourselves to the things of the body. We must not reject the natural rights of the body, but we must desire before all else the gifts of grace. What more need be said? It was by the death of one man that the world was redeemed. Christ did not need to die if he did not want to, but he did not look on death as something to be despised, something to be avoided, and he could have found no better means to save us than by dying. Thus, his death is life for all. We are sealed with the sign of his death; when we pray, we preach his death; when we offer sacrifice, we proclaim his death. His death is victory; his death is a sacred sign; each year his death is celebrated with solemnity by the whole world. What more should we say about his death since we use this divine example to prove that it was death alone that won freedom from death, and death itself was its own redeemer? Death is then no cause for mourning, for it is the cause of mankind's salvation. Death is not something to be avoided, for the Son of God did not think it beneath his dignity, nor did he seek to escape it. Death was not part of nature; it became part of nature. God did not decree death from the beginning; he prescribed it as a remedy. Human life was condemned because of sin to unrelenting labor and unbearable sorrow and so began to experience the burden of wretchedness. There had to be a limit to its evils; death had to restore what life had forfeited. Without the assistance of grace, immortality is more of a burden than a blessing.

Sacred Scripture keeps reminding us that "we are dust and unto dust we shall return" however for us a Christian's death is nothing but profit to gain eternal because "if we live or die, we belong to the Lord" as St. Paul says. Everyone who was born, will taste the death but for us there is a hope of eternal life. There are some beautiful sayings of the saints I would like to share with you all.

St. Gregory Palamas says "As the separation of the soul from the body is the death of the body, so the separation of God from the soul is the death of the soul. And this death of the soul is the true death.... Thus, the violation of God's commandment is the cause of all types of death, both of soul and body, whether in the present life or in that endless chastisement. And death, properly speaking, is this: for the soul to be unharnessed from divine grace and to be yoked to sin. This death, for those who have their wits, is truly dreadful and something to be avoided. This, for those who think aright, is more terrible than the chastisement of Gehenna. From this let us also flee with all our might. Let us

cast away, let us reject all things, bid farewell to all things: to all relationships, actions and intentions that drag us downward, separate us from God and produce such death. He who is frightened of this death and has preserved himself from it will not be alarmed by the oncoming death of the body, for in him the true-life dwells, and bodily death, so far from taking true life away, renders it inalienable.” St. Gregory of Nyssa reflects on the mystery of death and life “And so man separated himself from the fruit of all good things, and by his disobedience he was filled with the fruit that brings destruction. And the name of that fruit was mortal sin. Straightway he died to the more perfect life: he passed from a divine life to one on the level with irrational beasts. Once death was mingled with his nature, mortality was passed on to all generations of his children. Hence, we are born into a life of death, for, in a certain sense, our very life has died. Our life is indeed dead because we have been deprived of immortality. But the man who is aware that he lives amid two lives can cross the barrier between them, such that by destroying the one he can give the victory to the other. Man by his death to the true life entered this life of death. So too, when he dies to this irrational life of death, he is restored to life eternal. And so, there is no doubt but that we cannot enter into this life of blessedness unless we die to sin.”

St. Basil the Great says “As the Lord thought good so it came to pass. Let us adopt those marvelous words. At the hands of the righteous Judge, they who show like good deeds shall receive a like reward.... He whom we love is not hidden in the ground; he is received into heaven. Let us wait a little while, and we shall be once more with him. The time of our separation is not long, for in this life we are all like travelers on a journey, hastening on to the same shelter. While one has reached his rest another arrives, another hurries on but one and the same end awaits them all.”

The understanding of St. John Vianney about death is phenomenal “If we were required to die twice, we could jettison one death. But man dies once only, and upon this death depends on his eternity. Where the tree falls, there it shall lie. If, at the hour of death, someone is living in bad habit, the poor soul will fall on the side of hell. If, on the other hand, he is in the state of grace, it will take the road for heaven. Oh, happy road!”

Moreover St. Therese of Lisieux adds her wisdom to understand the mystery of death.

“It is not Death that will come to fetch me, it is the good God. Death is no phantom, no horrible specter, as presented in pictures. In the catechism it is stated that death is the separation of soul and body, that is all! Well, I am not afraid of a separation which will unite me to the good God forever.”

Lastly St. Thomas Aquinas opens our minds to understand “The more one longs for a thing, the more painful does deprivation of it become. And because after this life, the desire for God, the Supreme Good, is intense in the souls of the just (because this impetus toward him is not hampered by the weight of the body, and that time of enjoyment of the Perfect Good would have come) had there been no obstacle; the soul suffers enormously from the delay.”

If we still remember the First Reading (Wisdom 11:22-12:2) it reminded us that “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” reminds us of the shortness of our life in this world. (Please read 2 Samuel 14:14 & 1 Peter 1:19-24 & Psalm 89). However, God is so merciful to us that he does not take pleasure in any death because he has created everything for eternity. (Please read Wisdom 1:12-14 & Ezekiel 18:30-32). Today when we reflect on the Word of God, some people’s death wasn’t a means of destruction but a relationship with God as the first reading narrates the story of a mother and seven sons. However, in the Gospel for Sadducees death was an end to everything. In the book of Wisdom (3:1-9) we read



about these types of people as follows: "But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace, he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them..." But Jesus reminds them after the death, people will be changed, and they no longer be bound to follow earthly traditions. St. Paul says, "if we have died with him, we will also rise with him". Being disciples of Jesus death is not an end to our life but it's a beginning of our relationship with the Lord who is "the way, the truth and life" because he came to give us life and life eternal. Jesus is the life and resurrection and with him we find peace and comfort. In the Book of Revelation we read two powerful passages which remind us to be faithful "Be faithful unto death and I will give you the crown of eternal life" (2:10) and "And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them." Death will never end our relationship with the Lord, but it changes us to see the Lord as he is.

Holy Father Pope Francis helps us to understand today's Gospel passage that offers us a wonderful teaching of Jesus on the resurrection of the dead. Which falls precisely in this month of November when we pray especially for the dead. Jesus is asked by some Sadducees, who did not believe in the resurrection and therefore provoke Him with an insidious question. It refers to a paradoxical case based on the Mosaic law. Whose wife, in the resurrection, would a woman be, who has had seven successive husbands, all brothers, who one after another have died? Jesus does not fall into the trap and replies that the risen in the hereafter "neither marry nor are given in marriage: in fact, they can no longer die, because they are equal to angels and, and are children of God, being children of the resurrection". This is how Jesus responds.

With this answer Jesus talks to us to think that this earthly dimension in which we live now is not the only dimension, but that there is another dimension, no longer subject to death, in which it will be fully manifested that we are children of God. It gives great consolation and hope to listen to this simple and clear word of Jesus about life beyond death; we need it so much especially in our time, so rich in knowledge about the universe but so poor in wisdom about eternal life. Jesus came to give us life and life in abundant and he wipes our tears from our eyes because he has set his tent among us as we read in the book of Revelation.

In fact, behind the question of the Sadducees lies a deeper one: not only whose wife the widow of the seven husbands will be, but to whom will her life belong. It is a doubt that has been felt by man down through the ages: after this earthly pilgrimage, what will become of our lives? Will it belong to nothing, to death?

Jesus answered that life belongs to God, who loves us and cares so much about us, to the point of linking his name to ours: he is "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now He is not God of the dead, but of the living; for to Him all are alive. Here is the wisdom that no science can ever give. Here the mystery of the resurrection is revealed. Because the mystery of life is revealed. Life exists where there is bond, communion, and brotherhood; and it is a stronger life than death when it is built on true relationships and bonds of fidelity. On the contrary, there is no life where one has the pretension of belonging only to oneself and of living as an island: in these attitudes' death prevails. It's selfishness. If I live for myself, I am sowing death in my heart. Eternal life is our destiny. The horizon

of definitive fulness of our history, and it is this life that we are called to prepare through evangelical choices.

So, let's remember everyone who has gone to the Lord that he may grant eternal rest unto them and peace and consolation to the everyone who remain to comfort one another.

One Saturday night, a pastor was working late and decided to call his wife before he left for home. It was about 10:00 PM, but his wife didn't answer the phone. The pastor let it ring many times. He thought it was odd that she didn't answer but decided to wrap up a few things and try again in a few minutes. When he tried again, she answered right away. He asked her why she hadn't answered before, and she said that it hadn't rung at their house. They brushed it off as a fluke and went on their merry ways.

The following Monday, the pastor received a call at the church office, which was the phone that he'd used that Saturday night. The man that he spoke with wanted to know why he'd called on Saturday night. The pastor couldn't figure out what the man was talking about.

Then the man said, "It rang and rang, but I didn't answer."

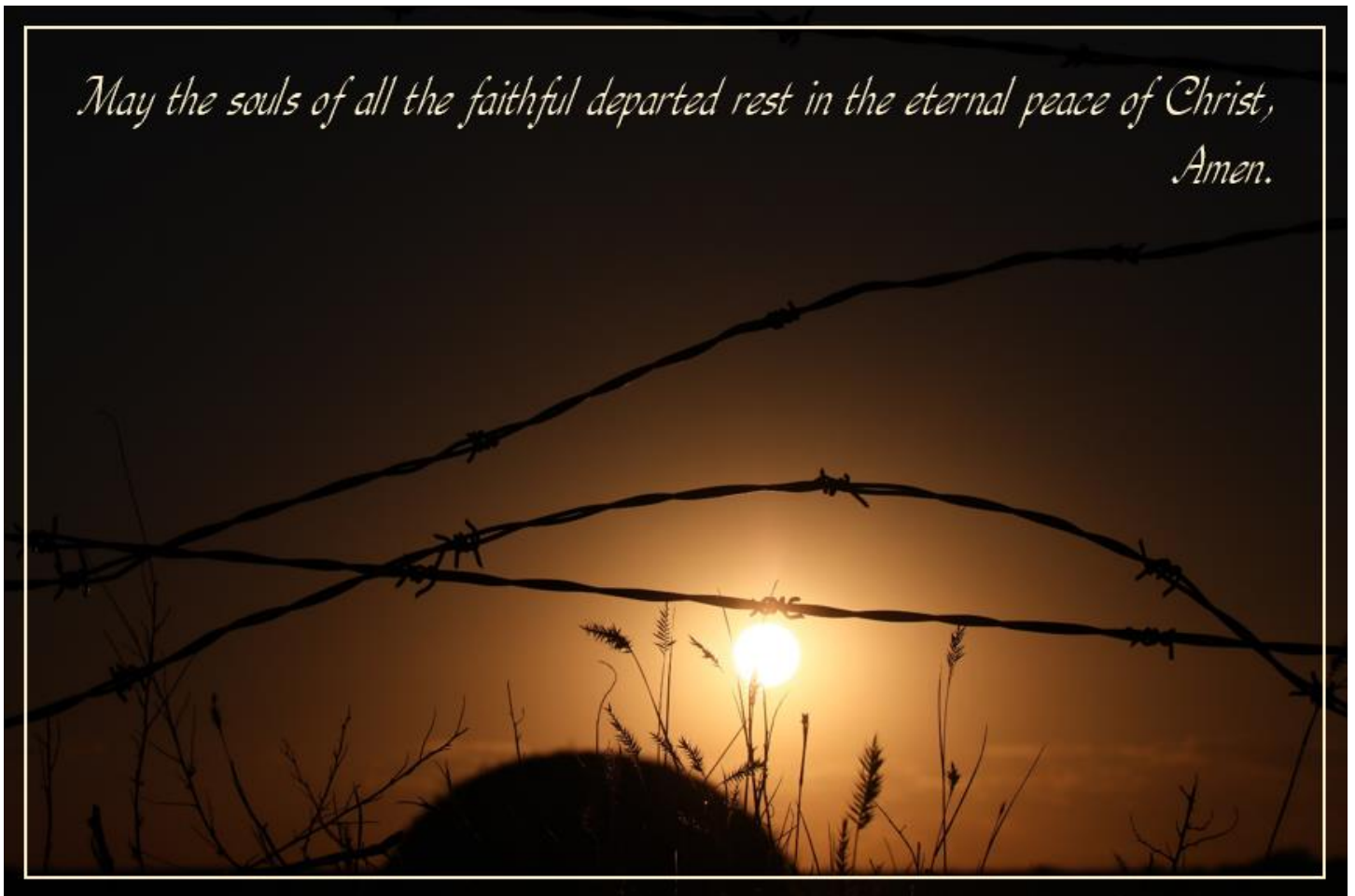
The pastor remembered the mishap and apologized for disturbing him, explaining that he'd intended to call his wife.

The man said, "That's okay. Let me tell you, my story. You see, I was planning to commit suicide on Saturday night, but before I did, I prayed, 'God if you're there, and you don't want me to do this, give me a sign now.' At that point, my phone started to ring. I looked at the caller ID, and it said, 'Almighty God'. I was afraid to answer!"

God calls us everyday to inherit eternal. Do we listen to him?

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

*May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in the eternal peace of Christ,  
Amen.*







### Resources for children

Kid's challenge this week: List 10 of your favourite things right now. Would this list be the same if you were younger? As we get older, different things make us happy, but when we get to heaven it will be something even better that we will want. Do you know what that is? Not toys, friends, house, or even husband/wife. It's God! When we get to heaven, being happy with God will last forever. This week, pray together for those in your family who have died and conclude by praying [today's Psalm](#). (The Kids Bulletin & Loyola Press)

- [Colouring page this Sunday](#)
- [Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday](#)
- [Sunday Connection - 32nd 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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[Vatican News](#) | [The Sunday Website](#)  
[Sunday Connection](#)

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

Full schedule of Parish Livestream Masses: <https://www.catholicyyjc.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

Register this week: 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)

Join a Guided Pilgrimage to Rome with St. Mary's University - May 13-28, 2023 - Led by Dr. Peter Baltutis | This travel study course explores the development of Christian spirituality from its origins to the present day through the lens of Rome. From ancient imperial capital to centre of the Roman Catholic Church today, Rome presents a living history like no other city. This course examines how Christians throughout history have approached God in prayer and practice, and how these diverse spiritualities have intersected with art, architecture, politics, and culture. Deadline for applications: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 - email [peter.baltutis@stmu.ca](mailto:peter.baltutis@stmu.ca)

## November 2022 Calendar Highlights

- o Nov. 8 | [Grandparents' Online Faith Cafe](#)
- o Nov. 10-13 | [Come and see the life of the Franciscans](#)
- o Nov 10 | [Triumph Retreat](#) in Calgary
- o Nov 10 | [Come and see the Life of the Franciscans](#)
- o Nov 11-13 | [Live-In Retreat](#)
- o Nov 12 | [Come & See with Poor Clares](#) (online)
- o Nov 12 | [Love More 5.0 Benefit Concert for Retired Priests](#)
- o Nov. 13 | [The Seekers Group for unmarried women](#)
- o Nov 16 | [Dinner with Mike MacDonald \(Mission Mexico\)](#)



- o Nov 16 | [Red Wednesday](#)
- o Nov 18 | [Vespers & Study of the Rule of St. Benedict](#)
- o Nov 18-19 | [Like a Mighty River Conference](#) at St. James' Church, Okotoks
- o Nov 22 | [Pastoral Care: Accompanying in Conflict and Complicated Situations](#) at St. Martha, Lethbridge
- o Nov 25 | [Marriage Preparation](#) at Ascension Catholic Parish, Calgary
- o Nov 25-27 | [Live-In Retreat in Coaldale, AB](#)
- o Nov 26 | [Breakfast with Bishop at St. Peter's](#)
- o Nov 26 | [St. Paul's Christmas Market, Airdrie](#)
- o Nov 26 | [Lethbridge Region Women's Advent](#)
- o Nov 26 | [St. Cecilia's Cookie Walk](#)
- o Nov 26 | [St. James' Parish Hall Fundraising](#)
- o Nov 27 | [The Seekers Group for unmarried women](#)
- o Nov 28 | [Advent Ignatian Retreat in Everyday Life at FCJ](#)

To submit your parish/lay association events - go to [catholicyyc.ca/news](http://catholicyyc.ca/news) and click "Add Event"

Worth sharing

World Youth Day 2023

For information re: SFXC group that will be travelling to Lisbon, Portugal for [World Youth Day in 2023](#), contact SFXC at [sfxc@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:sfxc@calgarydiocese.ca)

Pastoral Care: Accompanying in Conflict and Complicated Situations

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, Nov. 22 at 10:30 am at St. Martha's Church in Lethbridge, or join via livestream: [stmarthasparish.ca](http://stmarthasparish.ca)

Pastoral Letter for Young People (CCCCB)

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) has issued a Pastoral Letter to Young People in honour of the anniversary of the death of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the first beatified millennial. Read now at [catholicyyc.ca/blog](http://catholicyyc.ca/blog).

Marriage Preparation Courses

Next course: Weekend of Nov. 25 at Ascension Parish, Calgary. For more dates, visit our Diocesan website where couples can choose the course date with access to registration and payment [catholicyyc.ca/marriageprep](http://catholicyyc.ca/marriageprep)

Subscribe to Faithfully

If you haven't already, please subscribe to the [Diocesan publication Faithfully](#) - to keep you updated with what's happening in our Diocese. Faithfully gives a snapshot of faith at

work in the lives of everyday people in our Diocese and provide us with opportunities to spread the Good News of Christ beyond the walls of our churches. New release is coming up this Monday! Subscribe at [catholicqyc.ca/faithfully](http://catholicqyc.ca/faithfully)

Bishops of Canada deepen commitments for healing and reconciliation

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), gathered in the Plenary Assembly last week, agreed upon a series of next steps related to the painful legacy of residential schools. This work builds on previous commitments to promote access to records, educate clergy on Indigenous cultures and spirituality, and contribute \$30 million to healing and reconciliation initiatives across Canada. Read more at [cccb.ca](http://cccb.ca)

National Synodal Report

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. To read the Diocesan, Western Region and National reports, visit [catholicqyc.ca/synod](http://catholicqyc.ca/synod)

"The Letter" - A new documentary

A new documentary "on humanity's power to stop the ecological crisis" facing the world" was presented at a press conference at the Vatican on Tuesday, Oct. 4. The film "The Letter," says Cardinal Michael Czerny, "is a clarion cry to people everywhere: we have to act together, we have to do it now."

This documentary is packed with powerfully moving personal stories alongside the latest information about the planetary crisis and the toll it's taking on nature and people. To watch "The Letter" visit: [youtube.com/originals](https://youtube.com/originals)

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

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

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

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

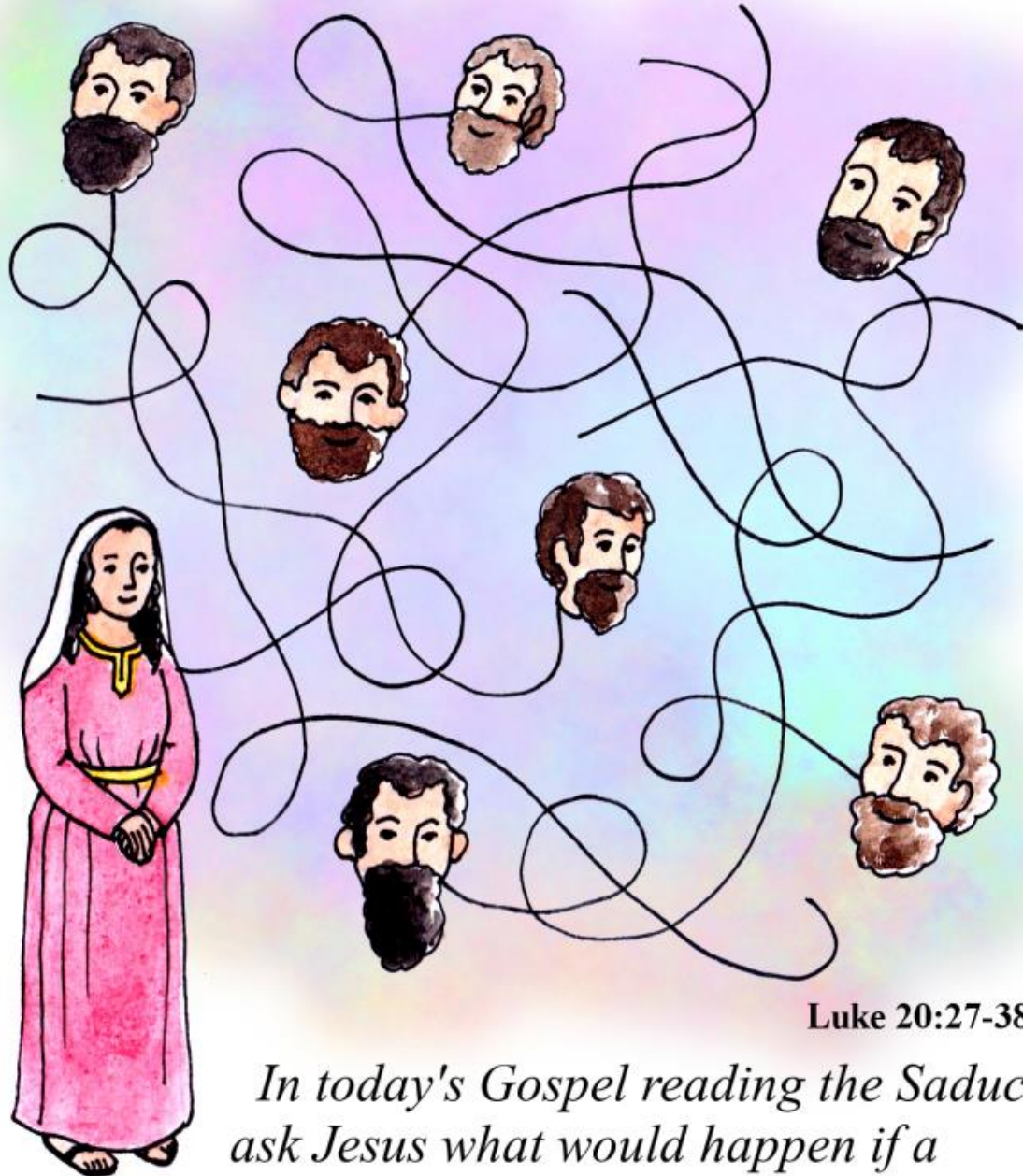
Faith Formation Courses

These formation opportunities will help you with your faith journey and to help you grow closer to Christ. Find a list of webinars and courses on our diocesan website [here](#).

# The Kids' Bulletin

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 6th, 2022



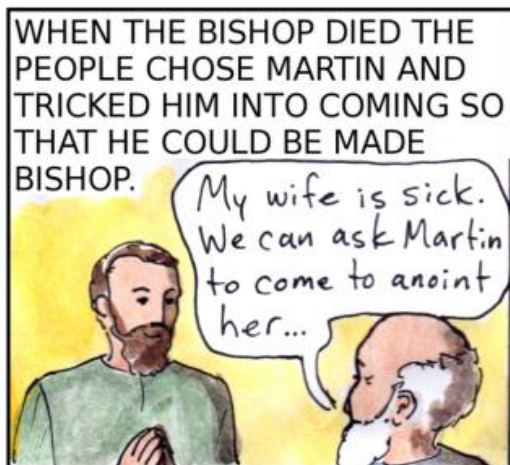
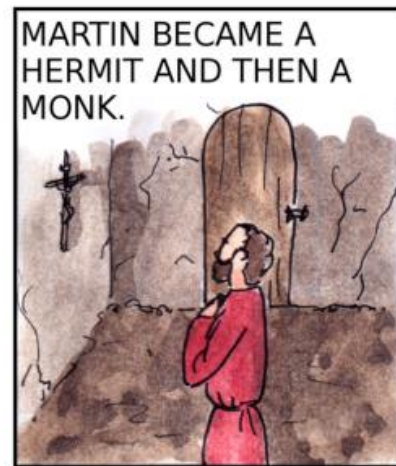
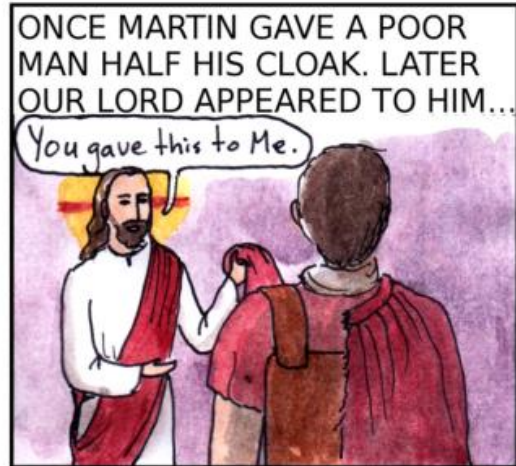
Luke 20:27-38

*In today's Gospel reading the Saducees ask Jesus what would happen if a woman's husband died and she married his brother, and if the same thing happened again, until she had married all seven brothers. Who would she be married to in Heaven? Follow the squiggly lines to find out which brother the woman is married to in Heaven.*



# Saint Martin of Tours

November 11



SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS IS A GREAT EXAMPLE TO US OF BEING GENEROUS. FIRST HE GAVE HIS OWN CLOTHING TO A POOR BEGGAR. LATER HE GAVE HIS TIME TO GOD BY LIVING FOR HIM AND SERVING HIS PEOPLE. HOW CAN YOU BE GENEROUS WITH WHAT YOU HAVE? CAN YOU BE GENEROUS WITH YOUR TIME?

# Heaven:

## Fill in the Blanks

*What did Jesus say to the men in today's Gospel who didn't believe in the resurrection of the dead?*

***Fill in the blanks with the words in the list, and use the letters in squares to fill in the blanks at the bottom.***

1. Jesus rose so that we could  \_ \_ \_  
again after we die.
2. God will give us new \_ \_ \_  \_ \_  
in the resurrection.
3. Then we will be in \_ \_ \_  \_ \_.
4. We will see God after we  \_ \_.
5. Then we will  \_ \_ \_ \_ sin again.
6. We will be happy forever with  \_ \_.

**NEVER  
HEAVEN  
GOD  
BODIES  
DIE  
LIVE**



"He is not God of the dead but  
God of the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; for all live to him."

1 2 3 4 5 6



# What Will Make us Happy?

In today's Gospel reading, some men ask Jesus about people being married when they are in Heaven. Jesus tells them that in Heaven people are like angels because they can't die anymore, so they can't be married.



When we are small there are things that we like to do, like playing with toys, that we won't like as much when we get bigger. As we get older, different things make us happy, but when we get to Heaven it will be something even better that we will want. Do you know what that is? It's God! We will realize that what makes us the very happiest is not toys or friends or a husband or wife, but God Himself!

Have you ever had something that you liked and then later you didn't care about it very much? That's the way things go in this life, because everything is only temporary. When we get to Heaven being happy with God will last forever!



Answers to puzzle on front: none! People in Heaven are not married.  
Answers to Fill in the Blanks: 1.live 2.bodies 3.Heaven 4.die 5.never  
6.God. LIVING



# 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.**