



Welcome to

# HOLY FAMILY PARISH

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 – 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

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## 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 – Greg Martin

Catholic Women's League – Cathy Koch

Parish Pastoral Council Chair - Gary Heinbecker

Parish Finance Council 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.

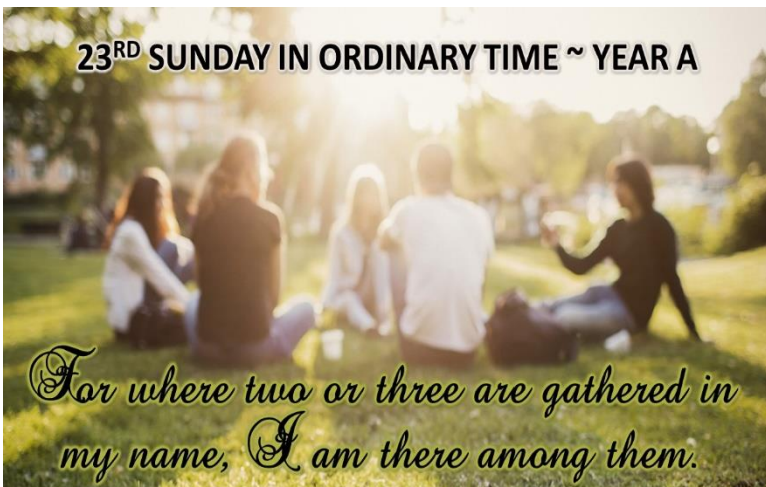


## Christ Is Present

The readings today lay out our duty to dissuade the wicked from their ways (Ezekiel); to not harden our hearts (Psalm); to love, love, love (Romans); and to lead sisters and brothers out of sin (Matthew). Important. Necessary. Baptismal duty. But let the last gospel sentence become our guide this week: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them." Christ is always present. Christ is surely with us now in the liturgy, in Communion, in all the sacraments, in his word proclaimed, in the praying and singing Church ~ and in this pandemic. As few as two or three of us assures his presence.

- ✦ What is God saying to me about un-hardening my heart?
- ✦ Let me read a Bible passage each day this week, either reprising the Sunday readings or using this week's gospels of Luke 7 and 8. What is Christ saying to me each day?
- ✦ With whom can I gather, even if kept from the church building, to sing God's praise?

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*For where two or three are gathered in  
my name, I am there among them.*

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## OPERATING FINANCES

AUGUST 1-31, 2023

Operating Budget 2022	\$ 63,984
General Envelope Collection	\$ 45,165
Loose Collections	\$ 3,434
Future Development	\$ 2,976
Sale of Church Supplies & Other	\$ 2,372
<b>\$ 53,947- Budget Vs Actual</b>	<b>-\$ 10,037</b>

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 4,911
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 3,086
World Mission	\$ 25
Clergy Retirement	\$ 170
Mission Mexico	\$ 240
CARO	\$ 75
Seminary Fund	\$ 10

*Thank You for your Generous Contributions*

Average Weekly Attendance 839

Sept. 9 ~ 10:00am ~ Hope Room

Benedictine Group Meets

Sept. 9 & 10 ~ All Masses ~ Parking Lot

CWL Bottle Drive

Sept. 10 ~ 11:30am ~ HFP Hall

Annual Parish Corn Roast

Sept. 11 ~ 7:00pm ~ Faith Room

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Sept. 12 ~ 6:30pm ~ HFP Hall

2023-2024 Sacrament Registration

Sept. 12 ~ 7:00pm ~ Faith Room

Catholic Women's League Meeting

Sept. 12 ~ 7:00pm ~ HFP Chapel

Life Ministry

Sept. 13 ~ 9:30am ~ Faith Room

Bible Study

Sept. 12 ~ 6:30pm ~ St. Pat's Church Hall

2023-2024 Sacrament Registration

Sept. 17 ~ 2:00pm ~ HFP Parking Lot

Blessing of the Pets

† Masses & Mass Intentions †

Saturday, September 9

5:00pm ~ Sean Ryan †

Sunday, September 10

8:30am ~ Linda Hamel †

10:30am ~ Dal Molin Family

6:00pm ~ Holy Family Parish

Monday, September 11

9:00am ~ Kealey Storrs

Tuesday, September 12

9:00am ~ Christy Storrs †

6:30pm ~ Holy Family Life Ministry

Wednesday, September 13

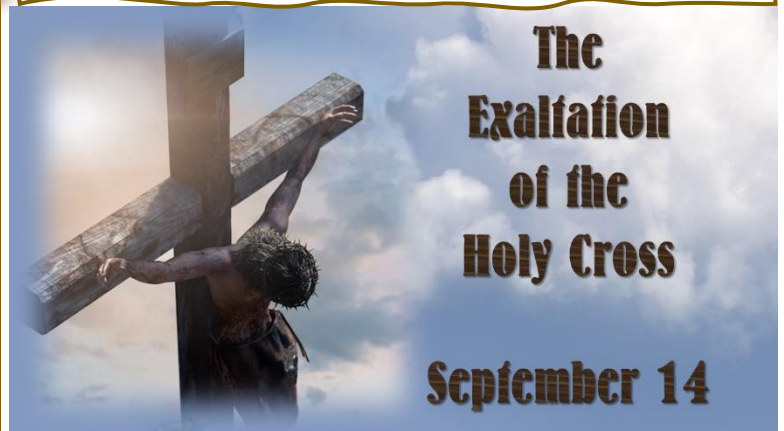
9:00am ~ Scott Krooshoop

Thursday, September 14

9:00am ~ Wilfred Thiely †

Friday, September 15

9:00am ~ Fr. Francis Tran



December 31, 2023 - Goal \$70,938

total to date \$36,840

which is 52%

\$34,098 to go.

**Together IN ACTION**  
Annual Bishop's Appeal

We are only halfway there...

Please Give Generously ~ Thank You!



# Holy Family Parish Annual Corn Roast



Sunday, September 10,  
Following the  
10:30 Mass



The Catholic Women's League

Holy Family Parking Lot

Saturday, September 9th 10 am - 6pm

Sunday, September 10th 8am - 2 pm

**FUNDRAISING**



Thank you for your support!

Knights of Columbus  
General Meeting  
September 11 at 7:00pm  
Faith Room



Catholic Women's League (CWL)  
General Meeting  
September 12 at 7:00pm  
Faith Room

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH ANNUAL BLESSING OF PETS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 AT 2:00PM

Pets of all religious backgrounds and their owners are welcome!



Pets must be leashed  
or in a crate.

1451 Strachan Rd SE

403-527-6933



## Sacramental Preparation 2023-2024

### Information Meeting and Registration

1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion  
and Confirmation

Starts at 6:30pm & goes to 7:30pm

Please bring Child's Baptismal Certificate & Birth  
Certificate or Proof of Citizenship & requesting  
\$30/1<sup>st</sup> Rec, \$30/1<sup>st</sup> Comm & \$37/Confirmation

Holy Family Parish Hall – Tuesday September 12

St. Patrick's Parish Hall – Wednesday September 13

Enrolling your child in  
the sacraments is a  
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We look forward to  
welcoming you and  
your family as we  
begin this wonderful  
journey of faith.

Blessings, Sally Myers  
Sacramental Prep  
Coordinator

St. Patrick's & Holy  
Family Parishes

[sac.prep@hollyfamily  
mh.ca](mailto:sac.prep@hollyfamilymh.ca)

All Legion of Mary  
Members, both Active  
and Auxiliary or Praying  
members, as well as  
those interested in  
learning more about the  
Legion of Mary, are  
invited to our Annual  
Praesidium Function on  
September 14th from  
7 pm to 8:30 pm in  
St. Patrick's Church Hall.



In addition to praying  
the Legion of Mary  
prayers and learning  
more about the  
Legion, we will have a  
chance to visit and  
celebrate Mary's  
Nativity with birthday  
cake & light  
refreshments.  
Everyone is welcome.

**Holy Family Parish  
Welcomes**

**Fr. Greg Coupal**

To Celebrate Mass in  
Honor of his 50<sup>th</sup>

Ordination Anniversary  
**September 17, 2023**

**10:30 am Mass**

Followed by Fellowship in the Hall








## Pastoral Care Ministry Training Holy Family Parish September 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>

†Friday evening (6:30pm to 8:30pm)

†Saturday (9:30am to 12:00noon,  
lunch break, resume 12:30pm to 3:30pm)

†Sunday (1:30pm to 4:00pm)

Please let your ministry people know and other if interested  
to attend this training.





WORTHY OF THE CALL

September 23  
Holy Family Parish  
Hall  
Breakfast 7:30am  
Presentation  
8:30 – 9:30 am



**What?** A food and social event celebrating our cultural diversity.

**When?** Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, after the 5:00pm Mass.

**Where?** Holy Family Parish.

**Who?** Everybody is encouraged to attend!

**Why?** To celebrate that each of us!

**How?** By sharing your culture with our community.

Please contact PPC Chair Gary Heinbecker at

[tasteoftheworld2023@gmail.com](mailto:tasteoftheworld2023@gmail.com)



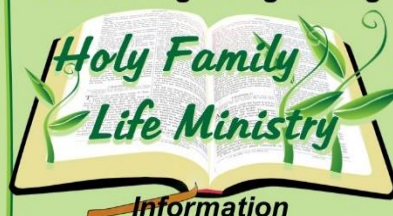
## Gifts from God

### The Art Show

November 18-19, 2023  
Following each Mass

Registration deadline November 3, 2023  
see bulletin for info.

If you are passionate about the dignity of life & would like to know more about what the Catholic Church teaches regarding the dignity of life, please join us.



### Prayer and Adoration

2nd Tuesday of the month  
at 7:00pm in the Chapel.


### Education Evening

4th Monday of the month  
at 7:00pm in the Faith  
Room.

### Information

Valerie at 587-588-5788

Sonia at 403-528-0028



## Children's Liturgy has started a new season of learning about God!

10:30am Mass

Questions or to  
volunteer call  
Tammy at 403-866-7886

[Sunday 10:30am Mass on  
YOUTUBE](#)  
[Medicine Hat Holy Family Church  
Live Stream](#)  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/  
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St. Michael's School is the dedicated Fine Arts Focus Elementary school within the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education. We are located in northwest Crescent Heights and serve about 150 students from Early Learning to grade 6 in the north of Medicine Hat and Redcliff areas. This year grades 3-6 are experiencing five weeks in each of the following disciplines of fine arts: drama, choral, instrumental, art, dance and performance arts including juggling, choral speech, or black light theater. This exposure focuses on process not performance and allows all the students to become involved. Grades 1 and 2 already have art, choral and instrumental in them, but we are pleased to include drama and dance there as well. Special emphasis on the fine arts and their integration throughout the curriculum develops creativity, personal initiative, growth in self-esteem and encourages a desire for life-long learning.

Our school also offers an education based on the traditions of our Catholic faith that is both a preparation for life and a way of living out the Gospel message in all that we do. Catholic Education is extremely important as it provides for the physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual development of every child. Cooperation among families, school staff and our parishes within St. Michael's community is demonstrated by a commitment to the school mission.

As we celebrate our patron saint, Saint Michael the Archangel in September, we would like to thank the parishioners from both Holy Family and St. Patrick's Parish for welcoming our staff and students into the church community, and we encourage all parishioners to continue to pray for our Catholic school and our students as we embark on a new school year.



# TASTE OF THE WORLD

A Taste of the World will give you an appetite to explore not only through food but through connectivity with different people of various cultures and background. Everyone is unique and different but as St. Paul says “For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us”.

Therefore, Parish Pastoral Council would like to invite everyone of you to join and participate in this wonderful and exciting event happening in our Parish Community.

**When:** October 21st starting with the Holy Mass at 5pm followed by the Taste of the World @ 6:30pm.

**Where:** Holy Family Parish Hall

## What is expected?

- cooking only for 15-20 people.
- Wear your own traditional outfits.
- Prayers of the Faithful will be in the local language.
- Traditional dance or music.

Please contact Gary Heinbecker: [tasteoftheworld2023@gmail.com](mailto:tasteoftheworld2023@gmail.com)





23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

September 10, 2023

## CORRECTION IS LOVE

We are living in a time and world where three words are starting to lose their importance: listening, obeying and correction. We are so lost in our own world that we don't want to listen, nor want to obey rules. I believe (you don't need to agree with me) we are losing our family values, traditions, and respect for elders because we have refused to listen to one another. If there is no value in listening, then how can we obey. If there is no importance in listening or obeying, then how can we accept correction. We have become self-centered and selfish people because we don't want to be associated with other people. If we refuse to take steps to correct someone or refuse to accept correction, then either way we are going to be big time losers. Let me share a story with you to help us to understand why correction is important if it is done with love and on time.

Once upon a time, there was a young boy. His father had died when he was young. His mother had no one else but her son. Unknowingly she spoiled him by giving him everything he wanted.

One day, he came home from school with another boy's pencil box. His mother told him to return it, but he refused.

The mother should have told his teacher and corrected her son, but she thought, "After all, he has taken only a pencil box. He will not do it again. How can I scold my son?" Soon, he started stealing all kinds of things from his friends. The mother knew how wrong this was, but she did not feel like scolding or correcting her son.

As he grew up, with no one correcting him, he began to do a lot of wrong things. Soon he joined a band of robbers. One day, he was caught in a robbery. People came to know of all his wrongdoings. He was sent to jail.

As he was being taken away, he saw his mother weeping in a corner. To her shock, he screamed at her, "I am going to jail because of you! When I was young, I did not know right and wrong. If you had taught me, and corrected me, then I would never have become a robber!" (Please read Sirach 30:1-13).

So, never forget that when you are corrected, it is good for you. Remember Correction is LOVE. If Correction is Love, then how would you describe the measure of your love for God and for others? On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 meaning: “absolutely no love for God and others at all,” and 10 meaning: “a full heart continually overflowing with a deep and profound love for God and other people,” where would you put yourself? Please don’t answer out loud. No holding up Olympic scorecards. No rating each other! Just think about yourself for a moment. How are you doing as regards your own love for God and for other people?

The truth be told, obviously all of us could grow, all of us should grow, in this whole area of love. Jesus taught that love for God and others is the greatest of all the commandments. Love is the identifying mark of the Christian. It is the chief fruit of the Holy Spirit in the believer’s life. The apostle Paul highlighted the importance of love in 1 Corinthians 13 when he said: “Without love I am nothing.” God measures our spiritual growth and maturity first and foremost by our love for Jesus and our love for other people. There is no correction without love. Is it easy to correct someone? I guess not as I already mentioned above.

Someone has explained correction in this way... “For more than fifty years, my dad strove for excellence in his editing. His passion wasn’t to just look for mistakes but also to make the copy better in terms of clarity, logic, flow, and grammar. Dad used a green pen for his corrections, rather than a red one. A green pen he felt was “friendlier,” while slashes of red might be jarring to a novice or less confident writer. His objective was to gently point out a better way. When Jesus corrected people, He did so in love. In some circumstances—such as when He was confronted with the hypocrisy of the Pharisees (Matthew 23)—He rebuked them harshly, yet still for their benefit. But in the case of his friend Martha, a gentle correction was all that was needed (Luke 10:38–42). While the Pharisees responded poorly to His rebuke, Martha remained one of His dearest friends (John 11:5). Correction can be uncomfortable and few of us like it. Sometimes, because of our pride, it’s hard to receive it graciously. The book of Proverbs talks much about wisdom and indicates that “heeding correction” is a sign of wisdom and understanding (15:31–32). God’s loving correction helps us to adjust our direction and to follow Him more closely. Those who refuse it are sternly warned (v.10), but those who respond to it through the power of the Holy Spirit will gain wisdom and understanding (vv.31–32). The Psalmist says “Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord” (Psalm 34:11). How do we usually respond to loving corrections from our heavenly Father? What correction have we received from someone that’s made a significant difference in our life?

In the First Reading Prophet Ezekiel is being entrusted with the most powerful message to help people to turn back from their evil ways and trust in the love and forgiveness of God. The Psalmist says, “But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered”. In the Book of Sirach, we read “How great is the mercy of the Lord, and his forgiveness for those who return to him” (17:29). The role of Prophet Ezekiel was to guide people on the right path and make them understand that there is life if they correct themselves and trust in the forgiveness and mercy of God the Father. However, if someone refuses to accept correction, the result is not good “But you warn the wicked person to turn



from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, they shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life". Are we doing the same in correcting people and bringing them to the right path?

Holy Father Pope has a wonderful way to explain the Gospel today and he says "The Gospel this Sunday, taken from Matthew, Chapter 18, presents the theme of brotherly correction within the community of believers: that is, how I must correct another Christian when he does what is not do good. Jesus teaches us, should my Christian brother commit a sin against me, offend me, I must be charitable toward him and, first of all, speak with him personally, explain to him what he said or did that was wrong. What if the brother doesn't listen to me? Jesus proposes a progressive intervention: first, return and speak to him with two or three other people, so he may be more aware of his error; if, despite this, he does not accept the admonition, the community must be told; and should he also refuse to listen to the community, he must be made aware of the rift and estrangement that he himself has caused, weakening the communion with his brothers in the faith".

The stages of this plan show the effort that the Lord asks of his community to accompany the one who transgresses, so that he or she is not lost. It is important above all to prevent any clamor in the news and gossip in the community — this is the first thing; this must be avoided. "Go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone" The approach is one of sensitivity, prudence, humility, attention towards the one who committed a fault, to avoid wounding or killing the brother with words. Because, you know, words too can kill! When I speak, when I make an unfair criticism, when I "flay" a brother with my tongue, this is killing another person's reputation! Words kill too. Let us pay attention to this. At the same time, the discretion of speaking to him alone is to avoid needlessly humiliating the sinner. It is discussed between the two, no one is aware of it and then it's over. This requirement also considers the consequent series of interventions calling for the involvement of a few witnesses and then actually of the community. The purpose is to help the person realize what he has done, and that through his fault he has offended not only one, but everyone. But it also helps us to free ourselves from anger or resentment which only causes harm: that bitterness of heart which brings anger and resentment, and which leads us to insult and aggression. It's terrible to see an insult or taunt issue from the mouth of a Christian. It is ugly. Do you understand? Do not insult! To insult is not Christian. Understood? To insult is not Christian.

Actually, before God we are all sinners and in need of forgiveness. All of us. Indeed, Jesus told us not to judge. Fraternal correction is a mark of the love and communion which must reign in the Christian community; it is, rather, a mutual service that we can and must render to one another. To reprove a brother is a service, and it is possible and effective only if each one recognizes oneself to be a sinner and in need of the Lord's forgiveness. The same awareness that enables me to recognize the fault of another, even before that, reminds me that I have likewise made mistakes and I am often wrong.

This is why, at the beginning of Mass, every time, we are called before the Lord to recognize that we are sinners, expressing through words and gestures sincere repentance of the heart. And we say: "Have mercy on me, Lord. I am a sinner! I confess to Almighty

God my sins". And we don't say: "Lord, have mercy on this man who is beside me, or this woman, who are sinners". No! "Have mercy on me!". We are all sinners and in need of the Lord's forgiveness. It is the Holy Spirit who speaks to our spirit and makes us recognize our faults in light of the Word of Jesus. And Jesus himself invites us all, saints and sinners, to his table, gathering us from the crossroads, from diverse situations of life. And among the conditions in common among those participating in the Eucharistic celebration, two are fundamental in order to go to Mass correctly: we are all sinners and God grants his mercy to all. These are the two conditions which open wide the doors that we might enter Mass properly. We must always remember this before addressing a brother in brotherly correction.

What are the principals to love and forgive others? I think we can understand some of them as follows:

First Jesus doesn't want anyone to make show of some one's fault or weakness or in other words no public embarrassment; If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one". This one has a very strong compact on the person because there is love involved in the element of forgiveness. St. Paul confirms this in these words: "Therefore you have no excuse, whoever you are, when you judge others; for in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, are doing the very same things. You say, "We know that God's judgment on those who do such things is in accordance with truth" (Romans 2:1-2). In the 2nd Letter to the Corinthians St. Paul warns every faithful to be careful not to cause any pain to other "But if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but to some extent—not to exaggerate it—to all of you. This punishment by the majority is enough for such a person; so now instead you should forgive and console him, so that he may not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. So, I urge you to reaffirm your love for him" (2:5-9). Remember if correction in a positive way, will always lead us to love and love brings us to forgiveness.

Second principle of Jesus is to seek the help of others to correct him/her against the sin being committed: "But if the person does not listen to you, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses". This is the communitarian spirit of helping other people at fault. In the Acts of the Apostles, we read "they were all united in one heart and mind" and that is only possible if there is love. St. John writes in his First Letter to remind us that if we are children of God, we must listen; "Little children, you are from God, and have conquered them; for the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore, what they say is from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us, and whoever is not from God does not listen to us. From this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error" (4:4-6).

St. John has shown us a real spirit of our discipleship to remind us to live our lives in accordance with the commandments of Jesus; "We know that those who are born of God do not sin, but the one who was born of God protects them, and the evil one does not touch them. We know that we are God's children, and that the whole world lies under



the power of the evil one. And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life" (1John 5:18-20).

Third principle of Jesus is to consult the Church for the correction of our brothers or sisters. Church being the mother, guides her children through the Sacrament of Reconciliation to experience the love and forgiveness of God the Father who slow to anger and abounding in love. Throughout the centuries the Church has experienced the love and forgiveness of her Savior who taught her the biggest lesson of love and forgiveness on the Wood which she passes on to her children. The message of that Wood keeps reminding us that "You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord" (Leviticus 19:18). This week Lord is asking us to help those who are in need of correction by loving and forgiving them. Let me conclude my reflection with this story.

There was this Christian who saw a scorpion floundering around in the water. He decided to save it by stretching out his finger, but the scorpion stung him. The man still tried to get the scorpion out of the water, but the scorpion stung him again.

A man nearby told him to stop trying to save the scorpion that kept stinging him.

But the Christian said: "It is the nature of the scorpion to sting. It is my nature to love. Why should I give up my nature to love just because it is the nature of the scorpion to sting?"

Don't give up loving. Don't give up your goodness. Even if people around you sting.

Don't we think where there is love, there is correction and where there is correction there is forgiveness and acceptance?





O THAT TODAY YOU WOULD LISTEN  
TO THE VOICE OF THE LORD.

**DO NOT HARDEN  
YOUR HEARTS!**

PSALM 95



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
**DIOCESE**  
of Calgary

 **23<sup>rd</sup>** SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

## DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **Pastoral Care Ministry Training**

The Diocese of Calgary is offering a Pastoral Care Ministry Training for those who feel called to assist their parish in a healing ministry to the sick, elderly, dying, homebound and bereaved members.

- Medicine Hat: Fri-Sun (Sep 22-24)
- Calgary: Saturdays (Nov 11 & 25)

Register at: [catholiccyca.ca/pastoralcare](http://catholiccyca.ca/pastoralcare)

#### **Transitions**

The Diocese of Calgary invites those working through the pain of separation and divorce to join Transitions, an 18-week peer led support group to help toward growth and new life. In this program, participants will find a supportive environment and a safe space to share their journey, engage in meaningful

discussions, and connect with others who truly understand the experience. There is no fee to register. Limited spots available. When: Thursdays, from Sep. 14, 2023, from 7 to 9 pm - at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, Calgary. Register at: [catholiccyca.ca/transitions](http://catholiccyca.ca/transitions)

#### **Enlarge the Tent**

Back for a second series, Fr. Tim Boyle will speak on The Art of Accompaniment, picking up on the theme from the Synod preparation document "Enlarge the Tent." Sessions will be available in-person at St. Martha's, Lethbridge, or watch via livestream at [stmarthsparish.ca](http://stmarthsparish.ca) | When: Every third Monday of the month, beginning Monday, Sep. 18 at 10:30 am - Theme: The big four issues the Church will



discuss in Rome.. and what does it mean to 'Enlarge the Tent'.

### **Journeying Together | Hope & Healing**

The Diocese of Calgary invites individuals or families to join a transformative workshop designed for those navigating the grief of miscarriage. Connect with others who understand your pain, share your experience in a safe and compassionate environment, and learn coping strategies from professionals and peers who have gone through this journey. When: Friday & Saturday (Oct. 13 & 14) at Ascension Catholic Parish, Calgary. More info & register online at: [miscarriageliturgy.ca/workshop](http://miscarriageliturgy.ca/workshop)

### **Living Little by Little on Earth as it is in Heaven**

Join St. Peter's Parish Mission with Fr. Philip Scott, with the theme: "Living Little by Little on Earth as it is in Heaven. Living no longer as orphans, learning to live as sons and daughters of God, our perfect family who is the Blessed Trinity." When: Thu (Sep 14) and Fri (Sep 15) at 7 pm, and/or Sat (Sep 16) from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm, at St. Peter's Parish, Calgary.

### **Career opportunities**

The Diocese of Calgary is hiring various roles for the parishes in the Diocese and the Catholic Pastoral Centre. Visit [catholiccy.ca/careers](http://catholiccy.ca/careers) for more details, and please help us spread the word!

- Administrative Assistant (Part-time) -

Feed the Hungry, Calgary

- Camp Director - Archdiocese of Edmonton

### **Serra Calgary Charter Celebration**

The Serra Club of Calgary invites you to join the Mass and celebration with Bishop McGrattan and the leadership of Serra International as they seek to promote and support vocations in our Diocese. When: Saturday, Sep 16 at 9 am at St. Mary's Cathedral.

### **Charismatic Prayer Breakfast**

Calgary Catholic Charismatic Renewal Society (CCCRS) is inviting you to the Charismatic Prayer Breakfast. When: Saturday, Sep. 16 at 9 am at St. Thomas More Parish (15 Templebow Rd. NE, Calgary). Event begins with Mass at 9 am, followed by breakfast and praise and worship, and talk on "Spiritual Maturity" by Fr. Jerald D'Souza, OCD. Cost: \$20/person. RSVP to [cccrsevents@gmail.com](mailto:cccrsevents@gmail.com) or phone Liza at 403-903-5492.

### **The Church as an Expert in Humanity**

**Dying to Meet You** presents a daylong cultural event with opportunities to explore the Church as an expert in humanity through morning mass, a Ministry Hall of Exhibits in the Cathedral Hall, an afternoon of panels with 10+ speakers at the Pastoral Centre, and an Evening Program led by Bishop William McGrattan.

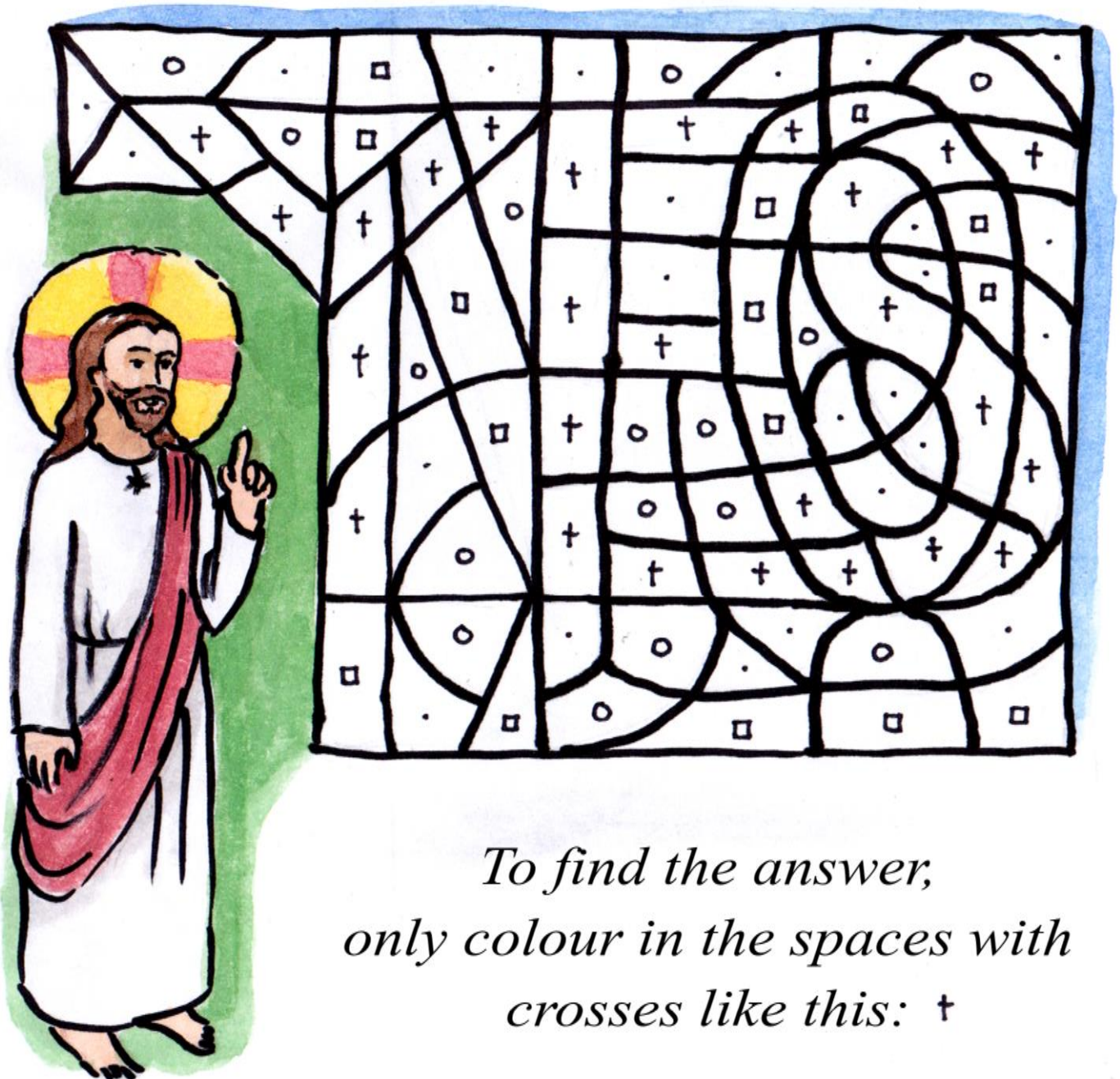
When: Sat, Sep. 23 - All day, at St. Mary's Cathedral. More info at [dyingtomeetyoucalgary.com](http://dyingtomeetyoucalgary.com)

# The Kids' Bulletin

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 10th, 2023

*Sometimes we see other people doing things  
that we know are wrong.*

*When we see other people doing sins, does  
Jesus want us to talk to them about it?*

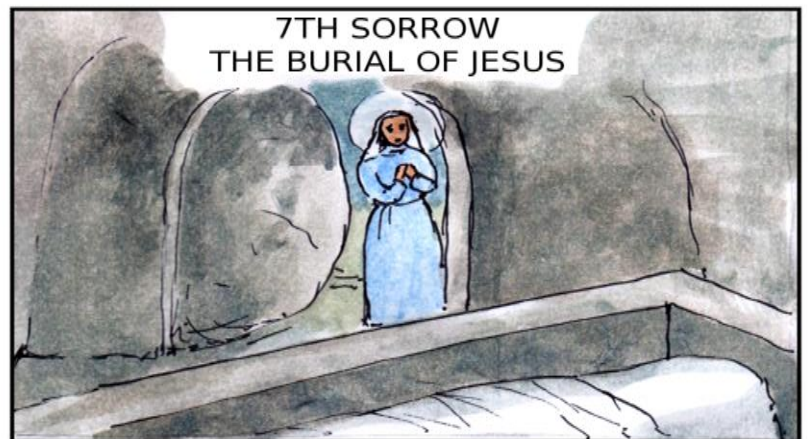
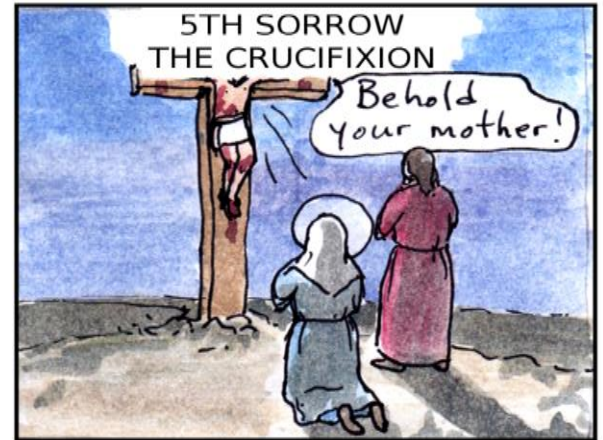
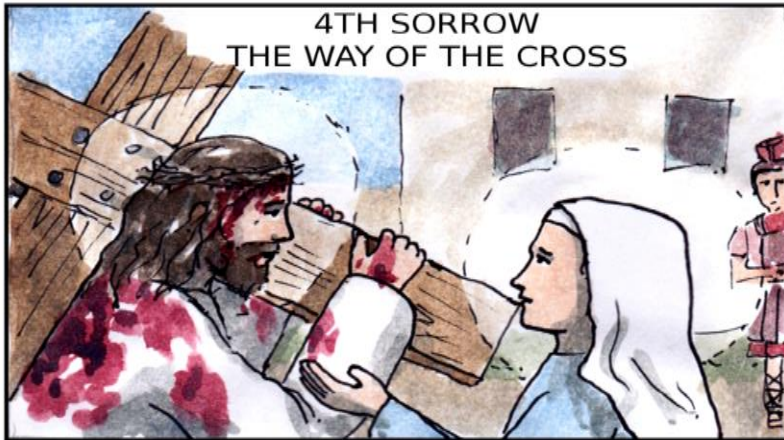


*To find the answer,  
only colour in the spaces with  
crosses like this: †*



# Our Lady of Sorrows

## September 15



WHEN YOU REALLY LOVE SOMEONE YOU WILL FEEL SAD WHEN THEY ARE HURT. OUR LADY LOVED JESUS MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE EVER COULD, AND SHE ALSO SUFFERED MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE. BUT SHE WAS HAPPY TO SUFFER FOR JESUS. WE SHOULD PRAY TO OUR LADY TO HELP US TO LOVE OUR LORD, EVEN IF WE HAVE TO SUFFER.



# ***...Where two or three are gathered in my Name...***

T W H I C H P R T A  
H H E A R T H S H T  
R E A G A I N H E O  
E R V R M Y W A R G  
E E E E E S G L E E  
P I N E N A R L N T  
R T L H O Y A T A H  
A N Y T H I N G M E  
Y Y O U F A T H E R  
G A T H E R E D H E  
R T W O M I D S T S

*Here is the last part of today's Gospel reading. See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks.*

What is Our Lord asking us to do?

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AGAIN, AMEN, I SAY to YOU, if two of you AGREE on EARTH about ANYTHING for WHICH they are to PRAY, it SHALL be GRANTED to them by my HEAVENLY FATHER. For WHERE TWO or THREE are GATHERED TOGETHER in my NAME, THERE am I in the MIDST of them.





# What should I do when somebody else sins?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells us that if someone sins against us, we should quietly go and talk to them about it. Have you ever seen someone else do something bad? Did you talk to them about it?



When we talk to somebody about something bad they are doing, we should do it with love. We aren't trying to make them feel bad; we're trying to help!

Has anyone ever told you when you were doing something wrong? Did you find it easy to listen to them? When we try to help people who do bad things, what God wants us to do is be kind to them and help them to turn away from their sins. It's hard to do, but it makes God so happy to see us helping people come back to Him!

Answer to puzzle on front: yes!  
Answer to word-find puzzle:  
Pray with others

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# 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 @holyfamilymh.ca never a @gmail account.**

**If you get an email or a text, PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND to it, you can forward it to [contact@holyfamilymh.ca](mailto:contact@holyfamilymh.ca) so it can be sent to the diocese.**