



Welcome to

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 – 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Email: contact@holyfamilymh.ca ~ Website: www.holyfamilymh.ca ~ Phone 403-527-6933

Facebook: Medicine Hat Holy Family Parish ~ YouTube: Medicine Hat Holy Family Church

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 – 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.



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:30–28:7.

Psalms 103:1–2, 3–4, 9–10, 11–12.

Romans 14:7–9.

Matthew 18:21–35.

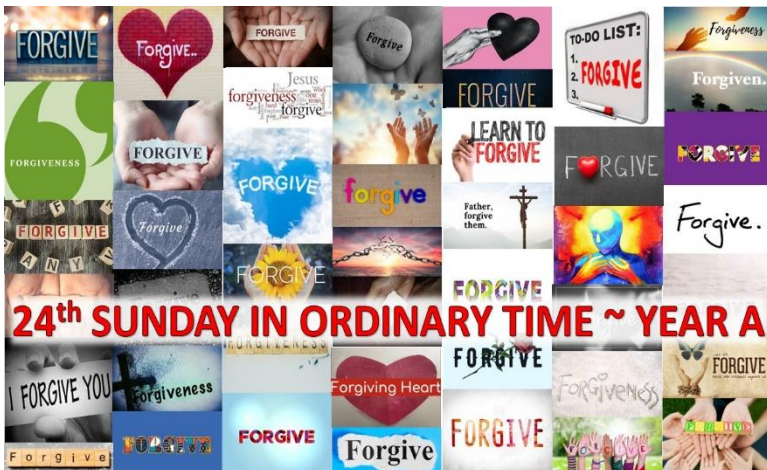
Seventy-Seven Times.

When is enough? Can we be angry now? When
can we stop forgiving? If we must forgive the same
person the same thing seventy-seven times, can we
stop at seventy-eight? No! Because, as Paul
declares in Romans 14, we live and die for God, to
whom alone we belong. We do not live for
ourselves.

† Who needs my forgiveness?

† Whom will I forgive ~ and for what ~ perhaps,
again?

† And what forgiveness do I need?



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

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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
\$ 53,947- Budget Vs Actual	- \$ 10,037

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. 16 ~ 10:00am ~ Hope Room

Benedictine Group Meets

Sept. 17 ~ All Masses ~ Parking Lot

Blessing of the Pets

Sept. 20 ~ 9:30am ~ Faith Room

Bible Study

Sept. 22-24 ~ 6:30pm ~ Faith Room

Pastoral Care Workshop

Sept. 23 ~ 7:00pm ~ HFP Hall

That Man Is You

Sept. 23 ~ 7:00pm ~ Faith Room

Catholic Women's League Meeting

Sept. 23 ~ 10:00am ~ Hope room

Benedictine Group Meets

Sept. 25 ~ 7:00pm ~ Faith Room

Life Ministry

Sept. 26 ~ 6:30pm ~ Faith Room

1st Reconciliation Parents Meeting

Sept. 27 ~ 6:30pm ~ HFP Sanctuary

Altar Server's Practice

† Masses & Mass Intentions †

Saturday, September 16

5:00pm ~ Josefina Velilla †

Sunday, September 17

8:30am ~ Holy Family Parish

10:30am ~ Linda Hamel †

6:00pm ~ Derrick Risling †

Monday, September 18

9:00am ~ Blair Kollman †

Tuesday, September 19

9:00am ~ Dan Krassman †

Wednesday, September 20

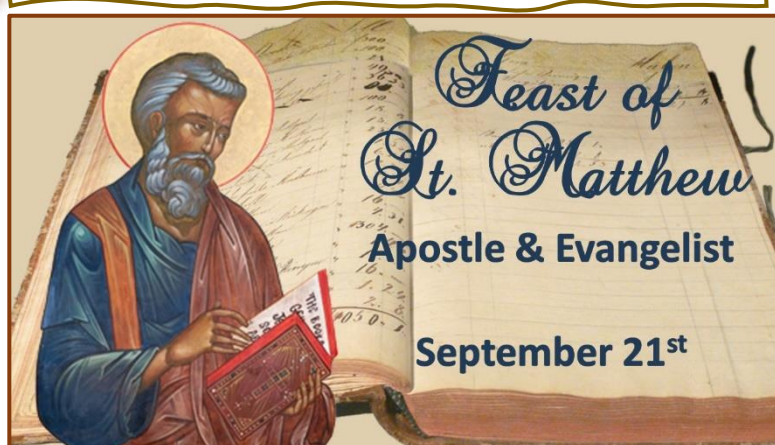
9:00am ~ Betty Kelly †

Thursday, September 21

9:00am ~ Fabian & Marg Delwo

Friday, September 22

9:00am ~ Floreppina & Florenco Lazada



December 31, 2023 - Goal \$70,938

Together IN ACTION
Annual Bishop's Appeal

total to date \$38,351

which is 54%

\$32,587 to go.

We are just over halfway there...

Please Give Generously ~ Thank You!



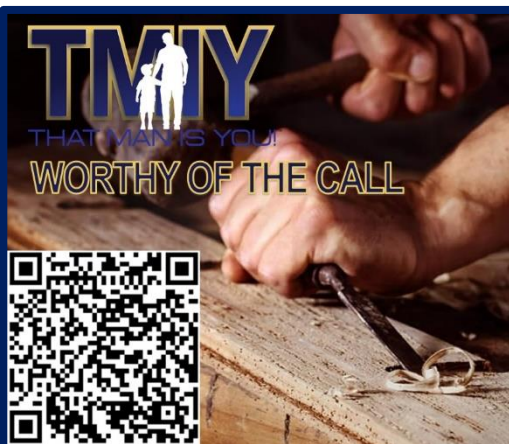
Pastoral Care Ministry Training Holy Family Parish September 22nd-24th

†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.



September 23
Holy Family
Parish Hall
Breakfast 7:30am
Presentation
8:30 – 9:30 am
Theme
I Beg You
Presenter
Mark Hartfiel

Sacramental Preparation 2023-2024

1st Reconciliation Parents Meeting

Tuesday, September 26 at 6:30pm in Faith Room

Confirmation Class

Thursday, September 28 at 6:00pm in Faith Room

1st Reconciliation Class

Sunday, October 1 at 10:15am in Faith Room

ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE

Wednesday, September 27

6:30pm

Holy Family Parish Sanctuary

This practice is for all current
altar servers & any children or
adults. And anybody who wish
to become altar servers.



St. Patrick's Parish
Catholic Women's League
will be holding their

Annual Used Clothing Sale

September 21st to the 23rd

Thank You For your support!

Save all your good used clothing to donate!

Drop off clothes Wednesday Sept 20 in the Hall



Medicine Hat Pro-Life Association Notice of Meeting

Monday, September 18, 2023

7:30 pm

St. Patrick's Church Hall

For more information: George Ibach, 403-527-7434



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

When? Saturday October 21st, 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



Gifts from God The Art Show

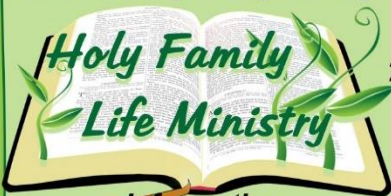
November 18-19, 2023

Following each Mass

Registration deadline November 3, 2023
see bulletin for info.

View the Full-Length Bulletin at www.holyfamilymh.ca or on
Facebook - Medicine Hat Holy Family Parish

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.



Information

Valerie at 587-588-5788
Sonia at 403-528-0028

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.



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

St. Patrick's Parish Annual Fall Dinner

Sunday, October 22, 2023 - 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

6 and under free, 7-12 \$5.00, 13 over \$15.00



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updated with what's happening in and
around our Diocese!

Listen to Mass on your phone...
Download the "Audio Fetch" app.
Our Network is: HFP_LIVE
The Password is: Liv3HFP*



**EMAIL SCAMS AGAIN FROM
PREISTS, CHURCH, STAFF, ETC.**

NOBODY is going to ask you for gift
cards, or bit coins! **NOBODY!!!**

If you get an email or a text, **PLEASE**
DO NOT RESPOND to it,
JUST DELETE IT!

**Sunday 10:30am Mass on
YOUTUBE**

**Medicine Hat Holy Family Church
Live Stream**

**[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UCG6zK-XzuXdDHj79rV6ut_Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG6zK-XzuXdDHj79rV6ut_Q)**





24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

September 17, 2023

SEVENTY-SEVEN TIMES

Last Sunday we reflected on how to forgive and correct our brothers and sisters without embarrassing them in public with love however, today we are invited to meditate on the personal aspect of forgiveness. How can we follow the mathematics of Jesus of “Seventy-Seven Times” when it comes to forgiving? Are words enough to forgive or actions are also required to forgive? I agree with St. Peter Claver who shared his experience of helping African slaves in the 17th century as many of them got sick and treated inhumane way, said, “This was how we spoke to them, not with words but with our hands and our actions. And in fact, convinced as they were that they had been brought here to be eaten, any other language would have proved utterly useless. Then we sat, or rather knelt, beside them and bathed their faces and bodies with wine. We made every effort to encourage them with friendly gestures and displayed in their presence the emotions which somehow naturally tend to hearten the sick”.

The question of St. Peter today “how many times should I forgive my brother or sister, as many as seven times, represents the general human mentality? Many times, we fall into the temptation of choosing wrong which is worse than the disease to face the reality of life. An old woman had two servants. Everyday the woman would wake up as soon as her cock started crowing. Then she would rouse the servants as well and ask them to begin the day’s work.

The servants did not like to get up early in the morning. All the time they were thinking what to do to have longer and undisturbed sleep in the morning.

One day one servant said to the other, “Let us kill the cock. If there is no cock, there will be no crowing. If there is no crowing, the mistress won’t wake up early in the morning. If she does not wake up early in the morning, none will disturb our quiet sleep.”

The other servant agreed. So, the next day they killed the cock. Now that there was no cock, the old woman would not know the exact time. She would wake up even earlier than before. Once she was out of her bed, she would not let her servants remain in bed.

The cock was gone. But the servants had a harder time than before.

St. Albert the Great once wrote: "May the love of humility expel the spirit of pride, source of all sin, and may meekness mitigate those who are inflated with pride. May those who with their offenses have exasperated many, reconciled among themselves, seek to enter into the unity of peace. Do not return evil for evil, but rather forgive each other, as Christ has forgiven us (Rm 12, 17) Conquer human enmity with peace..."

May we, who daily need the remedies of indulgence, forgive without difficulty the faults of others. If we say to the Lord, our Father: 'forgive us our offenses, as we forgive those who offend us (Mt 6, 12), ' it is absolutely certain that, in forgiving the offenses of others, we dispose ourselves to receive divine clemency".

Forgiveness is liberating to the forgiver and the offender. For the forgiver, the suffocation of anger lifts; the liberation of letting go is physically, mentally, and emotionally healthy. After forgiving, someone could realize that withholding forgiveness and seeking revenge would lock him/her into a never-ending cycle of anger. Forgiveness offered him/her the "ability to regain control when we experience something that seems to take every choice away from us."

Should we forgive those who not only do not ask for it, fail to display any remorse, snap back at any notice of their wrongdoing, or are dead? I believe yes, we should forgive because our Saviour even suffered to death, even death on a Cross, has given us the example to forgive "Father, forgive them because they don't know what they do". Sometimes "Forgiveness is not necessarily a two-way street," nor is it necessarily the banishing of anger. It is allowing oneself to feel whatever emotions he/she feels and to deal with it. Forgiving also has a practical benefit. Holding on to a traumatic past does nothing but consume your present emotional space. Forgiveness, it turns out, is more a process than a single decision. Sometimes, forgiveness takes an unusual course. The world would be a far better place if we practiced more of what the people have discovered. It would be less angry and more giving, less anguished and more empathetic, less vengeful, and more loving. The angry and unforgiving soul sometimes creates such a hole that there is a fear of sinking into the deepest and darkest waters of hopelessness and fear that no one can repair. However, people who are open to forgive others, not only repair their lives but the lives of others as well.

We pay close attention to the Beatitudes of the Lord; we should understand that everything is coming out of forgiveness and love. If we fail to forgive someone then how can we be pure in heart, peace makers, poor in spirit or rejoice in the times of our trials and tribulations. St. Leo the Great reflecting on the Beatitudes of the Lord says "The blessedness of seeing God is justly promised to the pure of heart. For the eye that is unclean would not be able to see the brightness of the true light, and what would be happiness to clear minds would be a torment to those that are defiled. Therefore, let the mists of worldly vanities be dispelled, and the inner eye be cleansed of all the filth of wickedness, so that the soul's gaze may feast serenely upon the great vision of God. It is to the attainment of this goal that the next words refer to: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. This blessedness, dearly beloved, does not derive from any casual agreement or from any and every kind of harmony, but it pertains to what

the Apostle says: Be at peace before the Lord, and to the words of the prophet: Those who love your law shall enjoy abundant peace; for them it is no stumbling block.

Even the most intimate bonds of friendship and the closest affinity of minds cannot truly lay claim to this peace if they are not in agreement with the will of God. Alliances based on evil desires, covenants of crime and pacts of vice—all lie outside the scope of this peace. Love of the world cannot be reconciled with love of God, and the man who does not separate himself from the children of this generation cannot join the company of the sons of God. But those who keep God ever in their hearts and are anxious to preserve the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace, never dissent from the eternal law as they speak the prayer of faith. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. These then are the peacemakers; they are bound together in holy harmony and are rightly given the heavenly title of sons of God, co-heirs with Christ. And this is the reward they will receive for their love of God and neighbor: when their struggle with all temptation is finally over, there will be no further adversities to suffer or scandal to fear; but they will rest in the peace of God undisturbed, through our Lord who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen”.

One day a man was asked to paint a boat of an owner of that boat. He brought with him paint and brushes and began to paint the boat a bright red, as the owner asked him to. While painting, he realized there was a hole in the hull and decided to repair it. When finished painting, he received his money and left. The next day, the owner of the boat came to the painter and presented him with a nice check, much higher than the payment for painting. The painter was surprised: “You've already paid me for painting the boat”, he said. But this is not for the paint job. It is for having repaired the hole in the boat. Ah! But it was such a small service ... certainly it is not worth paying me such a high amount for something so insignificant! My dear friend, you do not understand. Let me tell you what happened. When I asked you to paint the boat, I forgot to mention the hole. When the boat dried, my kids took the boat and went on a fishing trip. They did not know about the hole. I was not at home at that time. When I returned and noticed they had taken the boat, I was desperate because I remembered that the boat had a hole. Imagine my relief and joy when I saw them returning from fishing. Then, I examined the boat and found that you had repaired the hole! You see now what you did? You saved the life of my children! I do not have enough money to pay for your "small" good deed!

The boat represents our life and the hole in the boat shows the depth of our sins. To repair this hole, we need forgiveness with no limits. In today's First Reading we are warned to be careful not to get into habits of committing sins and anger but living a life worthy of the Lord. “Anger and wrath, these also are abominations, yet a sinner holds on to them”. The vengeful will face the Lord's vengeance, for he keeps a strict account of their sins. Forgive your neighbor the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. Does anyone harbor anger against another, and expect healing from the Lord? If one has no mercy toward another like himself, can he then seek pardon for his own sins? If a mere mortal harbors wrath, who will make an atoning sacrifice for his sins? Remember the end of your life, and set enmity aside; remember corruption and death, and

be true to the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not be angry with your neighbor; remember the covenant of the Most High and overlook faults. Refrain from strife, and your sins will be fewer; for the hot-tempered kindle strife, and the sinner disrupts friendships and sows' discord among those who are at peace.

In the Gospel, St. Peter presents a very common situation which all of us face or show every day and that is called our human understanding of forgiveness. In the ancient Jewish culture and in many cultures in modern times, to forgive someone two time or three times was and is considered a great act of love and forgiveness. Is it easy to forgive someone over and again? In our human understanding I guess our answer would be absolutely no. However, on the other hand, Jesus is going opposite of the prevailing understanding of forgiveness "Seven Times seventy" meaning no limit and without any second option. The forgiveness that Jesus is talking about means to dismiss it, to leave it behind, to send it away, to release it. One can ask the question, how do I know if there is somebody I have not forgiven? Well, if there is somebody who has offended us, hurt us, abused us, somebody who has wronged us in childhood, student life and at our workplace and we have never let them off the hook, to this day, when we think of that person, we only think of the offense and we resent them, then we have never forgiven them and therefore rather than freedom, we are in bondage to them!

St. Matthew, being a tax collector, experienced the pain of listening to other people who considered him the biggest sinner in society and was hurt and rejected. For him, the elements of forgiveness were very important, not only from God but also from humans. Through the question of St. Peter to Jesus, he was trying to show us the following:

Forgiveness is not an element of pride that "oh I have forgiven you" but it is a matter of showing humility and believing that God will also forgive me. The answer of Jesus sums up everything that there is no limit in forgiveness.

Secondly, through the parable he is showing us the mirror to see ourselves how we act and react when it comes to receive and give forgiveness. The man in the parable pleaded forgiveness from the king but when it came to him to forgive the other, he refused. Don't we have the same attitude?


Lastly, St. Matthew reminds us that in forgiveness and love there are no limits and no boundaries. St. Paul writes in the Letter to the Colossians (3:12-14), "Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put-on tender mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another, even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do."

We must remember the words of St. Paul "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ also forgave you" (Ephesians 4:29-32)

In the words of the Lord "Seventy-Seven Times" is hidden love who leaves ninety-nine and goes after one to find and rejoices.

Remember in the name of JesUs is U.

Before U were thought of or time had begun,
God had stuck U in the name of His Son.
And each time U pray, you'll see it's true,
You can't spell out JesUs and not include U.
U are a pretty big part of His wonderful name,
For U, he was born; that's why He came.
And His great love for U is the reason that he died,
It even takes U to spell crUcified.
Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand,
He rose from the dead with U in His plan.
The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew,
and this word ressurection is spelled with a U.
When Jesus left the earth at His upward ascension,
He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.
"Go into the world and tell them it's true,
That I love them all-Just like I love U.
So many great people are spelled with a U,
Don't they have the right to know JesUs too?
It all depends now on what U will do,
He'd like them to know, but it all starts with U.
Will U pass it on?
JesUs Loves U!!!



*Do we listen to Jesus to forgive others
"Seventy-Seven Times"?*

Matthew 18:21-35

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Photo by: Fr. Iqbal Khurshid

DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

24th Sunday in Ordinary time

Pray for Morocco & Libya

For people suffering from natural calamities especially the people of Morocco affected by the earthquake and its aftermath and for the people of Libya affected by the devastating floods, may they be strengthened by God's grace and receive the assistance they require, let us pray to the Lord.

CWL Annual Lecture on Hope

with Leah Perrault

You are invited to the CWL Annual Lecture in Catholic Studies with speaker Leah Perrault, and theme: Hearts of Flesh: Spiritual Resilience for Hope in the Dark. Learn why you should attend. When: Wed, Sep. 20 at 7 pm - McGivney Hall, St. Mary's University, Calgary.

Go, and Make Disciples!

An evening retreat with speaker Leah Perrault - to unpack Jesus' invitation to "Go, and make disciples!" We will talk about what is shifting and how we can be more effective in recognizing

and carrying Jesus to a world longing for love. We will also discuss how to make our parishes more vibrant and dynamic.

When: Thu, Sep. 21 at 7 to 9 pm - St. Gerard's Calgary

The Seekers Group

The Office of Vocations is offering young unmarried women the opportunity to learn how to make good decisions for their lives and how to discern the will of God for them. Starting date: Sunday, Oct. 1 from 2 to 3:30 pm at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (120-17 Ave. SW, Calgary) and meeting alternating Sundays. To register, contact sisterdianne.turner@calgarydiocese.ca or call 403-218-5504.

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:
catholicyyca.ca/pastoralcare

The Church as an Expert in Humanity

Come explore life's great questions of suffering, death, meaning, and hope. In the morning, there will be a Ministry Hall of Exhibits in the Cathedral Hall and lunch. In the afternoon, there will be panels at the Pastoral Centre featuring 10+ speakers committed to the art of accompaniment and encouraging hope. In the evening, there will be a Special Program with Testimonies, Reflection, and Adoration & Benediction led by Bishop William McGrattan at the Cathedral. Attend some of the day or all. Registration required.
When: Saturday. Sept. 23. Visit: DyingToMeetYouCalgary.com
Journeying Together | Hope & Healing | Oct 13&14

The Diocese of Calgary invites individuals or families to join a transformative workshop designed for those navigating

For more news/events, visit catholicyyc.ca/news the grief of miscarriage. When: Friday & Saturday (Oct. 13 & 14) at Ascension Catholic Parish, Calgary. More info at: miscarriageliturgy.ca/workshop

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 preparatory document "Enlarge the Tent." Sessions will be available in-person at St. Martha's, Lethbridge, or watch via livestream at 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'.

Understanding the History & Legacy of the Indian Residential Schools

You are invited to a talk by Justice Len Marchand British Columbia Court of Appeal who will be

joining via livestream, on Saturday, Sep. 30 at St. Peter's Catholic Church Parish Hall at 10 am. Walking Together as People of Faith - with Fr. Cristino Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council of the Catholic Women's League invites you to attend a virtual retreat celebrating Truth & Reconciliation Day. The retreat promises to be a compelling gathering encouraging us as we Walk together as People of Faith. Facilitator: Fr. Cristino Bouvette. When: Sunday, Oct. 1, 2023, Zoom - from 1:30pm to 3 pm. To register

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit
at Sacred Heart Visit The Eucharistic Miracles of the World exhibit - a collection of miracles recognized by the Church which

occurred through the centuries in various countries.

When: Sep 28 - Oct 1 at Sacred Heart Church, Calgary.

Career opportunities

The Diocese of Calgary is hiring various roles for the parishes in the Diocese and the Catholic Pastoral Centre. Visit catholiccyyc.ca/careers for more details, and please help us spread the word!

● Sacramental & Youth Coordinator
(Part-time/Term) - St. James Parish,
Okotoks

● Camp Director - Archdiocese of Edmonton

The Kids' Bulletin

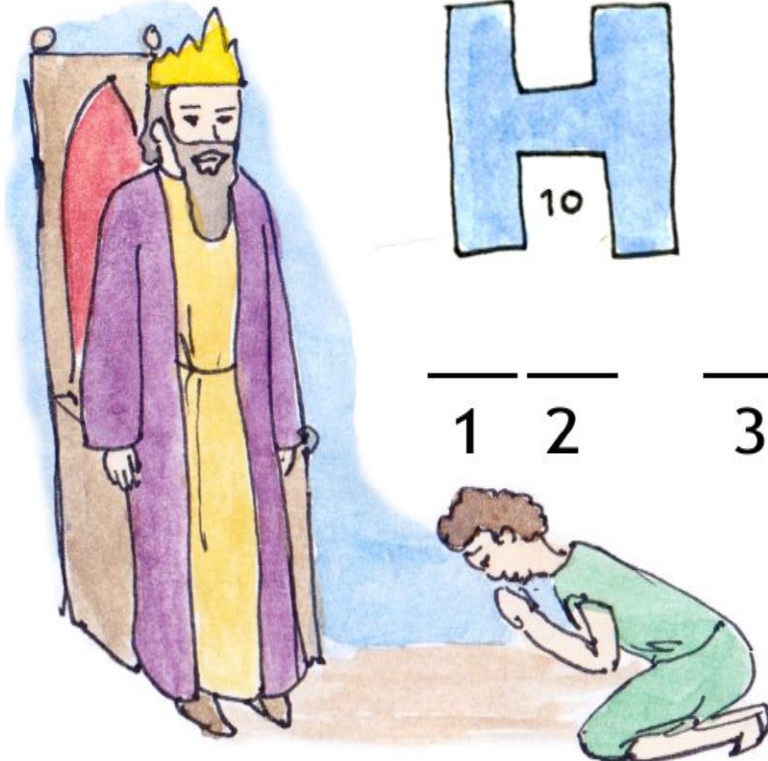
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*What did the king in today's parable do to the servant
who owed him much but asked for forgiveness?
Use the numbers to sort the letters and find out!*

E O H M

V E A I R

H F G



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

10 11 12

Saint Thomas of Villanova

September 22

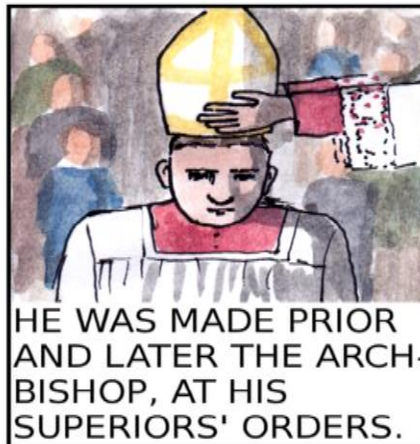
THOMAS WAS BORN TO A RICH BUT GENEROUS FAMILY IN SPAIN IN 1488. HE WAS VERY INTELLIGENT AND WENT TO UNIVERSITY WHEN HE WAS 15.



SOON HE HAD LEARNED SO MUCH THAT HE WAS MADE A PROFESSOR.



BUT HE DECIDED TO BECOME AN AUGUSTINIAN MONK AND A PRIEST.



HE WAS MADE PRIOR AND LATER THE ARCHBISHOP, AT HIS SUPERIORS' ORDERS.

THE MONEY HE GOT IN THIS POSITION WAS GIVEN TO THE POOR.



ST. THOMAS STARTED HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS. HE TAUGHT THE PEOPLE WELL.



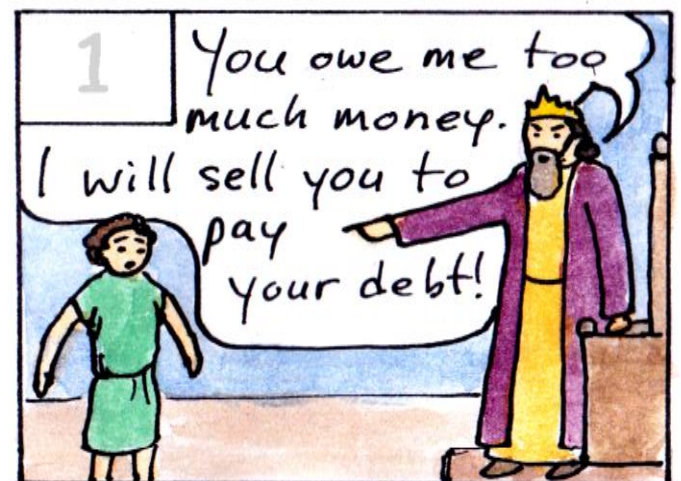
ST. THOMAS LIVED SIMPLY, WEARING AN OLD HABIT HE MENDED HIMSELF. WHEN HE WAS DYING HE GAVE HIS BED TO A POOR MAN. HE DIED AT AGE 77.

PEOPLE CRITICIZED ST. THOMAS BECAUSE HE WOULD GIVE TO ANYONE WHO ASKED, AND BECAUSE HE WAS GENTLE WITH SINNERS. BUT HE KNEW THAT HE COULD WIN MORE SOULS TO GOD BY BEING GENEROUS AND KIND. WE CAN IMITATE ST. THOMAS' GENEROSITY BY SHARING OUR GOOD THINGS.

The Unforgiving Servant

sort-out-the-pictures

*What happened in today's parable?
Figure out the order of the story
and put the numbers from 1 to 6 in the boxes.*



If you want to be forgiven...

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the story of a king whose servant owed him a lot of money.

The king was going to punish the servant, but when the man knelt down and begged for mercy, the king forgave him. Then that same man went and punished a servant who owed him money. When the king found out about this he was very angry.



SORRY. I RIPPED
YOUR BOOK
A BIT.



In this story Jesus is telling us that if we want God to forgive us our sins then we have to forgive the people who have hurt us.

Has anyone ever done something mean to you? How do you feel when that happens? Do you feel loving toward that person? Jesus tells us that we must forgive those people, even when they really hurt us, because we want God to forgive us too. Every time we sin we offend God, and He will still forgive us if we are sorry. If we want God to forgive us, then it's only fair for us to forgive others.

I'M SORRY FOR
TALKING RUDELY
TO YOU.



Answer to Word Find: Saint Helen

Answer to puzzle on front:
He forgave him.

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 so it can be sent to the diocese.