



Welcome to

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 – 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

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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

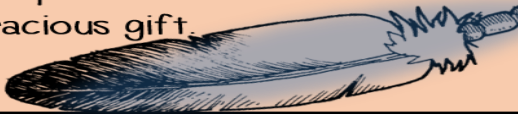
Knights of Columbus – Greg Martin

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.



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The Laborers in the Vineyard Matthew 20:1-16

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:6-9.

Psalms 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18.

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a.

Matthew 20:1-16a.

How Things Work in the Kingdom of Heaven.

This parable about kingdom living may rile us up. God is as generous to the late comers to kingdom work as to those who labored longer and, perhaps, harder. Really? It is true. God is so generous, so loving, so good ~ with ways above our ways and thoughts above our thoughts (reread Isaiah).

- † What work will I do to help bring on the Kingdom of Heaven?
- † How will I pour myself into Christian living without grumbling?
- † How can I be generous to a fault like God this week?

ST JOHN DE BREBEUF, ST ISAAC JOGUES and COMPANIONS
SECONDARY PATRONS OF CANADA

SEPTEMBER 26



MEMORIAL OF
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SEPTEMBER 27

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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

† Masses & Mass Intentions †



Saturday, September 23

5:00pm ~ George Schafer

Sunday, September 24

8:30am ~ Holy Family Parish

10:30am ~ Greg & Darlene Martin

6:00pm ~ Georgine Hecker †

Monday, September 25

9:00am ~ Ray Lorenzo †

Tuesday, September 26

9:00am ~ George Kosolofski †

Wednesday, September 27

9:00am ~ Chuck Love †

Thursday, September 28

9:00am ~ Fabian & Margo Delwo

Friday, September 29

9:00am ~ Blair Family

December 31, 2023 - Goal \$70,938

total to date \$39,325

which is 55%

\$31,613 to go.



We are just over halfway there...

Please Give Generously ~ Thank You!



Feast of the Archangels September 29

St. Michael

St. Raphael

St. Gabriel

Sept. 23 ~ 7:00pm ~ HFP Hall

That Man Is You

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 ~ 9:30am ~ Faith Room

Bible Study

Sept. 27 ~ 7:00pm ~ Faith Room

RCIA

Sept. 27 ~ 6:30pm ~ HFP Sanctuary

Altar Server's Practice

Sept. 27 ~ 7:30pm ~ Hope Room

Faith in Action

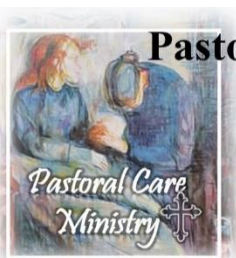
Sept. 28 ~ 6:00pm ~ Faith Room

Confirmation Class

Oct. 1 ~ 10:15am ~ Faith Room

1st Reconciliation Class

***** Important Notice: Fr. Naveed will continue as the Parish Administrator of St. Mary's Parish, Cluny, Holy Trinity Parish, Siksika, and St. Columba Parish, Bassano. Please continue to support Fr. Naveed with your prayers. *****



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.

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

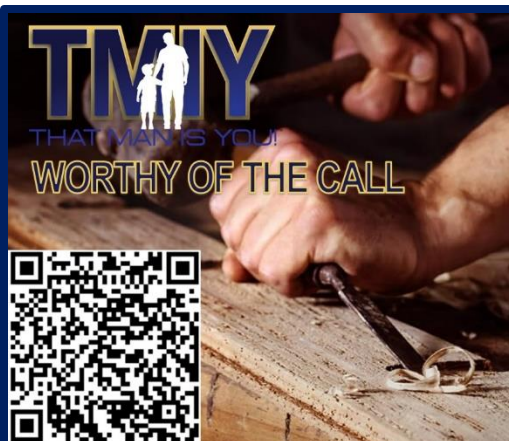
Medicine Hat Pro Life Association is
holding its annual LIFE CHAIN on Sunday,
Oct. 1/23 from 2-3 pm in front of the
Community Health Services Building on
Dunmore Rd. Come out in support of
"ALL LIFE".

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



Rosary Program

Build faithful families and communities through rosary prayer. The Knights of Columbus Faith in Action Committee are please to again this year offer to Holy Family parishioners the Rosary Program. This program offers free rosaries to people who need a rosary to pray to Our Lady during the Marian month of October. Rosaries will be available at the Knights' table in the foyer during weekend Masses on September 23 and 24.



September 30
Holy Family
Parish Hall
Breakfast 7:30am
Presentation
8:30 – 9:30 am
Theme
Worthy of the Call
Presenter
John Sablan

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.



HOLY FAMILY PARISH

FALL SUPPER

13 yrs. – Adult -\$20.00, 7 – 12 yrs. -\$10.00

6 yrs. & Under - Free

~Hosted by~

Holy Family
Catholic
Women's League

~MENU~

Roast Beef, Mashed
Potatoes, Salads &
Apple Strudel

November 5th, 2023, at 5:00pm



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

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

Ministry Fair

September 30th
&
October 1st
after
each Mass

I'D LOVE TO HELP!
WHEN? WHERE? I'LL BE THERE!
SURE I CAN!

VOLUNTEER

Gifts from God

The Art Show

November 18-19, 2023
Following each Mass

Registration deadline November 3, 2023
see bulletin for info.

The Catholic Women's League would like to thank the Parishioners of Medicine Hat for helping them help the Nurture Center... You all are amazing... Thank You

We are so happy to report that our 16th annual Formula for Hope fundraiser was our best one ever. With your help and the CWL's generosity over \$8000 was raised. This is significantly more than previous years. Thank you, thank you, thank you for all you did to make 2023's fundraiser a success.

One participant, when returning her church's filled bottles, mildly lamented that they didn't do too well, "but that every little bit helps." Although it is true that every little bit helps, it's also true that every little bit helps A LOT. A can of baby formula costs about \$40+. So, every \$40 we receive could potentially feed a baby for a couple weeks. Every \$20 could potentially feed a baby for a week. That is huge. With the amount raised, we can help diaper, feed, and dress a number of babies for a few months. Thank you so very much. We wouldn't be able to report such great news without your support.

Holy Family CWL contributed \$1995 to the Formula for Hope fundraiser. We cannot thank you enough for your participation and generosity. Not many churches in the community support this fundraiser so please know how much your involvement means to us. Without your participation, our numbers would be radically different.

Further to this amazing news about the difference you made with the Formula for Hope fundraiser, you also generously blessed us in your Gift from the Heart fundraiser. You gave us \$560, plus \$1300 worth of clothing. Between the two fundraisers, your total gifts came to \$3855.

We are sincerely thankful that you have chosen to support Nurture Pregnancy Centre. The work we do is a real game changer for many families and their little ones. We are profoundly grateful for your assistance in helping us help them.

Please express our gratitude to all the ladies. Your support makes a huge impact.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

DO YOU HAVE A DESIRE TO LEARN ABOUT THE TRADITIONS AND TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH? DO YOU FEEL A NEED FOR A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF OUR FAITH BELIEFS IN ORDER TO KEEP UP WITH THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OF YOUR CHILDREN?

IF SO, PERHAPS YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THE RCIA PROGRAM.



Holy Family Parish, Medicine Hat, AB

WEDNESDAYS

7:00PM

FAITH ROOM

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

Vincentian Corner

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues to respond to our neighbors in need here in our community. With costs of everything rising, we are seeing an increase in both numbers as well as dollar amounts required to get the person or family out of their situation. We are so very grateful for the support we receive from our fellow parishioners both in prayers and in donations. Those we assist are so grateful for the ways in which we can help—they are often moved to tears as they express their appreciation. Thank you for making it possible for us to 'lighten the load' of the heavy burden many among us are carrying. May God bless you for your generosity and kindness.

Our local conference is always ready to welcome new volunteers. Please pray to discern if you are being called to join us in seeing the face of Jesus in our neighbors as they struggle to keep afloat during these difficult times. As followers of Jesus, we all need to play our part in serving our friends in need. Please call either church office if you would like more information about being a Vincentian in our community. May God bless you and your families.

SSVP Medicine Hat Vincentians



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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-XzuXDHj79rV6ut_Q



Please contact Gary Heinbecker: tasteoftheworld2023@gmail.com

Joe McKinnon Council #9502 Knights of Columbus



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Faith in Action Life Director	Allan Lawson
Faith in Action Family Director	Jimmy Tablan
Faith in Action Faith Director	Darrell Bonagofsky
Faith in Action Community Director	Ron Pisoni
Pastoral Parish Council Representative	Garry Mastel

2023-24 Knights Events

Date & Activity
Sunday, September 10 Corn Roast
Sunday, September 24 Knights Mass
Sunday, October 15 Breakfast
Sunday, November 19 Breakfast
Saturday, December 9 Knights Mass
Sunday, December 17 Christmas Breakfast
Sunday, January 21 Breakfast
Sunday, February 25 Breakfast
Sunday, April 7 Breakfast
Sunday, May 5 Breakfast
Sunday, June 23 Parish Picnic



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

September 24, 2023

A DIFFERENT WAY OF THINKING

Last Sunday we reflected on the element of forgiveness without limit. Today through the Scripture Readings the Lord is inviting us to examine our thinking and compare it with his ways of thinking. In our present time, during the Covid-19 pandemic, sadness runs deep in our world, especially for those who do not know what the future is going to bring for them. Human thinking is prevailing over trust in the Lord and fear of death is becoming bigger than the joy of life. People are questioning how long this situation is going to linger and no one has the answer. What should our reaction and thinking be? We do not need to be misled and deceived by any fear or human understanding, but we must be vigilant and smart enough to choose what is right for us by trusting in the Lord.

Let us take a few moments to reflect on the following story:

Many years ago, in a small Italian town, a merchant had the misfortune of owing a large sum of money to the moneylender. The moneylender, who was old and ugly, fancied the merchant's beautiful daughter, so he proposed a bargain. He said he would forgo the merchant's debt if he could marry the daughter. Both the merchant and his daughter were horrified by the proposal.

The moneylender told them that he would put a black pebble and a white pebble into an empty bag. The girl would then have to pick one pebble from the bag. If she picked the black pebble, she would become the moneylender's wife and her father's debt would be forgiven. If she picked the white pebble, she need not marry him, and her father's debt would still be forgiven. But, if she refused to pick a pebble, her father would be thrown into jail.

They were standing on a pebble-strewn path in the merchant's garden. As they talked, the moneylender bent over to pick up two pebbles. As he picked them up, the sharp-eyed girl noticed that he had picked up two black pebbles and put them into the bag. He then asked the girl to pick her pebble from the bag.

The girl put her hand into the bag and drew out a pebble. Without looking at it, she fumbled and let it fall onto the pebble-strewn path where it immediately became lost among all the other pebbles. "Oh, how clumsy of me," she said. "But never mind, if you look into the bag for the one that is left, you will be able to tell which pebble I picked."

I believe sometimes it is necessary to think beyond our human thinking by allowing God to work in our lives. In the First Reading the Prophet Isaiah brings two very important aspects of our faith: First, he encourages us to "Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near". The whole Bible is full of examples of people who searched the Lord and they found him. In the New Testament some of Jesus's disciples were curious to know and see him and Jesus told them "Come and See". In our Christian faith, everyday we are invited to seek the Lord and find him. Secondly, the Prophet Isaiah reminds that we must not compare our ways of thinking with God's; "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts".

Human thinking is made up primarily of limitation, imperfection, bondage, and ignorance. This thinking wants to remain here on earth. It gets joy in the finite: in family, in society, in earthly affairs. Human consciousness makes us feel that we can exist without God. When it is in deep ignorance, human consciousness feels that there is no necessity for God. We see millions and billions of people who do not pray or meditate. They feel, "If God exists, well and good; if He does not exist, we don't lose anything." Although they may use the term 'God' in season and out of season, they do not care for the reality, the existence of God either in Heaven or in their day-to-day earthly lives. Human consciousness feels there is nothing more important than earthly pleasure. Human consciousness tries to convince us that we are nowhere near Truth or Fulfilment. It tries to make us feel that God is somewhere else, millions of miles away from us.

However, on the other hand the Divine thinking is made up of Peace, Bliss, divine Power and so forth. Its nature is to expand constantly. Divine consciousness feels there is nothing more important and significant than heavenly Joy and Bliss on earth. The Divine consciousness makes us feel that God is right here, inside each life-breath, inside each heartbeat, inside everyone and everything around us. It makes us feel that we are on earth precisely because He exists. And when we cherish divine thoughts, the divine consciousness makes us feel it is He who is inspiring us to cherish these divine ideas. In everything the divine consciousness makes us feel that there is a divine purpose, divine aim, divine ideal, divine goal.

Our Holy Father Pope Francis reflecting on the Gospel says "in the Gospel today there is the parable of the day labourers in the vineyard, which Jesus recounts in order to explain two aspects of the Kingdom of God: the first is that God wants to call everyone to work for his Kingdom; the second is that, in the end, he wants to give everyone the same reward, that is, salvation, eternal life. The owner of the vineyard who represents God, goes out at dawn, and hires a group of workers, agreeing with them on the day's wages. It was a fair wage. Then he goes out again several times later in the day — he goes out five times that day — until the late afternoon to hire other unemployed labourers

whom he sees. At the end of the day, the landowner orders that a denarius be paid to everyone, even to those who had only worked for a few hours. Naturally, the labourers who were hired first complained because they see that they were paid as much as those who worked for fewer hours. The landowner, however, reminds them about what had been agreed upon; if he then wants to be generous with the others, they should not be envious”.

Further, he explains the parable in this way: “With this parable, Jesus wants to open our hearts to the logic of the Father’s love which is free and generous. It is about allowing oneself to be astonished and fascinated by the “thoughts” and the “ways” of God which, as the Prophet Isaiah recalls, are not our thoughts and not our ways. Human thoughts are often marked by selfishness and personal advantages, and our narrow and contorted paths are not comparable to the wide and straight streets of the Lord. He uses mercy — do not forget this: He uses mercy —, he forgives broadly, filled with generosity and kindness which he pours forth on each of us. He opens for everyone the boundless territory of his love and his grace, which alone can give the human heart the fullness of joy”.

There is no doubt that sometimes our human thinking becomes stronger than the Divine because we fall into the trap of this world which says “there is no God” but must allow Divine power to work within us and I guess the result will be the following:

There was a young woman who took great pride in the growth and care of the flowers in her flower garden. She had been raised by her grandmother who taught her to love and care for the flowers as she herself had done. So, like her grandmother, her flower garden was second to none.

One day while looking through a flower catalogue she often ordered from, a picture of a plant immediately caught her eye. She had never seen blooms on a flower like that before. “I have to have it,” she said to herself, and she immediately ordered it.

When it arrived, she already had a place prepared to plant it. She planted it at the base of a stone wall at the back of her yard. It grew vigorously, with beautiful green leaves all over it, but there were no blooms. Day after day she continued to cultivate it, water it, feed it, and she even talked to it attempting to coax it to bloom. But to no avail.

One morning weeks later, as she stood before the vine, she contemplated how disappointed she was that her plant had not bloomed. She was giving considerable thought to cutting it down and planting something else in its place.

It was at this point that her invalid neighbor, whose lot joined hers, called over to her. “Thank you so much! You can’t imagine how much I have enjoyed the blooms of that vine you planted.” The young woman walked through the gate into her neighbor’s yard, and sure enough, she saw that on the other side of the wall the vine was filled with blooms.

These were indeed the most beautiful blooms she had ever seen. The vine had crept through the crevices and as it had not flowered on her side of the fence, it had flowered luxuriantly on the other side.

Just because you cannot see the good result of your labour does not mean that it bore no fruit. It is the same with not seeing God with our human eyes, but that does not mean that he does not exist.

Jesus wants to make us contemplate the gaze of that landowner: the gaze with which he looks upon each of the labourers searching for work and calls them to go to his vineyard. It is a gaze which is filled with attention and kindness. It is a gaze which calls, invites one to get up and begin a journey because he wants life for each of us; he wants a full, committed life, safe from emptiness and inertia. God excludes no one and wants each of us to achieve his or her fullness. This is the love of our God, of our God who is Father. Jesus said "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me".

May Mary Most Holy help us welcome into our lives the logic of love which frees us from the presumption of deserving God's reward and from the critical judgement of others and allowing God's divine power to work within us.

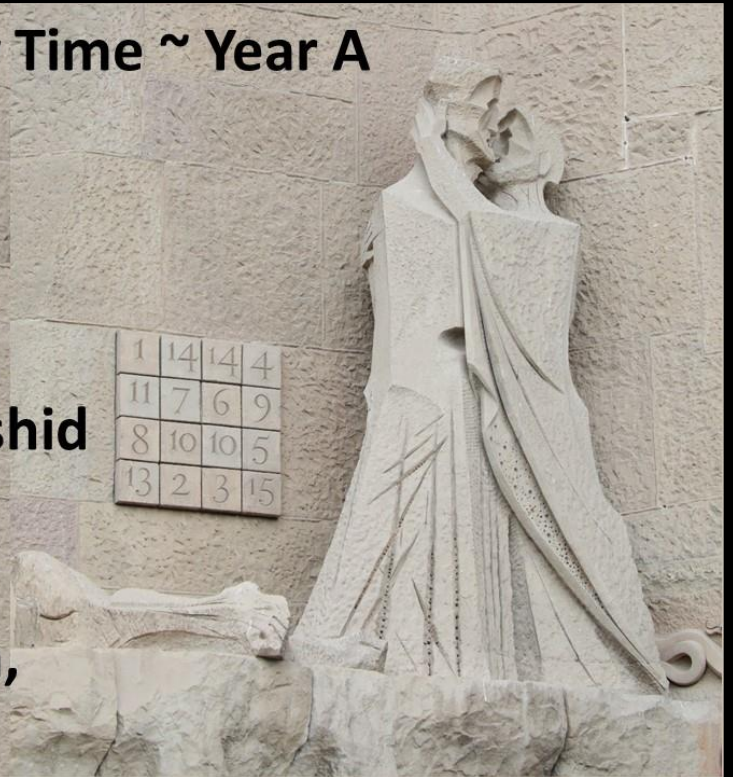
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"Kiss of Judas"

**Passion facade,
Sagrada Família Basilica,
Barcelona**





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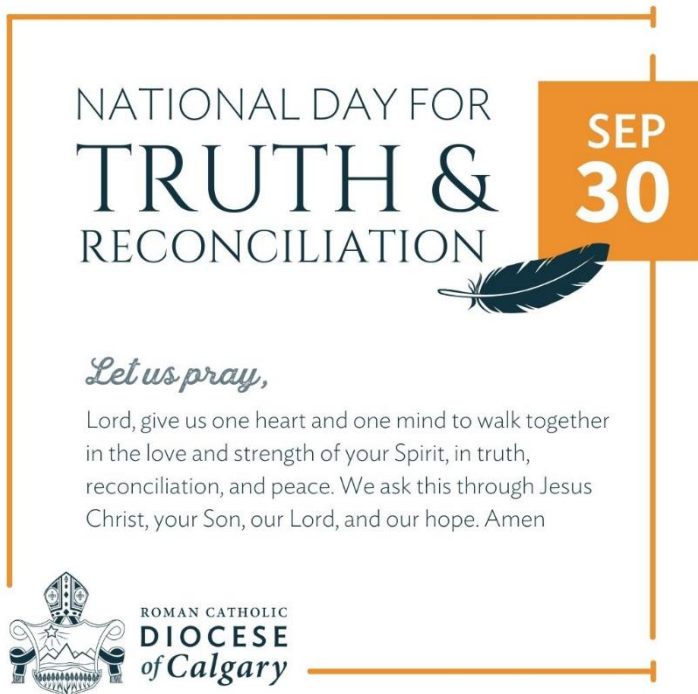
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Let us pray,

Lord, give us one heart and one mind to walk together in the love and strength of your Spirit, in truth, reconciliation, and peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, and our hope. Amen

1. **Sharing the Living Memory of Lisbon #WYD**

A month has passed since the World Youth Day pilgrimage in Lisbon, Portugal. Four pilgrims in the Diocese share their memorable stories of Lisbon. Accompanied by stunning photographs, these stories provide a glimpse into their transformative World Youth Day encounters. [Read more](#)

2. **Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit at Sacred Heart**

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World is 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.** [More](#)

3. **The Seeker's Group for Unmarried Women**

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. The next Seekers Group will be starting on **Sunday, Oct. 1 from 2 pm to 3:30 pm at the Catholic Pastoral Centre** (120-17 Ave. SW, Calgary) and meeting alternating Sundays. The group will be praying the Lectio Divina with Holy Scripture, and reading *Discerning the Will of God* by Fr. Timothy Gallagher, OMV. To register, contact Sr. Dianne at sisterdianne.turner@calgarydiocese.ca or call 403-218-5504 for more information. Download poster: [PDF](#) | [PNG](#)

4. **Blessing of Pets at Mount St. Francis**

The Franciscans Friars invite all pets and their owners to the annual blessing of Pets!

Note that pets must be leashed or in a crate. When: **Sun, Oct 1 at 2:30 pm - Mount St. Francis, Cochrane.** Blessing ritual will be at 3 pm, west side of retreat centre. All are welcome!

5. **Evening with Mary at Canadian Martyr's Church**

All are invited to attend a very special "Evening with Mary" in preparation for the Feast of Mary, Queen of the Rosary! When: **Friday, Oct. 6, 2023**, at 7 pm at Canadian Martyrs Church, Calgary. Featuring: St. Luke Contemporary Choir and Friends for the recitation of the Holy Rosary, Mezzo-soprano Eswina Ngai, and a reflection by Father Cuong. A free will offering will go towards the Canadian Martyrs special projects' fund. [Download Poster](#)

6. **Nigerian Thanksgiving Mass**

Join the Nigerian Thanksgiving Mass with celebrant Fr. John Gannon. Reception will follow after Mass. Kindly bring non-perishable food items for the thanksgiving. All are welcome! When: **Sunday, Oct. 8 at 6 pm - Ascension Catholic Parish, Calgary.** [More info](#) | [Download Poster](#)

7. **Candlelit Rosary**

In the month of Holy Rosary, St. Bonaventure invites you to their parish candlelit Living Rosary for our Blessed Mother. When: **Friday, Oct. 13 at 7 pm - St. Bonaventure, Calgary.** [More](#)

8. **Love More 6.0 Concert**

You are invited to the annual benefit concert for the care of retired priests in the Diocese of Calgary, organized by the Couples for Christ. When: **Sat, Oct. 14 at 7 pm - St. Thomas More, Calgary.** To get tickets, contact 587-700-8284. [More](#) | [Download Poster](#)

Together in Action supports diocesan ministries and programs in the 68 parishes across southern Alberta. It helps us to carry out the mission of Christ through His Church. [More info here.](#)

Take part in the spirit of generosity and giving. Let's feed the hungry in Calgary, one Sunday at a time. We invite you to volunteer, donate, or sponsor one Sunday dinner. [More info here.](#)

We invite everyone to read the Synod on Synodality reports. To read the Diocesan, Western Region and National reports, visit catholiccyyc.ca/synod

Perhaps you are a sexual abuse survivor, a relative or a friend of someone who was abused. Talk to someone or call our toll-free number to help you break the cycle of silence. Visit catholiccyyc.ca/talkaboutit

Funds are still urgently needed to provide food, medical supplies, shelter, and other essentials in the aftermath of a devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria. [Find ways to give.](#)

Recently, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), gathered in the Plenary Assembly and 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

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 webinar recordings, PowerPoint presentations and guides for reflections are available [here on the CCCC website](#). They represent a rich collection of resources that can be used in diocesan/eparchial and parish settings for the formation of catechists and leaders in evangelization. Past Webinars:

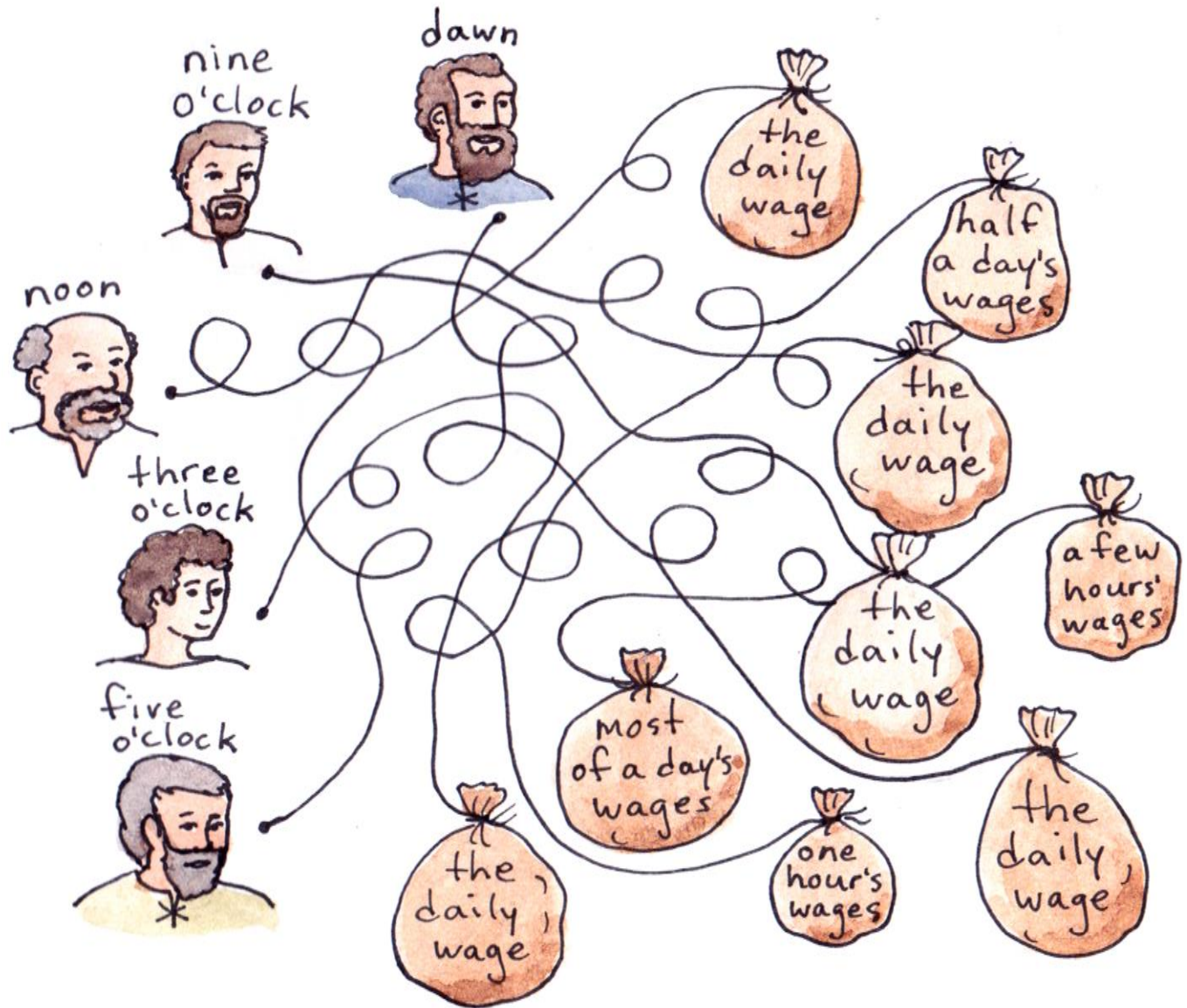
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- [Nurturing Friendship: The Directory for Catechesis in Dialogue with the Encyclical Letter Fratelli Tutti](#)
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Worth sharing

The Diocese of Calgary is pleased to announce the release of the 2022 Impact Report, which highlights the fruits of your generosity and of our work together over the past year. Read the Impact Report at catholiccyyc.ca/2022impactreport

The Kids' Bulletin

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 24th, 2023



In the parable in today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the story of a man with a vineyard who went out to hire men at different times of the day.

*At the end of the day,
how much did each man get paid?
Follow the wiggly lines to see!*

Saint Jerome

September 30

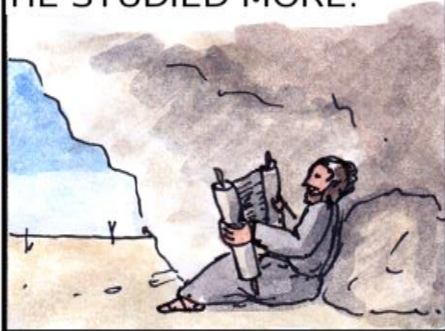
JEROME LIVED IN THE MID 300'S. WHEN HE GREW UP HE LIVED IN ROME. AT FIRST HE JUST HAD FUN, BUT THEN HE DECIDED TO GET BAPTIZED.



JEROME STUDIED HARD. HE LEARNED LATIN AND GREEK AND STUDIED THE BIBLE.



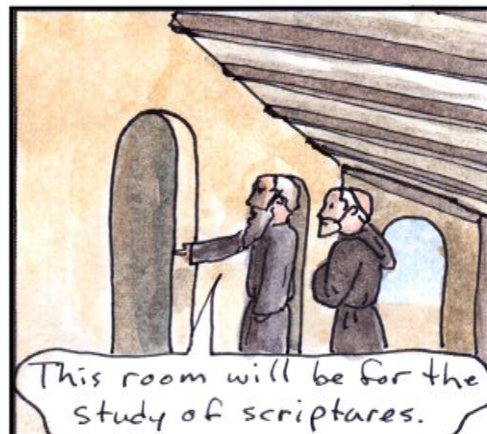
THEN HE MOVED TO THE DESERT, WHERE HE STUDIED MORE.



JEROME HAD A SHORT TEMPER, AND OFTEN MADE SHARP REMARKS.



HE BECAME A PRIEST AND WORKED FOR THE POPE, TRANSLATING THE BIBLE INTO THEIR LANGUAGE, LATIN.



A RICH LADY, PAULA, GAVE ST. JEROME MONEY TO BUILD SOME MONASTERIES IN THE HOLY LAND. SHE AND HER DAUGHTERS BECAME NUNS THERE.

SAINT JEROME DIED AS AN OLD MAN. HE IS CONSIDERED A DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH BECAUSE HE DID SO MUCH TO HELP PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD. WE CAN LEARN FROM ST. JEROME THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BIBLE. TRY TO READ A BIT OF THE BIBLE EVERY DAY.

Fill in the blanks:

Saint Paul tries to decide if it is better to live or die!

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks, and then put the letters from the boxes into the spaces at the bottom.



Brothers and _____⁵_____, Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and _____²_____ is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means _____⁴_____ labour for me. And I do not know which I shall _____¹_____. I am caught _____⁶_____ the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for _____³_____ benefit.

between
death
sisters
your
fruitful
choose

Like Saint Paul, we
should be ready to
either live or die for

_____.
1 2 3 4 5 6

A Full Day's Wages

Today in the Gospel, Jesus tells a story of several men who were hired to work at a vineyard. The owner of the vineyard went out at different times to find men to work. At the end of the day, he gave each man a whole day's wages, even though some had only worked for a little while!

**WOW! HE PAID US
A FULL DAY'S WAGE!**



**THAT'S NOT
FAIR- THEY
GOT A
WHOLE
DAY'S
PAY!**



Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven is like this too: some people spend their whole lives working for God, and some people only turn to Him at the last minute. God opens Heaven to all the people who choose to love Him.

At first this doesn't seem fair. After all, some people give their whole lives to God and some give hardly any! But here is why it is fair: the only reason that any of us turns to God is because He gave us that grace. Some people have to live their whole lives without God's grace until the very end, but some of us have been given grace all our lives.

**I PAID YOU
AS MUCH
AS I SAID
I WOULD.**



Answers: Front page- all received the full day's wage.
Inside page- Christ.

EMBRACING THE POWER AND THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKSHOP



DATES: Fri., Oct. 27, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 28, 2023, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

511 - 4th Street West Brooks, Alberta

Friday's Workshop:

Receiving the infusion of the Holy Spirit.

Saturday's Workshops:

***Tongues, Prophecy, Wisdom, Knowledge, Resting in the Spirit
& Intro to Healing.***

Registration: Lynne Stevens

Email: lstevens@redeemer.ab.ca or Phone: 403-363-6088

Cost: Love Offering

Saturday Lunch: provided at \$15.00 per person.

Presented by: Our Lady of Assumption Prayer

Community (Lethbridge) *Taste And See, That The Lord Is Good.*

Psalm 34

LIFE CHAIN



**Join us on Sunday, October 1st
to stand up for the unborn!**

**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 1
2:00 - 3:00**

**NON-GRAPHIC
SIGNS WILL
BE PROVIDED.**

**2948 DUNMORE RD SE
IN FRONT OF THE
HEALTH UNIT
BUILDING**

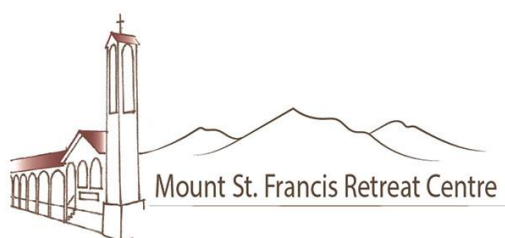
**JOIN US FOR ONE HOUR TO
PRAY FOR AN END TO ABORTION.**

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.