



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

OCTOBER 8, 2023 – 27TH 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 &
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.**

The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

Therefore, I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken
away from you and given to a people that produces the
fruits of the kingdom.

† Masses & Mass Intentions †

Saturday, October 7

8:30am ~ Scott Krooshoop
5:00pm ~ Den Robert Risling

Sunday, October 8

8:30am ~ Holy Family Parish
10:30am ~ Alex Faichuk †
6:00pm ~ Philomena & Michael Hecker †

Monday, October 9

9:00am ~ Sherry Aadland

Tuesday, October 10

9:30am ~ John & Veronica Bosch †

Wednesday, October 11

9:00am ~ Olande Conte †

Thursday, October 12

9:00am ~ Michael Schmaltz †

Friday, October 13

9:00am ~ Bruce Volk †

Thanksgiving Day

Lord, thank you for walking with us through the seasons of our lives.

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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

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5:1-7.

Psalms 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20. Philippians 4:6-9.

Matthew 21:33-43.

Belonging in the Kingdom of God.

Although the parable today is about who properly oversees the work of the Kingdom of God, we can easily shift the focus to who belongs within it and how must those who belong behave. This includes every one of us. Saint Paul provides this helpful list of suitable actions. Do what is truthful, honorable, just, pure, lovely, and gracious. He ends with, "Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard."

† What truth that needs telling will I speak this week?

† What just thing will I think and then do?

† How will I be gracious to those I meet, with those I work, with those with whom I live?

Happy Thanksgiving!

The Office is Closed

Monday, October 9th, 2023



Together IN ACTION
Annual Bishop's Appeal

Year to Date: \$41,777
only 59% of total needed!

The amount needed before end 2023 is \$70,938.

Only 3 more months to go and \$29,161 more to raise. Please give what you can to meet our goal!

Your Generosity is Appreciated!

Oct. 6 - 9:30am to 9:30pm - HFP Chapel
12 Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Oct. 6 - 9:30-10:30am & 8:00-9:30pm
Reconciliation

Oct. 7 - 7:00am - HFP Hall
That Man Is You

Oct. 7 - 10:00am - Hope Room
Benedictine Group Meeting

Oct. 9 - OFFICE IS CLOSED
Happy Thanksgiving

Oct. 9 - 7:00pm - Faith Room
Knights of Columbus Meeting

Oct. 10 - 7:00pm - HFP Hall
Catholic Women's League Meeting

Oct. 10 - 7:00pm - HFP Chapel
Life Ministry

Oct. 11 - 9:30am - Faith Room
Bible Study

Oct. 11 - 7:00pm - Faith Room
R.C.I.A.

Oct. 13 - 6-8pm OR Oct. 14 - 10-Noon - HFP Hall
Praesidium Volunteer Training

Sacramental Preparation 2023-2024

1st Reconciliation Parents Meeting

Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30pm in Faith Room

Confirmation Class

Thursday, October 26 at 6:00pm in Faith Room

1st Reconciliation Class

Sunday, October 29 at 10:15am in Faith Room

TMHY
THAT MAN IS YOU!
WORTHY OF THE CALL



Holy Family
Parish Hall
Breakfast 7:30am
Presentation
8:30 – 9:30 am
October 14
Theme
Called to Serve
Presenter
Sam Blair

PRAESIDIUM Volunteer Training

All Volunteers are Required to Attend

October 13 from 6:00-8:00pm

or 14, 10:00am-Noon

Holy Family Parish Faith Room

The purpose of the training is to ensure that as adults, we assume the responsibility and accountability for keeping our children and vulnerable adults safe at all times.

Safe environments start here.

Canada Needs Our Lady
Saturday, October 14 at 12 noon



Riverside Veterans Memorial Park

PLEASE PRAY FOR CANADA

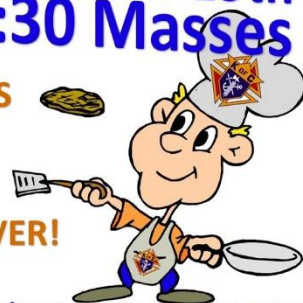
Parish Breakfast ~ October 15th After 8:30 & 10:30 Masses

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BREAKFAST-\$10, UNDER 12- \$5 & UNDER 6-FREE

FR. NAVEED ARIF

Fr. Naveed will continue to be the Parish Administrator of St. Mary's Parish, Cluny, Holy Trinity Parish, Siksika, and St. Columba Parish, Bassano.

Come and visit with Fr. Naveed

Friday, October 20, 2023

Supper at 5:00pm

Holy Family Parish Hall

Please continue to support Fr. Naveed with your prayers.



Bulletin has
more
information

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

HOLY FAMILY PARISH FALL SUPPER

13yrs.-Adult-\$20.00

7-12yrs.-\$10.00

6yrs.&Under-Free

~HOSTED BY~

Holy Family
Catholic Women's
League

~MENU~

Roast Beef, Mashed
Potatoes, Salads &
Apple Strudel

November 5th, 2023, at 5:00pm

Tickets sold after WEEKEND Masses October 14-29th

Contacts - Lynn 403-878-0881 or Cathy 403-502-0680



Gifts from God The Art Show

November 18-19, 2023
Following each Mass

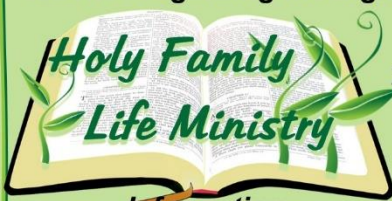
Registration deadline November 3, 2023
see bulletin for info.

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



**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**

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

Listen...with the ear of your heart.

This is the opening line of the rule of St. Benedict. Come join us (Benedictine Oblates) in prayer as we listen to the voice of God in our lives.



We meet every Saturday morning
at 10:00 in the Hope Room
at Holy Family Parish.

For more information call Carol at 403-526-0415.



Holy Family Parish, Medicine Hat, AB

WEDNESDAYS

7:00PM

FAITH ROOM

**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.

Dear Fr. Iqbal and Parishioners of Holy Family Parish,

Thank-you so much for the invitation to return to Medicine Hat as part of my 50th Anniversary Celebration.

It was great to see so many of you, to share memories and stories from the past!

St. Mary's Parish was an important time in my life as a priest.

Thank-you for your good wishes, cards, Mass offerings and gifts - all deeply appreciated.

Thanks to the ladies of the CWL for organizing and serving at the reception, to the Knights of Columbus and to Ada Luz for reminding me of the Spirit of the Church in Medicine Hat.

I would ask that you keep me in your prayers - I have just learned that "the warranty" on my replacement hip of 11 years ago has apparently expired and I will have to get another one in the next few weeks! Thank God there is a parts department!

**Again, thanks, and God Bless you all!
Fr. Greg Coupal**

St. Patrick's Parish Annual Fall Dinner

Sunday, October 22, 2023

4:00pm & 6:00pm sittings

6 & Under Free

7-12 \$5.00

13 & Over \$15.00

MOTHER TERESA SCHOOL

Mother Teresa School has a total population of approximately 240 children in K-6 as well as an Early Learning Program. We offer an Out of School Care Program to all students in K-6 and a Nutrition Program for everyone!

At Mother Teresa School, we are implementing a Health and Wellness Program for the 2023-2024 school year. We will be diving deep into the 5 main pillars of Health and Wellness (Physical, Mental, Spiritual, Nutritional and Digital) through our F.I.T. Fridays which stands for Facing It Together. Mother Teresa School would not be what it is without the support of our parents, community members and, of course, our parish. We encourage all stakeholders to continue to communicate with us at the school. Your opinions matter!

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Sunday 10:30am Mass on
YOUTUBE
Medicine Hat Holy Family Church
Live Stream
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG6zK-XzuXDHj79rV6ut_Q





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 backgrounds. Your 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 5 pm followed by the Taste of the World @ 6:30 pm.

Where: Holy Family Parish Hall

What is expected of those cooking?

- Cooking approximately 20 sample size portions of a traditional dish. If you are in a group, you may choose to make more than one dish to share.
- Wear your traditional clothing if possible.
- If you can perform a traditional dance or music, please let us know.
- Have someone from your group help us to translate the prayers of the faithful in your native tongue.

What is expected of those wanting to sample the food?

- Please come with cash. Sample cups will be sold for \$2 each.
- Be adventurous in trying new foods from around the world!

Info... Please contact Gary Heinbecker: tasteoftheworld2023@gmail.com

Joe McKinnon Council #9502 Knights of Columbus

Position	Name
Grand Knight	Greg Martin
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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



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

October 8, 2023

Grateful or Greedy Hearts?

Every year we celebrate Thanksgiving Day where the whole family loves to come together to give thanks to the Lord for all his blessings (Please read Psalm 127). This beautiful Psalm does remind us that we must have grateful hearts, he will give us 100-fold and our cup will overflow with his infinite blessings as Psalmist says in Psalm 23. Don't we all like banquets? Jesus did. It is amazing how many stories we have of Jesus eating with people or talking about eating. And he was sometimes criticized for not being choosy enough about whom he ate with. Banquets were special and he used them as a metaphor for participation in the kingdom of God. For him, the Last Supper was very important, he left so many things with his disciples to continue afterwards. The dining table to him was a classroom where he taught the lessons of life with no compromise. Do we really need to be grateful or is it the other way around? Many times, either having grateful hearts we love to complain and complain about everything and everyone.

Let me share this following story to remind ourselves that when we are grateful, our understanding towards other people is totally different but if not then we complain and complain without any full stop.

There is a Greek legend that says that when man was created, the father of the gods, Zeus, decided to give him two bags. One bag contained the man's own negative qualities while the other contained everybody else's faults. Zeus hung these bags on a long pole. But because he made the mistake, man today is what he is today. And do you want to know what that mistake was?

Zeus hung the bag that had other people's faults on the front end of the pole while the bag that contained man's own faults was hung further behind. So, man was able to see others defects before he could see his own.

We all love a good meal with our friends and family. Whenever we share a meal with those we love, there is a sense of joy, community and belonging which is experienced by those around the table. Stories are told and new memories are created. The same was true at the time of Jesus. We know from the gospels, that Jesus sat and ate with many people, but did we ever consider including other deserving people in our joyful thanksgiving meals?

Once, as a wife was getting ready to go shopping, the husband called her from his work; "Are you going grocery shopping today?" "I plan to," she answered.

For a few seconds, her husband sat silent on the other end of the line. "Why do you ask?" she uttered, fearing what he might say. "Sweetheart, there's a family with a half dozen kids that will not have anything to eat for Thanksgiving. The little one is only five years old." "So, what are you saying?" she whispered.

"While you're at the store could you possibly buy something for them?" her husband's words echoed in her heart. Her head began to spin thinking about the fifty dollars she had reserved for her family's Thanksgiving dinner. However, in the back of her mind, she counted the hungry guests who would be coming to her house for dinner. She put her head down on the desk, already feeling defeated. There's no way possible, she thought, but the compassion she heard in her husband's voice struck a nerve inside her. "Sure," she replied. "But only if God helps."

"Thanks, sweetheart," he whispered. "Just do what you can." He then hung up the telephone. She finished her work and prayed all the way to the nearest grocery store. She entered the parking lot and noticed a big sign in the grocery store window: Turkeys - 29 cents a pound.

"This is the place, Lord" she whispered. She grabbed her box of coupons, went inside, secured two buggies, and headed to the frozen foods. The turkeys were indeed on sale, but she discovered one big problem. When she read the sign posted on the freezer door her heart sank. "Limit one."

"But I need two," she uttered to herself. She decided to find the manager. She explained the problem. He made an exception. After tossing a turkey in each buggy, she began her shopping fury. It was amazing how many buy-one, get-one free items were featured that day. The first item went into one buggy. The free item went in the other. In addition, she had all the right coupons to get exactly what both families needed for a hearty Thanksgiving dinner. She proceeded to the register and held her breath while the cashier rang up her groceries. To her surprise, she had enough money, she was even able to purchase a package of cookies for the five-year-old who had stolen her heart, even though she had never met her.

Later that afternoon, her husband and she made a special delivery to a home filled with children of all ages. She will never forget the smiles on the six kids' faces, as they made several trips from her car carrying numerous bags of groceries inside. This event reminded

her of a story. Even though He only had a few loaves and fishes, Jesus multiplied them and fed five thousand people. And to top it off, there was food left over. She wondered if God was doing the same thing that day.

By far, that was the greatest Thanksgiving Day of her life. Her entire family shared a hearty meal with them. They had plenty to eat and even had enough food left over for the evening meal. After, when she had time to think about what had happened, she imagined a home, not far from where she lived. There was a mother and a father and six children sitting around the kitchen table, laughing, and rejoicing. They enjoyed the same meal that her family had shared together that day. Then she realized that miracles happen when we step out in faith and let God step in. For with us, some things are impossible but with God, all things are possible.

In biblical times when ancient Israelites tried to imagine what the fullness of God's kingdom would be like, one of their favorite images was a banquet. In the chapter 25, Prophet Isaiah pictures God's kingdom as a grand banquet with "a feast of rich food and choice wines." In a society in which such food and drink were in short supply, the image was powerful. The one who supplies this extraordinary meal is "the Lord of hosts," and it is open to "all peoples." It takes place on "this mountain," most likely the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, which itself was an image of God's dwelling place. At this banquet, God will destroy death, end all suffering, and bring about salvation. At this banquet, the hopes of God's people will be fulfilled. Psalm 23 ("The Lord is my shepherd") is most famous for its pastoral imagery of God's care for us, leading us through the dark and dangerous places in our lives. The second half of the psalm, however, shifts the imagery and portrays God as the host at a lavish banquet.

Once upon a time a Sage was passing through the capital city of the famous king. While he was walking, he noticed a single currency coin on the road. He picked it up. He was satisfied with his simple living, and he had no use for that coin. So, he planned to donate it to someone who needs it. He strolled around the streets throughout the day but didn't find anyone. Finally, he reached the rest area and spent a night there.

The next morning, he woke up in the morning for his daily activities and saw that a king was going for his invasion of another state with his war ready army. When the king saw the sage standing, he ordered his army to be stopped. He came to the Sage and said, "Oh Great Sage, I am going to war to win another state so that my state can be expanded. Bless me to be victorious".

After thinking, Sage gave a single currency coin to the king! The king was confused and annoyed with this because what use was a single coin while he was already one of the richest kings! He curiously asked a sage, "what's the meaning of this one coin?"

A Sage explained, "Oh Great King! I found this coin yesterday while strolling around the streets of your capital city. But I had no use for it. So, I had decided that I will donate it to someone needy. I strolled around till evening in your capital but found no one. Everyone was living a happy life. It seemed that they were satisfied with what they had. So, I found

no one to give this coin. But today, the king of this state, still has the desire to gain more and not satisfied with what he already has, I felt you needed this coin.”

This Sunday's Sacred Scripture Readings give us the same message of grateful or greedy hearts. Holy Father Pope Francis reflecting on the readings says, “Today the prophet Isaiah and the Gospel employ the image of the Lord's vineyard. The Lord's vineyard is his “dream”, the plan which he nurtures with all his love, like a farmer who cares for his vineyard. Vines are plants which need much care!

God's “dream” is his people. He planted it and nurtured it with patient and faithful love, so that it can become a holy people, a people which brings forth abundant fruits of justice. But in both the ancient prophecy and in Jesus' parable, God's dream is thwarted. Isaiah says that the vine which he so loved and nurtured has yielded “wild grapes” God “expected justice but saw bloodshed, righteousness, but only a cry of distress”. In the Gospel, it is the farmers themselves who ruin the Lord's plan: they fail to do their job but think only of their own interests. Rather than becoming faithful, became greedy. They wanted to have everything and didn't spare to kill other people. St. Paul says greed is worse than idolatry.

In Jesus' parable, he is addressing the chief priests and the elders of the people, in other words the “experts”, the managers. To them in a particular way God entrusted his “dream”, his people, for them to nurture, tend and protect from the animals of the field. This is the job of leaders: to nurture the vineyard with freedom, creativity, and hard work. But Jesus tells us that those farmers took over the vineyard. Out of greed and pride they wanted to do with it as they pleased, and they prevent God from realizing his dream for the people he has chosen.

The temptation to greed is ever present. We encounter it also in the great prophecy of Ezekiel on the shepherds. Greed for money and power. And to satisfy this greed, evil pastors lay intolerable burdens on the shoulders of others, which they themselves do not lift a finger to move (Mt 23:4).

We are all sinners and can also be tempted to “take over” the vineyard, because of that greed which is always present in us human beings. God's dream always clashes with the hypocrisy of some of his servants. We can “thwart” God's dream if we fail to let ourselves be guided by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit gives us wisdom which surpasses knowledge and enables us to work generously with authentic freedom and humble creativity.

To do a good job of nurturing and tending the vineyard, our hearts and our minds must be kept in Jesus Christ by “the peace of God which passes all understanding” (Phil 4:7). In this way our thoughts and plans will correspond to God's dream: to form a holy people who are his own and produce the fruits of the kingdom of God (cf. Mt 21:43).

This parable also illustrates the reproaches of the prophets in the story of Israel. It is a history that belongs to us. It is about the Covenant which God wished to establish with mankind and in which he also called us to participate. Like any other love story, this story of the Covenant has its positive moments too, but it is also marked by betrayal and

rejection. To make us understand how God the Father responds to the rejection of his love and his proposal of an alliance, the Gospel passage puts a question on the lips of the owner of the vineyard: "When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" This question emphasizes that God's disappointment at the wicked behavior of mankind is not the last word! The same way we can also see in the story of Adam and Eve, when they disobeyed God and God called them, but they hid themselves because they were naked. This is the great novelty of Christianity: a God who, even though disappointed by our mistakes and our sins, does not fail to keep his Word, does not give up and, most of all, does not seek vengeance! "For he loved the world so much that he gave his only Begotten Son that any who believes in him may have eternal life".

God does not avenge himself. God loves, he does not avenge himself. He waits for us to forgive us, to embrace us. Through the "rejected stones" — and Christ is the first stone that the builders rejected — through situations of weakness and sin, God continues to circulate "the new wine" of his vineyard, namely mercy. This is the new wine of the Lord's vineyard: mercy. There is only one obstacle to the tenacious and tender will of God: our arrogance and our conceit which, at times also becomes violence! Faced with these attitudes where no fruit is produced, the Word of God retains all its power to reprimand and reproach: "Therefore I tell you; the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation producing the fruits of it".

Everyone needs riches to live on, but it shouldn't encourage us to become greedy and that greediness takes away everything from us. God wants us to live the lives of contentment and be happy that we have.

This week as we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, there is much to be grateful for, God's blessings: our faith, family, friends, work and for our Mother Church. During this month we are given the great personality of the Blessed Virgin Mary to walk with us and we can learn from her how to be grateful:

*"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.*

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

for the Mighty One has done great things for me - holy is his name.

His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;

he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

*He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his
descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors."*

It is easy to complain but when we trust in Lord then "I can do all things in him who strengthens me." Christian life combines self-reliance, reliance on God and reliance on others.

There once was a monastery that was very strict. Following a vow of silence, no one was allowed to speak at all. But there was one exception to this rule. Every ten years, the monks were permitted to speak just two words. After spending his first ten years at the monastery, one monk went to the head monk. "It has been ten years," said the head monk. "What are the two words you would like to speak?"

"Bed Hard" said the monk.

"I see, you need ten years more to discipline yourself" replied the head monk.

Ten years later, the monk returned to the head monk's office. "It has been ten more years," said the head monk. "What do you think about our food here?"

"Food Stinks" said the monk.

"I see, I think you need to spend more time here to learn to be consistent in your life" replied the head monk.

Yet another ten years passed, and the monk once again met with the head monk who asked, "What do you think about the monastery after 30 years of your stay?"

"I Quit!" said the monk.

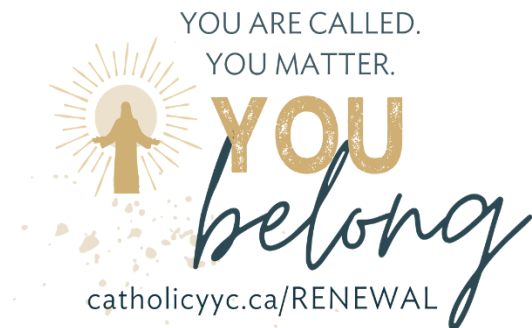
"Well, I can see why," replied the head monk. "All you have learned during this time is to complain."

What kind of hearts do we have grateful or greedy?



DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

27th Sunday in Ordinary time



Pastoral Renewal

You are called. You matter. You belong. These simple yet profound words capture the essence of our Pastoral Renewal. Jesus personally calls each one of us to follow Him and to remain by His side, for He deeply loves us.

And it is not merely a call; it is a profound affirmation that we truly matter. Every aspect of our lives - our dreams, our struggles, our joys - carries immense significance, for we are integral parts of God's divine plan. Each one of us, in our uniqueness, contributes to the beauty and unfolding of God's gift of salvation in the world.

In this pilgrim journey of faith, let us be reminded that we belong to the Body of Christ, a community of disciples united in the one mission, and bound together by the love of our Lord.

We invite you to join our diocesan Church and begin a journey of renewal together!

More information here:
<https://catholiccyyc.ca/renewal>

Journeying Together | Hope & Healing | Oct 13&14

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. To register, call Monica at 403-218-5521. Register online now at: miscarriageliturgy.ca/workshop

Vocatio

Have you ever thought of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Join *Vocatio*: An

event for men discerning the Priesthood and men and women discerning the Consecrated Life. *Vocatio* begins with anticipated Mass at 5 pm, followed by pizza, presentations and discussions, and Night Prayer. There will be separate groups for men and women. When: **Saturdays, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, and Dec. 9, from 5 pm to 9 pm.** To register, contact derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca or sisterdianne.turner@calgarydiocese.ca

RCIA Workshop

The Diocese of Calgary is sponsoring a workshop for parish RCIA teams, catechists, sponsors, clergy, and anyone interested in learning more about the RCIA process with speakers: Rev. Bill Corcoran and Dave & Sandy Marshall. When: **Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023 from 9 am to 3 pm - St. Anthony's, Calgary.** To register, [complete the registration form](#) by Oct. 17 or call Monica at 403-218-5521.

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. When: **Saturdays (Nov 11 & 25) at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, Calgary.**

Register at: catholiccyyc.ca/pastoralcare

Like a Mighty River Conference

Join this year's CCCRS's Like a Mighty River Conference with theme: "God Is More Than Able." This event is designed to empower, uplift, and strengthen your faith as we delve into the limitless power of God in our lives. Speakers: Fr. Jerald D'Souza, Fr. Fabio de Souza, Fr. Gabriel Arihi and Deacon Stephen Robinson. When: **Fri-Sat, Oct. 20-21, at St. Luke's Parish, Calgary.** Register now at cccrs.com

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.

The Lord is my Strength - Day Retreat at Divine Mercy Centre

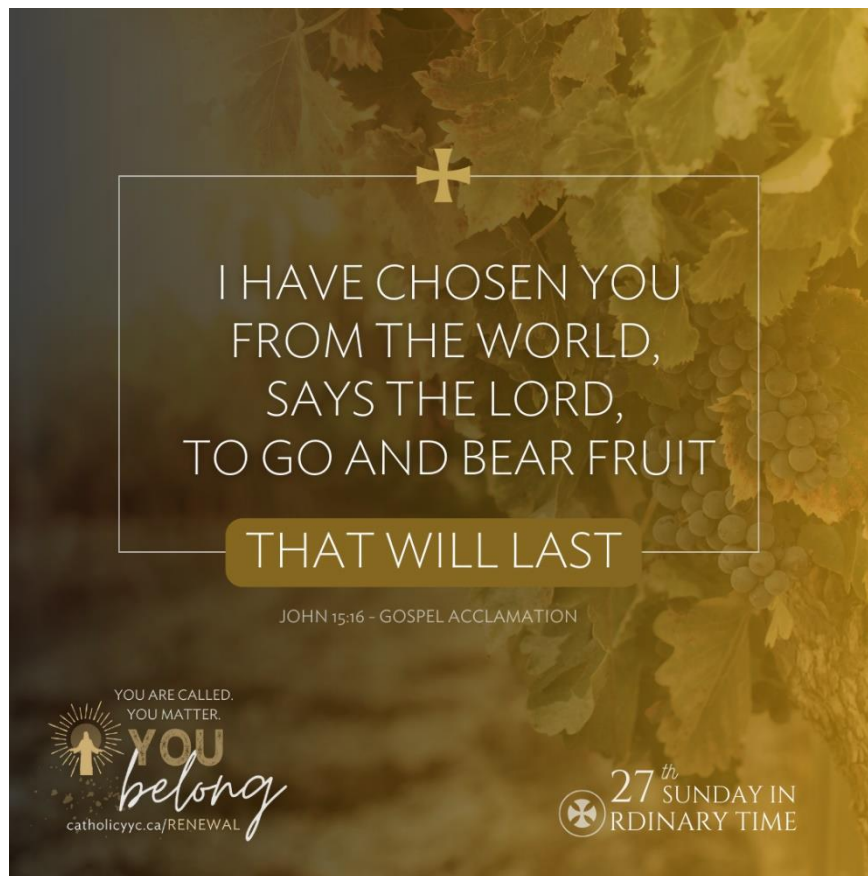
The Sisters of Divine Mercy invites you to a day retreat with Holy Mass, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Conferences, and candlelight Adoration with inspirational hymns led by the Sisters. When: **Sat, Oct. 28 from 10 am to 3:45 pm - Divine Mercy Centre.** [More info](#)

Career opportunities

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

Pray for the Synod

Please pray for Bishop McGrattan and all participants at the XVI General Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops (Oct. 4 - 29, 2023 in Rome, Italy). You can follow the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops at synod.va



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Daily and Sunday Mass Prayers &

Readings: [CCCB Daily Readings](#) (pick the desired date)

Full schedule of Parish Livestream Masses:

<https://www.catholiccyc.ca> | TELUS Optik TV Ch. 877 (choose Diocese of Calgary tile logo). For other online Masses, visit [Salt+Light TV](#), [Shalom World TV](#), [EWTN](#) and [Vision TV](#)

- [Sacraments & Liturgies](#)

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- [Sacrament Preparation](#)

- [Online Formation Opportunities](#)

- **Kid's challenge this week:** In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the chief priests and elders a story about a man who experiences very harsh rejection. Think of a time when you were rejected. Rejection is a very difficult experience that can take time to overcome. This week, think what it means to know that God loves you no matter how many times you reject him. Pray together with your family the [Act of Contrition](#) for the times when your family has not heeded God's word. (Loyola Press)
- [Colouring page this Sunday](#)
- [Kid's Bulletin this Sunday](#)
- [Sunday Connection this Sunday](#) (Gr. 1-8)
- Children's Liturgy of the Word this Sunday
 - [Children's Liturgy sheet for leaders/parents](#) (CAFOD) | [Illustration](#)
 - [Children's Liturgy of the Word with Miss Heidi](#) (Catholic TV)

The Kids' Bulletin

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 8th, 2023



*What did the bad tenants do when the owner's son came to get the produce?
Use the code below to find out.*

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D E H I K L M T Y

Saint Seraphin

October 12

SERAPHIN WAS BORN TO A POOR FAMILY IN ITALY. HE SPENT HIS YOUTH LOOKING AFTER SHEEP AND PRAYING.



WHEN HIS PARENTS DIED, HIS OLDER BROTHER TREATED HIM BADLY.



WHEN HE TURNED 16, SERAPHIN JOINED THE FRANCISCANS.



HE DID SIMPLE WORK, AND WAS DEVOTED TO OUR LADY.

EVERY DAY HE SPENT THREE HOURS WITH JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.



EVEN THOUGH HE HAD NEVER BEEN TO SCHOOL, IMPORTANT MEN CAME TO SERAPHIN FOR ADVICE.



SAINT SERAPHIN WAS KIND TO EVERYONE. HE LED A HOLY BUT HIDDEN LIFE, AND DIED WHEN HE WAS SIXTY-FOUR, IN 1604.

SAINT SERAPHIN NEVER DID ANYTHING GREAT OR IMPORTANT, BUT HE DID EVERYTHING WITH GREAT LOVE FOR GOD. HE TRIED TO BE LIKE SAINT FRANCIS IN HIS ZEAL AND LOVE OF THE POOR. LIKE SAINT SERAPHIN, WE CAN IMITATE THE SAINTS AND DO EVERY LITTLE THING OUT OF LOVE OF GOD.

The Evil Tenants Word-Find



Find the words that are in CAPITALS in the puzzle and use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks:

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Jesus told this PARABLE: There was a landowner who planted a VINEYARD and built a tower and a WINE PRESS. When he went away, he LEASED it to tenants. In time, he sent SERVANTS to get his PRODUCE, but the tenants BEAT one, killed one, and STONED another. The man sent more servants, but the TENANTS did the same thing AGAIN. Finally, he sent his SON, thinking that they would RESPECT him at least. But the tenants saw the son coming and said, "Here comes the HEIR. If we kill him we can get his INHERITANCE!" So they SEIZED him, THREW him out and KILLED him too!

Jesus asked, "What will the land OWNER do when he COMES?"

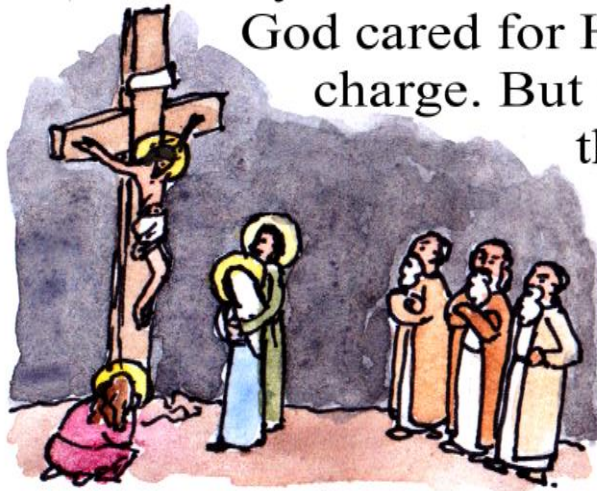
The people said, "Put the tenants to DEATH and lease the vineyard to tenants who WILL pay."

Tenants of the Vineyard

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the parable of the vineyard that was leased out to tenants. When the owner's servants came to collect the pay, the tenants beat them. When the owner sent his son, they killed the son because they thought they would be able to take the vineyard if the son was dead.



This story is about God's people. For hundreds of years God cared for His people, leaving leaders in charge. But when He sent His Son Jesus, the leaders did not respect Him.



In fact, they killed Him on the cross! God's people were like the vineyard and the leaders were like the tenants who killed the son.

In a way your life is like a vineyard too. God has given it to you and cared for you all your life. When God wants you to do something for Him, you have the choice of doing what He asks or being like the bad tenants and refusing. Whenever we don't do what is right, we are offending Jesus. But you don't want to be like those bad tenants, do you? Make sure that everything you do is for God!

GOD GAVE
ME TALENTS
TO HELP
OTHERS...



Answer to front puzzle: They killed him.
Answer to Word-Find: God sent His Son.

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.*

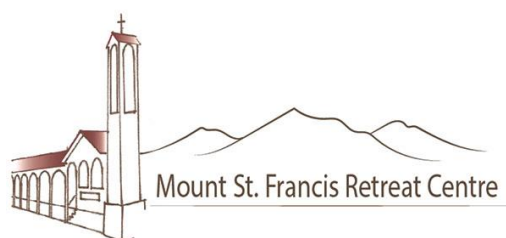
Psalm 34

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.