



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

OCTOBER 15, 2023 – 28TH 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.**

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A
Matthew 22:1-14

*The Parable of the
Wedding Banquet*

† Masses & Mass Intentions †

Saturday, October 14

5:00pm ~ Gualberto & Lucia Pimentel †

Sunday, October 15

8:30am ~ Holy Family Parish

10:30am ~ Harvey Wilson †

6:00pm ~ Mike Schafer †

Monday, October 16

9:00am ~ Orlando & Virginia Cabral †

Tuesday, October 17

9:00am ~ Ralph Immel †

Wednesday, October 18

9:00am ~ Dan Krassman †

Thursday, October 19

9:00am ~ Scott Krooshoop

Friday, October 20

9:00am ~ Angelica Dwayne

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10:30am Sunday Mass on YouTube**

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OPERATING FINANCES

SEPTEMBER 1-30, 2023

Operating Budget 2022	\$ 63,984
General Envelope Collection	\$ 39,538
Loose Collections	\$ 2,763
Future Development	\$ 3,036
Sale of Church Supplies & Other	\$ 3,388
\$ 53,947- Budget Vs Actual	-\$ 15,259

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 4,576
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 3,375
World Mission	\$ 65
Clergy Retirement	\$ 50
Mission Mexico	\$ 205
CARO	\$ 25
Seminary Fund	\$ 50
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$520

Thank You for your Generous Contributions

Average Weekly Attendance 839

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 25:6-10a.

Psalms 23:1-6.

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20.

Matthew 22:1-14.

Don't Kill the Messenger

We have another Kingdom of God/Heaven parable today. It is about being gracious and prepared. Who, in a right mind, would snub a gracious invitation to a feast? Who, in a right mind, would kill the messenger? It happened to Jesus. We should not be surprised when it happens to us in little or big ways. Still, we must announce: "Come to the feast, come to the Kingdom." The required wedding garment in this gospel feast reminds us, who live in this Kingdom of God, to always imagine we wear our baptismal cloths; and, thus, always remember to act as faithful disciples.

✦ What Good News will I proclaim this week?

✦ What good deed will I do?

✦ Whom will I invite to do some baptism-inspired activity with me?

December 31, 2023 - Goal \$70,938

total to date \$42,285.11
which is 60%
Together IN ACTION
Annual Bishop's Appeal \$28,652.89 to go.

We are just over halfway there...

Please Give Generously ~ Thank You!

Upcoming Events

Oct. 13 - 6-8pm **OR** Oct. 14- 10-Noon - HFP Hall

Praesidium Volunteer Training

Oct. 14 - 7:00am - HFP Hall

That Man Is You

Oct. 14 - 10:00am - Hope Room

Benedictine Group Meeting

Oct. 15 - 1:00pm - 4:30pm - Faith Room

Baptism Class - Register at office before Oct 13!

Oct. 18 - 9:30am - Faith Room

Bible Study

Oct. 18 - 7:00pm - Faith Room

R.C.I.A.

Oct. 20 - 5:00pm - HFP Hall

Fr. Naveed Farewell Supper

Oct. 21 - 6:00pm - HFP Hall following 5pm Mass

Taste of the World Supper

St. Luke
the Evangelist

October 18



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

**HAM - PANCAKES
OMELETTES - FRUIT
&
THE BEST FELLOWSHIP EVER!**



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.



TMIY
THAT MAN IS YOU!

WORTHY OF THE CALL



**Holy Family
Parish Hall
Breakfast 7:30am
Presentation
8:30 - 9:30 am
October 21
Theme
First we Come,
Then we Go
Presenter
Jason Angelette**

Taste of the World
FOOD & CULTURE
SOCIAL
**Bowls are
\$2.00 each**

**Online Bulletin
Has more info.!**

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



**BISHOP CARROLL ASSEMBLY
4TH DEGREE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22
AT 2:00 PM
HOLY FAMILY PARISH
HOPE ROOM**

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



Knights of Columbus

Charity Appeal Tickets

The Annual Knights of Columbus Alberta fundraiser for the Charitable Foundation & the State Board. Ticket proceeds from our local Council go to Project Rachel & Elizabeth House. Holy Family Parish Knights needs your support!

Tickets can be purchased by scanning the QR code on the Bulletin Board at Holy Family or go to www.kofc5050.com. When purchasing tickets under **Select** option PLEASE look for **09502, Joe McKenna, Medicine Hat**, or we will not get credit for tickets purchased. Sales end Nov 25, 2023

Ticket prices are 200 tickets for \$100, 50 tickets for \$50, 10 tickets for \$20 and one ticket for \$5

Thank you for your support.

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

Tickets sold after WEEKEND Masses October 14-29th

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

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



Gifts from God

The Art Show

November 18-19, 2023
Following each Mass

Registration deadline November 3, 2023
see bulletin for info.



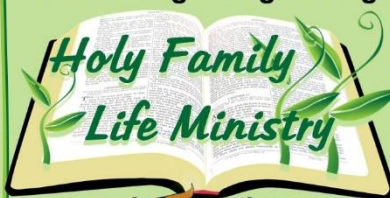
**Children's Liturgy has
started a new season of
learning about God!**

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.



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.

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.

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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!



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



CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO:

PRECIOUS BEGINNINGS



FALL BRUNCH FUNDRAISER
TICKETS \$20



Saturday October 28, 2023

Doors Open 9:30 AM

Brunch 10:00 AM

DONATIONS OF NEW BABY ITEMS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED

Location:

HILLCREST EVANGELICAL CHURCH
3785 13 AVE SE, MEDICINE HAT

Contact:

403-504-8560 OR
MHPSC1@TELUS.NET



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



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

October 15, 2023

BANQUET OF THE LORD AND OUR RESPONSE

A minister passing through his church in the middle of the day decided to pause by the altar and see who had come to pray. Just then the back door opened, a man came down the aisle, the minister frowned as he saw the man hadn't shaved in a while. His shirt was shabby, old, and his coat was worn and frayed. The man knelt, he bowed his head then rose and walked away. In the days that followed, each noon time came this chap. Each time he knelt just for a moment, a lunch pail in his lap. Well, the minister's suspicions grew, with robbery a main fear. He decided to stop the man and ask him, "What are you doing here?" The old man said he worked down the road. Lunch was half an hour.

Lunchtime was his prayer time for finding strength and power. "I stay only moments, see, because the factory is so far away. As I kneel here talking to the Lord, this is what I say: I JUST CAME AGAIN TO TELL YOU, LORD, HOW HAPPY I'VE BEEN SINCE WE FOUND EACH OTHER'S FRIENDSHIP, AND YOU TOOK AWAY MY SIN. I DON'T KNOW MUCH OF HOW TO PRAY, BUT I THINK ABOUT YOU EVERYDAY. SO, JESUS, THIS IS JIM, CHECKING IN TODAY."

The minister, feeling foolish, told Jim, that was fine. He told the man he was welcome to come and pray just anytime. Time to go, Jim smiled, and said "Thanks." He sped to the door. The minister knelt at the altar; He'd never done it before. His cold heart melted, warmed with love, and met with Jesus there. As the tears flowed, in his heart, He repeated old Jim's prayer: HOW HAPPY I'VE BEEN, SINCE WE FOUND EACH OTHER'S FRIENDSHIP, AND YOU TOOK AWAY MY SIN. I DON'T KNOW MUCH OF HOW TO PRAY, BUT I THINK ABOUT YOU EVERY DAY. SO, JESUS, THIS IS ME, CHECKING IN TODAY.

"Past noon one day, the minister noticed that old Jim hadn't come. As more days passed without Jim, He began to worry some. At the factory, he asked about him, learning he was ill. The hospital staff was worried, but he'd given them a thrill. The week that Jim was with them, brought changes in the ward. His smiles, a joy contagious. Changed people, were his

reward. The head nurse couldn't understand why Jim was so glad when no flowers, calls or cards came, not a visitor he had.

The minister stayed by his bed; He voiced the nurse's concern: No friends came to show they cared. He had nowhere to turn. Looking surprised, old Jim spoke up and with a winsome smile; "The nurse is wrong, she couldn't know, that in here all the while. Everyday at noon, He's here, A dear friend of mine, you see, he sits right down, takes my hand, leans over and says to me:

'I JUST CAME AGAIN TO TELL YOU, JIM, HOW HAPPY I HAVE BEEN, SINCE WE FOUND THIS FRIENDSHIP, AND I TOOK AWAY YOUR SIN. I ALWAYS LOVE TO HEAR YOU PRAY, AND I THINK ABOUT YOU EVERY DAY, SO JIM, THIS IS JESUS, CHECKING IN TODAY.'

I find the above mentioned story so fitting to the Readings of this weekend as we reflect on the mystery of the banquet. God the Father has prepared a banquet for us with every good thing because he is our Good Shepherd who leads us into the green pastures. Through the banquet Lord is helping us to be grateful and always think about others. St. Ambrose encourages us to be grateful for everything and to remember to "Offer God a sacrifice of praise and fulfill your vows to the Most-High. If you praise God, you offer your vow and fulfill the promise you have made. The Samaritan leper, healed by the Lord's word of command, gained greater credit than the other nine; he alone returned to Christ, praising God and giving thanks. Jesus said of him: There was no one to come back and thank God except this foreigner. He tells him: Stand up and go on your way, for your faith has made you whole. The Lord Jesus, in his divine wisdom, taught you about the goodness of the Father, who knows how to give good things, so that you might ask for the things that are good from Goodness itself. He urges you to pray earnestly and frequently, not offering long and wearisome prayers, but praying often, and with perseverance. Lengthy prayers are usually filled with empty words, while neglect of prayer results in indifference to prayer.

Again, Christ urges you, when you ask forgiveness for yourself, to be especially generous to others, so that your actions may commend your prayer. The Apostle, too, teaches you how to pray; you must avoid anger and contentiousness, so that your prayer may be serene and wholesome. He tells you also that every place is a place of prayer, though our Savior says: Go into your room. But by "room" you must understand, not a room enclosed by walls that imprison your body, but the room that is within you, the room where you hide your thoughts, where you keep your affections. This room of prayer is always with you, wherever you are, and it is always a secret room, where only God can see you. You are told to pray especially for the people, that is, for the whole body, for all its members, the family of your mother the Church; the badge of membership in this body is love for each other. If you pray only for yourself, you pray for yourself alone. If each one prays for himself, he received less from God's goodness than the one who prays on behalf of others. But as it is, because each prays for all, all are in fact praying for each one. To conclude, if you pray only for yourself, you will be praying, as we said, for yourself alone. But if you pray for all, all will pray for you, for you are included in all. In this way there is

a great recompense; through the prayers of everyone, the intercession of the whole people is gained for everyone. There is no pride, but an increase of humility and a richer harvest from prayer”.

The first reading for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, Isaiah 25:6-10a, paints a vivid picture of God’s benevolence and commitment to His people. The prophet Isaiah speaks of a time when God will prepare a feast for all people, wipe away tears, and remove the disgrace of His people from the earth. This vision is not just about a distant future but serves as a reminder of God’s continuous promise of care and salvation.

Today, many face challenges that make them question their worth or their place in the world. Economic hardships, personal struggles, societal divisions – they all mirror the despair and disgrace felt by Isaiah’s contemporaries. Yet, Isaiah’s words remain relevant, assuring us that even in the midst of adversity, God’s love and provision are steadfast. Applying this message to modern life, it’s a call for hope and resilience. It encourages us to look beyond immediate struggles and recognize the bigger picture of divine promise. Furthermore, in a world where instant gratification is often sought, Isaiah reminds us of the virtue of patience and the value of long-term blessings. Our role is to trust, persevere, and remain faithful, knowing that God’s banquet awaits those who endure.

In the parable from the gospel the significance of the wedding banquet is evident. Jesus uses it as a medium to shed light on our relationship with God. The initial rejection by the invited guests draws parallels with how the Jewish community treated God’s messages and messengers. This neglect to attend the feast speaks volumes about missed opportunities and neglecting divine calls.

The invitation’s extension to everyone, irrespective of their background or deeds, demonstrates God’s inclusive nature. It highlights the idea that salvation and God’s love are available to all. However, there’s an underlying message. Simply showing up isn’t enough. One must also come prepared, spiritually, and mentally to partake in the divine feast. The guest without the wedding attire serves as a cautionary tale. While the invitation is open to all, it’s crucial to be prepared and sincere in our approach. This can be interpreted as the need for genuine faith and commitment to God. Just as attending a wedding requires appropriate attire, embracing God’s love requires genuine devotion and preparedness. The rejection by the initially invited guests in Matthew’s parable can be seen as a mirror to those in Isaiah’s time and even our own, who often overlook or dismiss God’s offerings due to distractions or worldly concerns. The feast in Isaiah represents the promise of salvation and eternal joy, yet many miss out on this divine opportunity. Similarly, in Matthew, the king’s invitation, representing God’s call, is ignored, or treated with disdain, highlighting human tendencies to neglect spiritual wealth for fleeting worldly gains.

Drawing these passages together, it’s evident that God’s benevolent invitation remains constant, spanning across time and testament. The challenge posed to us, both as individuals and as a collective, is to recognize, accept, and prepare for these divine moments. Whether it’s the grandeur of Isaiah’s feast or the solemnity of the wedding banquet in Matthew, both underscore the importance of being spiritually ready and receptive to God’s eternal call.

But the Gospel warns us: the invitation can be rejected. Many of the guests said no, because they were taken over by their own interests: "they did not care and went away, one to his farm, and another to his business", says the text. One word comes back: "his"; is the key to understanding the reason for rejection. The guests, in fact, did not think that the wedding was sad or boring, but simply "did not care": they were distracted by "their" interests, they preferred to have something rather than get involved, as love requires. This is how one distances oneself from love, not out of malice, but because one prefers one's own security, self-affirmation, comforts... Then you lie in the armchairs of profits, pleasures, some hobby that makes you feel a little cheerful, but so you get old early and badly, because you get old inside: when your heart does not expand, it closes, it gets old. And when everything depends on the self – what I want, what I need, what I want – you become rigid and evil, you react in a bad way for nothing, like the guests of the Gospel, who came to insult and even to kill those who brought the invitation, just because they bothered them.

Then the Gospel asks us which side we are on: on the side of oneself or on God's side? Because God is the opposite of selfishness, of self-reference. He, the Gospel tells us, in the face of the constant rejections he receives, in the face of the refusals of his invitations, he goes on, he does not postpone the feast. He does not resign, but he continues to invite. In the face of the "no's", he does not slam the door, but includes even more people. God, in the face of the injustices suffered, responds with a greater love. We, when we are wounded by wrongs and waste, often harbour dissatisfaction and resentment. God, while suffering for our "no's", continues to take the initiative again and again, he goes on to prepare good even for those who do evil. Because that's how love is, it makes love, because that's the only way evil can be defeated. Today this God, who never loses hope, invites us to act like Him, to live according to true love, to overcome the resignation and whims of our touchy and lazy self.

There is one final aspect that the Gospel emphasizes: the dress of the guests, which is indispensable. It is not enough to answer once the invitation, to say "yes" and that's it, but you have to put on the cloth, you need the habit of living love every day. Because one cannot say "Lord, Lord" without living and applying God's will. We need to clothe ourselves every day with his love, to renew God's choice every day.

There once was a man who had two indentured servants. One day a disagreement arose between them as to who was the greatest in the eyes of their master. So, they went to the master of the house and asked him, "My lord, which of us is greater?"

The master of the house replied, "I will let you discover that for yourself. I will ask each of you a question and you must answer truthfully." The servants stood before him and he started to question them. To the first servant, he asked, "What do you do for me?" "Sir, I work in the fields all day long to grow wheat for my lord's granary," the first servant replied. "Then, at night, I go through the house and fill all the lamps so that my lord will have light. For this you pay me a wage, but I hope that one day that I may earn my freedom." The master nodded his head. He turned to the second indentured servant and asked, "And what do you do for me?"

"Sir," he replied, "I am an educated man. I am well-versed in literature, music, mathematics and science. I teach your children all that I know so that one day they may leave your house and make a success in the world. And when they do, I hope that you will grant me my freedom. In the meantime, you give me a wage for what I do." Again, the master nodded. Then he turned to a lowly slave who was standing nearby, and asked, "And what do you do for me?" "You know that I love you, my lord, and my only wish is to do whatever you ask," the slave answered without hesitation. "You bought me, and I know that I will be a slave for life, therefore I earn no wage. But you are kind and merciful to me, and do not beat me as other masters beat their slaves. You are wise and just and kind and that is why I love you."

The master of the house smiled. "Then you are the greatest of all my servants and I will make you a free man."

When they heard this, the two servants were aghast. "Why him?" they cried. "We do much more work than he does. He waits around for you to give him an order, but we labor in your fields without orders, teach your children, and light your lamps. We work unceasingly and should be rewarded."

"Yes," the master of the house replied. "You do work in my fields and do all the other things that you said. But this man wants only to serve me, not himself. He waits patiently until I tell him what I want him to do. His faithfulness has never failed him. He now has his reward -- his freedom. And I will place him as overseer, and you will be his servants. Because of his faithful service to me -- though he was once a lowly slave -- he is truly the greater."

Holy Eucharist is God's biggest banquet for us, enjoy his sacrifice at the Holy Altar. How do we attend this banquet? Do we accept his invitation or reject it? The choice is ours.

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his invitation or
reject it? The
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*The 28th Sunday in
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The Kids' Bulletin

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 15th, 2023



The king sent his servants to call all the people in the street to his son's wedding. Follow the road on the map from the castle's courtyard all the way to the farmland. The people in the houses next to the road you pass are invited to the wedding.

You can colour in the houses if you like.
Who was invited to the feast?



DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

28th 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://catholicyycc.ca/renewal>

Pray for Peace in the Holy Land

For those who were killed, displaced, and impacted by the terrorist attack in the Holy Land, may God grant eternal rest to the deceased, console those grieving, comfort those in fear, and guide our world leaders so this conflict may be brought to an end, let us pray to the Lord.

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: catholicyyca.ca/pastoralcare

Enlarge the Tent

Back for a second series, Fr. Tim Boyle will speak on "The Art of Accompaniment." The theme for this talk is: "A petrified Church..how did we get here?"

When: **Mon, Oct. 16 at 10:30 am - Online** via livestream, or in person at St. Martha's Parish, Lethbridge. [More info](#)

Like a Mighty River Conference

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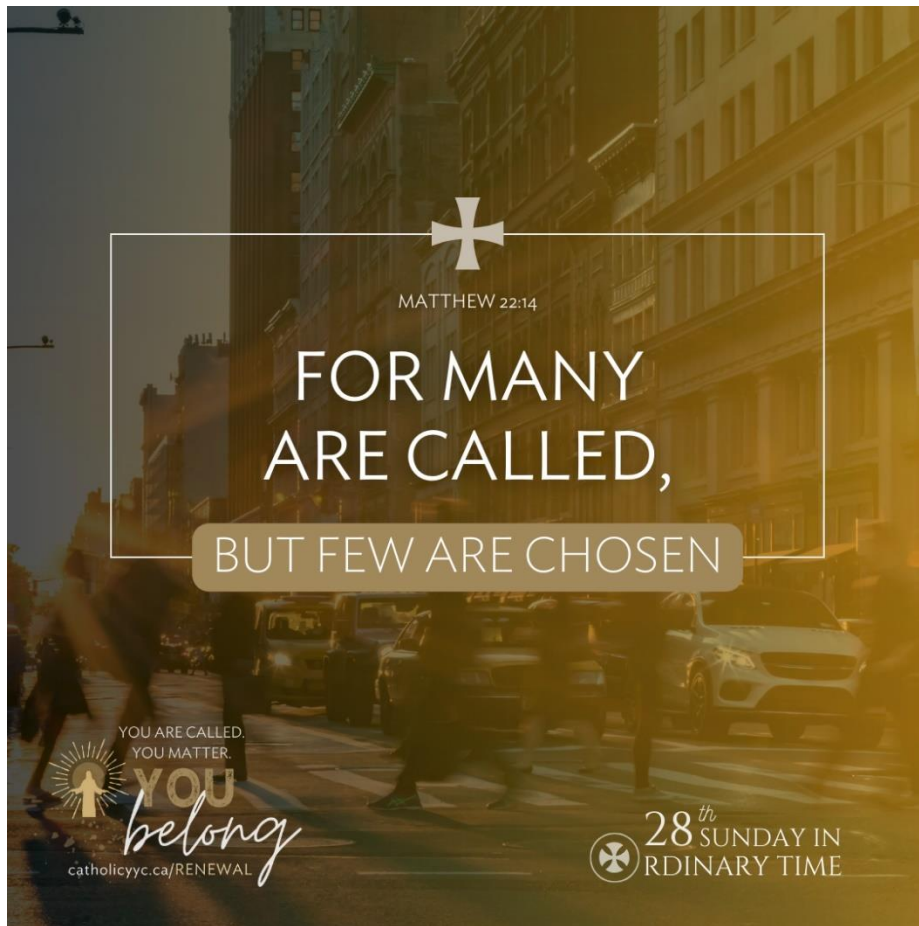
Career opportunities

The Diocese of Calgary is hiring various roles for the parishes in the Diocese and the Catholic Pastoral Centre. Visit catholicyycc.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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1. Resources for children

- **Kid's challenge this week:** In this week's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable, or story, about a wedding. Some people accept the invitation, and some people refuse it. God is generous and loves us so much that he invites everyone to come to his table and share in his gifts. When we say yes to his invitation, he offers us life with God forever. This week, set aside time to design an invitation from God ([or colour and complete this invitation](#)), detailing all the gifts that God offers us. Keep this invitation as a reminder of God's invitation, and end your prayer with Psalm 23. (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)

2. Catholic Education Sunday

- GrACE invites all those committed to Catholic education, through the unity of the Holy Spirit, to be advocates and witnesses for our schools' successes and their future.
- Please find attached [GrACE's September 2023 Newsletter](#) which was circulated to over 1900 GrACE Advocates on September 28, 2023.
 - Catholic Education Sunday Poster ([PDF](#))

3. **Feast of St. Luke | White Mass at the Cathedral**

Calgary Catholic Medical Association invites you to celebrate the feast of St. Luke with a Eucharistic Celebration with Fr. Nathan Siray and Fr. Cristino Bouvette. When: **Wed, Oct. 18 at 7 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral**. All are welcome, especially those working or interested in Catholic Healthcare in our Diocese. Reception to follow. [More info](#)

4. **Enlarge the Tent**

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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 presenters Fr. Bill Corcoran and Dave & Sandy Marshall. When: **Sat, Oct. 21 from 9 am to 3 pm - St. Anthony's Parish, Calgary**. [More info](#)

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10. **Memorial Liturgy for those grieving a loss of a child through miscarriage or stillbirth** | Join Bishop

McGrattan in an annual prayer gathering to commend our children communally into the embrace of our merciful God and to support those who are grieving the loss of a child through miscarriage or stillbirth. When: **Tue, Nov. 14 at 7 pm, St. Mary's Cathedral**. [More](#)

11. **Come and See the Life of the Franciscans**

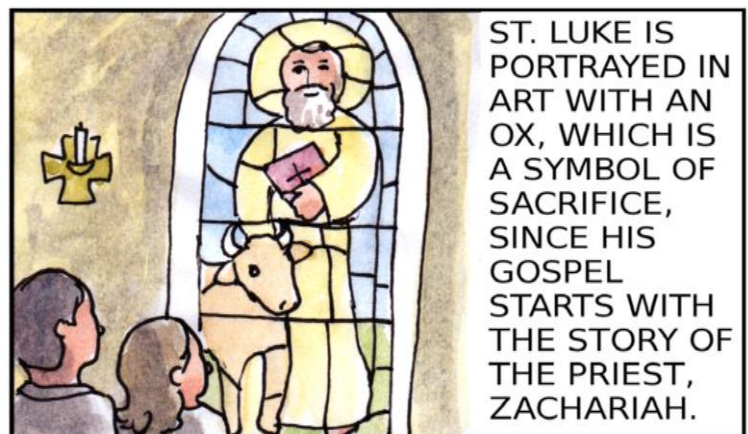
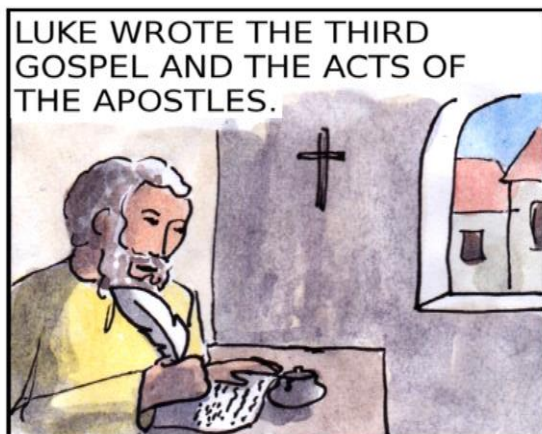
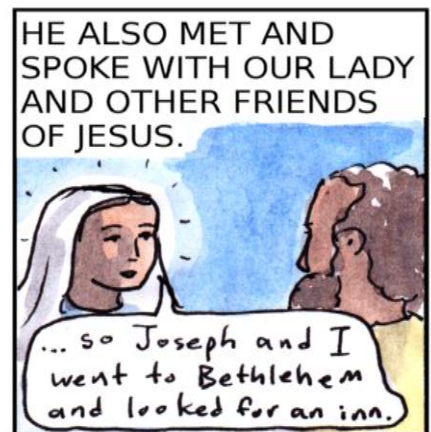
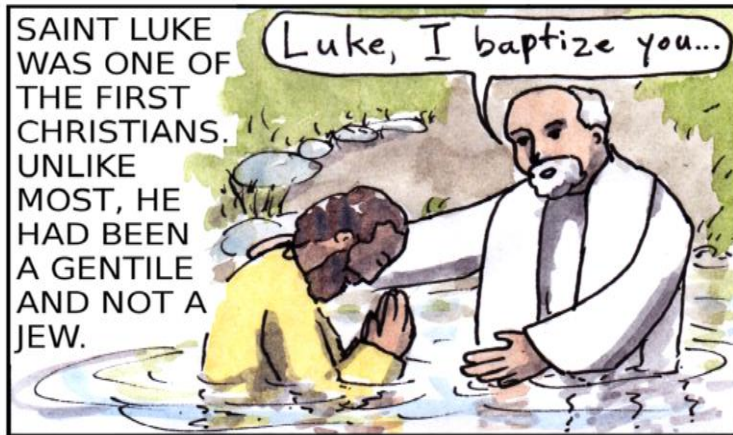
Young men (18-40 years of age) who are discerning their vocation are invited to the "Come and See" event on **Thu, Nov. 9 to Sun, Nov. 12** at St. Francis Friary, Edmonton. The experience will consist of the following: Masses, fraternal prayer (liturgy of the hours), personal time, inner city experience, presentations, dialogue with postulants (men in their first year of Franciscan formation), and interaction with the Franciscans. To Register, or for more information, email carlos_ona.ofm08@yahoo.com

12. **Vocatio - Nov. 11**

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, Nov. 11, and Dec. 9, from 5 pm to 9 pm**. To register, contact Fr. Derek Remus at derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca or Sr. Dianne Turner at sisterdianne.turner@calgarydiocese.ca.

Saint Luke

October 18



SAINT LUKE NEVER MET JESUS. HE LEARNED ABOUT HIM BY TALKING WITH HIS FRIENDS AFTER JESUS HAD ALREADY GONE INTO HEAVEN. STILL SAINT LUKE KNEW ENOUGH ABOUT HIM THAT HE COULD WRITE A GOSPEL! WE CAN LEARN FROM SAINT LUKE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO HAVE FRIENDS WHO LOVE GOD!

True or False:

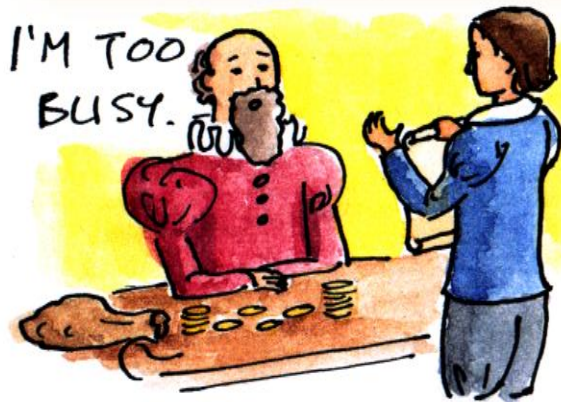
Who is Invited to the Wedding?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus compares the kingdom of Heaven to a king giving a wedding feast for his son. What happened in the story? See if you know which of these are true statements and which are false:

- 1. The first time the servants went out to call those who were invited, all the guests came. True or false?*
- 2. When the king sent out the second group of servants, some people didn't come, but went off to their farms and businesses. True or false?*
- 3. Some people mistreated and even killed the servants. True or false?*
- 4. The king decided that nobody else was worthy to come to his son's wedding. True or false?*
- 5. The king decided to send his servants out into the streets to call everyone to come to the wedding. True or false?*
- 6. When the servants called the people in the streets, they all came and filled the banquet hall. True or false?*
- 7. When the king came in to look at his guests and found one that wasn't dressed for the wedding, he had him thrown out of the place. True or false?*



Invitation to the Wedding Feast



Imagine that you live in a great kingdom with a king and queen and many other great people. You hear that the king's son is going to get married and there will be a great wedding feast. All the lords and ladies and rich land owners are invited. On the day of the wedding the servants go out to call the guests to the wedding, but all those important people refuse to go! They say they are too busy with other things, and can't be bothered to go!

Now imagine that you are one of the children in a poor family that lives down a back street. Suddenly you hear people calling out that the king has invited your family to the feast! What excitement! Everybody puts on their best clothes and goes to the castle. In a little while the king comes in and you see him pointing to a man who isn't dressed neatly, and hasn't washed his face or brushed his hair. He sends the man out of the hall.



This is the story that Jesus told about the kingdom of Heaven.



Many important people have been invited, but they have decided that they were too busy with other things. But the King has invited us too! We should rejoice and "dress" our souls by being the best we can be! Don't be a half-hearted Christian!

Answers to True or False: 1. false 2. true 3. true 4. false 5. true 6. true 7. true

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.*

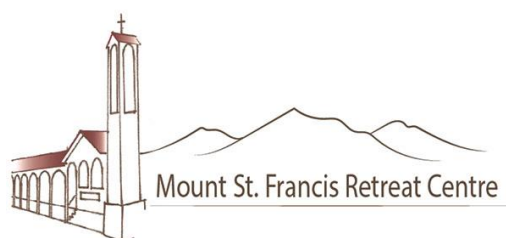
Psalm 34

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.