



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

OCTOBER 22, 2023 – 29TH 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.**

29TH Sunday in Ordinary Times – Year A



"Give therefore to the emperor the
things that are the emperors, and to
God the things that are God's."

† Masses & Mass Intentions †

Saturday, October 21

5:00pm ~ Mary Simpson †

Sunday, October 22

8:30am ~ Holy Family Parish

10:30am ~ Josefina Velilla †

6:00pm ~ Derrick Risling †

Monday, October 23

9:00am ~ Jeri Funderbunk †

Tuesday, October 24

9:00am ~ John Royle †

Wednesday, October 25

9:00am ~ Curtis Callahan †

Thursday, October 26

9:00am ~ Sonia Cameron †

Friday, October 27

9:00am ~ Andy Hamel

**October 29, 2023 will be the last live streaming of the
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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6. Psalm 96:1-10.
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b. Matthew 22:15-21.

The Things of God

We often encounter those who set traps for us. They speak in half-truths, only partial stories, code language, even downright lies. It is more than regrettable. It helps if we always look to the One who calls us by name, who chooses and protects us, who empowers us to think clearly and act justly. In the words of Saint Paul, be people of faith, love, and hope.

- ✦ What work will my faith in Jesus urge me to do?
- ✦ For whom will I do some labor of love?
- ✦ Even in stressful times, how can my hope in Jesus Christ endure?

December 31, 2023 - Goal \$70,938

Together IN ACTION total to date \$45,538.71
which is 61%
Annual Bishop's Appeal \$27,399.29. to go.

We are just over halfway there...

Please Give Generously ~ Thank You!

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 20 - 5:00pm - HFP Hall
Fr. Naveed Farewell Supper
- Oct. 21 - 7:00am - HFP Hall
That Man Is You
- Oct. 21 - 10:00am - Hope Room
Benedictine Group Meeting
- Oct. 21 - 6:00pm - HFP Hall following 5pm Mass
Taste of the World Supper
- Oct. 23 - 7:00pm - Faith Room
Life Ministry
- Oct. 24 - 6:30pm - Faith Room
1st Reconciliation Parent's Meeting
- Oct. 25 - 9:30am - Faith Room
Bible Study
- Oct. 25 - 7:00pm - Faith Room
R.C.I.A.
- Oct. 26 - 6:00pm - Faith Room
Confirmation Class
- Oct. 29 - 10:15am - Faith Room
1st Reconciliation Class

The Feast of
Saints Simon & Jude

October 28


Pray for Us





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

Online Bulletin
Has more info.!



**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



Holy Family
Parish Hall
Breakfast 7:30am
Presentation
8:30 – 9:30 am
October 28
Theme
Greed:
Whatever it Takes
Presenter
Brian Toppings



Thursday, November 2, 2023
Lighting Candles and Laying Flowers 6:30pm
Mass at 7:00pm

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



Catholic Women's League (CWL)

Memorial Mass

Tuesday, November 10, 2023

Candles at 6:00pm - Mass at 6:30pm

Knights of Columbus

Memorial Mass

Friday, November 17, 2023

Candles at 6:00pm - Mass at 6:30pm



**Mass of the
Angels**

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Mass 6:30pm

Bring live flowers in remembrance.

**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.



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.



RCIA

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.


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.



Children's Liturgy

Learning about God!

10:30am Mass

Questions or to volunteer call

Tammy at 403-866-7886

PRAESIDIUM Volunteer Training

All Volunteers who missed the previous are Required to Attend

October 27 from 6:00-8:00pm
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.



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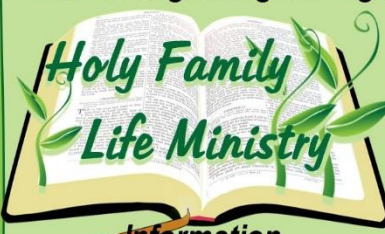
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If you are passionate about the dignity of life & would like to know more about what the Catholic Church teaches regarding the dignity of life, please join us.



Holy Family Life Ministry

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





St. Michael's Church FALL HAM SUPPER

Bow Island Legion
NOVEMBER 19, 2023
4:00-6:00PM

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Our Network is: HFP_LIVE
The Password is: Liv3HFP*



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!

Joe McKinnon Council #9502 Knights of Columbus

Position	Name
Grand Knight	Greg Martin
Deputy Grand Knight	Jimmy Tablan
Financial Secretary	Pat Ries
Treasurer	Ron Pisoni
Chancellor	
Recorder	Pat Brigham
Advocate	Andy Hamel
Warden	Walter Pratt
Inside Guard	Dale Maddaford
Outside Guard	Michael Camphor
Year 1 Trustee	Herb Durda
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Year 3 Trustee	Kent Friedt
Lecturer	Rick Brown
Membership Director	Garry Lux
Faith in Action Program Director	Greg Martin
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



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October 22, 2023

WE ARE HIS BELOVED

An atheist professor of philosophy speaks to his class on the problem science has with God, The Almighty. He asks a believer... Prof: So you believe in God? Student: Absolutely, sir. Prof: Is God good? Student: Sure. Prof: Is God all-powerful? Student: Yes. Prof: My brother died of cancer even though he prayed to God to heal him. Most of us would attempt to help others who are ill, but God didn't. How is this God good then? Hmm? (Student is silent.) Prof: You can't answer, can you? Let's start again, young fella. Is God good? Student: Yes. Prof: Is Satan good? Student: No. Prof: Where does Satan come from? Student: From...God... Prof: That's right. Tell me son, is there evil in this world? Student: Yes. Prof: Evil is everywhere, isn't it? And God did make everything, correct? Student: Yes. Prof: So, who created evil?

(Student does not answer.) Prof: Is there sickness? Immorality? Hatred? Ugliness? All these terrible things exist in the world, don't they? Student: Yes, sir. Prof: So, who created them? (Student has no answer.) Prof: Science says you have 5 senses you use to identify and observe the world around you. Tell me, son, have you ever seen God? Student: No, sir. Prof: Tell us if you have ever heard your God? Student: No, sir. Prof: Have you ever felt your God, tasted your God, smelt your God? Have you ever had any sensory perception of God for that matter? Student: No, sir. I'm afraid I haven't. Prof: Yet you still believe in Him? Student: Yes. Prof: According to empirical, testable, demonstrable protocol, science says your God doesn't exist. What do you say to that, son? Student: Nothing. I have only my faith. Prof: Yes. Faith. That is the problem science has. Student: Professor, is there such a thing as heat? Prof: Yes. Student: And is there such a thing as cold? Prof: Yes. Student: No, sir. There isn't. (The lecture theatre becomes very quiet with this turn of events.) Student: Sir, you can have lots of heat, even more heat, superheat, mega heat, white heat,

a little heat or no heat, but we don't have anything called cold. We can hit 458 degrees below zero which is no heat, but we can't go any farther after that. There is no such thing as cold. Cold is only a word we use to describe the absence of heat. We cannot measure cold. Heat is energy. Cold is not the opposite of heat, sir, just the absence of it. (There is pin-drop silence in the lecture theatre.) Student: What about darkness, Professor? Is there such a thing as darkness? Prof: Yes. What is night if there isn't darkness? Student: You're wrong again, sir. Darkness is the absence of something. You can have low light, normal light, bright light, flashing light, but if you have no light constantly, you have nothing, and it's called darkness, isn't it? In reality, darkness isn't. If it were, you would be able to make darkness darker, wouldn't you? Prof: So, what is the point you are making, young man? Student: Sir, my point is your philosophical premise is flawed. Prof: Flawed? Can you explain how? Student: Sir, you are working on the premise of duality. You argue there is life, and then there is death, a good God and a bad God. You are viewing the concept of God as something finite, something we can measure. Sir, science can't even explain a thought. It uses electricity and magnetism but has never seen, much less fully understood either one. To view death as the opposite of life is to be ignorant of the fact that death cannot exist as a substantive thing. Death is not the opposite of life: just the absence of it. Now tell me, Professor. Do you teach your students that they evolved from a monkey? Prof: If you are referring to the natural evolutionary process, yes, of course I do. Student: Have you ever observed evolution with your own eyes, sir? (The Professor shakes his head with a smile, beginning to realize where the argument is going.) Student: Since no one has ever observed the process of evolution at work and cannot even prove that this process is an ongoing endeavour, are you not teaching your opinion, sir? Are you not a scientist but a preacher? (The class is in uproar.) Student: Is there anyone in the class who has ever seen the Professor's brain? (The class breaks out into laughter). Student: Is there anyone here who has ever heard the Professor's brain, felt it, touched or smelt it? No one appears to have done so. So, according to the established rules of empirical, stable, demonstrable protocol, science says that you have no brain, sir. With all due respect, sir, how do we then trust your lectures? (The room is silent. The professor stares at the student, his face unfathomable.) Prof: I guess you'll have to take them on faith, son. Student: That is it, sir. The link between man and God is faith. That is all that keeps things moving and alive. That's exact the message we get from today's Readings because we are chosen and beloved of God. All of you know that I love taking pictures because they mesmerize me with the texture, colors, and formation. Photography for me is not a hobby but source of prayer, meditation and reflection which brings my focus on the Image of God and reminds

me that everything in the universe bears the image of God. We read in the Book of Genesis that God created Adam on his own image.

Through the Sacred Scripture Readings, God is showing us his love to us by calling us his chosen even we do not know him. In the Gospel Jesus is being tested by the Pharisees and the scribes regarding paying the tax to the state. However, Jesus takes opportunity to teach the unexpected lessons to those people through the image on the coin: "Give therefore to Caesar the things are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." What does it mean to bear the image of God in our day-to-day life? Let me share the following story with you to understand that why Jesus wants us to give what belongs to God.

After a few of the usual Sunday evening hymns, the church's pastor slowly stood up, walked over to the pulpit and, before he gave his sermon for the evening, briefly introduced a guest minister who was in the service that evening. In the introduction, the pastor told the congregation that the guest minister was one of his dearest childhood friends and that he wanted him to have a few moments to greet the church and share whatever he felt would be appropriate for the service.

With that, an elderly man stepped up to the pulpit and began to speak. "A father, his son, and a friend of his son were sailing off the Pacific Coast," he began, "when a fast-approaching storm blocked any attempt to get back to shore. The waves were so high that, even though the father was an experienced sailor, he could not keep the boat upright, and the three were swept into the ocean as the boat capsized."

The old man hesitated for a moment, making eye contact with two teenagers who were, for the first time since the service began, looking somewhat interested in the story. The aged minister continued with his story. "Grabbing a rescue line, the father had to make the most excruciating decision of his life: to which boy he would throw the other end of the lifeline. He only had seconds to make the decision. The father knew that his son was a Christian, and he also knew that his son's friend was not. The agony of his decision could not be matched by the torrent of the waves. As the father yelled out, 'I love you, son!', he threw out the lifeline to the son's friend. By the time the father had pulled the friend back to the capsized boat, his son had disappeared beneath the raging swells into the black of night. His body was never recovered."

By this time, the two teenagers were sitting up straight in the pew, anxiously waiting for the next words to come out of the old minister's mouth. "The father," he continued, "knew his son would step into eternity with Jesus, and he could not bear the thought of his son's friend stepping into an eternity without Jesus. Therefore, he sacrificed his son to save the son's friend. How great is the love of God that He could do the same for us. Our heavenly Father sacrificed His only begotten Son that we could be saved. I urge you to accept His offer to rescue you and take hold of the lifeline."

With that, the old man turned and sat back down in his chair as silence filled the room. The pastor again walked slowly to the pulpit and delivered a brief sermon with an invitation at the end. However, no one responded to the appeal. Within minutes after the service, the two teenagers were at the old man's side. "That was a nice story," politely said one of the boys, "but I don't think it was very realistic for a father to give up his only son's life in hopes that the other boy would become a Christian."

"Well, you've got a point there," the old man replied, glancing down at his worn Bible. Sorrow began to overtake the old man's smiling face as he once again looked up at the boys and said, "It sure isn't very realistic, is it? But I'm here today to tell you that I understand more than most the pain God must have felt to give up His only Son. For you see, I'm the man who lost his son to the ocean that day, and my son's friend that I chose to save is your pastor."

In five weeks, time, Mother Church will celebrate the universal Kingship of Jesus Christ popularly called the Feast of Christ the King. This feast ends the Church's Liturgical Year. The Readings of the last three Sundays reminded us of the second coming of Christ. It urged us to respond to God's invitation to the heavenly banquet, a rejection of which is a total rejection of God and the beatific vision.

In the First Reading, God proves Himself faithful to the house of Israel to the extent that even when he did not find a worthy leader among His chosen people to rescue them from their enemies, He finds a pagan King, Cyrus to bring them out of Babylonian exile. The Prophet says, "For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me..." In the Chapter 49 we read "But Zion said, 'The Lord has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me. Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget. Et I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.'" In Psalm 139 we read that God has created us wonderfully in our mother's womb. King Solomon acknowledges the power of God "Even I don't know how the Spirit of God entered into my mother's womb and became living being".

In today's Gospel the Pharisees try once again to entrap Jesus in His speech. They realize that they are being portrayed by Jesus as having refused an invitation to conversion of heart (please read last Sunday's banquet story Matthew 22:1-14). Therefore, they begin to plot against Jesus by launching an attack. They begin their questioning by flattering Jesus, attempting to take Him off guard. A Pharisee compliments Jesus for being honest, teaching the way of God authentically, and taking no account of any person's status or opinion.

Indeed, Jesus' authority was a servant authority or leadership. Thus, as we anticipate the Feast of Christ the King, Mother Church presents to us the servant Kingship of Jesus as a model for all authority figures.

Two images are before us: that of Caesar and that of God. To the first image, Jesus asks a simple question: "Whose picture is on the coin?" And the answer is simple, "Caesar." Therefore, give to Caesar what belongs to him, that is the part of your possession that belongs to him. But Jesus also has a second, penetrating question: Whose image and blessing is on every human being? And the answer is simple, "God's." Therefore, give to God what belongs to him, that is your entire being, whole and undivided.

From whom do we receive the blessings of life and to whom do we owe thanksgiving and allegiance? Is it God? Is service to God and to Caesar compatible? Or are they competing loyalties that carry with them divergent senses of blessing? The Lord commands not only to give to God what is God's (that is, everything), but also to give to Caesar what is Caesar's, that is to say, to live completely the requirements of justice and peace in social relationships, and to work for the common good.

Indeed, at the time that this incident took place, the Jews were under Roman rule, and they might have been having problem paying taxes to Caesar. They were, therefore, pre-occupied with overthrowing the Roman regime. Thus, they were anticipating a Messiah who will come and topple the Roman authority. But they found the opposite. They were so pre-occupied with toppling the Roman regime that they were ready to kill even when their weaknesses were laid bare to them by Jesus.

Today, like the Jewish authorities, we have rejected God's offer of salvation which He has accomplished in Jesus Christ. We will not plot to kill Jesus, but we have rejected God because of our apathy to the things of God. During this pandemic, how many of us have really experienced God's presence in our midst? We are living in a world which is too secular and encourages everyone not to believe in the existence of God.

On USA dollar "In God we trust" reminds us that wealth is to live better worldly life but not to forget him whose image of we bear. If the image of Caesar was stamped on Roman coins that were to be rendered to him, the human heart bears the imprint of the Creator, the one Lord of our life. He has marked us for his own and sent us on mission to the world. Do our human projects make us better prophets, servants, and agents of the Kingdom of Jesus?

Let us never be ashamed of working publicly for Jesus' kingdom and telling people about Him. He alone guarantees us authentic joy and deep hope, for all the people in our time." His kingdom will have no end. It is only those who bear the imprint of God who will be rewarded with salvation. Paul, in the Second Reading, used this image to warn believers not to be caught napping. Since we do not know when the Lord will return for His people,

we must live in constant attitude of watching and waiting, while we are busy working and witnessing.

We should note that Jesus invites the people to make their own judgment of conscience; he does not make it for them. We would misunderstand the reply of Jesus if we thought it was meant to instruct us about the relationship that should exist between Church and State. His reply concerns, not the order of politics, but the order of moral responsibility - the individual's duty to participate in the life of the nation in a way that best promotes the common good of justice and peace.

We are marked and blessed with God's image. Let us never forget to whom we really belong, and why we really do the things we do. We are not called for ourselves, but we are summoned by the Lord and sent to the world, to proclaim His name and His saving works. We keep that image lit because we God has called us to be the light of the world. In Jesus we trust when we see his image of Sacred Heart because God has given us a perfect image of his love.

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection, from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire the great works of art. When the Vietnam conflict broke out, the son went to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply for his only son. About a month later, just before Christmas, there was a knock at the door. A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hands. He said, "Sir, you don't know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day, and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart, and he died instantly. He often talked about you and your love for art." The young man held out the package. "I know this isn't much. I'm not a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this."

The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture. "Oh, no sir, I could never repay what your son did for me. It's a gift." The father hung the portrait over his mantle. Every time visitors came to his home; he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the other great works he had collected. The man died a few months later. There was to be a great auction of his paintings. Many influential people gathered, excited over seeing the great paintings and having an opportunity to purchase one for their collection. On the platform sat the painting of the son. The auctioneer pounded his gavel. "We will start the bidding with this picture of the son. Who will bid for this picture?" There was silence. Then, a voice in the back of the room shouted, "We want to see the

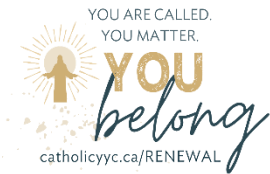
famous paintings. Skip this one." But the auctioneer persisted. "Will somebody bid for this painting. Who will start the bidding? \$100, \$200?" Another voice said angrily, "We didn't come to see this painting. We came to see the Van Goghs, the Rembrandts. Get on with the real art!" But still the auctioneer continued. "The son! The son! Who'll take the son?" Finally, a voice came from the very back of the room. It was the longtime gardener of the man and his son. "I'll give \$10 for the painting." Being a poor man, it was all he could afford. "We have \$10. Who will bid \$20?" "Give it to him for \$10. Let's see the masters." "\$10 is the bid. Won't someone bid \$20?" The crowd was becoming angry. They didn't want the picture of the son. They wanted the more worthy investments for their collections. The auctioneer pounded the gavel. "Going once, twice, SOLD for \$10!" A man sitting on the second row shouted, "Now let's get on with the collection!" The auctioneer laid down his gavel. "I'm sorry; the auction is over." "What about the paintings?" "I am sorry. When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will. I was not allowed to reveal that stipulation until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate, including the paintings. The man who took the son gets everything!" God gave His son 2,000 years ago to die on the cross. Much like the auctioneer, His message today is: "The son, the son, who'll take the son?" Because, you see, whoever takes the Son gets everything. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16).

Jesus says "you can not serve two masters' either you love and hate the other one. You can not serve both God and wealth". What do we choose? Whose image do we bear in our lives?



DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

29th Sunday in Ordinary time (under construction)



Are you going to the Renewal Gathering?

Bishop McGrattan will be coming to our area to have Mass with us, share a meal together, and discuss how we can experience renewal in our personal lives, our parishes, and the Diocese. There is no cost to attend but your registration helps us in the meal planning. Register online at <https://catholicyc.ca/renewal> or call Monica at 403-218-5521.

○ MEDICINE HAT

Wednesday, Nov. 13 from 5 pm (Mass) to 9 pm, at Holy Family Church in Medicine Hat.

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.

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: catholicyc.ca/pastoralcare

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Career opportunities

The Diocese of Calgary is hiring various roles for the parishes in the Diocese and the Catholic

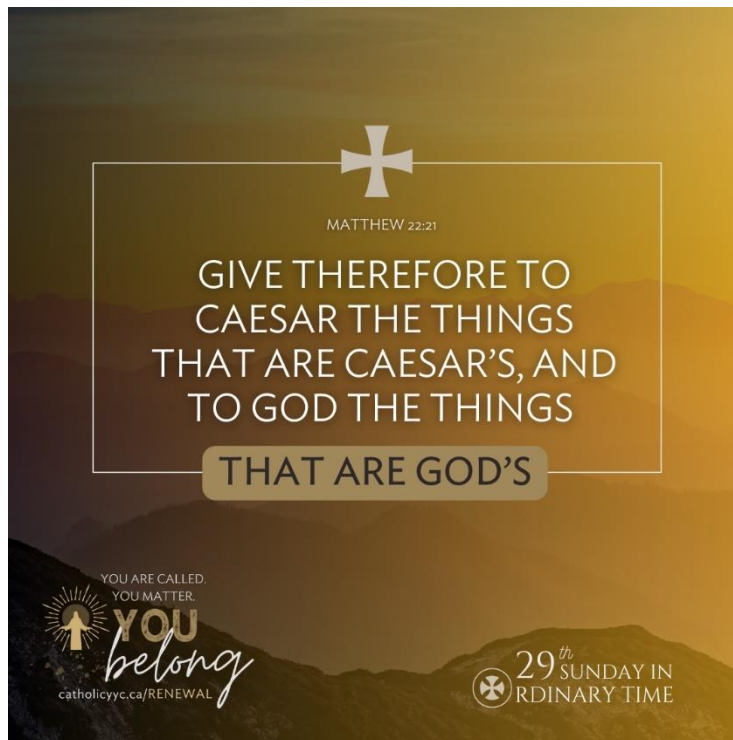
Pastoral Centre. Visit catholiccyyc.ca/careers for more details, and please help us spread the word!

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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Weekly reflections can be found here:

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Daily and Sunday Mass Prayers & Readings: [CCCCB Daily Readings](#) (pick the desired date)

Full schedule of Parish Livestream Masses:

<https://www.catholiccyyc.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](#)

Resources

- [Sacraments & Liturgies](#)
- [Spiritual Resources](#)
- [Sacrament Preparation](#)
- [Online Formation Opportunities](#)

Other Resources & Events

1. Resources for children

- o **Kid's challenge this week:** In today's Gospel, Jesus is asked whether it is lawful to pay taxes to the Romans. The questioners were trying to trick Jesus into saying something that would be unlawful to either Romans or to strict Jews like the Pharisees. But Jesus responds in a way that makes them look foolish; he reminds us of what is more important than the question of paying taxes. This week, remember that God should

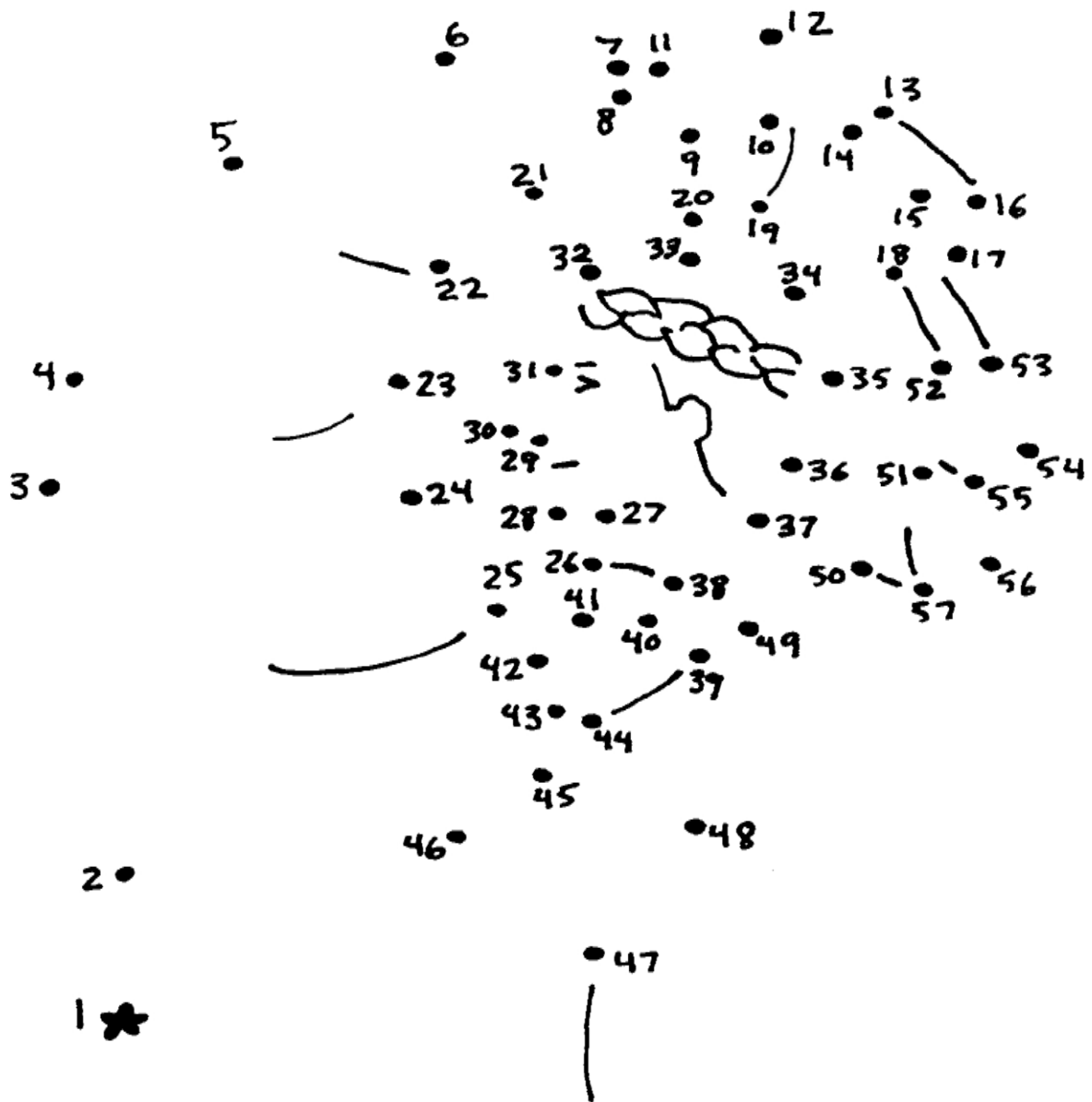
hold the place of greatest importance in our lives in all that we do. (Loyola Press)

- o [Colouring page this Sunday](#)
- o [Kid's Bulletin this Sunday](#)
- o [Sunday Connection this Sunday](#) (Gr. 1-8)
- o Children's Liturgy of the Word this Sunday
 - [Children's Liturgy sheet for leaders/parents](#) (CAFOD) | [Illustration](#)
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Young men (18-40 years of age) who are discerning their vocation are invited to the "Come and See" event from **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.ca
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The Kids' Bulletin

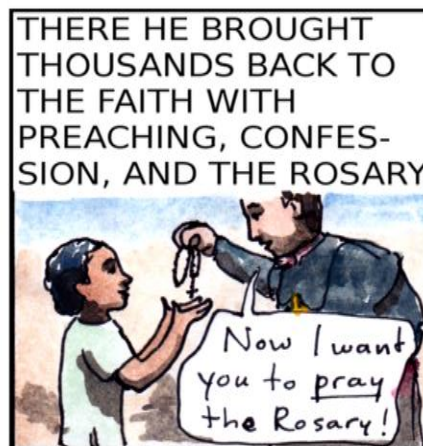
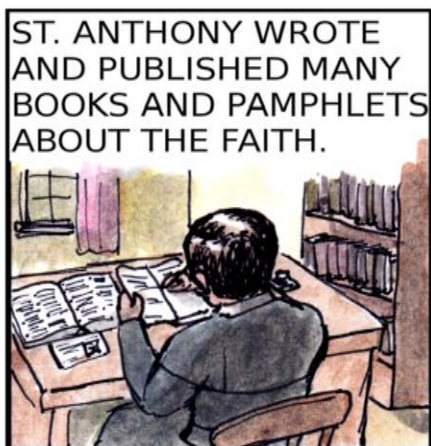
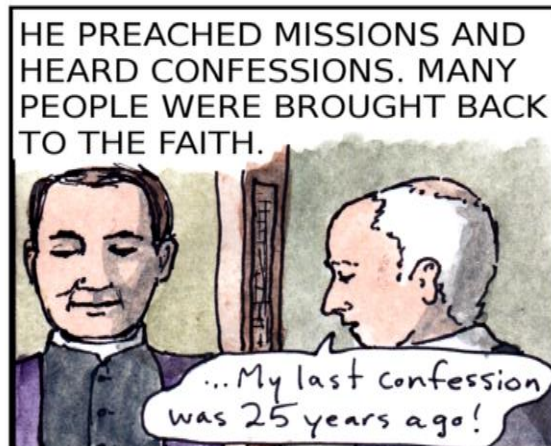
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 22nd, 2023



*In today's Gospel reading, some men
asked Jesus if it was right to pay tax.
What did Jesus ask them to show Him?
Connect the dots to find out!*

Saint Anthony Mary Claret

October 24



SAINT ANTHONY HAD A GREAT DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND OUR LADY. THIS GAVE HIM THE STRENGTH AND WISDOM TO BRING MANY SOULS BACK TO GOD THROUGH HIS PREACHING, WRITING AND HEARING CONFESSIONS. WE, TOO, GET STRENGTH TO DO GOD'S WORK FROM THE SACRAMENTS.

Sing 2 the Lord...

a math puzzle

*Figure out the answers to the math questions and
use the answers to find the right words
to fill in the blanks in today's Psalm.*



Sing to the _____ a new _____;
 $4+4=$ _____ $1+4=$ _____

_____ to the Lord, all you _____.
 $4+2=$ _____ $6+3=$ _____

Tell his _____ among the _____;
 $3+4=$ _____ $1+1=$ _____

among all _____,
 $2+1=$ _____

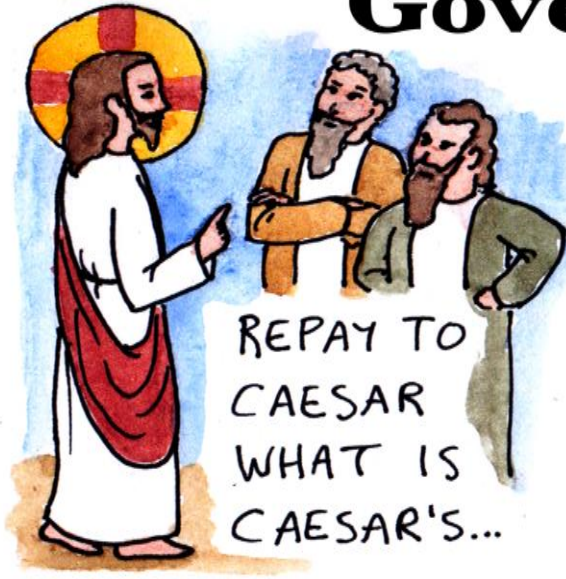
his wondrous _____.
 $2+2=$ _____



2 nations
3 peoples
4 deeds
5 song

6 sing
7 glory
8 Lord
9 lands

Should we Obey the Government?



The Pharisees in today's Gospel reading were trying to trick Jesus and make Him say something wrong. They asked Him whether they should pay taxes to the pagan emperor. If He said no then He would be speaking against the emperor, but if He said yes then it would seem like He was saying that it

was good for the Jews to be ruled by the pagan Romans.

But Jesus knew what the Pharisees were trying to do. He told them to show Him a coin, and asked them whose picture was on it. They said it was Caesar's (the Roman emperor's,) so Jesus told them, "Then repay to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." He was telling them that they should obey the rulers of the land, but also that they should obey God.

We have two kinds of laws: God's laws and the laws of our governments. Both are for our own good, but God's laws are more important. We should obey the government's laws as long as they agree with God's laws, but we must always obey God's laws. Can you think of some laws that the government makes that are for our good?



Answers to math puzzle: words are in this order: 8: Lord, 5: song, 6: sing, 9: lands, 7: glory, 2: nations, 3: peoples 4: deeds.

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



Back for a second series, Fr. Tim Boyle will speak on The Art of Accompaniment, picking up on the theme from the Synod preparation document "Enlarge the Tent."

St. Martha's Parish, Lethbridge

Monday, November 20, 2023

"What unbelievers can teach us about the mystery of God"

Monday, January 22, 2024

"Zacchaeus... the first of Many Seekers... and why they don't want to join"

Monday, February 19, 2024

"Finding the Real Presence of God outside the church"

Monday, March 18, 2024

"Mother Maria of Russia... on uniting the Cross and the Sword"

Monday, April 15, 2024

"Flourishing... not just maintaining the Faith".

Gatherings begin at 10:15 am with 15 minutes of checking in with participants.

Mass follows at 11:15 am

St. Martha's parish, 355 Columbia Blvd W., Lethbridge – 403 381 8891



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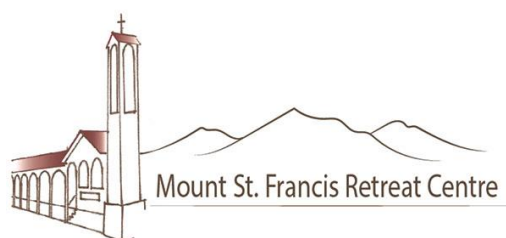


Retreat Centers in Southern Alberta

AN "OASIS" IN THE HEART OF CALGARY

FCJ Retreat & Conference Centre is seen by many as a spiritual home where God feels very present both in the building and the surrounding landscape, and every year welcomes thousands of visitors to a unique experience of warm hospitality and deep spirituality.

Our hope is that those who come to the FCJ Centre will encounter God, whether in prayer, in the Word, in the silence and the beauty; and that this encounter will touch many other lives too.



Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre is nestled in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains where are all welcome in the name of Christ. The Franciscan Friars of Canada, inspired by the vision and example of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi, have served here since 1949.

We offer silent retreats and spiritual direction. We also serve those in the 12 Step Program through weekend and evening Serenity

retreats. We listen to 5th steps. We host groups and individuals seeking a place of quiet and stillness in an often-hectic world. We can accommodate up to 50 people (46 rooms/50 beds). We have one large and one small meeting room, a library and chapel. We can accommodate most dietary restrictions. There are approximately 500 acres to explore.

Our retreats are organized through a group of dedicated volunteer Captains that oversee the registration. Please see our retreats page for more information.

We have strong ties with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary; other Christian Churches, schools, and organizations; as well as others not affiliated with any particular faith but who are in accord with our mission of peace, healing and prayer. We value the many loyal friends and benefactors that have supported us in our ministry for over 70 years.

Martha Retreat Centre, situated on the edge of the beautiful Lethbridge coulees, is a ministry of the Martha Retreat Centre Society, which was established in 2018. Originally founded by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Martha of Antigonish, Nova Scotia in 1968, the Centre continues to be supported by and aligned with the mission of the Sisters of St. Martha: inspired by God's graciousness, we strive to hear, embrace and respond to the cry for gospel hospitality.





Scams Alert

There are many scams going around masquerading as your clergy (priests, deacons or lately, the bishop).

Please exercise caution when responding to email messages. If you receive unusual emails, check the sender's email address to see whether it is the person's genuine address. Even if the sender's address looks correct, always verify suspicious emails by phoning the sender. There have been many similar scams reported by several parishes in our diocese and across Canada.

Note that these scams do not stop at emails. Those in social media should stay vigilant when responding to friend requests or to other compelling posts requiring a response. There are many fake Twitter, Facebook and other social media accounts trying to impersonate people you know and our church leaders. Some scammers may take the time to build a relationship with you to gain your trust, before trying to extort money or other things like gift cards.

Please exercise vigilance when you are being charitable. Use the channels you are most familiar with and avoid becoming victims of a scam.

NOBODY is going to ask you for gift cards, or bit coins from the church! NOBODY!!!

All our email addresses only end in @holyfamilymh.ca never a @gmail account.

If you get an email or a text, PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND to it, you can forward it to contact@holyfamilymh.ca so it can be sent to the diocese.