



# Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

**OCTOBER 29, 2023 – 30<sup>TH</sup> 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 Greatest Commandment...

*Love God...  
Love others!*

Matthew 22:34-40  
30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

## † Masses & Mass Intentions †

Saturday, October 28

5:00pm ~ Simon Schmaltz †

Sunday, October 29

8:30am ~ Holy Family Parish

10:30am ~ Les & Cecile Aadland

6:00pm ~ Harry Sehn †

Monday, October 30

9:00am ~ Rita Bosch †

Tuesday, October 31

9:00am ~ Frank, Christina & Randy Resch †

Wednesday, November 1

9:00am ~ George & Rose Steinley †

Thursday, November 2

9:00am ~ Christina Resch †

6:30pm ~ Holy Family Parish Deceased †

Friday, November 3

9:00am ~ Peter Braat †

**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
<b>\$ 53,947- Budget Vs Actual</b>	<b>-\$ 15,259</b>

## 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
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## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Exodus 22:20-26. Psalm 18:2-4, 47, 51.  
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10. Matthew 22:34-40.

## Love God, Neighbor, Self

There are 613 Old Testament laws guiding faithful behavior. The Exodus writer tells us some: do not molest or oppress aliens, do not wrong widows and orphans, do to extort money from the poor, do not, do not, do not. Jesus gives us a summary in two laws (rooted in Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18):  
(1) Love God with everything you have and are and  
(2) Love the neighbor as your very self.

✦ What will I do to love a foreigner, an alien, someone not like me?

✦ What will I do for someone who is poor, hungry, out of work?

✦ What will I do?

**Together IN ACTION**  
*Annual Bishop's Appeal*

Year to Date: \$44,082.  
only 62% of total needed!

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

Only 2 more months to go and \$26,856 more to raise. Please give what you can to meet our goal!

*Your Generosity is Appreciated!*

## 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

1<sup>st</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Class



Please join us for

**All Souls Day**  
*Mass*

Thursday, November 2, 2023

Lighting Candles and Laying Flowers 6:30pm

Mass at 7:00pm

Flowers provided by **PATTISON**  
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## Sacramental Preparation 2023-2024

1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Parents Meeting

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

Confirmation Class

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

1<sup>st</sup> 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  
November 4,  
Theme  
Lust: The Fullness  
of Joy  
Presenter  
Mark Hartfiel

## 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 5:00pm

Tickets sold after WEEKEND Masses October 14-29<sup>th</sup>

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

## Mass of the *Angels*

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Mass 6:30pm

Flowers provided by PATTISON  
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Children's Liturgy  
Learning about God!  
10:30am Mass

Questions or to  
volunteer call  
Tammy at 403-866-7886



## Gifts from God The Art Show

November 18-19, 2023

Following each Mass

Registration deadline November 3, 2023  
see bulletin for info.



Catholic Women's League (CWL)

Memorial Mass

Friday, 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



Knights of Columbus

Charity Appeal Tickets

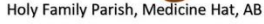
The Annual Knights of Columbus Alberta fundraiser for the Charitable Foundation & the State Board. Ticket proceeds from our local Council go to Project Rachel & Elizabeth House. Holy Family Parish Knights needs your support!

Tickets can be purchased by scanning the QR code on the Bulletin Board at Holy Family or go to [www.kofc5050.com](http://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.

View the Full-Length Bulletin at [www.holyfamilymh.ca](http://www.holyfamilymh.ca) or on  
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**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?**

**WEDNESDAYS**

7:00PM


## FAITH ROOM

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

## Information

**Valerie at 587-588-5788**

**Sonia at 403-528-0028**



YOU ARE CALLED.  
YOU MATTER.  
**YOU** belong

catholicccc.ca/RENEWAL

ROMAN CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE OF CALGARY

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 [catholicyc.ca/renewal](http://catholicyc.ca/renewal) or call Monica at 403-218-5521.

MONDAY

**NOV 13 | MEDICINE HAT**

5 PM (Mass) to 9 PM | Holy Family, Medicine Hat

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NOV 13 | MEDICINE HAT

5 PM (Mass) to 9 PM | Holy Family, Medicine Hat  
Dinner included | Register by Nov. 10, 2023





## Vincentian Corner

Our Society of St. Vincent de Paul conference helps those in need in Medicine Hat on an ongoing basis. We are fortunate that we can make a difference in many people's lives thanks to the generosity of our parishioners. God bless you all.

Have you ever wondered if God may be calling you to join us? If you feel that you might enjoy helping others, we would be happy to have you join one of our experienced Vincentians on a 'call' as you discover through this experience how rewarding it is to help our neighbours in need. We meet people face to face to ask them about their request for assistance. As we listen to the details of their situation, they feel cared about and less alone. Our attention encourages them to be part of the solution to improve their current plight. People are so thankful to be heard and offered direction and/or assistance.

Everyone's time is valuable, and you only need to be involved when you are able. There is no minimum time commitment.

If you would like to go on a call, please phone either church office to arrange an opportunity to experience what we do. We would love to share the joy of helping others with you!

SSVP Medicine Hat Vincentians



[catholiccyc.ca/Faithfully](http://catholiccyc.ca/Faithfully) keeps you updated  
with what's happening in and around our  
[Diocese!](#)

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PREISTS, CHURCH, STAFF, ETC.  
NOBODY** is going to ask you for gift  
cards, or bit coins! **NOBODY!!!**  
If you get an email or a text, **PLEASE**  
**DO NOT RESPOND** to it,  
**JUST DELETE IT!**

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



# Joe McKinnon Council #9502 Knights of Columbus

Position	Name
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Treasurer	Ron Pisoni
Chancellor	
Recorder	Pat Brigham
Advocate	Andy Hamel
Warden	Walter Pratt
Inside Guard	Dale Maddaford
Outside Guard	Michael Camphor
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Year 2 Trustee	Gary Heinbecker
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





30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

October 29, 2023

## GOD'S LOVE

St. Augustine being the Father of the Church and a great Theologian explains our relationship with God the Father who is all love and forgiving and abounding in steadfast love: For example: May you receive glory among all the nations as you have among us, and may your prophets prove themselves faithful. What does this mean but Hallowed be your name? Lord of power and might, touch our hearts and show us your face, and we shall be saved. What does this mean but Your kingdom come? Direct my ways by your word and let no sin rule over me. What does this mean but Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven? Do not give me poverty or riches. What does this mean but give us this day our daily bread? Lord, remember David and all his patient suffering, and Lord, if I have done this, if there is guilt on my hands, if I have repaid evil for evil ... What does that mean but forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us? Rescue me, God, from my enemies, deliver me from those who rise up against me. What does this mean but deliver us from evil?

If you study every word of the petitions of Scripture, you will find, I think, nothing that is not contained and included in the Lord's Prayer. When we pray, then, we may use different words to say the same things, but we may not say different things. We should not hesitate to make these prayers for ourselves, for our friends, for strangers, and even for enemies, though the emotions in our heart may vary with the strength or weakness of our relationships with individuals. You now know, I think, the attitudes you should bring to prayer, as well as the petitions you should make, and this not because of what I have taught you but thanks to the teaching of the one who has been pleased to teach us all. We must search out the life of happiness, we must ask for it from the Lord our God. Many have discussed at great length the meaning of happiness, but surely, we do not need to go to them and their long drawn-out discussions. Holy Scripture

says concisely and with truth: Happy are the people whose God is the Lord. We are meant to belong to that people, and to be able to see God and live with him forever, and so the object of this command is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience and a sincere faith. In these three qualities, "a good conscience" stands for "hope." Faith, hope, and love bring safely to God the person who prays, that is, the person who believes, who hopes, who desires, and who ponders what he is asking of the Lord in the Lord's Prayer.

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 war broke out in the country, the son was asked to join the army. 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 his package. "I know this isn't much. I'm not really 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. As man grew old, he decided to auction all his collection.

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 someone bid for this painting? Who will start the bidding? \$100, \$200?" Another voice shouted angrily, "We didn't come to see this painting. We came to see the Van Goghs, the Rembrandts. Get on with the real bids!" But still the auctioneer continued, "The son! The son! Who will take the son?" Finally, a voice came from the very back of the room. It was the long-time 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 did not 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. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate, including the paintings. The man who took the son gets everything!" God gave his Son 2000 years ago to die on a cruel 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.

Today's Word of God is giving us the same message to treat everyone with love and respect. In the First Reading we read "you shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt". This reminds us to treat people with love. Along with the pandemic world has witnessed the protest against racism where people stood against the evil forces trying to divide people on the basis of race, colour and religion. God has created us equal, and he wants us to treat other people equally and with love. The love does not do wrong as St. Paul says. (Please read I Corinthians 13:1-13)

Chapter 22 of the Gospel of Matthew has series of questions. Though begins with parable of the wedding banquet (1-14) which has first question "friend how did you get here without the wedding robe? Second question "is it lawful to give taxes to the emperor? Third question is about the Resurrection; will there be resurrection after the death? The fourth question is about the greatest commandment; which is the greatest commandment in the Law? and the fifth is about the Son of David: what do you think about the Messiah? This Sunday presents to us a very important Gospel passage (Mt 22:34-40). Matthew the Evangelist recounts that the Pharisees assemble in order to put Jesus to the test. One of them, a lawyer, asks him this question: "Teacher, which one is the great commandment in the law?" It is an insidious question, because more than 600 precepts are mentioned in the Law of Moses. How should the great commandment be distinguished among these? But Jesus responds without hesitation: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind". And he adds: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself".

This response of Jesus is not to be taken for granted, because, among the numerous precepts of the Hebrew Law, the most important were the 10 Commandments, communicated directly by God to Moses, as the conditions of the Covenant with the people. But Jesus wants to make it understood that without love for God and for our neighbour there is no true fidelity to this Covenant with the Lord. You may do many good things, fulfil many precepts, many good things, but if you do not have love, this serves no purpose.

It is confirmed by another text in the Book of Exodus, the so-called "Covenant Code", where it is said that one cannot adhere to the Covenant with the Lord and mistreat those who enjoy his protection. And who are those who enjoy his protection? The Bible says: the widow, the orphan and the stranger, the migrant, that is, the most lonely and defenseless people (Ex 22:20-21). In responding to those Pharisees who question him, Jesus also tries to help them put their religiosity in order, to distinguish what truly matters from



what is less important. Jesus says: "On these two commandments, depends on all the law and the prophets" (Mt. 22:40). They are the most important, and the others depend on these two. And Jesus lived his life precisely in this way: preaching and practising what truly matters and is essential, namely, love. Love gives impulse and fruitfulness to life and to the journey of life: without love, both life and faith remain sterile.

What Jesus proposes in this Gospel passage is a wonderful ideal, which corresponds to our heart's most authentic desire. Indeed, we were created to love and to be loved. God, who is Love, created us to make us participants in his life, to be loved by him and to love him, and with him, to love all other people. This is God's "dream" for mankind. And to accomplish it we need his grace; we need to receive within us the capacity to love which comes from God himself. Jesus offers himself to us in the Eucharist for this very reason. In it we receive Jesus in the utmost expression of his love, when he offered himself to the Father for our salvation.

St. John in his First Letter shows why we should love God and our neighbour without partiality: "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be, has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure" (3:1-3).

In the response of Jesus there is another mystery is hidden and that is if God has loved the world so much that he gave his only Begotten Son, then why can't we love him without partiality. St. John continues to say "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God, everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not know love does not know God, for God is love".

In effect, the visible sign a Christian can show in order to witness to his love for God to the world and to others, to his family, is the love he bears for his brothers. The Commandment to love God and neighbour is the first, not because it is at the top of the list of Commandments. Jesus does not place it at the pinnacle but at the centre, because it is from the heart that everything must go out and to which everything must return and refer.

In the Old Testament, the requirement to be holy, in the image of God who is holy, included the duty to care for the most vulnerable people, such as the stranger, the orphan and the widow. Jesus brings this Covenant law to fulfilment; He who unites in himself, in his flesh, divinity and humanity, a single mystery of love.

Now, in the light of this Word of Jesus, love is the measure of faith, and faith is the soul of love. We can no longer separate a religious life, a pious life, from service to brothers and sisters, to the real brothers and sisters that we encounter. We can no longer divide prayer, the encounter with God in the Sacraments, from listening to the other, closeness to his life, especially to his wounds.



In the middle of the dense forest of rules and regulations — to the legalisms of past and present — Jesus makes an opening through which one can catch a glimpse of two faces: the face of the Father and the face of the brother. He does not give us two formulas or two precepts: there are no precepts nor formulas. He gives us two faces, only one real face, that of God reflected in many faces, because in the face of each brother, especially of the smallest, the most fragile, the defenseless and needy, there is God's own image. And we must ask ourselves: when we meet one of these brothers, are we able to recognize the face of God in him? Are we able to do this?

In this way, Jesus offers to all the fundamental criteria on which to base one's life. But, above all, He gave us the Holy Spirit, who allows us to love God and neighbour as He does, with a free and generous heart. With the intercession of Mary, our mother, let us open ourselves to welcome this gift of love, to walk forever with this two-fold law, which really has only one facet: the law of love.

Remember this: love is the measure of faith. How much do you love? Each one answer silently. How is your faith? My faith is as I love. And faith is the soul of love. How would my life be without Love?

St. Clement I, pope and martyr invite everyone to fix our eyes on the Father by saying; "Let us fix our gaze on the Father and Creator of the whole world and let us hold on to his peace and blessings, his splendid and surpassing gifts. Let us contemplate him in our thoughts and with our mind's eye reflect upon the peaceful and restrained unfolding of his plan; let us consider the care with which he provides for the whole of his creation. By his direction the heavens are in motion, and they are subject to him in peace. Day and night fulfill the course he has established without interfering with each other. The sun, the moon and the choirs of stars revolve in harmony at his command in their appointed paths without deviation. By his will the earth blossoms in the proper seasons and produces abundant food for men and animals and all the living things on it without reluctance and without any violation of what he has arranged. Yet unexplored regions of the abysses and inexpressible realms of the deep are subject to his laws. The mass of the boundless sea, joined together by his ordinance in a single expanse, does not overflow its prescribed limits but flows as he commanded it. For he said: Thus far shall you come, and your waves will be halted here. The ocean, impassable for men, and the worlds beyond it are governed by the same edicts of the Lord. The seasons, spring, summer, autumn, and winter, follow one another in harmony. The quarters from which the winds blow function in due season without the least deviation. And the ever-flowing springs, created for our health as well as our enjoyment, unfailing offer their breasts to sustain human life. The tiniest of living creatures meet in harmony and peace. The great Creator and Lord of the universe commanded all these things to be established in peace and harmony, in his goodness to all, and in overflowing measure to us who seek refuge in his mercies through our Lord Jesus Christ; to him be glory and majesty for ever and ever. Amen".



Let me finish with my reflection with this very inspiring story which reveals to us that we never walk alone in spite of our suffering and pain because God walks with us.

A man married a beautiful girl. He loved her very much. One day she developed a skin disease. Slowly she started to lose her beauty. It so happened that one day her husband left for a tour. While returning he had an accident and lost his eyesight. However, their married life continued as usual. But as days passed, she lost her beauty gradually. Blind husband did not know this and there was not any difference in their married life. He continued to love her, and she also loved him very much. One day she died. Her death brought him a great sorrow. He finished all her last rites and wanted to leave that town. A man from behind called and said, "Now, how will you be able to walk all alone? All these days your wife used to help you". He replied, "I am not blind. I was acting, because if she knew I could see her skin condition due to a disease, it would have pained her more than her disease. I didn't love her for her beauty alone, but I fell in love with her caring and loving nature. So, I pretended to be blind. I only wanted to keep her happy". How do we see the love of God in our day-to-day life?

## *How do we see the love of God in our day-to-day life?*

*Matthew 22:34-40*

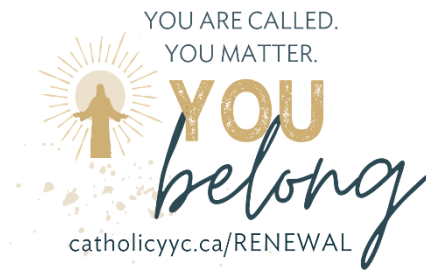
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*October 29, 2023*





# DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

30th Sunday in Ordinary time

## Are you going to the Renewal Gathering?

Let's gather to celebrate the Eucharist with Bishop McGrattan, have a meal together, and envision how we can open ourselves to the graces of renewal as individuals, parishes, and as the Diocese. **There is no cost** to attend but your registration helps us in the meal planning. Register online at <https://catholiccyyc.ca/renewal> or call Monica at 403-218-5521.

### ○ MEDICINE HAT

Monday, 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.*

## Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate - Nov 18

All are welcome to the Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate with Bishop William McGrattan. The Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, November 18 at 11 am**, at St. Mary's Cathedral. Door opens at 10 am.

## 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](https://catholiccyyc.ca/pastoralcare) or call 403-218-5521.

## Emergency Relief for Israel and Gaza

We lament the loss of all innocent lives and the displacement of all innocent peoples, Israelis and

Palestinians, due to the ensuing war. While we pray for the eternal rest of all the deceased and for God's strength and comfort for those grieving, let us help our brothers and sisters in need. Donate through [CNEWA](#) | [Development and Peace - Caritas Canada](#)

## Dinner & Fundraiser for Sacred Heart Church in Strathmore

Dinner & Auction fundraiser to raise funds for Sacred Heart's new church. There will be supper, silent auction, and entertainment! When: **Sat, Nov. 4 - from 5 pm to 11 pm** at Strathmore Civic Centre, Strathmore. [More info](#) or contact Gorete or Harry Salm at 403-934-4817.

## 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](https://catholiccyyc.ca/careers) for more details, and please help us spread the word!

## Vocatio - Nov. 11

Join *Vocatio*: An event for men discerning the Priesthood and men and women discerning the Consecrated Life. There will be separate groups for men and women. When: **Saturdays, Nov. 11, and Dec. 9, from 5 pm to 9 pm.** To register, email [derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca) or [sisterdianne.turner@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:sisterdianne.turner@calgarydiocese.ca)

## Retreat for Religious Educators

St. Gilbertine Institute invites Catholic educators, homeschoolers, and parents to a weekend retreat with four excellent speakers on the following: Primary Educator, Homeschooling by Heart, Classical Education, and Catholic Educator. Fee is \$80 (early bird rate before Nov 1). When: **Nov. 24-25 at St. John the Evangelist, Calgary.** To register, call 866-361-3650.



# The Kids' Bulletin

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 29th, 2023



*How did Jesus say we should love God?  
Put the letters in order by their numbers  
to fill in the spaces and find out!*

*With all our*                                   ,                              
                  1    2    3    4    5            6    7    8    9  
                                                             
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# Saint Wolfgang

## October 31

WOLFGANG WAS BORN AROUND THE YEAR 934 IN WHAT IS NOW GERMANY. HE WAS FROM A FAMILY OF COUNTS AND WENT TO SCHOOLS RUN BY THE CHURCH.

God did not need to make us; He was already happy.



SAINT WOLFGANG BECAME A BENEDICTINE AND WAS ORDAINED A PRIEST.



HE WAS SENT TO TEACH THE MAGYARS, WHO WERE PAGAN WARRIORS THAT LIVED NEARBY.



Wolfgang will make an excellent bishop!



WHEN THE BISHOP DIED HE WAS MADE THE BISHOP OF RATISBON.

HE CARED FOR THE POOR AND REFORMED THE MONASTERIES.



HE WANTED TO LIVE A QUIET LIFE SO HE WENT INTO THE WOODS, BUT A HUNTER FOUND HIM AND BROUGHT HIM BACK!



ONE DAY WHEN HE WAS GOING DOWN THE RIVER, HE FELL ILL AND ASKED TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE LOCAL CHURCH. HE DIED THERE, IN A VILLAGE NEAR AUSTRIA.

SAINT WOLFGANG WAS ONE OF THE IMPORTANT PATRON SAINTS FOR THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN EUROPE THROUGHOUT THE MIDDLE AGES. HE WAS THE TEACHER OF A FUTURE EMPEROR AND SEVERAL ARCHBISHOPS. HIS TEACHING KEPT THESE MEN CLOSE TO GOD AND HELPED THEM RULE WELL.



# Unscramble The Gospel

*Unscramble the words to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading,  
and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_?" He said to him, "You

TREASGET

shall love the <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, your God, with all

DOLR

your <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, with all your <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_,

ARTHE

OSUL

and with all your \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>9</sup>. This is the greatest

IDMN

and \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>1</sup> commandment. The second is

SRTFI

like it: You shall \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>5</sup> your neighbour as

OEVL

\_\_\_\_\_ <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

ESUYFOLR

LOHWE

law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.

*What is the most important thing for us to ever do?*

1 2    3 4 5 6    7 8 9



# The Greatest Commandment



What does Jesus say the greatest commandment is? At first you might think that the most important thing would be to not kill anyone, wouldn't you? But that's not what He says! The very most important thing is to love God with our whole heart and soul and mind! It means that we must do everything we do for love of God, and live our whole life completely for Him.

But how can we love God so much? Well, we can practice little by little, loving Him more each day. Paying attention at Mass every Sunday and saying a prayer every day would be a good start. Every morning tell God that you will do everything for Him today and every night before you go to bed, thank God for all that He has done for you and tell Him you're sorry for the bad things you did that day. Then try to think about God through the day.



The second greatest commandment that Jesus tells us is that we should love others as much as we love ourselves. If we really love God then we will want to love other people too, because God loves them! If you don't love others, it shows



that you don't really love God as much as you should. What can you do today to start loving God more?

Answer to front page: heart, soul and mind.  
Answers to Unscramble: greatest, Lord, heart, soul, mind, first, love, yourself, whole, TO LOVE GOD





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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# 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  
MHPSCI@TELUS.NET



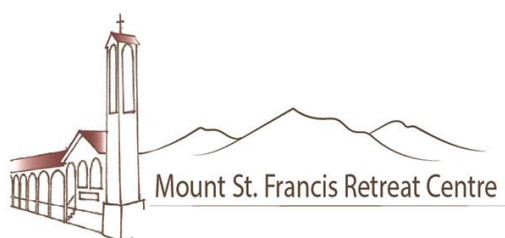


# Retreat Centers in Southern Alberta

## 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](mailto:contact@holyfamilymh.ca) so it can be sent to the diocese.**