



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

NOVEMBER 26, 2023 – SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

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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.**

Solemnity of
Christ the King
Sunday

† Masses & Mass Intentions †



Saturday, November 25

5:00pm ~ William Douglas

Sunday, November 26

8:30am ~ Annette Tumbach

10:30am ~ Katherine Marshall

6:00pm ~ Holy Family Parish

Monday, November 27

5:00pm ~ Roy Ries †

Tuesday, November 28

9:00am ~ Vi Sheridan

Wednesday, November 29

9:00am ~ Simonne Flynn

Thursday, November 30

9:00am ~ Alfred Wagner

Friday, December 1

9:00am ~ George & Rose Steinkey †

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OPERATING FINANCES

OCTOBER 1-31, 2023

Operating Budget 2022	\$ 63,984
General Envelope Collection	\$ 58,888
Loose Collections	\$ 4,387
Future Development	\$ 3,378
Sale of Church Supplies & Other	\$ 3,192
\$ 53,947- Budget Vs Actual	\$ 5,861

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 3,758
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 4,784
World Mission	\$ 1,740
Clergy Retirement	\$ 175
Mission Mexico	\$ 170
CARO	\$ 90
Seminary Fund	\$ 250
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 335

Thank You for your Generous Contributions

Average Weekly Attendance	899
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Upcoming Events

Nov. 25 - 7:00am - HFP Hall

That Man Is You

Nov. 25 - 10:00am - Hope Room

Benedictine Group Meeting

Nov. 26 - 10:15am - Faith Room

1st Reconciliation Class

Nov. 28 - 6:30pm - Faith Room

Confirmation Class Card Making

Nov. 29 - 9:30am - Faith Room

Bible Study

Nov. 29 - 7:00pm - Faith Room

R.C.I.A.

Nov. 29 - 7:30pm - Hope Room

Faith in Action

Dec. 1 - 9:30am - HFP Chapel

12 Hour Adoration

Reconciliation 9:30 - 10:30am & 8:00 - 9:30pm

Dec. 2 - 10:00am - Faith Room

CWL Advent Women's Retreat

Dec. 2 & 3 - All Masses - Holy Family Parish

Gift Sharing Sunday

December 31, 2023 - Goal \$70,938

total to date \$44,608

which is at 63%

Together IN ACTION



Annual Bishop's Appeal

\$26,330. still left to raise.

Please Give Generously ~ Thank You!

Sacramental Preparation 2023-2024

1st Reconciliation Parents Meeting

Tuesday, November 21 at 6:30pm in Faith Room

Confirmation Class

Thursday, November 23 at 6:00pm in Faith Room

1st Reconciliation Class

Sunday, November 26 at 10:15am in Faith Room

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Solemnity

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17.

Psalms 23:1-6.

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28.

Matthew 25:31-46.

Six Grows to Nine. We get the start of the Corporal Works of

Mercy in Matthew 25. Two more are added over time. Pope

Francis adds one more. These are the behaviors by which each will be

judged - actions toward others are, in fact, done for and to God.

What we think is important. What we may say is also important.

But what we do is key, is more important. Here is the list: Corporal

Works of Mercy ♦ Feed the hungry ♦ Give drink to the thirsty

♦ Shelter the homeless ♦ Clothe the naked ♦ Visit the sick ♦

Visit the prisoners ♦ Bury the dead ♦ Give alms to the poor ♦

Care of our Common Home.

✠ Who does not have enough that I will feed?

✠ Whom will I welcome?

✠ How will I be responsible for the earth?

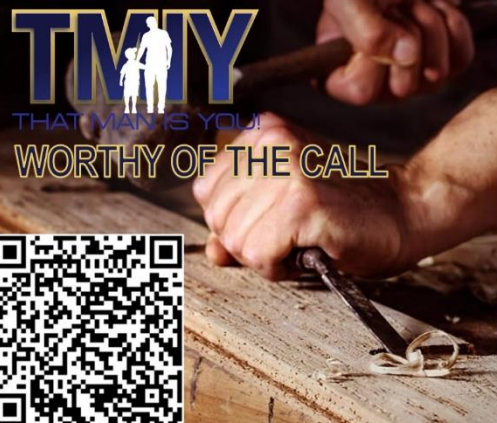
12 Hour Adoration

Friday,
December 1, 2023
9:30am - 9:30pm
Reconciliation
9:30 - 10:30am
& 8:00 - 9:30pm
All parishioners welcome and encouraged to attend



"He remains among us until the end of the world. He dwells on so many altars, though so often offended and profaned"

If you can help for a ½ hour time slot, there is a sign-up sheet by the Parish office.



Holy Family Parish Hall
Breakfast 7:30am
Presentation
8:30 - 9:30 am
December 2/23
Theme
The Presentation in the Temple
Presenter
Mark Hartfiel

ADVENT WOMEN'S RETREAT

Sponsored by Catholic Women's League



"Having a Mary Heart During a Martha Season"



Guest Speakers: The Sisters of the Word

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023

10:00AM - 4:00PM

\$15.00 - Lunch Included

Registration is open to all CWL members & all women interested in growing in their faith

Call Louella at 403-502-6883 or Imberger@telus.net



Advent Mission Talk

Monday, December 4, 2023

7:00pm at Holy Family Parish

Legion of Mary Annual General Meeting

December 8, 2023
7:00 to 8:30 pm
St. Patrick's Hall.

Our Spiritual Director,
Fr. Roque, will speak on Immaculate Conception.



There will be time set aside for Fellowship, Carols & Marion Hymns.

You are welcome to bring some light refreshments to share.

We look forward to seeing all Active and Auxiliary Members.



Christmas Eve

5:00pm Mass

Children & Youth

Choir

Practices will be

Friday Dec. 22

6:00pm to 7:30pm &

Saturday Dec. 23

1:00pm to 3:00pm.

For Info. Call...

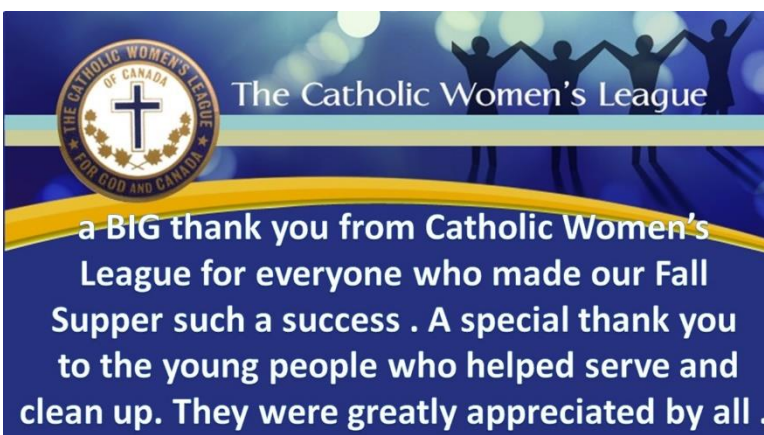
Sally at 403-527-6933 Ext 105
sac.prep@holyfamilymh.ca

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE GIFT BASKET RAFFLE

Ticket Sales before & after
Masses Nov. 25th & 26th
and Dec. 2nd & 3rd.

Draw Date: December 12

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The Catholic Women's League

a BIG thank you from Catholic Women's League for everyone who made our Fall Supper such a success. A special thank you to the young people who helped serve and clean up. They were greatly appreciated by all.

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LETHBRIDGE LIVE-IN PEOPLE OF PRAISE SOCIETY

& THE ASSUMPTION PRAYER GROUP

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 AT 6:00PM

(DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM)

ASSUMPTION HALL -2405 - 12 AVENUE SOUTH,

LETHBRIDGE

BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH AND YOUR SINGING VOICE!

CHRISTMAS PRAISE AND WORSHIP WILL BEGIN AT 7PM



Holy Family Parish, Medicine Hat, AB

WEDNESDAYS

7:00PM

FAITH ROOM

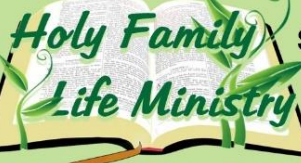
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF
ADULTS (RCIA)

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.



Pope Paul VI's controversial encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, reaffirms the Church teaching on artificial contraception. Join us as we read and discuss *Humanae Vitae* together.



Subtitled *On the Regulation of Birth*, *Humanae Vitae* focuses on the procreative and unitive nature of married love.

Monday, October 23 and

Monday, November 27

7:00, in the Faith Room

Information

Valerie at 587-588-5788

Sonia at 403-528-0028

HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED

Are you interested in hosting an international student? Desire to help a student learn about our Canadian culture? The international program with MHCBE is currently recruiting homestay families for our February intake. We have students joining us from all over the world to attend our highly rated junior high and high schools. If you have a spare room and the ability to make a student feel like part of the family, please reach out to... lori.frelick@mhcbce.ab.ca

GLORY  PEACE



Monsignor McCoy High School

Monsignor McCoy High School is the only high school in the Medicine Hat Catholic School Division. We are privileged to be able to work with our Division's students who are closest to realizing their goal of achieving their High School Diploma and the completion of high school. This year, we have become home to a large number of international students, as well. Their involvement at our school has brought a wonderful dynamic of energy and diversity as they

have become a part of the fabric of our school and community. As a school community, our students are involved in charitable activities throughout the year, including donating turkey hampers to our families in need during the Christmas season.

Our school provides a wide variety of high-interest curricular and extracurricular programming that provides them with a transcript of experiences that better prepares them for their transition to work and post-secondary education. Along with traditional, in-class programming, Monsignor McCoy High School offers an array of online programming and a Learning Centre to support students who prefer to work outside of the classroom, or at home. St. Joseph's Education Centre, which runs out of our school, provides many different pathways for students to complete high school.

Our school also provides a full slate of extracurricular programming, including a Fine Arts Academy with eight different fine arts courses. All our students can also take part in an annual musical production. We offer a Baseball Academy, and our students also participate in many different sports throughout the school year with great success, including provincial appearances by our golf and volleyball teams this fall.

We look forward to your continued support of Monsignor McCoy High School with your prayers, your attendance at our events, and your financial support of our different projects.



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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



34th Sunday-Solemnity of Christ the King- Year A

November 26, 2023

A KING WITH HUMILITY

One day King Henry the Fourth of France was hunting in a large forest. Towards evening he told his men to ride home by the main road while he went by another way that was somewhat longer.

As he came out of the forest he saw a little boy by the roadside, who seemed to be watching for some one.

"Well, my boy," said the king, "are you looking for your father?"

"No, sir," answered the boy. "I am looking for the king. They say he is hunting in the woods, and perhaps will ride out this way. So, I'm waiting to see him."

"Oh, if that is what you wish," said King Henry, "get up behind me on the horse and I'll take you to the place where you will see him."

The boy got up at once and sat behind the king. The horse cantered briskly along, and king and boy were soon quite well acquainted.

"They say that King Henry always has a number of men with him," said the boy; "how shall I know which is he?"

"Oh, that will be easy enough," was the answer. "All the other men will take off their hats, but the king will keep his on."

"Do you mean that the one with his hat on will be the king?"

"Certainly."

Soon they came into the main road where several of the king's men were waiting. All the men seemed amused when they saw the boy, and as they rode up, they greeted the king by taking off their hats.

"Well, my boy," said King Henry, "which do you think is the king?"

"I don't know," answered the boy; "but it must be either you or I, for we both have our hats on."

In the ancient times there were two types of kings either kind or cruel who love to show their power by helping or persecuting their subjects. None of the kings of world were poor or without army, slaves, and servants. Everyone loved power, wealth, and control. But today we celebrate the Solemnity of a unique king whose journey started from a wood and ended on the wood. He is a king without army and power but ready to lay his life down for his friends. However, in spite of having nothing, St. Paul calls him *"He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, who no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen."* (1Tim 6:15-16). And St. Peter encourages everyone to imitate this King who wants to serve others because everything belongs to him: *"Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen"* (1Peter 4:11).

The Book of Revelation portrays this King in this way: *"Grace and peace—from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the first-born from the dead and ruler of the kings of earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his own blood, who has made us a royal nation of priests in the service of his God and Father—to him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen"*.

This solemnity invites us to meditate on the humility, love and compassion of the King who became obedient to death even death on a cross. As Prophet Zechariah exclaims: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey". Jesus is our King, but he is not a king like other kings or rulers of the world who love power and wealth, but he is a king who speaks the truth "Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So, Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." He is the King of Kings and Ruler of the rulers. He is a king who brings joy into the life of marginalized, rejected, outcast and poor of the society "For he has clothed me with a robe of salvation, and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, Like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels". He is like a painter who has the power to cover any physical disability or spiritual weakness we have in our life.

Once upon a time, there was a Kingdom. The king there only had one leg and one eye, but he was very intelligent and kind. Everyone in his kingdom lived a happy and a healthy life

because of their king. One day the king was walking through the palace hallway and saw the portraits of his ancestors. He thought that one day his children will walk in the same hallway and remember all the ancestors through these portraits. But the king did not have his portrait painted. Due to his physical disabilities, he wasn't sure how his painting would turn out. So, he invited many famous painters from his and other kingdoms to the court. The king then announced that he wants a beautiful portrait made of himself to be placed in the palace. Any painter who can carry out this should come forward. He will be rewarded based on how the painting turns up. All the painters began to think that the king only has one leg and one eye. How can his picture be made very beautiful? It is not possible and if the picture does not turn out to look beautiful then the king will get angry and punish them. So, one by one, all started to make excuses and politely declined to make a painting of the king. But suddenly one painter raised his hand and said that I will make a very beautiful portrait of you which you will surely like. The king became happy hearing that and other painters got curious. The king gave him the permission and the painter started drawing the portrait. He then filled the drawing with paints. Finally, after taking a long time, he said that the portrait was ready! All the courtiers, other painters were curious and nervous thinking, how can the painter make the king's portrait beautiful because the king is physically disabled? What if the king didn't like the painting and gets angry? But when the painter presented the portrait, everyone in the court, including the king, left stunned. The painter made a portrait in which the king was sitting on the horse, on the one-leg side, holding his bow and aiming the arrow with his one eye closed. The king was very pleased to see that the painter has made a beautiful portrait by cleverly hiding the king's disabilities. The King gave him a great reward.

Christ the King has painted us with his blood on the Cross with his love. Prophet Isaiah says, "Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted." (53:4). St. Paul says even if you deny him, but he will never because he can not deny himself.

There is very instructive incident involving the life of Alexander, the great Macedonian king. Alexander (His name is mentioned in the First Book of Maccabees 1:1-2), after conquering many kingdoms, was returning home. On the way, he fell ill, and it took him to his death bed. With death staring him in his face, Alexander realized how his conquests, his great army, his sharp sword and all his wealth were of no consequence.

He now longed to reach home to see his mother's face and bid her his last adieu. But he had to accept the fact that his sinking health would not permit him to reach his distant homeland. So, the mighty conqueror lay prostrate and pale, helplessly waiting to breathe his last. He called his generals and said, "*I will depart from this world soon, I have three wishes, please carry them out without fail!*" With tears flowing down their cheeks, the generals agreed to abide by their king's last wishes.

“My first desire is that” said Alexander, “My physicians alone must carry my coffin.” After a pause, he continued, “Secondly, I desire that when my coffin is being carried to the grave, the path leading to the graveyard be strewn with gold, silver, and precious stones which I have collected in my treasury.

“The king felt exhausted after saying this. He took a minute’s rest and continued. “My third and last wish is that both my hands be kept dangling out of my coffin. “The people who had gathered there wondered at the king’s strange wishes. But no one dare bring the question to their lips.

Alexander’s favorite general kissed his hand and pressed them to his heart. “O king, we assure you that your wishes will all be fulfilled. But tell us why you make such strange wishes?”

At this Alexander took a deep breath and said: “I would like the world to know of the three lessons I have just learnt. I want my physicians to carry my coffin because people should realize that no doctor can really cure any body. They are powerless and cannot save a person from the clutches of death. So let not people take life for granted.

The second wish of strewing gold, silver, and other riches on the way to the graveyard is to tell People that not even a fraction of gold will come with me. I spent all my life earning riches but cannot take anything with me. Let people realize that it is a sheer waste of time to chase wealth.

And about my third wish of having my hands dangling out of the coffin, I wish people to know that I came empty handed into this world and empty handed I go out of this world.”

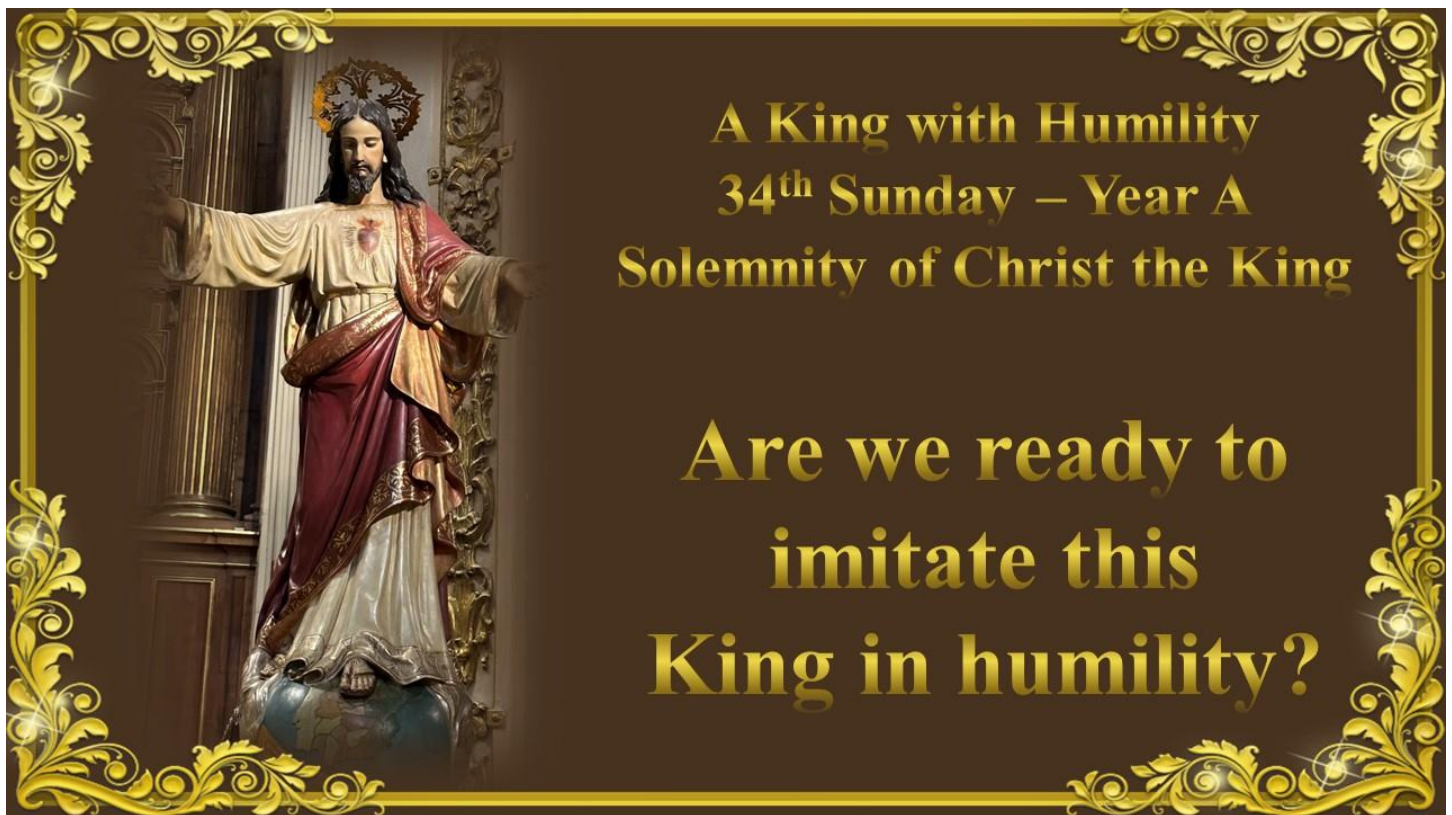
“Bury my body, do not build any monument, keep my hands outside so that the world knows the person who won the world had nothing in his hands when dying”. With these words, the king closed his eyes. Soon he let death conquer him and breathed his last.

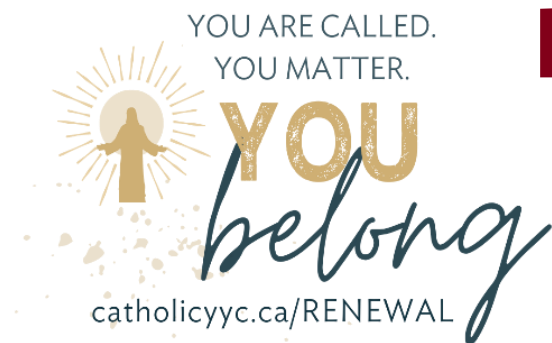
The King we remember today has not only conquered the whole world with his love but has also purified it with his precious blood on the Cross. His promise to everyone who believes in him, and follow is “To the one who wins the victory, who keeps to my ways till the end, I will give authority over the nations—the same authority I received from my Father. And I will give him the morning star. I will never erase his name from the book of the living but will acknowledge him in the presence of my Father and his angels. “I will make the victor a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall never leave it. I will inscribe on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem which he will send down from heaven, and my own name which is new. “Here I stand, knocking at the door. If anyone hears me calling and opens the door, I will enter his house and have supper with him, and he with me. I will give the victor the right to sit with me on my throne, as I myself won the victory and took my seat beside my Father on his throne”.

Let’s learn from this King the lessons of Obedience, Love, Service, Humility, Compassion, Forgiveness and Acceptance. Origin once said “Therefore, if we wish God to reign in us,

in no way should sin reign in our mortal body; rather we should mortify our members which are upon the earth and bear fruit in the Spirit. There should be in us a kind of spiritual paradise where God may walk and be our sole ruler with his Christ. In us the Lord will sit at the right hand of that spiritual power which we wish to receive. And he will sit there until all his enemies who are within us become his footstool, and every principality, power, and virtue in us is cast out. All this can happen in each one of us, and the last enemy, death, can be destroyed; then Christ will say in us: O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory? And so, what is corruptible in us must be clothed with holiness and incorruptibility; and what is mortal must be clothed, now that death has been conquered, in the Father's immortality. Then God will reign in us, and we shall enjoy even now the blessings of rebirth and resurrection”.

Are we ready to imitate this King in humility?





DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Winter Gifts for the Guests at Feed the Hungry

As the winter chill sets in, let's warm hearts and hands together! We invite you to participate in the Feed the Hungry winter gifts drive. Your contribution, be it new mittens, gloves, socks, toques or \$10 gift cards from fast food places, can make a significant difference to our guests. These tokens of care will be distributed to Feed the Hungry's guests closer to Christmas. Donations are accepted now to Dec. 6 at St. Mary's Cathedral (219 18 Ave SW, Calgary) during business hours (Tue -Fri, 8:30 am to 4 pm except during lunch noon to 1 pm).

Inspiration Unplugged: The Filthy Feet of Sacred Service

Listen to speaker Dr. Troy Davies from Catholic Social Services, "The Filthy Feet of Sacred Service: What happens when prayer gets off its knees." Everyone is invited to attend this dynamic lecture, which will feature a mixture of real on-the-ground stories, while also drawing upon the tenets of Catholic Social Teaching and the theology of outreach - engaging the head and the heart of all

who attend. When: Thu, Nov. 28 at 6 pm - St. Mary's University, Calgary.

Stories of Portugal

All are welcome to join our Catholic young people for a night of fellowship and fundraising "Stories of Portugal", as the SFXC World Youth Day pilgrims give witness to and share testimonies of their experience at this past summer's World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, over appetizers, charcuterie boards and mocktails! When: Saturday, Dec. 9 at 7 pm, at the Catholic Pastoral Centre. For more information, contact Kathryn at kathryn.yakielashek@calgarydiocese.ca or call 403-218-5542.

The Four Constitutions of Vatican II Webinar Series

In preparation for Jubilee 2025, the year 2023 is dedicated to Vatican II. The CCCB Office for Evangelization and Catechesis will host a webinar series, "The Four Constitutions of Vatican II", inviting the faithful to reflect on the meaning of these documents for the life of the Church today.

- "Lumen Gentium" — Dr. Catherine Clifford (Tue, 28 Nov — 11 am - 12:30 pm MT).

[Register here](#), or contact 403-218-5521 if you need some support.

Priestly Vocations Night

Have you ever thought God might be calling you to be a priest? Join the 'Priestly Vocations Night.' Mass at 5 pm, Evening Prayer, supper, a talk about discerning a vocation, and silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. When: Saturday, Dec. 9 from 5 pm to 9 pm. To attend, please register to Fr. Derek Remus at derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca or call 403-282-9488.

Having a Mary Heart During a Martha Season

As we enter Advent in preparation for Christmas, we know this is a very busy season. We also know that we must sit at the feet of Jesus but how do we do that? How can we have a Mary Heart During a Martha Season? Attend the Calgary Diocesan CWL 17th Annual Women's Retreat on December 2. Open to all women interested in growing in their faith. [Register online](#) at by November 24 or contact Theresa at calgarycwlspiritual@gmail.com

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!

Advent Twilight Retreat - Long Time Ago in Greccio

You are invited to Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre on Thursday, November 30th for this annual event. Cost is \$30/per person. To register, call 403-932-2012 or email: mtfrancis@shaw.ca

The Living Nativity

As we prepare for Christmas this year, St James Parish, in Okotoks, invites you to come and walk through the Town of Bethlehem and meet the Holy Family in this live replica of the Christmas Nativity.

The Living Nativity will take place on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 4 to 8 pm in the field next to the Church parking lot. The address is 338040 32nd St East, Okotoks. Admission is free. Donations will be gratefully accepted and given to charity. There will be light, warm refreshments available for a small fee in the Church hall.

The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of Christ the King

November 26th, 2023



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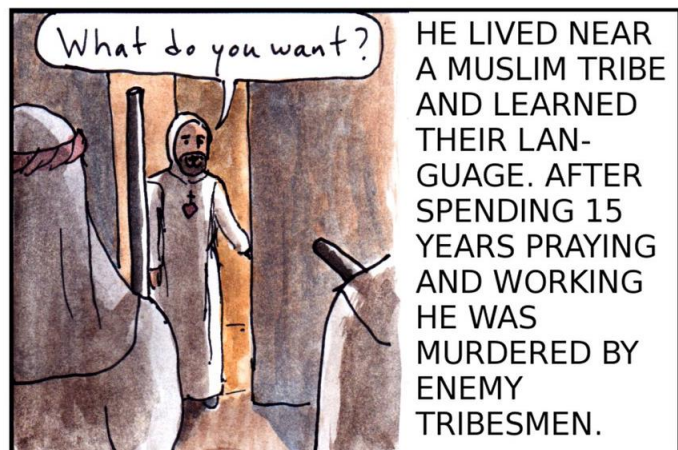
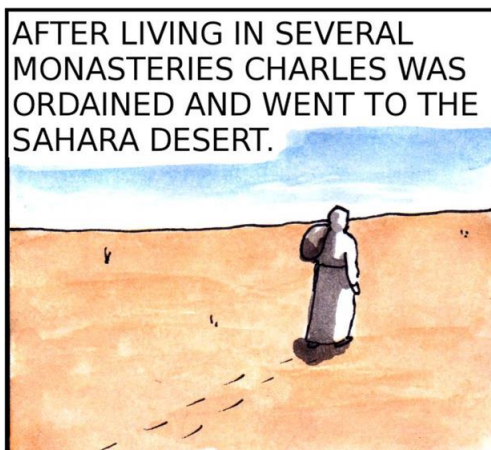
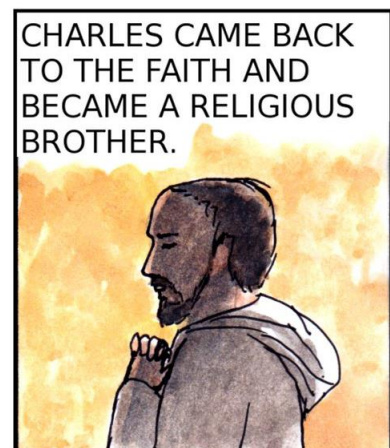
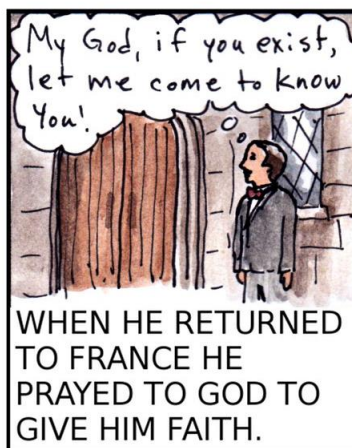
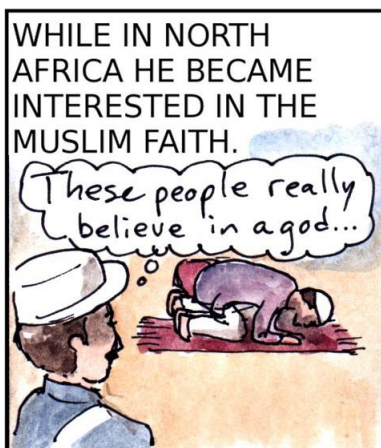
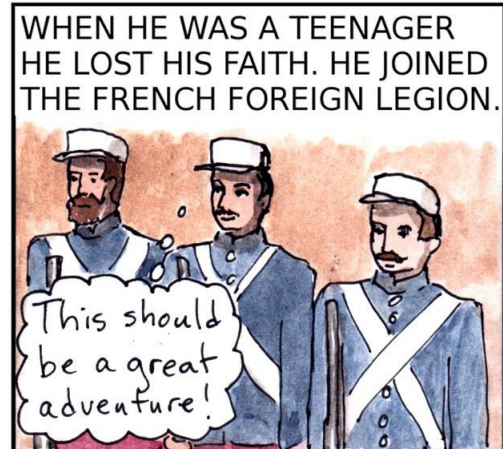
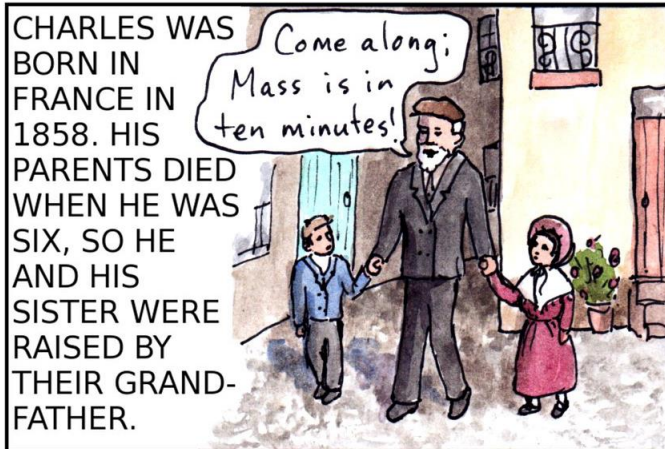
*What does God say about His people in the first reading?
Use the code to find out some of what He said.*

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Saint Charles de Foucauld

December 1



WHEN HE WAS YOUNGER, SAINT CHARLES CARED ONLY ABOUT HAVING FUN. BUT GOD PUT IN HIS HEART A DESIRE TO KNOW HIM. THEN WHEN CHARLES PRAYED, GOD GAVE HIM THE GIFT OF FAITH. DO YOU KNOW PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW GOD? CAN YOU PRAY AND DO A SACRIFICE FOR THEM TODAY?

Gospel Match-Up

In today's Gospel reading, Our Lord tells the people how they will be judged. What did the righteous people do when they found people in need?

See if you can match up the needs on the left with the help on the right!

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| 1. I was hungry and • | • you welcomed me, |
| 2. I was thirsty and • | • you clothed me, |
| 3. a stranger and • | • you gave me drink, |
| 4. naked and • | • you cared for me, |
| 5. ill and • | • you visited me. |
| 6. in prison and • | • you gave me food, |



Whatever you do to others...

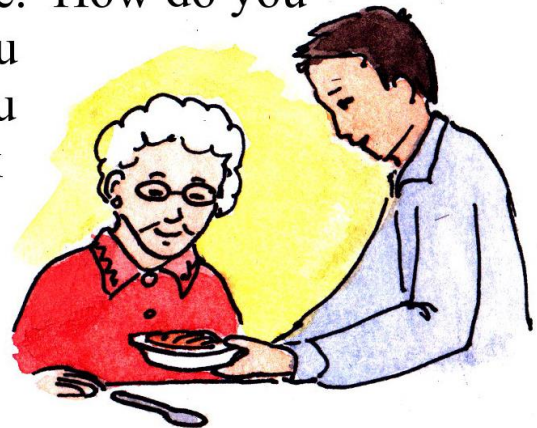
Jesus is a fair king. In today's Gospel reading, He tells us how He will judge people at the end of time. Those who were good to God will be saved, and those who were not good to Him will be condemned. Whoever is good to others is good to God, and whoever is unkind to others is unkind to God.



Our Lord cares so much about His people that He will judge us according to how we treat each other. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and the King, and He cares about every one of us specially. Imagine a king who came to see every one of his subjects to make sure that they were doing okay. Well, Jesus does more than that- He died for us on the cross! He looks after us all the time, and He says that anyone who is unkind to us will be judged as being unkind to Him.



Christ the King is the just judge. How do you think you will be judged when you die, or at the end of time? Are you kind to others? Do you ever think about how you would treat Jesus if He were here? Do you treat other people the way you would treat Jesus?



Answers to front page: I myself will pasture them.
Answers to match-up puzzle: 1. you gave me food, 2. you gave me drink,
3. you welcomed me, 4. you clothed me, 5. you cared for me, 6. you visited me.



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, 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



Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre
41160 Retreat Rd.

To Register:

mtfrancis@shaw.ca 403-932-2012



1. Advent Twilight Retreat
Long Time Ago in Greccio
November 30 Thursday @ 6:00 pm
\$30/person

2. Advent Weekend Retreat
Come to the Manger
December 1-3

3. Blessing of Christmas Crèches
Sunday, December 3 @ 2:30 p.m.
St. Francis of Assisi created the
first crèche-nativity scene in 1223.
Celebrate the 800th Anniversary by
joining the Franciscans at Mount St.
Francis Retreat Centre for this special
blessing.
Bring your family nativity set to be
blessed.
Please register before December 1.
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4. The Bambino of Bethlehem
Day Away Retreat
Wednesday, December 6 @ 8:30 am
Registration with Coffee, and Muffins
Day includes presentation, Eucharist,
Sacrament of Reconciliation, Lunch
and Quiet Time
3:00 pm Departure

\$30/person (\$40 private room)

5. Winter Stillness Retreat
December 8 – 10
Individuals make their own silent
retreat.
Stay for one night or two.
No Presentations. Prayer Suggestions
Provided.
Join the Friars for Prayer and
Eucharist.
Registration begins Friday at 4 pm -
Supper at 6 pm
Concludes with Sunday Lunch.
\$215 suggested contribution

6. Christmas at Greccio
Christmas at The Mount St. Francis
Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 10 @ 2:30 – 5:00
pm
Sleigh Rides (weather permitting)
Hot Chocolate and Snacks
Pageant at 3:45 pm
This is an outdoor pageant, please
dress for the weather.
Accepting donations for Cochrane
Food Bank.
No registration - Open House



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.