



# Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – YR. B      SUNDAY APRIL 21, 2024

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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...

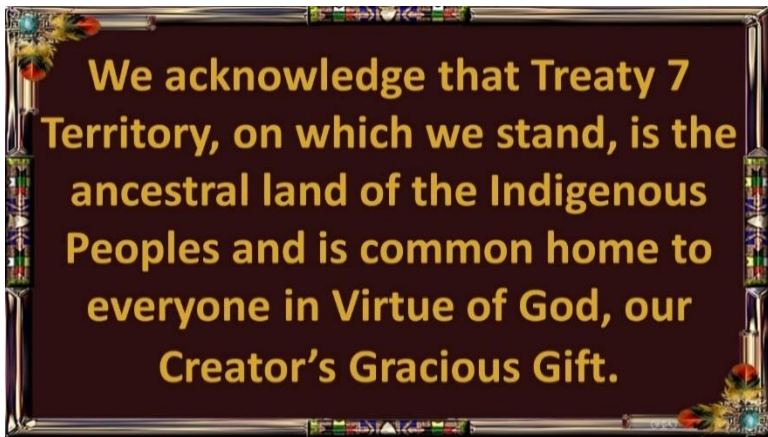
Friday 9:30am–10:30am.  
& Saturday 3:30–4:45pm.

**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



## Happy 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter



### † Masses & Mass Intentions †



Saturday, April 20

5:00pm - Lucia & Gualberto Pimentel †

Sunday, April 21

8:30am - Wilbur Zinger †

10:30am - Sr. Clem Liboiron

6:00pm - Holy Family Parish

Monday, April 22

9:00am - Leonard Miller

Tuesday, April 23

9:00am - George & Susan Costea

Wednesday, April 24

9:00am - Return to Church

Thursday, April 25

9:00am - Nick & Rosina Mucciarone †

Friday, April 26

9:00am - Mary Hallick †

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OPERATING FINANCES	
MARCH 1-31, 2024	
Operating Budget 2022	\$ 60,990
General Envelope Collection	\$ 57,805
Loose Collections	\$ 7,296
Future Development	\$ 3,559
Sale of Church Supplies & Other	\$ 15,613
<b>\$ 84,273 - Budget Vs Actual</b>	<b>\$ 23,283</b>
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 5,786
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 3,751
World Mission	\$ 25
Clergy Retirement	\$ 70
Mission Mexico	\$ 195
CARO	\$ 60
Seminary Fund	\$ 140
Holy Land	\$ 4,027
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$ 20
<i>Thank You for your Generous Contributions</i>	
Average Weekly Attendance	1,501

THIS WEEK IN HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Saturday, April 20  
2:00-4:00pm – CWL Spring Tea & Bake Sale – HFP Hall

Sunday, April 21  
2:00pm – Faith & Family Dance Party– HFP Hall

Monday, April 22  
7:00pm – Life Ministry– Faith Room

Wednesday, April 24  
9:30am – Bible Study – Faith Room  
7:00pm – RCIA – Faith Room

Thursday, April 25  
7:00pm – Confirmation Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Friday, April 26  
6:00pm – 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Mass – Sanctuary followed by a reception in the HFP Hall

Saturday, April 27  
10:30am – Confirmation Mass – Sanctuary Followed by a reception in the HFP Hall

TOGETHER in ACTION | 2024

2024 Goal - \$70,938

Donations to date - \$18,006

**YOU ARE called** We are 25% of the way there!

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*God Bless You, Thank You for your donations!*

**Special Collection Days**  
**April 2024**

**Future Development Fund**  
**Together in Action**

**April 21**  
**Education of Seminarians**

**Being Good** ~ Jesus is good. He is the best of shepherds. He knows and protects, leads and loves. He offers himself as a pattern for our own living.

- † Who needs my guidance?
- † Who needs my love and protection?
- † How will I be good today, this week, this Easter Time?

The Feast of

*St. Mark*  
*the Evangelist*

April 25

**VOCATIONS** April 21, 2024  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs leaders with courage and integrity. The Church needs good leaders as well, leaders who will unselfishly care for the needs of God's people and minister to them. If you feel God is calling you to priesthood, religious life or diaconate, please contact the Office of Vocations at 403-218-5500 or email Fr. Cristino Bouvette [Bouvettevocations@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:Bouvettevocations@calgarydiocese.ca) [www.catholicyyc.ca/vocations.html](http://www.catholicyyc.ca/vocations.html)



# SPRING TEA & BAKE SALE

HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL  
HOSTED BY THE CWL

April 20th 2:00 - 4:00

Adults - \$5.00 ~ Under 12 are Free

Door Prizes, Raffle, Good Food  
& Good Fellowship



# SPRING TEA & BAKE SALE

BAKE SALE DONATIONS MAY BE DROPPED  
OFF FROM 10:00AM TO 12 NOON ON  
SATURDAY APRIL 20TH AT THE  
SOUTH SIDE OUTSIDE DOUBLE HALL DOORS.

ALSO COLLECTING ALL YOUR UNUSED  
COOKBOOKS TO DONATE TO REHOME!

# Faith & Family Family Dance Party!



Sunday, April 21, 2:00-4:00pm  
Holy Family Parish Hall

The Lord of the Dance is calling  
you to dance and play with us.  
Snacks provided! All ages welcome.

# PrairieGleaners OPEN HOUSE

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Prairie Gleaners would like to invite you to our  
open house on Saturday, April 20, 2024, from  
11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Bring a friend, take a tour of the facilities and  
join us for a free BBQ lunch.  
Burgers will be served from  
12:00 noon to 1:00 pm.

# Sacramental Preparation 2024

## 1st Holy Communion Mass

Friday, April 26 - 6:00pm

followed by a reception in the HFP Hall

## Confirmation Rehearsal

Thursday, April 25 @ 7:00pm

## Confirmation Mass

Saturday, April 27 - 10:30am

Followed by a reception in the HFP Hall



# 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.koc5050.com](http://www.koc5050.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 April 27, 2024.

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.



THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF  
THE MONTH THE LEGION OF  
MARY HOSTS THE MOTHER  
OF PERPETUAL HELP  
NOVENA  
BEFORE MASS AT 8:00AM  
MAY 1, 2024

# First Saturday Mass

The 1st Saturday of  
each month  
at 8:00am

May 4, 2024



# Parish Breakfast ~ May 5th After 8:30 & 10:30 Masses

OMELETS, TURKEY  
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\$10. - ADULTS

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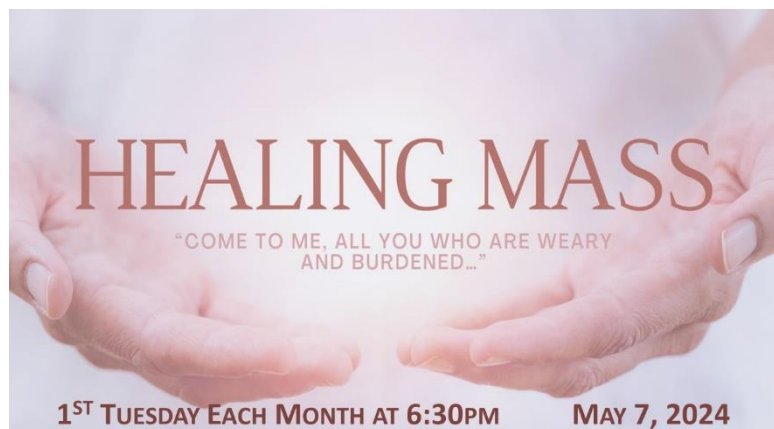




Knights of Columbus  
Officers Meeting  
May 6 at 7:00pm  
Faith Room



Catholic Women's League (CWL)  
General Meeting  
May 7 at 7:00pm  
Hope Room



# HEALING MASS

"COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO ARE WEARY  
AND BURDENED..."

1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY EACH MONTH AT 6:30PM      MAY 7, 2024

The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
**12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care**  
Wednesday May 8, 2024, 9:30 am – 9:30 pm  
Holy Family Parish Chapel.



We are asking for 1 hour of prayer.

Be a profound witness to  
the sanctity of human life.



ALL PARISHIONERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE  
INVITED TO JOIN CWL MEMBERS IN PRAYER AND  
SOLIDARITY.

If you would like to receive the Weekly  
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**Medicine Hat, Holy Family Parish**

Thank you to everyone that already gets the  
bulletin online. You truly do save the church  
money that can be used in other areas.



**40 LOONIES FOR LENT**  
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
& HOLY FAMILY PARISH  
RAISED TO DATE \$12,197.00

FUNDS GO TO SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL,  
THE ROOT CELLAR, THE MUSTARD SEED,  
AND THE 5TH AVENUE & ST. BARNABAS  
MEAL PROGRAMS

Listen...with the ear of your heart.

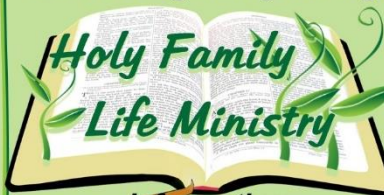
This is the opening line of the rule of St. Benedict.  
Come join us (Benedictine Oblates) in prayer as we  
listen to the voice of God in our lives.



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.

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



Information  
Valerie at 587-588-5788  
Sonia at 403-528-0028

Prayer and Adoration  
2nd Tuesday of the month  
at 7:00pm in the Chapel.

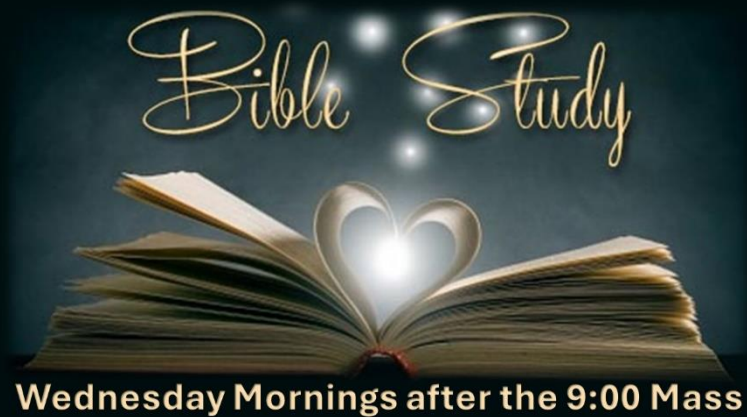
Education Evening  
4th Monday of the month  
at 7:00pm in the Faith  
Room.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH  
**MEN'S PRAYER GROUP**

Thursday Mornings - 7:00 to 7:30 – Faith Room  
Open to all men seeking to nurture their relationship  
with God and each other through prayer, song and  
reflection on the daily scripture readings.

More Information - Gord 527-7423 or Alan 527-4169  
Pamphlets available at the Greeting Desk

**REAL MEN PRAY**



# Bible Study

Wednesday Mornings after the 9:00 Mass





# Children's Liturgy


## Sunday

### 10:30am

Information or to Volunteer call  
**Tammy 403-866-7886**

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*Spending time with Jesus*

The Chapel is Open  
 Monday – Friday 9:30am – 4:00pm  
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation  
 Friday 9:30-10:30am  
 Reconciliation  
 Saturday 3:30-4:30pm



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## St. Louis School



St. Louis School is proud to be a vital part of the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education. Historically, St. Louis was the first Catholic School in Medicine Hat, named after the Sisters of Charity of St. Louis. Our school building, formally Montreal Street School, is the oldest school building in the city! We currently have a school population of just over 100 students with 21 staff. Located in the heart of the city, we are the neighbourhood school for the NW and NE Hill neighbourhoods and the North and South Flats neighborhoods. This year, our school has adapted the theme of the Seven Corporal Acts of Mercy based on the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 25. Through acts of service and prayer we have raised money for digging wells for drinking water in Kenya, made sandwiches for the Mustard Seed, bought pajamas for children at Christmas time and supported Mission Mexico. We will continue this year to support Mary's Meals in Malawi, visit those in hospitals, connect with those imprisoned and through the St. Vincent de Paul Society, help in providing shelter for the homeless. We are also excited this coming April to hold a school wide retreat with the Sisters and Brothers of the Seeds of the Word Community from Calgary and host our school sponsored Mass with St. Francis Xavier School on April 20th at the 5:00 PM service at St. Patrick's Church. As with all our schools within the MHCBE, St. Louis School welcomes students of all faiths and denominations for those who wish their children to receive a Catholic Education. For more information about the "Hidden Gem" of Medicine Hat Catholic, please contact Mr. Blackmer, the proud principal of St. Louis School.



**Medicine Hat Catholic  
Board of Education**





4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - Year B

April 21, 2024

## MUTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SHEPHERD

There was once a Shakespearean actor who was known everywhere for his one-man shows of readings and recitations from the classics. He would always end his performance with a dramatic reading of Psalm 23. Each night, without exception, as the actor began his recitation - "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. the crowd would listen attentively. And then, at the conclusion of the Psalm, they would rise in thunderous applause in appreciation of the actor's incredible ability to bring the verse to life.

But one night, just before the actor was to offer his customary recital of Psalm 23, a young man from the audience spoke up. "Sir, do you mind if tonight I recite Psalm 23?" The actor was quite taken back by this unusual request, but he allowed the young man to come forward and stand front and center on the stage to recite the Psalm, knowing that the ability of this unskilled youth would be no match for his own talent.

With a soft voice, the young man began to recite the words of the Psalm. When he was finished, there was no applause. There was no standing ovation as on other nights. All that could be heard was the sound of weeping. The audience had been so moved by the young man's recitation that every eye was full of tears. Amazed by what he had heard, the actor said to the youth, "I don't understand. I have been performing Psalm 23 for years. I have a lifetime of experience and training - but I have never been able to move an audience as you have tonight. Tell me, what is your secret?" The young man quietly replied, "Well sir, you know the Psalm... I know the Shepherd."

We continue our faith journey to grow in mutual relationship with the Lord during this Season of Easter. The Season of Easter is a season of cherishing the gift of life and mystery of resurrection. Last Sunday we reflected that Jesus came to his disciples and invited them to touch and see him to believe that he is truly risen from the dead and gives peace to all of us. This Sunday is called Good Shepherd Sunday, and we are invited to reflect on the qualities of the Good Shepherd and our relationship with the Good Shepherd as the story above mentions "I know the Shepherd".

Good Shepherd Sunday invites us each year to rediscover, with ever new astonishment, how Jesus defined himself, reading it again in the light of his passion, death, and resurrection. "The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep"; these words are wholly fulfilled when Christ, freely obeying the will of the Father, is immolated on the Cross. The significance that He is "the Good Shepherd" thus becomes completely clear: He gives life, He offered his life in sacrifice for us all: for you, for you, for you, for me, for everyone! And for this reason, He is the Good Shepherd! Christ is the true shepherd, who fulfils the loftiest model of love for the flock: He freely lays down his own life, no one takes it from Him, but He gives it for the sheep. In open opposition to false shepherds, Jesus presents himself as the one true shepherd of the people. A bad shepherd thinks of himself and exploits the sheep; a good shepherd thinks of the sheep and gives himself.

In the words of Holy Father Pope Francis “In the figure of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, we contemplate the Providence of God, his paternal solicitude for each one of us. He does not leave us on our own! The result of this contemplation of Jesus the true and good Shepherd, is the exclamation of poignant astonishment that we find in the Second Reading “Beloved: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are”. It is truly a surprising and mysterious love, for by giving us Jesus as the Shepherd who gives his life for us, the Father has given us all the greatest and most precious that He could give us. It is the purest and most sublime love, for it is not motivated by necessity, is not conditioned on accounting, is not attracted by a self-interested desire for exchange. Before this love of God, we feel immense joy and we open ourselves to recognizing how much we have freely received”. Isn’t an amazing reflection by Pope Francis?

No one can be a shepherd without knowing the sheep and neither without relationship. In the Book of Ezekiel, we can find two types of shepherds: first the false shepherd who are not worried about the sheep but themselves. Prophet Ezekiel prophesy against them in these words “Thus says the Lord God: Ah, you shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fatlings; but you do not feed the sheep. You have not strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bound up the injured, you have not brought back the strayed, you have not sought the lost, but with force and harshness you have ruled them. So, they were scattered, because there was no shepherd; and scattered, they became food for all the wild animals. My sheep were scattered, they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill; my sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with no one to search or seek for them”. Of course, these shepherds are rejected by God who seek only their own pleasures.

Secondly the Good Shepherd has a mutual relationship with his sheep because he not only knows them but sheep on the other hand know him as well. The Prophet Ezekiel explains the qualities of the Good Shepherd in this way “For thus says the Lord God: I will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats: Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, but you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture? When you drink of clear water, must you foul the rest with your feet? And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have fouled with your feet?”

In Jesus, the prophesy of Prophet Ezekiel is being fulfilled “I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd”. Jesus being Good Shepherd always have compassion for his sheep “He saw them and had compassion on them because they were sheep without the shepherd”. The whole Psalm 23 reflects on the qualities of the Good Shepherd and his relationship with his sheep. This Psalm shows the heart of the Good Shepherd. The Heart of the Good Shepherd is not only the Heart that shows us mercy but is itself mercy. There the Father’s love shines forth; there I know I am welcomed and understood as I am; there, with all my sins and limitations, I know the certainty that I am chosen and loved. Contemplating that heart, I renew my first love: the memory of that time when the Lord touched my soul and called me to follow him, the memory of the joy of having cast the nets of our life upon the sea of his word.

The Heart of the Good Shepherd tells us that his love is limitless; it is never exhausted, and it never gives up. There we see his infinite and boundless self-giving; there we find the source of that faithful and meek love which sets free and makes others free; there we constantly discover anew that Jesus



loves us “even to the end” to the very end, without ever imposing. The Heart of the Good Shepherd reaches out to us, above all to those who are most distant. There, the needle of his compass inevitably points, there we see a particular “weakness” of his love, which desires to embrace all and lose none. All of us have our weaknesses and sins. But let us go deeper: what is the root of our failings, those sins, the place we have hid that “treasure” that keeps us from the Lord? Are we listening to him? Do we try to know him as he knows us? It is necessary to follow the Good Shepherd. We are called to be shepherd in our walk of life to guide, help and support one another. Let me conclude my reflection with the following true story which invites us to use our time, talent, and treasure to help other in their needs.

There is a beautiful prayer by Judith which really speaks about the protection of God towards his people “For your strength does not depend on numbers, nor your might on the powerful. But you are the God of the lowly, helper of the oppressed, upholder of the weak, protector of the forsaken, savior of those without hope. Please, please, God of my father, God of the heritage of Israel, Lord of heaven and earth, Creator of the waters, King of all your creation, hear my prayer! Make my deceitful words bring wound and bruise on those who have planned cruel things against your covenant, and against your sacred house, and against Mount Zion, and against the house your children possess. Let your whole nation and every tribe know and understand that you are God, the God of all power and might, and that there is no other who protects the people of Israel but you alone!”

St. Gregory the Great reflecting on the image of Christ the Good Shepherd says “I am the good shepherd. I know my own—by which I mean, I love them—and my own know me. In plain words: those who love me are willing to follow me, for anyone who does not love the truth has not yet come to know it. My dear brethren, you have heard the test we pastors have to undergo. Turn now to consider how these words of our Lord imply a test for yourselves also. Ask yourselves whether you belong to his flock, whether you know him, whether the light of his truth shines in your minds. I assure you that it is not by faith that you will come to know him, but by love, not by mere conviction, but by action. John the evangelist is my authority for this statement. He tells us that anyone who claims to know God without keeping his commandments is a liar. Consequently, the Lord immediately adds: As the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. Clearly, he means that laying down his life for his sheep gives evidence of his knowledge of the Father and the Father’s knowledge of him. In other words, by the love with which he dies for his sheep he shows how greatly he loves his Father”.

He continues to say “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them; they follow me, and I give them eternal life. Shortly before this he had declared: If anyone enters the sheepfold through me, he shall be saved; he shall go freely in and out and shall find good pasture. He will enter a life of faith; from faith he will go out to vision, from belief to contemplation, and will graze in the good pastures of everlasting life. So, our Lord’s sheep will finally reach their grazing ground where all who follow him in simplicity of heart will feed on the green pastures of eternity. These pastures are the spiritual joys of heaven. There is the elect look upon the face of God with unclouded vision and feast at the banquet of life for ever more”.

Jesus the Good Shepherd has painted us on his own heart with his own blood which he shed on the Cross to give us eternal life.

Once upon a time, there were some sheep. Their shepherd had bought and paid for them, and he took good care of them. They were valuable to him. If they were dorky and got themselves stuck in a rut somewhere, he got them out. If they were thirsty, he led them to water. If they were hungry, he led them to new pastures with fresh grass. The wolves knew if they got near the sheep when the shepherd was around, it would be slim pickin’s that night. So, the wolves watched and waited for the right time. The day finally came. The shepherd had to attend a wedding, and he left his flock in the care of a few hired hands. The sheep were confused. The hired hands sounded different from the shepherd. They used different words. They used sticks, too. They smiled while snarling, causing even greater confusion to the sheep.

*Where was the shepherd who loved them?* The hired hands told them THEY were the “new boss in town.” Everything they said was directly ordered by the shepherd, so the sheep better obey, or the shepherd would be angry with them when he got back. The sheep loved their shepherd, and he had



never been angry with them before. But what if the hired hands were right? The sheep didn't want to upset their beloved shepherd. They must put on their best behavior to please the hired hands, because that would please the shepherd. The hired hands said so. *And everyone knows hired hands are smarter than sheep.* Instead of taking them to clear, fresh water from the bubbling streams, the hired hands took them to old, recycled water regurgitated from used cisterns. Instead of taking them to new grass from moist pastures, the hired hands took them to dusty hills that had already been cleared by other animals.

The sheep grew thin and tired and somewhat sickly, but the hired hands told them *"it was through the process of being crushed that the flower would become a perfume."* And *"you little sheepies must die to your desires for clean air, water, and grass because that's just selfish and unworthy of your shepherd."*

And *"your hearts are desperately wicked, and who can know them? Certainly not you. You deserve hellfire. Be grateful for what you've got."* Sigh. Those hired hands were so wise. Who could speak against such humble wisdom? They were the shepherd's representatives, after all. So, the sheep submitted quietly to the hired hands. This was the exact cocktail the wolves had been waiting for. One night, they snuck into the yard where the sheep were sleeping in their fold. The wolves whimpered and whined, making such a fuss they caught the attention of the hired hands.

The hired hands considered. If they tried to fight the wolves, they might be attacked themselves and lose their reputation in town, not to mention the potential for future jobs. That would never do. So, they came up with a plan. Why not let the wolves in? Why not let them pick off the weakest sheep slowly, over time, so nobody would notice? I mean, who needs the weak sheep anyway? Survival of the fittest, right?

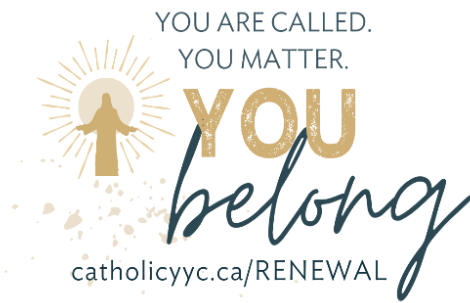
It was perfect! This way, only the strong, most impressive, most cooperative sheep would live, and the rest would be weeded out. Why, they could even give the rebellious sheep who kept bleating (so annoying) over to the wolves to be "taken care of." Plus, the wolves would never personally attack the hired hands! By golly, it was a fool proof plan!

So that's what they did. Any sheep who noticed what was happening had to keep her bleats to herself, or she'd be wolf food that night. Yes, it was best to stay quiet. Pretend the wolves weren't among them, controlling every thought they had, every step they took, every sound they made. The wolves would share their kills with the hired hands, and the hired hands grew fat off the blood of the sheep.

Do we have a mutual relationship with the Good Shepherd?







# DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

4th Sunday of Easter

## Good Shepherd Sunday

This Sunday, **Apr. 21, World Day of Vocations** or "Good Shepherd Sunday," we heed the Lord's call to "Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest." (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). We ask for your prayers for young people to courageously answer God's call to priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.

We also ask for your generous donations today to support the education and formation of our seminarians and those in the permanent diaconate program. You can donate online at [catholiccyc.ca/give](http://catholiccyc.ca/give) or through our parish. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. Thank you!

## Miscarriage Ministry Committee

The Miscarriage Ministry Committee in the Diocese of Calgary is organizing an information night about its mission and vision. We desire to be a place of support for those experiencing this unique form of loss. Join us for an evening of learning about this ministry, assessing the community's needs, sharing best practices, and fellowship. When: **Friday, May 24, from 7 pm to 9 pm** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave, SW, Calgary). To register, call Monica at 403-218-5521.

## For New Catholics: A Day with the Sisters of Divine Mercy

For new Catholics: Join the Sisters of Divine Mercy in a welcome home retreat! Partake in sacraments, time to reflect, and time to share. When: **Sat, Apr. 27 from 10:30 am to 4 pm** at the Divine Mercy Centre (15206 Twp. Rd. 262, Calgary). Register at [www.sistersofdivinemercury.org](http://www.sistersofdivinemercury.org)

## Women's Conference "Worthy and Made New"

Join Beloved Daughters Ministry for their second annual women's conference entitled: "Worthy and Made New" on **May 3-4, 2024** at St. Michael's, Calgary with speakers Crystalina Evert and Fr. Anthony Sortino, LC. Register at [www.beloveddaughterscyc.com](http://www.beloveddaughterscyc.com)

## GrACE Summit 2024: Courage to Lead

As Catholics, whether we are Educators, Trustees, Parents, Students, Clergy, or Parishioners, we are called to honor the transformative impact of Catholic education on individuals within our community and society. We invite you to attend the GrACE Summit - for all Catholics, in recognizing the impact of Catholic education and the transformative role of Catholic schools in both the community and society. When: **Fri, May 10 from 8:15 am to 2 pm**, at Corpus Christi Parish Hall (2707 34 St NW, Edmonton). Please click [here](#) to Register.

## Young Adults: Hope on the Horizon

Summer Mission in Downtown Vancouver | Join the "[Hope on the Horizon](#)" Summer Mission from **August 6-21, 2024** hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver and Catholic Street Missionaries. This event, for young adults aged 19-30 in downtown Vancouver, offers an immersive experience into street missionary work. Participants will engage in prayer, service, and outreach to the homeless, alongside training and recreational activities. Food and accommodation included. For details and registration, visit: [catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon](http://catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon).

## Our Latest Impact Report

We are excited to share with you the 2023 Impact Report of the Diocese of Calgary. As we reflect on the past year, we celebrate the growth, resilience, and profound impact of our actions. This report highlights how, through faith and collaboration, we continue to move towards becoming true missionary disciples in our world today! Read now: [catholiccyc.ca/2023impactreport](http://catholiccyc.ca/2023impactreport)



# Joe McKenna Council #9502 Knights of Columbus



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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

# The Kids' Bulletin

4th Sunday of Easter  
Good Shepherd Sunday  
April 21st, 2024




*Help the sheep  
find the Good Shepherd  
and stay away from the hungry wolf!*



# Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

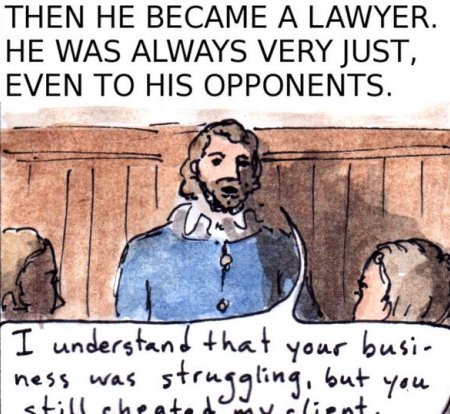
## April 24

MARK REY WAS BORN IN GERMANY IN 1577. HE STUDIED AND BECAME A TUTOR TO SOME YOUNG NOBLEMEN WHO WERE TRAVELLING EUROPE.



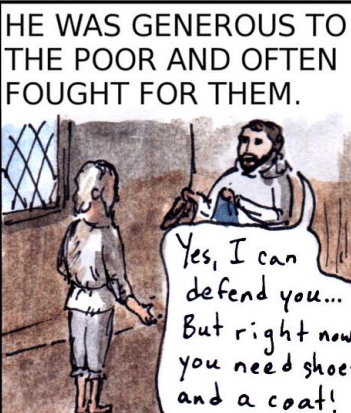
Today we will study the French government.

THEN HE BECAME A LAWYER. HE WAS ALWAYS VERY JUST, EVEN TO HIS OPPONENTS.



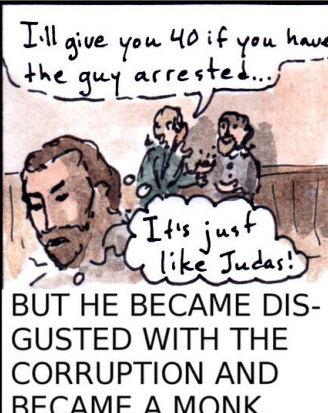
I understand that your business was struggling, but you still cheated my client.

HE WAS GENEROUS TO THE POOR AND OFTEN FOUGHT FOR THEM.



Yes, I can defend you... But right now you need shoes and a coat!

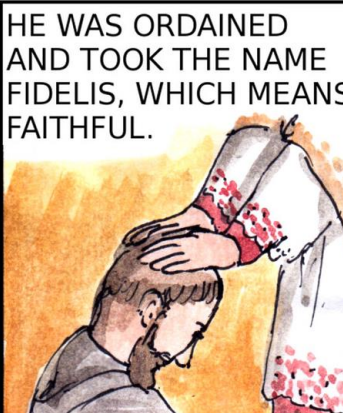
I'll give you 40 if you have the guy arrested...



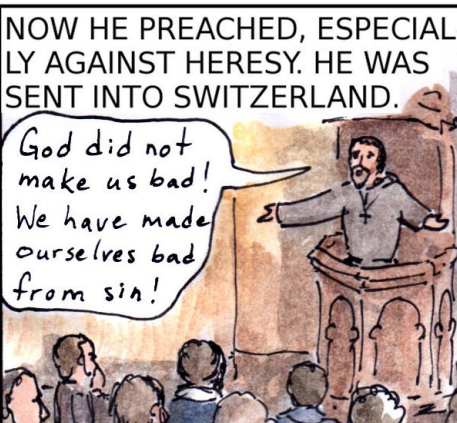
It's just like Judas!

BUT HE BECAME DISGUSTED WITH THE CORRUPTION AND BECAME A MONK.

HE WAS ORDAINED AND TOOK THE NAME FIDELIS, WHICH MEANS FAITHFUL.

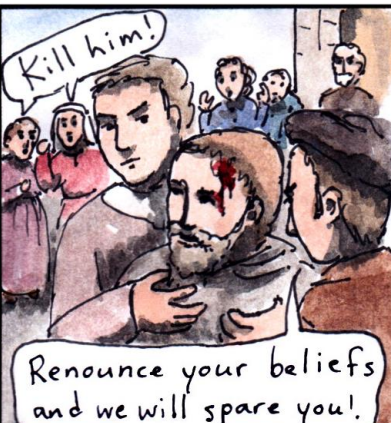


NOW HE PREACHED, ESPECIALLY AGAINST HERESY. HE WAS SENT INTO SWITZERLAND.



God did not make us bad! We have made ourselves bad from sin!

Kill him!



Renounce your beliefs and we will spare you!

HE PREACHED AND WROTE TO DEFEND THE FAITH. FINALLY ONCE WHILE HE WAS PREACHING THE HERETICS TOOK HIM OUT OF THE CHURCH AND KILLED HIM.

SAINT FIDELIS IS AN EXAMPLE TO US OF WHAT JESUS TAUGHT IN THE BEATITUDES. HE WAS JUST, HONEST AND GENEROUS. HE WOULD GIVE THE POOR HIS OWN CLOTHES, AND DEFEND THEM AT HIS OWN EXPENSE. FINALLY HE GAVE HIS LIFE FOR GOD AND THE TRUTH. PRAY THAT GOD WILL MAKE YOU VIRTUOUS TOO!

# Good Shepherd Word-Find



F O C O N C E R N L M  
S C A T T E R S G L A  
F J T L A Y S N O T N  
A E C S O W H W O L F  
T S H E P H E R D E W  
H U E E A I E U M A O  
E S S S Y R P N I V R  
R J L I F E E S N E K  
S K N O W D U S E S S

**Try to find the words in CAPITALS. The left-over letters will tell you what Jesus wants you to do.**

JESUS said: "I am the GOOD Shepherd. A good shepherd LAYS down his life for the sheep. A HIRED MAN, who is not a shepherd, and whose sheep are NOT his own, SEES a WOLF coming and LEAVES the sheep and RUNS away, and the wolf CATCHES them and SCATTERS them. This is because he WORKS for PAY and has no CONCERN for the SHEEP. I am the Good SHEPHERD, and I know mine and MINE know me, just as the FATHER knows me and I KNOW the Father; and I will lay down my LIFE for the sheep.

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# Our Good Shepherd

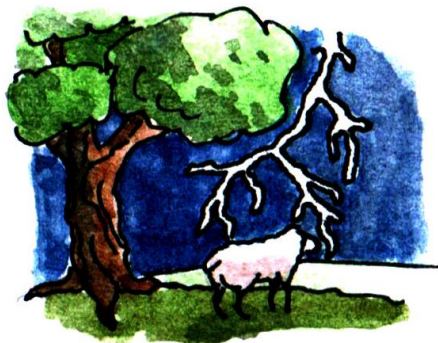


This Sunday is called Good Shepherd Sunday because in the Gospel reading Jesus tells His friends that He is the Good Shepherd who loves His sheep.

When sheep are out grazing in open fields, the shepherd watches them and protects them from hurting themselves, getting lost, or being killed by wild animals. Jesus looks after us like a shepherd looks after his sheep. He gave us the Church so we could know what is good for us, and He protects us from being ruined by the devil by giving us grace in the sacraments.



Now, Jesus did something that an ordinary shepherd would not do. Besides guiding and protecting us, He died to save us! Because He died for our sins, all of His sheep can now go to Heaven where they will be happy forever! How blessed we are to have such a loving Shepherd!



Answer to word-find: Follow Jesus

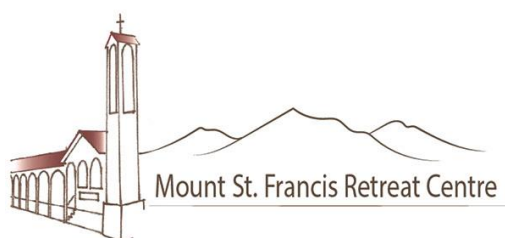
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# Retreat Centers in Southern Alberta

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