



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

PENTECOST SUNDAY – YR. B SUNDAY MAY 19, 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...

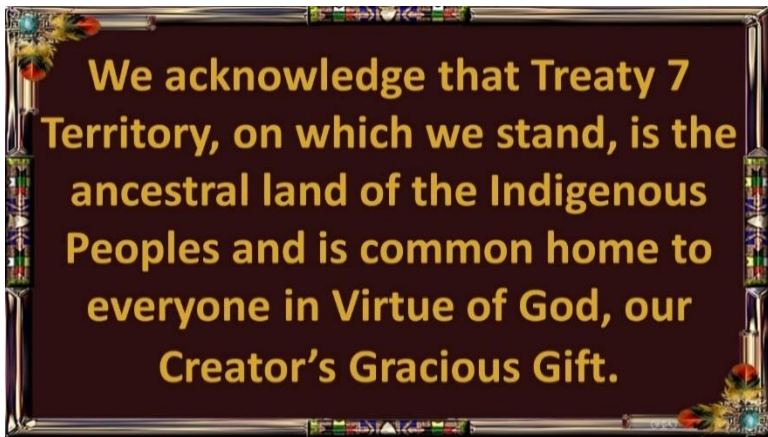
Friday 9:30am–10:30am.
& Saturday 3:30–4:45pm.

MASS TIMES... MONDAY to FRIDAY at 9:00AM
FIRST SATURDAY OF MONTH at 8:00AM, 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



"The Spirit of the Lord has filled the world, and that which holds all things together knows what is said." Alleluia Wisdom 1.7



- † Masses & Mass Intentions † 
- Saturday, May 18
5:00pm - Frank & Lena Schafer †
 - Sunday, May 19
8:30am - Italo Dal Molin †
10:30am - Holy Family Parish
6:00pm - Derrick Risling †
 - Monday, May 20
9:00am - NO MASS TODAY
 - Tuesday, May 21
9:00am - Michaela Sehn
 - Wednesday, May 22
9:00am - Matilda Bonagofsky †
 - Thursday, May 23
9:00am - Joanne Gaetz †
 - Friday, May 24
9:00am - Simon Schmaltz †

OPERATING FINANCES	
APRIL 1-30, 2024	
Operating Budget 2022	\$ 60,990
General Envelope Collection	\$ 45,694
Loose Collections	\$ 3,116
Future Development	\$ 4,608
Sale of Church Supplies & Other	-\$ 7,972
\$ 45,446 - Budget Vs Actual	-\$ 15,544
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 4,179
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 3,282
World Mission	\$ 25
Clergy Retirement	\$ 190
Mission Mexico	\$ 115
CARO	\$ 55
Seminary Fund	\$ 1,770
Holy Land	\$ 65
<i>Thank You for your Generous Contributions</i>	
Average Weekly Attendance	1,261

HAPPENINGS IN HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Saturday, May 18
10:00am – Benedictine Group – Hope Room

Monday, May 20
7:00pm – Life Ministry – Faith Room

Wednesday, May 15 – No Mass Today
9:30am – Bible Study – Faith Room
7:00pm – RCIA – Faith Room

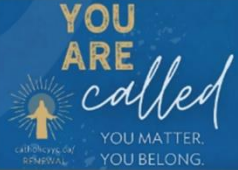
Thursday, May 16 – No Mass Today
7:00am – Men’s Prayer Group – Faith Room
3:30pm – Monsignor McCoy High School Grad



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your donations!*

**Special Collection
Days
May 2024**

May 5 - Together in Action
May 5 – Pope’s Pastoral
Works
Future Development
Fund



Together in Action
The amount needed before the end of 2024 is \$70,938.

YTD:
\$23,681
**33% of total
needed!**

We have 2700 families; however, only a portion donate to our church. If you can give more than the \$30 this year, we would greatly appreciate it.
May God Bless Your Generously!!!

VOCATIONS May 19, 2024
Pentecost Sunday

The confused and fear-filled apostles were totally changed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as they became powerful and dynamic proclaimers of their faith in Jesus Christ. In today's Church God calls priests, religious and deacons to serve Him and to serve others especially by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. If you feel God may be calling you to this ministry, please contact the Office of Vocations at 403-218-5500 or email Fr. Cristino Bouvette. vocations@calgarydiocese.ca www.catholicyc.ca/vocations.html

Two Acclamations

Because locked doors cannot keep him away, Jesus comes. He gives his standard Easter greeting: Peace be with you. Then he says: Go, I send you. To us, too, this very day. We cannot stay behind in locked rooms.

† What am I being sent to do?
† To whom am I being sent?
† What peace of Christ will I express in what I say and do?

HOLY FAMILY YOUTH

Our parish is blessed to have an amazing group of young people. They helped with serving recently both at the CWL Tea and at the Golden K Kiwanis Fashion Show. Thank you for your service to help others.

You have made an impact on many



Listen...with the ear of your heart.

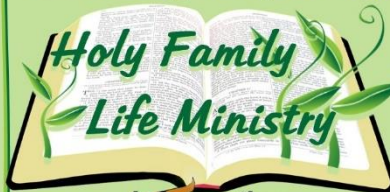
This is the opening line of the rule of St. Benedict. Come join us (Benedictine Oblates) in prayer as we listen to the voice of God in our lives.



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.

Bible Study



Wednesday Mornings after the 9:00 Mass

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



CWL will be collecting for Nurture Pregnancy Support for 4 weeks, starting weekend of May 11/12 until weekend June 1/2.



The Catholic Woman's League are collecting for this great cause.



16th Annual Formula for Hope Fundraiser

Mother's Day, May 14 to
Father's Day, June 18, 2023



Vincentian Corner

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul wishes to extend our sincere gratitude to Kathy Glasgo for her many years of dedication. Kathy served as President of our conference for six years and has been a Vincentian since 2013. We appreciate her leadership and her passion for helping people in need in our community. May God continue to bless Kathy in all that she does. Thank you, Kathy! Thank you to our parishioners for your prayers and generosity. Without you, we could not continue to serve those in need. We are grateful to all of you. If you are passionate about helping others and you would like to find out more about becoming a Vincentian, please call the church office.

Faith & Family

NERF WARS

FREE Sunday, June 2nd, 3:30-6:00pm **FREE**

Big Marble Go Centre - Fieldhouse #2

Limited to 50 participants, ages 6+ to Adult

Information and to Pre-Register, contact Derek Ballinger at ballingd@gmail.com

PASTORAL RENEWAL SURVEY

May 15, 2024

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Since October 4, 2023, the Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi, we have embarked on a journey of pastoral renewal in the Diocese of Calgary. This renewal invites all members of our Diocese to focus ourselves and the parish communities on three areas of pastoral priority: 1) to be formed as missionary disciples of our Lord; 2) to be a Church of encounter and witness; and 3) to strengthen family life.

An essential step of the renewal journey involves gaining insights into our current pastoral reality and acknowledging the ways in which the Lord has been active in our lives and within our parishes. To facilitate this process, the Diocese has partnered with the Flourishing Congregations Institute at Ambrose University in Calgary to develop the Pastoral Renewal Survey, inviting your valuable input. Your voice matters! You are invited to participate in a ten-to-fifteen-minute online survey at the end of Mass during the weekend of June 1-2, 2024.

This survey is open to any parishioner in the Diocese aged 18 years or older. Participation is completely voluntary, and your confidentiality will be maintained.

Please know that no one in your parish or Diocese will have access to individual responses; all responses are being collected by the Flourishing Congregations Institute, and we will have no way of linking responses with individuals.

Upon completion of the survey, a report will be generated for each parish and for the Diocese as a whole. These findings will be accessible to all participants through the parish and Diocese. Your valuable participation in this survey will help us to better understand and support you, our parishes, and the Diocese on our journey of conversion and renewal.

We encourage all parishioners to bring a portable electronic device (e.g., cell phone, iPad) to complete the online survey at the end of Mass during the weekend of June 1-2, 2024.

For those who prefer a paper option, copies will be available.

If you are unable to attend and participate that weekend, the survey will remain accessible online via the parish's website until June 14.

Thank you for considering this request and for your continued dedication to our parish. May God bless you abundantly.

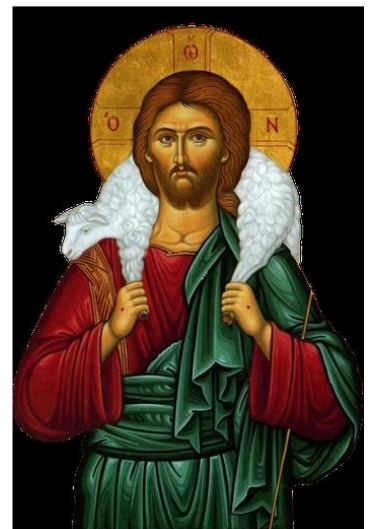
Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ William T. McGrattan

Bishop of Calgary

Joel Thiessen, PhD

Professor of Sociology, Director of the Flourishing
Congregations Institute at Ambrose University



Blumenfeld Pilgrimage
Sunday, June 9th, 2024
 Bishop Mark Hagemoen
 Supper following Mass

Rosary & Mass @ 3:00
 Reconciliation 2:00-2:45
 Bring lawn chairs, bug spray & umbrellas

Blumenfeld & District Heritage Site, Leader, SK.
 16km south of Leader & 6.5km east (Blumenfeld Rd)
"Cemetery Project- to refresh and landscape the final resting place of our ancestors."
Facebook - Blumenfeld & District Heritage Site

Everyone Welcome

St. Patrick's Parish Hall

Spring Tea

Door Prizes

May 25, 2024 1:30-3:30pm \$4.00/each



All money collected will be donated to the Veiner Center, Meals on Wheels
 Everyone is Welcome.

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Men's Silent Retreat
 June 7-9th

For registration information contact Ken Moen
 403-866-1270 or kmoen@telus.net

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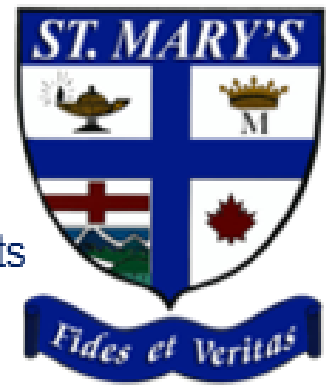
catholiccyc.ca/Faithfully keeps you updated with what's happening in and around our Diocese!

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



St. Mary's School Bulletin Write up for May 2024



St. Mary's School is a Junior High School offering grades 7-9 and a wide variety of programming. Students choose from four programming streams: General Programming, French Immersion, Fine Arts Academy, and Alternative Programming.

We pride ourselves on a wide and varied list of option programming which includes: Art, Musical Theatre, Guitar, Foods, Shop, World Languages, Visual Communications, Drama, Band, Choir, Dance, Fitness, Cosmetology, Robotics, Criminology, Games, Circus/Clown/Magic, Community Outreach, Movement, Mythology, Media & Yearbook, Outdoor Recreation, Driver's Education, Biology, Psychology, Geography, Sculpture, Mechanical Science, Archery, Tourism, First Aid, Theatre Makeup, Songwriting, Coding, Advanced Science, and Academic Support.

Furthermore, our students participate in many extracurricular activities such as our annual Musical Theatre Production, Faith Leadership, Art Club, Games Club, Jazz Band, Football, Cross Country Running, Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, Track & Field, Soccer, Rugby, Golf, and Archery.

Our Homeroom Religion classes complete annual service projects such as snow shoveling, visiting seniors, writing letters to Veterans, picking garbage, etc. and work on typing skills, healthy habits, and interpersonal relationship skills.

The best part of St. Mary's School is the staff who make a deliberate and sustained effort to bring our faith alive and make connections with students and build trusted relationships. We work hard every day to be a place of love and acceptance for our student body.



**Medicine Hat Catholic
Board of Education**



Solemnity of Pentecost - Year B

MAY 19, 2024

WE ARE CHANGED PEOPLE

Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost: descending of Holy Spirit upon the disciples. It's a celebration of birth of Universal Church as well. This is the new beginning for disciples and for us as well because this is the day when disciples received Holy Spirit and became fearless witnesses to Jesus's love.

St. Paul in writing to Romans opens the mystery of our new beginning: "For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason, the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him" (8:5-17).

St. Irenaeus writing against the heresies of his time, explains the mystery of the Pentecost: When the Lord told his disciples to go and teach all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, he conferred on them the power of giving men new life in God. He had promised through the prophets that in these last days he would pour out his Spirit on his servants and handmaids, and that they would prophesy. So, when the Son of God became the Son of Man, the Spirit also descended upon him, becoming accustomed in this way to dwelling with humans, to living in

men and to inhabiting God's creation. The Spirit accomplished the Father's will in men who had grown old in sin and gave them new life in Christ. Luke says that the Spirit came down on the disciples at Pentecost, after the Lord's ascension, with power to open the gates of life to all nations and to make known to them the new covenant. So it was that men of every language joined in singing one song of praise to God, and scattered tribes, restored to unity by the Spirit, were offered to the Father as the first fruits of all the nations.

This was why the Lord had promised to send the Advocate: he was to prepare us as an offering to God. Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, one loaf of bread, without moisture, we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes down from heaven. And like parched ground, which yields no harvest unless it receives moisture, we who were once like a waterless tree could never have lived and borne fruit without this abundant rainfall from above. Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul.

The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of God came down upon the Lord, and the Lord in turn gave this Spirit to his Church, sending the Advocate from heaven into all the world into which, according to his own words, the devil too had been cast down like lightning.

If we are not to be scorched and made unfruitful, we need the dew of God. Since we have our accuser, we need an advocate as well. And so, the Lord in his pity for man, who had fallen into the hands of brigands, having himself bound up his wounds and left for his care two coins bearing the royal image, entrusted him to the Holy Spirit. Now, through the Spirit, the image and inscription of the Father and the Son have been given to us, and it is our duty to use the coin committed to our charge and make it yield a rich profit for the Lord.

The Solemnity of Pentecost encourages us to leave our old ways of life and strive for new beginning. Just imagine if disciples would have stayed behind the closed doors of the room, then what would have happened: no more Christian faith neither the mention of Jesus' name? Though there was fear, but Holy Spirit made the disciples to open the door from inside to go out but not someone came to open the door for them from outside. In similar way, Holy Spirit invites us to open the closed doors of our hearts from inside to let Jesus come in as St. Paul says, "even we don't know how to pray but the Holy Spirit intercede for us and teaches us to call God; Abba, the Father". To make it understand more deeply about our new beginning, let me share with you the following interesting story:

The Creator created people, gave them words for communication and thinking, settled them in the fertile valley at the foot of the mountains, gave them longevity and started to observe, how they will aspire to the development. The time passed, but people did not develop. They did not go beyond their village and did not climb up the mountains. Their eyes did not look at the sky and did not look in the Heart. So, they became old. The Creator decided to find out, what was the matter.

He became a man and came to them as a traveller. Before sunset people gathered at the square to talk with the traveller. He described told them about a life beyond the horizon and suggested:

Do you want me to lead you there, and you will see how people live in these places?

Oh, they answered sadly, – it is too late, we became old.

Then come with me to the mountains to look at the world from the top!

Oh, they sighed, it is too late, we have no energy.

Look at the sky, the traveller said them, and I will tell you about the life in the Kingdom of Heaven!

They answered again: It is late; our mind will not understand your story.

The traveller became sad. He decided to cheer people. Let's sing a song, he said and was going to sing first, but people noticed that the sun went down.

It is late, they said, it is time to sleep, and they went to their huts.

The traveller shouted at them: People, when life is continuous and infinite, it is not too late for any achievements!

But they did not turn back. Then the Creator told himself: I will take away all words of limitation from people: "late", "not", "impossible", "far", "high", "hard", "will not understand", and will place in their hearts the joy of infinity. Maybe they will perceive my Law: nothing is too late because there is no end, there is only the beginning! He did so and waited for the morning: will people change, and will they go with him to the mountains? Are we going to follow our new beginning with the Holy Spirit?

Remember the words of the Psalmist (139): Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you".

There are some very interesting facts in the Scripture Readings today:

1. Jesus is giving peace to his disciples and to the whole world which we could see in the First Reading, it is being fulfilled in the lives of the disciples. They were afraid and remained behind the closed doors but the peace of Christ which came through Holy Spirit, made them brave.
2. Jesus breathed on them to receive the Holy Spirit, the same way as God breathed into the nostrils of Adam and he became living being. By receiving Holy Spirit disciples became fearless living being and went out to speak about Jesus and converted many to Jesus.
3. Through the Holy Spirit, not only disciples but everyone received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. All these gifts bring us together to serve the Lord and build his Church. There are various gifts in the Church to serve the Lord.
4. The Holy Spirit unites us together: "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body; though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit, we were all baptized into one body...and we were all made to drink of one Spirit".
5. Through the Holy Spirit we all are called to serve the Lord and have the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Holy Spirit renews the face of earth and helps us to recognize our relationship with the Lord. We must listen to Holy Spirit who intercede for us to fill us with his love who died on the Cross for us to give eternal life, otherwise we will be like the man in the story:

One day an old Soul-wound decided to destroy her host. She came to him in a dream and said: Look at yourself and around you. How do you live? After all, you have only problems- inside and outside.

So, what, – the host answered, but I have a wonderful woman. I love her and she loves me. But what can you offer her, except for your own problems? She will leave you soon, – The Soul-wound said.

No, she won't! – The man said, – after all, she loves me. Think about it – is it possible to love you?

You are a loser! The Soul-wound exclaimed. That is the thing! If I wouldn't have any problems – inside and outside, I would have some doubts about her being with me. But now I'm sure of her sincerity.

Ok, then think: if she is so wonderful, do you deserve her? Doesn't she deserve a better life, than

with you – a mentally wounded loser with lots of problems? After waking up from his own tears, the man called his loved one and told her that he doesn't deserve her love, and he is leaving her forever. But the pain was so big that he couldn't survive the breakup.

In heaven, an angel met the arriving soul and escorted him straight to the gates of hell. Unhappy and amazed he asked: How come you have brought me here? After all, I committed the biggest sacrifice for love! The angel turned to him and answered: The Soul-wounds only serve the Devil. You will stay with the one that you have listened to.

On Pentecost we have the final fulfillment of the mission of Jesus Christ and the first beginning of the messianic age of the Kingdom of God mystically present in this world in the Church of the Messiah. For this reason, the fiftieth day stands as the beginning of the era, which is beyond the limitations of this world, fifty being that number which stands for eternal and heavenly fulfillment in Jewish and Christian mystical piety: seven times seven, plus one. Once again it must be noted that the feast of Pentecost is not simply the celebration of an event which took place centuries ago. It is the celebration of what must happen and does happen to us in the Church today. We all have died and risen with the Messiah-King, and we all have received his Most Holy Spirit. We are the "temples of the Holy Spirit." God's Spirit dwells in us (Rom 8; 1 Cor 2–3, 12; 2 Cor 3; Gal 5; Eph 2–3). We, by our own membership in the Church, have received "the seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit" in the sacrament of chrismation. Pentecost has happened to us.

The Divine Liturgy of Pentecost recalls our baptism into Christ with the verse from Galatians again replacing the Thrice-Holy Hymn. Special verses from the psalms also replace the usual antiphonal psalms of the liturgy. The epistle and gospel readings tell of the Spirit's coming to men. The kontakion sings of the reversal of Babel as God unites the nations into the unity of his Spirit. The troparion proclaims the gathering of the whole universe into God's net through the work of the inspired apostles. The hymns "O Heavenly King" and "We have seen the True Light" are sung for the first time since Easter, calling the Holy Spirit to "come and abide in us," and proclaiming that "we have received the heavenly Spirit." The church building is decorated with flowers and the green leaves of the summer to show that God's divine Breath comes to renew all creation as the "life-creating Spirit." In Hebrew the word for Spirit, breath and wind is the same word, ruah.

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit: through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. O Lover of Man, Glory to Thee (Troparion). When the Most High came down and confused the tongues, he divided the nations. But when he distributed the tongues of fire, he called all to unity. Therefore, with one voice, we glorify the All-Holy Spirit! (Kontakion).

Let me finish my reflection with this story by an unknown author to remind us that we are all called by the Lord through Holy Spirit to conversion and mission.

As you well know, we are getting closer to my birthday. Every year there is a celebration in my honor, and I think that this year the celebration will be repeated. During this time there are many people shopping for gifts, there are many radio announcements, TV commercials, and in every part of the world everyone is talking that my birthday is getting closer and closer. It is really very nice to know, that at least once a year, some people think of me. As you know, the celebration of my birthday began many years ago. At first people seemed to understand and be thankful of all that I did for them, but in these times, no one seems to know the reason for the celebration. Family and friends get together and have lots of fun, but they don't know the meaning of the celebration. I remember that last year there was a great feast in my honor. The dinner table was full of delicious foods, pastries, fruits, assorted

nuts, and chocolates. The decorations were exquisite and there were many, beautifully wrapped gifts. But do you want to know something? I wasn't invited. I was the guest of honor, and they didn't remember to send me an invitation. The party was for me, but when that great day came, I was left outside they closed the door in my face, and I wanted to be with them and share their table.

In truth, that didn't surprise me because in the last few years all close their doors to me. Since I wasn't invited, I decided to enter the party without making any noise. I went in and stood in a corner. They were all drinking; there were some who were drunk and telling jokes and laughing at everything. They were having a grand time. To top it all, this big fat man all dressed in red wearing a long white beard entered the room yelling Ho-Ho-Ho! He seemed drunk. He sat on the sofa and all the children ran to him, saying: "Santa Claus, Santa Claus" as if the party were in his honor! At midnight all the people began to hug each other; I extended my arms waiting for someone to hug me and do you know no-one hugged me. Suddenly they all began to share gifts. They opened them one by one with great expectation. When all had been opened, I looked to see if, maybe, there was one for me. What would you feel if on your birthday everybody shared gifts and you did not get one? I then understood that I was unwanted at that party and quietly left. Every year it gets worse. People only remember the gifts, the parties, to eat and drink, and nobody remembers me.

I would like this Christmas that you allow me to enter your life. I would like that you recognize the fact that almost two thousand years ago I came to this world to give my life for you, on the cross, to save you. Today, I only want that you believe this with all your heart. I want to share something with you. As many didn't invite me to their party, I will have my own celebration, a grandiose party that no one has ever imagined, a spectacular party. I'm still making the final arrangements.

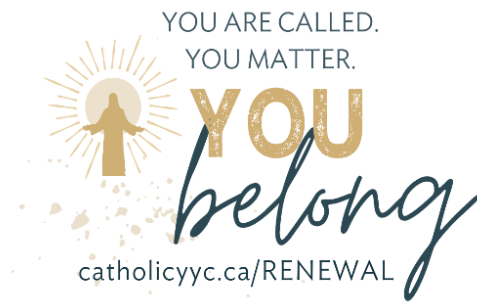
Today I am sending out many invitations and there is an invitation for you. I want to know if you wish to attend, and I will make a reservation for you and write your name with golden letters in my great guest book. Only those on the guest list will be invited to the party. Those who don't answer the invite will be left outside. Be prepared because when all is ready you will be part of my great party. See you soon. I Love you!

Jesus

Let us renew our faith and begin anew with commitment to serve the Lord faithfully.

"Come Holy Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of God's Love".





DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

Ascension of the Lord

Diocesan-wide Pastoral Renewal Survey | June 1 & 2

Immediately following all weekend Masses on **June 1 & 2** (Corpus Christi Sunday), we invite all parishioners (18 and older) to participate in the Pastoral Renewal Survey. Your participation is vital as it will help shape the future of our Church's mission and outreach. Please plan to bring your family, friends, and electronic devices to complete the survey online after Mass. Rest assured, a paper version will also be available for those who need it. More information will be available from your parish this weekend, including a letter from Bishop McGrattan.

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.

Career Opportunities

Join the Catholic Pastoral Centre and be part of a dedicated team committed to making a difference in our community! We are currently seeking passionate individuals for the following positions:

- **Archivist** (Full-time)
- **Bookkeeper** (Full-time)
- **Support Staff, Elizabeth House** (Part-time)
- **Program Coordinator, St. Francis Xavier Chaplaincy** (Full-time)

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

May 24 to June 2 at St. Michael's, Calgary. Visit the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition, with exhibits designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis, before his death from Leukemia at the age of 15. His intention was to bring a greater awareness of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The exhibition is comprised of 169 panels with historical descriptions and an extensive assortment of photographs and artwork of Eucharistic Miracles that took place throughout the ages in various countries of the world and which have been recognized by the Vatican. Visiting hours vary; please check saintmichael.ca or call 403-249-0423.

Mary's Festival - June 1

St. Mary's University in Calgary is hosting the first annual Mary's Festival on **Saturday, June 1 from 11 am to 4 pm**. After a long winter, how does a day of fellowship, food, fun, live music, disc golf, and just community sound to you? From food trucks to a dunk tank, a vendor marketplace to live musical entertainment, Mary's Festival will be a joyful celebration and invite everyone to come for what will be a whole lot of fun for the whole family!

Captivenia and Archateos Catholic Camps

Dive deeply into the beautiful mysteries of our Catholic faith through the following summer camps!

- **July 17-27** - Captivenia Girls' Camp - with Regnum Christi in Foothills County - More info: captivenia.com
- **July 29-Aug 10** - | Arcatheos Boys' Camp - with Regnum Christi in Foothills County - More info: arcatheos.com

Samper camps at Our Lady of Victory

Joe McKenna Council #9502 Knights of Columbus



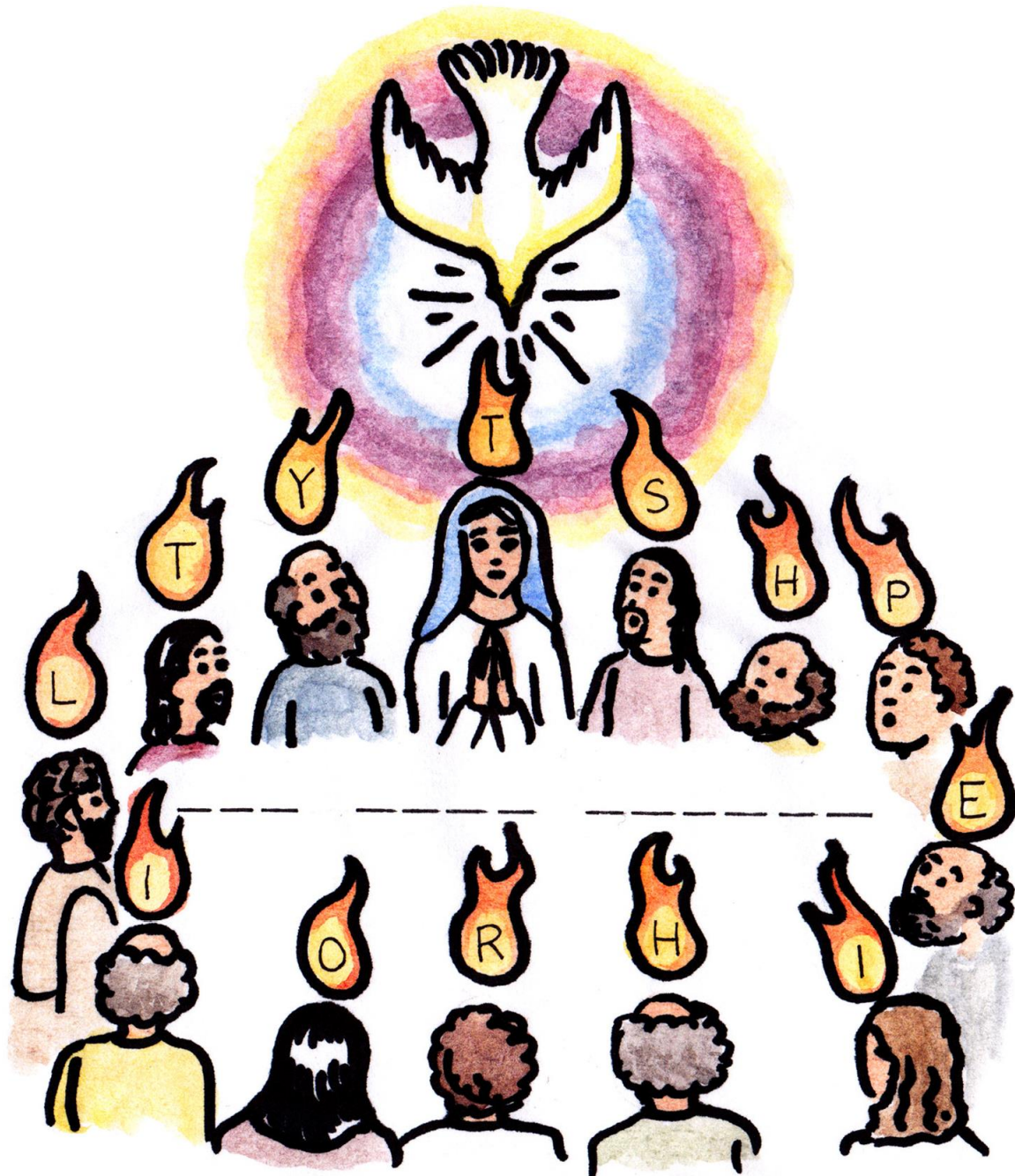
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Deputy Grand Knight	Jimmy Tablan
Financial Secretary	Pat Ries
Treasurer	Ron Pisoni
Chancellor	
Recorder	Pat Brigham
Advocate	Andy Hamel
Warden	Walter Pratt
Inside Guard	Dale Maddaford
Outside Guard	Michael Camphor
Year 1 Trustee	Herb Durda
Year 2 Trustee	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

The Kids' Bulletin



Pentecost Sunday
May 19th, 2024




*Who came to the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday?
Fill in the blanks with the letters in the flames:
go around the Apostles clockwise,
skipping every other letter. Start at Mary's.*

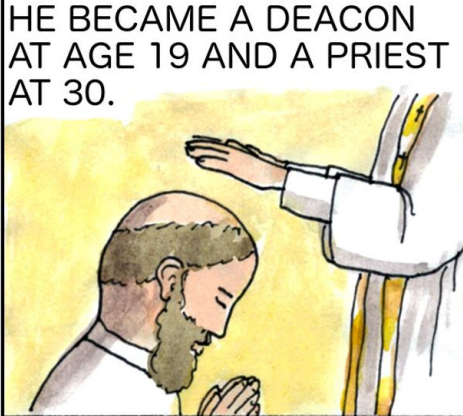
Saint Bede the Venerable

May 25

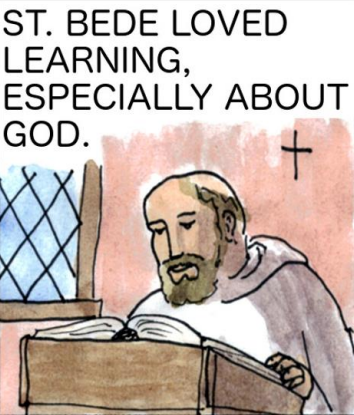
SAINT BEDE WAS BORN IN ENGLAND IN 672, NEAR A MONASTERY. AT AGE 7 HE WAS SENT TO LIVE THERE AND SPENT THE REST OF HIS LIFE THERE.



HE BECAME A DEACON AT AGE 19 AND A PRIEST AT 30.



ST. BEDE LOVED LEARNING, ESPECIALLY ABOUT GOD.



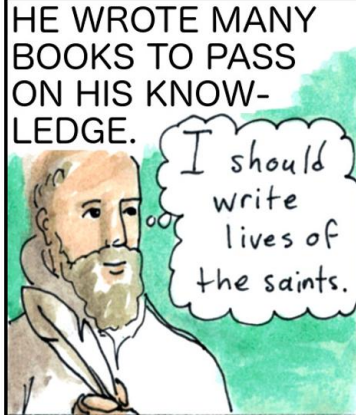
Today I will tell you the story of St. Augustine's conversion.



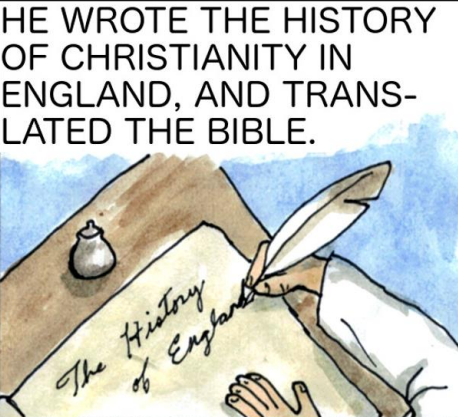
HE ALSO TAUGHT OTHER MONKS.

HE WROTE MANY BOOKS TO PASS ON HIS KNOWLEDGE.

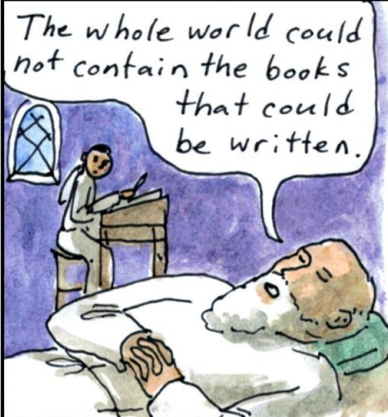
I should write lives of the saints.



HE WROTE THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY IN ENGLAND, AND TRANSLATED THE BIBLE.



The whole world could not contain the books that could be written.



SAINT BEDE DIED IN 735. EVEN ON THE DAY OF HIS DEATH HE WORKED ON TRANSLATING THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN.

SAINT BEDE BECAME HOLY BY STUDYING AND TEACHING, ESPECIALLY ABOUT THE BIBLE, AND THE SAINTS WHO BROUGHT THE FAITH TO HIS COUNTRY. DO YOU KNOW WHO BROUGHT THE FAITH TO YOUR COUNTRY? YOU CAN HELP TO SHARE THE FAITH BY LEARNING MORE TOO!

Pentecost Word-Find

M N C Y R E N E A T
E L A M I T E S I A
S V P R O M E E L S
O A P H R Y G I A I
P P A M P H Y L I A
O J D N G U P A G M
T E O P O N T U S E
A W C R E T A N S D
M S I J U D E A E E
I P A R T H I A N S
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PARTHIAN
MEDES
ELAMITES
MESOPOTAMIA
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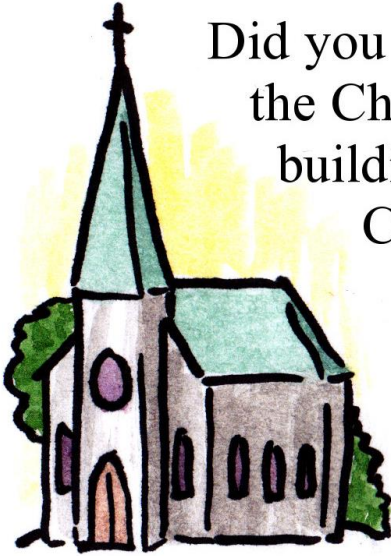
On Pentecost Sunday, when the apostles went out of the upper room, there was a great crowd in Jerusalem for the Jewish feast. So they began to tell the people the good news of Jesus. See if you can find the names of all the different groups of people who were in the city listening to them.

**All these people heard
the apostles speaking in their**

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Happy Birthday, Church!



Did you know that Pentecost Sunday is the Church's birthday? Not the church building, but the people who are the Church.

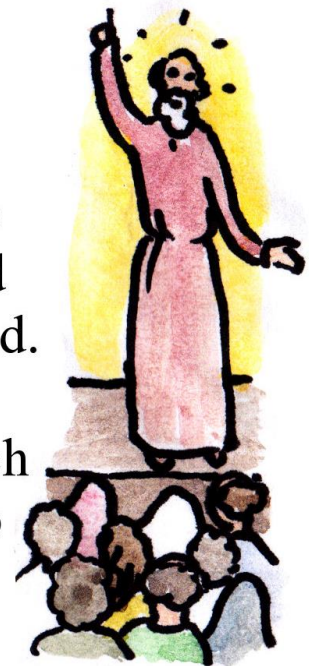
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Why is Pentecost the Church's birthday?

Because on that day, the Holy Spirit first came to the apostles and sent them out to become the Church and to teach the good news about Jesus everywhere in the world.

The Holy Spirit works through the Church in many ways. He inspired the men who wrote the Bible. He teaches us through priests and missionaries and teachers.

Did you know that He even inspires us to pray?



You can pray that God will send you the Holy Spirit every day. Jesus tells us in the Gospel that God will give the Holy Spirit to whoever asks.



Answer to puzzle on front: The Holy Spirit.
Answer to Word-Find: native language.

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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 so it can be sent to the diocese.