



# Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

10<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YR. B SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 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

**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.**

*Have you filled out the survey yet?*

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Year B  
June 9, 2024

"Whoever  
does the  
will of God  
is my  
brother and  
sister and  
mother."



Mark 3:25

## † Masses & Mass Intentions †



Saturday, June 8

5:00pm - Virginia & Orlando Cabral †

Sunday, June 9

8:30am - Holy Family Parish

10:30am - Albert Kabore

6:00pm - Gerald Mushinski †

Monday, June 10

9:00am - Veronica Getz †

Tuesday, June 11

9:00am - Craig Foley & Family

Wednesday, June 12

9:00am - Walter Machala †

Thursday, June 13

9:00am - Josefina Velilla †

Friday, June 14

9:00am - Rosalina Aldana

### OPERATING FINANCES

MAY 1-31, 2024

Operating Budget 2022	\$ 60,990
General Envelope Collection	\$ 39,530
Loose Collections	\$ 3,608
Future Development	\$ 2,965
Sale of Church Supplies & Other	\$ 3,950
<b>\$ 50,053 - Budget Vs Actual</b>	<b>-\$ 10,937</b>

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 4,973
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 3,276
World Mission	\$ 25
Clergy Retirement	\$ 90
Mission Mexico	\$ 120
CARO	\$ 65
Seminary Fund	\$ 30
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$ 2,207

*Thank You for your Generous Contributions*

Average Weekly Attendance	906
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### HAPPENINGS IN HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Saturday, June 8

10:00pm – Benedictine Group – Hope Room

Monday, June 10

6:00pm – K of C Wind Up – HFP Hall

Tuesday, June 11

9:30am – Work Bee - Everywhere

6:00pm – CWL Wind Up – HFP Hall

7:00pm – Life Ministry – Chapel

Wednesday, June 12

7:00pm – Altar Servers Practice – HFP Sanctuary

Thursday, June 13

7:00am – Real Men Pray – Faith Room

1:30pm – Mass with St. Mary's School & Notre

Dame Academy

1:30pm – St. Patrick's School Grade 1 Church Tour

Saturday, June 15 & Sunday June 16

All Masses – Chalice Presentation

Sunday, June 30

2:00pm – Penance & Pizza – HFP Hall

Week of July 8-12

8:00 am – 12:30pm - Saints Alive Bible Camp

TOGETHER  
in ACTION | 2024

2024 Goal - \$70,938

Donations to date -  
\$26,540

We are 37% of the  
way there!



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Special Collections  
June 2024

Future Development  
Fund

Together in Action

VOCATIONS

June 9, 2024  
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"For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother." If you feel God is calling you to a Church vocation, please contact the Office of Vocations at 403-218-5500 or email Fr. Cristino Bouvette

[vocations@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:vocations@calgarydiocese.ca) [www.catholiccyc.ca/vocations.html](http://www.catholiccyc.ca/vocations.html)

First Reading - Genesis 3:9-15

Adam and Eve eat the fruit of the forbidden tree.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 130:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8 (7bc)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

We believe and so we speak.

Gospel Reading - Mark 3:20-35

Whoever does the will of God is brother and sister and mother to me.



Your voice matters! Help shape the future of our parish community and our journey of discipleship.

The Pastoral Renewal Survey for our parish is now LIVE until June 14.

Complete the Survey now at [TINYURL.COM/RENEW-P6](https://tinyurl.com/renew-p6)



The CWL would like to thank all who donated items and money for formula and items needed, to Nurture Pregnancy Support. Thanks ladies who manned the table.



Knights of Columbus  
Year End Wind - Up  
June 10 at 6:00pm  
Holy Family Parish Hall



Catholic Women's League (CWL)  
Year End Wind - Up  
June 11 at 5:30pm  
Holy Family Parish Hall



USE WITH



Scan code with camera or visit [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org)

Enter "Medicine Hat" click on "Holy Family"



**Work Bee at Holy Family Parish**  
Tuesday June 11 at 9:30am to Noonish  
Windows Exterior and Interior Sweep and vacuum all carpets. Kitchen and hall area.  
What ever time you can spare it will be greatly appreciated, don't feel you have to be there for entire time.  
Any concerns, question, suggestions, kindly contact Pat Ries, Maintenance Chair 403-458-0442

**ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE**  
Wednesday, June 12  
7:00pm

Holy Family Parish Sanctuary

This practice is for all current altar servers & any children or adults who wish to become altar servers.



[chalice.ca](https://chalice.ca)  
**Chalice Sponsorship Weekend**  
This June 15 & 16, open your heart to sponsor a child  
Holy Family Parish





**Faith & Family**  
Sunday, June 30  
2:00-4:00pm  
Holy Family Parish Hall

**Penance & Pizza**




**E-transfer**  
ONLINE GIVING



[accounting@holyfamilymh.ca](mailto:accounting@holyfamilymh.ca)



## Children's Liturgy Sunday 10:30am

Information or to  
Volunteer call  
Tammy 403-866-7886

Listen...with the ear of your heart.

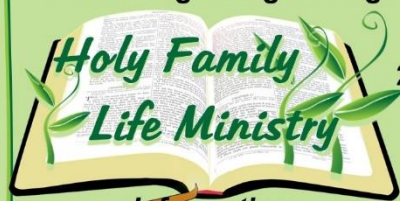
This is the opening line of the rule of St. Benedict.  
Come join us (Benedictine Oblates) in prayer as we  
listen to the voice of God in our lives.



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**

*Faithfully*  
FAITH. LIVED. FULLY.

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

The Organizing Committee of St. Patrick's Church Community Resource Family Fair  
thanks all those who made the Fair a huge success!

## SUMMER BIBLE CAMP

July 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am to 12:30pm

All welcome to attend the mass at 8:30am

Mid Morning Snack & a T-shirt is provided

\$25/child, \$20/for additional siblings

1 form for each child needs to be filled out

**DEADLINE IS JULY 2, NO LATE ENTRIES, PLEASE.**

**We need adult volunteers for Camp to happen!**

Contact Tammy at 403-866-7886 or [tammylynnpeterson@gmail.com](mailto:tammylynnpeterson@gmail.com)

## **Vincentian Corner**

At the recent St. Patrick's Community Resources Fair, several Vincentians were fortunate to visit with representatives of numerous organizations that assist Hatters in many different ways.

The Medicine Hat Women's Shelter Society had two volunteers present. They were most appreciative when we offered to post in our church bulletin the items they are in most need of at present. Please find that list below, and if you can help out with anything, please do. small art canvases, journals, juice boxes, disposable bowls, size 3T – 4T pull-ups, snack items for summer camp program: (fruit cups, fish crackers, fruit leather, trail mix), new/gently used slow cooker, new/gently used bathroom floor mats, new toilet brushes, new toilet plungers, new/gently used alarm clocks, new brooms & dust pans, new/gently used bed rail for toddlers.

Just a reminder that if you wish to support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to enable us to assist those needing help in our community, you can send an e-transfer to: [ssvpmedhat@gmail.com](mailto:ssvpmedhat@gmail.com) You will receive a tax receipt if you leave your name and address. Thank you & God bless you!



**The Organizing Committee of St. Patrick's Church Community Resource Family Fair thanks all those who made the Fair a huge success: all the volunteers, those who donated items, the K of C for providing the food service, the 19 resource organizations and businesses who participated and all those who attended. A special thanks as well to our sponsors including Culligan water, IBS, ESP, Modern Beauty Supply and Trubeauty.**

**In addition to handing out a number of free items, offering tours, fun activities, and making the community aware of some of our valuable community services and resources, some funds were raised as well. A total of \$205.00 was raised for St. Pat's as the tours raised \$105.00, and \$100.00 was raised for the silent auction of the donated St. Patrick's Church painting. The silent auction and sale of donated religious items, as well as additional donations, raised a total of \$926.25 that will be used to purchase sacramentals and beads for the Legion of Mary to make wrist rosaries to give away to students, inmates and parishioners. Donations for haircuts, provided by Shelladams, Redcliff Refinery Barbershop and Choice Cuts raised \$207.00, and those funds will be donated to the Sanare Centre.**

**The remaining donated toiletries were forwarded to the Salvation Army. The YMCA Treasure Store received the remaining toys, books, towels and sports equipment that was donated.**

**Thank you all and perhaps it will become a yearly event.**

# Notre Dame Academy

*Notre Dame Academy is very proud to be one of the nine Catholic Schools within the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education (MHCBE).*



*At NDA, we offer a variety of innovative programs such as Lego-robotics, Rocketry, Carpentry, Plumbing, Gaming Concepts, Drama, Food Studies, Art, Outdoor Education, Esports and more to keep our students engaged. This year, we are introducing a new Archery program and a Graphic Design program, with plans for a Volleyball and Basketball Academy next year.*

*We value our community partnerships, including our strong collaboration with Medicine Hat College, which allows us to provide exceptional Industrial Arts programs. Our sports academy and sports teams have also been a great success, attracting interest from other districts. Additionally, we have partnerships with Under Armor and Source for Sports.*

*Our school focus revolves around building effective relationships, living our faith through service, and helping all students learn. We believe that open communication with all stakeholders is vital for further development and improvement.*

*We would like to thank all the parishioners and staff of Holy Family Parish and St. Patrick's Parish for allowing us to be part of a loving parish community.*



**Medicine Hat Catholic  
Board of Education**



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## DIVISION OR UNITY?

The last few weeks we have been reflecting on various Solemnities of the Lord to understand our relationship with him and our faith as well. These solemnities really help us to deepen our faith and commitment to the Lord to serve him without partiality. Why did I choose the above title for my reflection? There are four reasons, I believe after reflecting on the Readings of this week, led me to choose. These four reasons will help us to understand the division within our families, societies, countries, and faith leads us to destruction and self-centeredness but on the other unity brings comfort, joy and happiness. Following are the reasons:

First, disobedience causes division as we could see in the First Reading today. Adam and Eve have disobeyed God by eating the forbidden fruit of the tree they were told not to. We could also see the self-centeredness of them because they wanted to be like God as trapped by the Satan. St. Peter warns us with these words "Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith". When Adam and Eve were placed in the Garden of Eden, they were not yet mortal. In this state, "they would have had no children". There was no death. They had physical life because their spirits were housed in physical bodies made from the dust of the earth. They had spiritual life because they were in the presence of God. They had not yet made a choice between good and evil.

God commanded them to have children. He said, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it, and have dominion over... every living thing that moves upon the earth". God told them they could freely eat of every tree in the garden except one, the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Of that tree God said, "In the day you eat, you shall surely die".

Satan, not knowing the mind of God but seeking to destroy God's plan, came to Eve in the Garden of Eden. He tempted her to eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. He assured her that she and Adam would not die, but that they would "be like God, knowing good and evil". Eve yielded to the temptation and ate the fruit. When Adam learned what had happened, he chose to partake also. The changes that came upon Adam and Eve because they ate the fruit are called the Fall. Because Adam and Eve had eaten the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, the Lord sent them out of the Garden of Eden into the world. Their physical condition changed as a result of their eating the

forbidden fruit. As God had promised, they became mortal. They and their children would experience sickness, pain, and physical death.

Because of their transgression, Adam and Eve also suffered spiritual death. This meant they and their children could not walk and talk face to face with God. Adam and Eve and their children were separated from God both physically and spiritually. The Satan sold what was pleasing to the ears and eyes of Adam and Eve and convince them to believe what he is telling is the only truth.

Once a monk was going somewhere. On his way he saw a merchant going with five donkeys carrying bags which looked too heavy for donkeys to carry. He asked the merchant, "What have you kept in these bags, which these poor donkeys are not able to carry?" The merchants replied "These bags are filled with things of human use. I am going to market to sell these".

Monk said, "What things are filled in these bags?"

Merchant, "First donkey you see is loaded with bags of atrocities/torture."

Monk asked. "But who will buy this?"

Merchant, "it's buyers are ruling people, and it is sold at a very high rate."

Monk, "How about the second bag?"

Merchant, "This bag is full of pride and it's buyers are scholars."

Monk, "And third bag?"

Merchant, "It contains jealousy, and it's customers are rich people who can not tolerate other people's success. Lots of people buy this."

Monk, "I am curious to know about the fourth bag being carried by the donkey."

Merchant, "this bag contains dishonesty, it's buyers are those businessmen who makes profit by dishonesty and cheating. There are always many buyers ready for this."

Monk, "What is loaded on the last donkey?"

Merchant, "Bag on this donkey is full of fraud and people who do not do any work and do frauds to cheat people, buy this.

Monk realized that the merchant was the devil himself who was spreading evils in the world and his victims become selfish people with weak mentality. There is only one way to avoid becoming a victim of the devil, that by keeping true faith in God, try to make you mind a temple of God.

Even in the Gospel Reading we could see people are accusing Jesus and relating him with the devil by refusing to acknowledge signs of his power shown in the healing of people. Disobedience in word is pure division between us and God who so generous in his dealing with us to show his steadfast love. If we want unity, then we must have strong relationship in with him.

Secondly division in our relationship with one another and God creates a huge gap, but we should not forget that "in weakness, grace of God is seen more". The dialogue between God and Adam and Eve is one step further to understand how important unity is. We must learn to be one with God (Please John 17...a prayer for unity) to feel his presence and closeness in our day to day life. Some people believe Adam and Eve committed a serious sin when they ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. However, latter-day scriptures help us understand that their Fall was a necessary step in the plan of life and a great blessing to all of us. Because of the Fall, we are blessed with physical bodies, the right to choose between good and evil, and the opportunity to gain eternal life. None of these privileges would have been ours had Adam and Eve remained in the garden. After the Fall, Eve said, "Were it not for our transgression we never should have had children, and never should have known good and evil, and the joy of our redemption, and the eternal life which God giveth unto all the obedient. And now, behold, if Adam had not transgressed, he would not have fallen but he would have remained in the

Garden of Eden. And all things which were created must have remained in the same state in which they were after they were created. And they would have had no children; therefore, they would have remained in a state of innocence, having no joy, for they knew no misery; doing no good, for they knew no sin. But behold, all things have been done in the wisdom of him who knows all things. Adam fell so that men might be and men are, that they might have joy.

Although Adam and Eve are blaming each other and Satan but through their sin of disobedience, we received the greatest promise of our salvation that is “a woman will be chosen to have God’s Son”. St. Paul reminds with these words “through one man’s sin the death entered into the world but then through another man’s death we all have share in his victory over death”. In the Second Reading St. Paul helps us to believe and speak what is right for us because our unity will always help us to better and mutual relationship with him. We must learn first how to let our division and problem go.

A man’s favorite donkey falls into a deep precipice. He can’t pull it out no matter how hard he tries. He therefore decides to bury it alive. Soil is poured onto the donkey from above. The donkey feels the load, shakes it off, and steps on it. More soil is poured. It shakes it off and steps up. The more the load was poured, the higher it rose. By noon, the donkey was grazing in green pastures. After much shaking off (of problems) And stepping up (learning from them), One will graze in GREEN PASTURES. Thirdly I believe there will be no division if we consider ourselves as God’s family which “do not lose heart, even outer self is wasting away”. Even in the Gospel Reading we could see how Jesus after receiving the message that your family is looking for you, he says “who are my mother, and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “here are my mother, and my brothers! whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother”. I would say this is very wide and bold statement of the Lord. His vision of family is way wider than our human understanding because calling us his brothers and sisters, he is conforming his love and peace with us. What do we need in our families? We want to see love, respect and support which will always help our families to be strong. This is the only scene in Mark’s gospel where Jesus’ family feature. Reference is made to Jesus’ mother, brothers and sisters. There is no reference to Jesus’ father. Joseph never appears in the context of Jesus’ public ministry in any of the gospels. This may suggest that Joseph was already dead by the time Jesus began his public ministry at the age of thirty or so. It seems as if the family of Jesus on this occasion want to take Jesus away with them; this was their will. Yet, Jesus does not go with them. Instead, he declares that his disciples seated in a circle around him are his new spiritual family. Anyone who seeks to do God’s will as Jesus’ reveals it can become a member of this new spiritual family. It must have been a struggle for Jesus’ blood family to let him go to this new family he was forming, the family of his disciples, which came to be called the church. We have been baptized into this family. As members of Jesus’ spiritual family, we are called to do the will of God as Jesus has revealed it to us, through his teaching, his life, his death and resurrection. We spend our lives trying to discern what the Lord’s will for our lives is, and then trying to grow in the freedom to do that will. For Jesus’ mother and his family, doing God’s will entail renouncing control over Jesus, letting go of their own will for him, which did not come easy to them. Doing the will of God does not come easy to us either. Yet, with the help of the Holy Spirit, our will can be gradually conformed to God’s will for our lives. This is the journey we are asked to be faithful to until the end of our earthly lives.

Once upon a time a daughter complained to her father that her life was miserable and that she didn’t know how she was going to make it. She was tired of fighting and struggling all the time. It seemed just as one problem was solved, another one soon followed. Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen.

He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Once the three pots began to boil, he placed potatoes in one pot, eggs in the second pot, and ground coffee beans in the third pot. He then let them sit and boil, without saying a word to his daughter. The daughter, moaned and impatiently waited, wondering what he was doing.

After twenty minutes he turned off the burners. He took the potatoes out of the pot and placed them in a bowl. He pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl.

He then ladled the coffee out and placed it in a cup. Turning to her he asked. "Daughter, what do you see?"

"Potatoes, eggs, and coffee," she hastily replied. Look closer," he said, "and touch the potatoes." She did and noted that they were soft. He then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. Its rich aroma brought a smile to her face.

"Father, what does this mean?" she asked. He then explained that the potatoes, the eggs and coffee beans had each faced the same adversity— the boiling water.

However, each one reacted differently. The potato went in strong, hard, and unrelenting, but in boiling water, it became soft and weak. The egg was fragile, with the thin outer shell protecting its liquid interior until it was put in the boiling water. Then the inside of the egg became hard.

However, the ground coffee beans were unique. After they were exposed to the boiling water, they changed the water and created something new.

"Which are you," he asked his daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a potato, an egg, or a coffee bean? "In life, things happen around us, things happen to us, but the only thing that truly matters is what happens within us.

Fourthly division leads to destruction but unity toward joy, happiness and fulfilment. We are called to build the bridges not the walls to help people to enjoy the unity. Now-a-days we could see people are divided based on race, colour, religion and ethnic background. Similar situation St. Paul faced in the church of Corinth "And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters are anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will

receive a reward. If the work is burned up, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God" (1 Corinthians 3:1-21).

Today we need to remove obstacle which hinders our unity with God and creates division.

There once was a very wealthy and curious king. This king had a huge boulder placed in the middle of a road. Then he hid nearby to see if anyone would try to remove the gigantic rock from the road.

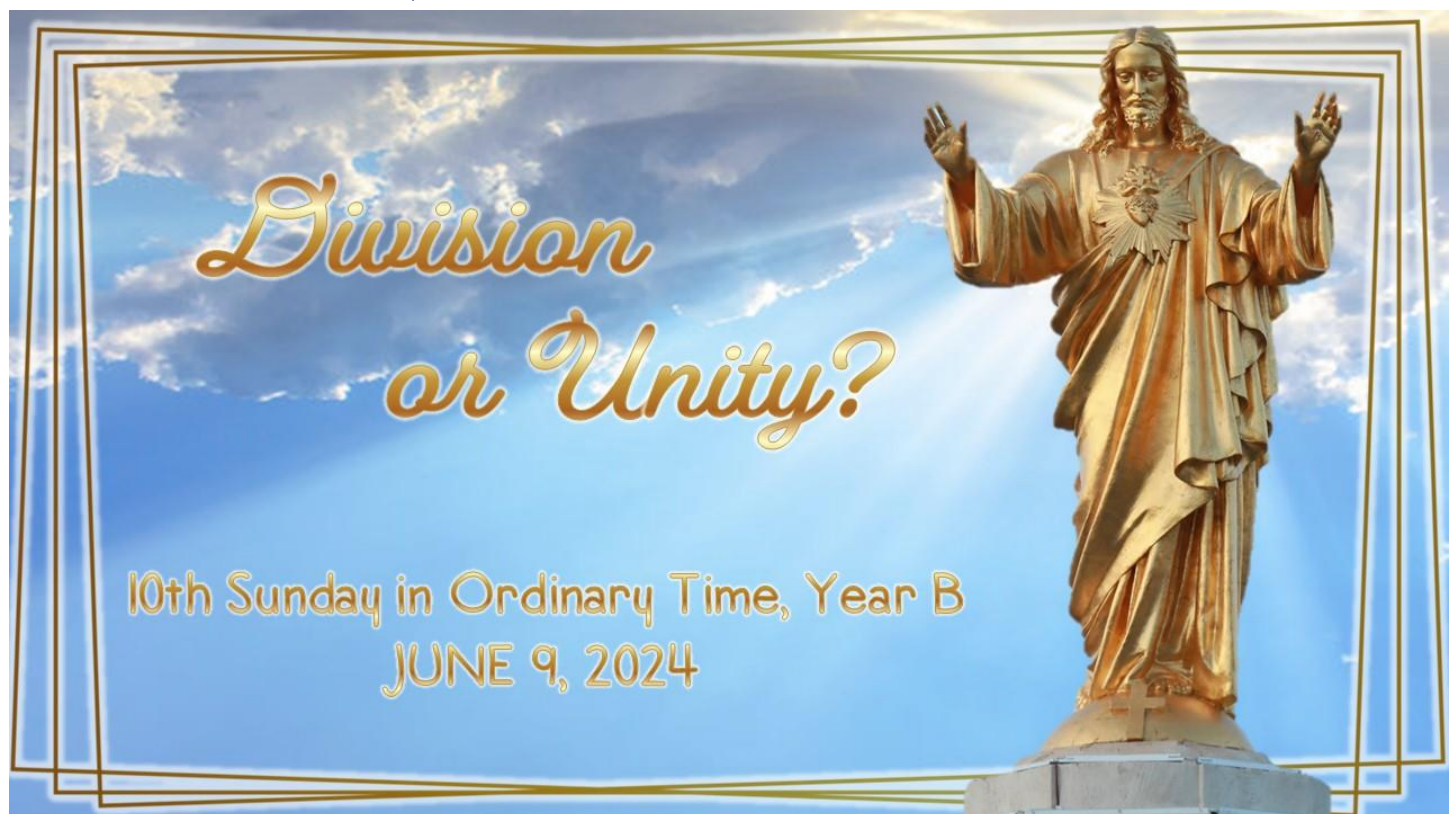
The first people to pass by were some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers. Rather than moving it, they simply walked around it. A few loudly blamed the King for not maintaining the roads. Not one of them tried to move the boulder.

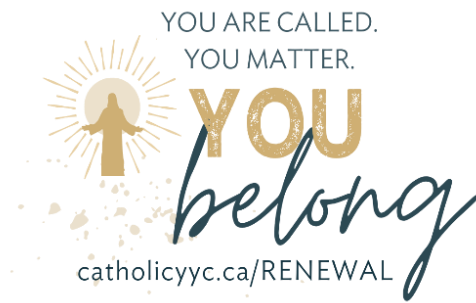
Finally, a peasant came along. His arms were full of vegetables. When he got near the boulder, rather than simply walking around it as the others had, the peasant put down his load and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. It took a lot of effort, but he finally succeeded.

The peasant gathered up his load and was ready to go on his way when he saw a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The peasant opened the purse. The purse was stuffed full of gold coins and a note from the king. The king's note said the purse's gold was a reward for moving the boulder from the road.

The king showed the peasant what many of us never understand: every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.

Do we want division or unity in our life?





# DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Pastoral Renewal Survey | June 1-14, 2024

Over 9000 surveys completed. What a great start! Thank you all for your engagement. Your voice matters and your participation makes a difference in both the parish community and your own journey of discipleship. If you haven't yet completed the Pastoral Renewal survey, please find the QR code or URL link next Sunday at your parish. If you need one emailed to you, **contact your parish,** or email [communications@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:communications@calgarydiocese.ca) (state your parish name).

## A Great Symphony of Prayer: The Our Father as a Programme of Life

In spring 2024, the CCCB Ad Hoc Committee hosted the first part of a webinar series titled "A Great Symphony of Prayer: The Our Father as a Programme of Life" to facilitate meaningful participation in the Year of Prayer announced by Pope Francis. Dr. Josephine Lombardi presented four English-language webinars on prayer as part of the series, which are now available for viewing. A guide with reflection questions from Dr. Lombardi's book has been prepared for viewers. Check video & reflection guide here: [www.cccb.ca/ourfather](http://www.cccb.ca/ourfather)

## Catholic Family Conference

This annual event brings hundreds of Catholic families and individuals together to celebrate faith and family. It is an opportunity to deepen their faith and to encourage one another in raising Catholic families in very challenging and troubling times. Steve Ray, a well-known convert, apologist and evangelist, Ken and Janelle Yasinski, Brian Holdsworth and Brendan McCauley are the weekend keynote speakers. When: **June 28-July 1, Lac Ste. Anne, AB.** For information and to register, go to [www.catholicfamilyministries.com](http://www.catholicfamilyministries.com)

## 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)

In our parishes:

- **Administrative assistant** (Part-time) - St. Pius X, Calgary
- **Sacrament Preparation Coordinator** (casual) - St. Pius X, Calgary

In our Catholic community:

- **Retreat & Program Coordinator** - FCJ Centre, Calgary
- **Catholic Math Tutor** - St. John Choir Schola, Calgary
- **Various positions** - Clear Water Academy, Calgary

For more information, visit [catholiccyyc.ca/careers](http://catholiccyyc.ca/careers)

## Brother Sun - Sister Moon: Walking in Hope Family Day Retreat

Mount St. Francis Retreat Center is inviting you to a day retreat for personal and group reflection, a pilgrimage walk, prayer moments, an outdoor Mass, a picnic lunch, and a BBQ supper. The event will take place on **Fri, July 19, 2024, from 9 am to 6 pm.** This is an outdoor event. To register, call 403-932-2012 or email [mtfrancis@shaw.ca](mailto:mtfrancis@shaw.ca)

## Frassati Hike

Calling all hikers! Frassati hike is a gathering of hikers drawn together by faith, hosted by Lay Dominicans. The hiking trail will be revealed soon. When: **Sat, June 15, from 9 am to 6 pm**—meet at Our Lady of the Rockies, Canmore. To register, call 403-254-3136.

## Summer camps at Our Lady of Victory Camp


Our Lady of Victory Camp is a week-long, overnight summer camp, owned and operated by the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton. Our mission is to support families and youth ministry initiatives in the Archdiocese and beyond by creating a place for young people to Encounter Christ, community, and creation. When: July - August 2024 - for Gr. 4-12 - Please visit [camps.caedm.ca/summercamp](http://camps.caedm.ca/summercamp)

## Together in Action

We are making progress with the 2024 Together in Action campaign! Thank you for your generous contributions, which have brought us closer to our parish and diocesan goals. Let's continue to make a difference together. Donations can be dropped off at your Parish Office or made online at your parish website, or here at [catholiccyyc.ca/TIA](http://catholiccyyc.ca/TIA) - your online donation will be included as part of our parish contribution.

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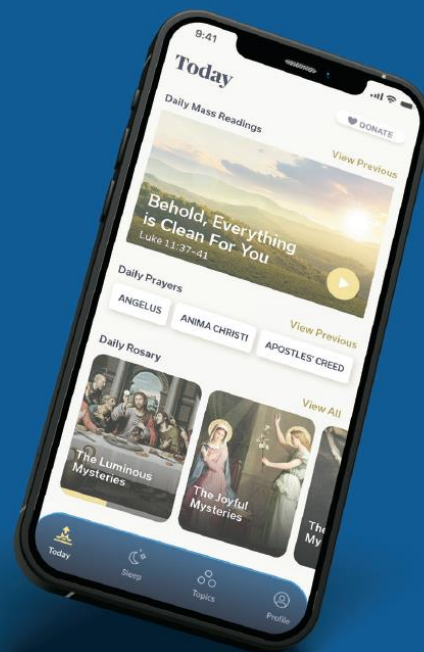
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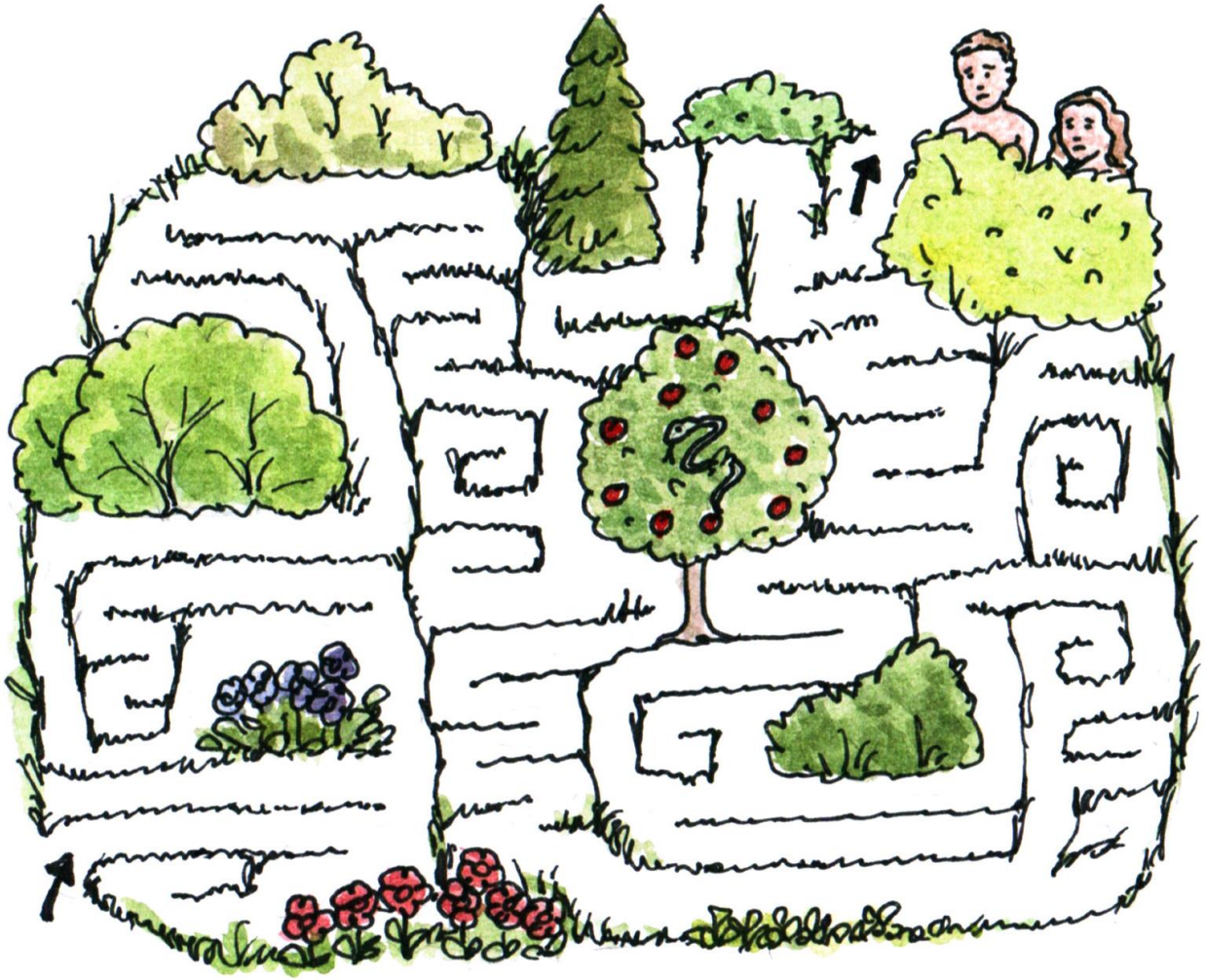
## 2023-24 Knights Events

### 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

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 9th, 2024



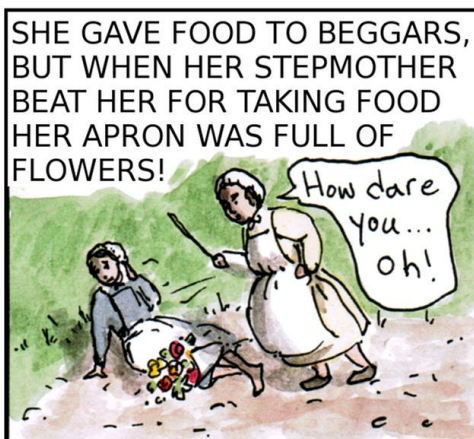
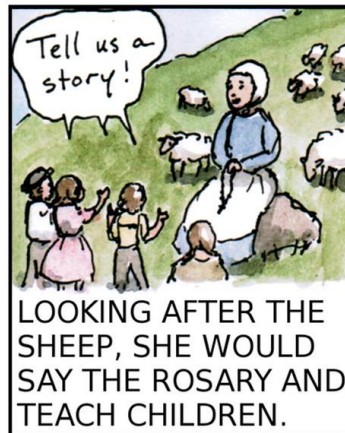
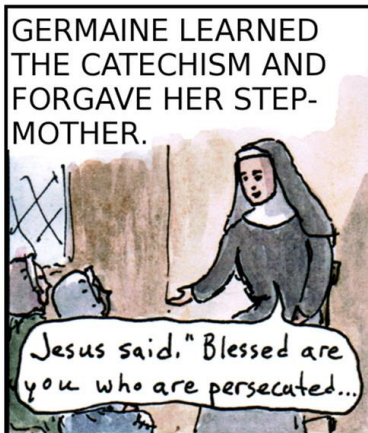
*In today's first reading Adam and Eve  
tried to hide from God because they had sinned  
and were ashamed.*

*But God still loved them and  
He came and talked to them.*

*Can you find them?*

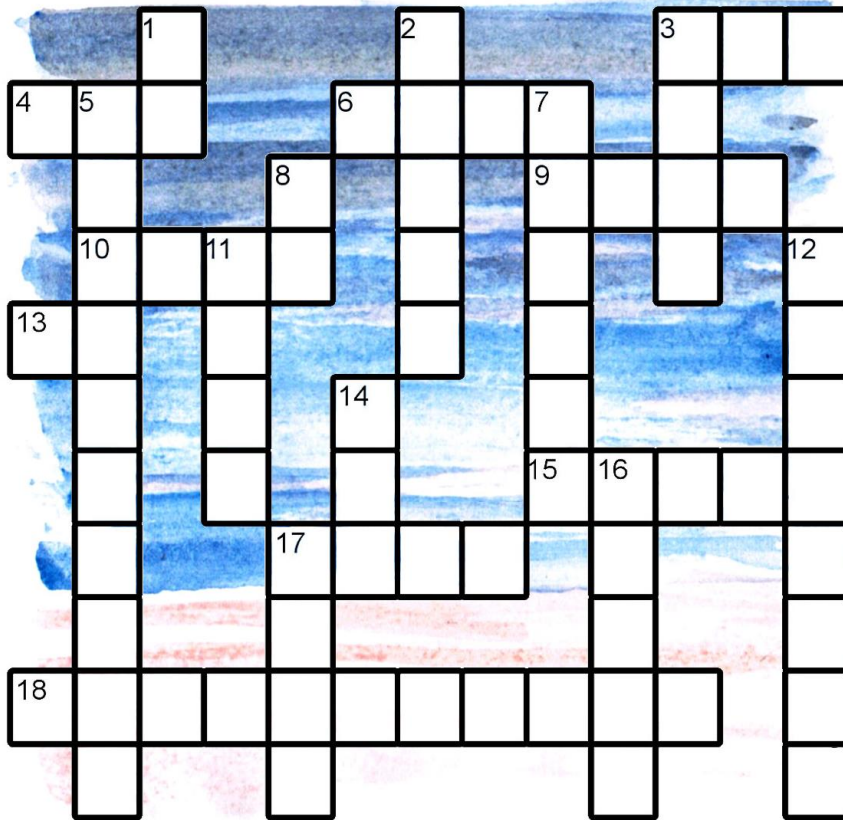
# Saint Germaine

## June 15

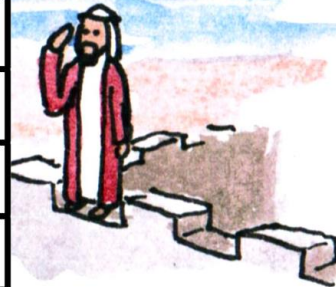


GERMAINE DID NOT SEEM IMPORTANT. SHE WAS NOT A RELIGIOUS OR A MISSIONARY OR A QUEEN. SHE BECAME HOLY BY BELIEVING IN GOD, LOVING HIM AND FORGIVING THOSE WHO WERE CRUEL TO HER. WE CAN THINK ABOUT HER WHEN PEOPLE ARE MEAN TO US. REMEMBER THAT SAINTS, LIKE JESUS, ARE FORGIVING.

# Psalm 130 Cross-Word



See if you can  
find the  
missing  
words from  
today's Psalm  
and put them  
in the puzzle!  
A = across  
D = down



Out of the \_\_\_\_\_ (7D) I \_\_\_\_\_ (4A) to you, O LORD;  
\_\_\_\_\_ (6A), hear my voice!

Let your \_\_\_\_\_ (9A) be attentive  
to my \_\_\_\_\_ (2D) in supplication.

If you, O LORD, \_\_\_\_\_ (3D) iniquities,  
LORD, \_\_\_\_\_ (14D) can \_\_\_\_\_ (15A)?

But with you is \_\_\_\_\_ (18A),  
that you \_\_\_\_\_ (3A) be revered.

I \_\_\_\_\_ (16D) in the LORD;  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1D) soul trusts \_\_\_\_\_ (8D) his \_\_\_\_\_ (17A).

More than sentinels wait for the \_\_\_\_\_ (10A),  
let Israel \_\_\_\_\_ (17D) for the LORD.

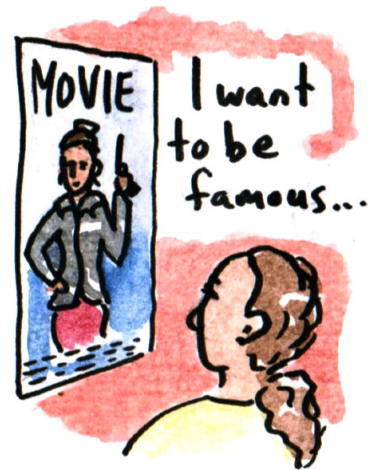
For \_\_\_\_\_ (11D) the LORD is \_\_\_\_\_ (12D)  
and with him is plenteous \_\_\_\_\_ (5D)

and \_\_\_\_\_ (13A) will redeem Israel  
from all their iniquities.

# Does Being Famous Matter?

Today's Gospel reading tells us that Jesus' relatives were trying to get close to Him when there was a huge crowd. But Jesus didn't get up to see them or make the other people go away. He kept teaching the people around Him. He said to them, "Who are my mother and my brothers? Here are my mother and my brothers. Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Do you know why Jesus said that? He was telling us that knowing important people or being related to important people doesn't matter at all. What matters is that we love Jesus and do what He asks.



Do you sometimes wish that you were very important or popular? Being well-known isn't a bad thing, but being good is much more important than being famous. God wants us to be humble and happy loving Him and doing what we are supposed to, no matter how important we seem to others.

*You are very important to God!*



Answers to Cross-Word:  
ACROSS: 3.may 4.cry 6.Lord 9.ears 10.dawn 13.He 15.stand 17.word 18.forgiveness  
DOWN: 1.my 2.voice 3.mark 5.redemption 7.depths 8.in 11.with 12.kindness 14.who  
16.trust 17.wait



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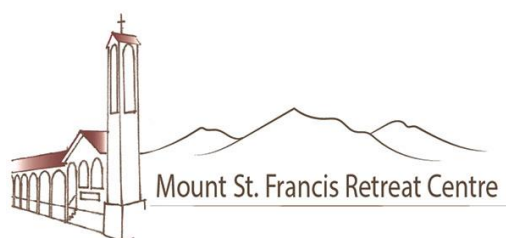
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# Retreat Centers in Southern Alberta

## AN "OASIS" IN THE HEART OF CALGARY

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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





# Scams Alert

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

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

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

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

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

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

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