



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YR. B SUNDAY, SEPT 15, 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 TUESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY 9:00AM

WEDNESDAY 7:00AM

SATURDAY 5:00PM - SUNDAY 8:30AM, 10:30AM & 6:00PM

MONTHLY - 1ST TUESDAY 6:00PM & 1ST SATURDAY 8:00AM

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.**

**Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 116: I rejoice in
God's kindness as He listens and saves me from
death, allowing me to live in His presence.**

*True faith is demonstrated through
caring deeds, not just words.*

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

✠ Masses & Mass Intentions



Saturday, September 14

5:00pm – Souls in Purgatory ✠

Sunday, September 15

8:30am – Ruth Bosch ✠

10:30am – Holy Family Parish

6:00pm – Max & Douglas Steinkey ✠

Monday, September 16

9:00am – Alana Banks

Tuesday, September 17

9:00am – Rick & Janice Blair

Wednesday, September 18

7:00am – Alleen Eirich

Thursday, September 19

8:30am – Dan Krassman ✠

Friday, September 20

9:00am – Johanna Van Ham ✠

OPERATING FINANCES**AUGUST 1-30, 2024**

Operating Budget 2024	\$ 60,990
General Envelope Collection	\$ 44,282
Loose Collections	\$ 4,279
Future Development	\$ 2,648
Sale of Church Supplies & Other	\$ 2,730
\$ 53,939 - Budget Vs Actual	-\$ 7,051

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 3,871
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 2,230
World Mission	\$ 25
Clergy Retirement	\$ 250
Mission Mexico	\$ 160
CARO	\$ 25
Seminary Fund	\$ 20

*Thank You
for your Generous Contributions*

Average Weekly Attendance **877**

VOCATIONS Sept 15, 2024
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Who do people say that I am?" Who do you think Jesus is? The depth of our faith is rooted in our answer. Is God calling you to be a priest, religious, or deacon? If you think you are being called to a Church vocation, please contact the Office of Vocations at 403-218-5500 or email Fr. Cristino Bouvette vocations@calgarydiocese.ca www.catholiccy.ca/vocations.html

Together IN ACTION Year to Date: \$40,005.
only 56% of total needed!

The amount needed before end 2024 is \$70,938.

Only 3½ months to go and \$30,933. more to raise. Please give what you can to meet our goal this year!

Your Generosity is Appreciated!



**Special Collections
SEPTEMBER 2024**

**Future Development
Fund**

Together in Action

**September 29, 2024
Needs of the
Canadian Church**

St. Matthew

THE APOSTLE

SEPTEMBER 21ST

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 50:4c-9a.

Psalms 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9.

James 2:14-18.

Mark 8:27-35.

Deny. Take. Follow.

On the long journey to Jerusalem, Jesus clarifies that following the Christ (Peter's response to Who am I?) requires denying self, taking up the cross, and following. Saint James helps make this clear with the need for mercy activity. Reread the Second Reading each day this week.

- † Clothe the naked. What will I do?
- † Feed the hungry. What will I do?
- † Shelter the homeless. What will I do?

Faithfully
FAITH. LIVED. FULLY.

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

You asked for it... You got it
Wednesday Morning Mass is moving
to 7:00 AM

WEDNESDAY MASS @ 7:00 AM

Early Risers and those that need to
be at work, you can now take part in
Mid Week Mass at 7:00 AM

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Holy Family Parish, Medicine Hat, AB

SEPTEMBER 18TH TOPIC

WHAT IS FAITH

SEPTEMBER 25TH TOPIC

THE HOLY TRINITY &

WHO IS JESUS

WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 PM IN THE FAITH ROOM

IF INTERESTED CALL PAT AT 403-527-1097

HOLY FAMILY PARISH ANNUAL BLESSING OF PETS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 AT 2:00PM

Pets of all religious backgrounds and their owners are welcome!

Pets must be leashed
or in a crate.

1451 Strachan Rd SE

403-527-6933



**4th Degree
Knights of
Columbus
Members
Meeting
Sept. 22, 2024
2:00 PM
St. Patrick's
Church
Meeting Room**



Knights of Columbus #9502

Instillation of Officers

Knights of Columbus Council #9502 will have their
Instillation of Officers on Monday, September 16, 2024,
at 6:30pm in the sanctuary at Holy Family Parish. All
officers need to attend this instillation ceremony.
Family members are invited to attend. Following the
ceremony, we will convene for our general meeting in
the Faith Room. Please contact GK, Greg Martin, if you
are unable to attend.

Sacramental Preparation 2024-25

**1st Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion &
Confirmation**

Registration has been completed

If you missed it... Please contact

Sally at 403-527-6933 ext 105

or sac.prep@holyfamilymh.ca

All Sacrament Classes will be in

St. Patrick's Church Hall



Faith & Family



Kin Coulee Toboggan Hill

At the Picnic Shelter

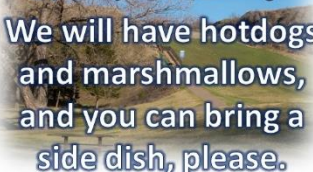
Sunday, September 22

2:00 to 5:00 PM

EVERYONE WELCOME!

**Kin Coulee
Potluck**

We will have hotdogs
and marshmallows,
and you can bring a
side dish, please.



**FOOD & CULTURE
SOCIAL**

**Bowls are
\$2.00 each**

**Details to
Follow**

What? A food and social event
celebrating our cultural diversity.

When? Saturday September 28, 2024,
after the 5:00pm Mass.

Where? Holy Family Parish.

Who? Everybody is encouraged to attend!

Why? To celebrate that each of us!

How? By sharing your culture with our
community.

Please contact PPC Chair Gary Heinbecker
at tasteoftheworld2023@gmail.com

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Ministry Fair

October 5th & 6th after Mass




Bible Study



Thursday Mornings after the 9:00 Mass

Children's Liturgy

Sunday's 10:30 AM Mass
Meet at 10:15am in the Foyer
4 years and up,
plus support if needed.



For Information or to Volunteer Call
Tammy @ 403-866-7886

If you would like to receive the Weekly Bulletin by email, please email the office at contact@holyfamilymh.ca

Or you can view it on the website at www.holyfamilymh.ca or on Facebook at **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.

St. Patrick's Parish Catholic Women's League

will be holding their
Annual Used Clothing Sale
September 19th to the 21st
Thank You For your support!





Save all your good used clothing to donate!
Drop off clothes Wednesday Sept 18 in the Hall



Building Up Our Domestic Church

Booklets are available in front of church entrance. Supplied by your Holy Family Parish Knights of Columbus. Please stop and have a browse. The display stand has just been replenished and the new edition books are a must for your spiritual library. Vivat Jesus

COMING TO OUR PARISH THIS FALL!

WE ARE EXCITED TO OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR BOTH THE MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR PARISH TO GROW IN THEIR FAITH

FOR MEN
TMIY
THAT MAN IS YOU!



Dates to be Announced

She Shall Be Called Woman



Women's Ministry Coming Soon

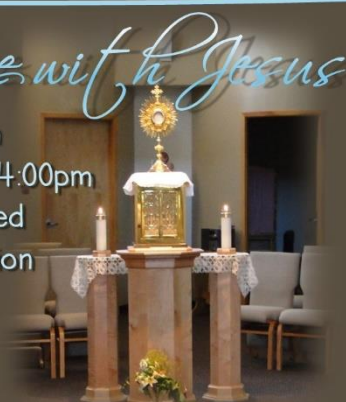
Learning from Seniors - A New Ministry

As St. James says, "if any of you are lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given to you" (1:5).

This is the new ministry our Parish is hoping to start. Once a week seniors will be coming together to share their fellowship by having coffee and playing games and sharing their lives with one another (this is just a brief description of the ministry). If you are interested in coordinating this ministry, please contact Fr. Iqbal. Hoping to start in October.

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



Listen...with the ear of your heart.

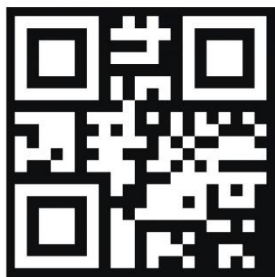
This is the opening line of the rule of St. Benedict. Come join us (Benedictine Oblates) in prayer as we listen to the voice of God in our lives.

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.



TOMICS by Tom Gould

Luke 19:7



USE WITH



Scan code with camera or visit signup.formed.org

Enter "Medicine Hat" click on "Holy Family"

FORMED FAITH AT HOME

REMINDER:
Be suspicious of emails that ask you to buy cards and/or send money. This can't be a normal way of operating in the Catholic Church. Be suspicious!

Ignore these emails and mark them as spam/junk.

IT'S A SCAM!
Bishops, priests, deacons, and religious do not ask for gift cards or cash. If you receive an email or text asking for these, ignore it. **It's a scam**

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE of Calgary

Are you looking for Sacramental Marriage?

Were you married by J&P, in another Denomination or living in a Common Law relationship? We can help you to marry in the Church by completing your marriage paperwork or filing for annulment (in case you were previously married).

Contact St. Patricks' or Holy Family Parishes for assistance.

According to Canon Law "The matrimonial covenant, has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament between the baptized. §2. For this reason, a valid matrimonial contract cannot exist between the baptized without it being by that fact a sacrament (1055: 1&2).

And according to Catechism of the Catholic Church "Sacred Scripture begins with the creation of man and woman in the image and likeness of God and concludes with a vision of "the wedding-feast of the Lamb (1602).

Chalice Child Sponsorship

We are a **Canadian, Catholic** international child sponsorship charity focused on child, family, and community development. Since 1992, we have collaborated closely with lay people, religious missionaries, and local communities to care for those children and families caught in the dehumanizing grip of poverty.

Sponsorship gives children the support needed to overcome obstacles so they can attend and **stay in school**, and allows families to provide **nutritious food** and better care for their children. Children are selected for sponsorship based on need and family circumstances, regardless of race, age, ability, gender, or religion.

Each of the **53 sponsor sites** we support is under local direction. By working closely with those who live and experience the difficulties of poverty, we gain knowledge and insight into how to best respond to challenges.

We recognize that the **parents and guardians of the children know best what their child needs to thrive**. We send sponsorship funds directly to them via bank accounts they have set up with local staff support. Equipped with financial literacy training, the guardians make budgets, account for their spending, create savings, and even **launch small businesses**. With empowerment and knowledge, families can transition from sponsorship to self-sufficiency.

Almost 50,000 sponsored children in 14 countries

India	Ghana	Bolivia
Philippines	Kenya	Peru
Bangladesh	Tanzania	Paraguay
Haiti	Zambia	Chile
	Ukraine	Guatemala

Chalice commits 90.5% of its spending in support of programs.

Prayer is at the root of every action Chalice undertakes.

Our Canadian staff gathers each morning to pray for the children and families in our sites around the world, as well as for the intentions of our supporters. This special ministry nourishes our staff and offers all of our works to Christ.



Chalice is constituted as a **Private Association of the Faithful** by Archbishop Brian Dunn of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth



Mission

To reveal God's love in action by serving the poor, with the Global Catholic Community.

Purpose

Christ to the Poor and the Poor to Christ

CHALICE.CA





Knights of Columbus®
Alberta/NWT State Council



**Early Bird
Draws x2**

\$1000^{ea}

Draw Dates at 2 PM:
September 30
October 28

In support of:

Educational Institutions, Community Charities, Churches,
Youth and Seniors Activities across Alberta



Support the Alberta Knights of Columbus and WIN CASH this fall!

PLUS — get tickets before September 30th and qualify for **BOTH**
\$1,000 EARLY BIRD DRAWS:

GET 50/50 TICKETS

Sales end November 23, 2024 @ 6 pm.

Present in over 17 countries, the Knights of Columbus put faith into action by serving the community and supporting charitable programs such as Habitat for Humanity, the Global Wheelchair Mission, and Coats for Kids.

Thanks for supporting the Alberta Knights of Columbus.

GOOD LUCK!

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You must select 09502 Joe McKenna, Medicine Hat
Proceeds go to Project Rachel and Elizabeth House

PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO ITALY, MONACO, AND FRANCE

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UNDER SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE OF FR. IOBAL KHURSHID

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MOUNT SAINT-MICHEL, NORMANDIE, ROUEN, PARIS**



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- 2 MEALS BREAKFAST AND DINNER DAILY
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- AIRPORT TAXES
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NOT INCLUDED:

- LUNCHESES
- TRAVEL INSURANCE



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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

DO WE KNOW JESUS?

Last Sunday we meditated on the divine power of Jesus who healed the man who was deaf and had an impediment in speech. We learned that God has given us ears to listen to him and lips to proclaim his name to all the nations. Today the Lord wants us to question ourselves, if we know him, how good do we know him? Today is the real test of his disciples and for us. Is Jesus for us? There are two questions: one impersonal and other personal. Which one is easy to answer? I will leave it up to you to decide.

In the foreword to the first volume of his *Jesus of Nazareth*, Benedict XVI reveals the deep theological and pastoral concern that inspired his labors. Owing to certain currents in biblical studies from the 1950s on, an impression has become widely diffused that “we have little certain knowledge of Jesus and that only at a later stage did faith in his divinity shape the image we have of him.”

This theological challenge has immediate pastoral consequences. Benedict rightly discerns that this constitutes “a dramatic situation for faith, because its point of reference is being placed in doubt: Intimate friendship with Jesus, on which everything depends, is in danger of clutching at thin air.” Intimate friendship with Jesus is the heart of the matter.

Pope Benedict had already sounded a similar theme in his first encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est*. In a much-quoted sentence, he writes: “Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction. Saint John’s Gospel describes that event in these words: “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should. . . have eternal life.” (3:16)

This “encounter” by its very nature is destined to grow into an abiding “friendship” as the Last Supper Discourse in Saint John’s Gospel makes clear. “No longer do I call you servants. . .but I have called you friends.” (Jn 15:15) “Abide in me and I in you. . . .He who abides in me, and I in him, bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.” (Jn 15:4-5)

I would like to explore three dimensions of “friendship with Jesus” that may serve us as we all seek to appropriate and deepen this call to friendship with the Lord.

First is what the liturgical and theological Tradition speaks of as the “prevenient” love of Jesus. Friendship with Christ is not our initiative nor is it within our natural capacity. It depends utterly on the initiative of Jesus. “Love of Jesus” is, in the first instance, Jesus’ love of us. Saint Paul is firm in his persuasion: “the Lord Jesus who loved me and gave himself for me.” (Gal 1:20). Our love of Jesus is our grace-endowed and grateful response to his love of us even to death, death on a cross. I can still remember the deep affection with which, as a youngster participating in the Stations of the Cross, I joined with many in professing: “I love you, Jesus my love, I repent of having offended you.”

A second dimension of friendship with Jesus flows from this. Namely, the love of Jesus gives rise to our knowledge of Jesus. My primary knowledge of the Lord is that of his love for me. To adapt Paul: I know “the Lord Jesus who loves me and gives himself for me.” Real, not merely notional, knowledge of Jesus is the abiding fruit of love of Jesus. And the experiential setting for this knowledge is the Church’s celebration of the Eucharist where Jesus’ loving self-gift is re-presented and made actual.

The third dimension of our friendship with Jesus is already adumbrated in the previous quote from Paul. As Paul and all the saints bear witness: growth in friendship with Christ entails an ever more generous embrace of his Cross. In the Letter to the Philippians Paul recounts his own experience of “cruciformity.” He speaks of the life-giving loss of all he had formerly counted of worth, the prideful pomp of the “flesh:” pedigree, accomplishments, death-dealing zeal for the ego-inflating cause. All unmasked as vanity in the revelatory light of “knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.” (Phil 3:8)

Once upon a time there was a mentally challenged individual that worked at a local supermarket. There was a time when the store presented an “*Employee of the Month*” award to its staff. Every month whoever was the recipient of that honour, would brag about it and show off the plaque to the store’s customers for weeks after. This individual never got the honour. However, one day a lady met him in the grocery store and asked the young man to help her load some bags into her car. In the conversation that ensued, she asked if he had received the recognition plaque this year. He said, no, and went on to explain that the store had intention to consider giving him one. He became clearly emotional and distraught discussing it. It seemed

that it made him feel so sad that his work, which clearly helps him to define himself, would never be appreciated. Seeing how much this person cared about this honor, she decided to take it upon herself to do something about it. So, every year at Christmas time, for the last several years, she gets a recognition plaque made--complete with this man's name and picture--and awards it to him in the parking lot when he helps her with her groceries. He was so overcome that someone took the time to recognize his work that he would often break down and cry when she would give him the award. We can see in the Sacred Scripture today that God knows us and rewards us with the gifts. But how about us, do we know God and Jesus? Who are they for us? These are very important questions for us to understand as the Word of God this week opens our hearts and minds to know and understand.

In the First Reading Prophet Isaiah is presenting one of the Messianic songs to us which speaks about the attributes of the servant. This song is all about the Lamb, Jesus the Saviour. There are few very important attributes we need to carry or find in our lives.

1. God opens our ears as we heard from last Sunday's Gospel that Jesus healed a man who was deaf and mute. We listen the voice of the Lord to be obedient not rebellious. Unfortunately, in our current times "listening" is vanishing and people are becoming rebellious. If we listen, our pain, suffering and persecution turn into joy. In the life of Jesus that was important because "he became obedient to death even death on a cross" and "Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name".
2. God is a helper and protector to those who trust in him "The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced..." God does not forget or forsake but loves us "I have written your name on the palms of hands" and as St. Paul says "If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself". Throughout our salvation history God has never left his people but walks with them "I am your God and you are my people".
3. When God is with us who can separate us from him? Jesus though suffered, always trusted in his Father whose will he came to do. God stood by his Son's side to strengthen him in the times of trial, suffering and crucifixion and Jesus never forgot that but looked at his Father "Father, forgive them" and "I commend my spirit into your hands". In our pain and suffering if we trust in the Lord God then we can claim like Prophet Isaiah "It is the Lord God who helps me' who will declare me guilty?"

The Responsorial Psalm on the other hand shows us the depth of our relationship with God the Father "I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living". This Psalm has such a wonderful way of expressing our feeling that should become our

daily prayer “I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications”. Secondly this Psalm does invite us to examine ourselves to see if we know God and Jesus his “Beloved Son Jesus Christ”. If we know that we will only trust in him and pray to him. Do we really know him?

St. James in the Second Reading is really bringing us to the point where we need to test our faith. Faith without works and works without faith is an empty vessel which produce loud noise and nothing else. Jesus says in the Gospel of St. John “by your works people will that you are my disciples”. Is not amazing to see that our Faith and Works they go hand in hand? How do we show our faith in the Lord?

Sometimes we may have more knowledge of the universe but don't know about Jesus like in this story.

A popular speaker started off a seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. A crowd of 200 had gathered to hear him speak. He asked, “Who would like this \$20 bill?”

200 hands went up.

He said, “I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this.” He crumpled the bill up.

He then asked, “Who still wants it?”

All 200 hands were still raised.

“Well,” he replied, “What if I do this?” Then he dropped the bill on the ground and stomped on it with his shoes.

He picked it up and showed it to the crowd. The bill was all crumpled and dirty.

“Now who still wants it?”

All the hands still went up.

“My friends, I have just showed you a very important lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times, in our lives, life crumples us and grinds us into the dirt. We make bad decisions or deal with poor circumstances. We feel worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. You are special – Don't ever forget it!

What use of knowing everything but Jesus?

Holy Father Pope Francis reflecting on the Gospel says “Today's Gospel passage turns to the question that permeates the whole Gospel of Mark: who is Jesus? But this time Jesus himself poses it to his disciples, helping them to gradually address the question of his identity. Before asking them, the Twelve, directly, Jesus wants to hear from them what the people think about him, and he is well aware that the disciples are very sensitive to the Teacher's renown! Therefore, he asks: “Who do people say that I am?”. It comes to light that Jesus is considered by the people as a great prophet. But, in reality, he is not interested in the opinions and gossip of the people. He also does not agree that his disciples should answer the questions with pre-packaged

formulas, quoting well-known individuals from Sacred Scripture, because a faith that is reduced to formulas is a short-sighted faith”.

Does Jesus really need human testimony about him? Why was there a need that Jesus has to ask the questions about himself? Jesus doesn't need human testimony because “Not that I accept such human testimony, but I say these things so that you may be saved”. In his First Letter St. John says, “If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son”. There could be several reasons behind these two questions. The Lord wants his disciples of yesterday and today to establish a personal relationship with him, and thus to embrace him at the centre of their life. For this reason, he spurs them to face themselves honestly, and he asks: “But who do you say that I am?” Secondly Jesus wants to see the depth of his disciples' faith as they have heard him speaking and have seen him performing miracles of healing. Thirdly he wants to see the maturity in their relationship with him. Fourthly he wants to see their strength against the things rising against their proclamation etc.

Who Jesus is for us? The greatest truth of all is that Jesus is God. The only way we can know God is through Jesus, for he himself is God. He said: “No one comes to the Father except through me.” And that is why the greatest error of all is to deny Jesus as God. The atheists, who claim there is no God, are terribly mistaken, and so are all who do not recognize Jesus as God. It is just so sad to see more and more people being deceived by the devil, and they live in the greatest error of denying the divinity of Jesus. And there are many false religions and false preachers all over, all of them instruments of the devil in spreading lies, deceptions and confusion in the world. What a pity for Catholics who fall into their hands. That is why it is very important to protect and strengthen our faith. I believe somewhat Covid has played the same role to make people believe that Jesus is not there. How sad it is to see people turning from Jesus because of a tiny virus but not having the faith like a tiny seed (mustard seed)?

Knowing Jesus is resolution to all our problems because he not only obeyed his Father but also for us on the Cross to grant us eternal life. I believe the following story will help us to examine ourselves to see our relationship with the Lord.

One night four college kids stayed out late, partying and having a good time. They paid no mind to the test they had scheduled for the next day and didn't study. In the morning, they hatched a plan to get out of taking their test. They covered themselves with grease and dirt and went to the Dean's office. Once there, they said they had been to a wedding the previous night and on the way back they got a flat tire and had to push the car back to campus.

The Dean listened to their tale of woe and thought. He offered them a retest three days later. They thanked him and accepted his offer.

When the test day arrived, they went to the Dean. The Dean put them all in separate rooms for the test. They were fine with this since they had all studied hard. Then they saw the test. It had 2 questions.

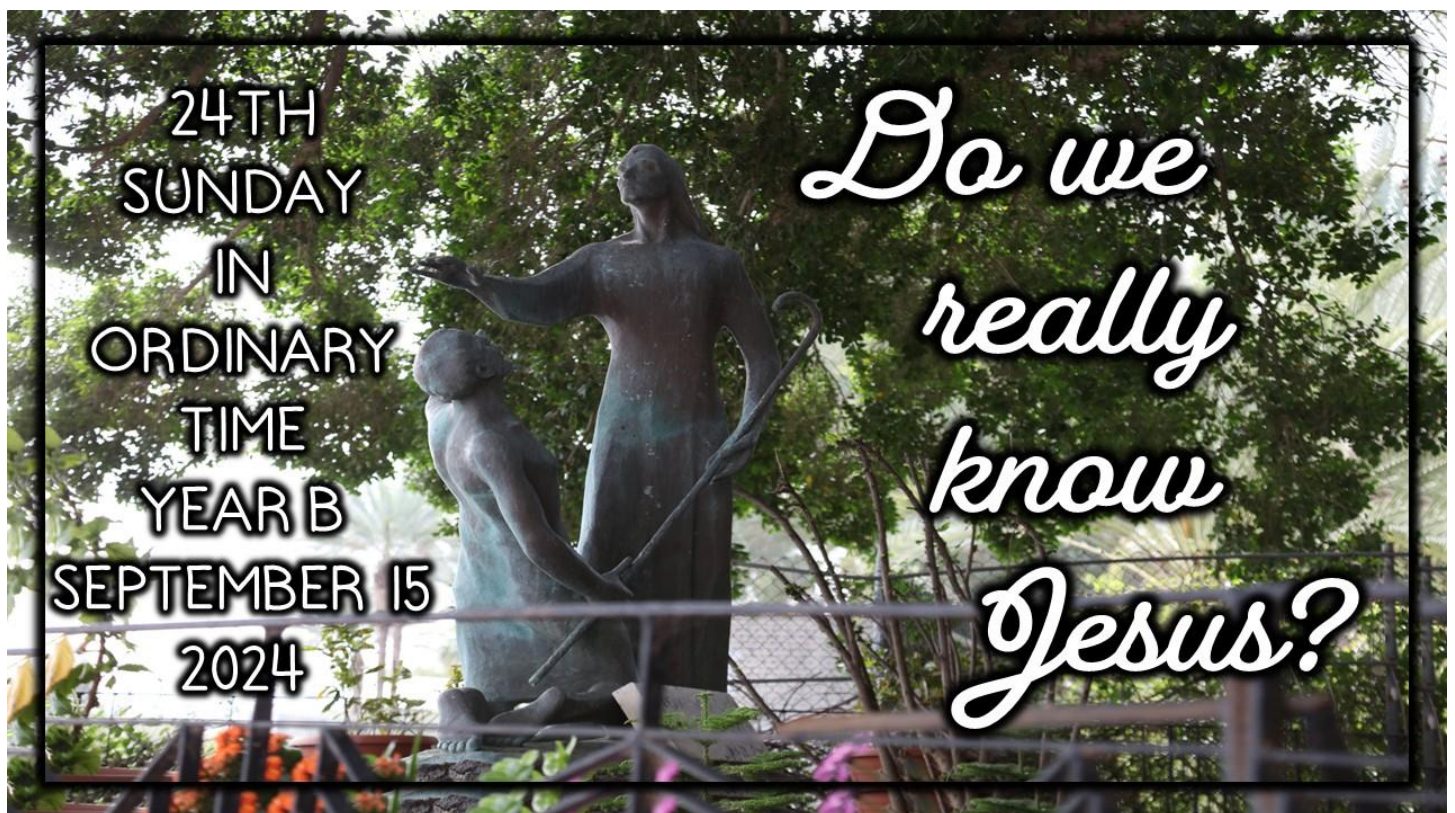
1) Your Name _____ (1 Points)

2) Which _____ tire _____ burst? _____ (99 Points)

Options – (a) Front Left (b) Front Right (c) Back Left (d) Back Right

Today, Jesus addresses this very direct and confidential question to each of us: “You, who do you say that I am? All of you, who do you say that I am? Who am I for you?”. Each person is called to respond, in his or her heart, allowing each one to be illuminated by the light that the Father gives us in order to know his Son Jesus. And it can also happen to us, as it did to Peter, that we passionately affirm: “You are the Christ”.

Do we really know who Jesus is for us?



DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

September 15, 2024

40 Hours Devotion for Vocations

Pray with us as for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our Diocese. The next devotions:

- [St. Anthony's, Calgary](#) - Thu, Sep 12 at 3 pm to Sat, Sep 14 at 11 am (Chapel)
- [St. Mark's, Calgary](#) - Fri, Sep 20 at 10 am to Sun, Sep 22 at 3 am
- [Our Lady of Peace, Tsuut'ina Nation](#), Wed, Oct 2 at noon (Mass) to 10 pm
- [Holy Family Parish, Medicine Hat](#) - Thu, Oct 3 at 4 pm to Sat, Oct 5 at 8 am (Mass)

Finding God in all Things (Through Music)

Engage in creative reflection, listen to inspiring words, and explore the divine presence in music and life.

When: **Sat, Sep 19, 7 pm to 8:30 pm at FCJ Retreat Centre**. To register, visit fcjcentre.ca or call 403-228-4215.

ABLAZE Youth Ministry

Set your hearts on fire - Ablaze with love for God and His Church. Youth Gr. 6-8 are invited to join Youth Ministries Ablaze at St. Bonaventure Parish with FacetoFace Ministries - helping youth encounter Christ through engaging talks, games, meaningful relationships and vibrant praise and worship. When: **Fri, Sep 20 from 7 pm to 9 pm**. Question? Ask Paul at paul.w.schulz@gmail.com

Holy Spirit Annual Book Sale

Come to the annual CWL Book Sale at Holy Spirit Parish on **Sat, Sep 21 from 9 am to 3 pm**. Donations of gently used books are gratefully accepted until September 17th. Books may be placed in the red bin inside the main doors of the church Monday to Saturday 8:30 am to 4 pm and Sundays during regular mass times (no magazines, textbooks or encyclopedias).

Wanted - Volunteers for Prison Ministry in North Calgary

We urgently need new volunteers to serve in our prison team at the Calgary Youth Offender Centre (CYOC). The commitment is to serve **once a month on Saturday, from 1:30-3:30 pm**, soon extending by an hour.

If you or someone in your parish is interested in volunteering, please contact the Catholic Pastoral Centre at receptionist@calgarydiocese.ca

Transitions

Transitions is a 15-week, peer-led, God-centered support group designed to foster healing for individuals navigating the pain of separation and divorce. It is facilitated within a confidential, safe, and respectful environment of the community. The group meets every **Tuesday from 7 pm to 9 pm, starting Oct 1** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre. There is no fee to register. Register now at catholiccyc.ca/transitions.

Fertility Awareness Evening

Geared for women of all ages and states of life. Topics of discussion will be: making sense of your hormones, understanding and charting your cycle, what your cycle says about your overall health, God's design in creating the female reproductive system and more! When: **Fri, Sep 27 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm** at St. Mary's University. Register at: fertilityawarenessnight.eventbrite.ca

Elevated Conference for Youth in Grade 6-8

Come encounter the Lord, have fun with Face to Face Ministries, and be empowered to become a modern-day saint! When: **Wed, Sep 28 from 10 am to 4:45 pm at St. Peter's Church** (541 Silvergrove Dr. NW, Calgary). To register, visit <https://st-peters.ca>

Fiat - Young Women Retreat for Religious Life Discernment

Join Fr. Derek Remus, Sr. Dianne Turner, and Sr. Azenette Trongco for a day of discernment and prayer for young, single women 16+. **When: Sep. 28 from 9 am to 4 pm**. Start with 9 am Mass, followed by prayer, adoration, and scripture reflections. If you have any

questions, contact Sr. Dianne
sisterdianne.turner@calgarydiocese.ca or call 403-218-5504.

Like A Mighty River Conference

CCCRS invites you to join their annual conference with theme "Navigating the River of faith - Anchored in God's Grace." When: **Sat, Oct 19 from 8:30 am to 9:30 pm, at Ascension Catholic Parish.** To register, please contact cccrsevents@gmail.com or call 403-836-6873.

Transitions Alumni Reunion

Calling all past participants of the *Transitions* Program for those divorced or separated. Join us for light refreshments and an opportunity to reconnect with one another. When: **Fri. Oct. 18 from 7 pm to 9 pm** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary). Please share this information with anyone you know who has attended the program.

Recovery from Pornography

Connected is a 15-session program designed to help individuals overcome addiction to pornography, while *Reconnected* offers support specifically for the spouses of those affected. Session runs from **Oct 21 to Dec 9, 2024** via Zoom. Get more details by contacting Mark at 403-701-2262 or email kolodzie@telusplanet.net

Career Opportunities in the Diocese of Calgary

Employment opportunities currently available in the Diocese of Calgary:

- [Discipleship and Lay Ministry Coordinator \(Full-time\) - Catholic Pastoral Centre](#)
- [Hospitality/Security \(Full-time\) - Sacred Heart, Calgary](#)
- NEW! [Maintenance Worker \(Part-time\) - Sacred Heart, Calgary](#)

For more info, visit catholicyc.ca/careers

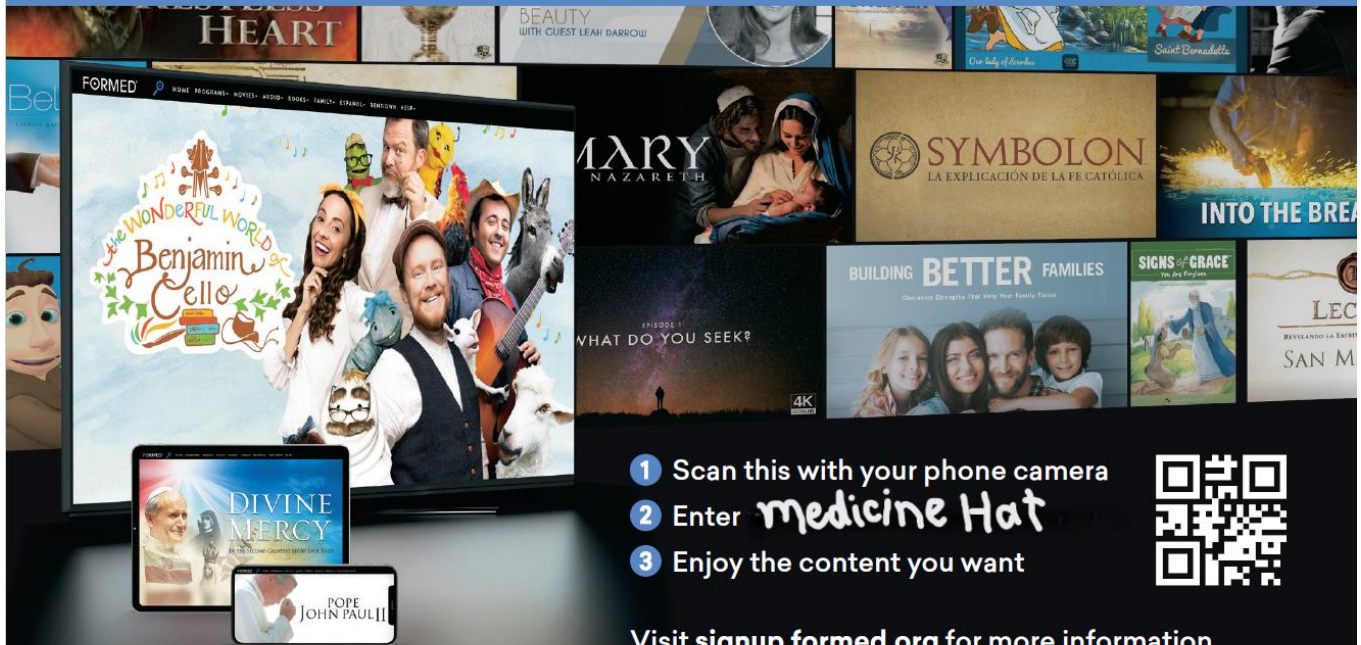
National Gathering of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Association of Canada

Don't miss the National Gathering of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Association of Canada in Calgary on **Oct 18-19 at the FCJ Centre** (219 19 Ave SW). This event is a great opportunity for faith formation for CGS and sacrament preparation catechists, Children's Liturgy of the Word ministers, parents, and teachers. For more information or to register, visit www.cgsac.ca



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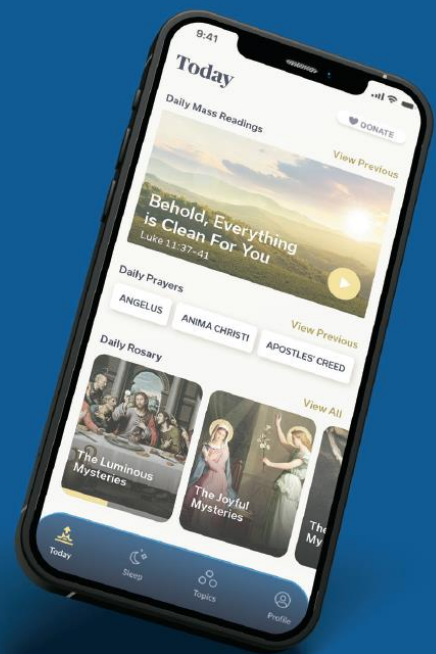
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Faith in Action Life Director	Allan Lawson
Faith in Action Family Director	Jimmy Tablan
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Faith in Action Community Director	Ron Pisoni
Pastoral Parish Council Representative	Garry Mastel

2024 2025 Knights Events

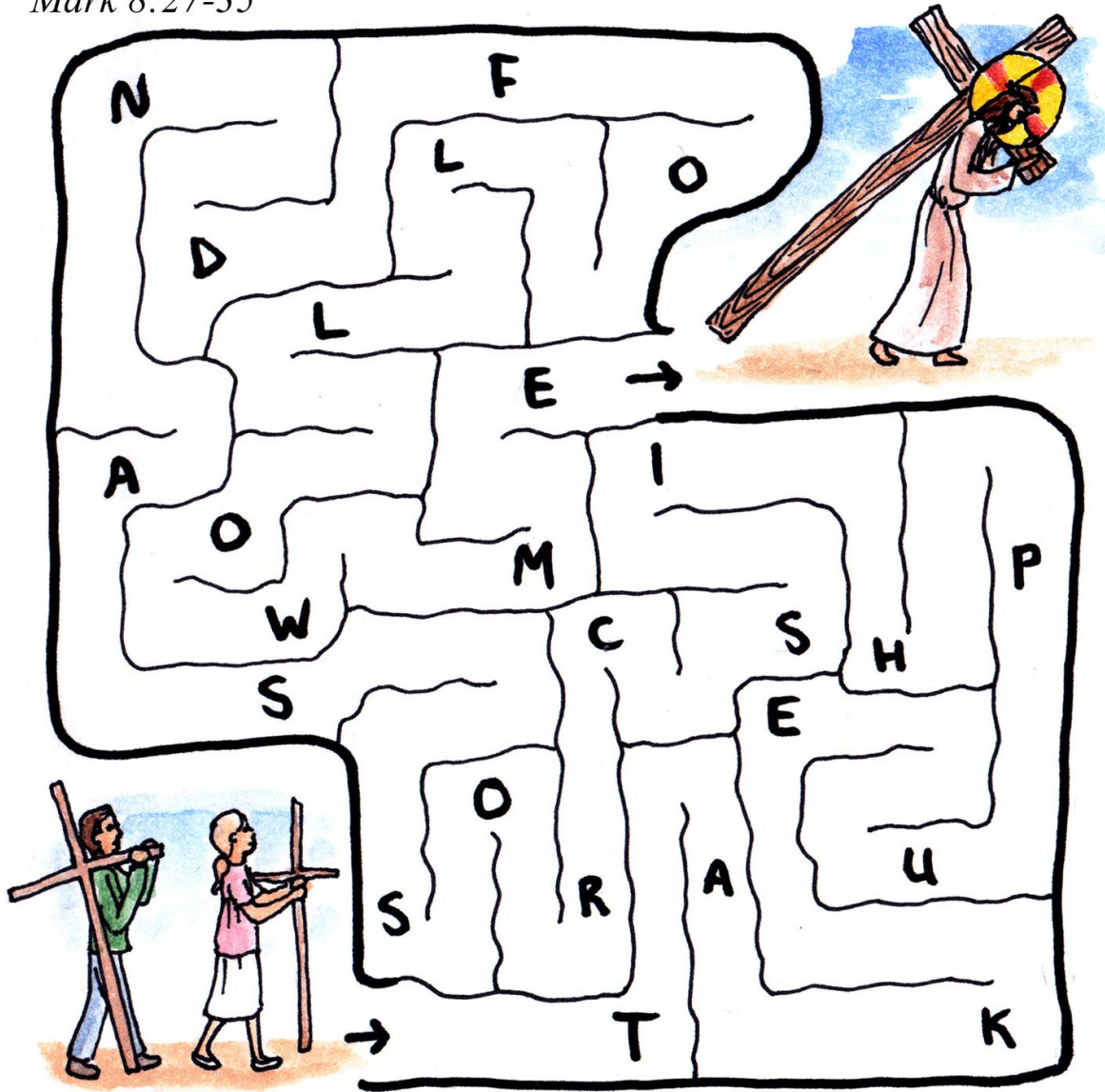
Date	Activity
Sunday, September 8	Corn Roast
Monday, September 16	Officers Instillation
Sunday, September 29	Knights Mass
Sat, Sept 28 Sun., Sept 29	Rosary Program and Recruitment
Thursday, October 3	Pilgrim Icon
Thurs., Oct 3 to Sat., Oct 5	40 Hour Adoration
Sat., Oct 5 to Sun., Oct 6	Ministry Fair
Saturday, Oct. 19	Highway Clean Up
Sat., Oct. 12 at Noon	Canada Needs Our Lady
Sunday, October 20	Breakfast
Sat., Oct. 26 to Sun., Nov. 3	Student Art Show
Fri., Nov. 1	All Souls Mass
Sunday, November 17	Breakfast
Saturday, December 7	Knights Mass
Monday, December 16	Family Supper
Sunday, December 29	Consecration to the Holy Family

The Kids' Bulletin

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15th, 2024

Mark 8:27-35

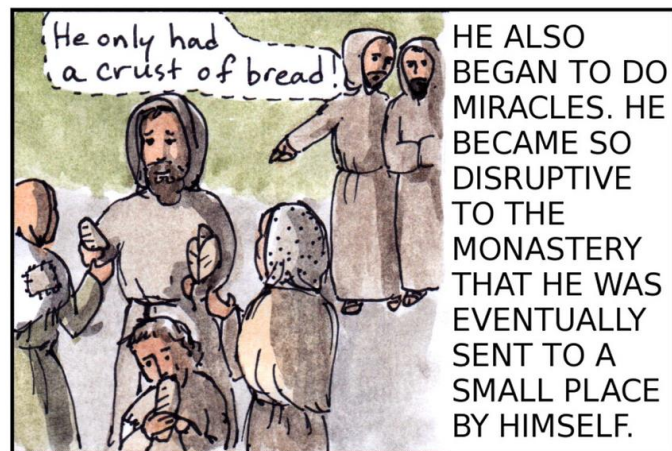
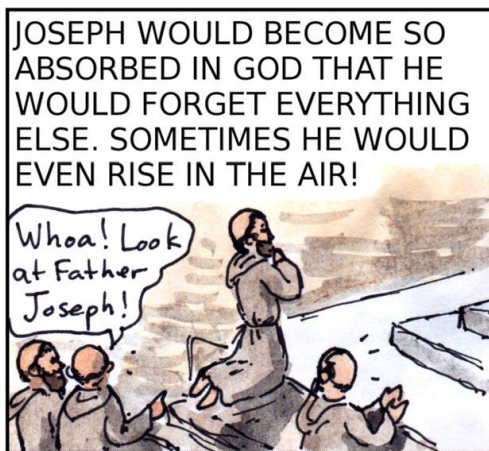
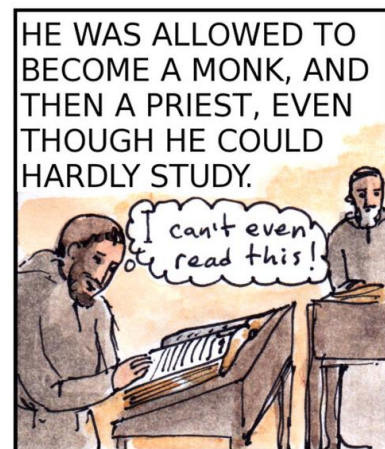
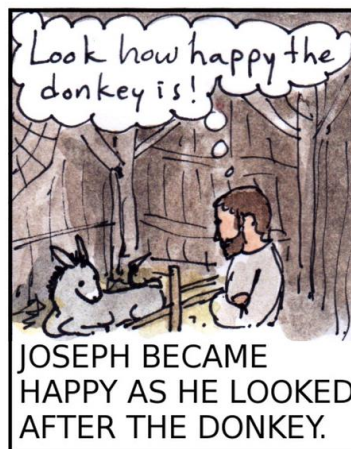
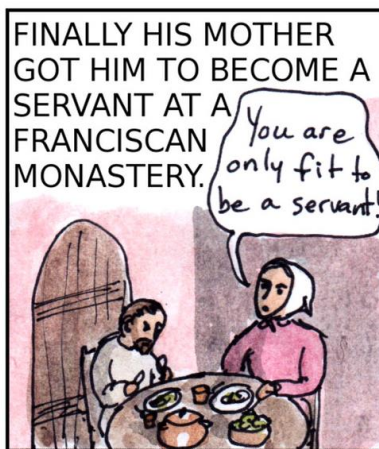
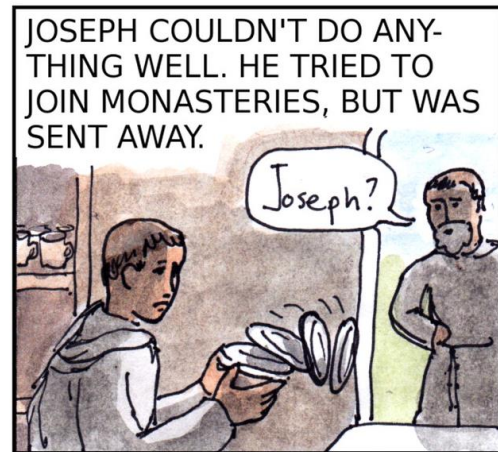
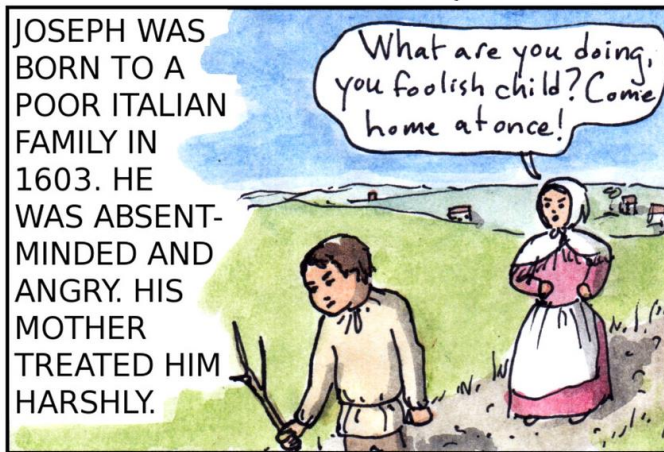


Use the letters that you pass going through the maze
to fill in the blanks:

*In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the
apostles, "If any man would come after me,
let him deny himself and*

Saint Joseph of Cupertino

September 16



JOSEPH KNEW THAT HE WAS NOT VERY GOOD AT ANYTHING. HE WAS HUMBLE AND ACCEPTED HIS POSITION. BECAUSE OF THIS GOD COULD WORK MIRACLES THROUGH HIM. HE ALWAYS KNEW THAT IT WAS GOD WORKING AND NOT HIMSELF. WE SHOULD REALIZE THAT EVERY GOOD THING WE DO COMES FROM GOD.

Who do You Think Jesus is?

Use these words to fill in the blanks and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

Elijah

prophets

said

Peter

disciples

John

Jesus asked the _____ ¹ _____,

"Who do people say that I am?"

They ⁵ _____ in reply,

"_____ ² _____ the Baptist,

others _____ ⁴ _____,

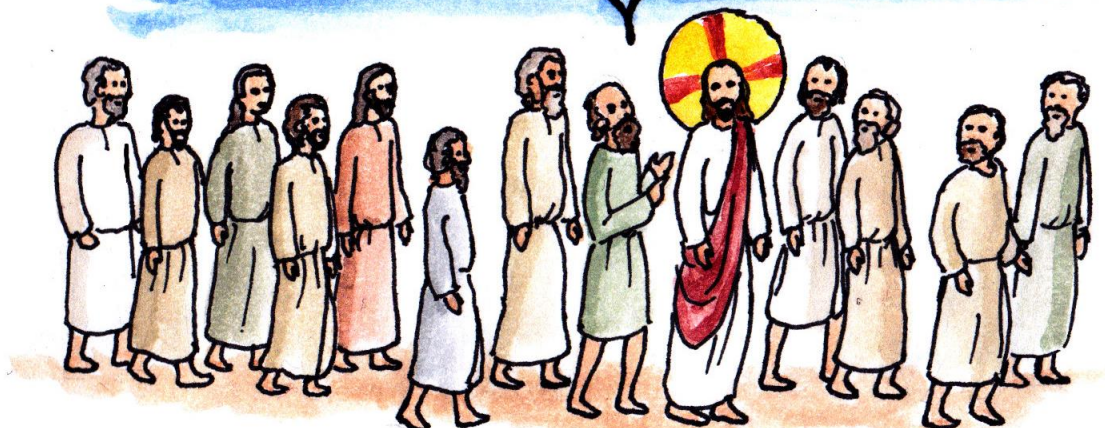
still others, one of the _____ ³ _____."

And He asked them,

"But who do you say that I am?"

_____ ⁶ _____ said to Him in reply,

You are the _____ ¹ ² ³ ⁴ ⁵ ⁶ !



Show that You Believe in Jesus!

James 2:14-18

THANKS FOR
HELPING ME
TIDY THE BED!



In today's second reading, Saint James tells us that we can't just say that we have faith. We need to show it by what we do.

Being a follower of Jesus means believing in Him, and also doing what He wants us to do.

Do you know what God wants you to do? He wants you to obey His commandments. That means He wants you to listen to your parents and teachers, and not steal or lie or be mean to other kids.



HERE. YOU CAN
PLAY WITH
MY CARS
TOO!

You can also show your faith by doing good works, like being nice to other people.

What are some kind things you can do for someone today and tomorrow?



Answer to front page: take up his cross and follow Me.
Answer to inside puzzle: disciples, said, John, Elijah,
prophets, Peter, CHRIST



Who is Jesus? Do I need a church?

Why do I exist?

Teens in your parish are actively looking for answers to these questions. Unfortunately, the world is not providing the proper guidance to point them in the right direction.

But you can help change this. Equip your teens with the tools to help them discover the best answers to these questions with The Search Begins.

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH THIS TRAILER](#)

The Search Begins is a seven-episode video series adapted from the Augustine Institute's award-winning series The Search. It invites teens in your parish to find meaning in their everyday lives. This program shares the answers to the fundamental questions of life so they can live more for God. A life of purpose!

Guide your teens to real, satisfying answers about their life and the person of Jesus Christ now with The Search Begins.

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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 @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.