



# Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YR. B SUNDAY, SEPT 22, 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 - 1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY 6:00PM & 1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY 8:00AM

## THE CHAPEL IS OPEN

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30am - 4:00pm

ADORATION FRIDAY 9:30 – 10:30am

Knights of Columbus – Greg Martin

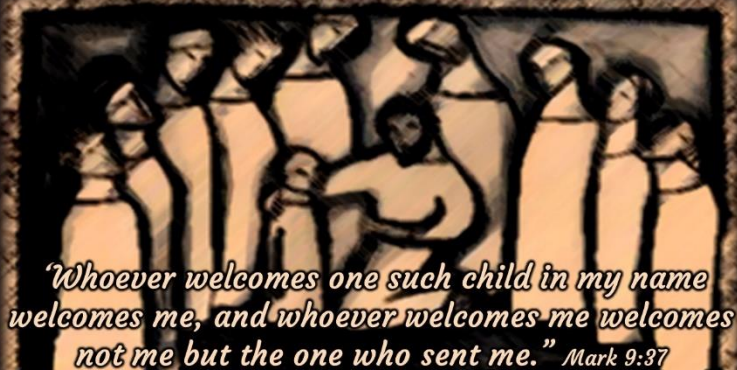
Catholic Women's League – Cathy Koch

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.**

**On the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, we reflect  
on themes of humility, service, and the Christian life.  
The readings guide us to consider how we live out our  
faith in practical ways.**



*'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name  
welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes  
not me but the one who sent me.'* Mark 9:37

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

## ✠ Masses & Mass Intentions ✠



Saturday, September 21

5:00pm – Bill Dietrich ✠

Sunday, September 22

8:30am – Holy Family Parish ✠

10:30am – Gary & Chris Storrs

6:00pm – Judy Judkins

Monday, September 23

9:00am – Marcel Giroux ✠

Tuesday, September 24

9:00am – Fr. Naveed Arif

Wednesday, September 25

7:00am – Deceased Van Ham Family ✠

Thursday, September 26

9:00am – Roslyn & Dennis Weisgerber

Friday, September 27

9:00am – Chuck Love ✠

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

Operating Budget 2024	\$ 60,990
General Envelope Collection	\$ 44,302
Loose Collections	\$ 4,279
Future Development	\$ 2,628
Sale of Church Supplies & Other	\$ 2,724
<b>\$ 53,933 - Budget Vs Actual</b>	<b>-\$ 7,057</b>

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 3,847
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 2,261
World Mission	\$ 25
Clergy Retirement	\$ 250
Mission Mexico	\$ 160
CARO	\$ 25
Seminary Fund	\$ 200

*Thank You  
for your Generous Contributions*

Average Weekly Attendance	876
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**VOCATIONS** Sept 22, 2024  
25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." This life is the ministry of a priest, sister, brother or deacon. If you feel God is calling you to one such vocation, please contact the Office of Vocations at 403-218-5500 or email Fr. Cristino Bouvette

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

**Together IN ACTION** Year to Date: \$40,445.  
only 57% of total needed!

*Annual Bishop's Appeal*

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

Only 3½ months to go and \$30,493. 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**

**Mark 9:30-37**

**Jesus teaches his disciples that the greatest are those who serve all.**

**ST JOHN DE BREBEUF, ST ISAAC JOGUES and COMPANIONS  
SECONDARY PATRONS OF CANADA**

**SEPTEMBER 26**



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20.

Psalms 54:3-4, 5, 6-8.

James 3:16-4:31.

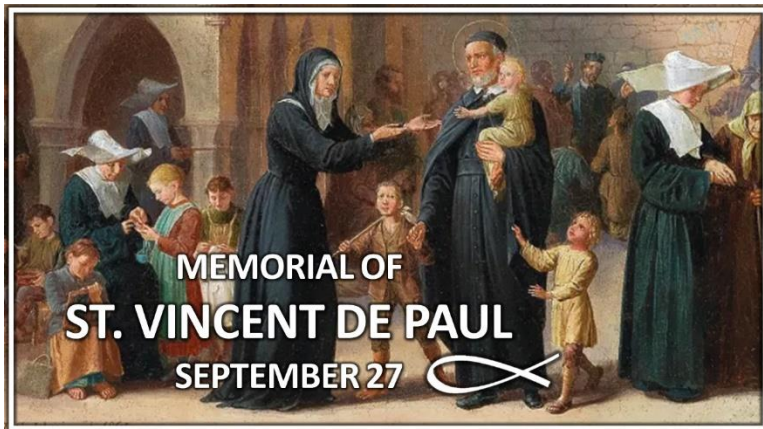
Mark 9:30-37.

"I'm Better Than You."

Our lives are filled with all manner of put down, one upmanship, top dog behavior. When the disciples were caught in a similar conversation by Jesus, their response was silence. Perhaps, from embarrassment, even shame – especially after his teaching. He says to them and to us, be last not first, be of service, be open to receive.

- ◆ Who needs to be first at something this week rather than me?
- ◆ Whom can I serve because they need some help?
- ◆ Whom will I receive with joy as I would a child or grandchild?





### Vincentian Corner

Through the words of Mother Teresa, we learn that serving God and others is not about doing great things but doing small things with great love. We can serve God and others daily by being kind to our neighbors, volunteering our time to help others, and giving to those in need.

Our Society of St. Vincent de Paul needs volunteers. Many people are struggling, and we work to help in whatever capacity we can. Imagine the joyful feeling assisting a single mother with three small children with some rent to keep their home. This is an important and fulfilling ministry.


Please consider coming to one of our monthly meetings to see if this is a calling you might consider. We meet Tuesdays at 1:00pm, September at St. Patrick's Church Hall and October at Holy Family Parish.

Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.



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

**Sacramental Preparation 2024-25**  
**Confirmation**  
Thursday Sept. 26 at St. Patrick's Church Hall  
6:00pm to 7:30pm  
**1st Reconciliation**  
Saturday Sept. 28 at St. Patrick's Church Hall  
10:00am to 11:30am OR Saturday Sept. 28 at  
Holy Family Faith Room 1:30pm to 3:00pm

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**  
  
Holy Family Parish, Medicine Hat, AB  
**SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> TOPIC**  
**THE HOLY TRINITY &  
WHO IS JESUS**  
**WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 PM IN THE FAITH ROOM**  
**IF INTERESTED CALL PAT AT 403-527-1097**

**Faith & Family**  
**Kin Coulee**  
**Potluck**  
**Kin Coulee Toboggan Hill**  
**At the Picnic Shelter**  
**Sunday, September 22**  
**2:00 to 5:00 PM**  
**EVERYONE WELCOME!**  
We will have hotdogs  
and marshmallows,  
and you can bring a  
side dish, please.

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

  
**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](mailto:tasteoftheworld2023@gmail.com)



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# Ministry Fair

October 5th & 6th after Mass



St Joseph Pilgrim Icon Service & 40 Hours of Adoration  
On Thursday, October 3, 2024, at 4:00pm at Holy Family Parish we will have a prayer service in honor of St. Joseph, followed by a 40 Hour Eucharistic Adoration concluded with the Holy Mass on Saturday Morning, October 5th at 8am.

Bishop William McGrattan; "In the spirit of our Diocesan Renewal, I wish to promote the 40 Hours Devotion for Vocations in the Diocese of Calgary."



**CANADA NEEDS OUR LADY**  
A special campaign of the Canadian Society for the Defence of Christian Civilization



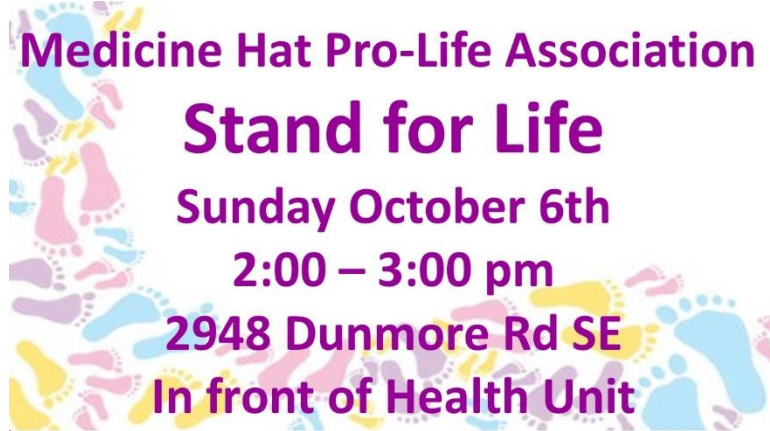
**Rosary Rally**  
October 12th at 12 noon  
Veteran's Memorial Park  
by the Band Shell



## Medicine Hat Pro-Life Association

### Stand for Life

Sunday October 6th  
2:00 – 3:00 pm  
2948 Dunmore Rd SE  
In front of Health Unit



### 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



### 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

Saturday, September 28, 2024  
7:30am - Breakfast and Fellowship  
8:30am - Session 1  
"The Call to an Elite and Fulfilled Life"

## TMIY

THAT MAN IS YOU!  
BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART




Thursdays  
October 3  
To  
November 28  
2024

6:15pm

Holy Family  
Parish Hall

## She Shall Be Called Woman

A PROGRAM FOR ALL WOMEN BY  
PARADISUS DEI



### 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.



**Receiving the child is tantamount to receiving God, the Gospel of this weekend tells us. This is why Pope St. John Paul II. could write in "The Gospel of Life," *"whoever attacks human life, in some way attacks God himself", and "rejection of human life, in whatever form that rejection takes, is really a rejection of Christ"***

*Faithfully*  
FAITH. LIVED. FULLY.

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



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



## St Joseph Pilgrim Icon Service & 40 Hours of Adoration

**October 3<sup>rd</sup> to October 5<sup>th</sup>**

The Knights of Columbus since 1979 has held more than 174 800 Pilgrim Icon Program services in local council and parish prayer services with some 22 million participants. Now it is Medicine Hat's turn. The icon service features a picture of St. Joseph standing with his eyes cast humbly down, but with determined strength in his face. In his

covered arm he bears the Child Jesus, whose own hand is raised, blessing the world.

On Thursday, October 3, 2024, at 4:00pm at Holy Family Parish we will have a prayer service in honour of St. Joseph. All parishioners are encouraged to attend prayer service. Our 40 Hour Eucharistic Adoration to follow and will be concluded with the Holy Mass on Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> at 8am.

### **Why 40 hours of Adoration?**

In the words of Bishop William McGrattan; "In the spirit of our Diocesan Renewal, I wish to promote the 40 Hours Devotion for Vocations in the Diocese of Calgary. This Devotion is a longstanding tradition of forty hours of continuous prayer before the solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in a succession of churches for special intentions. In the Diocese of Calgary, the special intention will be for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life".





## 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<sup>ea</sup>**

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!**

Licence #: AGLC-697375

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



# **PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO ITALY, MONACO, AND FRANCE**

**CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE OF 2025**

**UNDER SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE OF FR. IOBAL KHURSHID**

**MAY 12- 25, 2025 - 14 DAYS – \$ 5950 INCLUDING  
TAXES AND TIPS (CALGARY DEPARTURE)**

**VISITING: ROME, VATICAN, PISA, MONTE CARLO,  
NICE, AVIGNON, CLERMONT-FERRAND, TOURS,  
MOUNT SAINT-MICHEL, NORMANDIE, ROUEN, PARIS**



**INCLUDED:**

- AIR & LAND TRANSPORTATION
- HOTEL ACCOMMODATION FIRST CLASS BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
- 2 MEALS BREAKFAST AND DINNER DAILY
- ALL SIGHTSEEING AS PER ITINERARY WITH ENGLISH SPEAKING GUIDE
- AIRPORT TAXES
- TIPS TO BUS DRIVER AND GUIDES

**NOT INCLUDED:**

- LUNCHESES
- TRAVEL INSURANCE



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25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

## LET'S TALK ABOUT JESUS

As we continue our faith journey, every day through the Sacred Scripture Reading, the Lord opens our hearts and minds to deepen our faith and relationship with him. During the month of September, we celebrate various Marian feast days including the birthday of Blessed Virgin Mary who is our role model to listen and obey. Last Sunday with St. Peter we confessed that Jesus is our Saviour because he is Christ.

Prophet Ezekiel's story of calling is very interesting to understand our own call to speak what the Lord wants us to speak. The Lord spoke to me and said: As for you, son of man, obey me when I speak to you, be not rebellious like this house of rebellion, but open your mouth and eat what I shall give you. It was then I saw a hand stretched out to me, in which was a written scroll which he unrolled before me. It was covered with writing front and back and written on it was Lamentation and wailing and woe! He said to me: Son of man, eat what is before you; eat this scroll, then go, speak to the house of Israel. So, I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. Son of man, he then said to me, feed your belly and fill your stomach with this scroll I am giving you. I ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. He said: Son of man, go now to the house of Israel, and speak my words to them. Not to a people with difficult speech and barbarous language am I sending you, nor to the many peoples with difficult speech and barbarous language whose words you cannot understand. If I were to send you to these, they would listen to you; but the house of Israel will refuse to listen to you, since they will not listen to me. For the whole house of Israel is stubborn of brow and obstinate in heart. But I will make your face as hard as theirs, and your brow as stubborn as theirs, like diamond, harder than flint. Fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. Son of man, he said to me, take into your heart all my words that I speak to you; hear them well. Now go to the exiles, to your countrymen, and say to them: Thus says the Lord God! whether they heed or resist! Thus, the word of the Lord came to me: Son of man, I have appointed you a watchman for the house of Israel.



When you hear a word from my mouth, you shall warn them for me. If I say to the wicked man, you shall surely die; and you do not warn him or speak out to dissuade him from his wicked conduct so that he may live: that wicked man shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, on the other hand, you have warned the wicked man, yet he has not turned away from his evil nor from his wicked conduct, then he shall die for his sin, but you shall save your life. If a virtuous man turns away from virtue and does wrong when I place a stumbling block before him, he shall die. He shall die for his sin, and his virtuous deeds shall not be remembered; but I will hold you responsible for his death if you did not warn him. When, on the other hand, you have warned a virtuous man not to sin, and he has in fact not sinned, he shall surely live because of the warning, and you shall save your own life.

Two men visit a Zen master.

The first man says: "I'm thinking of moving to this town. What's it like?"

The Zen master asks: "What was your old town like?"

The first man responds: "It was dreadful. Everyone was hateful. I hated it."

The Zen master says: "This town is very much the same. I don't think you should move here."

The first man leaves, and the second man comes in.

The second man says: "I'm thinking of moving to this town. What's it like?"

The Zen master asks: "What was your old town like?"

The second man responds: "It was wonderful. Everyone was friendly and I was happy. Just interested in a change now."

The Zen master says: "This town is very much the same. I think you will like it here."

What we seek is what we find. The reasons why you do what you do matter as much, if not more, as what you end up doing. Because they shape how you seek. So, ultimately, they'll also determine what you find.

What do we talk every day? How do we talk? Why do we talk? About whom do we talk? These are questions we face every day of our life. We do we talk positive & constructive things to strengthen other people or negative & destruction things to put other people down. As it is written in the Book of Sirach (28:1-26) "If you blow on a spark, it will glow; if you spit on it, it will be put out; yet both come out of your mouth. Curse the gossips and the double-tongued, for they destroy the peace of many. The blow of a whip raises a welt, but a blow of the tongue crushes the bones. Many have fallen by the edge of the sword, but not as many as have fallen because of the tongue. As you fence in your property with thorns, so make a door and a bolt for your mouth. As you lock up your silver and gold, so make balances and scales for your words. Take care not to err with your tongue and fall victim to one lying in wait".

St. James the Apostle on the other hand compares tongue with fire "How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species,



but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine fig? No more can saltwater yield fresh” (3:1-12).

I believe positive and healthy talks not only change other people but also, they do change us as well. We are living in a time or world where mainstream and social media has spread so much negativity that people have forgotten to respect and believe other people. In fact, through negativity comes envy and greed and when these two become strong and overtake our thoughts and feels then we don't spare to harm other people. This is the message we are receiving from the Word of God this week. Remember God always talks to us to remind us that he loves and loves unconditionally. Someone wrote this inspiring note which I would like to share with you all. This a letter God has written to us all.

“I am God. Today, I will be handling all your problems. Please remember that I do not need your help. If life happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, do not attempt to resolve it. Kindly put it in the SFGTD (something for God to do) box. All situations will be resolved in My time, not yours.

Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold onto it by worrying about it. Instead, focus on all the wonderful things that are present in your life now.

If you find yourself stuck in traffic, don't despair. There are people in this world for whom driving is an unheard-of privilege.

Should you have a bad day at work, think of the man who has been out of work for years.

Should you despair over a relationship gone bad, think of the person who has never known what it's like to love and be loved in return.

Should you grieve the passing of another weekend, think of the woman in dire straits, working twelve hours a day, seven days a week to feed her children.

Should your car break down, leaving you miles away from assistance; think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take that walk.

Should you notice a new gray hair in the mirror, think of the cancer patient in chemo who wishes she had hair to examine.

Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering what is life all about, asking what is my purpose? Be thankful. There are those who didn't live long enough to get the opportunity.

Should you find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities; remember, things could be worse. You could be one of them!

However, in our human wisdom and understanding we ignore that God is talking to us, but we become like people in the First Reading. People don't want to hear the truth but those who try to speak, they stand against them to reject. This we have been witnessing in our present times. Off course First Reading is a prophecy about Jesus' passion. People are talking about him but in a negative way because they cannot bear the truth he is speaking. “The godless say, “let us lie in wait for the righteous



one, who makes life inconvenient to us and opposes our actions, who reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training....”

The envy of these people has led them to harbor anger and poison of their tongue against the righteous. Being envious and jealous we allow negative thoughts, emotions, and feelings to lead to the destruction of other people.

Once a saint was going to a city. On his way he saw a big tree and stop by to rest for some time. Saint fell asleep. He saw a dream. In his dream he saw a man who was passing by that way with five donkeys carrying heavy loads, which seemed to be very difficult for the donkeys. Saint asked man, “What are in these bags which they are not even able to carry?” Man replied, “These are filled with things for human use. I am taking these to market to sell.” Saint asked, “OK...! Tell me what are the things in these bags? I want to know.” Man replied, “First donkey you see. It is laden with tyranny (cruel and oppressive rule), It is sold at a very high rate.” Saint asked, “But who will buy tyranny?” Man replied, “Buyers for this, are King’s and Ruling people, they fetch a high price.” Saint asked, “What is in bags of second donkey?”

Man replied, “These bundles are full of arrogance and it’s buyers are scholars.” Man continued, “Then on third donkey there are bags of jealousy, and its customers are rich people, who are unable to tolerate each other’s progress. There is an influx of people to buy it.” Saint asked, “What’s in bags of fourth donkey?”

Man replied, “Fourth donkey’s bags, are full of dishonesty and its customers are businessmen, who cheat in market to get a lot of profit from sales.”

Saint was curious and asked, “Then what’s in the bag of last one?”

Man smiled and said, “It contains bundle of trickery and it’s demand is among those who have no work and try to deceive others for their benefits.”

Just then Saint woke up from his sleep and realized that the man he saw in his dream was Satan (Devil) itself who was spreading evil in the world and its victim become selfish people of weak mentality.

In the Second Reading St. James is warning us all to avoid envy and selfish ambition which will lead us to disorder and wickedness of every kind. This could only happen if we talk about Jesus because he is the symbol of humility, obedience and love. We can read in the Letter of Galatians (chapter 5:16-26) where St. Paul is comparing two types of people; one who walks without the Holy Spirit and other who walks under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. To talk to Jesus, prayer is the most important tool for us to have. Pray helps us to ask strength from the Lord to have better relationship with him.

Today’s Gospel has two parts: First about the passion of Jesus. Jesus is foretelling about his suffering, death and resurrection. Secondly apostles are talking about power and status that who will be first. But the question of Jesus to his disciples “What were you arguing about on the way?” is a shack up for us all. We do talk alot about other things and people but not about Jesus. Jesus asks his disciples an apparently indiscreet question: “What were you discussing along the way?” It is a question which he could also ask each of us today: “What do you talk about every day?” “What are your aspirations?” The Gospel tells us that the disciples “did not answer because on the way they had been arguing about who was the most



important". They were ashamed to tell Jesus what they were talking about. Like the disciples then, today we too can be caught up in these same arguments: who is the most important? Don't we talk the same thing? I guess we do as when our Federal Election is approaching, our focus of talking is on the election. Who will win? What people are going to gain from the new government? Are the people going to vote for a right person to lead country, society, and community to right direction? But are talking to Jesus to seek his guidance?

Jesus does not press the question. He does not force them to tell him what they were talking about on the way. But the question lingers, not only in the minds of the disciples, but also in their hearts. Remember the questions of Jesus from last Sunday "Who do people say am I? and What do you say, 'who am I'?"

Who is the most important? This is a life-long question to which, at different times, we must give an answer. We cannot escape the question; it is written on our hearts. I remember more than once, at family gatherings, children being asked: "Who do you love more, Mommy or Daddy"? It's like asking them: "Who is the most important for you?" But is this only a game we play with children? The history of humanity has been marked by the answer we give to this question.

Jesus is not afraid of people's questions; he is not afraid of our humanity or the different things we are looking for. On the contrary, he knows the depths of the human heart, and, as a good teacher, he is always ready to encourage and support us. As usual, he takes up our searching, our aspirations, and he gives them a new horizon. Like St. Thomas when asked Jesus "We don't know where you are going and how can we know the way?" And the answer of Jesus was authoritative "I am the way, the Truth and the Life and no one can come to the Father except through me". Jesus is not afraid of our questions.

This is the great paradox of Jesus. The disciples were arguing about who would have the highest place, who would be chosen for privileges – they were the disciples, those closest to Jesus, and they were arguing about that! –, who would be above the common law, the general norm, to stand out in the quest for superiority over others. Who would climb the ladder most quickly to take the jobs which carry certain benefits? Jesus upsets their "logic", their mindset, simply by telling them that life is lived authentically in a concrete commitment to our neighbour. That is, by serving.

All of us are called by virtue of our Christian vocation to that service which truly serves, and to help one another not to be tempted by a "service" which is "self-serving". All of us are asked, indeed urged, by Jesus to care for one another out of love. Without looking to one side or the other to see what our neighbour is doing or not doing. Jesus says: Whoever would be first among you must be the last, and the servant of all". That person will be the first. Jesus does not say: if your neighbour wants to be first, let him be the servant!

As the time is passing by, we could feel there is less talk about Jesus because we have started losing the true meaning of our discipleship. The evil is prevailing and making people feel that we don't need Jesus in our lives. We can do everything without him. We can also fall into temptation like disciples not to talk about Jesus,



about world things but remember the words of our Lord “you can not serve both God and wealth”

Let us not forget the Good News we have heard today: the importance of a people, a nation, and the importance of individuals, which is always based on how they seek to serve their vulnerable brothers and sisters. Here we encounter one of the fruits of a true humanity. Let’s make Jesus the center of our lives and talk about him who is always standing at the door and knocking and waiting for us to open the door for him. By talking to him we will allow ourselves to get rid of envy, selfish ambitions, feelings and temptations.

Four monks decided to meditate silently without speaking for two weeks. They lit a candle as a symbol of their practice and began. By nightfall on the first day, the candle flickered and then went out.

The first monk said: “Oh, no! The candle is out.”

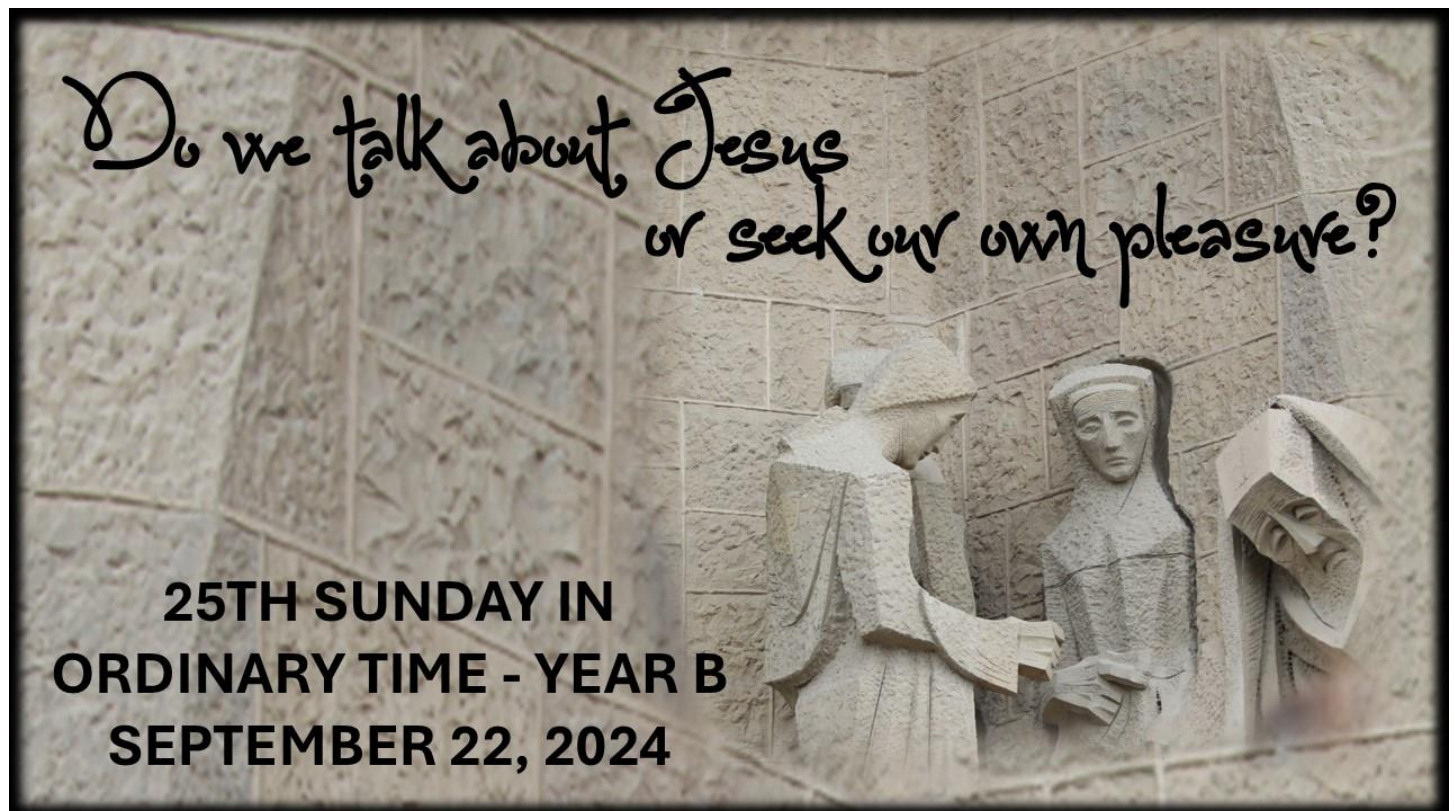
The second monk said: “We’re not supposed to talk!”

The third monk said: “Why must you two break the silence?”

The fourth monk laughed and said: “Ha! I’m the only one who didn’t speak.”

They all had different reasons, but each of the four monks shared his thoughts without filtering them—none of which improved the situation. Had there been a fifth, wiser monk, he would’ve remained silent and kept meditating.

Do we talk about Jesus or seek our own pleasure?



# DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

September 22, 2024



## World Day for Migrants & Refugees Mass

Join the Mass on **Sun, Sep 29, at 7 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral** (219 18 Ave SW, Calgary), followed by a reception. Please bring non-perishable items for the offering, benefiting St. Vincent de Paul and the Calgary Food Bank. Ethnic attire and food contributions for the reception are welcome. Contact Deacon Greg Barcelon at 403-228-4170 (ext. 226) for details.

## 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:

- [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)
- [All Saints, Lethbridge](#) - Fri, Oct 4 after the 9 am Mass to Sun, Oct 6 at 8:45 am, followed by 9 am Mass

## 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.

Please contact 403-218-5500 or email [receptionist@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto: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. 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 [catholicycyc.ca/transitions](http://catholicycyc.ca/transitions) or contact 403-218-5521.

## Fr. Tim Boyle's 50th Anniversary

Join the celebration of Fr. Tim Boyle's 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on **Sat, Sep 28 at 5 PM** at St. Augustine's Parish, Taber (5009 - 48th Avenue, Taber). The event will begin with Mass,



followed by a potluck supper and a short program. All parishioners and friends of Fr. Tim are welcome to attend.

## Transitions Alumni Reunion

All past participants of the Transitions Program are invited to reconnect over light refreshments on **Fri, Oct 18, from 7 pm to 9 pm** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary). Please share with others who attended. For more information, call 403-218-5521.

## 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. Contact Sr. Dianne at 403-218-5504 or [sisterdianne.turner@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:sisterdianne.turner@calgarydiocese.ca)

## Unplugged Series: The Book of Revelation

Join Cardinal Thomas Collins for a thought-provoking lecture on the *Book of Revelation* as part of the Inspiration Unplugged series at St. Mary's University. Explore its timeless message of courage and integrity on **Thu, Oct 3, from 7 pm to 9 pm in McGivney Hall** (14550 Bannister Road SE, Calgary). Light refreshments will be provided.

## Annual Blessing of Pet

Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre invites all pets and their owners to the Annual Blessing of Pets on **Sun, Oct 6, 2024**. Visit the grounds from 2:30 pm to 4 pm, with the blessing ritual at 3 pm on the west side of the Retreat Centre near the Statue of St. Francis. Pets must be leashed or in a crate.

## Pro-Life in the 11th Hour

Join the Alberta Life Issues Educational Society (ALIES) on **Fri, Oct 11 at 7 pm** at the Cardell Theatre (180 Quarry Park Blvd, Calgary) to learn about their mission and how you can help support abortion-minded men and women in Calgary. For more info, contact 403-452-3590 or email [executivedirector@alies.ca](mailto:executivedirector@alies.ca)

## 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.

## 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](mailto:cccrsevents@gmail.com) or call 403-836-6873.

## 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. Contact Mark at 403-701-2262 or [kolodzie@telusplanet.net](mailto: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](#)
- [Maintenance Worker \(Part-time\) - Sacred Heart, Calgary](#)
- [Sacrament Preparation Coordinator \(Casual\) - St. James, Calgary](#)

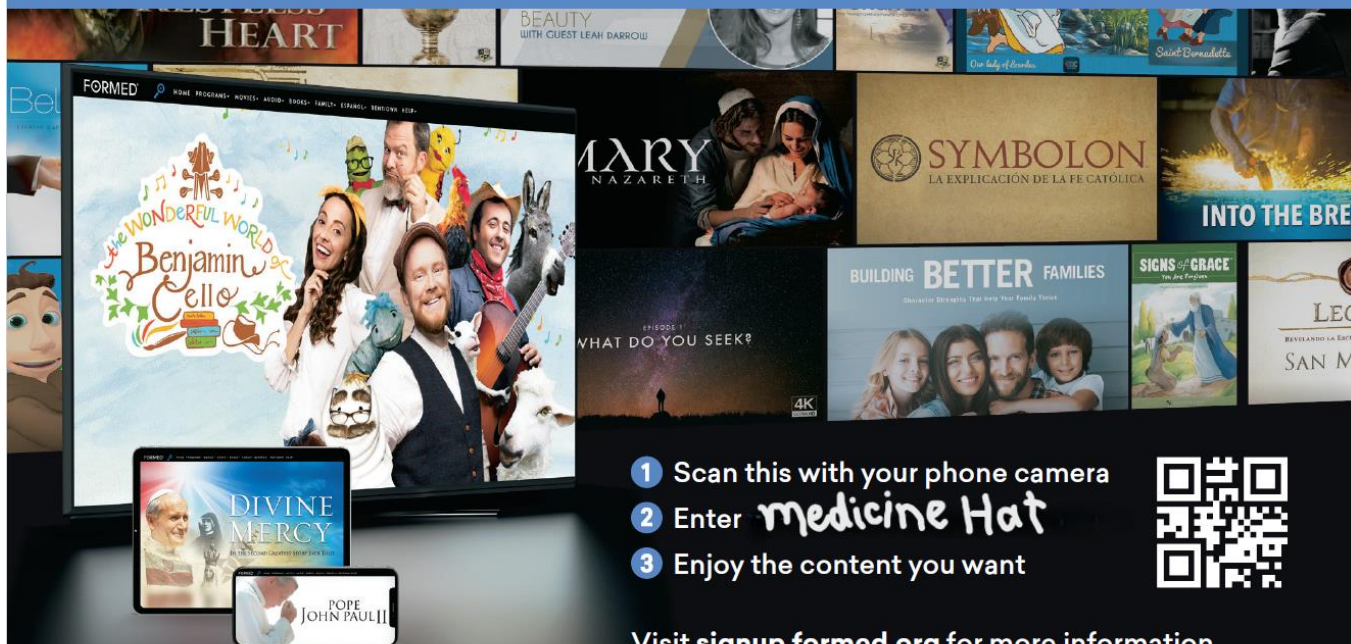
For more info, visit [catholiccyyc.ca/careers](http://catholiccyyc.ca/careers)

## National Gathering of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Association of Canada


Join the National Gathering of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd on **Oct 18-19** at the FCJ Centre (219 19 Ave SW, Calgary). This event is for CGS catechists, Children's Liturgy ministers, parents, and teachers. For more details or to register, visit [cgsac.ca](http://cgsac.ca) or call 416-532-1639.

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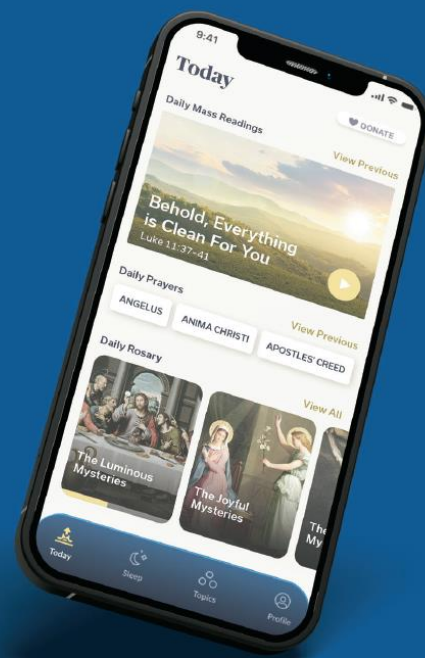
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### **2024 2025 Knights Events**

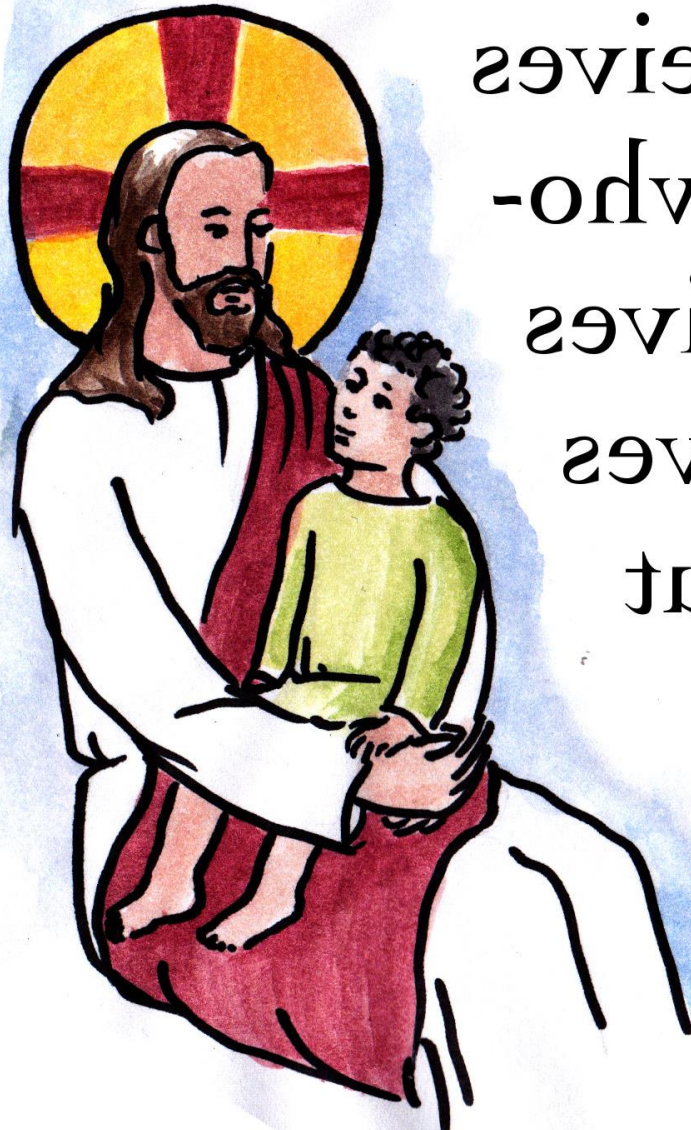
<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Sunday, September 8	Corn Roast
Monday, September 16	Officers Instillation
Sunday, September 29	Knights Mass
Sat, Sept 28 Sun., Sept 29	Rosary Program and Recruitment
Thursday, October 3	Pilgrim Icon
Thurs., Oct 3 to Sat., Oct 5	40 Hour Adoration
Sat., Oct 5 to Sun., Oct 6	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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 22nd, 2024

*What did Jesus say to the apostles after He told  
them that anyone who wanted to be great  
must be the servant?  
Look at this page in the mirror to find out!*



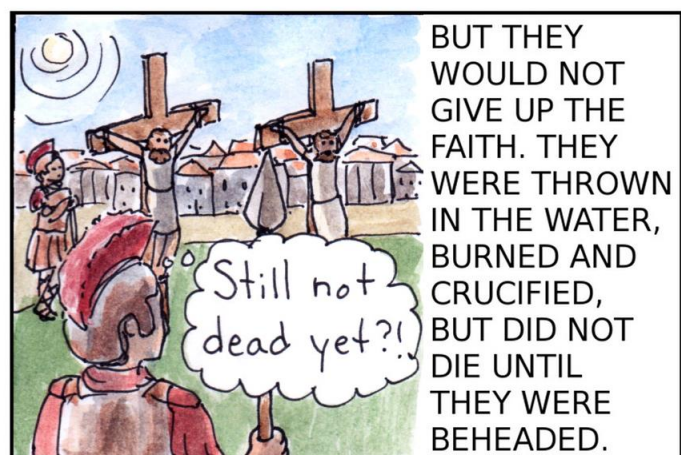
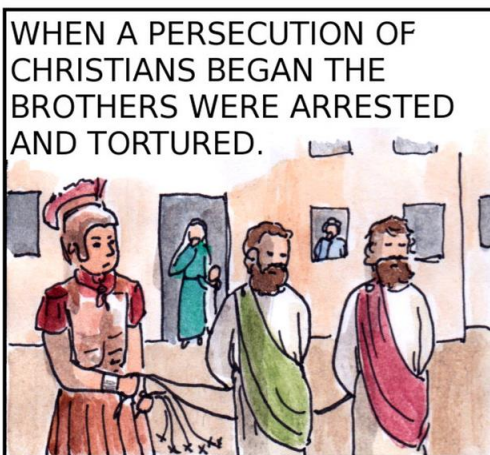
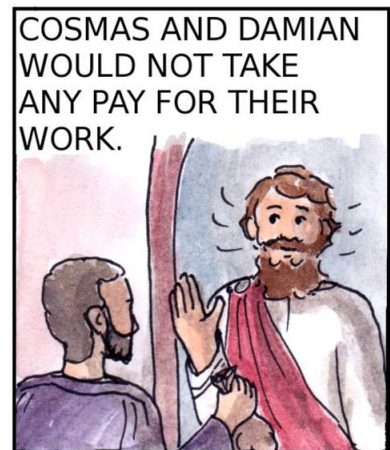
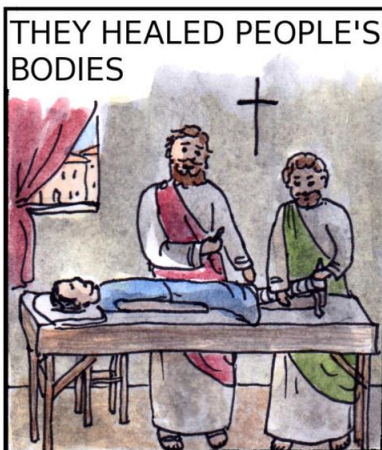
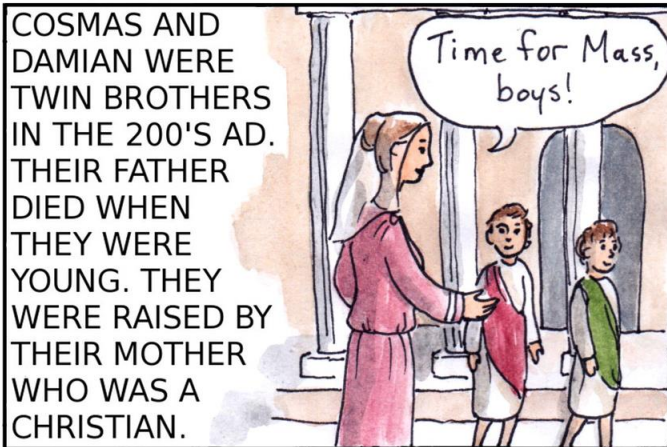
Whoever receives one  
such child in my  
name receives  
me; and who-  
ever receives  
me, receives  
not me but  
him who  
sent me.

*Mark 9:30-37*



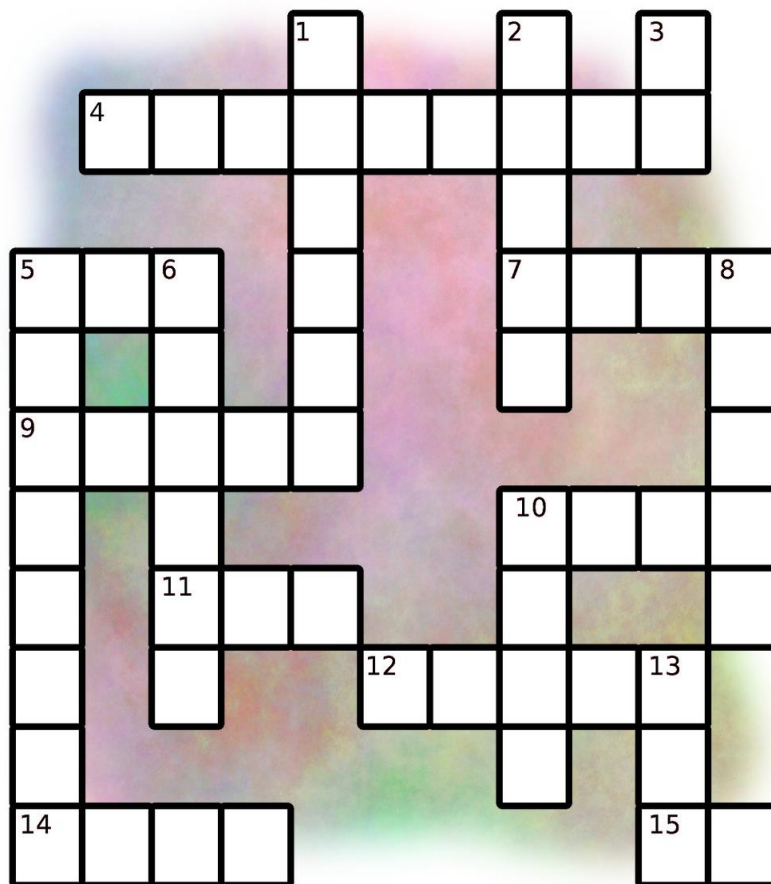
# SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIAN

## SEPTEMBER 26



SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIAN IMITATED JESUS IN HIS CARE FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING PEOPLE. THEY ARE PATRON SAINTS OF DOCTORS AND SURGEONS. WE CAN LEARN FROM THEM TO CARE FOR OTHERS LIKE JESUS DID. WE SHOULD ALSO IMITATE THEIR PERSEVERANCE IN THE FAITH IN SPITE OF PERSECUTION.

# Psalm 54 Cross- Word



*Unscramble the words in today's  
Psalm to fit them into the puzzle.  
a=Across d=Down*

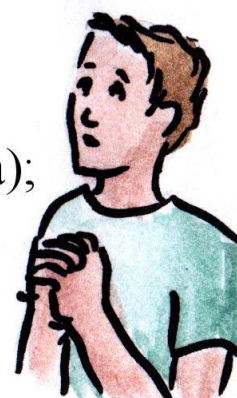
O God, by your name (ESAV 14a) me,  
and by your (THGMI 2d) (FENDED 6d) my cause.

O God, (ERHA 7a) my (YREPRA 1d);  
hearken (OT 15a) the (DROWS 12a) of my mouth.

For the haughty have (NERIS 8d) up against (EM 3d),  
the ruthless seek my (FLEI 10a);  
they (TES 13d) (NTO 11a) God before their eyes.

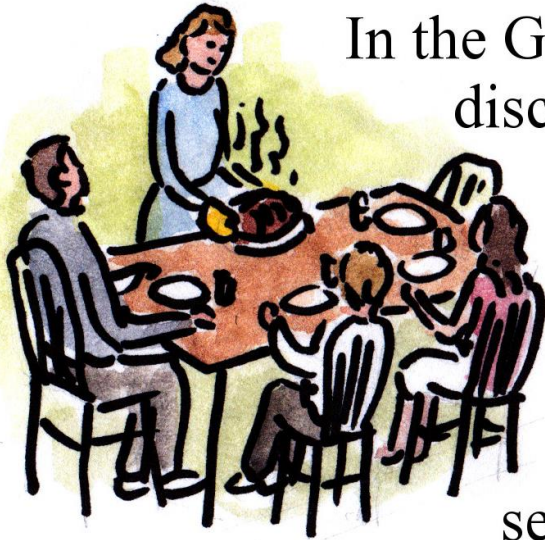
Behold, (DGO 5a) is my helper;  
the (DOLR 10d) sustains my life.

Freely will I (EFFOR 9a) you (FICESACIR 4a);  
I will praise your name, O Lord,  
for its (NSSEGDOO 5d).





# Who is the Greatest?



In the Gospel reading today the disciples were arguing with each other about who was the greatest. Jesus knew what they were talking about, so He told them that whoever wanted to be great must serve others.

Can you think of anyone who serves you? What about your parents? Priests, teachers and doctors also serve us. How can you serve others?



What would you like to do when you grow up? How will you be able to serve people then?



Answers to Cross-Word: ACROSS: 4.sacrifice, 5.God, 7.hear, 9.offer, 10.life, 11.not, 12.words, 14.save, 15.to. DOWN: 1.prayer, 2.might, 3.me, 5.goodness, 6.defend, 8.risen, 10.Lord, 13.set.



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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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