



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YR. B SUNDAY, OCT. 13, 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.

**“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”
Philippians 4:13.**

Mark 10:17-30
A man with many possessions asks Jesus what he must do to gain eternal life.
28 Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

✠ Masses & Mass Intentions 

Saturday, October 12
5:00pm – Lucia & Gualberto Pimentel ✠
Sunday, October 13
8:30am – Holy Family Parish
10:30am – Bruce Volk ✠
6:00pm – Alice Chisholm ✠
Monday, October 14
9:00am – Tom Schultz ✠
Tuesday, October 15
9:00am – The Schuster Family
Wednesday, October 16
7:00am – Tony & Tina Koch
Thursday, October 17
9:00am – Andrew Walmsley ✠
Friday, October 18
9:00am – Dan Krassman ✠

OPERATING FINANCES	
SEPTEMBER 1-30, 2024	
Operating Budget 2024	\$ 60,990
General Envelope Collection	\$ 46,851
Loose Collections	\$ 4,726
Future Development	\$ 3,335
Sale of Church Supplies & Other	\$ 4,270
\$ 59,182- Budget Vs Actual	-\$ 1,808
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 3,510
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 3,364
World Mission	\$ 85
Clergy Retirement	\$ 95
Mission Mexico	\$ 210
CARO	\$ 20
<i>Thank You for your Generous Contributions</i>	
Average Weekly Attendance	914

VOCATIONS

Oct 13, 2024
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If we really believe in something, it does not seem to be a sacrifice to give up everything else to pursue that new dream. Jesus asks the same as any great leader...total dedication; but He promises rewards no one else can promise. "You will have treasure in Heaven, then come, follow Me." Come, follow the call of Christ as a priest, sister, brother or deacon. If you think God is calling you to one of these, please contact the Office of Vocations at 403-218-5500 or email Fr. Cristino Bouvette

vocations@calgarydiocese.ca www.catholicyc.ca/vocations.html



Year to Date: \$54,062 .
only 76% of total needed!

The amount needed before end 2024 is \$70,938.
Only 2 months to go and \$16,876. more to raise. Please give what you can to meet our goal this year!

Your Generosity is Appreciated!



Special Collections
October 2024


Future Development Fund

Together in Action


October 20, 2024
World Mission Sunday

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

Knights of Columbus
General Meeting
Monday, October 14th at 7:00pm
HFP Faith Room



"The surest way to determine whether one possesses the love of God, is to see, whether he or she loves his or her neighbor. - These two loves are never separated. - Rest assured, the more you progress in love of neighbor, the more your love of God will increase."



St. Teresa of Jesus of Avila – October 15

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 7:7-11.
Psalm 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17.
Hebrews 4:12-13.
Mark 10:17-30.

Living for Eternal Life. Let us put ourselves into the gospel story today. All of us want to "inherit eternal life." All of us strive to do what God commands, to do what is right and just. All of us strive to not let the things we have possess us. But it is hard going – impossible without reliance on God. This eternal life for which we long, this Kingdom of God in which we live now, is begun already in us and is fulfilled in completeness when we see God face-to-face forever.

- † What gets in my way of gaining eternal life – things, attitudes, behaviors?
- † What mercy work will I do that lets me share what I have with someone in need?
- † How will I follow Jesus more closely this week?

ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE

Tuesday, October 15th

7:00pm

Holy Family Parish Sanctuary

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



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

OCTOBER 16TH TOPIC

RCIA

Holy Family Parish, Medicine Hat, AB

THE MASS &
SACRAMENT OF
EUCCHARIST VIDEO

WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 PM IN THE FAITH ROOM
IF INTERESTED CALL PAT AT 403-527-1097

She Shall Be Called Woman

A PROGRAM FOR ALL WOMEN BY
PARADISUS DEI

October 17, 2024
Holy Family Parish Hall
6:15pm Gathering
6:45 pm Presentation
7:15 pm Group Discussion
7:45 pm Dismissal
Theme: *He Sees You, He Knows You, He Loves You*
Presenter: Sarah Swafford

October 19, 2024 ~ Holy Family Parish Hall
Breakfast 7:30 am

Presentation 8:30 am

Theme: The Ascension

Presenter: Mark Hartfiel

TMIY

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



The Catholic Women's League

Holy Family Parking Lot

Saturday, October 19th & 20th Before & After Mass

For Pick-Up Call Marjorie @ 587-253-2200

FUNDRAISING



Thank you for your support!

Parish Breakfast ~ Oct 20 After 8:30 & 10:30 Masses

OMELETS, HAM,
HASH BROWNS, TOAST, FRUIT,
COFFEE & JUICE

\$10. – ADULTS

\$5. – UNDER 12, FREE – UNDER 6

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Sacramental Preparation 2024-25

Confirmation

Thursday Oct 24th at St. Patrick's Church Hall

6:00pm to 7:30pm

1st Reconciliation

Saturday Oct 26th at St. Patrick's Church Hall

10:00am to 11:30am OR Saturday Oct 26th at
Holy Family Faith Room 1:30pm to 3:00pm

GriefShare

Are you grieving the death of a loved one?
Our videos and group discussions may help
you through your journey through grief.
Grief Share meets at Holy Family Parish,
Thursdays at 2:00pm in the Hope Room
6 Weeks - October 24 – November 28, 2024
Call Karen at 403-502-5624

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ONLINE GIVING



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Please join us for
All Souls Day
Mass

Friday, November 1, 2024

Lighting Candles and Laying Flowers 6:00pm

Mass at 6:30pm

Flowers provided by  **PATTISON**
 FUNERAL HOME SINCE 1908

HOLY FAMILY PARISH FALL SUPPER
 November 3rd, 2024, at 5:00pm
 Featuring a Tasty Ham Meal

Adults 13+ \$20.00
 Child 7-12 \$10.00
 6 & Under Free

~HOSTED BY~
 Holy Family
 Catholic Women's
 League 

Tickets sold before & after
WEEKEND Masses October 12-27th
 Take Out will be Available \$20.00/Meal



Mass of the
Angels



Tuesday, November 12, 2024
 Mass 6:00pm

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 FUNERAL HOME SINCE 1908

If you are thirsting for a deeper relationship with Jesus, come to our next

Live-In Weekend Retreat.
 November 8th to 10th, 2024
 Friday at 4:30pm to Sunday at 4:30 pm

St. Joseph's School 1413 23rd Ave, Coaldale
 register online: www.lethbridgelivein.ca
 for more details contact:
 Sandra Kano 403-394-4658
 or skano@live.ca



The St. Patrick's Parish Fall Supper
Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 5:00pm

Menu: Chicken breasts, meat balls, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad and dessert.

Tickets - before and after all weekend masses until October 13 and at St. Pat's Church Office.
 Seating is limited to 160 people.

Children 6 & under - Free 7 to 15 - \$10
 16 & over - \$20 Cash only please!



MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' EDUCATION FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER



\$30.00 PER PLATE

STEAK NIGHT at Ralph's

SILENT AUCTION
 5:00-7:30 PM
OCTOBER 22, 2024

TO PURCHASE TICKETS
SCAN QR CODE OR
CALL MACKENZIE AT 403-502-8351

OCTOBER 22 5:00-8:00 PM

Thanksgiving Day
 Lord, thank you for
 all the Blessings in
 our lives today and
 all days.





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CHARITIES APPEAL RAFFLE


Early Bird Draws x2
\$1000^{ea}

Draw Dates at 2 PM:
September 30
October 28

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



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




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



Spending time with Jesus

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

TOP 10 MOVIES
On **FORMED.ORG**

1 JOSEPH
2 MARY OF PATRICK
3 OF ARC
4 HEART
5 PADRE PIO TRANCE MAN
6
7
8
9 GUADALUPE THE MESSAGE
10 MOTHER TERESA

USE WITH



Scan code with camera or visit signup.formed.org
Enter "Medicine Hat" click on "Holy Family"



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




BISHOP 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).



HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY DESIGN OPEN HOUSE

FWBA Architects and the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education invite stakeholders to join us for the first public look at Medicine Hat's newest Catholic school. All community members, families, and division staff are invited to participate in this immersive open house!

- ✓ First look at the building design
- ✓ Learn about the wide variety of programming spaces
- ✓ Take a virtual tour of the building
- ✓ Meet the architect and design team



St. Francis Xavier School
Gymnasium | 318 8-St NE



Wednesday, October 16 from 5:00-8:00 PM
Come and go | Light refreshments | No registration

She Shall Be Called Woman

This is a program for all women! Regardless of your state of life, *She Shall Be Called Woman* is a place to both give and receive!

KATIE HARTFIEL
Content Coordinator
She Shall Be Called Woman

A PROGRAM FOR ALL WOMEN BY
PARADISUS DEI

SEASON ONE

MASTERPIECE of CREATION

To truly understand the way the Lord views femininity is to live as one who is fully alive. In a world that often speaks in clichés and labels, God desires to reveal who He is through a greater understanding of who we are. This season will not only unpack the wealth of celebration of what Saint John Paul II called "*The Feminine Genius*" but will also give real advice on how to combat the mental, emotional, and spiritual challenges we, as women, face every day.



SARAH SWAFFORD
Speaker & Founder
Emotional Virtue Ministries



ALICIA HERNON
Co-founder
Messy Family Project



MARI PABLO
Catholic Speaker
& Evangelist



KATIE HARTFIEL
Content Coordinator
She Shall Be Called Woman



JORDAN LANGDON
CEO
Families of Character



SR. ALEXIA ZALDIVAR
Servant of the Pierced Hearts
of Jesus and Mary



LISA COTTER
Catholic Speaker
& Author

NINE ENGAGING SESSIONS

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 1 HIS
KATIE HARTFIEL | 6 CROWN JEWEL of CREATION
SR. ALEXIA ZALDIVAR |
| 2 PUTTING on the MIND of CHRIST
JORDAN LANGDON | 7 DIVINE DESIGN
MARI PABLO |
| 3 HE SEES YOU, HE KNOWS YOU,
HE LOVES YOU
SARAH SWAFFORD | 8 FIGHT LIKE a GIRL
KATIE HARTFIEL |
| 4 UNVEILING the FEMINE HEART
LISA COTTER | 9 THE PARADISE of GOD
MARK HARTFIEL |
| 5 FINDING the EXTRAORDINARY
in the ORDINARY
ALICIA HERNON | |

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

THURSDAY EVENINGS
Beginning Oct. 3rd
IN THE HALL
ACCESS FROM THE OFFICE Doors

SCHEDULE:

6:15 pm Social time/gathering
6:45 pm Video Presentation
7:15 pm Discussion Groups
7:45 pm Conclusion

REGISTRATION:

For more information reach out to Maria Sehn at 403 526 6104 and leave a message.



SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMAN

A PROGRAM FOR ALL WOMEN BY
PARADISUS DEI

St. Michael's School



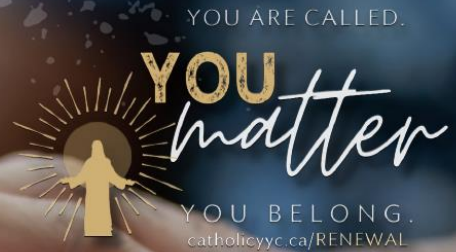
Update by Ron Pisoni - Principal

September was a very busy month. Not only did we have the beginning of school, but we had many activities. We celebrated a school mass with St. Francis Xavier and St. Louis, and also a sponsored mass with the congregation of St. Patrick Church where students and families came together to celebrate and reflect on our faith. In September, we also hosted special St. Michael's Day activities, honoring our patron saint with engaging projects and fun events that promote teamwork and learning. Additionally, our parent picnic provided an opportunity for families to connect and strengthen our school community while enjoying delicious food and lively games. These activities not only enrich our students' educational experience but also deepen our bonds as a faith-filled community. God Bless!



**Medicine Hat Catholic
Board of Education**

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY TRAINING



For those who feel called to assist their parish in a healing ministry to the sick, elderly, dying, homebound and bereaved members.

HIGH RIVER

**SATURDAYS,
OCT 26 &
NOV 16**

St Francis de Sales
206 9 Ave SW



CALGARY

**MONDAYS,
OCT. 21 & 28
NOV. 4 & 18**

St Cecilia's Parish
321 90 Ave SE



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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.

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



COMING TO HOLY FAMILY OCTOBER 19 & 20

Almost 50,000 sponsored children in 14 countries

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



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





Dear Medicine Hat Women's Shelter Society Supporter,

We are excited to share that as part of the annual Parade of Homes, Coulee Ridge is hosting a 50/50 Raffle to support our Capital Campaign to renovate and modernize our emergency shelter, and will be matching up to \$2,000 of funds raised for us - meaning your support will go even further!

Ticket Prices:

10 for \$20,

3 for \$10 and

1 for \$5

The winner will be drawn on October 16th.

Have questions? Connect with us by calling 403-527-8223 or emailing info@mhwss.ca.





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CHARITIES APPEAL RAFFLE

**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

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**



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- 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:

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- TRAVEL INSURANCE



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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

OCTOBER 13, 2024

DIVINE WISDOM FOR ETERNAL LIFE

As we begin the month of October to walk with Blessed Virgin Mary by seeking her intercessions, we learn to be grateful for God's blessings. Last Sunday we reflected on Relationship, Respect and Responsibility to better understand our lives. This weekend as we celebrate Thanksgiving weekend, we reflect on the gift of divine wisdom which leads us to eternal life.

St. Gregory of Nyssa, Bishop, opens our hearts and minds to understand divine wisdom in the following words: "Whoever is in Christ is a new creation; the old has passed away. Now by the "new creation" Paul means the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in a heart that is pure and blameless, free of all malice, wickedness or shamefulness. For when a soul has come to hate sin and has delivered itself as far as it can to the power of virtue, it undergoes a transformation by receiving the grace of the Spirit. Then it is healed, restored and made wholly new. Indeed, the two texts: Purge out the old leaven that you may be a new one, and: Let us celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, support those passages which speak about the new creation. Yet the tempter spreads many a snare to trap the soul, and of itself human nature is too weak to defeat him. This is why the Apostle bids us to arm ourselves with heavenly weapons, when he says: Put on the breastplate of righteousness and have your feet shod with the gospel of peace and have truth around your waist as a belt. Can you not see how many forms of salvation the Apostle indicates, all leading to the same path and the same goal? Following them to the heights of God's commandments, we easily complete the race of life. For elsewhere the Apostle says: Let us run with fidelity the race that has been set before us, with our eyes on Jesus, the origin and the goal of our faith. So, a man who openly despises the accolades of this world and rejects all earthly glory must also practice self-denial. Such self-denial means that you never seek your own

will but God's, using God's will as a sure guide; it also means possessing nothing apart from what is held in common. In this way it will be easier for you to carry out your superior's commands promptly, in joy and in hope; this is required of Christ's servants who are redeemed for service to the brethren. For this is what the Lord wants when he says: Whoever wishes to be first and great among you must be the last of all and a servant to all. Our service of mankind must be given freely. One who is in such a position must be subject to everyone and serve his brothers as if he were paying off a debt. Moreover, those who are in charge should work harder than the others and conduct themselves with greater submission than their own subjects. Their lives should serve as a visible example of what service means, and they should remember that those who are committed to their trust are held in trust from God. Those, then, who are in a position of authority must look after their brothers as conscientious teachers look after the young children who have been handed over to them by their parents. If both disciples and masters have this loving relationship, then subjects will be happy to obey whatever is commanded, while superiors will be delighted to lead their brothers to perfection. If you try to outdo one another in showing respect, your life on earth will be like that of the angels".

"Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" is a famous scripture reference which opens the wide horizon of wisdom and knowledge. Throughout the human history there is always two types of wisdom: one human and second divine. These two go hand in hand to make the person to understand his and divine existence in a profound way. However Divine Wisdom takes the first place to prepare us to be grateful for all the blessings. This Sunday we also celebrate Thanksgiving Day to remind ourselves to sing with the Blessed Virgin Mary "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name".

This is by an unknown author who shared their pearls of wisdom for us to understand that how divine wisdom leads us to eternal life.

You say: "It's impossible"

God says: All things are possible
(Luke 18:27)

You say: "I'm too tired"

God says: I will give you rest
(Matthew 11:28-30)

You say: "Nobody really loves me"

God says: I love you
(John 3:16 & John 3:34)

You say: "I can't go on"

God says: My grace is sufficient
(2 Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15)

You say: "I can't figure things out"

God says: I will direct your steps
(Proverbs 3:5-6)

You say: "I can't do it"

God says: You can do all things
(Philippians 4:13)

You say: "I'm not able"

God says: I am able

(2 Corinthians 9:8)
You say: "It's not worth it"
God says: It will be worth it
(Romans 8:28)
You say: "I can't forgive myself"
God says: I Forgive you
(1 John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)
You say: "I can't manage"
God says: I will supply all your needs
(Philippians 4:19)
You say: "I'm afraid"
God says: I have not given you a spirit
of fear

(2 Timothy 1:7)
You say: "I'm always worried and
frustrated"
God says: Cast all your cares on ME
(1 Peter 5:7)
You say: "I'm not smart enough"
God says: I give you wisdom
(1 Corinthians 1:30)
You say: "I feel all alone"
God says: I will never leave you or
forsake you
(Hebrews 13:5)

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord. Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky. In each scene, I noticed footprints in the sand. Sometimes there were two sets of footprints, other times there were one set of footprints. This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life, when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints. So, I said to the Lord, "You promised me, Lord, that if I followed you, you would walk with me always. But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life, there have only been one set of footprints in the sand. Why, when I needed you most, you have not been there for me?" The Lord replied, "The times when you have seen only one set of footprints in the sand, is when I carried you."
By Mary Stevenson.

We must understand the words of St. Francis of Assisi that "The darkness of the whole world can not extinguish the light of the single candle". We do need human wisdom and knowledge to progress in the society, but we can not ignore the divine wisdom either to gain eternal life.

In the First Reading which is taken from the Book of Wisdom we are invited to reflect on the wisdom which comes from the Lord "I prayed, and understanding was given to me; I called on God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me". There is no comparison of wisdom with any throne or treasure. The wisdom not only opens new horizons but it also lumens one's inner self. Once I got a phone call and her daughter had a question to ask; "When was the first time the name of God is called "God"? and "Why was there a tree of knowledge in the center of the garden?" My answer to the second question was "So by essentially placing the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden and commanding Man to NOT eat from the tree, God was providing Man with the choices of good and evil. God has created us with free will to choose between good and evil. ... Through this Man had the chance

to Love God by Obeying Him or rebel against God by Disobeying Him". The divine wisdom connects us with our Creator.

A wise woman who was traveling in the mountains found a precious stone in a stream. The next day she met another traveler who was hungry, and the wise woman opened her bag to share her food. The hungry traveler saw the precious stone and asked the woman to give it to him. She did so without hesitation. The traveler left, rejoicing in his good fortune. He knew the stone was worth enough to give him security for a lifetime. But a few days later he came back to return the stone to the wise woman. "I've been thinking," he said, "I know how valuable the stone is, but I give it back in the hope that you can give me something even more precious. Give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me something more precious. Give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me the stone.

What do we ask of the Lord to give us during this week? The best way to gain the divine wisdom is the Word of God as we read in the Second Reading "The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow, it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart". Let's open BIBLE everyday because "Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth" and then why not to go with the divine wisdom to enjoy the company of the saints.

In the Gospel we see an encounter with Jesus and a young man desiring to learn more to attain eternal life. In that question is the challenge of every life, ours too: the desire for a full, infinite life. What must we do to achieve it? What path must we take? To truly live, to live a noble life... How many young people try to 'live' and destroy themselves by following things that are fleeting. Holy Father Pope Francis is awakening the young people by the reflecting the Gospel this way "Some think that it would be better to extinguish this impulse, the impulse to live because it is dangerous. I would like to say, especially to young people: our worst enemy is not practical problems, no matter how serious and dramatic: life's greatest danger is a poor spirit of adaptation which is neither meekness nor humility, but mediocrity, cowardice. Is a mediocre young person a youth with a future or not? No! He or she remains there, will not grow, will not have success. Mediocrity or cowardice. Those young people who are afraid of everything: 'No, this is how I am...'. These young people will not move forward. Meekness, strength, and not cowardice, not mediocrity".

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati was a young man, used to say that one must live, not just get by. The mediocre just get by, living by their life force. One must ask the heavenly Father, for today's young people, for the gift of a healthy restlessness. But, at home, in your homes, in every family, when a young person is seen sitting idle all day, at times mom and dad wonder: "is he sick; is something wrong?", and they take him to the doctor. The life of young people is about moving forward, being restless,

healthy restlessness, the capacity not to be content with a life without beauty, without colour. If young people are not hungry for an authentic life, I wonder, where will humanity end up? Where will humanity go with young people who are idle and not restless?

The question of that man in the Gospel passage that we have heard is inside of each of us: how can we find life, life in abundance, happiness? Jesus answers: "You know the commandments" which are part of divine wisdom and cites part of the Ten Commandments. It is a pedagogical process, by which Jesus wishes to lead to an exact place; in fact, it is already clear, from that man's question, that he does not have a full life; he seeks more and is restless. Thus, what does he need to understand? He says: "Teacher, all these I have observed from my youth" I believe there is no access to divine wisdom unless there is an openness of heart and mind.

Do we have desire like the young man to inherit eternal life? I personally believe that the divine wisdom always opens our hearts to give thanks to the Lord for all his blessings. This weekend as celebrate Thanksgiving Day, God has given us the chance to choose from: I have in my hands on two boxes, which God gave me to hold. He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black box, And all your joys into the gold." I heeded His words, and in the two boxes both my joys and sorrows I stored, but though the gold became heavier each day, the black was as light as before. With curiosity, I opened the black. I wanted to find out why, And I saw, in the base of the box, a hole which my sorrows had fallen out. I showed the hole to God and mused, "I wonder where my sorrows could be?" He smiled a gentle smile and said, "My child, they're here with me." I asked God why He gave me the boxes, Why the gold and the black with the hole? "My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings. The black is for you to let go."

St. Francis of Assisi once wrote "O how happy and blessed are those who love the Lord and do as the Lord himself said in the gospel: You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart and your whole soul; and your neighbor as yourself. Therefore, let us love God and adore him with pure heart and mind. This is his desire when he says: True worshippers adore the Father in spirit and truth. For all who adore him must do so in the spirit of truth. Let us also direct to him our praises and prayers saying: Our Father, who art in heaven, since we must always pray and never grow slack. Furthermore, let us produce worthy fruits of penance. Let us also love our neighbors as ourselves. Let us have charity and humility. Let us give alms because they cleanse our souls from the stains of sin. Men lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give. For these they will receive from the Lord the reward and recompense they deserve. We must not be wise and prudent according to the flesh. Rather we must be simple, humble and pure. We should never desire to be over others. Instead, we ought to be servants who are submissive to every human being

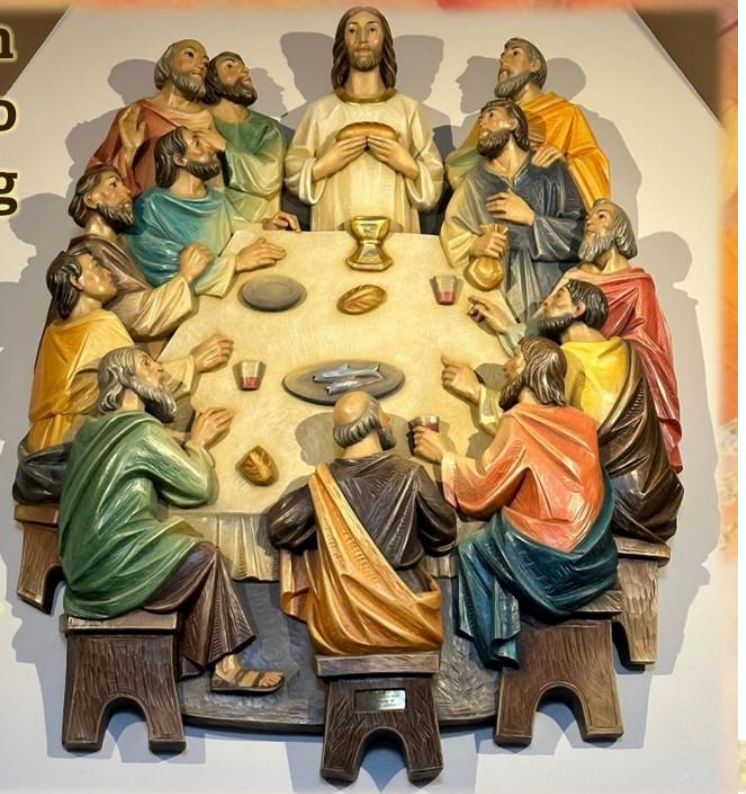
for God's sake. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on all who live in this way and persevere in it to the end. He will permanently dwell in them. They will be the Father's children who do his work. They are the spouses, brothers and mothers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let's ask the intercession of Blessed Virgin Mary to be grateful for everything and chose divine to inherit eternal life.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!

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DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

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"YOU LACK ONE THING, SELL WHAT YOU OWN, AND GIVE MONEY TO THE POOR, AND YOU WILL HAVE

TREASURE IN HEAVEN

THEN COME, FOLLOW ME."

MARK 10:21

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YOU MATTER. YOU BELONG.

BISHOP MCGRATTAN, ROCKYFORD, AB

Cast into the Deep

We have begun the second year of our Pastoral Renewal journey. On this occasion, Bishop McGrattan encourages us with these words: "No matter who you are, where you are, or what you have experienced... cast your nets into the deep, and believe in the work that the Lord is entrusting to us in the renewal of our parishes and the Diocese." Listen to his full message at



catholicycyc.ca/renewal

Need the Anointing of the Sick while in a Calgary Hospital?

If you have been admitted to any of Calgary's hospitals and would like the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, you can contact your parish priest or call the Diocese of Calgary Call Centre at **403-231-9505**.

This service is available for Alberta Children's Hospital, Foothills Hospital, Peter Lougheed Hospital, Rockyview General Hospital, and South Health Campus.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Annual Gathering in Calgary

Learn about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a faith formation approach that helps children know God personally. Hear from CGS catechists and other speakers. Ideal for catechists, parents, and teachers. When: **Fri-Sat, Oct 18-19, FCJ Centre, Calgary**. To register, visit www.cgsac.ca or contact Dorothy at 403-829-7187.

Pastoral Care Ministry Training - New location in Calgary

The Diocese of Calgary invites all ministers to join the Pastoral Care Ministry Training to support the sick, elderly, homebound, and bereaved. When:
- **Saturdays, Oct 26 & Nov 16 (8:30 am to 3:30 pm)**, St. Francis de Sales, High River.
- **Mondays, Oct, 21 & 28, Nov 4 & 18** at St. Cecilia Parish, Calgary. Contact your parish and pastor for

approval. Register by Oct 16 at catholiccyc.ca/pastoralcare, 403-218-5521 or email mara.capili@calgarydiocese.ca

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. Albert the Great, Calgary](#) - Fri, Oct 11 to 13. For detailed schedule, visit <https://stalberthegreat.ca> or call 403-257-6054.
- [St. Anthony's, Calgary](#) - Fri, Nov 1 at 3 pm to Sun, Nov 3 at 7 am (Chapel)

Journeying Together: Hope and Healing through Surrender

A workshop for those grieving miscarriage or infant loss, with speakers Eunice Peterson and Fr. Adrian Martens. Includes prayers, talks, food, and refreshment. Childcare is available! When: **Oct 25-26, 2024 at the Catholic Pastoral Centre**. Contact 403-218-5521 or email mara.capili@calgarydiocese.ca

St. Pius X 70th Anniversary Dinner - Tickets on sale!

St. Pius X Parish invites all former parishioners and friends to celebrate its 70th Anniversary Banquet on **Fri, Nov 8, 5 pm, Winsport/Canada Olympic Park**. Enjoy a three-course meal with wine, with dietary options available. Tickets are \$85 - call: 403-289-3602.

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**. Contact 403-218-5500 or email receptionist@calgarydiocese.ca

White Mass - Feast of St. Luke

Calling all healthcare professionals! You are invited to the White Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, hosted by the Calgary Catholic Medical Society. When: **Thu, Oct 17, 2024, 7 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral**. Social to follow. [More](#)

Back to School: Empower moms; transform 2 generations

Donations to the **Elizabeth House Education Fund** will be matched up to \$15,000 - deadline is approaching - **October 15!** Your support helps moms achieve their dreams by funding tuition, school supplies, transportation, and childcare as they pursue GEDs, trades, and degrees. Give now: catholiccyc.ca/eh_backtoschool or call 403-218-5500 to make a donation.

Memorial Liturgy for those grieving an infant loss

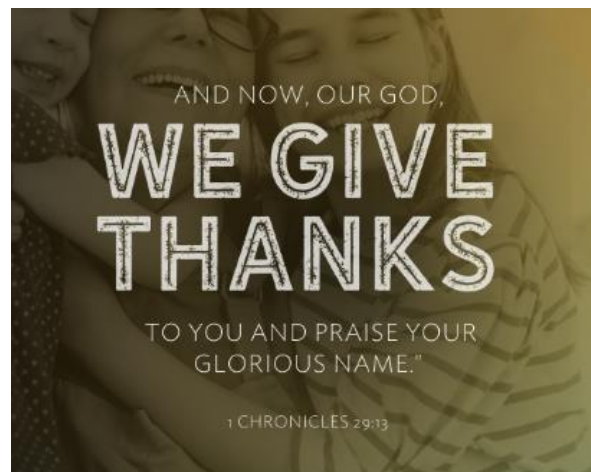
When: **Tue, Nov 12 at 7 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral**, with Bishop McGrattan presiding. Contact 403-218-5521 or email mara.capili@calgarydiocese.ca

Career Opportunities in the Diocese of Calgary

- [Properties Manager \(Full-time\)](#) - CPC
- [Bookkeeper \(Casual\)](#) - St. Michael's, Pincher Creek
- [Parish Volunteer Screening Coordinator \(Part-time\)](#), St. Peter's, Calgary
- [Sacrament Preparation & Family Life Coordinator \(Casual\)](#), St. Augustine's, Taber
- [Sacrament Preparation & Volunteer Screening Coordinator \(Full-time\)](#), Sacred Heart, Calgary

For more info, visit catholiccyc.ca/careers

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!



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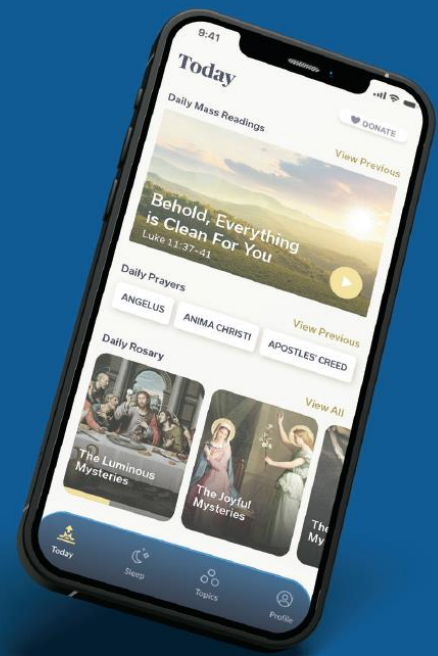
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Knights of Columbus 2024 2025 Officers

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Treasurer	Ron Pisoni
Chancellor	Jason Iverson
Recorder	Brad Irvine
Advocate	Herb Durda
Warden	Walter Pratt
Inside Guard	Dale Maddaford
Outside Guard	Michael Camphor
Year 1 Trustee	Gary Heinbecker
Year 2 Trustee	Kent Friedt
Year 3 Trustee	Garry Mastel
Lecturer	Rick Brown
Membership Director	Garry Lux
Faith in Action Program Director	Greg Martin
Faith in Action Life Director	Allan Lawson
Faith in Action Family Director	Jimmy Tablan
Faith in Action Faith Director	Darrell Bonagofsky
Faith in Action Community Director	Ron Pisoni
Pastoral Parish Council Representative	Garry Mastel

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mark 10:17-30



The rich young man in today's Gospel reading was sad because Jesus told him to sell his things and give his money to the poor.

Jesus said that it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

But all things are possible with God!

Can you find the way from the camel through the needle?

Saint Teresa of Avila

October 15

TERESA OF AVILA WAS BORN IN 1515 IN SPAIN TO A CATHOLIC FAMILY. WHEN SHE WAS 7 SHE AND HER BROTHER RAN AWAY, HOPING TO BECOME MARTYRS.

What are you two doing way out here?

HER MOTHER DIED WHEN SHE WAS 14. WHEN SHE BECAME DISTRACTED BY WORLDLY THINGS HER FATHER SENT HER TO A CONVENT.

SHE WAS SENT HOME WHEN SHE BECAME ILL, BUT WENT BACK WHEN SHE WAS BETTER.

It's so hard to leave my father... but I must go!

Sister Anne's cousins are coming today!

Oh! They're fun!

THE NUNS AT THIS CONVENT DID NOT PRACTICE POVERTY OR SILENCE.

FOR A LONG TIME TERESA STRUGGLED WITH PRAYER. SHE LIKED TO BE WITH HER FRIENDS.

I don't have time to pray...

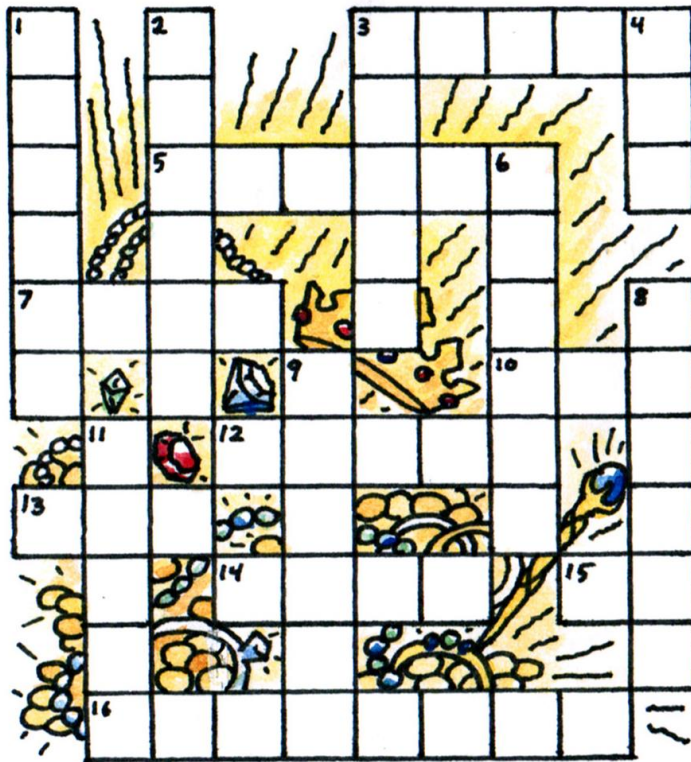
Did you hear about Elizabeth?

BUT GOD ASKED HER TO TALK ONLY TO HIM. TERESA BEGAN TO HAVE VISIONS AND HEAR THINGS FROM GOD.

Speak
no more
with men...

SOON SHE STARTED NEW CONVENTS THAT FOLLOWED THE OLD RULES. MANY PEOPLE TRIED TO STOP HER, BUT SHE OBEYED GOD. SHE WAS SICKLY ALL HER LIFE AND DIED AT AGE 67.

WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG SAINT TERESA HAD A HARD TIME KEEPING GOD FIRST IN HER LIFE. SHE WAS DISTRACTED BY FRIENDS AND NICE THINGS. BUT SHE KNEW THAT GOD WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT, SO SHE GAVE HER LIFE TO HIM. WHAT ARE YOU DISTRACTED BY? WILL YOU LET IT KEEP YOU AWAY FROM GOD?



Wisdom Cross- Word Puzzle

Wisdom 7:7-11

*Unscramble the words in CAPITALS
and fit them into the puzzle!
A=Across and D=Down.*

I DEYPAR (8D), and prudence SWA (13A) given me;
I pleaded and HET (4D) spirit of MSODWI (2D)
came to EM (15A).

I preferred her to scepter and ONTHRE (9D),
and deemed ERSIHC (6D) nothing
in comparison with her,

nor did I liken any priceless gem to her;

because all DLGO (14A), in view of her, is a little sand,
and before her, VELSIR (5A) is to be accounted mire.

Beyond health and comeliness I OELVD (3D) her,
And I SECHO (12A) to have RHE (10A)
rather than the HGLTI (3A),

because the DORSPLEN (16A) of her
never yields to sleep.

Yet all DOOG (7A) NSGTIH (1D) together
came to me in her company,
and countless riches at her SDHNA (11D).

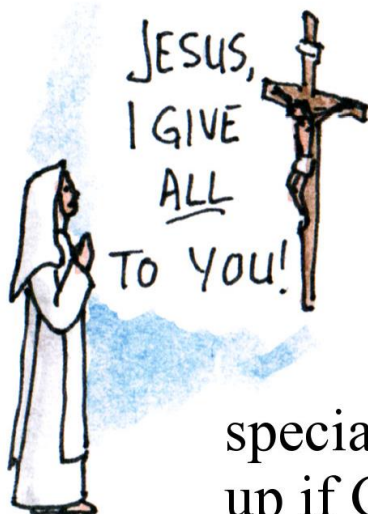
Jesus and the Rich Young Man



The rich man in today's Gospel reading wanted to follow Jesus. But he was sad when Jesus told him that he should sell his things and give his money to the poor.

Do you think Jesus wants everyone to give away everything they have?

God calls some people to give up all their things so they can live a special life for Him, like religious brothers and sisters.



But God also wants people who are rich to use their money and things for Him- to help the poor and the Church.

What do you have that is really special? Would you be ready to give it up if God wanted you to?

Cross-word Puzzle answers: Across: 3. light 5. silver 7. good 10. her 12. chose 13. was 14. gold 15. me 16. splendor Down: 1. things 2. wisdom 3. loved 4. the 6. riches 8. prayed 9. throne 11. hands



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.

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Retreat Centers in Southern Alberta

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

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



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

We offer silent retreats and spiritual direction. We also serve those in the 12 Step Program through weekend and evening Serenity retreats. We listen to 5th steps. We host groups and individuals seeking a place of quiet and stillness in an often-hectic world. We can accommodate up to 50 people (46 rooms/50 beds). We have one large and one small meeting room, a library and chapel. We can accommodate most dietary restrictions. There are approximately 500 acres to explore.

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

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



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





Scams Alert

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

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

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

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

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

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

If you get an email or a text, PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND to it, you can forward it to contact@holymfamilymh.ca so it can be sent to the diocese.