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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. Igbal 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.

Gospel Reading - Mark 10:35-45 Jesus teaches that those who wish to be great must be the servant of all.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B Mark 10:35-45

* Masses & Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 19

5:00pm - The Schall Family Sunday, October 20

> 8:30am - Holy Family Parish 10:30am - Mike Schafer †

6:00pm - Pat & Jackie Denis

Monday, October 21

9:00am — Donald Deck †

Tuesday, October 22

9:00am — Randy Hephner †

Wednesday, October 23

7:00am – Blanche Hudec

Thursday, October 24

9:00am — John Royle †

Friday, October 25

9:00am - Doris Klotz

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	
Thank You		
Thank You for your Generous Contributions		
Average Weekly Attendance	914	



Special Collections
October 2024

Future Development Fund

Together in Action

October 20, 2024 World Mission Sunday



Jesus' life was the best 'job description': sympathy; mercy; service; compassion; and total giving. Life is rewarding when one lives for others. Do you want to serve or be served? If you are willing to serve as a priest, religious or deacon, please contact the Office of Vocations at 403-218-5500 or email Fr. Cristino Bouvette...

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

Together IN Year to Date: \$54,487. ACTION only 77% of total needed!

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

Only 2 months to go and \$16,451. more to raise. Please give what you can to meet our goal this year!

Your Generosity is Appreciated!

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 53:10-11. Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22. Hebrews 4:14-16. Mark 10:35-45.

What Do You Wish? We go to Jesus all the time, asking, pleading, wanting. We ask to be healthy; we plead to be safe; we want this, that, and the other for ourselves and for those we love. In our going to him, Jesus asks: "What do you wish me to do for you?" Then he listens. Sometimes our asking is right on. Sometimes it is pushy, overly ambitious, seeking top-dog status. Then Jesus says, do not be a bad king or queen; instead, act like a slave, be a servant. Grasping the cross is the way to the Kingdom of God.

- ★ What honor or prestige do I want that I really do not need?
- ★ When next lask Jesus for what I wish, what needs of others will I also add to the list?
- → How will I serve and when will I serve others this week?



The CWL has a bin in the foyer to collect new socks for the homeless to keep their feet dry and warm this winter. We will collect them through the month of October for donation to the Mustard Seed.

Thank you for helping those in need.





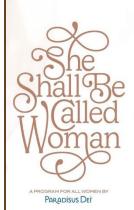
OCTOBER 23RD TOPIC

PLACES IN THE

CATHOLIC CHURCH &

CHURCH WALK

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



October 24, 2024
Holy Family Parish Hall
6:15pm Gathering
6:45 pm Presentation
7:15 pm Group Discussion
7:45 pm Dismissal
Theme: Unveiling the
Feminine Heart
Presenter: Lisa Cotter







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 <u>OR</u> Saturday Oct 26th at Holy Family Faith Room 1:30pm to 3:00pm

Grief Share

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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Knights of Columbus Dean Fitzpatrick Council 1732 Citizenship Essay Contest

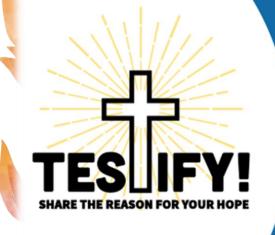
√Topic for 2024:

"What are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess, and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues?"

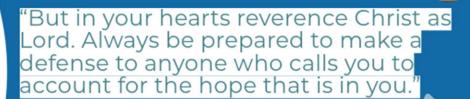
√Who is eligible:

- All Catholic Students currently in Grades 9 and 12.
- √Prizes:
- 1st- \$100, 2nd -\$75, 3rd-\$50.
- ✓ Entries forms and details:
- Available in classroom or at the MHCBE school board office.
- Deadline for entry Nov 10th, 2024





Catholic Education Week 2024 October 19 - 25

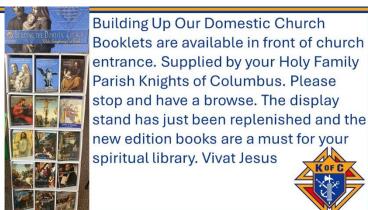


1 Peter 3:15

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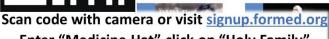












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Be suspicious of emails that ask you to buy cards and/or send money. This can't be a normal way of

operating in the Catholic Church. Be suspicious!

Ignore these emails and mark them as spam/junk.



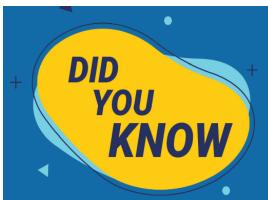
Are you looking for Sacramental Marriage

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).



Catholic Education Week 2024 October 19 - 25





Catholic Schools in Alberta are **fully funded** by the Alberta Government and constitutionally protected by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms?



We have over **180,000** students in Catholic schools across the province?

Catholic schools integrate **faith** into all aspects of the curriculum?



Catholic schools are governed by locally elected Catholic School Trustees?



Catholic Education is supported by the **Council of Catholic School** Superintendents of Alberta (CCSSA) who provide professional development to our superintendents and promote the uniqueness of Catholic education?





Alberta is home to 23 Catholic **Francophone** schools, providing Catholic education in French for our Francophone community?



Studies consistently show that students in Catholic schools often **outperform** their peers in public schools according to the Alberta Education Assurance Measure?



Parents and community members can actively support Catholic education by participating in Grateful Advocates for Catholic **Education** (GrACE)? Sign up for the monthly newsletter here!





All Catholic School Families have access to an online resource: Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ? Reach out to your Catholic School Division for more information!













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







Toyeux Noël! THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS IS UPON US

Join us for An Evening of French Carols and Desserts.

Une soirée de chants français et de desserts.

Gather with family and friends to enjoy the timeless melodies that echo the joy, warmth, and love of the Christmas season.

Presented by









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NOV

2024

Thursday

Holy Family Parish 1451 Strachan Rd SE

6 PM - 7 PM

Presented and Hosted by our Kindergarten to Grade 12 French Immersion students. teachers and families.

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!





Chalice Child Sponsorship

Chalice 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 Philippines Bangladesh Haiti

Ghana Kenya

COMING TO

HOLY FAMILY

OCTOBER

19 & 20

Bolivia Peru Tanzania Paraguay 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

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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. IQBAL 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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- 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:

- LUNCHES
- TRAVEL INSURANCE



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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

OCTOBER 20, 2024

PROPERTIES OF OUR LIFE

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?" was the question by the man in the Gospel of last Sunday which leads us to our struggles of faith to work hard to inherit eternal life. We must not forget that in our struggles and challenges of faith, the Lord keep encouraging us; "I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!" (John 16:33). St. Paul says "No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it" which is a beautiful reminder that our sufferings are the end of our relationship with the Lord. What is our response as Christians to suffering? Why is there suffering when Lord loves us so much? Why did Jesus suffer when he is Son of God? Why do good people suffer when there is no deceit found in them? What causes suffering in our lives? There are so many other questions we hear everyday. I guess most of the times our life runs around with too many whys and most of the time we find no answer to these "whys".

In facing life's great 'whys?', we have two paths: either stay and wistfully contemplate past and present sepulchres or allow Jesus to approach our sepulchres. Yes, because each one of us already has a small sepulchre, some area that has somewhat died within our hearts; a wound, a wrongdoing endured or inflicted, an unrelenting resentment, a regret that keeps coming back, a sin we cannot overcome. Today, let us identify these little sepulchres that we have inside, and let us invite Jesus into them. It is curious, but we often prefer to be alone in the dark caves within us rather than invite Christ inside them. We are tempted to always seek solutions for ourselves, brooding and sinking into anguish, licking our wounds, instead of going to him, who says, "Come to me, all who labour and are heavy

laden, and I will give you rest", (Mt II:28). Let us not be held captive by the temptation to remain alone and discouraged, crying about what is happening to us. Let us not give in to the useless and inconclusive logic of fear, resignedly repeating that everything is going badly, and nothing is as it once was. This is the sepulchral atmosphere. The Lord instead wishes to open the path of life, that of encounter with him, of trust in him, of the resurrection of the heart, the way of: "Arise, Arise, come out". This is what the Lord asks of us, and he is by our side to do so. However sometimes we fail to recognize that through his suffering we have been saved "Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you" as St. Peter says.

Some years ago, on a hot summer day in south Florida, a little boy decided to go for a swim in the old swimming hole behind his house. In a hurry to dive into the cool water, he ran out the back door, leaving behind shoes, socks, and shirt as he went. He flew into the water, not realizing that as he swam toward the middle of the lake, an alligator was swimming toward the shore. His mother in the house was looking out the window saw the two as they got closer and closer together. In utter fear, she ran toward the water, yelling to her son as loudly as she could. Hearing her voice, the little boy became alarmed and made a U-turn to swim to his mother. It was too late. Just as he reached her, the alligator reached him.

From the dock, the mother grabbed her little boy by the arms just as the alligator snatched his legs. That began an incredible tug-of-war between the two. The alligator was much stronger than the mother, but the mother was much too passionate to let go. A farmer happened to drive by, heard her screams, raced from his truck, took aim and shot the alligator. Remarkably, after weeks and weeks in the hospital, the little boy survived. His legs were extremely scarred by the vicious attack of the animal. And, on his arms, were deep scratches where his mother's fingernails dug into his flesh in her effort to hang on to the son she loved.

The newspaper reporter who interviewed the boy after the trauma, asked if he would show him his scars. The boy lifted his pant legs. And then, with obvious pride, he said to the reporter, "But look at my arms. I have great scars on my arms, too. I have them because my mom wouldn't let go." You and I can identify with that little boy. We have scars, too. No, not from an alligator, or anything quite so dramatic. But the scars of a painful past. Some of those scars are unsightly and have caused us deep regret. But, some wounds, my friend, are because God has refused to let go.

Amid our struggle, He's been there holding on to us. The Scripture teaches that God loves us. We are children of God. He wants to protect us and provide for us in every way. But sometimes we foolishly wade into dangerous situations. The swimming hole of life is filled with peril - and we forget that the enemy is waiting to attack. That's when the tug-of-war

begins - and if you have the scars of His love on your arms be very, very grateful. He did not and will not - let you go. (Please read I Peter 5:1-14).

Once St. Teresa of Avila (also known as Teresa of Jesus) wrote; "If Christ Jesus dwells in a man as his friend and noble leader, that man can endure all things, for Christ helps and strengthens us and never abandons us. He is a true friend. And I clearly see that if we expect to please him and receive an abundance of his graces, God desires that these graces must come to us from the hands of Christ, through his most sacred humanity, in which God takes delight. Many, many times I have perceived this through experience. The Lord has told it to me. I have seen that we must enter by this gate if we wish his Sovereign Majesty to reveal to us great and hidden mysteries. A person should desire no other path, even if he is at the summit of contemplation; on this road he walks safely. All blessings come to us through our Lord. He will teach us, for in beholding his life we find that he is the best example.

What more do we desire from such a good friend at our side? Unlike our friends in the world, he will never abandon us when we are troubled or distressed. Blessed is the one who truly loves him and always keeps him nearby. Let us consider the glorious Saint Paul: it seems that no other name fell from his lips than that of Jesus, because the name of Jesus was fixed and embedded in his heart. Once I had come to understand this truth, I carefully considered the lives of some of the saints, the great contemplatives, and found that they took no other path: Francis, Anthony of Padua, Bernard, Catherine of Siena. A person must walk along this path in freedom, placing himself in God's hands. If God should desire to raise us to the position of one who is an intimate and shares his secrets, we ought to accept this gladly.

Whenever we think of Christ, we should recall the love that led him to bestow on us so many graces and favors, and the great love God showed in giving us in Christ a pledge of his love; for love calls for love in return. Let us strive to keep this always before our eyes and to rouse ourselves to love him. For if at some time the Lord should grant us the grace of impressing his love on our hearts, all will become easy for us, and we shall accomplish great things quickly and without effort".

There are two questions that have often left people confused and bewildered. One is, why does God allow bad things happen to good people; and the second is, why does God allow good things happen to bad people. We are often confused to why it seems that good things are always happening to godless people, but on the other hand, bad things are always happening to godly people. Let me try and give you an answer to those questions. As for the reason why, God allows good things to happen to bad people, the explanation is in one word, the word mercy. There is no other way to explain it. God is a merciful God. Jesus said, "He makes His sun to rise on the evil and on the good and send rain on

the just and on the unjust" (Matt 5:45). The same concept of mercy of we can see in the First Reading as we reflect on the Song of the Suffering Servant; "It was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain". Does it make any sense to us that God himself allowing his Son to suffer? Is suffering end of our life or relationships? Jesus did suffer and died only to give us eternal life and that life change us to see him as he is as we read in the Letter to Hebrews. Through his suffering we have been saved for eternity because he bore our iniquities onto him.

As for the question, why does God allow bad things to happen to good people, the answer is in the word ministry. St. Peter tells us that God has a ministry in our suffering. He says, "And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen" (I Peter 5:10-II).

If our properties of life are right and we trust in the Lord, then we must understand that he has paid full by his blood for our salvation.

One day, a poor boy was selling newspapers from door to door to pay his way through school. Just a very few people bought his newspapers. But he found that he had only one thin dime left, and he was hungry. He decided he would ask for a meal at the next house. He knocked at the door. However, he lost his nerve when a lovely young woman opened the door. Seeing the woman, instead of a meal, he asked for water to drink. She — the young woman, thought he looked hungry and brought him a large glass of milk and two biscuits. He drank it slowly, ate the biscuits, and then asked, "How much should I owe you?" "You don't need to owe me anything," she replied lovingly. "We can't accept pay for kindness." He said, "Then I thank you from my heart." As Howard — the poor boy left that house, he not only felt stronger physically, but his faith in God and man was stronger too. He had been ready to give up and quit selling newspapers. Days, months, and years went by, and Howard eventually became a doctor. Later that young woman - now an old lady, became critically ill. The local doctors were baffled. They told her that the illness could not be cured by them. They finally sent her to the big city, where they called in specialists to study her rare disease. Dr. Howard was called in for the consultation of that old lady. When he heard the name of the town she came from, a strange light filled his eyes. He remembered the young woman who helped him in his childhood. The memories flew into his mind. Immediately he rose and went down the hall of the hospital to her room.

Dressed in his doctor's gown he went in to see her. He recognized her at once. He went back to the consultation room determined to do his best to save her life. From that day he gave special attention to the case. After a long struggle, the battle was won, and the lady was cured. Dr. Howard requested the business office to pass the final bill to him so

he could pay it for her. He looked at it, then wrote something on the edge before the bill was sent to her room. She feared opening it, because she was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay for it all and she has no one to help her financially. Finally, she looked, and something caught her attention on the side of the bill. She began to read the words: "Paid in full, with one glass of milk." Signed, Dr. Howard."

This is the exact lesson we get from today's Gospel where disciples are confused with the concept of power and high rank but Jesus on the other hand is giving them lifelong lesson to be ready to die for other. There is very interesting movie called "Quo Vadis" (1951) which means "where are you going". This movie is about the persecution of Christians in Jerusalem and St. Peter is leaving the city amid the suffering and Jesus meets with St. Peter and St. Peter asks him "Quo Vadis? and Jesus answers him back saying "I am going back to Jerusalem to suffer again for my people.

John and James have come to follow him, and they are with him. Therefore, while they are on their way to Jerusalem — where the disciples anxiously hope that on the occasion of the celebration of Passover, Jesus will at last establish the Kingdom of God — the two brothers take courage, approach the Teacher and make their request: "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory".

Jesus knows that James and John are inspired by great enthusiasm for him and for the cause of the Kingdom, but he also knows that their expectations and their zeal are tarnished by the spirit of the world. Thus, he responds: "You do not know what you are asking". And as they are speaking of 'thrones of glory' on which to sit beside Christ the King, he speaks of a "cup" to be drunk, of a "baptism" to be received, that is, his passion and death. James and John, always aiming at the hoped-for privilege, say in an outburst: yes, "we are able"! But here too, they do not truly understand what they are saying. Jesus forewarns that they will drink his cup and receive his baptism, that is, that they too, like the other Apostles, will take part in his cross, when their time comes. However, Jesus concludes: "to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared".

Jesus suffered and became obedient to the death and death on the Cross but taught us a lesson that we should not be lost in the worldly mentality of suffering which is being considered the end of everything but have the mind of God that our suffering brings us closer to God. It is easy to say, "why me Lord when we suffer but difficult to say thank you Lord for all your blessings".

Let me conclude my reflection with the words of M.S. Lowndes to understand our properties of life.

I CHOOSE to TRUST in God and leave it in His hands

I CHOOSE to LOVE my neighbour and treat them with respect

I CHOOSE to RESPOND like Jesus when anger starts to rise

I CHOOSE to FORGIVE others because Christ first forgave me

I CHOOSE to Live in God's peace when I give Him my concerns

I CHOOSE to BE LED by God's Spirit and walk in His power each day

I CHOOSE to BECOME more like Jesus and walk in His victory

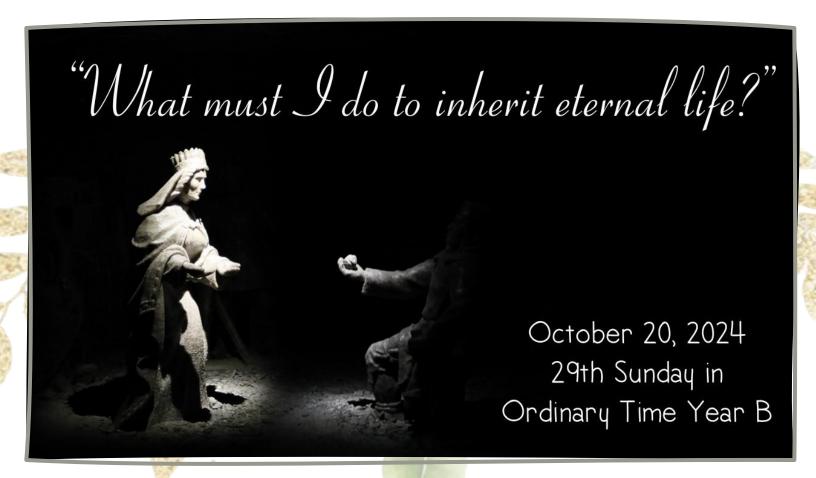
I CHOOSE to OFFER praise to God when my soul is overwhelmed

I CHOOSE to SET my mind on Christ, not on worldly distractions

I CHOOSE to BE OBEDIENT to God even when I don't understand BECAUSE...

I CHOOSE to LIVE a surrendered life to the one who does understand.

What are our properties of life?



DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

October 20, 2024



Catholic Education Sunday

On October 19-20, 2024, we celebrate Catholic Education Sunday across the Diocese of Calgary, marking the start of Catholic Education Week (Oct 19-25). This year's theme is "Testify! Share the reason for your hope." Let us unite with our community to support and give thanks for Catholic education in Alberta this weekend on Catholic Education Sunday! Give online, visit

catholicyyc.ca/catholiceducationsunday

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

SCAN ME

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.

Brick by Brick Dinner Fundraiser for St. Gabriel's Parish Church

Join St. Gabriel the Archangel parishioners for an exciting dinner fundraiser featuring live music, a wine mountain, and an auction! When: Fri, Oct 25, 5:30–9 pm - St. Gabriel the Archangel School, Chestermere. Tickets are \$50 per person, available by calling 403-455-0196.

Priestly Vocations Night

Have you considered becoming a priest? Join the Office of Vocations for a *Priestly Vocations Night* with Fr. Derek Remus, starting with Mass at 5 pm, followed by Evening Prayer, supper, a presentation on

discerning the priesthood, and silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. When: Sat, Oct 26, 6:30–9 pm at St. Luke's Church, Calgary.

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.

Contact your parish and pastor for approval. Oct 16 at catholicyyc.ca/pastoralcare, 403-218-5521 or email mara.capili@calgarydiocese.ca

Ablaze Youth Ministry - for Grades 9 - 12

A FacetoFace Ministries event for Grades 9 - 12. When: Fri, Nov 1, 7 - 9 pm at St. Bonaventure Parish, Calgary. Join us for an evening of faith, fun, and fellowship. Questions? Contact Andres Garcia at andy.f.garc@hotmail.com or 403-818-1098.

40 Hours Devotion for Vocations

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

 St. Anthony's, Calgary - 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

10th Annual Fall Dinner and Auction Fundraiser for Sacred Heart church in Strathmore

Join Sacred Heart Church for an evening of dinner, live and silent auctions, and entertainment. When: **Sat, Nov 2, 5 - 11 pm, Strathmore Civic Centre.** Tickets are \$50 per person. To support, consider donating an item, service, holiday destination, or cash, or buying a ticket. For more information, contact Gorete or Harry at 403-934-4817.

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

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
- Parish Volunteer Screening Coord St. Peter's, Calgary
- Sacrament Prep & Family Life Coordinator, St. Augustine's, Taber
- <u>Sacrament Prep & Volunteer Screening Coord.</u> (Full-time), Sacred Heart, Calgary

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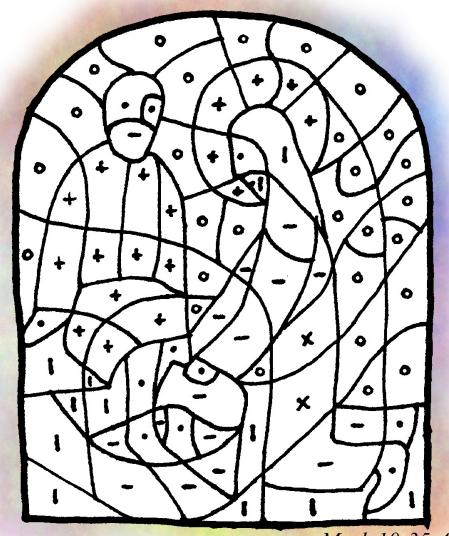
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Faith in Action Faith Director	Darrell Bonagofsky
Faith in Action Community Director	Ron Pisoni
Pastoral Parish Council Representative	Garry Mastel

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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 20th, 2024



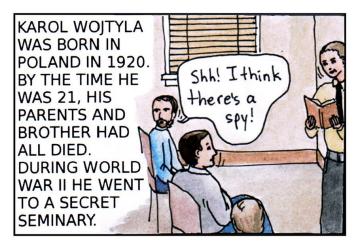
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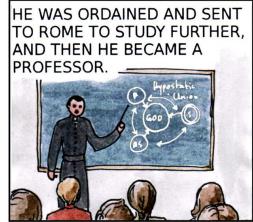
Jesus said that whoever wishes to be the greatest must be the servant of all.

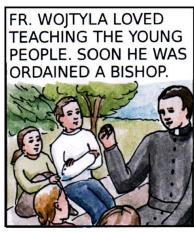
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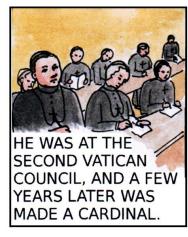
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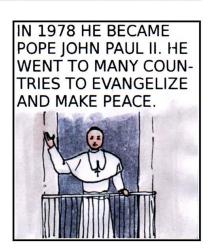
Saint John Paul II October 22















POPE JOHN PAUL WORKED FOR MANY YEARS TRYING TO BRING PEACE AND HOPE TO THE WORLD. EVEN WHEN HE WAS OLD AND SUFFERED FROM PARKINSON'S DISEASE. HE DIED ON APRIL 2, 2005.

SAINT JOHN PAUL GREW UP IN A TIME AND PLACE WHERE THERE WAS WAR ALL AROUND HIM. HE PRAYED AND WORKED TO BRING PEACE TO MANY NATIONS. WE SHOULD TRY TO BE PEACEFUL IN OUR FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS, AND PRAY FOR PEACE IN COUNTRIES WHERE PEOPLE ARE AT WAR.

Great People Serve Others!

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells us that the people who are really great are those who serve.

Here are some really great people:

Mary, the Mother of Jesus- God asked her to be the mother of His Son. Our Lady spent her whole life caring for Jesus, and now she watches over us and helps us. She is the greatest saint of all.



The pope has a very big joblooking after the whole Church. Did you know that the pope is called "The servant of the servants of God?" He is great because he is using his life to take care of God's people.

But who do you think is the best example of all? Jesus! He helped people all His life, and then He died so that everyone would have the chance to go to Heaven.

Answer to word-find: Jesus died for our sins. JUSTIFYJES
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AFFLICTION
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VENINSSGII
ESGUILTHNT
SSERVANTGY

Isaiah 53 Word-Find



Try to find in the puzzle the words written in CAPITALS in today's first reading.

Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end!

The Lord was PLEASED to CRUSH him in INFIRMITY.

If he GIVES his life as an OFFERING for sin, he shall see his descendents in a long LIFE, and the will of the Lord will be accomplished through him.

Because of his AFFLICTION he shall see the LIGHT in FULLNESS of DAYS; through his SUFFERING, my SERVANT shall JUSTIFY many, and their GUILT he shall bear.



Who is Jesus? Do I need a church?

Why do I exist?

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

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

CLICK HERE TO WATCH THIS TRAILER

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

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



Order the Leader's Kit or Deluxe Leader's Kit on Catholic Market.

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 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.

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