



# Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YR. B SUNDAY, OCT. 27, 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

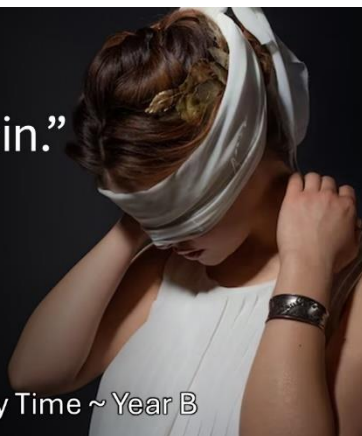
**We acknowledge that Treaty 7  
Territory, on which we stand, is the  
ancestral land of the Indigenous  
Peoples and is common home to  
everyone in Virtue of God, our  
Creator's Gracious Gift.**

## Gospel Reading ~ Mark 10:46-52

*Jesus restores sight to the blind man,  
Bartimaeus*

**"My teacher,  
let me see again."**

Mark 10:46-52  
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B



## † Masses & Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 26

5:00pm – Sonia Cameron †

Sunday, October 27

8:30am – Holy Family Parish

10:30am – Dennis Wirachowsky †

6:00pm – Simon Schmaltz †

Monday, October 28

9:00am – Georgio Ramos †

Tuesday, October 29

9:00am – Conrad & Lorraine Sehn †

Wednesday, October 30

7:00am – Paul Lerner & Dan Hudec †

Thursday, October 31

9:00am – All deceased from Fox Valley  
Friday, November 1

9:00am – Emanuel & Katherine  
Weisgerber †

6:00pm – Deceased of Holy Family †



**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
<b>\$ 59,182- Budget Vs Actual</b>	<b>-\$ 1,808</b>

**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  
for your Generous Contributions*

**Average Weekly Attendance**      **914**

**Together IN  
ACTION**  
*Annual Bishop's Appeal*

Year to Date: \$56,489 .  
only 80% of total needed!  
The 2024 Goal is \$70,938.

**Only 9 weeks to go and \$14,489. more.  
That is \$1,610. each week to raise!**

**Please give what you can  
to meet our goal this year!**

*Your Generosity is Appreciated!*

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jeremiah 31:7-9.

Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.

Hebrews 5:1-6.

Mark 10:46-52.

Enlightened Sight

The blind man will not be silenced today. Insistently he calls on Jesus by name. He asks for pity; he asks for sight. Jesus makes it happen. Instead of returning home to a renewed life, he throws off his cloak and jumps into action and follows. Even when sightless, he saw with eyes of faith. Because of this encounter with Jesus, his insight is richer.

- ✦ What do I need to beg of Jesus? For myself? For someone else?
- ✦ How can I keep listening for Jesus already active in my life? In the lives of others?
- ✦ What "cloak" that holds me back will I throw off to follow Jesus?



**Special Collections  
NOVEMBER**

Future Development  
**Together in Action**  
Society of  
St. Vincent de Paul  
**November 3, 2024**  
**Catholic Education**  
**November 10, 2024**  
**Christmas Flowers**

# VOCATIONS

Oct 27, 2024  
30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

The blind beggar Bartimaeus would not listen to the many people scolding him to be quiet but shouted all the louder in prayer "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Only then did Jesus call him over and answered his need. Bartimaeus becomes a powerful example of how persistent we must be in prayer when we are asking God to show us His Will for our lives. And then, ask Him for the grace to accept it. If you feel God is offering you the grace of a Church vocation, please contact the Office of Vocations at 403-218-5500 or email Fr. Cristino Bouvette...

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

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 126, A song of praise to God who does great things.**



# SOCKTOBER

SHARE A PAIR TO SHOW YOU CARE!

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.



**Faith & Family Pumpkin Rosary** **FREE**

Sunday, Oct. 27th, 2:00-4:00pm

Holy Family Parish Hall

Carve pumpkins (bring your own or use ours) and join our living rosary!

**FREE** Information and to Pre-Register, contact Derek Ballinger at ballingd@gmail.com



4th Degree  
Knights of  
Columbus  
Members  
Meeting  
Oct. 27, 2024  
1:45 PM  
St. Patrick's  
Church  
Meeting Room

## The Feast of Saints Simon & Jude

October 28

Pray for Us



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

### OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup> TOPICS



Holy Family Parish, Medicine Hat, AB

MARY  
&  
THE SAINTS

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

The Legion of Mary invites everyone to join in a living rosary on Wednesday, October 30th at St Patrick's Church prior to the 7 pm Mass. For those interested in being in the procession, holding a candle, and helping to lead the prayers, please meet in the church hall by 6:15 pm. The rosary procession will begin no later than 6:25 pm.



Refreshments will follow Mass in The church hall. Please come answer Mary's call to Pray the rosary. Thank you.



October 31, 2024  
Holy Family Parish Hall  
6:15pm Gathering  
6:45 pm Presentation  
7:15 pm Group Discussion  
7:45 pm Dismissal  
Theme: Finding the  
Extraordinary in the  
Ordinary  
Presenter: Alicia Hernon



## 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

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November 2, 2024 ~ Holy Family Parish Hall  
Breakfast 7:30 am  
Presentation 8:30 am  
Theme: The Assumption of Mary  
Presenter: Mark Hartfiel

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



*First Saturday Mass*

*The 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of  
each month  
at 8:00am*

*November 2, 2024*



## HOLY FAMILY PARISH FALL SUPPER

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, at 5:00pm

Featuring a Tasty Ham Meal

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

**LAST  
WEEKEND  
FOR TICKETS!!!**

~HOSTED BY~

Holy Family  
Catholic Women's  
League

Tickets sold before & after

**WEEKEND** Masses October 26-27th

Take Out will be Available \$20.00/Meal

## Sacramental Preparation 2024-25

### Confirmation

Thursday Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Patrick's Church Hall  
6:00pm to 7:30pm

### 1st Reconciliation

Saturday Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Patrick's Church Hall  
10:00am to 11:30am **OR** Saturday Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> 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  
Runs to November 28, 2024  
Call Karen at 403-502-5624



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

## **Live-In Weekend Retreat.**

November 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Friday at 4:30pm to Sunday at 4:30 pm

St. Joseph's School 1413 23rd Ave, Coaldale  
register online: [www.lethbridgelivein.ca](http://www.lethbridgelivein.ca)

for more details contact:

Sandra Kano 403-394-4658

or [skano@live.ca](mailto:skano@live.ca)

## 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

## Mass of the Angels



Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Mass 6:00pm

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

*Faithfully*  
FAITH. LIVED. FULLY.

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





*St. Michael's Church*  
**FALL HAM SUPPER**  
*Bow Island Legion*  
**October 27, 2024**  
**4:00 – 6:00 pm**

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Adults	\$20.00
Seniors	\$15.00
7-12	\$10.00
6 & Under	FREE
Family Rate	\$50.00
immediate family	
Takeout	\$20.00

**Ham   Mashed Potatoes   Peas**  
**Coleslaw   Apple Sauce**  
**Pie for Dessert**



**Foremost**  
**Roast Beef**  
**Fall Supper**

**Date: Sunday November 3, 2024**  
**Time: 4-6 pm**  
**Location: Foremost Community Hall**  
**Bake Sale Table and Raffle!**  
**Everyone Welcome!**



*Joyeux 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 

**21 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.



**Knights of Columbus®**  
 Alberta/NWT State Council

**50-50**  
**CHARITIES APPEAL RAFFLE**

**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**



# 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**



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## THE JOY OF HEALING

As we conclude the month of October, the Gospel readings were so powerful and inspiring to help us to come to Jesus to learn how to inherit eternal life by serving and trusting him. Today once again we come to reflect on the Word of God which is a life-giving source and helps us to enjoy our relationships with him by following his teachings. How do we look at our life? Where are we now compared to where we could be? How much have we enjoyed our life in Him? Someone once wrote "The life of every man is a diary in which he means to write one story and writes another; and his humblest hour is when he compares the volume as it is with what he vowed to make it."

What should we have started last week, last month, or even last year?

Where would we be if we had started last week?

Where would we be if we had started last month?

Where would we be if we had started last year?

Where would we be if we had started five years ago?

These thoughts may be somewhat depressing but hiding from them isn't going to help. The truth is what we must face if we're serious about making our future better than our past. Our current position in life reflects our previous desires, planning, and choices. If we want a better future, we'll need to make some immediate and powerful changes and choices right now. Now is the time.

St. Augustine says, "You may still want to ask why the Apostle said: We do not know what it is right to pray for, because, surely, we cannot believe that either he or those to whom he wrote did not know the Lord's Prayer. He showed that he himself shared this uncertainty. Did he know what it was right to pray for when he was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to bruise him, so that he might not be puffed up by the greatness of what was revealed to him? Three times he asked the Lord to take it away from him, which showed that he did not know what he should ask for in prayer. At last, he heard the Lord's answer, explaining why the prayer of so great a man was not granted, and why

it was not expedient for it to be granted: My grace is sufficient for you, for power shines forth more perfectly in weakness”.

He continues to say; “In the kind of affliction, then, which can bring either good or ill, we do not know what it is right to pray for; yet, because it is difficult, troublesome and against the grain for us, weak as we are, we do what every human would do, we pray that it may be taken away from us. We owe, however, at least this much in our duty to God: if he does not take it away, we must not imagine that we are being forgotten by him but because of our loving endurance of evil, must await greater blessings in its place. In this way, power shines forth more perfectly in weakness. These words are written to prevent us from having too great an opinion of ourselves if our prayer is granted, when we are impatient in asking for something that it would be better not to receive; and to prevent us from being dejected, and distrustful of God’s mercy toward us, if our prayer is not granted, when we ask for something that would bring us greater affliction, or completely ruin us through the corrupting influence of prosperity. In these cases, we do not know what is right to ask for in prayer. Therefore, if something happens that we did not pray for, we must have no doubt at all that what God wants is more expedient than what we wanted ourselves. Our great Mediator gave us an example of this. After he had said: Father, if it is possible, let this cup be taken away from me, he immediately added, yet not what I will, but what you will, Father, so transforming the human will that was his through his taking a human nature. Consequently, and rightly so, through the obedience of one man the many are made righteous”.

A young man once approached Socrates and asked the philosopher how he could acquire wisdom and knowledge.

"Follow me," Socrates said in response, as he led the young man down to the sea. The young man followed as Socrates began wading through the water, first at ankle, then knee, then waist, and finally to shoulder height.

Then, rather abruptly, Socrates grabbed the young man and dunked him under the water. The young man struggled desperately and just before he blacked-out, Socrates pulled him up.

Infuriated, the young man screamed, *"What are you doing?! Trying to kill me?"*

Calmly, Socrates responded, *"Absolutely not. If that was my intention, I would not have pulled you up."*

*"Then why did you just do that?"* the young man gasped.

*"When you want wisdom and insight as badly as you desired that breath of air, then you shall have it,"* Socrates replied while looking the man in the eyes. Then, he turned to the shore and walked away.

The joy that comes from the Lord is as important as our lives are. Having joy, includes feeling good cheer and a vibrant happiness. But joy, in its fuller, spiritual meaning of expressing God's goodness, involves more. It is a deep-rooted, inspired happiness. According to Nehemiah "For the joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10). We also can see that in the beginning when God created Adam and Eve, he kept them in the



Garden of Eden (Garden of Joy) and gave everything under their dominion. Throughout our salvation history God has been giving joy and happiness to his people who fear and believe in him. He has blessed them with every blessing and fought for them to protect them from any human or evil powers. When the Bible talks about the joy of the Lord, is it talking about the feeling and experience "Rejoice in the Lord always," we know that we do not always have those kinds of feelings. What then is the joy of the Lord? One of the most powerful verses about joy in the Bible is Habakkuk 3:17-18. Habakkuk has just found out, by a revelation from God that his nation is going to be destroyed. The book of Habakkuk begins with a question by the prophet. He asks, "Why are your people so wicked and why do they seem to be getting away with it?" God answers him by saying, "I am aware of the wickedness of my people, and I am going to punish them by bringing an evil nation against them to destroy them." Habakkuk is shocked by this answer and wonders how God could allow a nation even more wicked than Israel to be the instrument of God's punishment. God answers him again and by the end of the book, Habakkuk has heard something from God that allows him to say, "Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior." That also is not the joy of a concert in the park, yet it exists in the most difficult circumstances and is present in the worst possible conditions. What is joy? "Joy is: A peace filled confidence about life because of the character, acts and promises of God".

In the First Reading, Prophet Jeremiah is encouraging everyone who are suffering or being bowed down by burdens of life to "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations, proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel". Prophet Jeremiah is delivering a message of hope and joy to the people in a time when people are experiencing the effects of Babylonian exile. He is boosting the spirit of people up that after the suffering there going to be joy and hope which will come from the Lord; "With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first born". The Psalmist adds more to it in this way "Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves" (Psalm 126).

Moreover, the Author of Letter to Hebrews is confirming that Jesus being the High Priest is the reason of our joy which he brought to us by his sacrifice once for all. This joy only comes from the Lord by doing his will and listening to his voice because he is our Good Shepherd who leads us to into the green pastures. He leads his people with staff and rod and shows his love and mercy.

A 92-year-old man, short, very well-presented, who took great care of his appearance, was moving into an old people's home one day. His wife of 70 years had recently died, and he was obliged to leave his home. After waiting several hours in the retirement home lobby, he gently smiled as I told him his room was ready. As he slowly walked to the elevator, using his cane, I described his small room to him, including the sheet hung at the



window, which served as a curtain. "I like it very much", he said, with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old boy who had just been given a new puppy. May also interest you All Seniors Will Benefit from Playing These Online Games Dangers of Inhaling Hydrogen Peroxide Recommended by "Sir, you haven't even seen the room yet. Hang on a moment, we are almost there." "That has nothing to do with it," he replied. "Happiness is something I choose in advance. Whether or not I like the room does not depend on the furniture, or the decor – rather it depends on how I decide to see it. It is already decided in my mind that I like my room. It is a decision I make every morning when I wake up. "I can choose. I can spend my day in bed enumerating all the difficulties that I have with the parts of my body that no longer work very well, or I can get up and give thanks to heaven for those parts that are still in working order. Every day is a gift, and if I can open my eyes, I will focus on the new day, and all the happy memories that I have made during my life. "Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw in later life what you have deposited along the way. " For a moment, I thought about the old man's words, and it all made sense. He made me realize that in life, we must deposit all the happiness we can in our bank account of memories. Like this, we will always have a trove of them to cherish. I would like to thank you for your part in filling my account with happy memories, which I am continuing to fill... And I remind you, that to live a happy life, you have to free your heart from hate, free your mind from worry, live simply, give more, and expect less. That's what the wise old man lives by.

That's same joy we can see in the life of Bartimaeus (GK- Honorable Son) son of Timaeus (Hebrews-Perfect, admirable, honorable) who is blind and sitting by the roadside. Though his father's name is mentioned but he is nowhere to be found. In the Jewish and many more in the modern cultures, if someone is born blind, lame or disable, act was always related to sin. His excitement has stunned that crowd as he speaks out "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me". Do we proclaim Jesus to other? Remember there will always be people to shut us down as we see in the Gospel today in particularly and Acts of the Apostles in general. We must continue to profess Jesus as our Lord and Saviour; "You will be my witnesses to the end of the world".

How sad it is to see when someone with disabilities is not respected and heard? This blind man experienced the same. For such disciples, a person in need was a nuisance along the way, an obstacle unexpected and unforeseen. They preferred their own timetable above that of the Master, their own talking over listening to others. They were following Jesus, but they had their own plans in mind. This is a risk constantly to guard against. Yet, for Jesus, the cry of those pleading for help is not a nuisance but a challenge. How important it is for us to listen to life! The children of the heavenly Father are concerned with their brothers and sisters, not with useless chatter, but with the needs of their neighbours. They listen patiently and lovingly, just as God does to us and to our prayers, however repetitive they may be. God never grows tired; he is always happy when we seek him. May we too ask for the grace of a heart that listens. However, being compassionate not only calls him but also listens. I believe listening is essential to experience the joy of the Lord



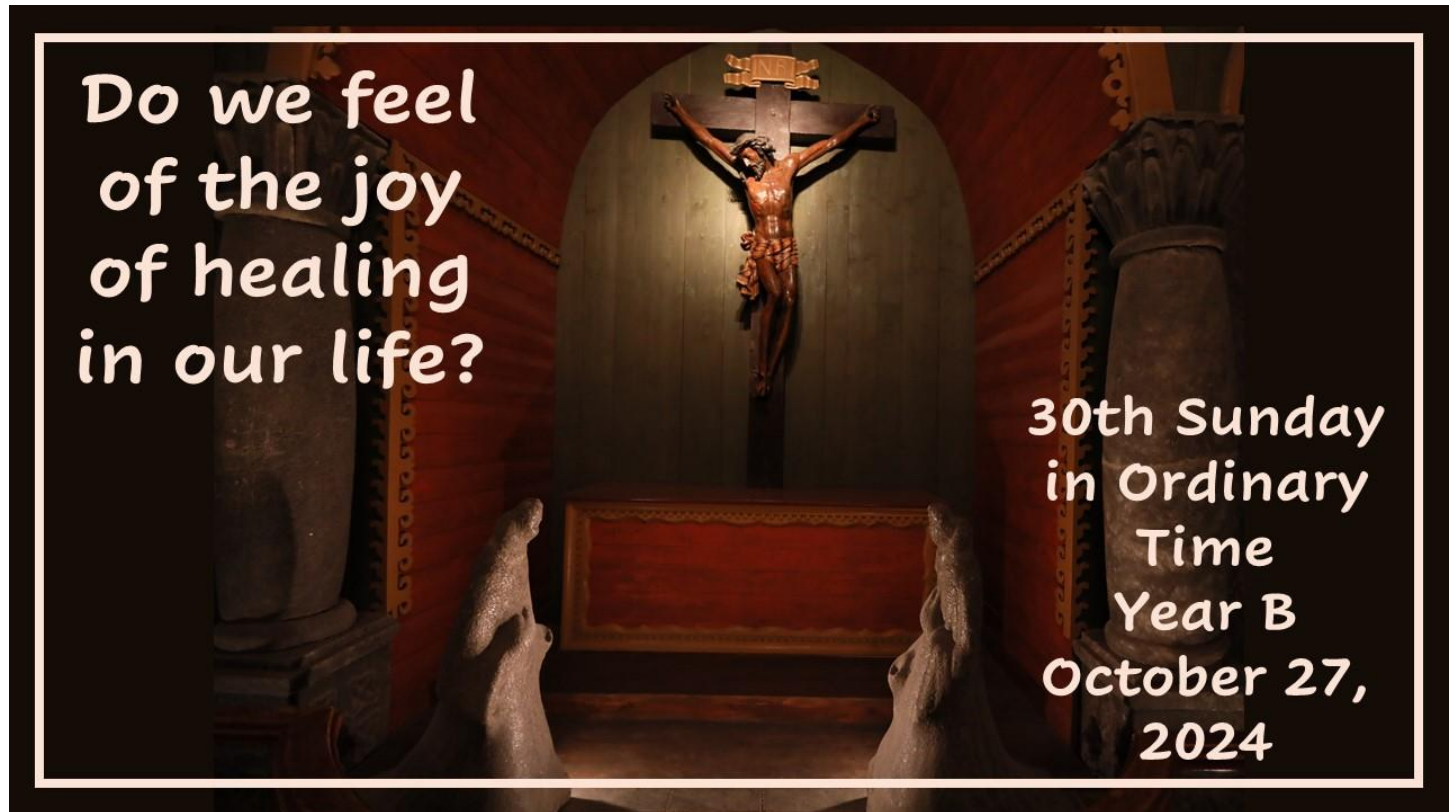
which opens the closed doors of our hearts, minds, and soul to come to him and speak with him. We need heart of Blessed Virgin Mary who always heard and kept everything in her heart and pondered.

Jesus not only listens but also acts and adds more to our joy; "What do you want me to do for you?" The reply of the blind should be our reply "My teacher, let me see again". There is a joy hidden in the question of the Lord because he always keeps asking us of our needs but need to have openness like the blind. God never leaves us alone but fills us with his joy so that we may always cherish his presence in our lives. He never leaves us alone in our struggles of lives.

One night a man had a dream. He dreamt he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints on the sand — one belonging to him and the other to the Lord. When the last scene had flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints, and he noticed only one set. He also noticed that this happened during the lowest and saddest times of his life. This bothered him and he questioned the Lord. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk all the way with me, but I noticed that during the most troublesome times of my life there was only one set of footprints. I don't understand why, when I needed you most, you deserted me."

The Lord replied, "My precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, those were the times when I carried you in my arms."

Do we feel of the joy of healing in our life?

A photograph of a church altar. In the center is a wooden crucifix with a statue of Jesus. Below it is a red altar cloth. On either side of the altar are two stone lions. The background is a dark, arched wall.

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# DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

October 27, 2024



## Practice the Faith: At home with your family - Workshop series

Led by a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd catechist, this interactive workshop series equips families with practical tools to grow in faith during Advent. Through prayer, scripture, discussions, and hands-on activities, families will learn to create sacred spaces and devotional items at home, making Advent a joyful, faith-filled journey closer to Christ. When: **Nov 13, 27, Dec 11, from 7 pm to 8:30 pm, at Catholic Pastoral Centre** (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary) Space is limited. Register by Nov 10 at [catholicyycc.ca/renewal](https://catholicyycc.ca/renewal) or call 403-218-5521.

## Field of Crosses Volunteers

St. Mary's University is looking for volunteers for the Field of Crosses. This is a significant opportunity to commemorate those who have sacrificed their lives for the sake of the freedoms we have today. When: **Nov. 10 & 11, 2024** - in four separate shifts. For more information, contact [catholicyycc.ca/news](https://catholicyycc.ca/news) - and find Field of Crosses.

## Catholic Education Week

On October 19-25, 2024, we celebrate Catholic Education Week 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 [catholicyycc.ca/catholiceducationsunday](https://catholicyycc.ca/catholiceducationsunday)

## 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.

**Save the date: "Renewed in Hope: Diocesan Renewal Advent Mission"**

Gather with your community in your parish and join our presenter live via Zoom.

- **Tue, Dec 3:** Brett Powell (Archdiocese of Vancouver) - Form Missionary Disciples
- **Wed, Dec 4:** Bishop Scott McCaig (Military Ordinariate of Canada) - Be a Church of Encounter and Witness
- **Thu, Dec 5:** Mary Rose Bacani Valenti (Salt + Light TV) - Strengthen Family Life

More information will be available at your parish.

## 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](mailto: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)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:mara.capili@calgarydiocese.ca)

## Adoration for Vocations with the Religious & Consecrated

The Religious and Consecrated of the Diocese of Calgary invite all faithful to join in prayer for Vocations to the Consecrated Life. When: **Nov 12, 8 am - Nov 13, 8 am,** Our Lady Queen of Peace, Calgary.

## Career Opportunities in the Diocese of Calgary

- [Properties Manager \(Full-time\) - Catholic Pastoral Centre](#)
- [Sacrament Prep. & Family Life Coord. \(Casual\), St. Augustine's, Taber](#)
- [Sacrament Prep. & Volunteer Screening Coordinator \(Full-time\), Sacred Heart, Calgary](#)

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

## 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.** To register, contact Gorete or Harry at 403-934-4817.

## The Catholic Church's Mission in a Polarized World

Dr. Peter Baltutis will explore how Catholics can address polarization using a "see-discern-act" approach, drawing on the Gospels and Catholic Social Teaching to inspire action towards unity, hope, and love. When: **Nov 14, 6:30 pm – 9 pm, FCJ Centre.** For details, call 403-228-4215 or email [info@fcjcentre.ca](mailto:info@fcjcentre.ca).

## Red Wednesday

On Wednesday, Nov. 20, wear Red and pray in solidarity with Christians who suffer for their faith. Organize a prayer or [consider these activities](#) with your parish or community. More info at: [acn-canada.org/rw](http://acn-canada.org/rw)



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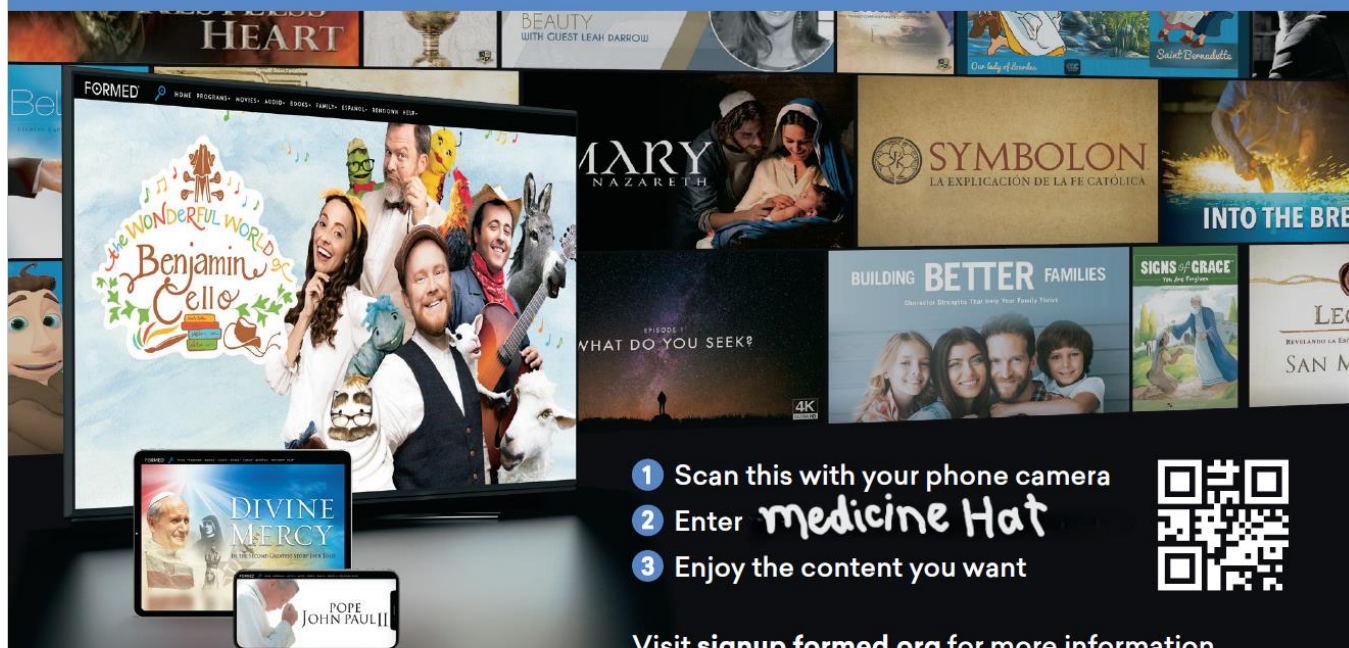


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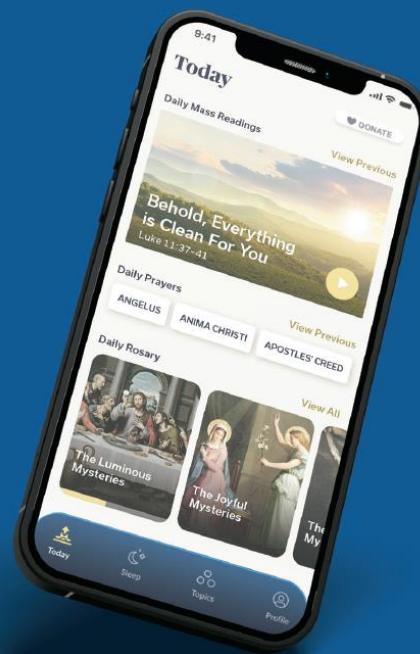
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<b>Year 2 Trustee</b>	<b>Kent Friedt</b>
<b>Year 3 Trustee</b>	<b>Garry Mastel</b>
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<b>Faith in Action Program Director</b>	<b>Greg Martin</b>
<b>Faith in Action Life Director</b>	<b>Allan Lawson</b>
<b>Faith in Action Family Director</b>	<b>Jimmy Tablan</b>
<b>Faith in Action Faith Director</b>	<b>Darrell Bonagofsky</b>
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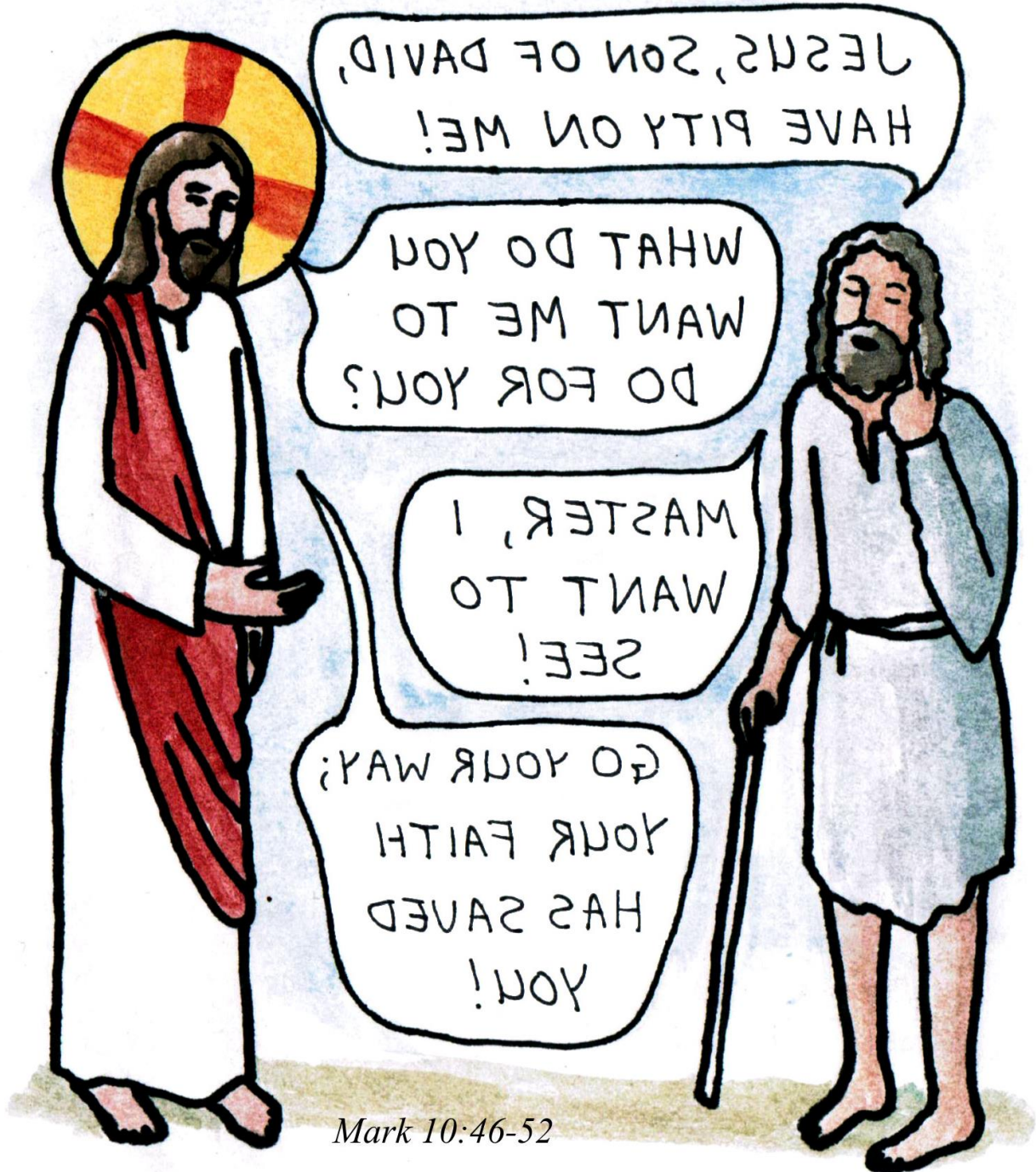
### **2024 2025 Knights Events**

<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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 27th, 2024

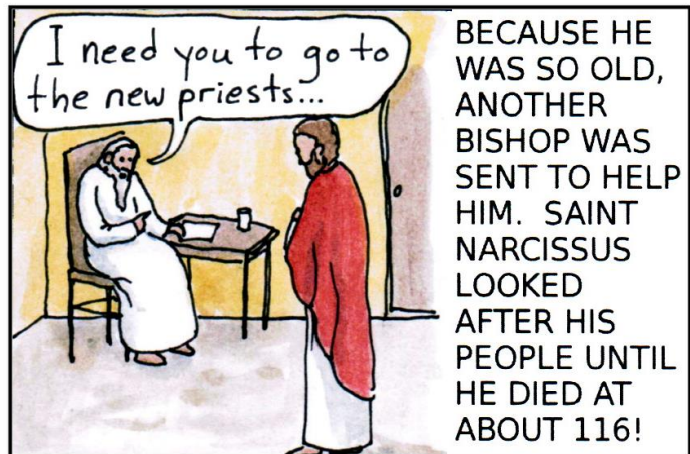
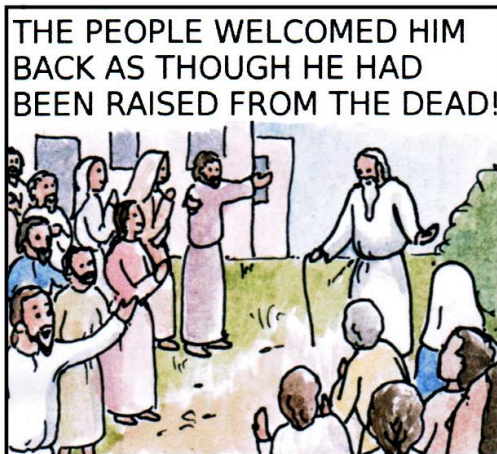
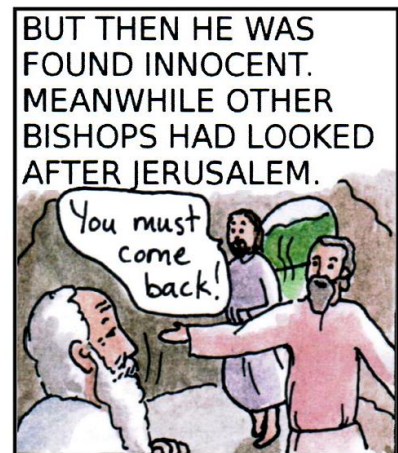
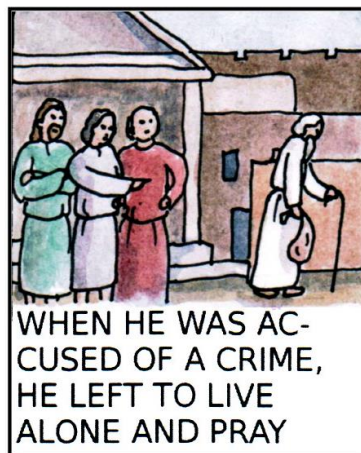
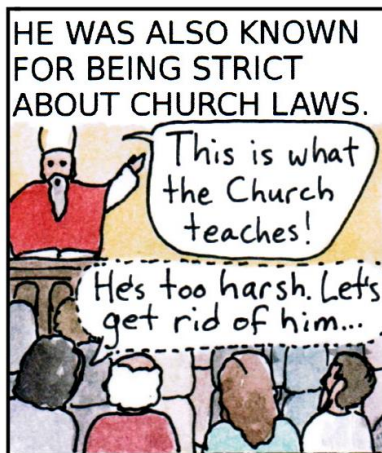
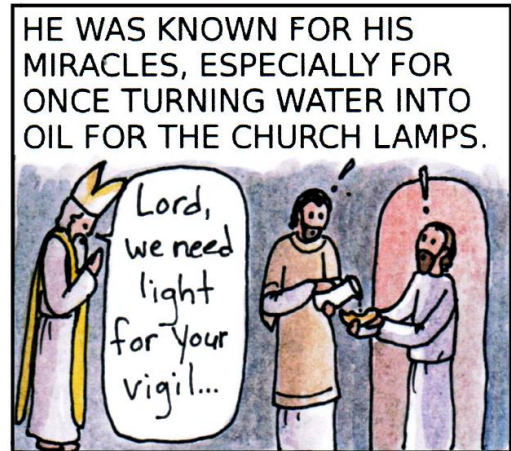
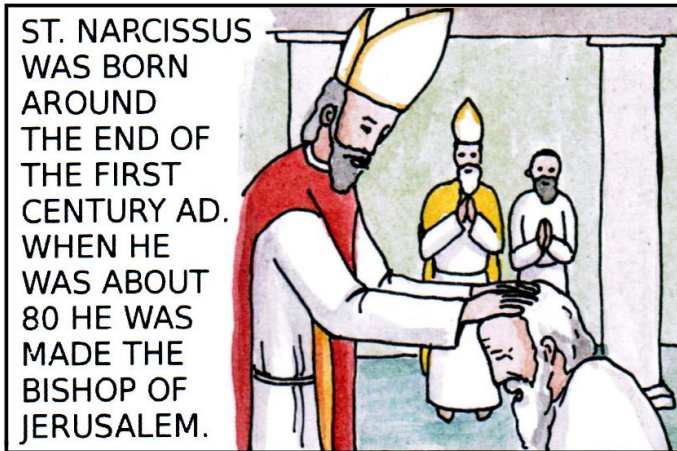


*What did Jesus and the blind man say to  
each other in today's Gospel reading?  
Look in the mirror to find out!*



# Saint Narcissus of Jerusalem

## October 29



SAINT NARCISSUS SERVED GOD UNTIL HE WAS VERY OLD. HE DID NOT WAIT UNTIL HE WAS OLD TO START BEING HOLY, AND HE DID NOT STOP EVEN WHEN HE WAS OLD AND TIRED. THINK OF HOW MUCH GOOD WE CAN DO IF GOD GIVES US A LONG LIFE! WE CAN PRAY TO ST. NARCISSUS FOR PERSEVERANCE.



# Psalm 126 Word Puzzle

*Fill in the missing letters. Then use the letters to fill in the blanks at the very end. The number at the end of each line tells you where the letter goes.*

When the \_\_\_ord brought back (8)  
 the captives of Z\_\_\_on, (7)  
 we were like men \_\_\_reaming. (11)  
 Then our mouth was \_\_\_illed with laughter, (6)  
 and our t\_\_\_ngue with rejoicing. (17)  
 Then they said among the n\_\_\_tions, (3)  
 "The Lord \_\_\_as done (15)  
 g\_\_\_eat things for them!" (4)  
 The Lord has done great \_\_\_hings for us; (14)  
 we are g\_\_\_ad indeed. (9)  
 Restore our fortun\_\_\_s, O Lord, (5)  
 l\_\_\_ke the torrents in the southern desert. (13)  
 Those that so\_\_\_ in tears (12)  
 shall reap re\_\_\_oicing. (16)  
 Although they go forth \_\_\_eeping, (1)  
 carrying the s\_\_\_ed to be sown, (2)  
 They shall com\_\_\_ back rejoicing, (10)  
 carr\_\_\_ing their sheaves. (18)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

12 13 14 15

16 17 18





# Jesus Cures Our Blindness



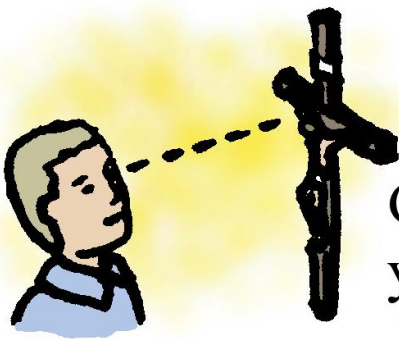
In today's Gospel reading, a blind man called Bartimaeus called out to Jesus to cure him.

Sometimes we can be blind too. When we don't see the truth about God, or when we can't see our own faults then we have a kind of blindness.



When we find that we can't see ourselves or God clearly, we should be like Bartimaeus and call out to Jesus to help us. If we believe in Him then we will get our sight back too.

When Bartimaeus was cured of his blindness he started to follow Jesus right away. When we can see ourselves and God clearly then we will also want to follow Jesus.



Before you go to bed, ask God to help you remember your sins today and then tell Him you're sorry for them.

Answers to Psalm 126 Word Puzzle:  
L, I, D, F, O, A, H, R, T, L, E, I, E, W, J, W, E, E, Y  
WE ARE FILLED WITH JOY



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# Retreat Centers in Southern Alberta

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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!!!**

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