



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YR. B SUNDAY, NOV. 3, 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 Sik

**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 12:28b-34
**Jesus is questioned by a scribe about
the greatest commandment.**

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B
Mark 12:28b-34

All you need is LOVE

Love love love Love love

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Mark 12:28b-34

† Masses & Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 2

8:00am – Cornelis Braat †

5:00pm – Alleen Eirich

Sunday, November 3

8:30am – Bill Douglas †

10:30am – Holy Family Parish

6:00pm – Andrew Walmsley †

Monday, November 4

9:00am – Peter Braat †

Tuesday, November 5

9:00am – Tillie Krassman †

5:00pm – Ted Seifert Family

Wednesday, November 6

7:00am – Peter Weber †

Thursday, November 7

9:00am – Rita Darr

Friday, November 8

9:00am – Josephine Stodalka †

6:00pm – CWL & Knights Mem. Mass †

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

Together IN ACTION Year to Date: \$56,648.
Annual Bishop's Appeal only 80% of total needed!
 The 2024 Goal is \$70,938.
Only 8 weeks to raise \$14,090.
That is \$1,761.25 each week!
Please give what you can
to meet our goal this year!
Your Generosity is Appreciated!

3¹ST Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 6:2-6.

Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51.

Hebrews 7:23-28.

Mark 12:28b-34.

What Matters the Most to God?
 The answer is simple: love God and love your neighbor as yourself. The practice is harder. Recall the Good Samaritan who cares for the beaten man on the roadside (Luke 10:29-37). A neighbor is not just a friend or relative or part of the tribe. A neighbor is anyone. We are to love everyone. That kind of loving keeps us near the Kingdom of God.

† What of my actions show that I am loving God?


† What of my actions show that I am loving myself?

† What of my actions show that I am loving my neighbor, that is, everyone?



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

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



Nov 3, 2024
 31ST Sunday in
 Ordinary Time

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength and love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these. 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 www.catholicyy.ca/vocations.html

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 18 - A prayer of praise to God our strength

**Knights of Columbus
Officer's Meeting
Monday, November 4th at 7:00pm
HFP Faith Room**



**Catholic Women's League (CWL)
Executive Meeting
Tuesday, November 5th at 7:00pm
Hope Room**

HEALING MASS

"COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO ARE WEARY
AND BURDENED..."

1ST TUESDAY EACH MONTH AT 6:00PM

NOVEMBER 5, 2024



**THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF
THE MONTH THE LEGION OF
MARY HOSTS THE MOTHER
OF PERPETUAL HELP
NOVENA
FOLLOWING 7:00AM MASS
NOVEMBER 6, 2024**

*She Shall Be
Called
Woman*

A PROGRAM FOR ALL WOMEN BY
PARADISUS DEI

*November 7, 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*

**Knights of Columbus
&
Catholic Women's League (CWL)**



**Memorial Mass
Friday, November 8th
6:00 pm**



**November 9, 2024 ~ Holy Family Parish Hall
Breakfast 7:30 am
Presentation 8:30 am
Theme: The Coronation of Mary
Presenter: Mark Hartfiel**

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



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**

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Sacramental Preparation 2024-25

Confirmation

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

1st Reconciliation

Saturday Nov. 23rd at St. Patrick's Church Hall
10:00am to 11:30am OR Saturday Nov. 23rd at
Holy Family Faith Room 1:30pm to 3:00pm

Parish Breakfast ~ Nov 17 After 8:30 & 10:30 Masses

GREY CUP SUNDAY

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\$5. – UNDER 12, FREE – UNDER 6

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Children's Liturgy

Sunday's 10:30 AM Mass

Meet at 10:15am in the Foyer

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plus support if needed.

For Information or to
Volunteer Call

Tammy @ 403-866-7886



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 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

Spending time with Jesus

The Chapel is Open

Monday – Friday 9:30am – 4:00pm

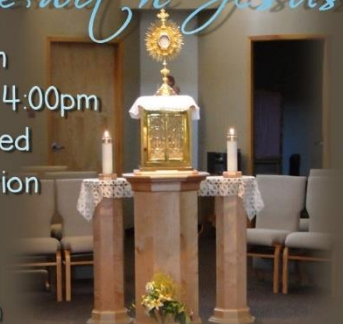
Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament & Reconciliation

Friday 9:30-10:30am

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30-4:30pm



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FAITH AT HOME

REMINDER:

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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
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ignore it.

It's a scam



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Mother Teresa School



**Medicine Hat Catholic
Board of Education**



We are well into the school year now and it sure seems like we have done so much already! From Meet the Teacher Night to Community Game Night & Pumpkin Carving, to our Opening School Mass, and celebrating Catholic Education Week; we have been learning lots and having fun doing so. Again, this year, we will continue to focus on our overall Health and Wellness through our FIT Friday programming. Our student leadership team has also been working hard to come up with ideas for recess games, school spirit days and faith-based activities that all students can participate in and enjoy. We have a lot going on, but everything serves a purpose for our students, staff, and community. We are very intentional in all that we do. Here's to continuing to grow and learn together as an MTS family in 2024-2025!

Aura Street - Principal



Medicine Hat Catholic
Board of Education

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



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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®

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CHARITIES APPEAL RAFFLE

Early Bird
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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**
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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.

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Proceeds go to Project Rachel and Elizabeth House



3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

November 3, 2024

LOVE WITHOUT PARTIALITY

Last Sunday we reflected how Jesus restores sight of a blind man who followed him immediately. I believe there are few very interesting facts to check: Jesus is walking with crowd (we could imagine, there must be noise of walking and talking) but this man recognized Jesus among hundreds (if not thousands) of people. Secondly people are trying to silence him, which we experience every day when it comes to expressing our faith. Thirdly the Lord called him to himself which opens ways for us to know that Jesus never forgets us. Fourthly Jesus' question "what do you want me to do for you" opens up another world not only for the blind man but for us as well who believe in the Lord. Lastly the answer of the blind man "that I may see" is an invitation for us to always believe that Jesus can do anything for us if we come close to him and ask. And this week as we observed All Soul's Day or I would say Month of Memorial to honor everyone who has gone to the Lord before us, we are invited to choose which is biggest commandment for us.

St. Clement I, pope and martyr in writing his letter to the Corinthians, reminds us that God is faithful in his promises. Consider, beloved, how the Lord keeps reminding us of the resurrection that is to come, of which he has made the Lord Jesus Christ the first fruits by raising him from the dead. Let us look, beloved, at the resurrection that occurs at its appointed time. Day and night show us a resurrection; the night lies in sleep, day rises again; the day departs, night takes its place. Let us think about the harvest; how does the sowing take place, and in what manner? The Sower goes out and casts each seed onto the ground. Dry and bare, they fall into the earth and decay. Then the greatness of the Lord's providence raises them up again from decay, and out of one many are produced and yield fruit. In this hope, then, let our hearts be bound fast to him who is faithful in his promises

and just in his judgments. He forbade us to tell lies; still less will he himself tell a lie. Nothing is impossible for God except to tell a lie. Then let our faith in him be awakened; let us reflect that everything is close to him.

By the word of his power, he established all things, and by his word he can reduce them to ruin. Who shall say to him: What have you done? Who shall stand up against the power of his might? He will accomplish everything when he wills and as he wills, and nothing that he has decreed shall pass away. All things stand in his presence, and nothing lies hidden from his counsel, if the heavens tell forth the glory of God, the firmament reveals the work of his hands, day speaks today, and night shares knowledge with night; there are no words, no speeches, and their voices are not heard. Since all things lie open to his eyes and ears, let us hold him in awe and rid ourselves of impure desires to do works of evil, so that we may be protected by his mercy from the judgment that is to come. Which of us can escape his mighty hand? Will the world give asylum to one who deserts him? Where will I go, where will I hide from your face? If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go to the limits of the earth, your right hand is there; if I lie down in the deep, your spirit is there. Where, then, can one go, where can one escape to, from the presence of him whose hands embrace the universe? Let us then approach him in holiness of soul, raising up to him hands pure and undefiled, out of love for our good and merciful Father who made us a chosen portion for himself.

God's love does not use the force to follow him but goes right inside our hearts to remind us that his love is unconditional, and he loves us so much that he gave his only Begotten Son so that anyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

Once there was an old lock shop amidst the narrow streets of city. People would buy locks and keys and sometimes even come to get duplicate keys for their locks. There was heavy hammer in locksmith's shop which was sometimes used to break locks. Hammer often wondered, "what is quality of these small keys that they can open even such strong locks in a jiffy whereas I don't know how many blows I had to take to open that same lock?" one day, after shop was closed, hammer asked small key, "how are you able to open even stubborn locks with such ease, whereas as I being strong , can't do this". The key replied, "You use force to open the locks, you hit them and by doing so, the locks doesn't open but breaks, whereas I don't hurt them, rather I enter into it's heart and it immediately opens".

Sometimes similar things happen in human life. If we really want to win someone over, make them your own by getting into their hearts.

This story must speak to us as Christian to examine ourselves if we are able to control ourselves from any evil intentions and become witness to God's love for other. "Let us

love, since that is what our hearts were made for.” -Saint Therese of Lisieux and Mother Teresa confirms it “Love to be real, it must cost- it must hurt-it must empty us of self”. The whole Bible is full of love which started with the creation of universe and human beings, and it continues to be witnessed today as Mother Teresa said, “Intense love does not measure it just gives”, and “do small things with great love”. Venerable Fulton Sheen explains the mystery of love and reminds all of us to be worthy of that love which God shows everyday in our lives “When a man loves a woman, he has to become worthy of her. The higher her virtue, the more noble her character, the more devoted she is to truth, justice, goodness, the more a man has to aspire to be worthy of her. The history of civilization could actually be written in terms of the level of its women.”

Once a man climbed an inaccessible mountain, there he saw a woman. Man was surprised by her. He got curious, and asked, “what are doing in this deserted place?” Woman replied, “I have a lot of work to do here”. Man asked, “What kind of work do you have because I can’t see anyone around you here”. Woman replied, “I have to train two hawks, two eagles, assure two rabbits, work with a donkey, discipline a snake and tame a lion”. Man looked around and saw nothing. He said, “But where are they, I don’t see any of them?” Woman smiled and replied, “All these are within me”. Seeing man confused, she explained “two hawks who look at everything I find, good or bad, I have to work on them, so that they only see good; these are my eyes. Two eagles that only hurt and damage with their claws must be trained, not to hurt; they are my hands. Rabbits roam here and there and do not want to face difficult situations; I have to teach them to remain calm even when I suffer or stumble; they are my feet. Donkey is always tired and stubborn, whenever I walk, I don’t want to carry burden, I want to get out of that situation of laziness, this my body.

She continued to explain “you know the hardest part is disciplining a snake, while it is locked in cage with 32 bars, it always eager to bite, pour out poison on those who come near. I must discipline it too; this is my Tongue. I have a lion too; it is futile boasting. Lion thinks that he is king, I have to subdue him; that’s my ego.

The Sacred Scripture for this Sunday present two type of love: Love of God and Love of neighbor. First one may be easy to show but second one is the most difficult as we see people with our own eyes as Mother Teresa said “It is easy to love the people far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us. It is easier to give a cup of rice to relieve hunger than to relieve the loneliness and pain of someone unloved in our own home. Bring love into your home for this where our love for each other must start”.

As a Christian I believe we are valued according to the love we show to other people because love according to the Holy Bible means “complete surrender to God and listening to him”. We must remember the words of God at the Baptism of Jesus “He is my Beloved

Son, listen to him". By loving God and our neighbors, we give example of Christian love and thus we witness the one who died on the Cross. However sometimes we are tempted and distracted by our personal feelings and emotions, and we fail to show our Christian witness of love to other people by judging and putting them down. St. Peter does remind us in these words "Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that all your brothers and sisters in the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. 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" (1Peter 5:8-11). We read in the Gospel of John that "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Begotten Son..." that sums up everything for us to understand that God is the first one who sacrificed his Son for the love of us all. Our value as Christian depends on the love we show to other.

A father said to his daughter "You have graduated with honors, here is a car I bought many years ago. It is pretty old now. But before I give it to you, take it to the used car lot downtown and tell them I want to sell it and see how much they offer you for it."

The daughter went to the used car lot, returned to her father, and said, "They offered me \$1,000 because they said it looks pretty worn out."

The father said, now "Take it to the pawn shop." The daughter went to the pawn shop, returned to her father, and said, "The pawn shop offered only \$100 because it is an old car."

The father asked his daughter to go to a car club now and show them the car. The daughter then took the car to the club, returned and told her father, "Some people in the club offered \$100,000 for it because 'it's an iconic car and sought by many collectors.'"

Now the father said this to his daughter, "The right place values you the right way," If you are not valued, do not be angry, it means you are in the wrong place. Those who know your value are those who appreciate you.

In the First Letter of John, we read "whoever loves has been born of God" (4:7) this is huge mystery of God's love. Just think what St. John is saying because he doesn't say that we are born of God and are able to love rather he says because of love we are born of God. The whole chapter of First Corinthians (13) is all about love and concludes with these words "And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love".

How can we be the witness of love? First Reading gives us the following tools:

1. Fear the Lord your God
2. Keep all his commandments

3. Hear, O Israel

4. Observe them diligently

I believe all these tools are very important to show our Christian witness to others. If we keep these in our hearts and minds then we can Love God with our all heart, soul and might and our days on earth will prolong. What kind of love is this? This is a love of sacrifice and full commitment to God and us if we carry these two values then we are able to love our neighbors to show our Christian witness. However, we do need strength from the Lord to love as the Psalmist "I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer....". We need love to be our witness as Christians to change not only the world but ourselves as well. St. Mother Teresa is one of the saints who placed her life on the Gospel of Love and for that love she looked after the poorest, marginalized and rejected people of the society because she believed "Hurt people, hurt people. That's how pain patterns get passed on, generation after generation. Break the chain today. Meet anger with sympathy, contempt with compassion, cruelty with kindness. Greet grimaces with smiles, forgive and forget about finding fault. Love is the weapon of the future".

Since this command to love God and neighbors is given such emphasis, it is very important that we have a good understanding of what it means to love. What exactly is Jesus asking us to do when he tells us to remember the commandment of love God and neighbors? God doesn't leave us in the dark about this. He provides us with a perfect picture of love, and we are asked simply to copy that picture. It is the love of God for us through Jesus. If we want to know what love is, we will need to see the love of God, because "God is love." It is God's essence to be a loving God. I suppose there is less disagreement today about this statement "God is love" than any other statement in the Bible. But what does it mean? That means that he doesn't just do loving things, but that his love shines through in all he does. So, when he judges, he judges in love. But since he is a consuming fire of judgment, he is also holy and just in all he does. And since he is light, his love and judgment are always in complete truth. God doesn't show us his love by giving us everything we want, but by giving us what we need, and what we need is the incarnation and atonement of Jesus.

At the heart of this Sunday's Gospel passage, there is the commandment of love: love of God and love of neighbor. A scribe asks Jesus: "Which commandment is the first of all?". He responds by quoting the profession of faith with which every Israelite opens and closes his day and begins with the words "Hear O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord" (Deuteronomy 6:4). That shows that he loved us, loves us, and will love us forever. It is from this source, this love of God, that the twofold commandment comes to us: "you

shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.... You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Remember the question of Jesus to the blind beggar from last Sunday's Gospel "What do you want me to do for you?" is very crucial question. There is so much division, hatred, and misinformation out there that people have forgotten to love God and neighbors. In choosing these two Words addressed by God to his people and by putting them together, Jesus taught once and for all that love for God and love for neighbor are inseparable; moreover, they sustain one another. Even if set in a sequence, they are two sides of a single coin: experienced together they are a believer's strength! To love God is to live of him and for him, for what he is and for what he does. Our God is absolute giving; he is unlimited forgiveness; he is a relationship that promotes and fosters. Therefore, to love God means to invest our energies each day to be his assistant in the unmitigated service of our neighbor, in trying to forgive without limitations, and in cultivating relationships of communion and fraternity.

Our Christian witness of love is under any time frame, but we are called to carry this witness till we die. If we practice seeing with Jesus' gaze, we will always be listening and be close to those in need. Of course, our neighbor's needs require effective responses, but even beforehand they require sharing. With one look we can say that the hungry needs not just a bowl of soup, but also a smile, to be listened to and also a prayer, perhaps said together. God, who is love, created us to love and so that we can love others while remaining united with him. It would be misleading to claim to love our neighbor without loving God; and it would also be deceptive to claim to love God without loving our neighbor. The two dimensions of love, for God and for neighbor, in their unity characterize the disciple of Christ. St. John in his First Letter sums our Christian witness in this way "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be, has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure" (3:1-3).

Once there was a king who was very cruel and had collected a lot of wealth by wrong means and imposing unnecessary taxes on his people. King had hidden his treasure in a cave which was deep inside a forest, in a secluded place. At the entry to the cave there was a lock system. Only the king and one of his ministers knew how to open that lock. One day, without informing anyone, the king alone went into the forest to see his treasure. He opened the door of the treasury and entered. He was relieved by the radiance of the treasure. At the same time, the minister also came out to the area and saw the treasury

door was opened, and thought may be king forgot to lock the door, so he locked the door and left. After the king was satisfied with his treasure, he decided to go back but to his surprise, the door was locked. He tried to open the door and even shouted but there was no one to open the door for him. He got exhausted and tired and became thirsty but there was no water. So, he went to a box of treasure and asked for the glass of water, but no answer came. Then he went to gold, silver and diamonds with the same request but there was dead silence. He got faint and decided to make a bed out of his treasure to rest but couldn't get comfortable. After all the attempts to get out of the cave, failed, he decided to leave a message for other people before he died, so he broke his finger and wrote a message on the wall with his blood. One of the other ministers and soldiers started searching for the missing king. When the minister got to the cave and opened the door, he was shocked to see the dead body of the king with the message on the wall, "All my life I went after money and treasure, but all this treasure could not give me a glass of water or food the time when I needed it most".

At the last moment, only the wealth of our love for one another will go with us. This is why the life God gave us is a gift and should be lived by doing deeds of love because love does not do any wrong.

Does partiality make love of God and neighbors weak?

Love without partiality.



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DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

November 3, 2024



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 Canada. When: **Nov. 10 & 11, 2024** - in four separate shifts. For more information, contact catholiccyyc.ca/news - and find Field of Crosses.

Mass on Remembrance Day at: St. Albert the Great, Calgary on **Mon, Nov. 11 at 9 am**

Red Mass - Nov 6

The Saint Thomas More Lawyers' Guild of Calgary invites all in the legal profession, along with family and friends, to join the 2024 Annual Red Mass on **Wed, Nov 6 at 5 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary** with Bishop McGrattan. A ticketed reception will take place from 6 pm to 8 pm in the Parish Hall, featuring guest speaker Justice Kevin P. Feehan on "Faith and the Law." For questions or financial assistance with tickets, email calgary.stmlg@gmail.com

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

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 catholiccyyc.ca/renewal or call 403-218-5521.

Red Wednesday - Nov 20

On Wednesday, Nov. 20, wear red and pray in solidarity with Christians who suffer for their faith. You are invited to attend the Red Wednesday Mass on **Nov. 20 at 6 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral** with Bishop McGrattan, followed by a social gathering with food and drinks in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

Immerse Youth Night

St. Michael Catholic Community, in collaboration with [Face-To-Face Ministries](#), is hosting Immerse Youth Nights for all in Grades 6-8. When: **Wednesday night, Nov. 6 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm** at St. Michael's church. Pizza dinner will be provided. This is a free event; no registration is needed.

Pastoral Care Ministry Training

The Diocese of Calgary invites new and experienced ministers to join a training designed for those supporting the sick, elderly, and bereaved. Registration is \$40 (includes lunch), but financial assistance is available. When: **Saturdays, Nov 9 & 23, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm at St. Peter's Parish, Calgary.** Deadline to register: Nov 5. Contact Mara at mara.capili@calgarydiocese.ca for more details or to register.

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:

- [Ascension Parish, Calgary](#) - Thu, Nov 7 at 7:30 pm to Sat, Nov 9 at 4 pm
- [Holy Name, Calgary](#) - Fri, Nov 15 at 5 am to Sat, Nov 16 at 9 pm
- [St. Augustine's, Taber](#) - Mon, Nov 25 at 3 am to Tue, Nov 26 at 7 pm
- [St. Anthony's, Calgary](#) - Fri, Dec 6 at 3 pm to Sun, Dec 8 at 7 am (Chapel)

Save the date: 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

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. Call: 403-289-3602.

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

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.**

Ecumenism among Lay Groups, Associations, and Movements in the Diocese of Calgary

Join representatives of the Western Canadian Diocesan/Eparchial Coordinators of Ecumenism for talk and panel on the inter-Christian work done by the various groups of our Dioceses. See how you get involved, as we work together with other Christians to bring Christ to all! When: **Friday, Nov 15 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Ascension Parish, Calgary.**

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: **Thu, Nov 14, 6:30 pm – 9 pm, FCJ Centre.** For details, call 403-228-4215 or email info@fcjcentre.ca.

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.

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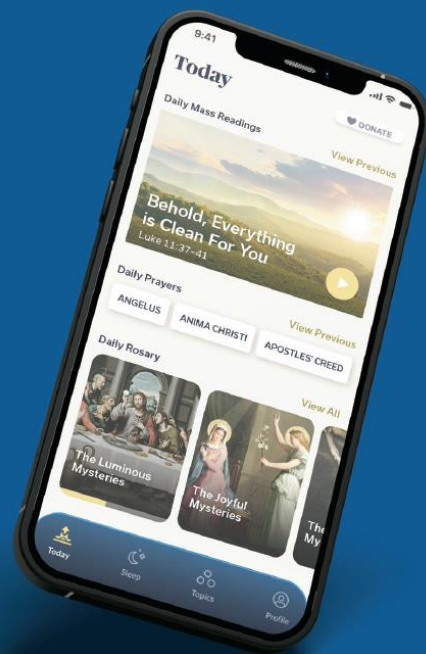
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2024 2025 Knights Events

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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 3rd, 2024

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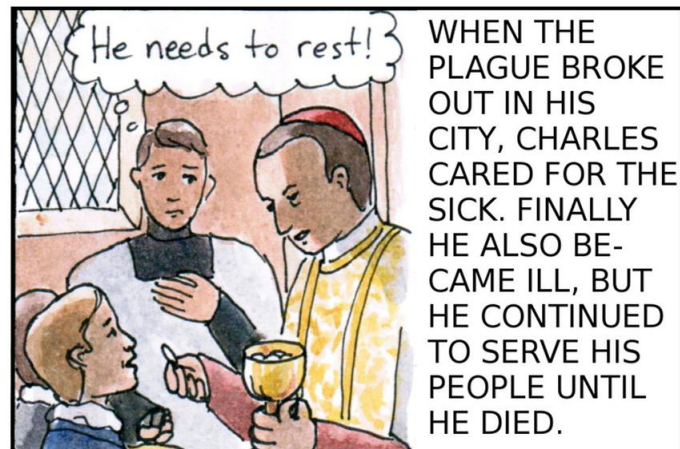
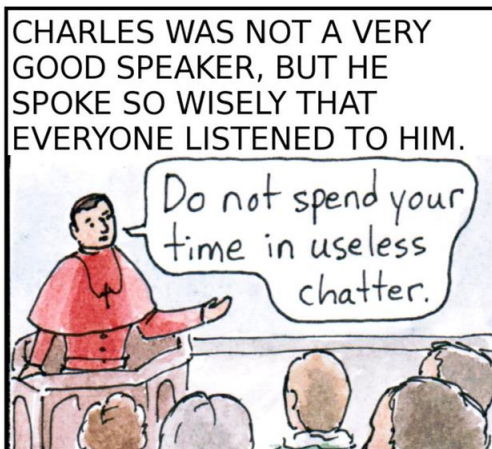
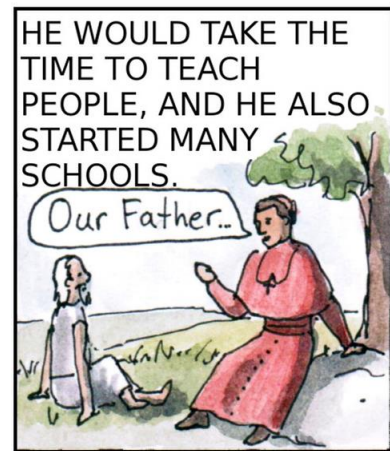
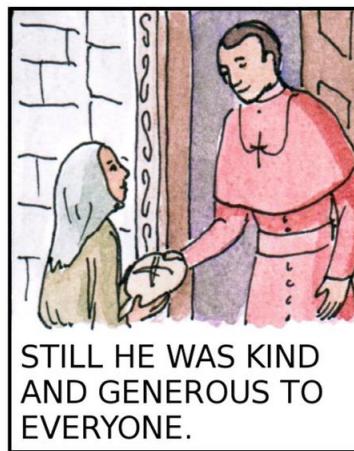
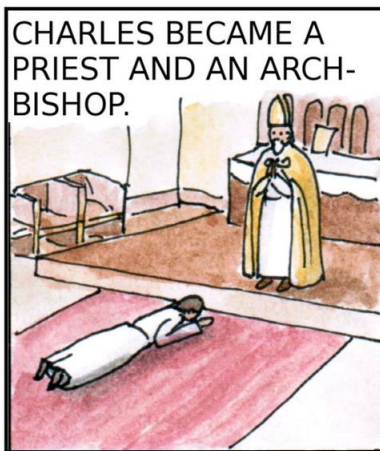
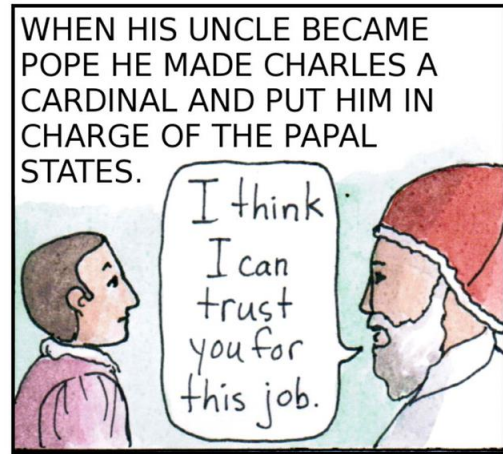
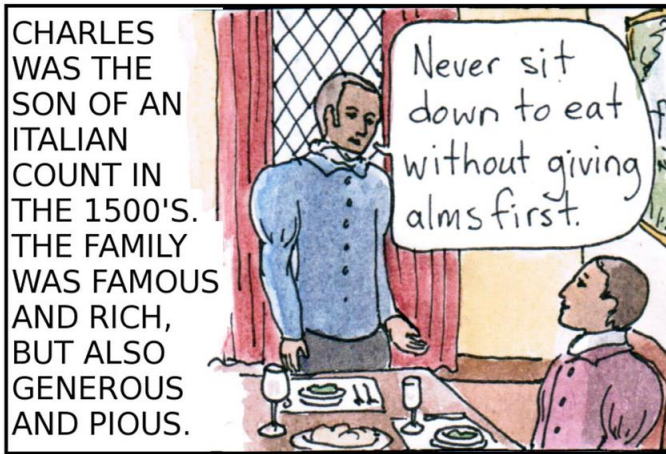
*In today's Gospel reading, one of the scribes asks
Jesus what the greatest commandment is.*

What does Jesus say?

Use every second letter to fill in the blanks to find out!

Saint Charles Borromeo

November 4



ST. CHARLES WAS AN EXAMPLE TO PEOPLE OF HIS TIME OF HOW EVEN RICH AND IMPORTANT PEOPLE CAN LOVE GOD AND BECOME SAINTS. HE KNEW THAT THE TRUTH AND BEAUTY OF GOD SHOULD COME TO PEOPLE THROUGH THE CHURCH. HOW CAN YOU SHARE THE TRUTH AND BEAUTY OF GOD WITH OTHERS?

The Greatest Commandment Puzzle

*Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks
and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.*

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him,
"Which is the first of all the commandments?"

Jesus replied, "The first is this:

Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God	LORD
is [2] alone! You shall [4]	HEART
the Lord your God with all your	YOUR
[6], [5] all your soul,	SECOND
with all your [3], and with all	LOVE
your [1]. The	YOURSELF
[9] is this: You shall love	WITH
[8] neighbor as [7].	STRENGTH
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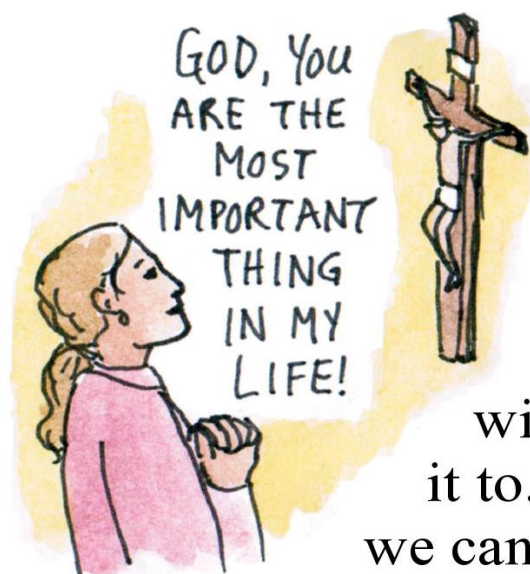
*What is the order of importance
of those we must love?*


$$1. \frac{\quad}{1} \frac{\quad}{2} \frac{\quad}{3}$$

$$2. \frac{\quad}{4} \frac{\quad}{5} \frac{\quad}{6} \frac{\quad}{7} \frac{\quad}{8} \frac{\quad}{9}$$

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

In today's Gospel reading, one of the scribes asked Jesus what was the most important commandment of God. Jesus told him that the most important rule was to love God with everything- our heart, our soul, our mind and all our strength. The next most important rule is to love others as much as we love ourselves.



God made us to love Him. We will never be really happy unless we do. But if we keep God first in our lives then everything else will happen the way God wants it to. If we love God first, then we can love others the way God asks.

What can you do to keep God first in your life? How about saying a prayer as soon as you wake up in the morning, and last thing before you go to bed at night?



Answer to front page puzzle: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.
Answer to Greatest Commandment Puzzle: GOD, OTHERS



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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.

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