



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YR. B SUNDAY, NOV. 10, 2024

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Office Hrs. Monday to Friday - 8:30am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm to 4:30pm. Closed on Holidays.

CLERGY AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Fr. Iqbal Khurshid & Deacon Robert Risling

RECONCILIATION...

Friday 9:30am–10:30am & Saturday 3:30–4:45pm

MASS TIMES - MONDAY TUESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY 9:00AM

WEDNESDAY 7:00AM

SATURDAY 5:00PM - SUNDAY 8:30AM, 10:30AM & 6:00PM

MONTHLY - 1ST TUESDAY 6:00PM & 1ST SATURDAY 8:00AM

THE CHAPEL IS OPEN

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

ADORATION FRIDAY 9:30 – 10:30am

Knights of Columbus – Greg Martin

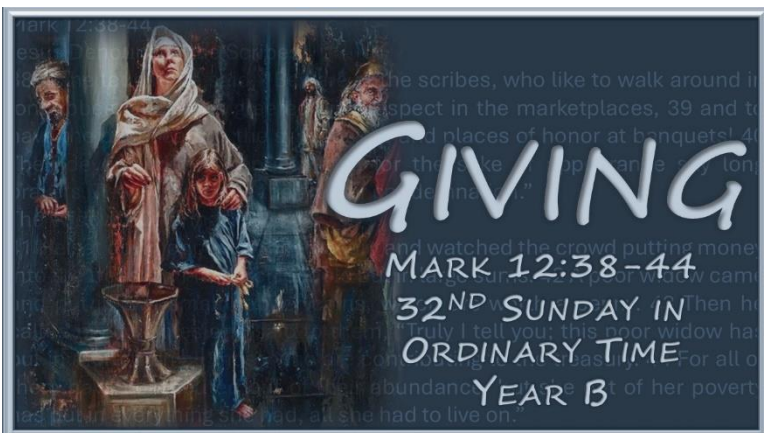
Catholic Women's League – Cathy Koch

Parish Pastoral Council Chair - Gary Heinbecker

Parish Finance Council Chair - Cheryl Pocsik

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

Gospel Reading ~ Mark 12:38-44
Jesus notices a poor widow's offering
and commends her great sacrifice.



✠ Masses & Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 9

5:00pm – Osvaldo & Jose Ferreira ✠

Sunday, November 10

8:30am – Filomena Jimenez

10:30am – Holy Family Parish

6:00pm – Anatol Musiuk ✠

Monday, November 11

9:00am – Mrs. Therese ✠

Tuesday, November 12

9:00am – Alice Chisholm ✠

6:00pm – Sr. Carmelita Ramos ✠

Wednesday, November 13

7:00am – Fr. Wendelin Rolheiser ✠

Thursday, November 14

9:00am – Mr T.C. Kurian ✠

Friday, November 15

9:00am – Trey

OPERATING FINANCES OCTOBER 1-31, 2024	
Operating Budget 2024	\$ 60,990
General Envelope Collection	\$ 40,286
Loose Collections	\$ 4,099
Future Development	\$ 2,499
Sale of Church Supplies & Other	\$ 8,860
\$ 55,744 - Budget Vs Actual	-\$ 5,246
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 16,699
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 4,389
World Mission	\$ 1,430
Clergy Retirement	\$ 110
Mission Mexico	\$ 120
CARO	\$ 20
Seminary Fund	\$ 60
Needs of CDN Church	\$ 75
<i>Thank You for your Generous Contributions</i>	
Average Weekly Attendance	993

Together IN ACTION Year to Date: \$58,785.
Annual Bishop's Appeal only 83% of total needed!
 The 2024 Goal is \$70,938.

Only 7 weeks to raise \$12,153.
That is \$1,736.14 each week!

**Please give what you can
 to meet our goal this year!**
Your Generosity is Appreciated!

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

I Kings 17:10-16.

Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10.

Hebrews 9:24-28.

Mark 12:38-44.

What Bothers Jesus.


False piety and arrogant behavior are two things that bother Jesus in today's gospel. He applauds, instead, the poor widow who is so generous with the little she has.

- ✝ How will I be generous with the money I have?
- ✝ How will I be generous with the time I have for the benefit of another?
- ✝ How will I be generous with mercy work?



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

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



Nov 10, 2024
 32nd Sunday in
 Ordinary Time

How are you contributing to the treasury? God knows what gift we give to Him in love. Let us then be faithful to whatever vocation God calls us to live. Does Jesus want you to give your life to the Church? If you think that God is calling you to serve Him in a Church vocation, please contact the Office of Vocations at 403-218-5500 or email Fr. Cristino...

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

Mass of the Angels



Tuesday, November 12, 2024
Mass 6:00pm

Flowers provided by **PATTISON FUNERAL HOME**
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Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 146 - A prayer of praise to God who raises up the lowly.

Knights of Columbus
General Meeting
Monday, November 11th at 7:00pm
HFP Faith Room



Catholic Women's League (CWL)
General Meeting
Tuesday, November 12th at 7:00pm
Holy Family Parish Hall

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Holy Family Parish, Medicine Hat, AB

NOVEMBER 13 TOPICS

ESCHATOLOGY
"THE LAST THINGS"
& PURGATORY

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



A PROGRAM FOR ALL WOMEN BY
PARADISUS DEI

November 14, 2024
Holy Family Parish Hall
6:15pm Gathering
6:45 pm Presentation
7:15 pm Group Discussion
7:45 pm Dismissal
Theme
Crown Jewel of Creation
Presenter
Sr. Alexia Zaldivar

November 16, 2024 ~ Holy Family Parish Hall
Breakfast 7:30 am
Presentation 8:30 am
Theme: The Triumph of the Immaculate Heart
Presenter: Mark Hartfiel



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



Vincentian Corner

November 17 is World Day of the Poor.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to remind you that many people in our community are struggling to make ends meet. We ask that you keep the poor, and our Society in your prayers. We thank everyone who donates at the office, through the church envelopes or by e-transfer. We welcome new volunteers at any time in this mission of charity. God Bless.

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

GREY CUP SUNDAY

OMELETS, PANCAKES, & A
PROTEIN, FRUIT, COFFEE & JUICE

\$10. – ADULTS

\$5. – UNDER 12, FREE – UNDER 6

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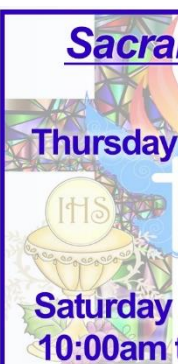
Sacramental Preparation 2024-25

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



Decorating for
The Christmas Season
November 20th at 10:00 am



Volunteers more than welcome!!!

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Chalice extends their heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Iqbal and Holy Family parish for hosting a Child Sponsorship Weekend on Oct. 19-20. As a result, 26 children were sponsored, in addition to those who are usually sponsored. On behalf of these children, we give thanks to God that you have revealed His love to them and have given them hope for the future!

Please visit chalice.ca or call 1-800-776-6855 for more information on our mission or to sponsor a child today.

Andrew Hachey | Parish Coordinator



Children's Liturgy

Sunday's 10:30 AM Mass

Meet at 10:15am in the Foyer

4 years and up,

plus support if needed.

For Information or to

Volunteer Call

Tammy @ 403-866-7886



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

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updated

with what's happening in and around our

Diocese!

Spending time with Jesus

The Chapel is Open

Monday – Friday 9:30am – 4:00pm

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament & Reconciliation

Friday 9:30- 10:30am

Reconciliation

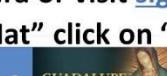
Saturday 3:30-4:30pm



Scan code with camera or visit signup.formed.org

Enter "Medicine Hat" click on "Holy Family"

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REMINDER:

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

Ignore these emails and mark them as spam/junk.

IT'S A SCAM!

Bishops, priests, deacons, and religious do not ask for gift cards or cash. If you receive an email or text asking for these, ignore it.

It's a scam



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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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.



OCTOBER 2024



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NEXT CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 @ 2:45pm ([agenda](#))

[Click here to access the YouTube live stream.](#)

MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION B O A R D B U L L E T I N

HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY UPDATE

We are one step closer to welcoming students into the vibrant new learning spaces of Holy Trinity Academy.

On Wednesday, October 16, the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education and FWBA Architects hosted a design open house for the new school project, allowing staff, students, families and our community a first look at the school's plans and design. This event featured virtual tours and an in-person viewing of the architectural plans, giving attendees a clear vision of the innovative and engaging spaces Holy Trinity Academy will offer.

The project has now moved into the tender phase, with contractors preparing their bids for Alberta Education. Groundbreaking for the new school is anticipated to take place in the spring of 2025. This milestone marks significant progress towards building a school that will provide a nurturing and dynamic environment for students from early learning through grade 9.

Thank you to everyone who attended the open house and continues to share in the excitement – we're eager to keep the momentum going and watch this vision move from blueprint to reality! [Click here to learn more](#)



BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND COMMITTEES 2024-2025

The Board of Trustees held their annual Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, October 8. Ms. Kathy Glasgo was re-elected as the Board Chair, and Dcn. Robert Risling was re-elected as vice-chair. Committees listed below:



Ms. Kathy Glasgo

- Board Audit Committee
- Student Board Advisory Committee
- Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association
- Parent Association



Dcn. Robert Risling

- Negotiation Committee – Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA)
- Negotiation Committee – Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE)
- Support Staff Board Advisory Committee
- School Parish Relations Committee



Mr. Bernie Kinch

- Board Audit Committee
- Medicine Hat Catholic Schools' Education Foundation
- Teacher Board Advisory Committee



Mr. David Leahy

- CUPE Support Staff Board Advisory Committee
- Board Audit Committee



Mr. Dick Mastel

- Alberta School Boards' Association – Zone 6 Representative
- Negotiation Committee– Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA)
- Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA)

ANNUAL GRADE 4 BIBLE LITURGY



Each year, all division grade 4 students are gifted brand new bibles at our Grade 4 Bible Liturgy. These bibles journey with students throughout elementary school, middle school, high school, and in years beyond.

This month students gathered to receive their bibles and participate in a retreat where they learned how to navigate and explore scripture.

Bibles for this annual liturgy are purchased with funds collected on Catholic Education Sunday each year.

We want to extend our gratitude to local parish communities for their ongoing support for this special event

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Medicine Hat Catholic schools will pay tribute to our country's veterans in the form of liturgies, assemblies, art, and music before the scheduled November break.





Knights of Columbus®
Alberta/NWT State Council



Sale ends
Nov. 23, 2024
@
6:00pm



In support of:

Educational Institutions, Community Charities, Churches,
Youth and Seniors Activities across Alberta

Support the Alberta Knights of Columbus and WIN CASH this fall!

PLUS — get tickets before September 30th and qualify for **BOTH**
\$1,000 EARLY BIRD DRAWS:

GET 50/50 TICKETS

Sales end November 23, 2024 @ 6 pm.

Present in over 17 countries, the Knights of Columbus put faith into action by serving the community and supporting charitable programs such as Habitat for Humanity, the Global Wheelchair Mission, and Coats for Kids.

Thanks for supporting the Alberta Knights of Columbus.

GOOD LUCK!

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Proceeds go to Project Rachel and Elizabeth House



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

November 10, 2024

WHAT DO WE GIVE TO HIM?

The last few Sundays we have been introduced to faith filled questions to reflect upon to deepen our relationship with the Lord. The following are the questions for our reflection:

1. "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" "What did Moses command you?" (27th Sunday)
2. "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" "Then who can be saved?" (28th Sunday).
3. Are you to able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" (29th Sunday).
4. "What do you want me to do for you?" (30th Sunday).
5. "Which commandment is the first of all?" (31st Sunday).

As we begin the month of November, it does leave two questions for us to ponder and reflect upon: Is death the end of everything? What should we do about people who have gone to the Lord before us? These questions are always disturbing because no one wants to die, nor does anyone want to see someone dying and leaving them alone. But we must remember as Christian death is not the end of our life but transition from one place to another place and those who have gone to the Lord, they have left for us an example of true sharing of their lives and faith. True sharing involves love, faith, and sacrifice. These elements make the sharing or giving selfless and priceless and those who do, will always be remembered as St. Maximilian Kolbe.

During the Second World War, Polish Priest Maximilian Kolbe was arrested by the German Gestapo for hiding Jews and Polish refugees from the Nazis. When three prisoners disappeared from the Auschwitz concentration camp, the deputy camp commander issued orders to pick ten men to be starved to death in order to deter further escape attempts.

One of these ten, Franciszek Gajowniczek, began to cry out, “My wife! My children! I will never see them again!” At this point, Kolbe stepped forward, removed his cap, and said, “I am a Catholic Priest. Let me take his place. I am old. He has a wife and children.” Amazingly, the commander allowed the request.

In the starvation cell, he celebrated Mass each day and sang hymns with his fellow prisoners. After two weeks of dehydration and starvation, only Kolbe remained alive. Because the cell was needed for other prisoners, he was given a lethal injection. Those present say he raised his left arm and calmly waited for the injection. That’s an example of true sharing which is true identity of our Christian living. St. James in his letter reminds everyone look after their actions: “But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing” (1:22-25). I always say our dear and near ones who have gone back to the Lord, have given us so much to cherish and learn from their lives the true example of Christian sharing or giving. The stories of their lives are written in such a way that we cherish their memories and wisdom. Their lives were living examples of true faith and sharing that we admire their presence in our lives. True sharing happens not only with faith but action as well.

St. James is right to say “What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So, faith by itself, if it has no work, is dead. But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your work, and I, by my work will show you, my faith. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is barren? Was our ancestor Abraham not justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. Thus, the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” and he was called the friend of God. You see that a person is justified by work and not by faith alone. Likewise, was Rahab the prostitute not also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead” (2:14-26).

St. Cyril of Jerusalem encouraged everyone to see their faith journey by saying; “The one word, faith, can have two meanings. One kind of faith concerns doctrines. It involves the soul’s ascent to and acceptance of some particular matter. It also concerns the soul’s good,

according to the words of the Lord: Whoever hears my voice and believes in him who sent me has eternal life and will not come to be judged. And again: He who believes in the Son is not condemned but has passed from death to life.

How great is God's love for men! Some good men have been found pleasing to God because of years of work. What they achieved by working for many hours at a task pleasing to God is freely given to you by Jesus in one short hour. For if you believe that Jesus Christ is Lord and that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved and taken up to paradise by him, just as he brought the thief there. Do not doubt that this is possible. After all, he saved the thief on the holy hill of Golgotha because of one hour's faith; will he not save you too since you have believed? The other kind of faith is given by Christ by means of a special grace. To one, wise sayings are given through the Spirit, to another, perceptive comments by the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another, gifts of healing. Now this kind of faith, given by the Spirit as a special favor, is not confined to doctrinal matters, for it produces effects beyond any human capability. If a man who has this faith says to this mountain move from here to there, it will move. For when anybody says this in faith, believing it will happen and having no doubt in his heart, he then receives that grace.

It is of this kind of faith, moreover, that it is said: If you have faith like a grain of mustard seed. The mustard seed is small in size, but it holds an explosive force; although it is sown in a small hole, it produces great branches, and when it is grown birds can nest there. In the same way faith produces great effects in the soul instantaneously. Enlightened by faith, the soul pictures God and sees him as clearly as any soul can. It circles the earth; even before the end of this world it sees the judgment and the conferring of promised rewards. So may you have the faith which depends on you and is directed to God, that you may receive from him that faith too which transcends man's capacity".

Following is the story "The shoe man" by an unknown author which really opens our hearts and minds to understand our Christian discipleship and true identity. The story follows as: "My alarm went off It was Sunday again. I was sleepy and tired. My one day to sleep in. But the guilt I would feel the rest of the day would have been too much. So, I'd go, and I'd pray. I showered and shaved. I adjusted my tie. I got there and sat. In a pew just in time. Bowing my head in prayer. As I closed my eyes. I saw the shoe of the man next to me. Touching my own. I sighed. With plenty of room on either side. I thought, "Why must our soles touch?" It bothered me, his shoe touching mine. But it didn't bother him much. A prayer began: "Our Father"... I thought, "This man with the shoes has no pride. They're dusty, worn, and scratched. Even worse, there are holes on the side!" "Thank You for blessings," the prayer went on. The shoe man said a quiet "Amen."

I tried to focus on the prayer. But my thoughts were on his shoes again. Aren't we supposed to look our best? When walking through that door? "Well, this certainly isn't it," I thought, glancing toward the floor. Then the prayer had ended. And the songs of praise

began. The shoe man was certainly loud. Sounding proud as he sang. His voice lifted the rafters. His hands were raised high. The Lord could surely hear the shoe man's voice from the sky. It was time for the offering. And what I threw in was steep. I watched as the shoe man reached into his pockets so deep. I saw what was pulled out. What the shoe man put in. Then I heard a soft "clink" as when silver hits tin. The sermon really bored me to tears, and that's no lie. It was the same for the shoe man, for tears fell from his eyes. At the end of the service. As is the custom here. We must greet new visitors. And show them all good cheer. But I felt moved somehow. And wanted to meet the shoe man. So, after the closing prayer I reached over and shook his hand. He was old and his skin was dark, and his hair was truly a mess. But I thanked him for coming. For being our guest. He said, "My names' Charlie. I'm glad to meet you, my friend." There were tears in his eyes. But he had a large, wide grin, "Let me explain," he said. Wiping tears from his eyes. "I've been coming here for months. And you're the first to say 'Hi. I know that my appearance. is not like all the rest. But I really do try to always look my best. I always clean and polish my shoes before my very long walk but by the time I get here, they're dirty and dusty, like chalk."

My heart filled with pain, and I swallowed to hide my tears. As he continued to apologize for daring to sit so nearby. He said, "When I get here, I know I must look a sight, but I thought if I could touch you then maybe our souls might unite." I was silent for a moment. Knowing whatever was said would pale in comparison. I spoke from my heart, not my head. "Oh, you've touched me," I said, "And taught me, in part; that the best of any man is what is found in his heart." The rest, I thought, this shoe man will never know, like just how thankful I really am that his dirty old shoe touched my soul.

The Readings of Sacred Scripture for this Sunday are eye opening to examine ourselves to see if we have the spirit of true sharing. In the First Reading taken from the First Book of Kings, we read the story of an old widow who has little food to live on but when requested by Prophet Elijah, she shows the true spirit of sharing. Through her true sharing, she won the reward of having the blessings of God. Author of Letter to Hebrews says "Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some entertain angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So, we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" (13:1-6)

There are three very important aspects in the First Reading: First the willingness of the widow who is living with her son. We don't know how old she was or her son as well. She was willing to share what little she had to live on. Secondly, she trusts in Elijah and

provided him with the food he requested. I believe trust in sharing is very important because God gives to everyone who trust in him as Psalmist says, “the lion cub can go hungry but not the one who trust in him”. Thirdly God’s blessings continue to be given to who learn to share and give. There are always rewards for those people as Abraham was rewarded by the Lord after showing hospitality to three angels.

In the Second Reading we reflect on the true sharing spirit of our Lord who sacrificed himself to unite us to himself. Jesus being the High Priest offered sacrifice of our sins and had saved us from the dominion of sin so that we may become worthy heirs of God’s Kingdom.

Today’s Gospel has two parts: not to follow the hypocrites, and offers an example of true Christian giving and sharing. Let’s start with the first: what not to do. In the first part, Jesus accuses the scribes, the teachers of the law, of having three defects in their lifestyle: pride, greed, and hypocrisy. They like to have salutations in the marketplaces and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts. But beneath such solemn appearances they hide falsehood and injustice. While flaunting themselves in public, they use their authority as Jesus says to devour “the houses of widows”; those who, along with orphans and foreigners, were considered to be the people most vulnerable and least protected. Lastly, Jesus says that the scribes, “for the sake of appearance say long prayers”. Even today we risk taking on these attitudes. For example, when prayer is separate from justice so that God cannot be worshiped and causing harm to the poor. Or when one claims to love God, but instead offers him only grandiosity for one’s own advantage. Remember of the words of St. Paul to the Galatians “Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God” (5:16-21). This is absolutely against our Christian dignity and identity as well. Rather, as St. Paul continue to say, our true Christian identity must lie on “By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another” (5:22-26).

The second part of the Gospel follows this line of thinking. The scene is set in the temple of Jerusalem, precisely in the place where people are tossing coins as offerings. There are many rich people putting in large sums, and there is a poor woman, a widow, who

contributes only two bits, two small coins. Jesus observes the widow carefully and calls the disciples' attention to the sharp contrast of the scene. The wealthy contributed with great ostentation what for them was superfluous, while the widow, Jesus says, "put in everything she had, she had to live on". For this reason, Jesus says, she gave the most of all. Because of her extreme poverty, she could have offered a single coin to the temple and kept the other for herself. But she did not want to give just half to God; she divested herself of everything. In her poverty she understood that in having God, she had everything; she felt completely loved by him and in turn loved him completely. What a beautiful example this little old woman offers us! St. Paul reminds all of us to give with cheerful hearts "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful give" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Today Jesus also tells us that the benchmark is not quantity but fullness. There is a difference between quantity and fullness. we can have a lot of money and still be empty. There is no fullness in our heart. This week, think about the difference there is between quantity and fullness. It is not a matter of the wallet, but of the heart. There is a difference between the wallet and the heart.... There are diseases of the heart, which reduce the heart to the wallet.... This is not good! To love God "with all your heart" means to trust in him, in his providence, and to serve him in the poorest brothers and sisters without expecting anything in return. The spirit of this widow should shake our Christian dignity to see if we have the true spirit of giving or sharing.

What do we give to him who gave his life for us?

A black and white photograph of a person wearing a white robe, holding a large, dark wooden bowl. The person's hands are visible, and they appear to be holding the bowl with both hands. The background is slightly blurred, showing what might be a field or a similar outdoor setting. Overlaid on the image is the text "What do we give to him, who gave his life for us?" in a large, white, serif font with a slight shadow effect.

*What do we give to him,
who gave his life for us?*

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DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

November 3, 2024



Remembrance Day - Nov 11

For those who gave their lives for our country, that the Lord grant them eternal rest; for veterans and their families, may they continue to serve our country in civilian life and be welcomed and supported in our communities, let us pray to the Lord.

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 7 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral** with Bishop McGrattan, followed by refreshments and meal, fellowship, and a performance by the Chaldean Children Choir at the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

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

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

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.

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.

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

Explore inter-Christian efforts and see how you can get involved! When: **Friday, Nov 15 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm** at Ascension Parish, Calgary.

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:

- [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)

Praise & Worship Night

St. Bonaventure Parish invites all ages to an evening of praise and worship hosted by United Young Adults Ministry in collaboration with the parish. When: **Fri, Nov 15, 7 pm, St. Bonaventure Parish** (1600 Acadia Dr SE). Enjoy inspiring music, worship, and a Hot Chocolate & Cookies Social afterward!

Advent Twilight Retreat

Join Mount St. Francis for a reflective Advent evening, starting with dinner at 6:30 pm, and a program including a talk, silent meditation, and closing reflection. When: **Wed, Nov 27, 6 pm - 9 pm, Mount St. Francis, Cochrane**. To register, call 403-932-2012 or email mtfrancis@shaw.ca.

The Incarnation

Join Father Tim Boyle in St. Martha's Church to explore The Incarnation - *"At such great cost...with such great love". The cross is the presence of the infinite in our finite world and the divine force at work in the world.*" When: **Mon, Nov 18, 10:15 am**, St. Martha's Parish, Lethbridge or livestream at www.stmarthasparish.ca

Craft Sale & Festive Market

- **Sat, Nov 16, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm**, CWL [Festive Market](#) - Ascension, Calgary
- **Sat, Nov 16, 10 am to 3 pm**, CWL [Craft Sale](#) - Holy Spirit, Calgary
- **Sat, Nov 23, 10 am to 2 pm** - [Advent Fair](#) - Holy Name, Calgary
- **Sat, Nov 23, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm** - [St. Luke's CWL Christmas Market](#) - St. Luke's, Calgary

Finding God in all Things (Through Ordinary Day)

Explore how God's presence weaves through daily life with reflection, prayer, and sharing. Each experience includes moments for personal pondering, inspiring readings, and optional group sharing. When: **Tue, Nov 28, 7 pm - 8:30 pm, FCJ Centre**. For more information, call 403-228-4215 or email info@fcjcentre.ca

Save the date: Diocesan Renewal Advent Mission

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

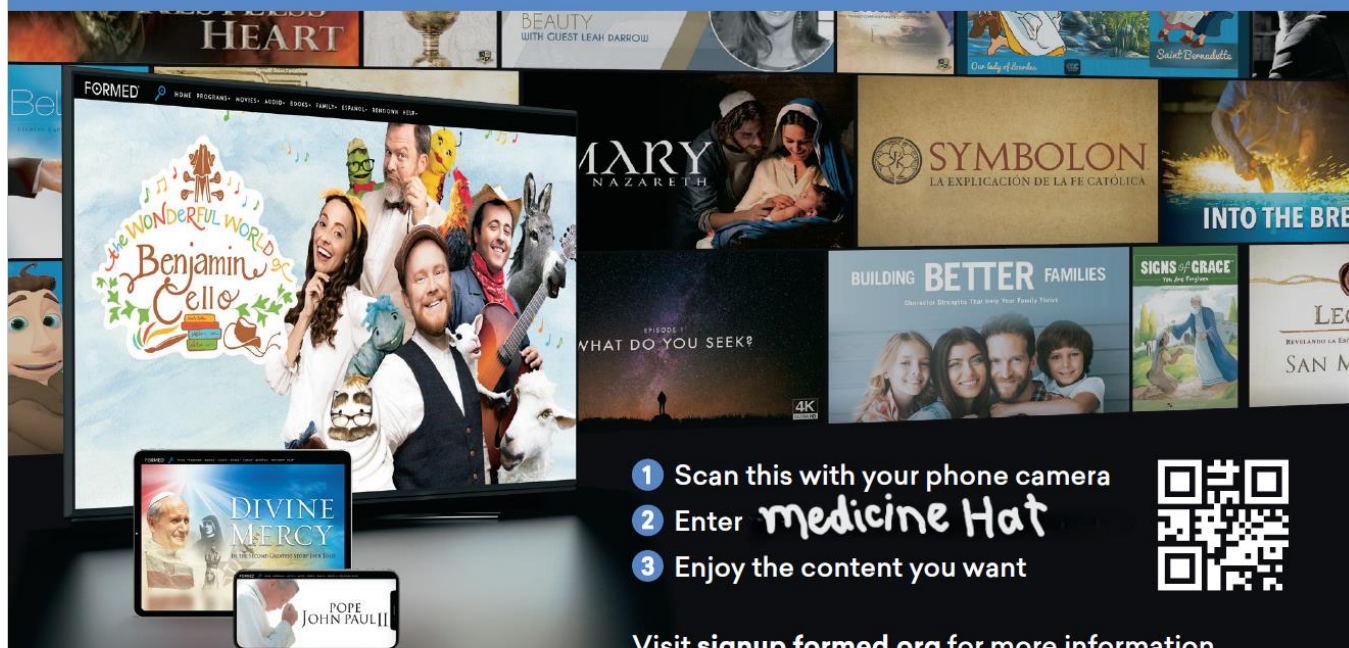
- **Tue, Dec 3:** Brett Powell (Archdiocese of Vancouver) - Form Missionary Disciples
- **Wed, Dec 4:** Bishop Scott McCaig (Military Ordinariate of Canada) - Be a Church of Encounter and Witness
- **Thu, Dec 5:** Mary Rose Bacani Valenti (Salt + Light TV) - Strengthen Family Life

Need the Sacraments of the Sick while in


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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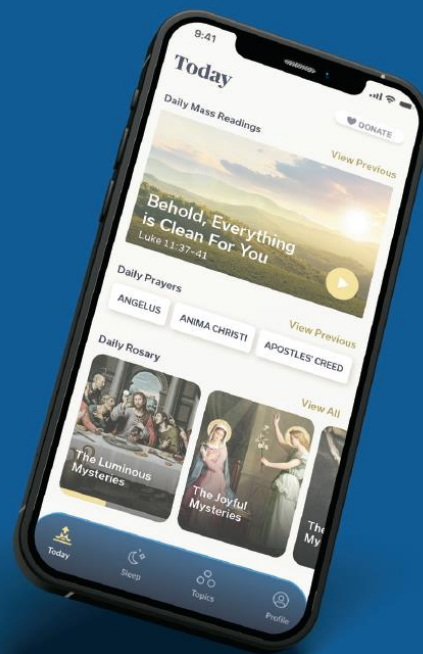
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Knights of Columbus 2024 2025 Officers

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

2024 2025 Knights Events

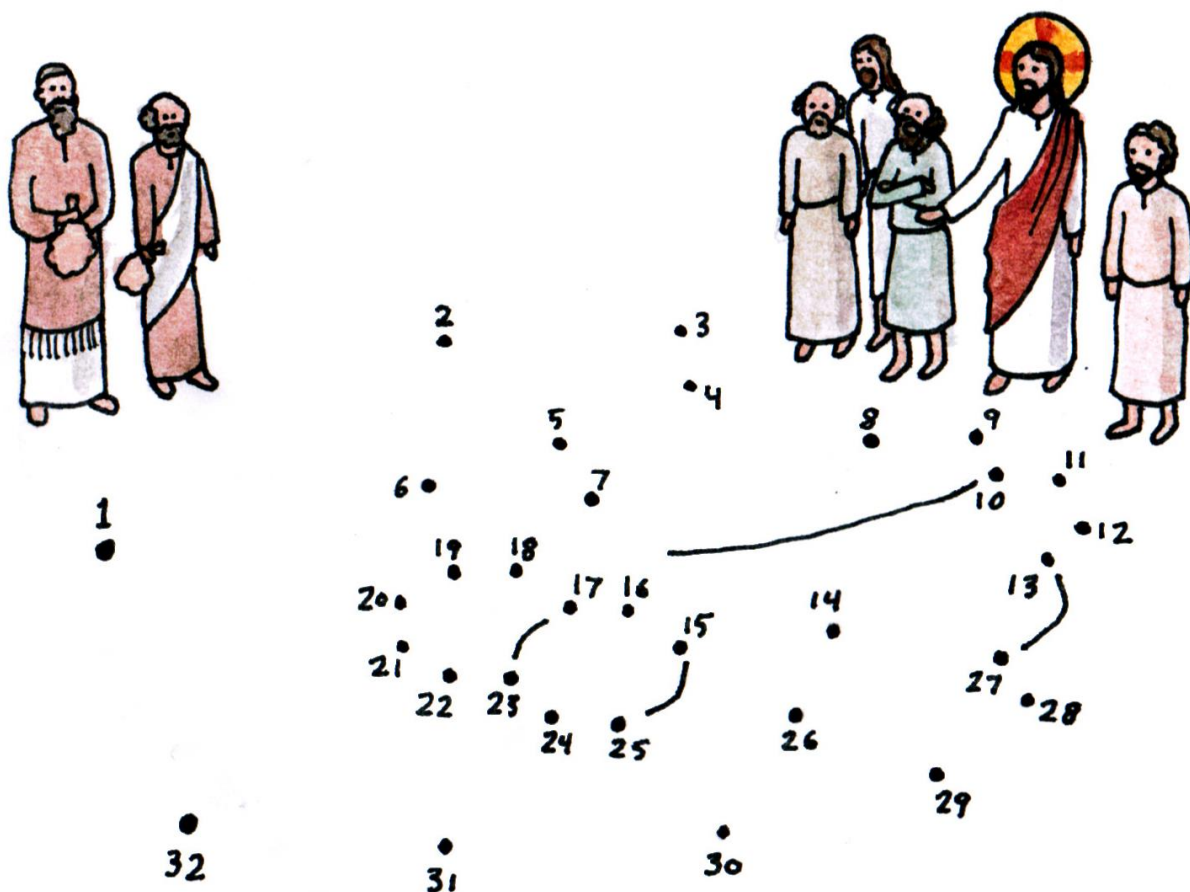
Date	Activity
Sunday, September 8	Corn Roast
Monday, September 16	Officers Instillation
Sunday, September 29	Knights Mass
Sat, Sept 28 Sun., Sept 29	Rosary Program and Recruitment
Thursday, October 3	Pilgrim Icon
Thurs., Oct 3 to Sat., Oct 5	40 Hour Adoration
Sat., Oct 5 to Sun., Oct 6	Ministry Fair
Saturday, Oct. 19	Highway Clean Up
Sat., Oct. 12 at Noon	Canada Needs Our Lady
Sunday, October 20	Breakfast
Sat., Oct. 26 to Sun., Nov. 3	Student Art Show
Fri., Nov. 1	All Souls Mass
Sunday, November 17	Breakfast
Saturday, December 7	Knights Mass
Monday, December 16	Family Supper
Sunday, December 29	Consecration to the Holy Family



The Kids' Bulletin

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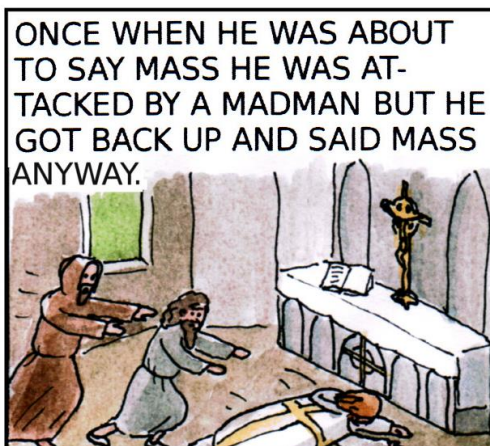
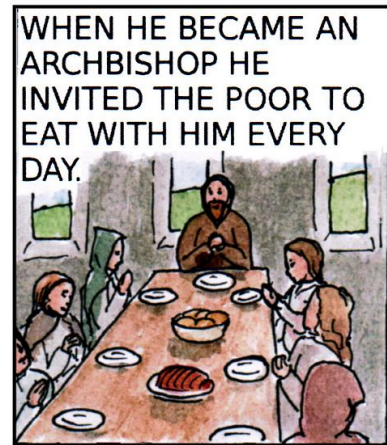
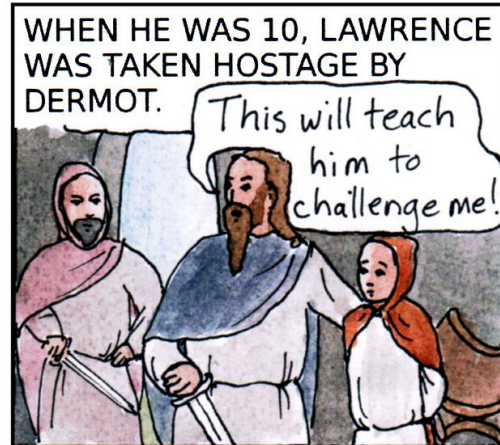
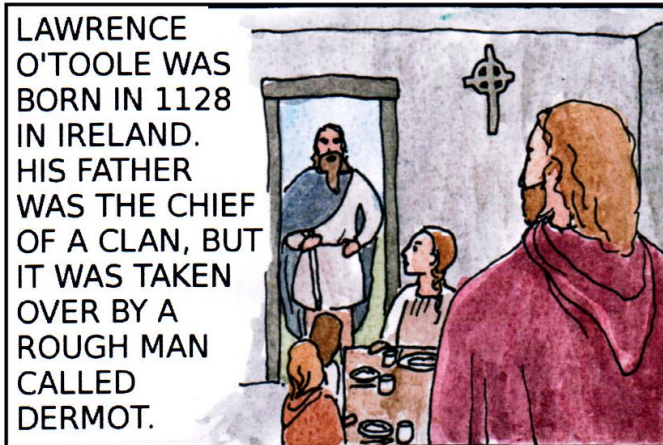


Mark 12:38-44

In today's Gospel reading Jesus saw a poor woman putting everything she had into the Temple treasury. How much was it? Connect the dots to find out!

SAINT LAWRENCE O'TOOLE

NOVEMBER 14



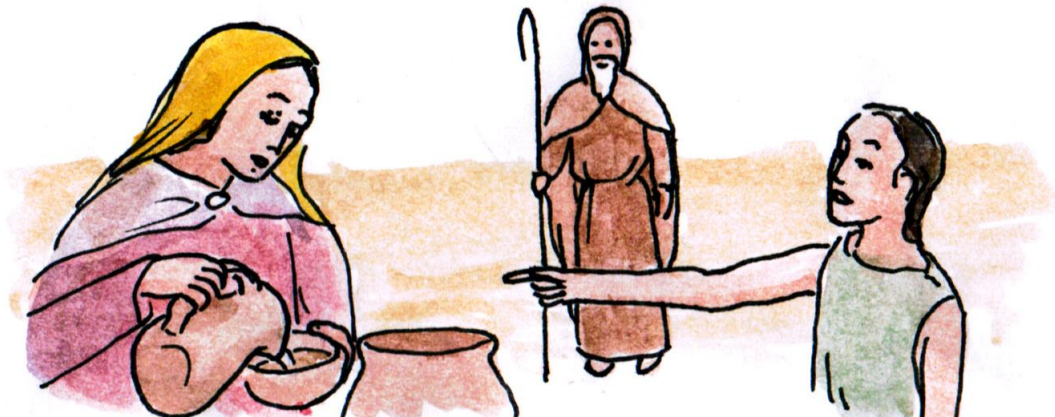
SAINT LAWRENCE O'TOOLE WAS GENEROUS AND MADE SACRIFICES TO KEEP PEACE BETWEEN KINGS AND NATIONS. GOD WANTS EVERYONE TO BE ABLE TO LIVE IN PEACE WITH EACH OTHER. SOMETIMES WE NEED TO MAKE SACRIFICES TO KEEP PEACE IN OUR FAMILIES AND WITH OUR FRIENDS. DO YOU?

Elijah and the Poor Widow

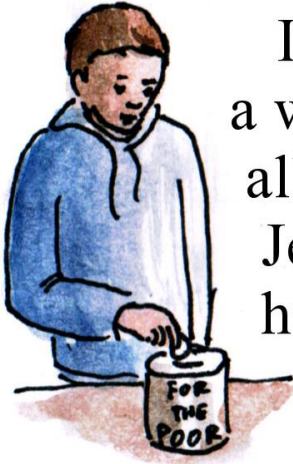
1 Kings 17:10-16

*How well do you know the story of Elijah and the widow?
Which of these are true and which are false?*

1. Elijah met a widow collecting sticks and asked her for a cup of water. True or False?
2. The woman did not want to get the water for Elijah. True or False?
3. The woman had a lot of food stored up. True or False?
4. Elijah told the woman to bake a little cake for him. True or False?
5. The woman was afraid that she would run out of flour and oil. True or False?
6. Elijah told the widow that God would not let the flour or oil get used up. True or False?
7. The widow ran out of food and could not feed her son. True or False?



giving to god



In today's first reading we hear about a widow who was asked to give away all the food she had. In the Gospel Jesus points out a woman who put all her money into the Temple treasury.

It pleases God when He sees us sharing what we have with the poor and the Church. But do you think He wants us to give everything away?

Everything we have comes from God and He wants us to use it well. That's called being a good steward. It means using what we need for ourselves, but making sure that we always give to the Church and those in need.



What would a bad steward do?



How can you be a good steward with your money?

Answers to True or False: 1. True, 2. False, 3. False, 4. True, 5. True, 6. True, 7. False.



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.

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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!

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Retreat Centers in Southern Alberta

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

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



Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre is nestled in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains where 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.