



# Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YR. B SUNDAY, NOV. 17, 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

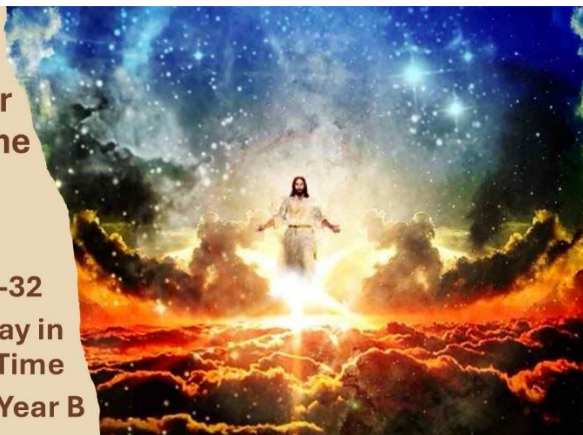
Parish Finance Council Chair - Cheryl Pocsik

**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 13:24-32***  
***Jesus teaches about the signs of the  
coming of the Son of Man.***

**But about  
that day or  
hour no one  
knows...**

**Mark 13:24-32**  
**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time**  
**Year B**



## ✠ Masses & Mass Intentions



Saturday, November 16

5:00pm – Vipin Healing

Sunday, November 17

8:30am – Holy Family Parish

10:30am – Cora Blanchette

6:00pm – Mary Brink

Monday, November 18

9:00am – Dayne McMeekin

Tuesday, November 19

9:00am – Vi Seifert ✠

Wednesday, November 20

7:00am – Dwight Luscombe ✠

Thursday, November 21

9:00am – Noli Roxas

Friday, November 22

9:00am – Marlene Sauer ✠

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
<b>\$ 55,744 - Budget Vs Actual</b>	<b>-\$ 5,246</b>
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



*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**

## VOCATIONS

Nov 17, 2024  
33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

If we dare to trust God with our lives, great things happen. Give God your total self for, when the end of times comes, the wise and those who work for justice will shine forever. Dedicate your life to furthering the reign of God. If you feel God may be calling you to a religious vocation in His Church, please contact the Office of Vocations at 403-218-5500 or email Fr. Cristino Bouvette...

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

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

Year to Date: \$59,248 .  
only 84% of total needed!  
The 2024 Goal is \$70,938.

**Only 6 weeks to raise \$11,690.**

**That is \$1,948.33 each week!**

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

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daniel 12:1-3.

Psalms 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11.

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18.

Mark 13:24-32.

Is the End-Time Coming?

The liturgical year of 2021 ends in 14 days. These past weeks have kept our focus on living in the Kingdom of God and living for its completion. Who knows when this world will end. None of us! It will come when God is ready. We know it ends here for each of us at death. And then perdures forever in the eternal presence of God. Rather than fret about when the end will come, let us behave rightly now.

- ✝ What will I do today to behave as God wants?
- ✝ What will I say today that is right and true and just?
- ✝ What mercy work will guide my week?

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 16 - God protects us and shows us the path of life.**



# 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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## 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.

## Decorating for

**The Christmas Season  
November 20th at 2:00 PM**

**Volunteers more than welcome!!!**



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Holy Family Parish, Medicine Hat, AB

**NOVEMBER 20 TOPICS**

**DISCOVERING MY  
GOD EXPERIENCE**

**WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 PM IN THE FAITH ROOM**

**IF INTERESTED CALL PAT AT 403-527-1097**

*She  
Shall Be  
Called  
Woman*

A PROGRAM FOR ALL WOMEN BY  
PARADISUS DEI

*November 21, 2024  
Holy Family Parish Hall*

*6:15pm Gathering*

*6:45 pm Presentation*

*7:15 pm Group Discussion*

*7:45 pm Dismissal*

*Theme:*

*Divine Design*

*Presenter:*

*Mari Pablo*

November 23, 2024 ~ Holy Family Parish Hall

Breakfast 7:30 am

Presentation 8:30 am

Theme: The Earliest Church

Presenter: Michael Gormley

**TMIY**

THAT MAN IS YOU!

BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART



**YOU  
DON'T  
HAVE TO BE  
ALONE**

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024  
10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM**

**Given the opportunity,  
would you change it?**



**Grades 6  
to 12**

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**Lunch  
Provided**

**What's  
a NET  
Retreat?**

## 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**



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# Praise & Worship

Holy Family Parish with Fr. Julian  
Friday, November 29 at 7:00pm


**Faith & Family** **Advent Wreaths** **FREE**

 Sunday, Nov. 24th, 2:00-4:00pm  
Holy Family Parish Hall

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

**CWL Gratefully Thanks all who donated, served and enjoyed our Parish Fall Supper. And those who donated to our fall bottle drive & for all the socks donated for the Mustard Seed. Reminder: CWL memberships are due for 2025 at \$40. Please check your email for info.**

**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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FAITH. LIVED. FULLY.

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

## Spending time with Jesus

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



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Scan code with camera or visit [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org)

Enter "Medicine Hat" click on "Holy Family"

**FORMED**  
FAITH AT HOME

### 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

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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*



**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.





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

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

*In support of:*

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

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



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

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

**GET 50/50 TICKETS**

**Sales end November 23, 2024 @ 6 pm.**

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

**Thanks for supporting the Alberta Knights of Columbus.**

**GOOD LUCK!**

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





33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

November 17, 2024

## FACING THE END TIMES

We are almost coming to the end of the liturgical calendar Year B and next Sunday we will be celebrating the Solemnity of Christ the King. The environment of the world has changed from 2023 after the attack on Israel which has led to chaos, tribulations, disunity, and hatred among the people. In their emotions, people have failed to stand for wrong or right because the anger has taken over everything. Is there any time that people will experience peace, harmony and unity? I can go on to speak more about the situation of the world now but let us focus more on hope and peace rather than getting scared from the current situation.

A man went to a monastery for a silent retreat. After he finished, he felt better, calmer, stronger, but something was missing. The teacher said he could talk to one of the monks before he left.

The man thought for a while, then asked: "How do you find peace?"

The monk said: "I say yes. To everything that happens, I say yes."

When the man returned home, he was enlightened.

The Readings of this week not only speak about the end time (Eschatology) and they do offer us a moment to reflect on the protection the Lord God provides. Although end time narratives always scare people and thus no one wants to talk about them. We want to live in a peaceful world and don't want to hear anything about violence, war, hatred, division, killing and destruction but reality is very bitter and maybe sometimes more than what we can think. However, when we hear about the end times through the Bible, it is not to scare us but to prepare us for the final destination, that is eternal life or heaven. God loves us and he wants to protect us though sometimes that protection may not be visible.



During World War II, a US Marine was separated from his unit on a Pacific Island. The fighting had been intense, and in the smoke and the crossfire, he had lost touch with his comrades. Alone in the jungle, he could hear enemy soldiers coming in his direction. Scrambling for cover, he found his way up a high ridge to several small caves in the rock. Quickly he crawled inside one of the caves. Although safe for the moment, he realized that once the enemy soldiers looking for him swept up the ridge, they would quickly search all the caves, and he would be killed. As he waited, he prayed, "Lord, if it be your will, please protect me. Whatever your will, I love you and trust you. Amen."

After praying, he lay quietly listening to the enemy begin to draw close. He thought, "Well, I guess the Lord isn't going to help me out of this one." Just then he saw a spider begin to build a web over the front of his cave. As he watched, listening to the enemy searching for him all the while, the spider layered strand after strand of web across the opening of the cave. "Hah" he thought, "what I need is a brick wall and what the Lord has sent me is a spider web. God does have a sense of humor." As the enemy drew closer, he watched from the darkness of his hideout and could see them searching one cave after another. As they came to his, he got ready to make his last stand. To his amazement, however, after glancing in the direction of his cave, they moved on. Suddenly, he realized that with the spider web over the entrance, his cave looked as if no one had entered it for quite a while. "Lord, forgive me," prayed the young man, "I had forgotten that in you a spider's web is stronger than a brick wall."

We all face times of great trouble. When we do, it is so easy to forget the victories that God would work in our lives, sometimes in the most surprising ways.

As the great leader, Nehemiah, reminded the people of Israel when they faced the task of rebuilding Jerusalem, "In God we will have success!" Nehemiah 2:20.

Remember: Whatever is happening in our life, with God, a mere spider's web can become a brick wall of protection. Trust and believe that He is with us always. Just ask for his help and we will see His great power and love for us. Issues concerning the end of the world have always been fascinating. They are also quite terrifying. The end of the world will usher in a time of divine judgment. We might not like to talk about it, but we must.

There are only three ways we can look at the end of the world. The first way is popular, and it goes like this: "What 'end of the world?' There's not going to be any 'end of the world.' Who's to say there's some God? Or a purpose? Or guiding hand? Or any real progress to speak of? History isn't going anywhere, except maybe 'round and 'round in a circle. There's not going to be any 'end of the world'.

The second way we can look at the end of the world is to say, "There sure is going to be an 'end of the world!'" This second view usually comes in different versions. For example, many folks speak of an environmental apocalypse, saying, "Follow the trends on rising temperatures, melting glaciers, disappearing rain forests, and shrinking ozone layers.



Third, is a spiritual end times of the world which Bible speaks frequently about. Why Bible or God needs to speak about end times when God himself created world with great love and has never left the world unattended? Is God making people afraid of the end times, when he himself says "do not be afraid, I am with you till the end of age? Answer to above all is only "No because he loves us, and he wants to protect us from every fear and evil" as St. Paul says, "he can not deny himself". So, the world is going to end one day - but probably not yet. There is a day coming in which God will destroy the universe and all that is in it. The Bible refers to that day in various terms: the "day of judgment" (Matthew 12:36), "Christ's second coming" (1 Corinthians 15:23), the "great and terrible day of the Lord" (Malachi 4:5).

St. Cyril of Jerusalem invites all of us to believe in the Lord; "In learning and professing the faith, you must accept and retain only the Church's present tradition, confirmed as it is by the Scriptures. Although not everyone is able to read the Scriptures, some because they have never learned to read, others because their daily activities keep them from such study, still so that their souls will not be lost through ignorance, we have gathered the whole of the faith in a few concise articles. Now I order you to retain this creed for your nourishment throughout life and never to accept any alternative, not even if I, myself were to change and say something contrary to what I am now teaching, not even if some angel of contradiction, changed into an angel of light, tried to lead you astray. For even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which you have now received, let him be accursed in your sight. So, for the present be content to listen to the simple words of the creed and to memorize them; at some suitable time, you can find the proof of each article in the Scriptures. This summary of the faith was not composed at man's whim; the most important sections were chosen from the whole Scripture to constitute and complete a comprehensive statement of the faith. Just as the mustard seed contains in a small grain many branches, so this brief statement of the faith keeps in its heart, as it were, all the religious truth to be found in Old and New Testament alike. That is why, my brothers, you must consider and preserve the traditions you are now receiving. Inscribe them across your heart. Observe them scrupulously, so that no enemy may rob any of you in an idle and heedless moment; let no heretic deprive you of what has been given to you. Faith is rather like depositing in a bank the money entrusted to you, and God will surely demand an account of what you have deposited. In the words of the Apostle: I charge you before the God who gives life to all things, and before Christ who bore witness under Pontius Pilate in a splendid declaration, to keep unblemished this faith you have received, until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. You have now been given life's great treasure; when he comes, the Lord will ask for what he has entrusted to you. At the appointed time he will reveal himself, for he is the blessed and sole Ruler, King



of kings, Lord of lords. He alone is immortal, dwelling in unapproachable light. No man has seen or ever can see him. To him be glory, honor and power for ever and ever. Amen". In the First Reading we read through Prophet Daniel about the end times but with the great image of a protector St. Michael the Archangel. "When those terrible things take place, God has a plan to save his people. We first heard of Michael in 10:13, when "a man clothed in linen"—presumably an angel sought to reassure Daniel. He said that "the prince of the kingdom of Persia" had opposed him, but Michael dealt with that dark prince. He then said, "there is none who holds with me against these, but Michael your prince". In the New Testament, Michael is portrayed as fighting Satan (Jude 1:9; Revelation 12:7). This time of anguish would be when Antiochus IV tried to "profane the sanctuary, even the fortress, and shall take away the continual *burnt offering*, and they shall set up the abomination that makes desolate". He will defeat Egypt and "go forth with great fury to destroy and utterly to sweep away many". Despite this bad king's power and wealth, "he shall come to his end, and none will help him". His power and wealth will not protect him against justice of God, who will deliver his people. That is a book in which God records the names of the righteous. It is "a list of those who belong to God's people, the citizen list of the true Jerusalem". Daniel's vision promises that the faithful shall shine like those stars—beautiful—dependable—useful—eternal. People would admire them. They would learn to guide by the light of their faithful mentors. Faithful people would bless all those who observed their lives, just as we are all blessed by the lights that God has placed in the sky. Surely with this verse in mind, Jesus concluded his Parable of the Weeds by saying: "Then the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father" (Matthew 13:43).

The Responsorial Psalm contains the prayer of protect and refuge "Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge". This Psalm encourages us to keep praying every day to God for our protection and protection of others. During the pandemic we had seen similar situations as fear had wrapped the whole world, yet no one had the answer "how and when the pandemic would end?" The Author of Letter to Hebrews does remind us that in spite of all fear, sorrows, anguish and grief of end time, we must believe in Jesus "who had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, and since then has been waiting until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering, he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified". How do we trust in the protection of Jesus, is a question for us to reflect?

Here is a story (possibly apocryphal, but powerful nevertheless) about a man who acted in the spirit of love and about what he consequently learned. Many years ago, an old man stood on a Virginia riverbank. He was waiting to cross the river, since it was bitterly cold and there were no bridges, he was hoping to get a ride across on horseback. After a

lengthy wait he spotted a group of horsemen approaching. He let the first one pass, then the second, third, fourth and fifth. One rider remained. As he drew abreast, the old man looked him in the eye and said, 'Sir, would you give me a ride across the river?' The rider immediately replied, 'Certainly.' Once across the river, the old man slid to the ground. 'Sir,' the rider said before leaving. 'I could not help but notice that you permitted all the other men to pass without asking for a ride. Then, when I drew abreast, you immediately asked me to carry you across. I am curious as to why you didn't ask them, and you did ask me.' The old man quietly responded, 'I looked into their eyes and could see no love and knew in my own heart it would be useless to ask for a ride. But when I looked into your eyes, I saw compassion, love and the willingness to help. I knew you would be glad to give me a ride across the river.' The rider was touched. 'I'm grateful for what you are saying,' he said. 'I appreciate it very much.' With that, Thomas Jefferson turned and rode off to the White House.

It is often said that our eyes are the windows to our souls. If that is true, what is it that our eyes show about us? Or let me ask it a different way: if you had been the last rider, would the old man have asked you for a ride? A good question. For it is said that others will know us by our love. Some will see it in the things we do and some in the things we say. And a few perceptive souls, like the old man in the story, may catch a glimmer of a loving and generous spirit in the expression of kind eyes.

The Gospel this Sunday of the liturgical year offers us part of Jesus' discourse regarding the last events of human history, oriented toward the complete fulfilment of the reign of God. It is the talk that Jesus gave in Jerusalem before his last Passover. It has certain apocalyptic elements, such as wars, famine, cosmic catastrophes: "The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken". However, these segments are not the essential part of the message. The core around which Jesus' words turn is he himself, the mystery of his person, and of his death and resurrection, and his return at the end of time. He is for eternity who has conquered the world and its forces.

Holy Father Pope Francis reflecting on the Gospel says "Our final goal is the encounter with the Risen Lord. I would like to ask how many of you think about this. "There will be a day in which I meet the Lord face to face". And this is our goal: the encounter. We do not await a time or a place, but we are going to encounter a person: Jesus. Thus, the problem is not "when" these premonitory signs of the last days will occur, but rather our being prepared. Neither is it about knowing "how" these things will happen, but instead "how" we must act today, in awaiting these things".

We are called to live in the present, building our future with serenity and trust in God. The parable of the fig tree that sprouts, as a sign of the approaching summer teaches that the perspective of the end doesn't distract us from the present life, but rather brings



us to look at our current days with an outlook of hope. The smallest but strongest of the virtues. And our hope has a face: the face of the Risen Lord, who comes “with great power and glory”, which will manifest his love, crucified, and transfigured in the Resurrection. This virtue of hope that is so hard to live. Many of you will agree with me that the pandemic really exposed the true colours of our lives and faith. How many of us divided over the pandemic issues, masking & vaccine for example to mention some? So much hate and division is going on in our society that we have lost respect for other people. The triumph of Jesus at the end of time will be the triumph of the Cross, the demonstration that the sacrifice of oneself for love of neighbour, an imitation of Christ, the only victorious power, the only stable point amid the upheavals and tragedies of the world.

The Lord Jesus is not only the destination of our earthly pilgrimage, but also a constant presence in our lives; he is also beside us, he always accompanies. That’s why, when we speak of the future and project ourselves toward it, it is always to lead us back to the present. He weeps over the destruction of Jerusalem and how much more will he not cry for us (Luke 20)? He is at our side; he walks with us; he loves us. He wants to remove from his disciples of every age the curiosity about dates, predictions, horoscopes, and focus their attention on the today of history. How many of you read your horoscope every day? Each one answer, and when you feel like reading your horoscope, look to Jesus who is with you. This is better and will be better for you. This presence of Jesus calls us to the anticipation and vigilance that exclude both impatience and weariness, both the escaping to the future and the becoming prisoners of the current moment and of worldliness. Remember the words of Jesus “Come to me all those are weary and carrying heavy burdens, I will give you rest” (Mt 11:27-30). St. Peter does warn to be strong against the devil who deceives us makes afraid of our future rather than trusting in the Lord who protects us from every evil and human powers “Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. 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 your brothers and sisters in all 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” (5:6-11).

In our days, too, there is no lack of natural and moral disasters, nor of adversities and difficulties of every kind. Everything passes, the Lord reminds us; he alone, his Word remains as the light that guides and encourages our steps. He always forgives us because he is at our side. We need only look at him and he changes our hearts. St. Paul says “But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary

power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So, death is at work in us, but life in you" (2 Corinthians 4:7-11).

Two men visit a Zen master. The first man says: "I'm thinking of moving to this town. What's it like?" The Zen master asks: "What was your old town like?" The first man responds: "It was dreadful. Everyone was hateful. I hated it." The Zen master says: "This town is very much the same. I don't think you should move here."

The first man leaves, and the second man comes in. The second man says: "I'm thinking of moving to this town. What's it like?" The Zen master asks: "What was your old town like?" The second man responds: "It was wonderful. Everyone was friendly and I was happy. Just interested in a change now." The Zen master says: "This town is very much the same. I think you will like it here." What we seek is what we find. The reasons why you do what you do matter as much, if not more, as what you end up doing. Because they shape how you seek. So, ultimately, they'll also determine what you find.

See the world around and pray to the Prince of Peace so that peace and love may prevail in the world.

Are we prepared to face the end times?



**ARE WE PREPARED TO FACE THE END TIMES?**

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B – Nov 17, 2024**



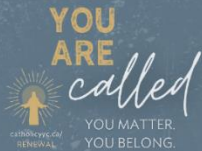
# DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

November 17, 2024

PROTECT ME,  
O GOD, FOR IN YOU  
I TAKE REFUGE



PSALM 16



## 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!

## Renewed in Hope: Diocesan Renewal Advent Mission

Gather with your community **in your parish** and join our presenter live via Zoom. **Dec 3-5 from 7 to 8:30 pm**. Speakers/sessions:

- **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

## Advent Family Workshop: Meeting Jesus the Good Shepherd

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.

- **Wed, Nov 27: Meeting Jesus the Good Shepherd**
- **Wed, Dec 11: Our Family Advent Journey**, at Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary)

Space is limited. Register at [catholiccyyc.ca/renewal](https://catholiccyyc.ca/renewal) or call Mara at 403-218-5521.

## 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. 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)**

## 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](http://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](mailto:info@fcjcentre.ca)

## Festival of Crèches

Begin Advent with the Festival of Crèches! View hundreds of Nativity scenes from around the world. This year features a Nativity Workshop Station to inspire you to build your own family crèche. Supplies and pre-built stables will be available.. When: **Sat, Nov 30, 9:30 am – 7 pm**, St. Anthony's Parish Hall, Calgary.

## Advent Taizé Prayers

Through meditative Taizé chants, personal prayer and quiet time, we enter into the Advent season, coming close to the One who comes and sends light into our world.

- **Wed, Dec 6, 7 to 8 pm**: Advent Taize Prayer Evening at FCJ Centre, Calgary
- **Fri, Dec 13, 7:45 pm to 9 pm**: St. Luke's Advent Taize Prayer Service, Calgary

## The Living Nativity

As we prepare for Christmas this year, St James Parish, in Okotoks, invites you to come and walk through the Town of Bethlehem and meet the Holy Family in this live replica of the Christmas Nativity.

The Living Nativity will take place on **Saturday, Dec. 7 from 4 to 8 pm** in the field next to the Church parking lot. The address is 338040 32nd St East, Okotoks. Admission is free. Donations will be gratefully accepted and given to charity. There will be light, warm refreshments available for a small fee in the Church hall. [More](#)

## Hear the Angels Sing

Celebrate Advent with "Hear the Angels Sing," a high school choral festival featuring sacred music by choirs from Calgary Catholic School District high schools. When: **Mon, Dec 2, 7 pm**, St. Michael's Catholic Community. Enjoy performances by students from Bishop Carroll, Our Lady of the Rockies, Father Lacombe, Bishop O'Byrne, Notre Dame, All Saints, and St. Mary's.

## SJCS Nine Lessons & Carols

Join St John Choir Schola's four choirs for the annual Nine Lessons and Carols. When: **Sun, Dec 15, 7:30 pm**, St. Mary's Cathedral. Enjoy an unforgettable evening of readings, choral music, and congregational hymns. Freewill offering accepted at the door. All are welcome!

## 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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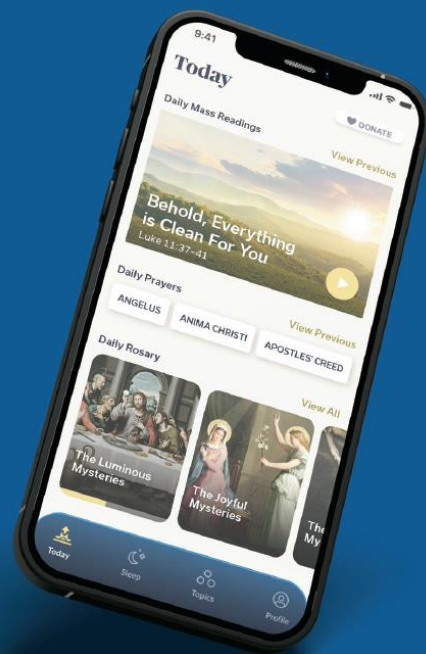
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## **Joe McKinnon Council #9502**

### **Knights of Columbus 2024 2025 Officers**

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

### **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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17th, 2024



Mark 13:24-32

*In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples what will happen at the end of time.*

*The sun and moon will become dark and the stars will fall down from the sky, and then Jesus will come back.*

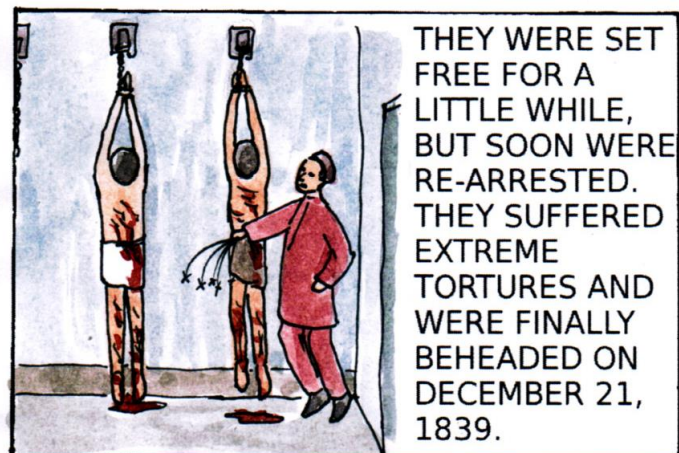
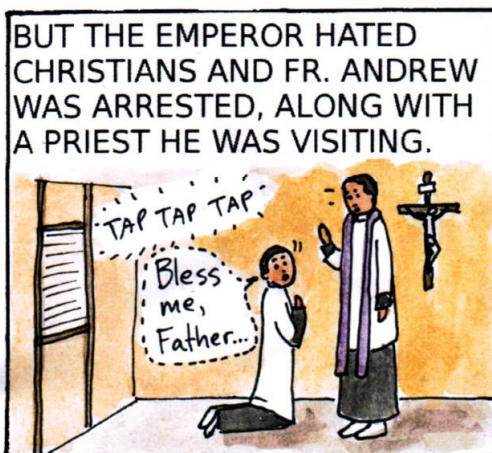
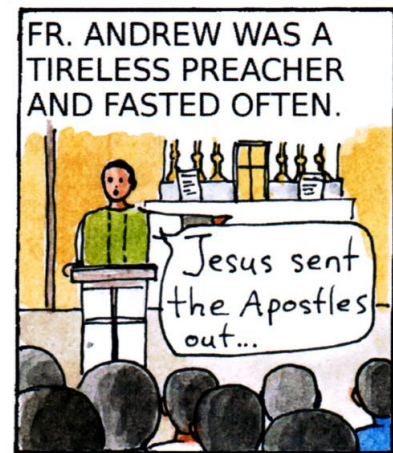
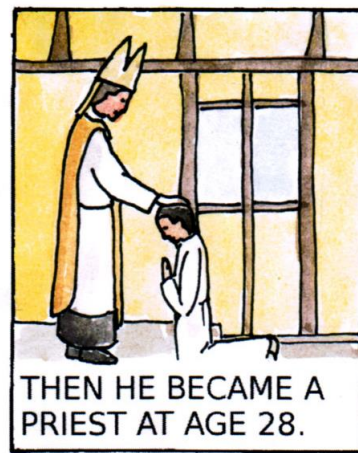
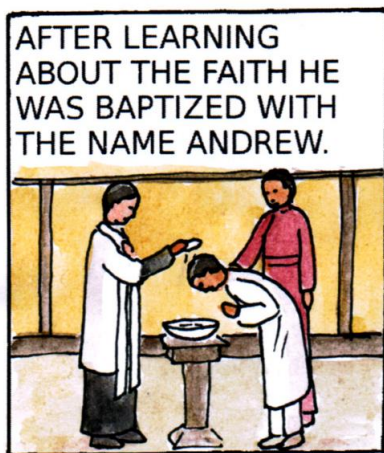
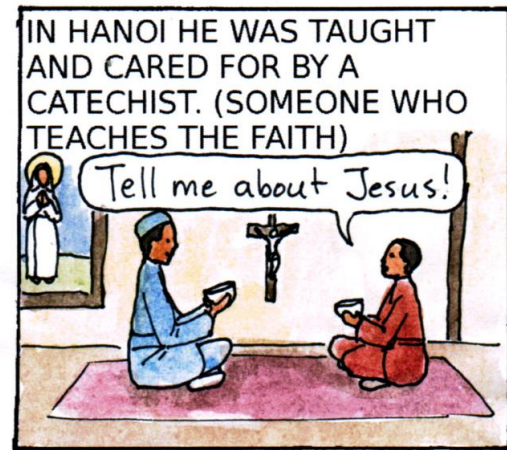
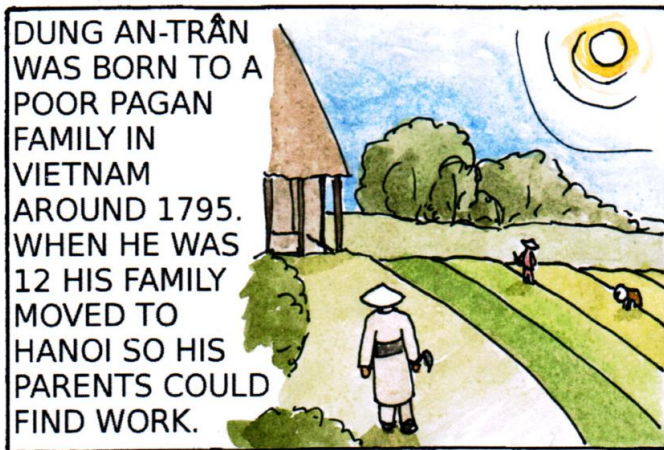
*What else does he say?  
Use this code to find out!*

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# Saint Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

## November 24



GOD WANTS ALL PEOPLE TO COME TO KNOW HIM. THAT IS WHY HE SENDS MISSIONARIES ALL OVER THE WORLD TO SPREAD THE FAITH. SAINT ANDREW BECAME A CATHOLIC BECAUSE OF THE MISSIONARIES THAT RISKED THEIR LIVES TO BRING GOD TO HIS PEOPLE. WE SHOULD ALWAYS PRAY FOR THE MISSIONARIES!



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# Daniel's Prophesy Word-Find

*What was Daniel  
talking about?*

*Find all the words  
from the reading that  
are in CAPITALS.  
The leftover letters  
will give you the  
answer.*

In those DAYS, I, DANIEL, HEARD this word of the LORD:  
 "At that time there shall ARISE MICHAEL,  
 the GREAT PRINCE,  
 guardian of your people;

*Daniel 12:1-3*

it shall be a time unsurpassed in DISTRESS  
 since NATIONS BEGAN until that time.  
 At that time your people shall ESCAPE,  
 EVERYONE WHO is found WRITTEN in the book.

"MANY of those who SLEEP in the dust of the EARTH  
 shall awake;  
 some shall LIVE FOREVER,  
 others shall be an everlasting HORROR and disgrace.

"But the WISE shall SHINE brightly  
 like the SPLENDOR of the firmament,  
 and those who lead the many to JUSTICE  
 shall be like the STARS forever.

# The End...

The readings in today's Mass tell us about some of the things that will happen at the end of the world. It seems pretty scary- the sun and moon will stop shining and the stars will fall down. But it should also be a very happy thing to think about- Jesus is coming back!



When the end of this world comes, all the good people will go to live with God and will be completely happy forever!

As long as we stay close to God and keep away from sin, we can be happy when the end of the world comes. Are you ready for it?

Answer to puzzle on front page: Heaven and earth will pass away  
but my words will not pass away.  
Answer to Daniel's Prophecy Word-Find: the end of time.





Who is Jesus? Do I need a church?

Why do I exist?

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

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# Retreat Centers in Southern Alberta

## AN "OASIS" IN THE HEART OF CALGARY

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](mailto:contact@holyfamilymh.ca) so it can be sent to the diocese.**