



# Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY – YR. B SUNDAY, NOV. 24, 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 ~ John 18:33b-37

*Jesus is questioned by Pilate about the charge  
brought against him that he is "King of the Jews."*

**Solemnity of  
Christ the King  
Sunday**

JOHN 18:33B-37

## ✠ Masses & Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 23

5:00pm – Ria Welbourne

Sunday, November 24

8:30am – Holy Family Parish

10:30am – Henk Hof

6:00pm – Bill Douglas ✠

Monday, November 25

9:00am – Lydia & Henry Brecka ✠

Tuesday, November 26

9:00am – Ignacia Tanutan ✠

Wednesday, November 27

7:00am – Tannis & Jay

Thursday, November 28

9:00am – Karel & Matthea Snoep ✠

Friday, November 29

9:00am – Elise Krooshoop & Frank &  
Johanna Van Ham ✠

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

**Together IN ACTION** Year to Date: \$59,506.  
*Annual Bishop's Appeal* only 84% of total needed!  
 The 2024 Goal is \$70,938.  
**Only 5 weeks to raise \$11,432.**  
**That is \$2,286.40 each week!**  
**Please give what you can**  
**to meet our goal this year!**  
*Your Generosity is Appreciated!*

Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe, Solemnity

Daniel 7:13-14.  
 Psalm 93:1, 1-2, 5.  
 Revelation 1:5-8.  
 John 18:33b-37.

Alpha and Omega.

Go look at the parish Easter Candle near the baptismal font. You see an Alpha (A) and an Omega (Ω), the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. They remind us that Christ, yesterday and today, is the Beginning and the End. To him belongs all time, all the ages, and glory and power forever. Amen.

Since he is more powerful than me:

- ✠ What will I believe about God's Kingdom?
- ✠ What truth do I need to hear Jesus speak?
- ✠ What action will I do because it is right and true?



**Special Collections**  
**DECEMBER**  
 Future Development  
**Together in Action**  
 Society of  
 St. Vincent de Paul  
**December 12, 2024**  
 Mission Mexico  
**December 25, 2024**  
 Christmas Offering

VOCATIONS

Nov 24, 2024  
 34<sup>th</sup> Sunday in  
 Ordinary Time

Today we hail Christ as our King. He is the Victor over the power of death Who loves us and freed us from our sins by His own blood, and Who by Baptism has made us a royal nation of priests in the service of His Father and our God. He Who is King continues to choose men and women to serve as priests, sisters, brothers or deacons, so that the faithful may know Him, love Him and serve Him as well. If you feel God is calling you to a Church vocation, then please contact the Office of Vocations at 403-218-5500 or email Fr. Cristino Bouvette...

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

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 93:1,1-2,5 - A prayer of praise to God our king.**



**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?

**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

## 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

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

### NOVEMBER 27 TOPICS

**RCIA**

Holy Family Parish, Medicine Hat, AB

**ADVENT &  
THE CHURCH  
YEAR**

**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 28, 2024  
Holy Family Parish Hall  
6:15pm Gathering  
6:45 pm Presentation  
7:15 pm Group Discussion  
7:45 pm Dismissal  
Theme:  
*Fight Like a Girl*  
Presenter:  
*Katie Hartfiel*

*Praise & Worship*

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

November 30, 2024 ~ Holy Family Parish Hall  
Breakfast 7:30 am  
Presentation 8:30 am  
Theme: The Spirit of St. Paul  
Presenter: Michael Gormley

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

**The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual  
Gift Sharing Sunday  
November 30th and  
December 1<sup>st</sup>**

**SANTA CLAUS FUND**

**TOYS**

**ROOT CELLAR**  
FOOD & WELLNESS HUB

*E-transfer*  
ONLINE GIVING



**DONATE TODAY...**

**accounting@holymfamilymh.ca**



**4th Degree  
Knights of Columbus  
Members  
Meeting & Supper  
Dec 1st, 2024  
5:00 PM**

**St. Patrick's Church**  
**Dress Code:**  
**New Uniform ,  
Tux And Baldric or Suit**



**Holy Family  
Parish Hall  
*Renewed*  
IN HOPE**

**DIOCESAN ADVENT  
RENEWAL MISSION**

GATHER IN YOUR  
PARISH, AND JOIN  
THE PRESENTERS  
ONLINE

**DEC TUE 3** Speaker **Brett Powell**  
■ FORM MISSIONARY DISCIPLES IN CHRIST

**DEC WED 4** Speaker **Bishop Scott McCaig**  
■ BE A CHURCH OF ENCOUNTER AND WITNESS

**DEC THU 5** Speaker **Mary Rose Bacani Valenti**  
■ STRENGTHEN FAMILY LIFE

**7 PM TO 8:30 PM**

**YOU ARE called**  
YOU MATTER  
YOU BELONG



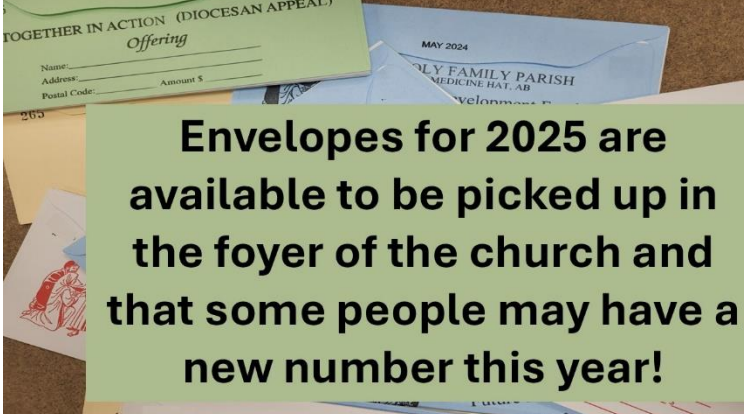
**#9502 Knights of Columbus Family Christmas Party**  
**Monday, December 16, 2024, 6:00pm**

**Holy Family Parish Hall**  
**Knights of Columbus & Families**  
**Menu – Spaghetti Supper**  
**Join us for a fun evening of holiday celebration and fellowship**

**RSVP – December 9, 2024,**  
**Pat Ries call or text – 403-458-0442**  
**or email – pjries@memlane.com**



**Envelopes for 2025 are available to be picked up in the foyer of the church and that some people may have a new number this year!**



**Thank you for all the volunteers who helped to decorate our Beautiful Church for Christmas!**

**Many thanks and God's Blessings!!! HFP & Agnes**



**Faithfully**  
FAITH. LIVED. FULLY.

[catholicyc.ca/Faithfully](https://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



**TOP 10 MOVIES**  
On **FORMED.ORG**

1. JOSEPH  
2. MARY OF CALARY  
3. JOSEPH OF ARIC  
4. HEART  
5. PADRE PIO MIRACLE MAN  
6. GUADALUPE THE MIRACLE AND THE MESSAGE  
7. MOTHER TERESA

USE WITH  
Roku  
Apple TV  
FireTV  
Chromecast

Scan code with camera or visit [signup.formed.org](https://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**





## Did you know that Hillcrest Church has a Furniture Ministry?

They will pick-up gently used furniture and other household items to be given to people in their time of need. If you have any of the following that you would like to donate, please **call Hillcrest at 403-526-4010 to arrange for a pickup**. Items most needed are marked with an asterisk\*.

*Toasters	*Coffee Pots	*Vacuum Cleaners
*Twin & Double Sheets	Electric Kettles	Blankets
Bathroom Towels	Kitchen Towels	Microwaves
Mops	Lamps	Dishes
Glasses	Pots & Pans	Cutlery
Cooking Utensils	Coffee Tables	Side Tables
Couches	Chairs	Ottomans
Kitchen Tables	Dining Chairs	Dressers

What they cannot accept: Reclining Furniture, Televisions, Ripped and Damaged Items, China, Mirrors, China Cabinets & Desks.

We work closely with Hillcrest when we encounter our neighbours in need of furniture and household items.

God bless these hard-working volunteers for the work they do in their Furniture Ministry!

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If you would like to donate to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the most direct way to do this would be to:

- 1) send an e-transfer to [ssvpmedhat@gmail.com](mailto:ssvpmedhat@gmail.com)
- 2) make a cheque out to Society of St. Vincent de Paul (or SSVP) or put cash into an envelope that is clearly marked: SSVP donation.

These may be left at the church office or put into the collection basket at mass.

You will receive a tax receipt if your name and address is given.

Thank you so much for your continued support in both prayers and donations.  
God bless you.





OCTOBER 2024



[www.mhcb.e.ab.ca](http://www.mhcb.e.ab.ca)

**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.





# Mother Teresa School



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!



**Medicine Hat Catholic  
Board of Education**

**Aura Street - Principal**



34<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

November 24, 2024

## IS HE OUR KING?

Today with the Feast of Christ the King, we conclude the liturgical calendar, Year B. Next Sunday we will begin the new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. The Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe, which we celebrate today, is set at the conclusion of the liturgical year, and recalls that the life of creation does not advance at random but proceeds toward a final destination: the definitive manifestation of Christ, Lord of history and of all creation. The conclusion of history will be his eternal kingdom. Instituting this Feast of Christ, the King in 1925, Pope Pius XI proclaimed: “Pax Christi in regno Christi” (the peace of Christ in the reign of Christ). This means that we live in the peace of Christ when we surrender our lives to him every day, accept him as our God, Savior and King and allow him to rule our lives.

The following homily was written in the 2nd century warning everyone to take care how we honour our King. “My name is constantly blasphemed by unbelievers, says the Lord. Woe to the man who causes my name to be blasphemed. Why is the Lord’s name blasphemed? Because we say one thing and do another. When they hear the words of God on our lips, unbelievers are amazed at their beauty and power, but when they see that those words have no effect in our lives, their admiration turns to scorn, and they dismiss such words as myths and fairy tales. They listen, for example, when we tell them that God has said: It is no credit to you if you love those who love you, but only if you love your enemies, and those who hate you. They are full of admiration at such extraordinary virtue, but when they observe that we not only fail to love people who hate us, but even those who love us, they laugh us to scorn, and the Name is blasphemed. Therefore, brothers, if we do the will of God the Father, we shall be members of the



first spiritual Church that was created before the sun and the moon; but if we fail to do the will of the Lord, we shall be among those to whom it is said in Scripture: My house has been made into a robbers' den. We must choose then, if we want to be saved, to be members of the Church of life. You surely cannot be ignorant of the fact that the living Church is the body of Christ; for Scripture says: God made man male and female. Now the male signifies Christ, and the female signifies the Church, which, according to both the Old and the New Testament, is no recent creation, but has existed from the beginning. At first the Church was purely spiritual, even as our Jesus was spiritual, but it appeared in the last days to save us”.

The homilist continues to say “For the spiritual Church was made manifest in the body of Christ, to show us that if we uphold its honor in the outward, visible form, and do not defile it, we shall, through the Holy Spirit be made its members in the true, spiritual sense. For the body of the Church is a copy of the Spirit, and no one who defaces the copy can have any part in what the copy represents. In other words, brothers, you must preserve the honor of the body to share in the Spirit. For if we say that the body is the Church and the Spirit is Christ, it follows that anyone who dishonors his body, dishonors the Church. Such a man will have no part in the Spirit, which is Christ. But if the Holy Spirit is joined to it, this body can receive an immortal life that is wonderful beyond words, for the blessings God has made ready for his chosen ones surpass all human powers of description”.

Theologian Origin says “The kingdom of God, in the words of our Lord and Savior, does not come for all to see; nor shall they say: Behold, here it is, or behold, there it is, but the kingdom of God is within us, for the word of God is very near, in our mouth and in our heart. Thus, he who prays for the coming of God's kingdom prays rightly to have it within himself, that there it might grow and bear fruit and become perfect. For God reigns in each of his holy ones. Anyone who is holy obeys the spiritual laws of God, who dwells in him as in a well-ordered city. The Father is present in the perfect soul, and with him Christ reigns, according to the words: We shall come to him and make our home with him.

Thus, the kingdom of God within us, as we continue to make progress, will reach its highest point when the Apostle's words are fulfilled, and Christ, having subjected all his enemies to himself, will hand over his kingdom to God the Father, that God may be all in all. Therefore, let us pray unceasingly with that disposition of soul which the Word may make divine, saying to our Father who is in heaven: Hallowed be your name; your kingdom come. Note this too about the kingdom of God. It is not a sharing of justice with iniquity, nor a society of light with darkness, nor a meeting of Christ with Belial. The kingdom of God cannot exist alongside the reign of sin.



Therefore, if we wish God to reign in us, in no way should sin reign in our mortal body; rather we should mortify our members which are upon the earth and bear fruit in the Spirit. There should be in us a kind of spiritual paradise where God may walk and be our sole ruler with his Christ. In us the Lord will sit at the right hand of that spiritual power which we wish to receive. And he will sit there until all his enemies who are within us become his footstool, and every principality, power and virtue in us is cast out”.

He continues to say “All this can happen in each one of us, and the last enemy, death, can be destroyed; then Christ will say in us: O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory? And so, what is corruptible in us must be clothed with holiness and incorruptibility; and what is mortal must be clothed, now that death has been conquered, in the Father’s immortality. Then God will reign in us, and we shall enjoy even now the blessings of rebirth and resurrection”.

Once upon a time there was a poor, old man who lived in a small village. He owned a beautiful white horse. Kings offered fabulous prices for the horse, but the man would say, “This horse is my friend.” The man was poor, but he never sold the horse.

One morning he found the horse was gone from the stable. The whole village gathered and said, “You foolish old man! We knew someday the horse would be stolen. You should have sold it. What a misfortune!” The old man replied, “That’s not necessarily true. The horse is simply not in the stable. This is the fact. Everything else is a judgment. Who knows if it is a misfortune or a blessing?”

People laughed at the old man. They knew he was a little crazy. But after fifteen days, the horse suddenly returned. He had not been stolen but had gone visiting. Not only that, but a dozen also wild horses returned with him. Again, the people gathered and said, “Old man, you were right. The disappearance of your horse is not a misfortune. It has indeed proved to be a blessing.” The old man said, “Again you are going too far. Just say the horse came back. Who knows whether its return is a blessing or not? When you read a single word, how can you judge the whole book?”

The people did not say much, but they knew he was wrong. After all, twelve beautiful horses had come. The old man’s only son started to train the wild horses. But a week later he fell from a horse and broke his legs. The people gathered and again they judged. “You’re right! Getting twelve horses was a misfortune. Your son, who is your only support, has lost the use of his legs. Now you are poorer than ever.”

The old man said, “you are obsessed with judgment. Only say my son has broken his legs. Nobody knows whether this is a misfortune or a blessing. Life comes in fragments, and more is never revealed.”



After a few weeks the country went to war. All the young men in town were forced into the military. Only the old man's son was left, because he was crippled. The whole town cried because they knew most of the young men would never return. They said to the old man, "you were right. This is a blessing. Your son may be crippled, but he is still with you. Our sons are gone forever." The old man said again, "Nobody knows! Say only this: Your sons have entered the army and my son has not. We can't know whether it is a blessing or a misfortune. Stop judging or you will always be obsessed with fragments and live-in faulty conclusions."

I believe we are receiving the same from the King whose feast we are celebrating today. Jesus being a King, has always been humble in heart who is always compassionate for other. He goes out to find the lost, the marginalized, rejected and outcastes to bring them back to the mercy and love of his Father. Saint Andrew of Crete reflects on his kingship in this way inviting all of us to come to him with converted hearts, minds and souls: "Behold, your king is coming to you, the Holy One, the Savior. Let us say to Christ: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel. Let us wave before him like palm branches the words inscribed above him on the cross. Let us show him honor, not with olive branches but with the splendor of merciful deeds to one another. Let us spread the thoughts and desires of our hearts under his feet like garments, so that entering with the whole of his being, he may draw the whole of our being into himself and place the whole of his in us. Let us say to Zion in the words of the prophet: Have courage, daughter of Zion, do not be afraid. Behold, your king comes to you, humble and mounted on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden".

In the First Reading we read about the dream and vision of Prophet Daniel. He is coming with the clouds of heaven. What a wonderful King we have whose divinity and majesty is shown in an amazing way. Everything is handed over to him and everyone is serving him. There is no end to his kingdom because "He is King of Kings" as St. Paul says. The whole Book of Revelation is full of description of his kingdom, and he is being represented as just King who will judge everyone with the rod of justice. As St. Andrew says "He is coming who is everywhere present and pervades all things; he is coming to achieve in you his work of universal salvation. He is coming who came to call to repentance not the righteous but sinners, coming to recall those who have strayed into sin. Do not be afraid then: God is amid you, and you shall not be shaken".

As the Psalmist says, "the Lord is King; he is robbed in majesty" and indicates that he is a totally different king than the kings of the world who always after the power, are filled with pride, arrogance and selfish motives. His words and decrees are trustworthy and truthful. St. John of course confirms everything in the Second Reading today "Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his



account all the tribes of the earth will lament". He is Alpha and Omega, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. If he is our King, then how should we receive him? St. Andrew makes it easy for us "Receive him with open, outstretched hands, for it was on his own hands that he sketched you. Receive him who laid your foundations on the palms of his hands. Receive him, for he took upon himself all that belongs to us except sin, to consume what is ours in what is his. Be glad, city of Zion, our mother, and fear not. Celebrate your feasts. Glorify him for his mercy, who has come to us in you. Rejoice exceedingly, daughter of Jerusalem, sing and leap for joy. Be enlightened, be enlightened, we cry to you, as holy Isaiah trumpeted, for the light has come to you and the glory of the Lord has risen over you. What kind of light is this? It is that which enlightens every man coming into the world. It is the everlasting light, the timeless light revealed in time, the light manifested in the flesh although hidden by nature, the light that shone round the shepherds and guided the Magi. It is the light that was in the world from the beginning, through which the world was made, yet the world did not know it. It is that light which came to its own, and its own people did not receive it.

And the Gospel of this Sunday gives us totally and beyond comparison the description of the Divine King. St. John presents him as a suffering king who suffers for us so that we can be saved. History of the world reveals that whoever became king, made other people to suffer and sacrifice their lives then but he "came not to be served but serve other and lay his life for the ransom of other. He is a king whose glory we can see on the cross. And what is this glory of the Lord? Clearly it is the cross on which Christ was glorified, he, the radiance of the Father's glory, even as he said when he faced his passion: Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him, and will glorify him at once. The glory of which he speaks here is his lifting up on the cross, for Christ's glory is his cross and his exaltation upon it, as he plainly says: When I have been lifted, I will draw all men to myself.

Jesus as he introduces himself to Pilate as king of a kingdom that "is not of this world". This doesn't mean that Christ is the king of another world, but that he is king in another manner, but he is king in this world. It is a contrast between two types of logic. Worldly logic is based on ambition, competition, it fights using the weapons of fear, extortion, and the manipulation of consciences. On the other hand, the logic of the Gospel, that is, the logic of Jesus, is expressed in humility and gratuitousness. It is silently but effectively affirmed with the strength of truth. The kingdoms of this world at times are sustained by arrogance, rivalries, and oppression; the reign of Christ is a "kingdom of justice, love and peace".

When did Jesus reveal himself as king? In the event of the Cross! Those who look at the Cross cannot but see the astonishing gratuitousness of love. For a Christian, speaking of

power and strength means referring to the power of the Cross as St. Paul says, "But for us is a sign of salvation", and the strength of Jesus' love: a love which remains steadfast and complete, even when faced with rejection, and it is shown as the fulfilment of a life expended in the total surrender of oneself for the benefit of humanity. On Calvary, the passers-by and the leaders derided Jesus, nailed to the Cross, and they challenged him: "Save yourself, and come down from the cross!" "Save yourself!". Had Jesus come down from the Cross, he would have given in to the temptations of the prince of this world. Instead, he cannot save himself precisely to be able to save others, precisely because he has given his life for us, for each one of us. To say: "Jesus gave his life for the world" is true. But it is more beautiful to say: "Jesus gave his life for me". Let each one of us say in heart: "He gave his life for me, in order to save each one of us from our sins".

As Jesus is telling about his Kingdom which is not based on war, oppression, rejection, violence but on love. He wants us to work for the same kingdom as we say during the prayer of Our Father "Thy Kingdom come" so that people can feel. It is easy to run after power and control but very difficult to follow the path of service and love. Let us listen to the voice of the Lord and keep praying "may your kingdom come" so we may work together to make this world peaceful.

Let me end my reflection with this inspirational to see who our king is. The Psalmist says "who is the king of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle..." (Read Psalm 24).

One day King Henry the Fourth of France was hunting in a large forest. Towards evening he told his men to ride home by the main road while he went by another way that was somewhat longer.

As he came out of the forest he saw a little boy by the roadside, who seemed to be watching for some one.

"Well, my boy," said the king, "are you looking for your father?"

"No, sir," answered the boy. "I am looking for the king. They say he is hunting in the woods, and perhaps will ride out this way. So, I'm waiting to see him."

"Oh, if that is what you wish," said King Henry, "get up behind me on the horse and I'll take you to the place where you will see him."

The boy got up at once and sat behind the king. The horse cantered briskly along, and king and boy were soon quite well acquainted.

"They say that King Henry always has a number of men with him," said the boy; "how shall I know which is he?"

"Oh, that will be easy enough," was the answer. "All the other men will take off their hats, but the king will keep his on."

"Do you mean that the one with his hat on will be the king?"



"Certainly."

Soon they came into the main road where a number of the king's men were waiting. All the men seemed amused when they saw the boy, and as they rode up, they greeted the king by taking off their hats.

"Well, my boy," said King Henry, "which do you think is the king?"

"I don't know," answered the boy; "but it must be either you or I, for we both have our hats on."

In the Gospel of Luke, our Saviour says "“No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth”". (6:24).

Whom do we serve and who is our King?



# DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

## Solemnity of Christ the King



### Winter Gifts for Feed the Hungry

As the chill of winter sets in, you can make a difference for our Feed the Hungry guests. We're collecting new mittens, gloves, socks, toques, and \$10 fast food gift cards to share warmth and kindness this Christmas season. Donations will be distributed to Feed the Hungry guests closer to Christmas. Drop off your contributions at **St. Mary's Cathedral Parish Office** (Monday to Friday, 8:30 am–3:30 pm, closed from 12–1 pm) **until Dec 12.**

### Christmas Wish List for Elizabeth House

This Christmas, bring joy to young moms and children at Elizabeth House! Donations are accepted from the [Wish List](#) on **December 2-6, between 9 am to 12 pm and 1-3 pm** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary). To get the wish list, email [suzanne.lehbauer@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:suzanne.lehbauer@calgarydiocese.ca)

### 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 [catholiccycc.ca/renewal](http://catholiccycc.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. Anthony's, Calgary](#) - Fri, Dec 6 at 3 pm to Sun, Dec 8 at 7 am (Chapel)
- [St. Mary's Cathedral](#) - Thu, Jan 2 at 5 pm (Mass) to Sat, Jan 4 at 9 am (Mass)
- [St. Luke's, Calgary](#) - Fri, Jan 10 at 8:30 am to Sun, Jan 12 at 8:15 am

## Advent by Candlelight

Ladies, take a moment to embrace the spirit of the season with an evening of candlelit tea, an inspiring guest speaker, and time for socializing and relaxation. When: **Wed, Nov 27, 2024, at Ascension Catholic Parish, Calgary.** Mass begins at 6 pm, and refreshments are served from 7 pm. Tickets are \$10 and limited—reserve your spot for this special gathering by calling 403-275-2240.

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

## The Living Nativity in Okotoks

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. There will be light, warm refreshments available for a small fee in the Church hall.

## Living Nativity in Calgary

Step into the village of Bethlehem and visit the Holy Family! Meet the shepherds, see the animals, and enjoy a festive evening with a fire pit, hot chocolate, and cookies. When: **Sat, Dec 7 from 4 pm to 7 pm at Holy Name Parish, Calgary.** For more information, contact 403-249-7764.

## 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?

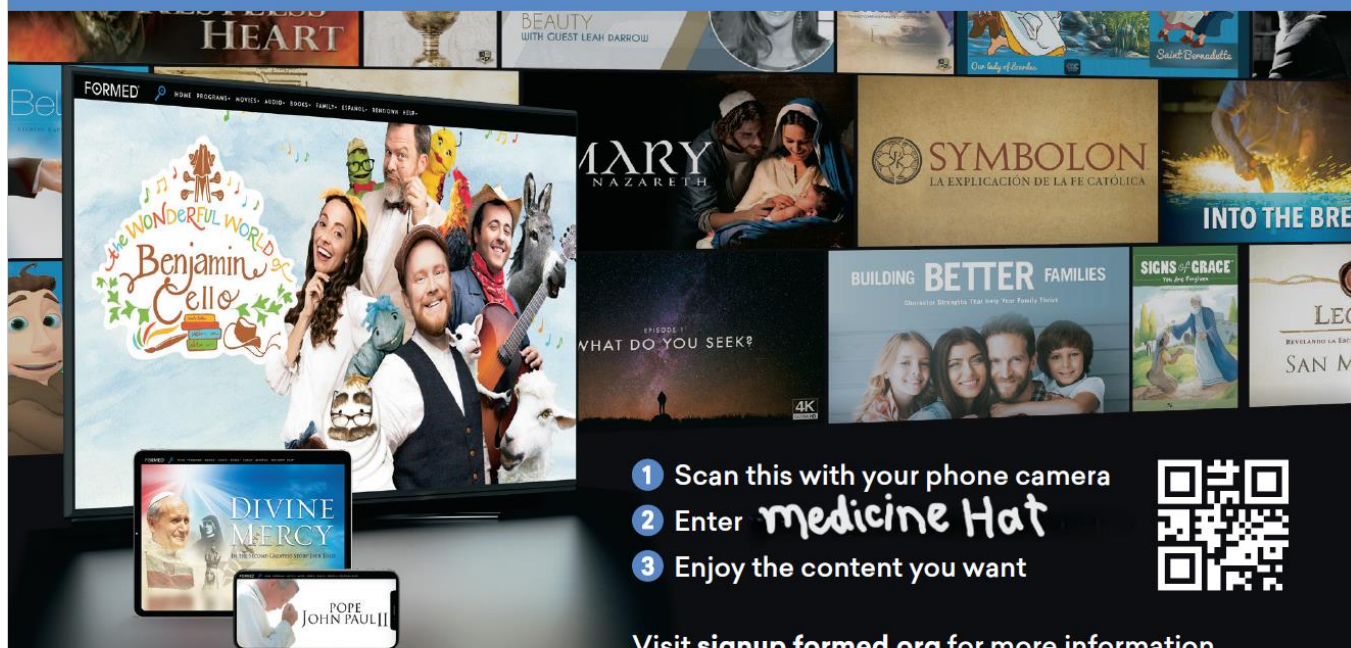
If you have been admitted to any of Calgary's hospitals and would like the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, you can contact your parish priest or call the Diocese of Calgary Call Centre at **403-231-9505.**

## Prison Ministry


We are urgently seeking volunteers to lead the Liturgy of the Word and Rosary prayers at correctional facilities in the diocese. For more information, contact [receptionist@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:receptionist@calgarydiocese.ca) or call 403-218-5500.

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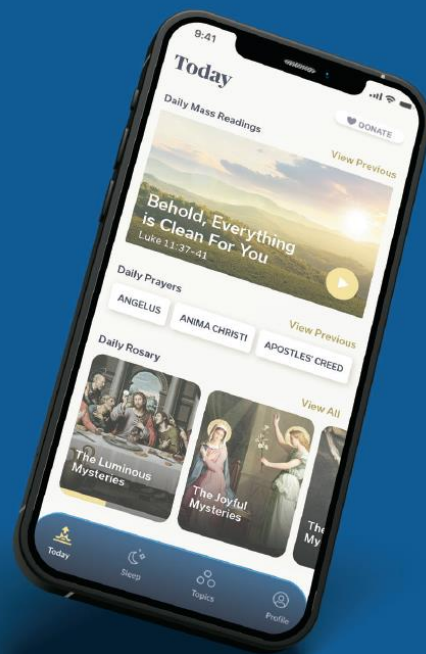
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## **Joe McKinnon Council #9502**

### **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>
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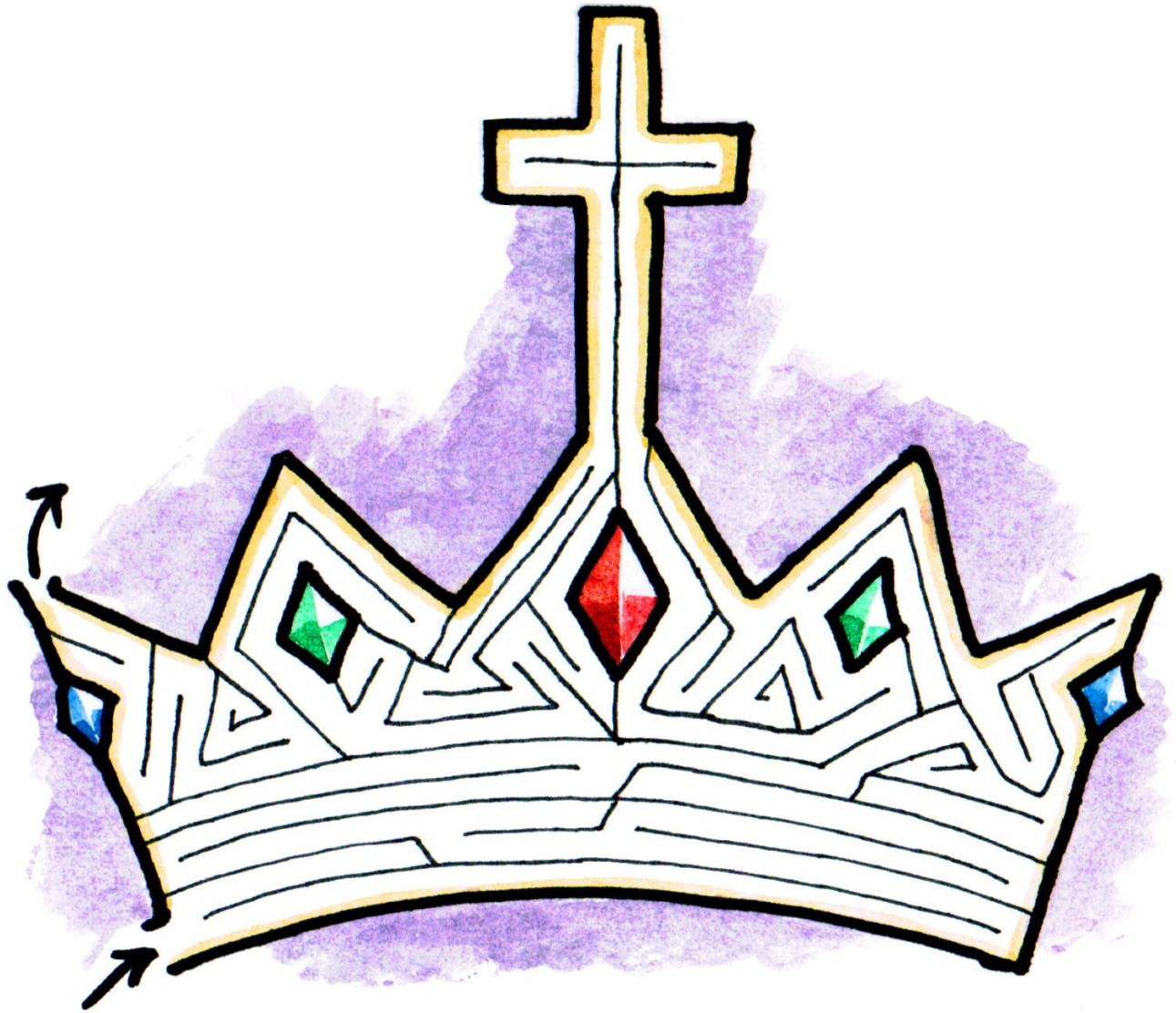
### **2024 2025 Knights Events**

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



# The Kids' Bulletin

*Feast of Christ the King  
Sunday, November 24th, 2024*



## **Jesus is Our King!**

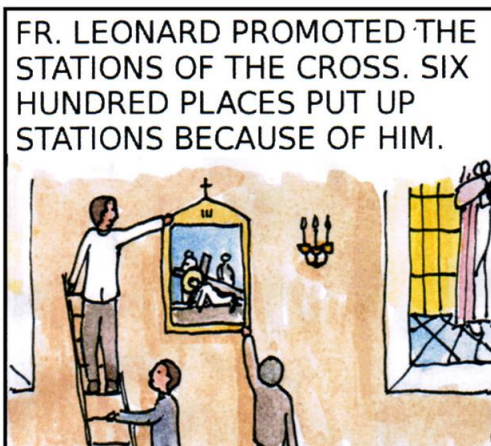
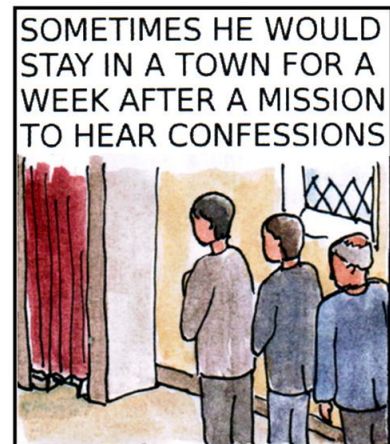
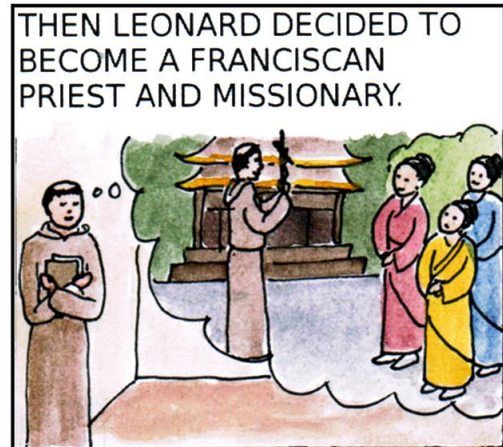
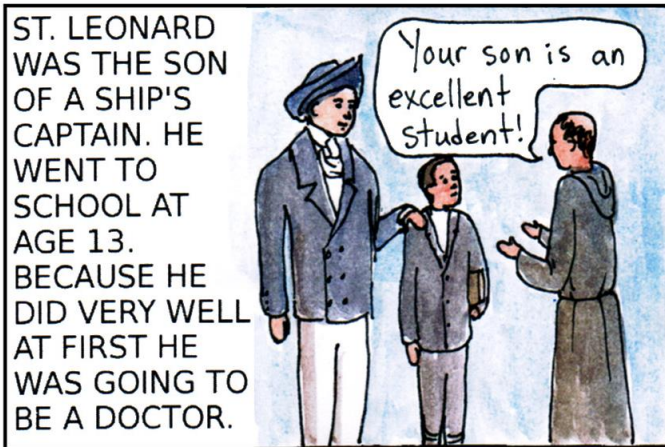
*Today we celebrate Jesus as the great Lord  
and King of Heaven and earth.*

*The crown is a symbol of Jesus' kingship.*



# Saint Leonard of Port Maurice

## November 26

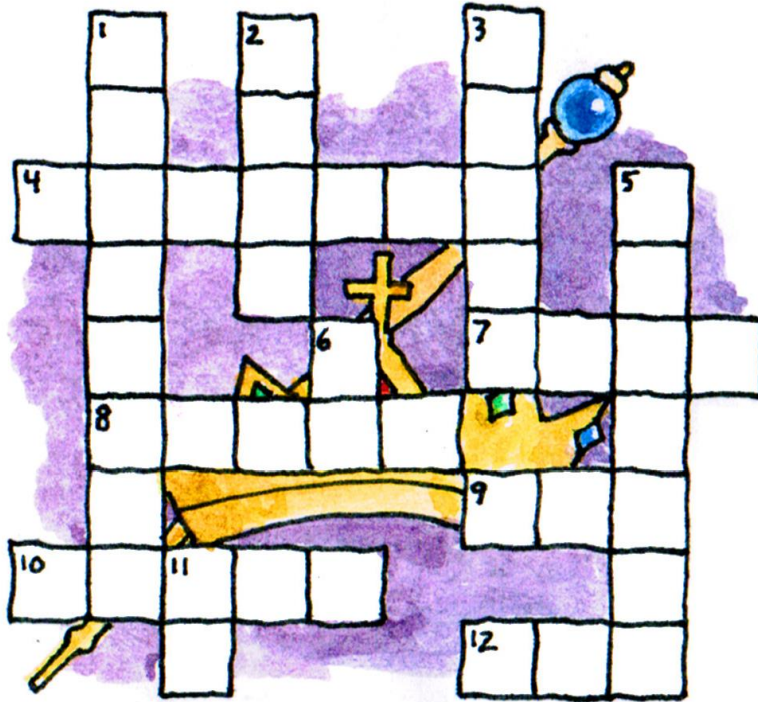


SAINT LEONARD PREACHED TO OTHER PEOPLE TO DRAW THEM TO JESUS AND BROUGHT HIMSELF CLOSER TO JESUS BY TAKING TIME TO BE QUIET AND PRAY. WE CAN GROW CLOSER TO JESUS BY PRAYING TOO. TAKE SOME TIME EVERY DAY TO THINK ABOUT JESUS ON THE CROSS AND TALK TO HIM!



# Christ the King Crossword

*Revelation 1:5-7*



*Here is a part of today's second reading. Use the words at the bottom to fill in the blanks and the puzzle.*

*D=down  
A=across.*

(3D)\_\_\_\_\_ Christ is the (1D)\_\_\_\_\_  
 (4A)\_\_\_\_\_, the firstborn (11D)\_\_\_\_\_  
 the dead and ruler of the (2D)\_\_\_\_\_s of  
 the earth. To (12A)\_\_\_\_\_ who loves us and  
 has (8A)\_\_\_\_\_ us from our (7A)\_\_\_\_\_  
 by his blood, who has made us into a  
 (5D)\_\_\_\_\_, priests for his (9A)\_\_\_\_\_ and  
 Father, to him (6D)\_\_\_\_\_ (10A)\_\_\_\_\_  
 and power forever and ever. Amen.

**OF GLORY BE HIM WITNESS  
 GOD FAITHFUL SINS KING  
 FREED KINGDOM JESUS**



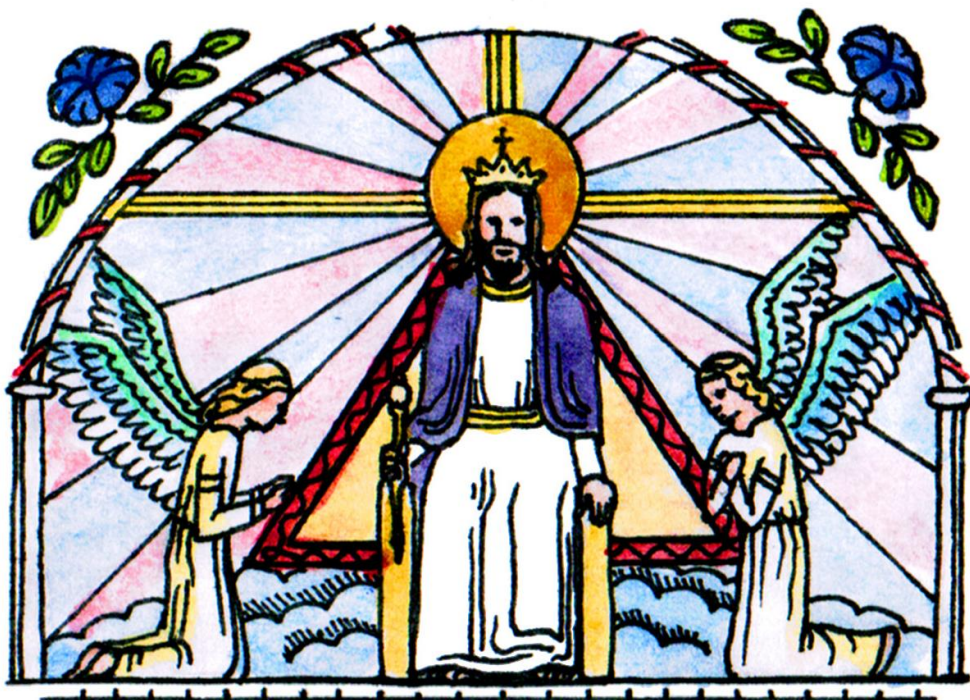
# Christ is the King!

Every year on the last Sunday before Advent, we celebrate the feast day of Christ the King.

Jesus is a good king who loves His people so much that He died so we could go to Heaven.

What can you do to show Jesus that He is the king of your life? What can you do to show other people that Jesus is your king?

What is something special that you can do today to celebrate the feast of Christ the King?



Answers to the crossword puzzle:  
Down: 1. faithful, 2. king, 3. Jesus, 5. kingdom, 6. be, 11. of  
Across: 4. witness, 7. sins, 8. freed, 9. God, 10. glory, 12. him



Who is Jesus? Do I need a church?

Why do I exist?

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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.

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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.**