



# Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

BAPTISM OF THE LORD – YR. C SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

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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***  
***Luke 3:15-16,21-22***  
***Jesus is baptized by John.***



  
† Masses & Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 11  
5:00pm – Josephine Volk

Sunday, January 12  
8:30am – Dave Carnegy Family  
10:30am – Fr. Vincent Ha  
6:00pm – Holy Family Parish

Monday, January 13  
9:00am – Johanna Van Ham †

Tuesday, January 14  
9:00am – Shirley Straub †

Wednesday, January 15  
7:00am – Edwin Fischer †

Thursday, January 16  
9:00am – Anne Deis †

Friday, January 17  
9:00am – Katherine Marshall †

# BAPTISM OF THE LORD – YR. C SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

OPERATING FINANCES	
DECEMBER 1-31, 2024	
Operating Budget 2024	\$ 60,990
General Envelope Collection	\$ 101,013
Loose Collections	\$ 8,355
Future Development	\$ 4,32
Sale of Church Supplies & Other	\$ 12,880
<b>\$ 126,280 - Budget Vs Actual</b>	<b>\$ 65,260</b>
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 14,946
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 7,048
Clergy Retirement	\$ 221
Mission Mexico	\$ 3,175
CARO	\$ 65
Seminary Fund	\$ 176
<i>Thank You for your Generous Contributions</i>	
Average Weekly Attendance	1,161

The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.  
Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30.  
Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7.  
Luke 3:5-16, 21-22.

Prayer.

Jesus himself is baptized by John. Then he prays. In his praying, the Spirit comes and the Father speaks words of possessive pleasure.

- † How will I pray this last day of the Christmas season?
- † When I am quite enough, what do I hear God say?
- † What mercy work does the Spirit empower me to do?



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

**Special Collections  
JANUARY 2025  
January 1  
Solemnity of Mary  
Future Development  
Together in Action  
Society of  
St. Vincent de Paul**

**Parish Breakfast  
January 19, 2025  
After 8:30 & 10:30 Masses**

Ham, Omelets, Pancakes,  
Hash Brown Patties, Toast,  
Fruit, etc. &  
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\$10. - Adults  
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**Sacramental Preparation 2024-25**

**Confirmation**  
Thursday Jan 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick's Church Hall  
6:00pm to 7:30pm

**1st Holy Communion**  
Saturday Jan 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick's Church Hall  
10:00am to 11:30am OR Saturday Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> at  
Holy Family Faith Room 1:30pm to 3:00pm



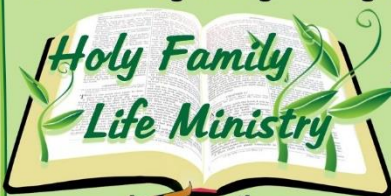
*Thank You!*

*Fr. Iqbal and Dcn. Robert thank you  
for all the cards and gifts throughout  
Christmas. We are so Blessed!*

*God Bless You!!!*



If you are passionate about the dignity of life & would like to know more about what the Catholic Church teaches regarding the dignity of life, please join us.



**Information**  
Rob at 403-529-0985  
Sonia at 403-528-0028

**Prayer and Adoration**  
2nd Tuesday of the month  
at 7:00pm in the Chapel.

**Education Evening**  
4th Tuesday of the month  
at 7:00pm in the Faith  
Room.

*The  
Shall Be  
Called  
Woman*

A PROGRAM FOR ALL WOMEN BY  
PARADISUS DEI

January 16, 2025  
Holy Family Parish Hall  
6:15pm Gathering  
6:45 pm Presentation  
7:15 pm Group Discussion  
7:45 pm Dismissal  
Theme:  
Blind Obedience  
Presenter:  
Lisa Cotter

January 18, 2025 ~ Holy Family Parish Hall  
Breakfast 7:30 am  
Presentation 8:30 am  
Theme: The Resurrection and Call to Evangelize  
Presenter: Ned Juneau

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



**Faith & Family**

**SKATING, SLEDDING & WINTER FUN**  
Sunday, January 26, 2:00-4:00pm  
Celebration Park - 5311 Southlands Dr SE  
Hot Chocolate Provided  
Bring your own Skates and/or Sleds  
Information, contact Derek Ballinger at  
ballingd@gmail.com

**FREE** **FREE**



### ALBERTA/NORTHWEST TERRITORIES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE SCHOLARSHIP

General Information for Applicants and their Sponsor

This scholarship is open to Knights, their children, grandchildren, wives or widows of Alberta Knights of Columbus who are in good standing in their Councils. The scholarships having a value of \$500.00 will be awarded based on all-round achievement, rather than for strictly academic performance. Achievement in the areas of academics, athletics, the arts, school, community and church involvement will be considered as well as the question of financial need in determining the successful candidates.

Fifteen scholarships will be awarded annually, in the Alberta/Northwest Territories jurisdiction. The decisions of the selection committee will be final. Successful candidates must provide written verification of their acceptance into their accredited program before the cheques will be written. The cheques will be sent to the sponsoring Council Grand Knight, who will schedule an event or activity with the family to present the cheque.

For more information about the scholarship, please contact Greg Martin at [gmartin7@telus.net](mailto:gmartin7@telus.net).

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## *Finding New Life in the Spirit Seminar*

Journey with us for 7 weeks as we explore growing in faith through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Life in the Spirit Seminar is designed as an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. The sessions provide an opportunity for people to find out more about that life and to be helped in taking the first steps into a fresh yet deeper relationship with the Lord.

For more information or to register please contact  
Sally at 403-527-6933 Ext 105 or email [sac.prep@holyfamilymh.ca](mailto:sac.prep@holyfamilymh.ca)  
Or contact Cecile Aadland at 403-878-5980.

### First session

Tuesday January 28 at Holy Family Church hall starting at 6:30pm and will continue every Tuesday until March 17<sup>th</sup> with the exception of a Healing Mass with Fr. Julien Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm

“To the thirsty I will give water without price from the fountain of the water of life...Let him who is thirsty come, let him who desires take the water of life without price.” (Rev. 21:6, 22:17)

### **Winners of the Knights of Columbus Dean Fitzpatrick Council 1732, St. Patrick's Parish CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST for Students**

#### **Grade 12**

First Place:	Jon Jackle,	Monsignor McCoy High
Second Place:	Jake Coslovich,	Monsignor McCoy High
Third Place:	Viola Canzan	Monsignor McCoy High

#### **Grade 9**

First Place:.	Emmet Openo	Home School
Second Place:	Bentley Farrer	Notre Dame Academy
Third Place:	Adeline Taylor	St Mary's School



**Special thanks to Heather Irvine, Religious Education Coordinator MHCBE, all teachers who participated, and our judges, retired MHCBE teachers.**

# **BLUMENFELD CEMETERY**

The Blumenfeld Heritage Committee has hired Medicine Hat Monumental to restore the cemetery. If you or someone you know has a loved one buried there please contact us pertaining to a donation to or upgrades that could be made to this sacred place. This will be a difficult task to find relatives spanning such a large timeline so please spread the word. We would like to have everything in place by spring.

Kendra Volk; [avolk@sasktel.net](mailto:avolk@sasktel.net); 1-306-662-8593

Karri Wagman; [karriwagman.kw@gmail.com](mailto:karriwagman.kw@gmail.com) ; 1-306-673-2663

Facebook; [Blumenfeld & District Heritage Site](#)

## **BLUMENFELD & DISTRICT HERITAGE STs. PETER & PAUL CHURCH**

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**ERECTED 1936**



**TOURS: JULY to SEPTEMBER 7  
SUNDAYS: 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.**





As we enter 2025, Monsignor McCoy High School looks back proudly at the many accomplishments of our school community. Our school continues to offer a wonderful faith-filled environment for students to learn and grow. Our safe and caring culture helps define our school. We are committed to fostering an environment where every student feels valued, respected, and supported. This positive atmosphere enables our students to thrive emotionally, socially, and academically.

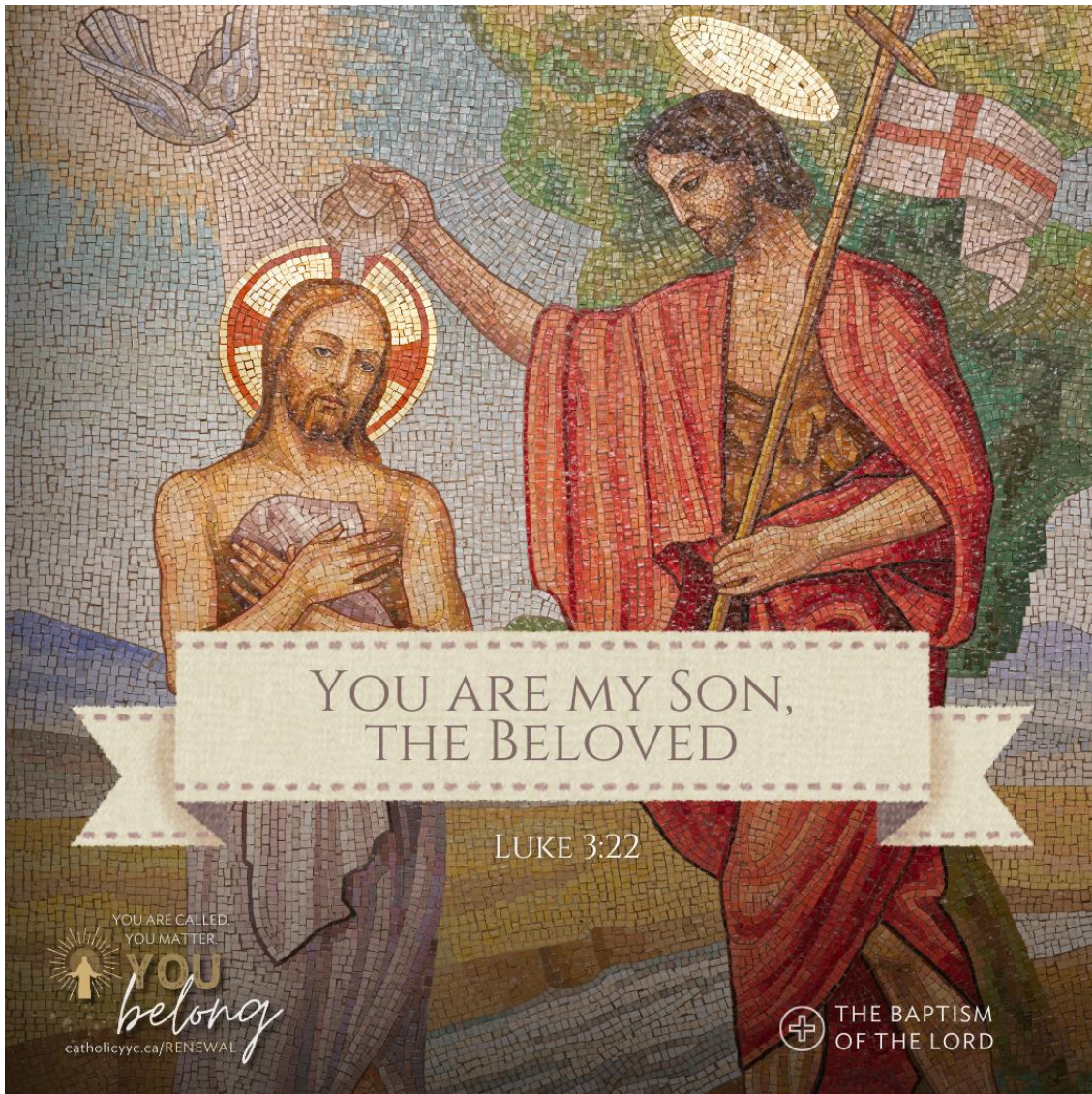
Our focus on academic excellence, also, continues to shine through. Our dedicated teachers and staff work tirelessly to inspire and challenge students, ensuring they achieve their full potential. Through innovative teaching methods and personalized support, our students consistently achieve great success.

Finally, we celebrate the wide variety of quality programming available to our students. From specialized academic courses, to a range of fine arts programs, to our academies, and extracurricular activities, Monsignor McCoy offers something for everyone. Our students have the opportunity to explore their passions, develop new skills, and become well-rounded individuals ready to face the future.



# DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

## The Baptism of the Lord



### How can I participate in the Jubilee Year of Hope?

On Sun, Dec 29, 2024, the Diocese of Calgary joyfully opened the Jubilee Year of Hope with a beautiful Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral on the Solemnity of the Holy Family. The 2025 Jubilee invites everyone on a pilgrimage of hope—locally in our diocese or cathedral, at Canada's shrines, or in Rome. Renew your faith, seek grace, and unite with God and one another. Visit our diocesan Jubilee page at [catholicyc.ca/jubilee](http://catholicyc.ca/jubilee) find ways to [participate in the Jubilee Year of Hope](#).

### Become a Catechist in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program (3–6 years)

Become a catechist in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program for children aged 3–6 and help nurture their relationship with God through hands-on, retreat-style faith formation. Training Course will be offered at **Ascension Catholic Parish, Calgary, on February 13–18. Register by January 12** at [cgsac.ca/courses-1](http://cgsac.ca/courses-1) or call 403-370-9487.

## Bishop McGrattan's Breakfast with the Nation

**Sat, Jan 18, 2025, 8:30–11 am at St. Peter's Parish Hall** | All are invited to *Bishop McGrattan's Breakfast with the Nation*, a First Nations celebration and a time of listening to elders on the path of truth and reconciliation. For tickets, call 403-397-1947 or visit [franciscanandfriends.ca](http://franciscanandfriends.ca).

## CCSD Board of Trustees By-Election

The Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD) Board of Trustees has set **Fri, Jan 31, 2025**, as the date of a by-election to fill two vacant trustee positions in Wards 4 and 7 and Wards 11 and 12. This by-election is required by the Education Act and is an opportunity to ensure Trustee representation for all wards in the City of Calgary. Eligible voters include Canadian citizens aged 18 or older as of January 31, 2025, residing in Wards 4 and 7 and 11 and 12, who share the Catholic faith. More information will be provided soon.

## Grief Share Program

St. Michael's Catholic Community invites those grieving the loss of a loved one to an 8-week Grief Share program, featuring video seminars, group discussions, and a personal workbook. When: **Tuesdays, Tue, Jan 14 to Mar 4 | 7-9 pm**. To register, contact the Parish Office at 403-249-0423.

## Fun Night with the Sisters

Inviting young women: Join us on **Fri, Jan 24, 2025, from 6–9 pm** at the FCJ Centre (219-19th Ave SW, Calgary) for an evening of pizza, games, conversations, and night prayer. Register by Jan 22 by email to [sisterdianne.turner@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:sisterdianne.turner@calgarydiocese.ca).

## Inspiration Unplugged: Truth and Friendship

Join Fr. David Bellusci, OP for a thought-provoking lecture on **Thu, Jan 23, 2025, from 7–9 pm** at McGivney Hall, St. Mary's University (14550 Bannister Rd SE, Calgary). Discover the teachings of Pier Giorgio Frassati on friendship, sacrifice, and faith, inspired by Fr. Bellusci's book, *Pier Giorgio Frassati: Truth, Love, and Sacrifice*. Admission is free, and light refreshments will be provided. Parking on campus is \$7 for the evening. For details, visit [stmu.ca](http://stmu.ca)

## 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. Luke's, Calgary](#) - Fri, Jan 10 at 8:30 am to Sun, Jan 12 at 8:15 am
- [St. Anthony's, Calgary](#) - Fri, Feb 7 at 3 pm to Sun, Feb 9 at 7 am (Chapel)

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan 18-25) invites us to reflect on the theme "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26) and marks the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. View resources at [weekofprayer.ca](http://weekofprayer.ca)

## Men's Conference

Join us for God Squad Canada's 28th Annual Men's Conference, *Pilgrims of Hope*. When: **Fri-Sat, Mar 14-15 | St Michael's Catholic Church, Calgary**. Be inspired by keynote speakers, foster spiritual growth, and build connections with other men of faith. Register now at [godsquad.ca](http://godsquad.ca).

## Litany of St. Joseph - Live Concert


Join us for the *Litany of St. Joseph*—a powerful musical event honouring the Patron Saint of Canada. Featuring performances by local choirs and the debut of an original score by award-winning conductor Carlos Foggin, this premiere celebrates the 2025 Jubilee Year as Pilgrims of Hope. When: **Mon, Mar 17 at 7 pm at Jack Singer Concert Hall, Calgary**. Tickets are required—reserve your seats today at [godsquad.ca](http://godsquad.ca).



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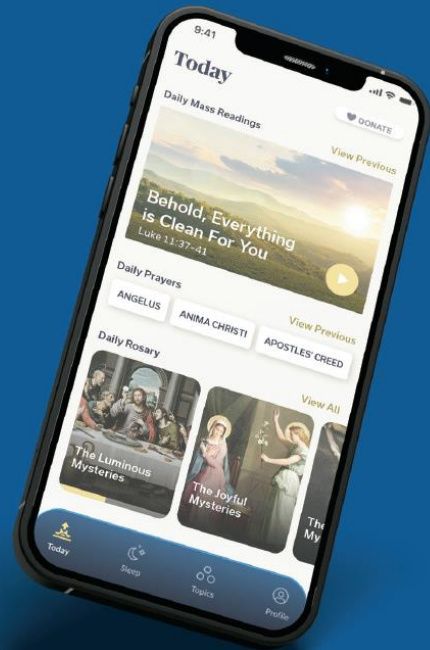
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## Joe McKinnon Council #9502

### Knights of Columbus 2024 2025 Officers

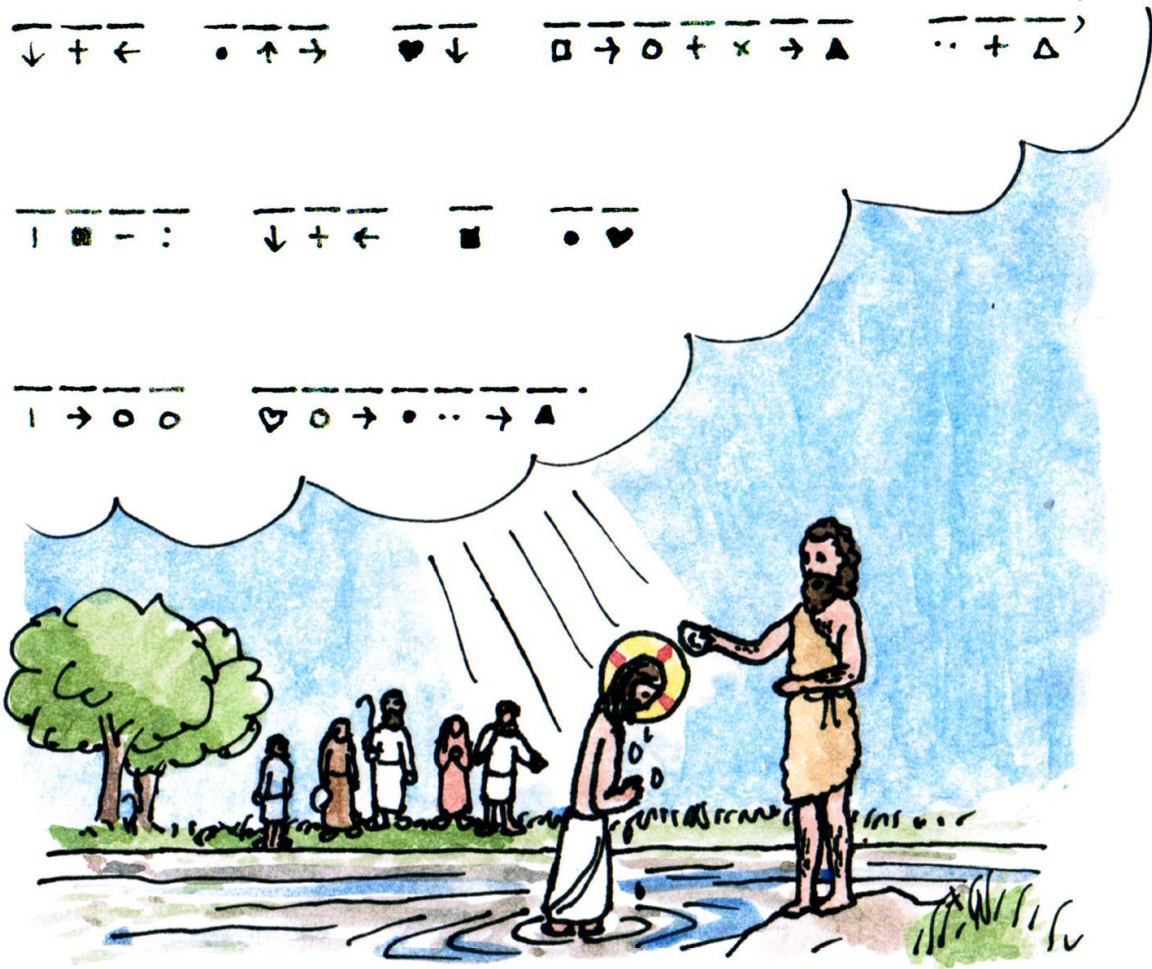
Position	Name
Grand Knight	Greg Martin
Deputy Grand Knight	Jimmy Tablan
Financial Secretary	Pat Ries
Treasurer	Ron Pisoni
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Faith in Action Program Director	Greg Martin
Faith in Action Life Director	Allan Lawson
Faith in Action Family Director	Jimmy Tablan
Faith in Action Faith Director	Darrell Bonagofsky
Faith in Action Community Director	Ron Pisoni
Pastoral Parish Council Representative	Garry Mastel

Monday, January 6	KofC Officers' Meeting
Monday, January 6 to 14	Novena for Life before Weekday and Weekend Masses
Tuesday, January 7	Blessing of Chalk
Monday, January 13	Holy Hour Adoration
Monday, January 13	KofC General Meeting
Sunday, January 19	Parish Breakfast
Monday, February 3	KofC Officers' Meeting
Monday, February 10	KofC General Meeting
Tuesday, February 11	Mass for World Day of the Sick
Sunday, February 23	Parish Breakfast
Wednesday, March 5	Begin 40 Loonies for Lent
Friday, March 7	KofC Lead Stations of the Cross
Monday, March 10	KofC General Meeting
Sunday, March 16	Parish Breakfast
Friday, March 21 – Saturday, March 22	Men's Lenten Retreat
Sunday, March 23	KofC Sponsored Mass – 10:30am
Monday, April 7	KofC Officers' Meeting
Monday, April 14	Holy Hour Adoration
Monday, April 14	KofC General Meeting
Sunday, May 4	Parish Breakfast
Monday, May 5	KofC Officers' Meeting
Monday, May 12	KofC General Meeting
Monday, June 2	KofC General Meeting
Monday, June 9	KofC Year End BBQ
Sunday, June 22	Parish Picnic



# The Kids' Bulletin

The Baptism of the Lord  
January 12th, 2025



Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

*After Jesus was baptized, a voice came from the clouds and said something to Jesus. What did it say? Use the code to find out!*

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A B D E H I L M N O P R S T U V W Y

# Saint Paul the First Hermit

## January 15

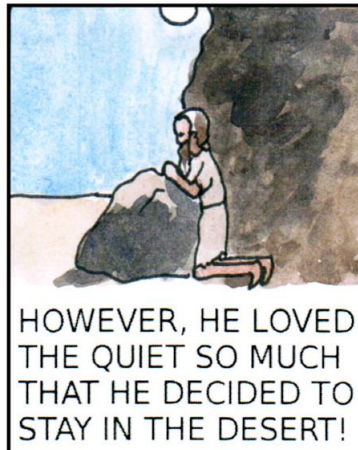
SAINT PAUL THE HERMIT WAS BORN IN THE 200'S IN EGYPT. HIS PARENTS DIED WHEN HE WAS YOUNG. WHEN A PERSECUTION BEGAN, HE HID IN A NEIGHBOUR'S HOUSE.



BUT HE WAS AFRAID THAT HE WOULD BE FOUND, SO HE RAN AWAY TO THE DESERT.



THERE HE HID IN A CAVE, INTENDING TO RETURN HOME WHEN THE PERSECUTION WAS OVER.



SAINT PAUL GOT WATER FROM A SPRING AND FOOD AND FROM A TREE NEARBY.



HE PRAYED AND LIVED A HOLY LIFE IN THE DESERT, BUT WAS TEMPTED TO THINK THAT HE WAS GREAT BECAUSE HE WAS THE FIRST HERMIT.



HOWEVER, HE SOON MET SAINT ANTHONY OF THE DESERT, WHOM HE REALIZED WAS HOLIER THAN HIMSELF. PAUL LIVED UNTIL HE WAS 113 YEARS OLD!

SAINT PAUL DIDN'T GROW UP THINKING THAT HE WOULD BECOME A HERMIT. BUT WHEN HE REALIZED THAT HE COULD BEST SERVE GOD BY LIVING BY HIMSELF AND PRAYING FOR PEOPLE, THAT'S WHAT HE DID. YOU CAN PRAY THAT GOD WILL SHOW YOU HOW YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SERVE HIM BEST!

# Isaiah 42 Word Puzzle

*Use the words at the bottom to fill in the blanks!*

Here is my \_\_\_\_\_ whom I uphold,  
my chosen one with whom I am pleased,  
upon whom I have put my \_\_\_\_\_;  
he shall bring forth justice to the nations,  
not crying out, not \_\_\_\_\_,  
not making his \_\_\_\_\_ heard in the street.  
A bruised reed he shall not \_\_\_\_\_,  
and a \_\_\_\_\_ wick  
he will not quench,  
until he establishes justice on the earth;  
the coastlands will wait for his teaching.



I, the Lord, have called you  
for the victory of justice,  
I have grasped you by the hand;  
I formed you, and set you  
as a covenant of the people,  
a \_\_\_\_\_ for the nations,  
to open the \_\_\_\_\_ of the blind,  
to bring out \_\_\_\_\_  
from confinement,  
and from the dungeon,  
those who live in darkness.



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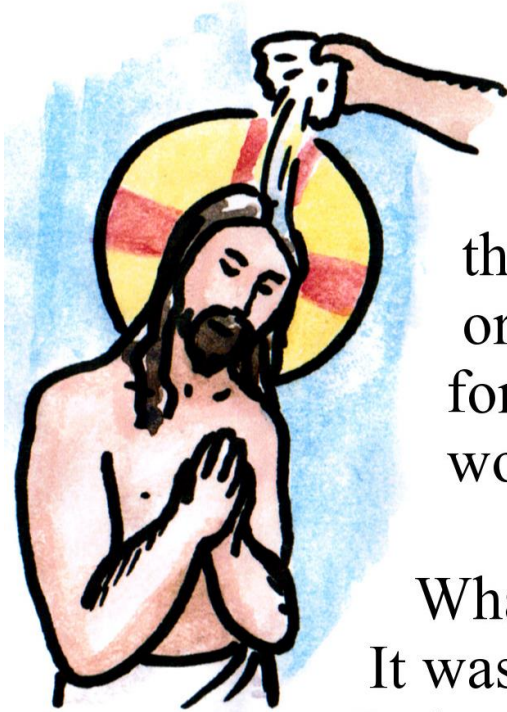
LIGHT

SHOUTING

SPIRIT

BREAK

# Jesus Begins His Mission



Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. After living with his mother for thirty years and working as an ordinary carpenter, it was time for Jesus to start His special work.

What was Jesus' special work?  
It was showing people the way to God and taking away their sins.

When you were baptized God was getting you ready for a special job too. He was giving you grace so that you could grow closer to Him and bring other people closer to Him too.

How can you help bring others closer to God?



Answer to front page: You are my beloved Son, with You I am will pleased.  
Answers to Isaiah 42 Word Puzzle: servant, spirit, shouting, voice, break,  
smoldering, light, eyes, prisoners.



Who is Jesus? Do I need a church?

Why do I exist?

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

But you can help change this. Equip your teens with the tools to help them discover the best answers to these questions with The Search Begins.

**[CLICK HERE TO WATCH THIS TRAILER](#)**

The Search Begins is a seven-episode video series adapted from the Augustine Institute's award-winning series The Search. It invites teens in your parish to find meaning in their everyday lives. This program shares the answers to the fundamental questions of life so they can live more for God. A life of purpose!

Guide your teens to real, satisfying answers about their life and the person of Jesus Christ now with The Search Begins.

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BEGINS

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