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

<u>CLERGY AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH</u>
Fr. Igbal Khurshid & Deacon Robert Risling

<u>RECONCILIATION...</u>
Friday 9:30am–10:30am & Saturday 3:30–4:45pm

<u>MASS TIMES - MONDAY TUESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY</u> 9:00AM <u>WEDNESDAY</u> 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 2:22–40 Simeon recognizes the infant Jesus as the promised Messiah.



\* Masses & Mass Intentions

Saturday, February I

5:00pm — Lucia & Gualberto Pimentel †
Sunday, February 2

8:30am — Sandra & Mark Richard & Family

10:30am — John Kopp †

6:00pm — Tillie Krassman 🕆

Monday, February 3

9:00am — Roslyn Weisgerber

Tuesday, February 4

9:00am — Ted & Lorraine Seifert † Wednesday, February 5

7:00am – Rick & Janice Blair

Thursday, February 6

9:00am - Colleen Sehn

Friday, February 7

9:00am – Anne Deis †

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Yr. C Sunday, February 2, 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	
\$ 126,280 - Budget Vs Actual	\$ 65,260	
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	
Thank You		
Thank You for your Generous Contributions		
Average Weekly Attendance	1,161	



The 2024
Tax Receipts are available for pickup in the Church Foyer

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Sunday, 02 February 2022

Malachi 3:1-4.
Psalm 24
Hebrews 2:110-11, 13b-18
Luke 2:22-40.

Believing Whom We Seek and See.

All our lives we look for Jesus. We wait for him as needed. We bless and light and carry candles this day to remember that he is light for the world.

The Let us not only seek him every day but also see his blessed activity in little and big ways.

# Sacramental Preparation 2024-25 Confirmation

Thursday Feb 6th at St. Patrick's Church Hall 6:00pm to 7:30pm

#### **1st Holy Communion**

Saturday Feb 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick's Church Hall 10:00am to 11:30am <u>OR</u> Drop in at Holy Family Faith Room 1:30pm to 3:00pm





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Knights of Columbus
Officers Meeting
Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm
HFP Faith Room





Catholic Women's League (CWL)
Pasta Making & Executive Meeting
Tuesday, February 10th at 7:00pm
HFP Hall

## Finding New Life in the Spirit Seminar

Next Session
Tuesday, February 4 at 6:30pm
TOPIC - SALVATION
Faith Room (use Admin Doors)
Healing Mass with Fr. Julien
Monday March 3rd at 6:00pm

More information contact
Sally at 403-527-6933 ext 105 or Cecile at 403-878-5980





THE COMMANDMENTS &

#### THE BEATITUDES

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



February 6, 2025
Holy Family Parish Hall
6:15pm Gathering
6:45 pm Presentation
7:15 pm Group Discussion
7:45 pm Dismissal
Theme:
Profound Humility &

Universal Mortification Presenter: Jordan Langdon



THE SILVER ROSE ICON
Tuesday, February 25th
at 5:00 PM Holy Family Parish

A HIGHER PURPOSE Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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.



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.

Listen...with the ear of your heart.

This is the opening line of the rule of St. Benedict. Come join us (Benedictine Oblates) in prayer as we listen to the voice of God in our lives.

We meet every Saturday morning at 10:00 in the Hope Room at Holy Family Parish.

For more information call Carol at 403-526-0415.

Faithfully

catholicyyc.ca/Faithfully keeps you updated with what's happening in and around our Diocese!



2025 has been a busy year so far for us at Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Our calls for assistance from our neighbours in need have increased by 100%. This is not all that surprising, considering that all community support organizations have experienced a sharp increase in requests for help. We are very mindful of being prudent with the money we are entrusted with: currently, we are operating as a 'one-time help' organization.

We currently have a wonderful group of 'Vincentians' who meet once a week and then help as we are able. Our volunteers are dedicated, kind and caring and work together so well — we are like a family. We would love to welcome new members at any time. If you feel like God is calling you to make a difference, this would be a fulfilling role for you.

Join us for a meeting any Tuesday at 1:00 pm. January's meetings are at St. Patrick's Church, February's at Holy Family and we alternate each month.

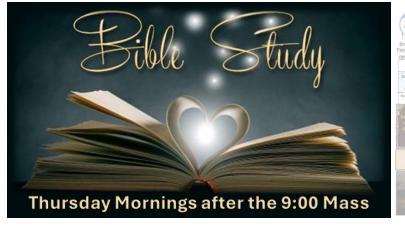
We have been blessed with ongoing generous donations from our parishioners at both Catholic churches: God bless you and thank you for making it possible for us to help families in our community. We also sincerely appreciate your prayers.

Our e-mail address is: <a href="mailto:ssvpmedhat@gmail.com">ssvpmedhat@gmail.com</a> (We accept e-transfers and will send you a receipt at tax time provided you supply your name and address.)

#### **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; 1-306-662-8593 Karri Wagman; karriwagman.kw@gmail.com; 1-306-628-8083 Facebook; Blumenfeld & District Heritage Site



## **BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS**

EMAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY

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NO VERBAL MESSAGES OF PAPER

MESSAGES PLEASE.

NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY

MORNINGS

THANK YOU!!!!



# École St. John Paul II School

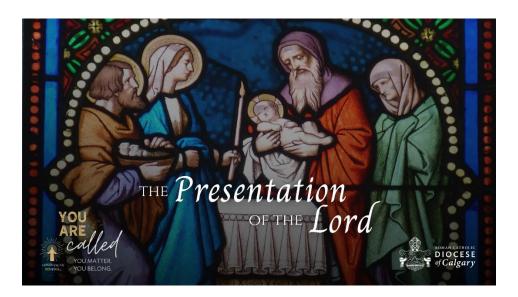
## Robert Dumanowski- Principal Vice Principal - Edlyn Murphy

Prayer and service are integral parts of our École St. John Paul II School community. So far this year, students have had the opportunity to explore our faith Catholic through experiences such as praying an outdoor Living Rosary and joining together for Rosary Club. In addition, our Student Faith Leadership students recently volunteered at the Prairie Gleaners. We strive to live our faith in both our words and our actions.



## **DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES**

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Sunday, February 2, 2025, and in parishes over the weekend of February 1-2, 2025. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Join us in celebrating the World Day for Consecrated Life with Bishop McGrattan. When: Sun, Feb 2, 5 pm | St. Albert the Great, Calgary.

# Sacred Grace: Church Wedding for Civilly Married Couples

We are excited to introduce the Sacred Grace initiative, inviting all civilly married couples in our Diocese to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony in the Catholic Church. As part of the Diocesan Pastoral Renewal during the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, this special celebration will be presided over by Bishop William T. McGrattan on Saturday, Sep 13, 2025, at 1:30 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Info sessions on how to participate will be available on the following dates/at the following locations:

- Sunday, February 9 at 6 pm at St. Albert the Great Parish, Calgary
- Thursday, March 6 at 6 pm at St. Michael's Parish, Calgary
- Sunday, March 9 at 6 pm at St. Thomas More Parish, Calgary
- **Sunday, March 16**, at 6 pm St. Patrick's Parish, Calgary
- Two more locations (Lethbridge & Medicine Hat) will be available soon

#### **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, Feb 7 at 3 pm to Sun, Feb 9 at 7 am (Chapel)
- Sacred Heart, Strathmore Fri, Mar 14 at 7:45 am to Sat, Mar 15 at 11:45 pm

# **Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition at St. Bonaventure's**

Experience the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition, designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis. Featuring 158 Eucharistic miracles from 22 countries, the display promotes awareness of the Real Presence in the Eucharist and Adoration. When: Feb 27 – Mar 2, St. Bonaventure Parish, Calgary.

#### **Transitions**

Transitions is a 16-week, God-centred support group for those healing from separation or divorce. Sessions start **Tue**, **Feb 18**, **2024**, **from 7–9 pm** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre. Free registration, limited spots. Register at <a href="mailto:catholicyyc.ca/transitions">catholicyyc.ca/transitions</a> or call Mara at 403-218-5521.

#### Retrouvaille Weekend

Retrouvaille Calgary invites couples to a Weekend Program, **Feb 28–Mar 2**, for those facing marriage challenges. This peer-led ministry helps couples improve communication, build intimacy, and heal. Contact Ken & Isabelle at 403-276-4547 or visit <a href="https://www.HelpOurMarriageCalgary.com">www.HelpOurMarriageCalgary.com</a>

#### Valentine's Dinner

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a special evening for couples, organized by Seeds of the Word Community. When: **Wed, Feb 14, 6 pm, Our Lady of Fatima Parish.** The night includes Mass, a talk led by Daniel and Maria Nugent, and a romantic dinner. Childcare is provided. For more information or to register, call Seeds of the Word at 403 616-8579.

#### Reason for Your Hope

Join us this winter for a transformative retreat weekend to rediscover your hope. In partnership with Catholic Christian Outreach, 3 Jubilee Parish Missions will be held in our Diocese, running Friday night to Saturday afternoon.

- Fri, Feb 21 Sat, Feb 22 at St. Martha's Parish, Lethbridge
- Fri, Feb 28 Sat, Mar 1 at St. Peter's Parish, Calgary
- Fri, Mar 7 Sat, Mar 8 at St. Bonaventure's Parish, Calgary

Information & registration at catholicyyc.ca/reasonforyourhope

#### **Pastoral Care Ministry Training**

If you are called to minister to the sick, elderly, dying, homebound, and bereaved - and approved by your pastor or Pastoral Care Coordinator, you can register for the Pastoral Care Ministry Training at <a href="mailto:catholicyyc.ca/pastoralcare">catholicyyc.ca/pastoralcare</a> or contact Mara at 403-218-5521.

- Sat, Mar 15 & Mar 29, 8:30 am 3:30 pm at St. Gerard's Parish, Calgary.
- Sat, May 24 & Jun 7, 9:30 am 3 pm at Ascension Parish, Calgary.

#### **Youth Ministry Opportunities**

Immerse Youth Nights (Gr 6-8): Join St. Michael Catholic Community on Sat, Feb 8, 2025, 5:30–7:30 pm for faith, fun, and pizza!

**Ablaze Youth Ministry (Gr 9-12)**: Gather at St. Bonaventure Parish on **Fri, Feb 7, 2025, 7–9 pm** for fellowship and prayer.

#### Movie Night with the Sisters

Everyone is welcome! Join Serra Calgary for an inspiring evening featuring the movie "Cabrini", the story of Mother Cabrini's faith, courage, and missionary spirit. When: **Sat, Feb 15 at 5:30 pm at St. Luke's Church**. Enjoy a meal, meet the sisters, and great fellowship. Register to: <a href="mailto:serrayyc.secretary@gmail.com">serrayyc.secretary@gmail.com</a>

#### 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 <u>godsquad.ca</u>.

#### Litany of St. Joseph - Concert

 Join us for the Litany of St. Joseph, a live concert featuring local choirs and an original score by Carlos Foggin. When: Mon, Mar 17, 7 pm | Jack Singer Concert Hall, Calgary. Tickets required—reserve at godsquad.ca



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

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	
	Begin 40 Loonies for	
Wednesday, March 5	Lent	
Friday, March 7	KofC Lead Stations of	
	the Cross	
Monday, March 10	KofC General Meeting	
Sunday, March 16	Parish Breakfast	
Friday, March 21 –	Men's Lenten Retreat	
Saturday, March 22		
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	





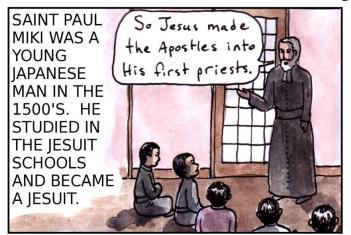
# The Kids' Bulletin

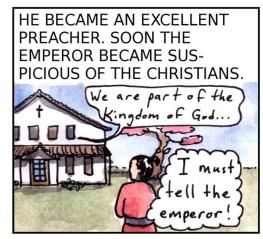
Feast of the Presentation of Jesus February 2nd, 2025

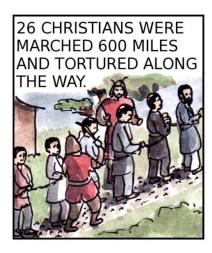


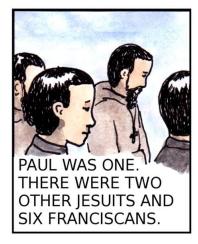
Can you help the Holy Family find their way to the Temple so that Baby Jesus can be presented there?

# Saint Paul Miki and Companions February 6

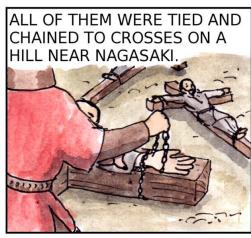


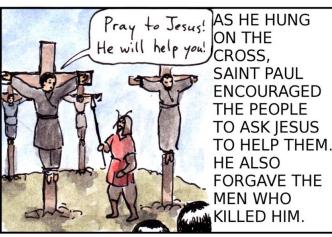












WHEN CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES CAME TO JAPAN AGAIN IN THE 1800'S, AT FIRST THEY THOUGHT THERE WERE NO CHRISTIANS THERE, BUT THEN THEY FOUND THEM PRACTICING THEIR FAITH SECRETLY. OUR LORD USES THE SACRIFICE OF THE MARTYRS TO STRENGTHEN THE FAITH OF OTHER CHRISTIANS.

# The Presentation: True or False?

How well do you know the story of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple? See if you can tell which of these statements are true and which are false!

- 1. Jesus was 12 years old when Mary and Joseph first presented Him in the temple. True or False?
- 2. Mary brought baby Jesus to the temple all by herself. True or False?
- 3. Joseph and Mary offered two pigeons or turtledoves when they presented Jesus in the temple.

  True or False?
- 4. When Simeon took baby Jesus in his arms he said to God, "my eyes have seen your salvation." True or False?
- 5. Mary forgot what Simeon said as soon as they left the temple. True or False?
- 6. Anna the prophetess, who also greeted the Holy Family, was an old woman. True or False?
- 7. Jesus stayed at the temple when Mary and Joseph went home. True or False?



# The Presentation of Jesus

Today we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of Baby Jesus in the temple. God's people were supposed to offer their firstborn sons to the service of God, or make an offering of animals instead.

WORK TO YOU,

LORD!

Mary and Joseph were poor, so they followed the law

by offering a pair of turtledoves.

Did you know that you can offer yourself to God too? You can use your life to do good and please God. A good way to start is to pray a "marring offering" every day. Tell G

OFFER YOU

EVERYTHING

THIS DAY ...

"morning offering" every day. Tell God that you

love Him and offer Him all your prayers, work, joys, and sufferings of the day. When you do everything for God you

will be cooperating with Jesus in making the world a better and happier place!

How can you start offering yourself to God today?

Answers to Presentation True or False: I. False 2. False 3. True 4. True 5. False 6. True 7. False

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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.



Order the Leader's Kit or Deluxe Leader's Kit on Catholic Market.

### 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 so it can be sent to the diocese.