



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YR. C SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 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 - 1ST TUESDAY 6:00PM & 1ST SATURDAY 8:00AM

THE CHAPEL IS OPEN
MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30am - 4:00pm
ADORATION FRIDAY 9:30 - 10:30am

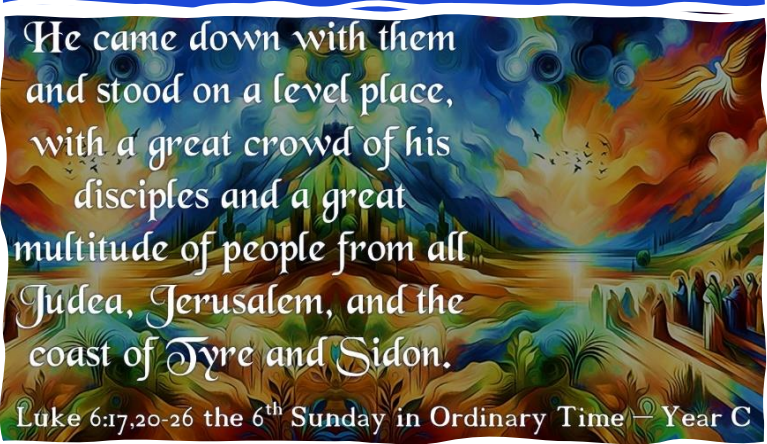
Knights of Columbus – Greg Martin
Catholic Women's League – Cathy Koch

Parish Pastoral Council Chair - Gary Heinbecker
Parish Finance Council Chair - Cheryl Pocsik

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

Gospel Reading ~ Luke 6:17,20-26
Jesus teaches the crowd the way to happiness.

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.



Luke 6:17,20-26 the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

✠ Masses & Mass Intentions ✠ 

Saturday, February 15
5:00pm – Emiliana Velilla ✠

Sunday, February 16
8:30am – Gerry Buckle
10:30am – Florence Faichuk ✠
6:00pm – Atlas Herter

Monday, February 17
9:00am – NO MASS TODAY

Tuesday, February 18
9:00am – Marie D'Amour ✠

Wednesday, February 19
7:00am – Reuben Steinkey ✠

Thursday, February 20
9:00am – Joel Young ✠

Friday, February 21
9:00am – Marcella Blanchette ✠

OPERATING FINANCES	
JANUARY 1-31, 2025	
Operating Budget 2024	\$ 70,156
General Envelope Collection	\$ 45,116
Loose Collections	\$ 3,534
Future Development	\$ 4,32
Sale of Church Supplies & Other	\$ 6,934
\$ 46,182 - Budget Vs Actual	\$ 23,974
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 14,442
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 2,785
Clergy Retirement	\$ 105
Mission Mexico	\$ 160
CARO	\$ 160
Seminary Fund	\$ 75
<i>Thank You for your Generous Contributions</i>	
Average Weekly Attendance	918

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Jeremiah 17:5-8.
 Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6.
 Corinthians 5:12, 16-20.
 Luke 6:7, 20-26.
 Believing Justice and Mercy.
 In Luke's Sermon on the Plain, Jesus speaks to more than just his own people. We hear four blessings and four related woes. He first calls all those in the crowd and now calls us to rejoice and leap for joy at the blessed activities dealing with justice and mercy. The implication: do the blessed; avoid the woes.

- ◆ How will I be just in dealing with others all week long?
- ◆ How will I be merciful to everyone just as God is merciful?
- ◆ What mercy work will I do? It will be _____ for _____.

Special Collections
February 2025
 Future Development
Together in Action

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

December 31, 2025 - Goal \$70,938

Together IN ACTION Annual Bishop's Appeal

total to date
\$17,418.82
 which is at 25%

Which leaves \$43,500.89 to raise!
 Please Give Generously ~ Thank You!

Ria's Retirement Party

After serving nearly 34 Years with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

- ❖ *Noah's Ark*
- ❖ *Christ the King Church*
- ❖ *St. Mary's Parish*
- ❖ *Holy Family Parish*

Potluck in Holy Family Parish Hall
Friday, February 21st @ 5:00pm

DONATE TODAY...
accounting@holyfamilymh.ca

Finding New Life in the Spirit Seminar

Next Session

Tuesday, February 18 at 6:30pm

TOPIC – Receiving God's Gifts

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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

FEBRUARY 19

The Creed

**The Lord's Prayer &
Anointing of the Sick**

RCIA

Holy Family Parish, Medicine Hat, AB

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

February 20, 2025
Holy Family Parish Hall

6:15pm Gathering

6:45 pm Presentation

7:15 pm Group Discussion

7:45 pm Dismissal

Theme

Surpassing Purity

Presenter

Sr. Alexia Zaldivar

February 22, 2025 ~ Holy Family Parish Hall

Breakfast 7:30 am

Presentation 8:30 am

Theme: Spiritual Headship

Presenter: Michael Gormley

TMIY

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



Parish Breakfast February 23, 2025

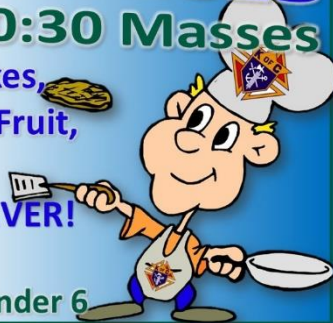
After 8:30 & 10:30 Masses

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Bacon, Sausages, Toast, Fruit,
etc. AND

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4th Degree

Knights of Columbus
Meeting

February 23rd, 2025
2:00 PM

Holy Family Parish
Faith Room



THE SILVER ROSE ICON

Tuesday, February 25th 5:00 PM

Holy Family Parish

Join thousands of Catholics across North
America in asking for Our Lady of
Guadalupe's intercession through the
Silver Rose program.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

More information in the online bulletin.



Sacramental Preparation 2024-25

Confirmation

Thursday March 13th at St. Patrick's Church Hall
6:00pm to 7:30pm

1st Holy Communion


Saturday March 15th at St. Patrick's Church Hall
10:00am to 11:30am OR Drop in at Holy Family
Faith Room 1:30pm to 3:00pm



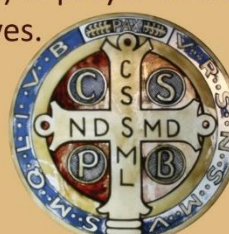
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with what's happening in and around our Diocese!

HOLY FAMILY PARISH
MEN'S PRAYER GROUP
 Thursday Mornings - 7:00 to 7:30 – Faith Room
 Open to all men seeking to nurture their relationship with God and each other through prayer, song and reflection on the daily scripture readings.
 More Information - Gord 527-7423 or Alan 527-4169
 Pamphlets available at the Greeting Desk
REAL MEN PRAY

Bible Study

Thursday Mornings after the 9:00 Mass

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.

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.

Holy Family Life Ministry

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.

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

Children's Liturgy
Sunday's 10:30 AM Mass
Meet at 10:15am in the Foyer
4 years and up,
plus support if needed.



For Information or to Volunteer Call
 Tammy @ 403-866-7886

Please respect the Staff Parking Signs in the Parking Lot Especially in cold weather, Some of us need to plug in!




While in the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital
If you have a family member or friend who is in hospital and is requesting Holy Communion or a visitor from the church, please phone the Parish Secretary with the name and room number of the parishioner. The information will be forwarded to Pastoral Care. Thank you!



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

If you would like to receive the Weekly Bulletin by email, please email the office at contact@holymh.ca Or you can view it on the website at www.holymh.ca or on Facebook at [Medicine Hat, Holy Family Parish](https://www.facebook.com/Medicine-Hat-Holy-Family-Parish) Thank you to everyone that already gets the bulletin online. It truly does save the church money that can be used in other areas.



Silver Rose Program

Join thousands of Catholics across North America in asking for Our Lady of Guadalupe's intercession through the Silver Rose program. In 1960, the Columbian Squires, a youth organization of the Knights of Columbus, came up with the idea of running a rose to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico, to honor Our Lady. The rose was chosen to commemorate Saint Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses.

Today, eight roses travel along different North American routes that include Canada, the United States and Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centred occasion to pray for respect for life, the spiritual renewal of each nation, and the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Silver Rose Program will be held Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 5:00pm at Holy Family Parish.

Your participation in the Silver Rose program, especially your prayers and pledge for life, are a crucial part of our mission to defend and support life in every stage and condition.



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 Catholic faith 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.



**Medicine Hat Catholic
Board of Education**

DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Marriage Enrichment Workshop on Conflict Resolution

The Diocese of Calgary invites married and engaged couples to a Marriage Enrichment Workshop on Conflict Resolution on **Thu, Feb 20 at 7 pm, at the Catholic Pastoral Centre**. Join **Tracy & Bill Tomiak** for an evening of growing healthy skills for conflict resolution. Topics will include: apology styles, forgiveness, relationship repair, minimizing damage, and optimizing teamwork. To register, contact Mara at 403-218-5521.

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 catholiccyc.ca/transitions or call Mara at 403-218-5521.

Souped Up Swing

Join us for Souped Up Swing, a parish-hosted swing dance open to all ages and skill levels! When: **Sat, Feb 22 | 7:15–10:15 pm** at St. Stephen

Protomartyr Church, Calgary. Enjoy an intro lesson at 7:15 pm, followed by dancing through the night. More info: brian@intotheheart.ca.

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 catholiccyc.ca/reasonforyourhope

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.**

Sacred Grace: Church Wedding for Civilly Married Couples

Inviting all civilly married couples in our Diocese to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony in the Catholic Church. 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:

- **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.

Retrouvaille Weekend

Retrouvaille Calgary invites couples to a Weekend Program, **Feb 28–Mar 2**, for those facing marriage challenges and helps couples improve communication, build intimacy, and heal. Contact 403-276-4547 or visit www.HelpOurMarriageCalgary.com

Caring for Seniors: Preventing Elder Abuse and Embracing Cultural Sensitivity

The Diocese of Calgary invites clergy, pastoral care volunteers, hospital chaplains, and family members to a workshop on equipping those serving the elderly with tools to address elder abuse and provide culturally sensitive support to ethnocultural older adults. When: **Wed, Mar 12, 10 am – 3 pm | Catholic Pastoral Centre.** Complimentary lunch and refreshments provided. Register: catholiccyc.ca/seniors 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:

- **NEW! Holy Spirit Parish, Calgary** - Sat, Mar 1 at 7 am to Sun, Mar 2 at 11 pm
- **St. Anthony's, Calgary** - Fri, Mar 7 at 3 pm to Sun, Mar 9 at 7 am (Chapel)
- **Sacred Heart, Strathmore** - Fri, Mar 14 at 7:45 am to Sat, Mar 15 at 11:45 pm
- **St. Ambrose, Coaldale** - Sun, Mar 16 after 4 pm Mass to Tue, Mar 18 at 10 am

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 catholiccyc.ca/pastoralcare 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.

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.

Litany of St. Joseph - Concert

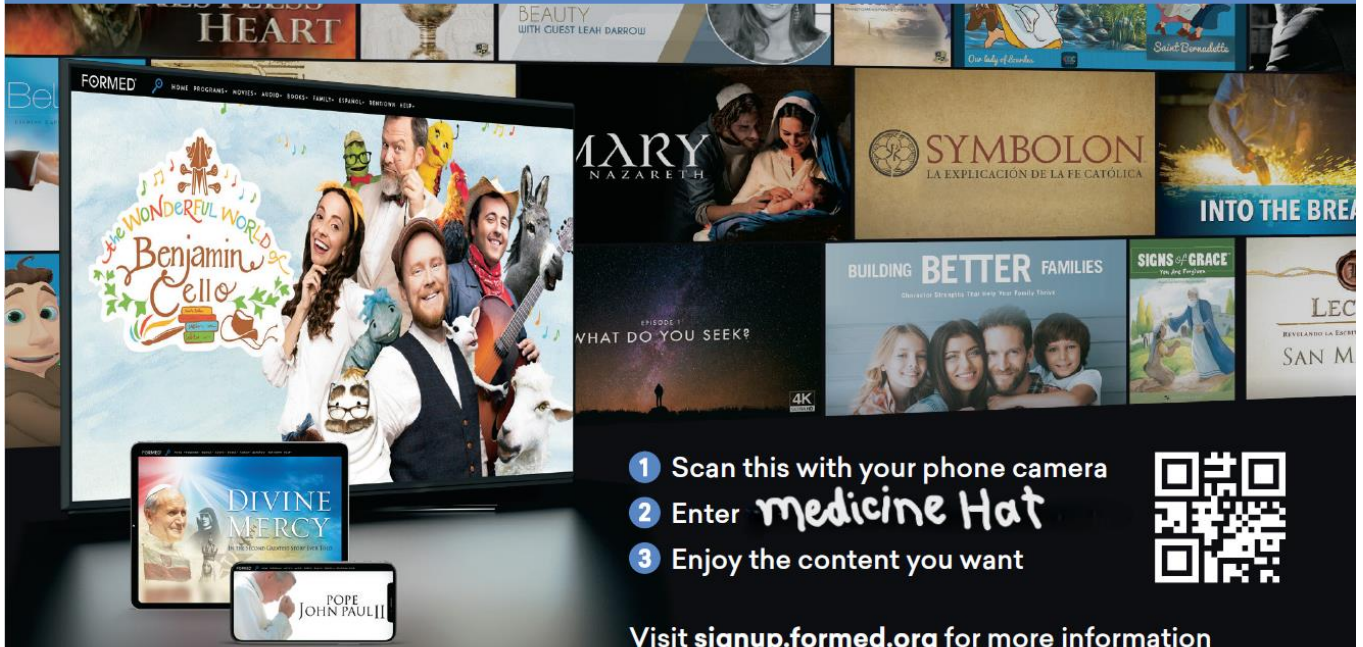
Join us for the Litany of St. Joseph, a live concert featuring local choirs and an original score by Carlos Foggini. When: **Mon, Mar 17, 7 pm | Jack Singer Concert Hall, Calgary.** Tickets required—reserve at godsquad.ca

Pilgrims of Hope Retreat


- Join the Sisters of Divine Mercy for a day of healing and renewal with Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, Rosary, Holy Mass, and Healing Prayers. When: **Sat, Mar 1 from 10 am to 3 pm at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Calgary.** The retreat concludes with the Hour of Mercy Prayer at 3 pm. Potluck lunch. Register at www.sistersofdivinemeracy.org or call Sr. Katrina at (587) 755-1019.

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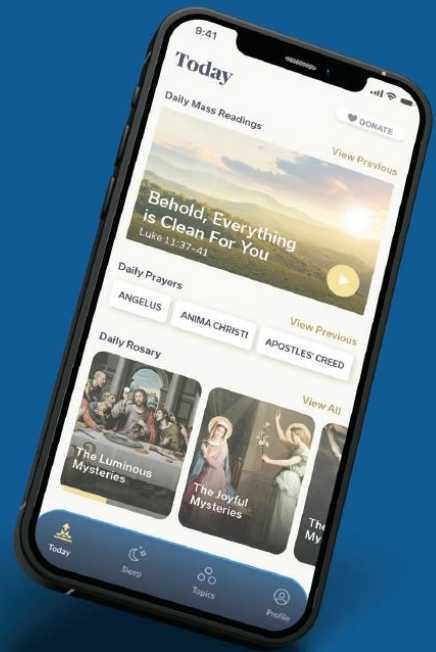
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Joe McKinnon Council #9502

Knights of Columbus 2024 2025 Officers

Position	Name
Grand Knight	Greg Martin
Deputy Grand Knight	Jimmy Tablan
Financial Secretary	Pat Ries
Treasurer	Ron Pisoni
Chancellor	Jason Iverson
Recorder	Brad Irvine
Advocate	Herb Durda
Warden	Walter Pratt
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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
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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16th, 2025

Can you match up the pieces in this puzzle?

Blessed are you
when people
hate you
because of me...

Blessed are
you who are
poor...

for you will
be satisfied.

for the kingdom
of God is yours.

Blessed are
you who are
now hungry...

your reward
will be great
in Heaven.

for you will
laugh.

Blessed are you
who are now
weeping...




Luke 6:20-26

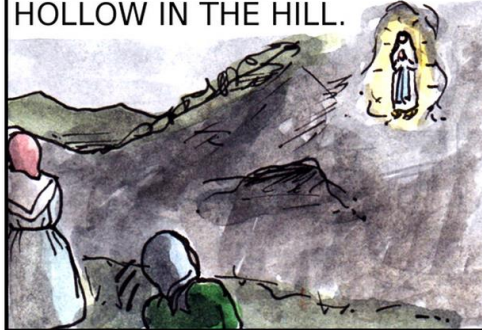
Saint Bernadette Soubirous

February 18


BERNADETTE WAS THE OLDEST CHILD OF A POOR FAMILY IN FRANCE. SHE WORKED AS A MAID AND SHEPHERDESS BUT COULD NOT READ OR WRITE.

A cartoon illustration of a young girl in a green and white dress, wearing a white headscarf, holding a long wooden staff. She is standing in a field with several sheep. The background shows rolling green hills under a blue sky.

ONE DAY SHE WAS NEAR THE RIVER WITH HER FRIENDS AND SAW A LADY STANDING IN A HOLLOW IN THE HILL.

A cartoon illustration showing a group of people in a dark, rocky hollow. A bright light emanates from a small opening in the rock, where a figure in a white and blue dress is visible. The scene is dimly lit, with the light from the hollow illuminating the people's faces.

THE THIRD TIME SHE CAME THE LADY ASKED HER TO COME AGAIN FOR 15 DAYS.

A cartoon illustration of Bernadette in profile, looking towards a glowing figure of the Lady in the hollow. The Lady is wearing a white and blue dress and has her hands clasped in prayer.

Tell the priests to build me a chapel.

Drink the water!

A cartoon illustration of Bernadette kneeling and drinking from a small stream. A glowing figure of the Lady stands nearby, pointing towards the water.

Hm... Well it's a bit wet here...

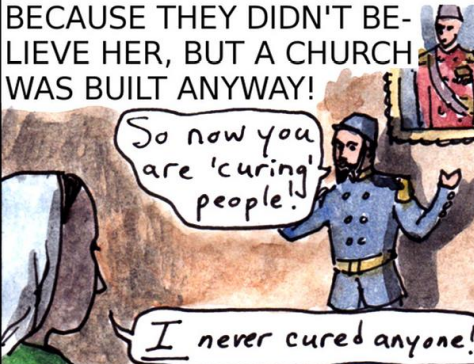
MIRACLES BEGAN TO HAPPEN TO PEOPLE TO DRANK OR WASHED IN THE WATER.

A cartoon illustration of a crowd of people gathered around a stream. Some are drinking, some are washing their hands. A man is holding a child who appears to be recovering from illness.

My hand is cured!

My baby was dying! Now look!

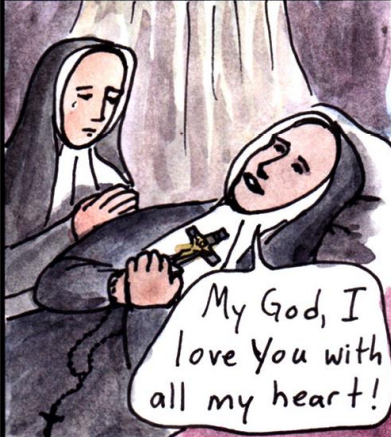
PEOPLE IN THE GOVERNMENT WERE HARD ON BERNADETTE BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T BELIEVE HER, BUT A CHURCH WAS BUILT ANYWAY!

A cartoon illustration of Bernadette looking up at two men in military uniforms. One man is speaking to her.

So now you are 'curing' people!

I never cured anyone!

SHE ENTERED A CONVENT WHEN SHE WAS 22. AT FIRST OTHERS WERE HARSH TO HER, BUT SHE WAS QUITE SICK. SHE LIVED A HIDDEN LIFE THERE AND DIED AT AGE 35.

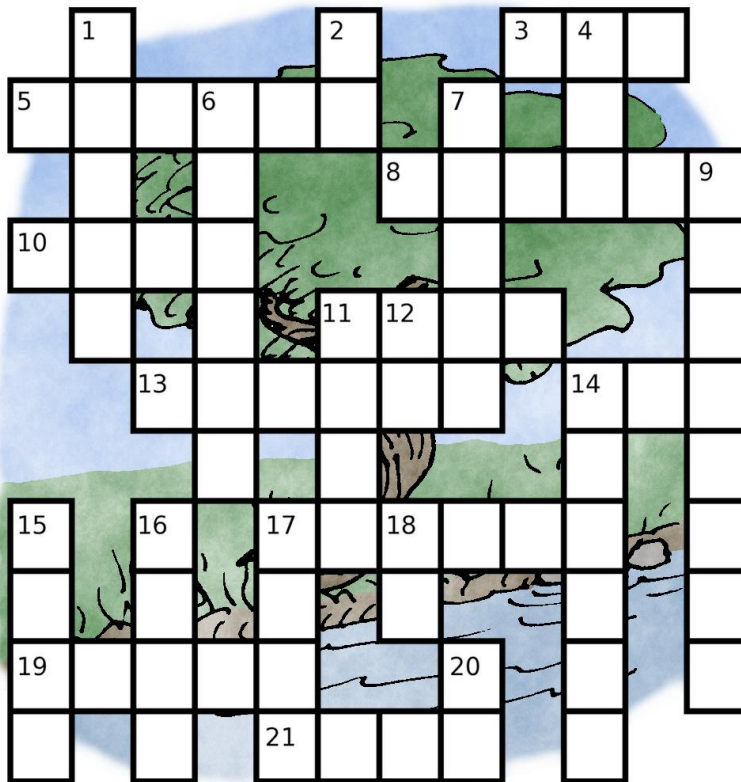
A cartoon illustration of Bernadette in a dark convent setting. She is holding a small cross and looking upwards with a prayerful expression.

My God, I love You with all my heart!

BECAUSE BERNADETTE WAS HONEST, SHE WAS ABLE TO BRING OUR LADY'S MESSAGES TO THE WORLD. THROUGH HER OUR BLESSED MOTHER TOLD THE WORLD THAT SHE WAS THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION-THAT SHE NEVER HAD ORIGINAL SIN. ARE YOU HONEST ENOUGH TO SHARE THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD?

Trust in the Lord

Cross-Word



beings it
 distress tree
 stream is
 human but
 trusts who
 cursed he
 beside in
 roots his
 barren bush
 green Lord
 heat that
 year from

*Here is today's first reading, from Jeremiah.
 Fill in the blanks using the words from the list and fit
 them into the puzzle.*

Thus says the Lord:

8a is the one who trusts in 7d 17a,
3a seeks 4d strength 18d flesh,
 whose heart turns away 16d the Lord.
12d is like a 13a 17d in the desert
11a enjoys no change of season,
14a stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth.
 Blessed is the one who 5a in the Lord,
 whose hope is the 15d.
 He 2d like a 11d planted 14d the waters that
 stretches out its 19a to the 6d:
 it fears not the 21a when 20d comes; its leaves stay 1d:
 in the 10a of drought it shows no 9d,
 but still bears fruit.

Hidden Blessings

AAA!
I'M SO
HUNGRY!



In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us that people who are poor, hungry, or sad are blessed! Do they sound blessed to you?

Bad things that happen to us have hidden blessings in them. If you are poor then your family and friends are more important to you than money and things. If you are hungry then you appreciate food more. If you are sad then sometimes it's easier to remember to pray.

But things that seem bad have another hidden blessing in them- when you are suffering, you can give your sadness or hurt to Jesus. Tell Him you are offering it up along with Him on the cross. He will give you grace to make your soul stronger. You can offer things up for other people too, and God will use your gift to help them!

Next time you feel unhappy about something, try to find the hidden blessing!

Answers to Cross-Word puzzle:
Across: 3. who 5. trusts 8. cursed 10. year 11. that 13. barren
14. but 17. beings 19. roots 21. heat
Down: 1. green 2. is 4. his 6. stream 7. human 9. distress
11. tree 12. he 14. beside 15. Lord 16. from 17. bush 18. in
20. it





Who is Jesus? Do I need a church?

Why do I exist?

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

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

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

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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Retreat Centers in Southern Alberta

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

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



Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre is nestled in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains where 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 so it can be sent to the diocese.