



# Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

EASTER SUNDAY – YR. C SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 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 & 5:00PM

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 – Dianne Durda**

**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.**

We are New  
through Our  
Baptism, this new  
Easter Day  
Christ is  
Within Us &  
Around Us!

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**APRIL 20, 2025**

## Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, 20 April 2022

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-18

**BELIEVING IN RISEN LIFE.**

After his death and burial, the apostles saw the risen Jesus. They talked with him. They touched him. They ate with him. These things are not done with the dead. They knew he was alive. We believe this still today because we experience his presence in many ways.

- † How do I see the risen Lord's activity still happening today?
- † How can I foster belief in the risen Lord by what I say and do?
- † How does this belief change my life, my attitudes, my priorities?

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

<i>Monthly Operating Budget</i>	<b>\$ 70,156</b>
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**APRIL MONTH TO DATE**

General Envelope Collection	\$ 28,658
Loose Collections	\$ 2,409
Future Development	\$ 1,881
Misc. Income	\$ 6,215
<b>Total Month Income</b>	<b>\$ 39,163</b>
<b>Budget Vs Actual</b>	<b>-\$ 30,993</b>

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS****2025 YEAR TO DATE**

Together in Action (TIA)		
GOAL - \$70,938	40%	\$ 28,560
St Vincent de Paul		\$ 11,059
World Mission		\$ 100
Clergy Retirement		\$ 760
Mission Mexico		\$ 650
CARO		\$ 205
Loonies 4 Lent		\$ 12,761
Seminary Fund		\$ 550
Holy Land & Pope's Pastoral		\$ 115

*Thank You for your Generous Contributions*

<b>Average Weekend Attendance</b>	<b>1090</b>
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## ✠ Masses &amp; Mass Intentions ✠

Thursday, April 17 – Lord's Supper Mass

8:00am – Morning Prayers

7:00pm – Holy Family Parish

Incense will be Used

Friday, April 18

9:00am – Morning Prayers

2:00pm – Divine Mercy Novena

12:00pm &amp; 3:00pm – Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 19

8:00am – Morning Prayers

8:30am – Divine Mercy Novena

11:00am – Blessing of Easter Baskets

8:00pm – Easter Vigil – Pat &amp; Denise Ries

Sunday, April 20

9:00am – Divine Mercy Novena

10:00am – Easter Sunday Mass – Melvin

&amp; Mildred Martin

Monday, April 21

NO MASS TODAY – OFFICE CLOSED

9:00am – Divine Mercy Novena

Tuesday, April 22

9:00am – Todd &amp; Renae Weimer

9:30am – Divine Mercy Novena

Wednesday, April 23

7:00am – Aloys Bischoff ✠

7:30am – Divine Mercy Novena

Thursday, April 24

9:00am – Simon Schafer ✠

9:30am – Divine Mercy Novena

Friday, April 25

9:00am – Dan Hudec ✠

9:30am – Divine Mercy Novena

6:00pm – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass**Special Collections****April 2025****Future Development****Together in Action****Holy Thursday****Needs of the Church****in the Holy Land****Easter**

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

**CONFIRMATION MASS 2025****Holy Family Parish****Rehearsal – Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6:00pm****Mass – Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10:00am****1<sup>st</sup> HOLY COMMUNION MASS 2025****St. Patrick's Church Hall****Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm****Holy Family Parish****Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**

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**DONATE TODAY...****accounting@holymfamilymh.ca**



# Holy Week 2025

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH

**PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>-13<sup>TH</sup>**

**REGULAR MASS TIMES**

**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**MORNING PRAYER, 8:00 AM**

**MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**7:00 PM INCENSE IS USED**

**FOLLOWED BY ADORATION UNTIL**

**MIDNIGHT, FAITH ROOM.**

**RECONCILIATION, CHARITY ROOM**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**MORNING PRAYER, 9:00 AM**

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES**

**12 NOON & 3:00 PM**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**MORNING PRAYER, 8:00 AM**

**EASTER FOOD BLESSING, 11 AM**

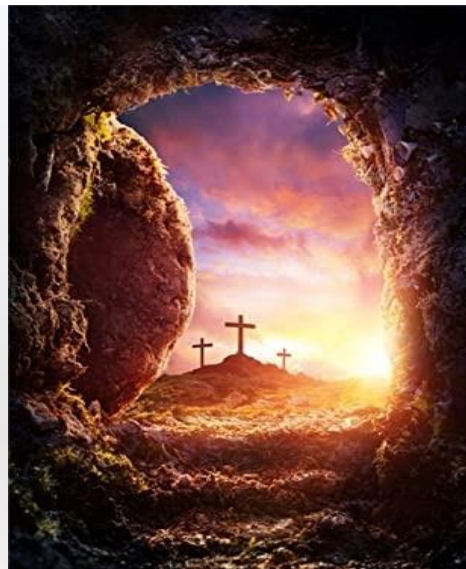
**EASTER VIGIL, 8:00 PM**

**INCENSE IS USED**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**EASTER SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM**

**MONDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> NO MASS**



**Good Friday - 2:00pm**

**Holy Saturday - 8:30am**

**Easter Sunday - 9:00am**

**April 21 - 9:00am**

**April 22 - 9:30am**

**April 23 - 7:30am**

**April 24 - 9:30am**

**April 25 - 9:30am**

**April 26 - 9:30am**

**April 27 - 3:00pm**

**Veneration & Social**

*May the Glory of  
the Risen Lord fill  
you with Joy!  
From all of us at  
Holy Family Parish*



**Catholic  
Montessori  
Education**

**APRIL 28<sup>th</sup> 1:30 - 3:30pm**  
**HOLY FAMILY FAITH ROOM**  
*Come and see  
the GOOD SHEPARD  
work with me*



*Seed Planting information Session  
to Grow an Atrium  
in Medicine Hat*

**April 26, 2025 ~ Holy Family Parish Hall**  
**Breakfast 7:30 am**  
**Presentation 8:30 am**  
**Theme: The Gospel of Suffering**  
**Presenter: Steve Bollman**

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



**40 LOONIES FOR LENT**  
**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**& HOLY FAMILY PARISH**



**RAISED TO DATE \$12,761.00**

**YOUR DONATIONS STAY HERE IN MEDICINE  
HAT GOING TO THE ROOT CELLAR, MUSTARD  
SEED, SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, 5TH  
AVE. & SAINT BARNABAS MEAL PROGRAMS.**



**St. Patrick's CWL**  
 Welcomes You  
 As They Host Their  
**Spring Tea**  
**JOIN US...SATURDAY APRIL 26TH!**  
 1 pm to 3 pm  
 St. Patrick's Church Hall  
**DOOR PRIZES!!!**  
 Delicious FREE Fabulous  
 Refreshments COOKBOOKS Fellowship  
**TICKETS \$4 EACH AT THE DOOR**




The Catholic Women's League  
 Holy Family Parish  
**Bottle Drive**  
 April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Before & After Masses  
 Holy Family Parish East Parking Lot  
 Thank you for your support!  
 Jackie 403-581-5479 **FUNDRAISING**




**Parish Breakfast**  
**MAY 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**After 8:30 & 10:30 Masses**  
 Ham, Omelets, Hash Browns,  
 Sausages, Bacon, Fruit, etc.  
**AND**  
**THE BEST FELLOWSHIP EVER!**  
 \$10. - Adults  
 \$5.- Under12 & Free - Under 6



**Children's Liturgy**  
**No Children's liturgy Palm Sunday.**  
 Check the children's liturgy table in the  
 foyer for activities & coloring pages.  
**Children's Liturgy**  
**resumes May 4<sup>th</sup>**  
 For Information or to Volunteer  
 Call Tammy @ 403-866-7886



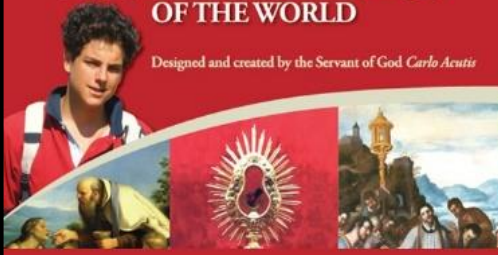
**SPRING TEA**  
**HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL**  
**HOSTED BY THE CWL**  
**Saturday, May 17 2:00 - 4:00pm**  
**Door Prizes, Mystery Box**  
**Raffle, 50/50 Draw, Good Food**  
**& Good Fellowship**



**SUMMER** **July 7-11**  
**Bible Camp**  
 We need adult  
 volunteers for  
 Camp to happen!  
 Contact Tammy at 403-866-7886 or  
 tammyllynnpeterson@gmail.com

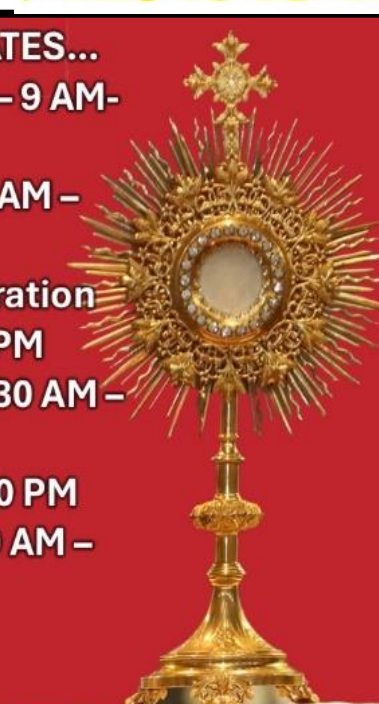


*International Exhibition*  
**THE EUCHARISTIC**  
**MIRACLES**  
**OF THE WORLD**  
 Designed and created by the Servant of God *Carlo Acutis*



**Holy Family Parish**  
**Medicine Hat**  
**Everyone Welcome!**  
[www.miracolieucaristici.org](http://www.miracolieucaristici.org)

**EXHIBITION DATES...**  
**Thurs. June 5<sup>th</sup> - 9 AM -**  
**6 PM**  
**Fri. June 6<sup>th</sup> - 9 AM -**  
**9 PM**  
**& 12 Hour Adoration**  
**9:30 AM - 9:30 PM**  
**Sat. Jun 7<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 AM -**  
**Noon**  
**& 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM**  
**Sun. Jun 8<sup>th</sup> - 9 AM -**  
**Noon**  
**& 1 PM - 8 PM**



**Eucharistic**  
**Miracles**  
**Exhibition**  
**VOLUNTEER**  
**TRAINING**  
**Tuesday**  
**May 27 @ 6:30pm in**  
**the Faith Room**  
**OR**  
**Thursday**  
**May 29 @ 1:00pm in**  
**the Faith**  
**Room. Please**  
**choose one date to**



# St. Patrick School

At St. Patrick School, we consist of 50 staff, and we are blessed to serve 485 students, ranging in age from 3 to 11, in our Early Learning Program (ELP), Kindergarten, and Grades 1-5. Since opening our doors in November 1987, we have remained committed to fostering an environment where students learn through play, relationships, and faith-filled experiences.

Our extremely supportive Parent Council plays a vital role in educational decisions and providing opportunities for families to connect within our school community. We embrace a strong academic focus on literacy and numeracy, with engaging programs such as Accelerated Reader (Grades 1-5), Grade 3 Choir, and Grade 4 & 5 Guitar.

Faith is at the heart of our school. Our students and staff participate in weekly assemblies that not only provide faith-enriched opportunities but also highlight St. Patrick Pandarrific moments, celebrating students who exemplify Catholic values in their daily lives. Parents are always welcomed into the school, strengthening the home-school-parish connection that is essential to our shared mission.

Beyond the classroom, we believe in the power of service and community involvement. All grade levels lead various service projects, fostering a spirit of giving and living out our faith in action.

We are grateful for our partnership with Holy Family Parish and for the opportunity to grow together in faith and learning. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for our students, staff, and school community.

Dwayne Unreiner (Principal) and Andrea Rota (Vice Principal)





Tradition of House Blessing dates to early Christianity. We read in the Gospel of St. Matthew ""On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their

treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh." It means we open the doors to Jesus to come in and stay with us. As it is written in the Book of Revelation 3:20 *"Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me"*

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church "Among the sacramentals blessings occupy an important place. They include both praise of God for his works and gifts, and the Church's intercession for men that they may be able to use God's gifts according to the spirit of the Gospel.

at the Easter Vigil, all is restored: The fonts are filled again, and the baptismal water is blessed. In this blessing, we hear how God has given water the "power to sanctify" throughout salvation history — the great flood cleansed the earth of sin, the Israelites passed through the Red Sea to freedom, Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River. For the remainder of the Easter season, the congregation is sprinkled liberally with this holy water in place of the penitential rite at the beginning of Mass. We are reminded of our baptism and our baptismal vow. During Easter time, when houses are blessed with the water blessed at Easter Vigil, reminds us about the life-giving water which flowed from the side of Jesus when his heart of pierced. During the blessing, we remember the words of the Psalmist, "Blessed art thou, and it shall be well with thee".





The Alberta/Northwest Territories Knights of Columbus 2025 Spring 50-50 Charities Appeal Raffle is underway. This Charity Appeal supports educational institutions, community charities, churches and youth and seniors' activities across Alberta.

Our Holy Family Parish Knights of Columbus thank our parishioners for their past generous support of this charity appeal. Our council support two community charities, Project Rachel and Elizabeth House. Each charity supports pregnant women and mothers.

There are two early bird draws, each for \$1000, on February 24 and March 24, with the ticket purchase ending April 26.

50/50 tickets can be purchased using [www.koc5050.com](http://www.koc5050.com) and please remember to search for our council, **9502**, so our council will receive your donation.

If you have any questions about the Charity Appeal, contact Greg Martin, 403-878-0639 or Pat Ries, 403-458-0442.

Our 9502 KofC Council thanks you for your support.



HOLY TRIDUUM YEAR - C

APRIL 17-20, 2025

### SERVICE TO SACRIFICE TO VICTORY

Today we begin Holy Triduum which brings us to the solemn celebrations of the Holy Week. These three days are holiest days for us all Christians to remember what Jesus did, how it was done? Holy Triduum is a journey of Ordinary to Extraordinary because God is looking for not only an ordinary person but also a walking person who can trust in him and take this journey with him. From the very beginning, God had a relationship with Adam and Eve that found them "walking in the garden in the cool of the day" (Genesis 3:8). God created man for the enjoyment of a walking relationship that involved companionship, dialogue, intimacy, joint decision-making, mutual delight, and shared dominion. God longs to walk with us, which is why his arms of grace have been pulling us into a closer walk with him.

*Long ago there was a young man who always used to visit Sages. Once he stayed with a Sage and pleased with his service Sage said, "If you have any wish, I can fulfil it." The young man wanted to gain fame. He said, "I want to become powerful. I want to know the secret of Meditation."*

*Sage gave him a mantra and made him practice meditation. After some time, the young man experienced a strange power in himself. He thanked Sage and left.*

*On his way, he saw that some hunters were taking away a lion in an iron cage. The young man wanted to show off his recently gained powers. So, he recited a mantra and freed the lion from the cage. The lion came out and killed one of the hunters. Soon, other hunters again caught lion and caged him.*

*Seeing this, the young man laughed and said, "Should I free the lion again?"*

*Listening to this, all hunters ran toward the young man to kill him. The young man ran away and somehow saved himself. He continued and reached a mountain village. There he saw that due to the mountain terrain, people were unable to farm.*

*He thought to himself, "If I move mountains, people can farm here and then they will respect me." So, he recited a mantra and soon the mountain started moving from their*



place. As soon as mountain moved, rocks started falling on the village and whole village was destroyed.

When the people got to know the reason for this, they went to the young man and started beating him. Young man somehow escaped. After some time, he reached a fisherman's village. In that village there was shortage of fish. Young man called the people of the village and said, "With my power I can fill these ponds with fishes."

Saying this, he recited a mantra and soon all the ponds were filled with fishes. Fisherman were able to catch nets full of fishes and started praising young man.

But as soon as the people ate those fish, they got sick and some died. The remaining people of village started beating the young man with sticks and when he became unconscious, they threw him out of the village.

When the young man regained consciousness, he was in the middle of the forest. He couldn't get up and walk. He started screaming. Listening to his scream, a sage who used to live in the forest came to him and took him away to tend to his injuries.

In morning, the young man narrated all incidence to Sage and said, "I have power but still I neither have prestige nor peace. What's reason for this?"

Sage said, "You don't know how to utilize your power properly. Being egoistic, you unnecessarily displayed your power to satisfy your ego. The use of power is to give up the ego and serve the poor. This brings fame and happiness."

Listening to this, the young man's ignorance was destroyed and from that day onwards he dedicated his life to use his power in social service and good.

On Holy Thursday we learn the aspect of service. Pope Francis explains it this way; On this Thursday, Jesus was at the table with the disciples, celebrating the feast of Passover. And the passage of the Gospel which we heard contains a phrase that is the very core of what Jesus did for us: "having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end". Jesus loved us. Jesus loves us. Without limit, always, to the end". Jesus' love for us knows no limits: always more and more. He never tires of loving anyone. He loves us all, to the point of giving his life for us. Yes, giving his life for us; yes, giving his life for all of us, giving his life for each one of us. And every one of us can say: "He gave his life for me". He gave His life for you, for you, for you, for you, for me, for him... for each person, by first and last name. His love is like that: personal. Jesus' love never disappoints, because He never tires of loving, just as He never tires of forgiving, never tires of embracing us. This is the first thing that I wanted to say to you: Jesus loved us, every one of us, to the end.

And then, He does something that the disciples don't understand by washing the feet. It was not done by the master of the house but by the slaves. That was the task of a slave. And like a slave, Jesus washes our feet, the feet of his disciples, and that is why He says: "What I am doing you do not know now, but afterward you will understand". Jesus' love is so great that He became a slave to serve us, to heal us, to cleanse us. He washes us entirely, He purifies us, He lets us feel his love yet again. There is a very beautiful phrase in the Bible, the prophet Isaiah says: "Can a mother forget her child? But even if a mother



could forget her child, I will never forget you". God's love for us is like this. How are we serving the Lord and his people?

We need to have the attitude of Ruth: "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die—there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" (Ruth 1:16-17).

*An unkempt, unwashed, little lad about 10 years old was coming up the alley swinging this old caved in bird cage with several tiny birds shivering on the floor of it. The compassionate Dr. Gordon asked the boy where he got the birds.*

*He said he trapped them. Dr. Gordon asked what he was going to do with them.*

*The boy said he was going to play with them and have fun with them.*

*The preacher said, "Sooner or later you'll get tired of them. Then what are you going to do with them?" The lad said, "I have some cats at home. They like birds. I'll feed them to my cats." Dr. Gordon said, "Son, how much do you want for the birds?" The boy, surprised, hesitated and said, "Mister, you don't want these birds. There just plain old field birds. They can't even sing. They're ugly."*

*The preacher said, "Just tell me. How much do you want?" The grubby little lad thought about it. He squinted up one eye. He calculated and hesitated and said, "Two dollars?" To his surprise Dr. Gordon reached into his pocket and handed the boy two, one-dollar bills. The preacher took the cage.*

*The boy, in a wink, hurried up the alley.*

*In a sheltered crevice between buildings, Dr. Gordon opened the door of the cage and tapping on the rusty exterior he encouraged the little birds, one at a time, to find their way out through the narrow door and fly away. Thus, having accounted for the empty cage beside his pulpit, the preacher went on to tell what seemed, at first, like a separate story. About how once upon a time, Jesus and the Devil had engaged in a negotiation. Satan had boasted how he'd baited a trap in Eden's garden and caught himself a world full of people. "What are you going to do with all those people in your cage" Jesus wanted to know.*

*The Devil said, "I'm going to play with em', tease em'. Make them marry and divorce and fight and kill one another. I'm going to teach them to throw bombs on one another. I'm going to have fun with them!"*

*Jesus said, "You can't have fun with them forever. When you get tired of playing, what are you going to do with them?" Satan said, "Damn them! They're no good anyway! Damn them! Kill them!"*

*Jesus said, "How much do you want for them?" Satan said, "You can't be serious! If I sell them to you, they'll just spit on you. They'll hate you. They'll hit you and beat you. They'll hammer nails into you! They're no good."*

*Jesus said, "How much?" Satan said, "All of your tears and all your blood. That's the price." Jesus took the cage, and paid the price, and opened the door.*



Without service there is no sacrifice, and Jesus has given us the best example of sacrifice as we celebrate Good Friday to commemorate Jesus' death on the cross. Pope Francis has a beautiful reflection for Good Friday, " Lord Jesus, help us to see in your Cross all the crosses of the world: The cross of those who hunger for bread and for love; The cross of those who are alone or abandoned even by their own children and family members; The cross of those who thirst for justice and peace; The cross of those who do not have the comfort of the faith; The cross of the elderly who are bowed down under the weight of years and loneliness; The cross of migrants who find doors closed because of fear, and hearts sealed by political calculations; The cross of the little ones, wounded in their innocence and purity; The cross of humanity that wanders in the darkness of uncertainty and in the darkness of the culture of the fleeting moment; The cross of families broken by betrayal, by the seductions of the evil one or by murderous lightness and by selfishness; The cross of consecrated persons who tirelessly seek to bring your light into the world and feel rejected, mocked and humiliated; The cross of consecrated persons who, along the way, have forgotten their first love; The cross of your children who, believing in you and trying to live according to your word, find themselves marginalized and discarded even by their families and their peers; The cross of our weaknesses, our hypocrisies, our betrayals, our sins and our many broken promises; The cross of your Church which, faithful to your Gospel, struggles to carry your love even among the baptized themselves; The cross of the Church, your bride, who feels continually attacked from within and from without; The cross of our common home that withers seriously before our selfish eyes that are blinded by greed and power. Lord Jesus, rekindle in us the hope of the resurrection and of your definitive victory against all evil and all death. Amen!"

Saint John Chrysostom says "If we wish to understand the power of Christ's blood, we should go back to the ancient account of its prefiguration in Egypt. Sacrifice a lamb without blemish, commanded Moses, and sprinkle its blood on your doors. If we were to ask him what he meant, and how the blood of an irrational beast could possibly save men endowed with reason, his answer would be that the saving power lies not in the blood itself, but in the fact that it is a sign of the Lord's blood. In those days, when the destroying angel saw the blood on the doors he did not dare to enter, so how much less will the devil approach now when he sees, not that figurative blood on the doors, but the true blood on the lips of believers, the doors of the temple of Christ.

If you desire further proof of the power of this blood, remember where it came from, how it ran down from the cross, flowing from the Master's side. The gospel records that when Christ was dead, but still hung on the cross, a soldier came and pierced his side with a lance and immediately there poured out water and blood. Now the water was a symbol of baptism and the blood, of the holy eucharist. The soldier pierced the Lord's side, he breached the wall of the sacred temple, and I have found the treasure and made it my own. So also, with the lamb: the Jews sacrificed the victim, and I have been saved by it.

And the Author of the Letter to Hebrews sums up the sacrifice of Jesus in this way "When Christ came as high priest of the good things which have come to be, he entered



once for all into the sanctuary, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation. He entered, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, and achieved eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself up unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God!

This is why he is mediator of a new covenant: since his death has taken place for deliverance from transgressions committed under the first covenant, those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance. Where there is a testament, it is necessary that the death of the testator be confirmed. For a testament comes into force only in the case of death; it has no force while the testator is alive. Hence, not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood.

When Moses had read all the commandments of the law to the people, he took the blood of goats and calves, together with water and crimson wool and hyssop, and sprinkled the book and all the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which God has enjoined upon you." He also sprinkled the tabernacle and all the vessels of worship with blood. According to the law almost everything is purified by blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

It was necessary that the copies of the heavenly models be purified in this way, but the heavenly realities themselves called for better sacrifices. For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by hands, a mere copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself that he might appear before God now on our behalf. Not that he might offer himself there again and again, as the high priest enters year after year into the sanctuary with blood that is not his own; if that were so, he would have had to suffer death over and over from the creation of the world. But now he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sins once for all by his sacrifice. Just as it is appointed that men die once, and after death be judged, so Christ was offered up once to take away the sins of many; he will appear a second time not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him" (Hebrews 9:11-28).

The third most important day in the Holy Triduum is Easter Sunday, the day our Lord conquered the death and rose from the dead. This victory can only be understood by people who know how to serve and sacrifice for others. He is truly risen from the dead, Alleluia, Alleluia. According to St. Augustine "it was impossible for the Author of life to stay under the earth for long" The Christians all over the world have been preparing themselves with prayer, penance, and work of charity to celebrate the greatest feast of all times, that's Easter. No one expected that it is going to happen that a man who was once crucified going to rise. St. Paul rightly says in his first letter to Corinthians "Death has been swallowed up in victory. "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ".

According to Pope Francis “The women had gone to anoint the Lord’s body and instead found themselves standing before a surprise. When God announces something, it is always a surprise because God is a God of surprises. It has been that way from the beginning of the story of salvation with Abraham: one surprise after another. God does not know how to make an announcement without surprising us. Surprise moves our hearts and touches us where we do not expect. Once those women saw he is risen, they did not stop there but their reaction was priceless. They rushed back to share with the disciple, what they have seen. God’s surprises demand an immediate response. Peter and John ran to the tomb. The shepherds on the night when Christ was born ran to see what the angel had revealed to them. The Samaritan woman also ran to say to her people, “this is something entirely new. I have met a man who has told me everything that I have done—and the people knew what she had done. Even St. Andrew did not waste time to go to St. Peter to say that he had found the Messiah.

The Feast of Easter is a feast of proclamation of his resurrection and victory over death. That salvation for us is won by Lord by his own blood. Are we ready to proclaim that “Truly he is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia?

Wishing you all a very Blessed and Happy Easter!





# DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY



### Holy Week, Triduum and Easter Sunday with Bishop McGrattan

All are welcome! Bishop McGrattan will celebrate the following liturgies at St. Mary's Cathedral:

- **Chrism Mass** on Mon, Apr 14 at 7 pm
- **Holy Thursday**, on Thu, Apr 17 at 7 pm
- **The Outdoor Way of the Cross** on Good Friday, Apr 18 at 8:30 am
- **Good Friday**, on Friday, Apr 18 at Noon and 3 pm
- **Easter Vigil**, on Sat, Apr 19 at 8 pm
- **Easter Sunday**, on Apr 20 at Noon

Access Parish Schedule for Triduum and Easter Sunday across the Diocese at [catholiccycc.ca](http://catholiccycc.ca)

### Shroud of Jesus: Hope of the Resurrection

St. Patrick's Parish, Calgary is hosting the *Man of the Shroud Exhibition & Conference* **until April 27, 2025**.

There will be an extensive exhibit on the history, significance and scientific aspects of the Shroud of Turin. For details, visit [www.stpatrickcalgary.com](http://www.stpatrickcalgary.com)

### Blossoms & Blooms - Charity Dinner for Elizabeth House

Join us for an elegant evening of fine dining, live music, and a lively silent auction to support mothers building a brighter future at Elizabeth House. When: **Sat, May 24, 2025, from 6 to 9:30 pm at the Calgary Italian Cultural Centre**. More info and tickets at [catholiccycc.ca/blooms](http://catholiccycc.ca/blooms)

### Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition at St. Luke's, Calgary

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition created by Blessed Carlos Acutis will be here at St. Luke's Parish in Calgary from **Thursday, May 1 to Sun, May 4, from 8:30 am to 8:30 pm**. This display shows stories, photographs and drawings from each of the miracles recognized by the church. All are welcome.

### Movie & Pizza Night at St. Bonaventure's, Calgary

Enjoy a screening of a Carlo Acutis movie and a pizza night hosted by the young adults of the parish. When: **Sat, Apr 26 after 5 pm Mass at St. Bonaventure, Calgary**. All ages welcome! Come for a faith-filled evening of film, fellowship, and fun. [RSVP here](#)

## Vocations Rally

God calls each of us for a unique and meaningful purpose. Join us in fostering a culture where every calling—priesthood, consecrated life, marriage, permanent diaconate, or lay vocations—is nurtured and celebrated! When: **Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025 - from 11 am to 4:30 pm**. Discover, support, and pray for vocations in our Diocese!

## Veneration of the Relic of St Francis Assisi at St. Michael's

Join Saint Michael Catholic Community for a peaceful evening of prayer and reflection through the **Solemn Veneration of the relic of St. Francis of Assisi**. Mass, veneration, and fellowship. When: **Wednesdays, April 23, May 21, June 25. Mass at 6 pm**, followed by a reception at 7:15 pm. The relic will also be available for veneration after Easter Sunday Masses (9 am, 11 am, 5 pm).

## Divine Mercy Sunday Prayers

- **Sun, Apr 27 from 1:30 pm at Our Lady of the Assumption, Calgary** | Join Bishop McGrattan, clergy, and the Sisters of Divine Mercy for a grace-filled celebration with Adoration, reflections, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Mass at 3 pm. Potluck lunch to follow.
- **Sun, Apr 27 from 2 to 3 pm at St. Michael's, Calgary** | Holy Hour Celebration: Chaplet of Divine Mercy; Divine mercy praises; Homily; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Adoration and Benediction; Reconciliation at 1:15 pm - 2 pm. Reception to follow.

## 40 Hours Devotion for Vocations

Pray with us for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our Diocese. The next devotions:

- [St. James, Okotoks](#) - Fri, April 25 at 3 pm to Sun, Apr 27 at 8 am.
- [St. Anthony's, Calgary](#) - Fri, May 2 at 3 pm to Sun, May 4 at 7 am (Chapel)
- [St. Gerard's, Calgary](#) - Fridays, May 2, 9, 16 and 23, from 9:30 am to 7:30 pm

## 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 [catholicyc.ca/pastoralcare](http://catholicyc.ca/pastoralcare) or contact Mara at 403-218-5521. When: **Sat, May 24 & Jun 7, 9:30 am - 3 pm** at Ascension Parish, Calgary.

## Voices in Hope Concert

Experience an extraordinary evening of sacred and secular choral music with a joint performance by St. Michael's Choir School (Toronto) and St. John Choir Schola (Calgary). When: **Fri, Apr 25, from 7 pm to 9:15 pm at Knox United Church, Calgary**. Get tickets at [sjcshola.ca/voices-in-hope](http://sjcshola.ca/voices-in-hope)

## Live-In Retreat in Coaldale

The Live-In weekend is a powerful opportunity to grow closer to Jesus and deepen your faith. There is no cost to attend. When: **Fri to Sun, May 2-4 at St. Joseph School, 1413 - 23 Ave, Coaldale**. Register by Apr 21, to Sandra at 403-394-4658 or email [skano@live.ca](mailto:skano@live.ca)

## Come and Stay: Relationships Rooted in Love - Women's Conference

Join Debbie and Rachel Herbeck for a two-day women's conference exploring authentic relationships through the lens of being a mother, daughter, sister, and friend. Hosted by Beloved Daughters Ministry. When: **Fri-Sat, May 9-10 at St. Michael's, Calgary**. Tickets: \$80. [Register here](#)

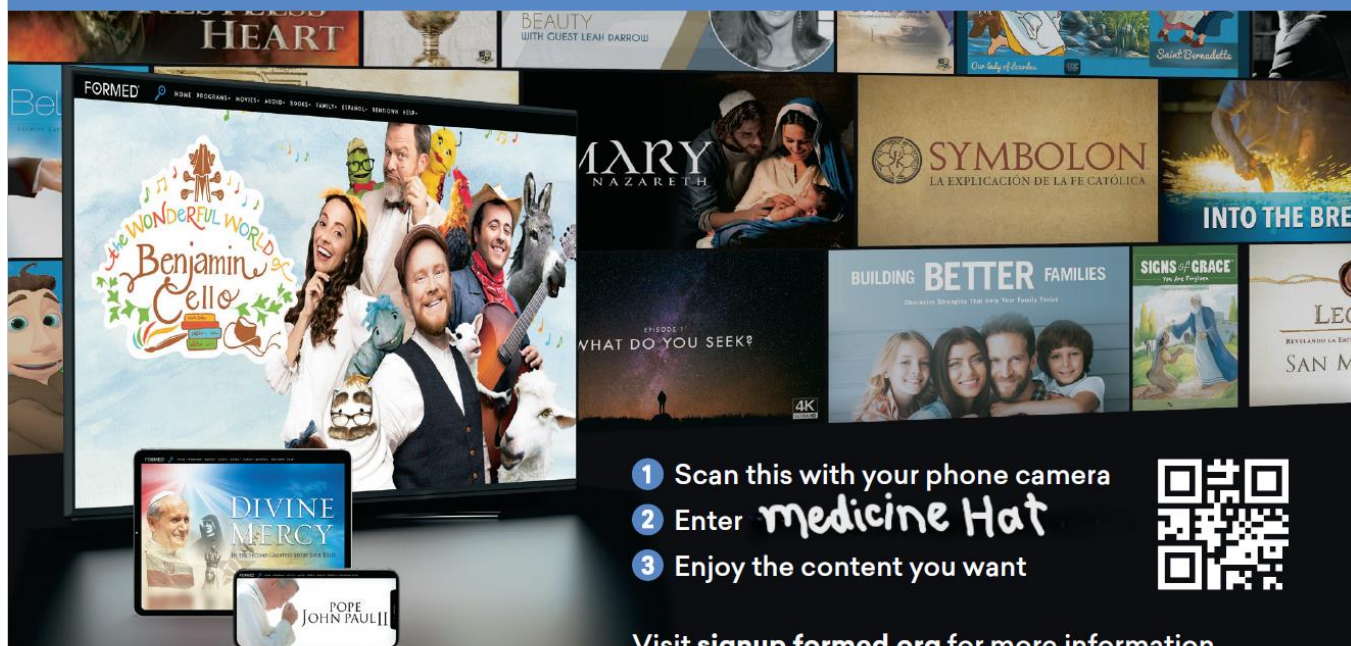
## 45th Annual Hike for Life

All are welcome to join a morning walk for life, raising funds for Educational Respect for Life Programs in schools and communities. When: **Sat, May 10, at Prince's Island Park (Enmax Stage), Calgary**. Enjoy a walk, listen to live music by Eric Reinhart & Friends, have a BBQ lunch, have refreshments, and enjoy fun prizes! Register at [calgaryprolife.com](http://calgaryprolife.com)



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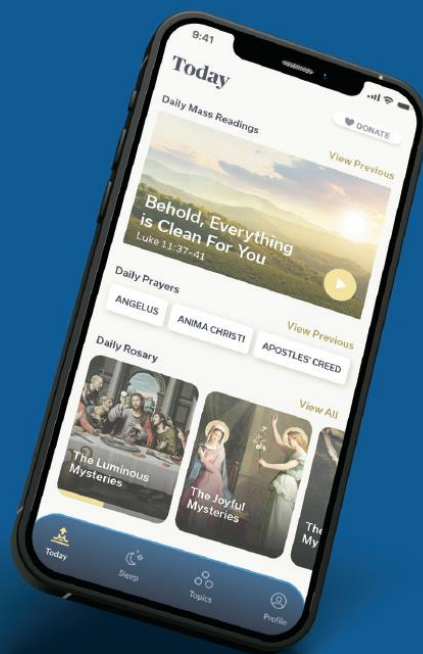
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Monday, April 7	KofC Officers' Meeting
Monday, April 14	Holy Hour Adoration
Monday, April 14	KofC General Meeting
Sunday, May 4	Parish Breakfast
Monday, May 5	KofC Officers' Meeting
Monday, May 12	KofC General Meeting
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Monday, June 9	KofC Year End BBQ
Sunday, June 22	Parish Picnic







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# Retreat Centers in Southern Alberta

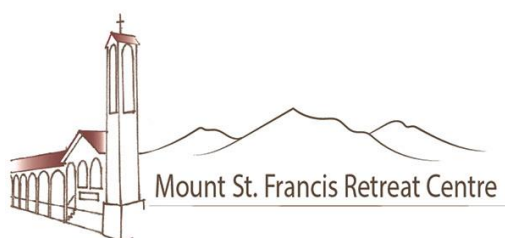
## AN "OASIS" IN THE HEART OF CALGARY

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.



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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.

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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.**

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