



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YR. C

MAY 18, 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

MASS TIMES - MONDAY TUESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

9:00AM WEDNESDAY 7:00AM

SATURDAY 5:00PM - SUNDAY 8:30AM, 10:30AM & 5:00PM

MONTHLY - 1ST TUESDAY 6 PM & 1ST SATURDAY 8 AM

RECONCILIATION...

Friday 9:30am–10:30am & Saturday 3:30–4:45pm

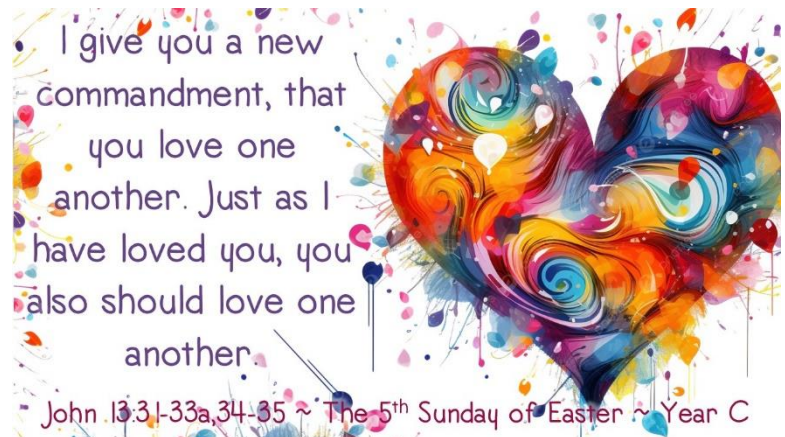
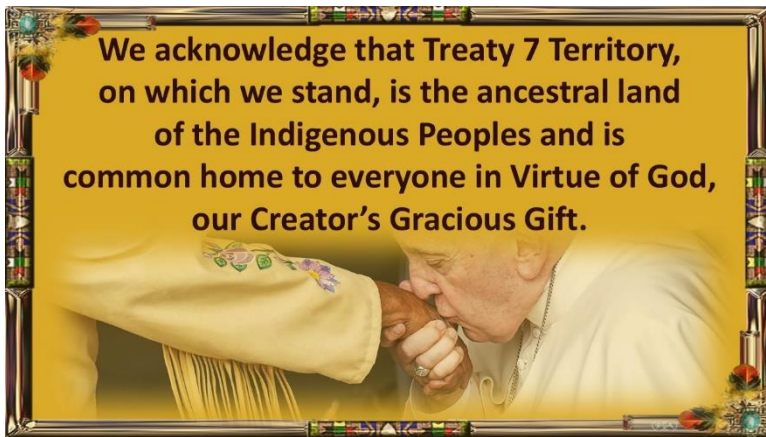
THE CHAPEL IS OPEN...

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30am - 4:00pm

ADORATION FRIDAY 9:30 – 10:30am

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

Knights of Columbus – Greg Martin
Catholic Women's League – Dianne Durda



† Masses & Mass Intentions May 17th to 23rd †

Sat. May 17 - 5:00pm – Pat & Denise Ries

Sun. May 18 - 8:30am – Holy Family Parish

10:30am – Quinn Lerner †

5:00pm – June Jontz

Mon. May 19 - 9:00am – Mike Lewans

Tue. May 20 - 9:00am – Simon Schmaltz †

Wed. May 21 - 7:00am – Amanda & Patrick Wallace & Family

Thu. May 22 - 9:00am – Jean Koeler

Fri. May 23 - 9:00am – Aloys Bishoff †



Special Collections May 2025

Future Development
Together in Action
Education of
Seminarians
Pope's Pastoral
Works



Thank You... Fr. Julian for being here!

FINANCIAL REPORT**Monthly Operating Budget** **\$ 70,156****MAY MONTH TO DATE**

General Envelope Collection \$ 23,291

Loose Collections \$ 1,788

Future Development \$ 1,315

Misc. Income \$ 2,928

Total Month Income **\$ 29,322****Budget Vs Actual** **-\$ 40,834****SPECIAL COLLECTIONS****2025 YEAR TO DATE****Together in Action (TIA)** **\$ 33,846****GOAL - \$70,938 48%****St Vincent de Paul** **\$ 16,879****World Mission** **\$ 125****Clergy Retirement** **\$ 884****Mission Mexico** **\$ 774****CARO** **\$ 220****Loonies 4 Lent** **\$ 14,642****Seminary Fund** **\$ 1,909****Holy Land & Pope's Pastoral** **\$ 4,517***Thank You for your Generous Contributions***May Ave. Weekend Atten.** **1086**


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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27

Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13.

Revelation 21:1-5a.

John 13:31-33a, 34-35.

Loving One Another.

The gospel today is short and sweet. Glorify God – Jesus does it first and implies we should, too. Love one another – a direct comma to each one of us. These are disciple activities. These are essentials for our way of life.

† How will my words and actions glorify God today?

† Whom will I love – even someone who makes it hard for me to do so?

† How will this glorifying God and loving others change me for the better?

International Exhibition
THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES
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EXHIBITION DATES...
 Thurs. June 5th – 9 AM – 6 PM
 Fri. June 6th – 9 AM – 9 PM
 & 12 Hour Adoration
 9:30 AM – 9:30 PM
 Sat. Jun 7th – 8:30 AM – Noon
 & 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM
 Sun. Jun 8th – 9 AM – Noon
 & 1 PM – 8 PM



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EXHIBITION DATES...
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 attend.



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Pray for Fr. Iqbal & all on the pilgrimage!

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



Prayer & Praise
 Tuesday May 20th at 7:30pm
 with Fr. Julian Studden
 Faith Room or Sanctuary
 depending on attendance
 Office Entrance
 Questions? - Sally
 403-527-6933 Ext 105



May 11th to June 15th

 **nurture**
 pregnancy centre

 The Catholic Woman's League are collecting for this great cause.

Drop Baby items off at the table and pick up a bottle for money collection for baby formula.

**** Needed diapers of all sizes, especially size 4-6. ****
 Also accepting gently used larger baby items like: gates, highchairs, bassinets, playpens, etc.

SUMMER July 7-11
Bible Camp

We need adult volunteers for Camp to happen!

Contact Tammy at 403-866-7886 or
 tammylynnpeterson@gmail.com



Blumenfeld & District Heritage Site Pilgrimage
 Sunday, June 8th, 2025 Reconciliation 2:00-2:45
 Stations of the Cross, Rosary & Mass starts @ 3:00
 Supper following Mass ~ Bring lawn chairs, bug spray, umbrellas ~ Flower girls/boys bring baskets
 Located; 16km south & 6.4km east of Leader, SK

Tours: Sundays, July 6 until Sept 1st from 2-4

Facebook ~ Blumenfeld & District Heritage Site




"Thank you, Holy Family Parish for allowing me to speak to you about my ministry with **Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO)** after mass and throughout the week."

Vanessa Ziel

We focus on clear proclamation of the Gospel to reach young adults who have left the faith and accompany them back to a dynamic life with Jesus & His Church. If you'd like to stay in touch or to set up donations you can reach me at
587-999-9435 or www.cco.ca/vanessa

Bible Study



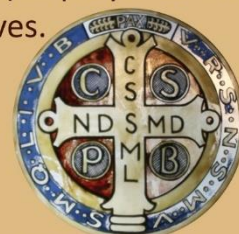
Thursday Mornings after the 9:00 Mass

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.



"Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another!"
John 13:24

Is God Calling You to Be a Deacon?

The Diocese of Calgary is now accepting applications for the next intake of the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program — an opportunity that only comes around every two years. If you are a Catholic man who senses in your heart a call to serve the Church in a deeper way through charity, word, and sacrament, this may be the time to respond.

Come and learn more at one of the upcoming Open House sessions:

- Brooks:
Saturday, June 7 | 1:00 – 2:30 pm
St. Mary's Church, 511 4 St W, Brooks
- Calgary:
Wednesday, June 11 | 7:00 – 8:30 pm
OR
Saturday, June 14 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Catholic Pastoral Centre, 120 17 Ave SW
- Lethbridge: Saturday, June 21 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
St. Basil's Church, 604 13 Street North

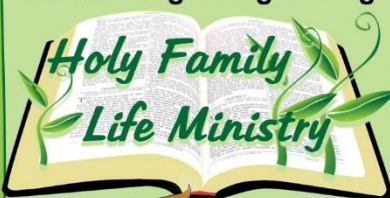


Application deadline: July 31, 2025

To learn more, visit CatholicYYC.ca, check the parish bulletin board, or speak to one of our deacons. You are not alone on this journey—if God is calling, we are here to help you discern.

"The rewards are out of this world." – A Permanent Deacon

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.



Prayer and Adoration

1st Monday of the month
at 7:00pm in the Chapel.

Education Evening

4th Monday of the month at
7:00pm in the Hope Room.

Information

Rob at 403-529-0985

Sonia at 403-528-0028

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NOTRE DAME ACADEMY



Notre Dame Academy is very proud to be one of the nine Catholic Schools within the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education (MHCBE). Notre Dame Academy has a student population of approximately 440 students in Grade 6 to 9. We are also extremely proud that we are one of only a very few successful sports academy schools in Alberta and Western Canada. As a sports academy school, we offer specialized training in baseball, golf, hockey and soccer.

In addition, we continue to offer innovative and unique exploratory programs like Lego-robotics, Rocketry, Archery, Graphic Design, Carpentry, Plumbing, Gaming Concepts, Drama, Food Studies, Art, Outdoor Education, etc. to keep our students engaged in their learning.

We consider ourselves a community school with many great partnerships. Notre Dame Academy has a very well-developed partnership with Medicine Hat College. Because of this partnership, we are able to offer an amazing Industrial Arts program in Carpentry, Welding, Electrical and Plumbing. Our leadership in this program has been the envy of other schools as they now are seeking to develop a partnership with the MHC. Too, our sports academy programming has been so successful over the past 21 years and now we are seeing other districts wanting to also build sports academy programming into their schools and districts. Notre Dame also has an ongoing partnership with the company Under Armour and Source for Sports.

Our school focus and missions are:

- Build Effective Relationships with Each Other and Our Students.
- Living Our Faith Through Service
- Helping All Students Learn

We would like to thank all the parishioners and staff of Holy Family and St. Patrick's Parishes for allowing us to be part of such loving parish communities.

Neal Siedlecki (Principal) and Lon Bosch (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".



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PEOPLE OF ACTION

Once a disciple was going to be given his last initiation by his master. Once he passes his last initiation he would be declared enlightened.

The disciple went to master and said, "I am ready. Please tell me what I must do for my last initiation."

The master said, "You must go to the king, early in the morning. You must be the first visitor of the day, because the king always grants the wishes of the first visitor.

The king was wise; he took care of his people. So good that people forgot about it and years passed and nobody went to the king early in the morning to ask for anything.

Remember, after waking up as the sun rises, first thing the king does is to go into his garden for walk. So be there."

The disciple followed the order. He didn't take any chances and was at the king's garden at 3 o'clock early in morning, waiting for the king.

As the sun was rising, the disciple saw the king come to the garden. The disciple went to the king and bowed down. The king said, "Do you need something? You can ask for anything and I will give it to you."

The disciple came from a poor family and when the king said that he can ask for anything, great desires possessed him.

To be certain, the disciple asked again, "What do you mean by anything?"

The king replied, "I mean anything. You can ask for gold, a palace or even if you ask for my kingdom, I will give it to you."

The poor disciple couldn't think of just one thing. He thought that maybe asking for ten thousand gold coins will do, but just then he thought why only ten thousand, why not a hundred thousand coins.

The disciple's mind constantly kept thinking of more and more things.

After waiting for a while, the king said, "It seems that you are not ready to ask, I will go for my morning walk, meanwhile you decide. When I return, whatsoever you ask will be given to you."

For half an hour, he went on and on thinking.

When the king returned, the disciple said, "Sir, if you are so willing to give, I will ask for everything. All that you have – Your Kingdom. All your riches, your palaces – everything." Listening to this, the king fell on his knees, started praying to God, tears rolling down from his eyes – of great joy, ecstasy.

He was thanking God saying, "I have been waiting for such a man. How long have I waited. Finally, you heard my prayers. Now he has come, and I am free of all this nonsense. Thank you!"

When the king was saying all these things to God, the young disciple was standing beside him and started to think, "What is the matter? Why is the king feeling so happy renouncing the kingdom, what am I getting into? If for thirty years he has been praying to leave this, then it's not worthwhile at all. I am getting into unnecessary trouble."

Disciple fell to his knees, touched the king's feet and said, "Your majesty, I am a young man, I am a fool. Please excuse me. I don't want anything. Your prayer to God has made me realize my mistake. Thank you. Please I don't want anything. I want to go back to the forest to my master."

The king tried to persuade him asking him to stay for while and look around, but the disciple still refused, saying, "I cannot stay here, not even for a single moment because my mind can betray me. An insight has happened. I am thankful to you."

When the young disciple went back, he told the whole story to his master. His master said, "Your initiation is over. Now, nothing will ever make a slave of you. Now, you are alert, conscious, and free. You have passed. I'm Happy."

We continue to reflect on our Easter stories which keep reminding us that our Lord and Saviour is with us and walks with us every day. Last Sunday we reflected on the attributes of the Good Shepherd who cares about his sheep and never loses any of them. The Lord being our Good Shepherd leads us to green pastures and anoints us with purist of oil because his mercy and love walks before us. St. Maximus explores this mystery in this way "Christ is risen! He has burst open the gates of hell and let the dead go free; he has renewed the earth through the members of his Church now born again in baptism and has made it blossom afresh with men brought back to life. His Holy Spirit has unlocked

the doors of heaven, which stand wide open to receive those who rise up from the earth. Because of Christ's resurrection the thief ascends to paradise, the bodies of the blessed enter the holy city, and the dead are restored to the company of the living. There is an upward movement in the whole of creation, each element raising itself to something higher. We see hell restoring its victims to the upper regions, earth sending its buried dead to heaven, and heaven presenting the new arrivals to the Lord. In one and the same movement, our Savior's passion raises men from the depths, lifts them up from the earth, and sets them in the heights"

Our Christian faith does not depend only on words but also on actions and we can see it through the lives of the apostles and early Christians in the Book of Acts of the Apostle. People were converting to Christian faith because they saw the actions or way of their living as Christian. St. Hilary reflects on the true meaning of Christianity rooted in the Holy Trinity in this way "We believe that the Word became flesh and that we receive his flesh in the Lord's Supper. How then can we fail to believe that he really dwells within us? When he became man, he clothed himself in our flesh, uniting it to himself for ever. In the sacrament of his body, he gives us his own flesh, which he has united to his divinity. This is why we are all one, because the Father is in Christ, and Christ is in us. He is in us through his flesh, and we are in him. With him we form a unity which is in God. The manner of our indwelling in him through the sacrament of his body and blood is evident from the Lord's own words: This world will see me no longer, but you shall see me. Because I live you shall live also, for I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you. If it had been a question of mere unity of will, why should he have given us this explanation of the steps by which it is achieved? He is in the Father by reason of his divine nature, we are in him by reason of his human birth, and he is in us through the mystery of the sacraments. This, surely, is what he wished us to believe; this is how he wanted us to understand the perfect unity that is achieved through our Mediator, who lives in the Father while we live in him, and who, while living in the Father, lives also in us. This is how we attain to unity with the Father. Christ is in very truth in the Father by his eternal generation; we are in very truth in Christ, and he likewise is in us. Christ himself bore witness to the reality of his unity when he said: He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I in him. No one will be in Christ unless Christ himself has been in him; Christ will take to himself only the flesh of those who have received his flesh. He had already explained the mystery of this perfect unity when he said: As the living Father sent me and I draw life from the Father, so he who eats my flesh will draw life from me. We draw life from his flesh just as he draws life from the Father. Such comparisons aid our understanding, since we can grasp a point more easily when we have an analogy. The point is that Christ is the

wellspring of our life. Since we who are in the flesh have Christ dwelling in us through his flesh, we shall draw life from him in the same way he draws life from the Father”.

St. James the Apostle strongly believed that our words are not enough to speak about our faith in the Lord, but actions are needed as well “What good is it, my brothers, and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So, faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith” (2:14-19).

The life of the desert fathers is amazing to reflect upon. They lived in desert meditating and praying. Their actions were more important than the words as we can see in the following story. An Egyptian monk was living in the suburbs of Constantinople: and when the Emperor Theodosius II passed that way, he left his train of courtiers and came unattended to the cell. The monk opened the door to his knock, and at once recognized that he was the emperor, but he received him as though he was only one of the imperial guards. When he had come in, they prayed together and sat down. The emperor began to ask him, ‘How are the hermits in Egypt?’ He answered, ‘They are all praying for your salvation.’ The emperor looked round the cell to see if he had any food and saw nothing except a basket with a little bread, and a flagon of water. The monk said to him, ‘Will you take a little to eat?’ He put the bread in front of him, and mixed oil and salt, and gave him that to eat and drink. The emperor said to him, ‘Do you know who I am?’ He said, ‘God knows who you are.’ The emperor said, ‘I am the Emperor Theodosius.’ The monk at once fell before him and did humble obeisance. The emperor said, ‘Blessed are you, for you have an untroubled life, without thought of the world. I tell you truly, I was born an emperor, and I have never enjoyed bread and water as I have today: I have eaten with real pleasure.’ He began to do honour to the monk, so the hermit went out, and fled back to Egypt.

St. Basil the Great says, Our Lord made a covenant with us through baptism to give us eternal life. There is in baptism an image both of death and of life, the water being the symbol of death, the Spirit giving the pledge of life. The association of water and the Spirit is explained by the twofold purpose for which baptism was instituted, namely, to destroy the sin in us so that it could never again give birth to death, and to enable us to live by the Spirit and so win the reward of holiness. The water into which the body enters as into a tomb symbolizes death; the Spirit instills into us his life-giving power, awakening our souls from the death of sin to the life that they had in the beginning. This then is what it means

to be born again of water and the Spirit: we die in the water, and we come to life again through the Spirit.

To signify this death and to enlighten the baptized by transmitting to them knowledge of God, the great sacrament of baptism is administered by means of a triple immersion and the invocation of each of the three divine Persons. Whatever grace there is in the water comes not from its own nature but from the presence of the Spirit, since baptism is not a cleansing of the body, but a pledge made to God from a clear conscience. As a preparation for our life after the resurrection, our Lord tells us in the gospel how we should live here and now. He teaches us to be peaceable, long-suffering, undefiled by desire for pleasure, and detached from worldly wealth. In this way we can achieve, by our own free choice, the kind of life that will be natural in the world to come. Through the Holy Spirit we are restored to paradise, we ascend to the kingdom of heaven, and we are reinstated as adopted sons. Thanks to the Spirit we obtain the right to call God our Father, we become sharers in the grace of Christ, we are called children of light, blessing is showered upon us, both in this world and in the world to come. As we contemplate them even now, like a reflection in a mirror, it is as though we already possessed the good things our faith tells us that we shall one day enjoy. If this is the pledge, what will the perfection be? If these are the first fruits, what will the full harvest be?

The conclusion of the Gospel is everything for us this week “you should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another”. Jesus is delivering his farewell discourse while sitting at the dining table with his disciples. He knows what is going to happen to him and to his disciples afterward. He is encouraging everyone to continue to follow what they have seen and heard from him. God the Father was always with him and has glorified him among all generations and protected him. Jesus’ instructions to his disciples and to us, show our Christian faith by actions not just by words. Holy Father Pope Francis gave a beautiful reflection on the Gospel. And I believe we must examine ourselves to see how our faith is doing and how we are witnessing his name to other people. “What an enormous responsibility the Lord gives us today! He tells us that the world will recognize the disciples of Jesus by the way they love one another. Love, in other words, is the Christian’s identity card, the only valid “document” identifying us as Christians. It is the only valid document. If this card expires and is not constantly renewed, we stop being witnesses of the Master. So, I ask you: Do you wish to say yes to Jesus’ invitation to be his disciples? Do you wish to be his faithful friends? The true friends of Jesus stand out essentially by the genuine love; not some “pie in the sky” love; no, it is a genuine love that shines forth in their way of life. Love is always shown in real actions. Those who are not real and genuine and who speak of love are like characters in a soap opera, some fake love story. Do you want to experience his love? Do you want this love:

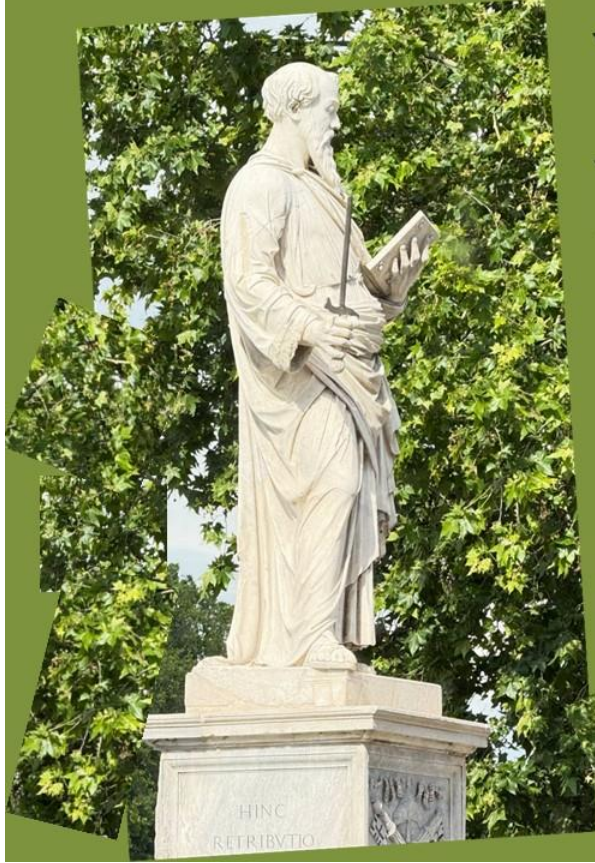
yes or no? Let us learn from him, for his words are a school of life, a school where we learn to love. This is a task which we must engage in every day: to learn how to love". (Please read I Corinthians 13:1-13)

We must remember by baptism we become a member of the Holy Church but by actions we become true disciples of Jesus who for the sake of love died on the Cross so that we may have life and have it in abundance. Jesus wants us to be up on our feet! Think of the beautiful word Jesus said to the paralytic: "Arise!". God has created us to be on our feet. So, arise! God wants us up on our feet, ever on our feet! And that's only through our actions to glorify his name. Once Gandhi said, "I love Christianity but hate Christians because their actions are contrary to the Gospel".

The desert fathers rightly said, 'We become more humbled when we are tempted, because God, knowing our weakness, protects us. But if we boast of our own strength, he takes away his protection, and we are lost'. Today we need to ask the Lord to give us strength to witness his name by actions so that people may know that we are his disciples.

St. Clement, bishop, and martyr has reminded everyone of us to understand that through our actions as Christians we can enjoy the unity of the Risen Christ because his death is our ransom and his rising from the dead has restored our life to himself. "Beloved, Jesus Christ is our salvation, he is the high priest through whom we present our offerings and the helper who supports us in our weakness. Through him our gaze penetrates the heights of heaven, and we see as in a mirror, the most holy face of God. Through Christ the eyes of our hearts are opened, and our weak and clouded understanding reaches up toward the light. Through him the Lord God willed that we should taste eternal knowledge, for Christ is the radiance of God's glory, and as much greater than the angels as the name God has given him is superior to theirs. So then, my brothers, let us do battle with all our might under his unerring command. Think of the men serving under our military commanders. How well disciplined they are! How readily and submissively they carry out orders! Not everyone can be a prefect, a tribune, a centurion, or a captain of fifty, but each man in his own rank executes the orders of the emperor and the officers in command. The great cannot exist without those of humble condition, nor can those of humble condition exist without the great. Always it is the harmonious working together of its various parts that insures the well-being of the whole. Take our own body as an example: The head is helpless without the feet; and the feet can do nothing without the heart. Even our least important members are useful and necessary to the whole body, and all work together for its well-being in harmonious subordination. Let us, then, preserve the unity of the body that we form in Christ Jesus, and let everyone give his neighbor the deference to which his gifts entitle him. Let the strong care for the weak and the weak respect the strong. Let the wealthy assist the poor and the poor man thank God for giving

him someone to supply his needs. The wise man should show his wisdom not by his eloquence but by good works; the humble man should not proclaim his own humility but leave others to do so; nor must the man who preserves his chastity ever boast of it but recognize that the ability to control his desires has been given him by another.
Are we the people of action?



The Disciples were
People of Action...

Are we People of
Action?

May 18, 2025 ~
5th Sunday of Easter ~ Year C

DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

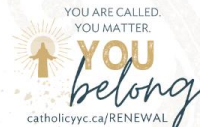
5th Sunday of Easter



Mass of Thanksgiving

for our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV

Wednesday,
May 21, 2025 at 5 pm
St. Mary's Cathedral
with Bishop McGrattan



Mass of Thanksgiving for our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV

Join Bishop McGrattan for a Diocesan Mass of Thanksgiving on **Wed, May 21 at 5 pm** at **St. Mary's Cathedral**, as we pray for Pope Leo XIV and unite with the universal Church in this historic moment. All are welcome!

CCCRS Assembly Prayer Meeting

Join the Saint Luke Charismatic Prayer Group for an evening of grace and encounter. When: **Thu, May 22 from 6:30 pm to 9 pm** at **St. Luke's Parish, Calgary**. The evening begins with the Rosary, followed by Mass and Eucharistic Adoration with Praise & Worship and Intercession. Guest speaker: Deacon Thomas Ha, reflecting on the Fruits of the Holy Spirit – Gentleness & Faithfulness.

St. Peter's Parish Garage Sale

St. Peter's CWL & Knights of Columbus invite you to their parish garage sale at 541 Silvergrove Dr. NW. Item drop-off: **Fri, May 23 from 10:30 am to 9 pm** in

the Parish Hall. No large appliances, baby items, or magazines, please.

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

Ordination of Rev. Mr. Peter An to the Sacred Priesthood

We are pleased to share the upcoming ordination of Rev. Mr. Peter An, who will be ordained to the priesthood on **Friday, June 27, at 7 pm** at St. Mary's Cathedral, on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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 or contact Mara at 403-218-5521.

- **Sat, May 24 & Jun 7, 9:30 am - 3 pm** at Ascension Parish, Calgary.
- [En español] **21 y 28 de mayo, y 11 y 18 de junio, de 7 pm a 9 pm** en la parroquia Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, Calgary.

Permanent Diaconate Open House Presentations

The Diocese of Calgary invites men discerning a call to serve as permanent deacons to attend one of our upcoming open house presentations.

- **Sat, June 7**, from 1 pm to 2:30 pm at St. Mary's Parish, 511 4 St W, Brooks
- **Wed, June 11**, from 7 pm to 8:30 pm and Sat, June 14, 2025 from 10:30 am to 12 pm at Catholic Pastoral Centre, 120 17th Ave SW, Calgary
- **Sat, June 21**, from 10:30 am to 12 pm at All Saints Parish (St. Basil's Church), 604 13 St North, Lethbridge

G7 Jubilee People's Forum & Public Actions

Join pilgrims and advocates from across Canada and the world for workshops, interfaith prayer, and a public witness for economic and ecological justice. When: **Thu to Sun, June 12–15** at Ambrose University, Calgary. Register at kairoscanada.org/jubilee2025

Alpha Online

Explore life's big questions in a safe, welcoming space. Each session includes a short video and open discussion on the foundations of Christian faith. Invite a friend and join the conversation—no pressure, no cost, just honest dialogue. When: Thursdays in **May to July 10 | 5:30 pm to 7 pm**, Hosted by FCJ Retreat Centre (on Zoom). To register, call 403-228-4215.

Prison Ministry Volunteers

Help bring hope behind prison walls. We're looking for compassionate individuals to lead prayer time, including the Sunday Readings and Rosary, at correctional facilities in our Diocese. Email receptionist@calgarydiocese.ca or call 403-218-5500 to learn more.

Vocations Rally

Join us in fostering a culture where every vocation—priesthood, consecrated life, marriage, permanent diaconate, and lay vocations—is nurtured and celebrated at the 2025 Vocations Rally on **Pentecost Sunday, June 8, from 11 am to 4:30 pm at St. Michael's Church** in Calgary. The day begins with Mass, followed by inspiring talks and panel discussions that explore how we can live out and support our baptismal call. To register, visit catholicyc.ca/vocationsrally

St. Michael's Summer Camp

Join St. Michael Catholic Community in Calgary for a faith-filled summer adventure! Youth are invited to "True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World." When: **July 15–17 | 8:30 am to 11:30 am**. Cost: \$75 per child. Bursaries available. Contact Caroline at cdixon@saintmichael.ca or call 403-249-0423 ext. 105.

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. Anne's Korean Church](#) - Fri, May 30 at 12 pm to Sun, Jun 1 at 10 am
- [St. Michael's, Calgary](#) - Fri, Jun 6 at 3 pm to Sun, Jun 8 at 8 am.

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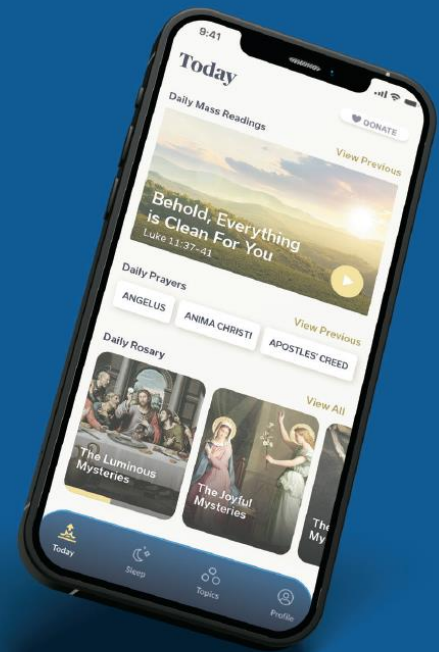
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Monday, April 7	KofC Officers' Meeting
Monday, April 14	Holy Hour Adoration
Monday, April 14	KofC General Meeting
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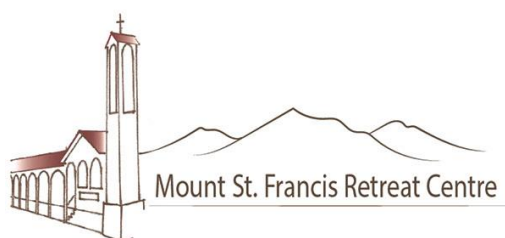
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Our retreats are organized through a group of dedicated volunteer Captains that oversee the registration. Please see our retreats page for more information.

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.

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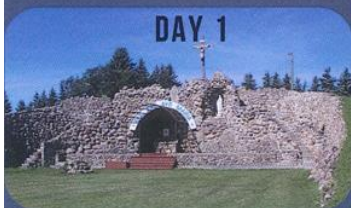
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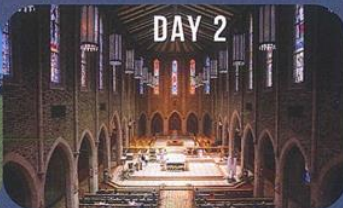
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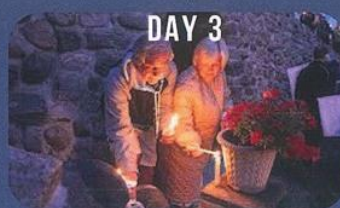
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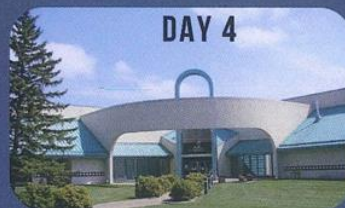
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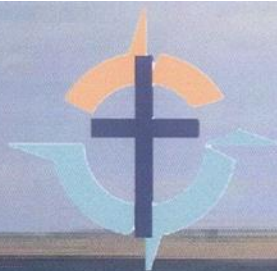
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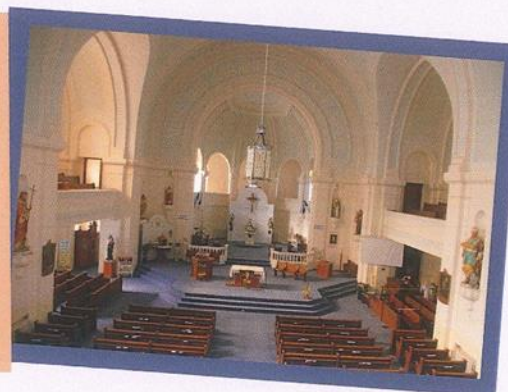
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