



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YR. C

MAY 25, 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

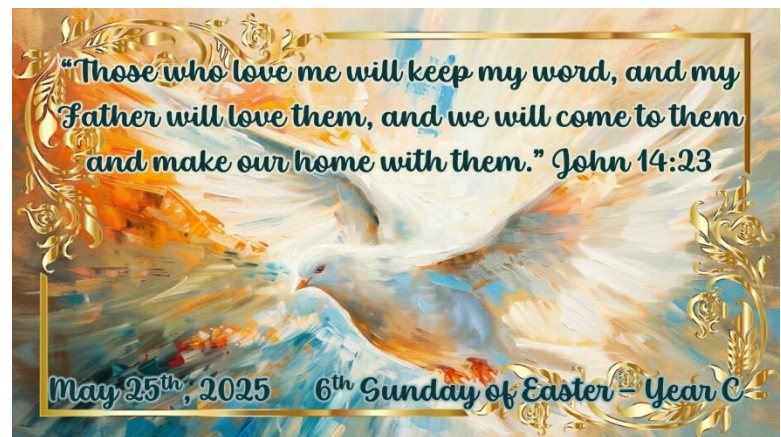
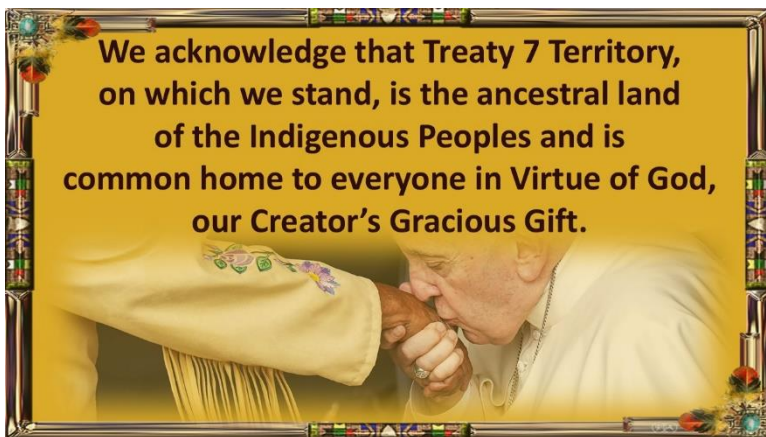
THE CHAPEL IS OPEN...

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 24th to 30th †

Sat. May 24 - 5:00pm – Simon Schmaltz †

Sun. May 25 - 8:30am – Alfred Wagner †

10:30am – Holy Family Parish

5:00pm – Merlin Schafer †

Mon. May 26 - 9:00am – Elise Krooshoop †

Tue. May 27 - 9:00am – Christina & Joe Lorentz †

Wed. May 28 - 7:00am – Peter Benn †

Thu. May 29 - 9:00am – Lorraine & Joe Goldade †

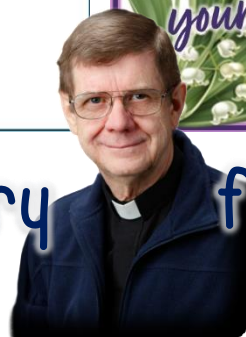
Fri. May 30 - 9:00am – Paul Lerner †



God Bless You,
Thank You for
your donations!

Special Collections
May 2025
Future Development
Together in Action
Education of
Seminarians
Pope's Pastoral
Works

Thank You Fr. Terry for helping us out!



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****Balance Forward** **\$ 40,834**

**This was not updated
this week as Robin
took a few days off!**

48% \$ 33,846

St. 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**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

John 14:23-29

Keeping the Lord's Word
Love me. Keep my words. Will
teach you everything. Be not
afraid. What an Easter message!
From the other side of death, the
living Jesus still embraces us, still
teaches us, still wants the best of
everything for us.

† How will I love God today?
What impact will that have on
someone else?

† How can I be at peace and trust
in the Lord's care for me?

† How will I shed fear and not let
my heart be troubled?

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International Exhibition
**THE EUCHARISTIC
MIRACLES**
OF THE WORLD

Designed and created by the Servant of God, Carlo Acutis

EXHIBITION DATES...Thurs. June 5th – 9 AM –
6 PMFri. June 6th – 9 AM –
9 PM& 12 Hour Adoration
9:30 AM – 9:30 PMSat. Jun 7th – 8:30 AM –
NoonSun. Jun 8th – 9 AM –
Noon

& 1 PM – 8 PM

Holy Family Parish
Medicine Hat

Everyone Welcome!

www.miracolieucaaristici.org



International Exhibition
**THE EUCHARISTIC
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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.

Everyone Welcome!

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& 1 PM – 8 PM



Pray for Fr. Iqbal & all for a safe return home!

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

GROUND BLESSING

of Holy Trinity Academy

Medicine Hat Catholic's future K-9 school.

Thursday, May 29th | 10:30 AM
St. Francis Xavier School
318 8 St NE

Join us for the official ground blessing and sod turning, followed by light snacks and refreshments in the gymnasium.

RSVP to Chelsey Lybbert, Executive Assistant
chelsey.lybbert@mhcbe.ab.ca



4th Degree
Knights of Columbus
Meeting
June 1st, 2025 at
2:00 PM
St. Patrick's Church
Hall Meeting Room

Followed by Election & Sword Practice for new Sir Knights and those in possession of uniform.



The Catholic Women's League
Holy Family Parish

The CWL June Windup

June 10th - 6:00 Rosary & Supper

Supper \$10:00 per person to be paid at the door

Please phone or e-mail Dianne Smith by June 5th

Phone: 403-548-6906 E Mail: grannysmitty@shaw.ca

Hope you all can make it.

Psalm 67:2-3,5,6,8

A prayer that all the nations
sing praise to God.

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 6th until Sept 3rd from 2-4pm

"Donations for Cemetery Restoration"

"Blumenfeld Heritage Site" Box 104 Leader, SK S0N 1H0

or e-transfer Karri - karriwagman.kw@gmail.com

Facebook ~ Blumenfeld & District Heritage Site

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.

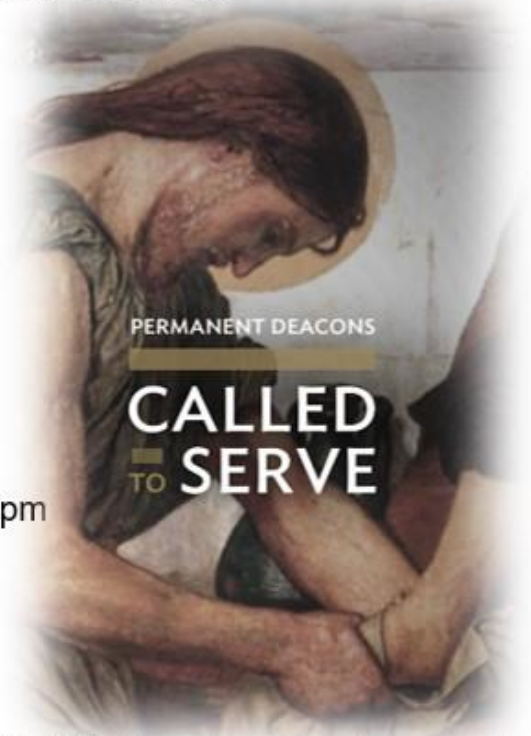
For more information call Carol at 403-526-0415.

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

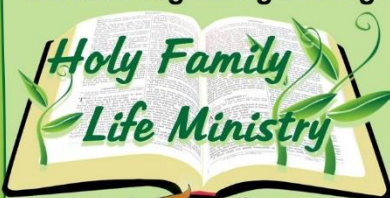
Thank you to all who worked and attended our Spring Tea on Saturday, May 17th.

Thanks for all the beautiful prizes for our mystery raffle draws.

Comments were how beautiful the prizes were. God Bless, CWL Circle 2.



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

Bible Study



Thursday Mornings after the 9:00 Mass

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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OBEDIENT TO HIS COMMANDMENTS

St. Peter Chrysologus once said, appeal to you by the mercy of God. This appeal is made by Paul, or rather, it is made by God through Paul, because of God's desire to be loved rather than feared, to be a father rather than a Lord. God appeals to us in his mercy to avoid having to punish us in his severity. Listen to the Lord's appeal: In me, I want you to see your own body, your members, your heart, your bones, your blood. You may fear what is divine, but why not love what is human? You may run away from me as the Lord, but why not run to me as your father? Perhaps you are filled with shame for causing my bitter passion. Do not be afraid. This cross inflicts a mortal injury, not on me, but on death. These nails no longer pain me but only deepen your love for me. I do not cry out because of these wounds, but through them I draw you into my heart. My body was stretched on the cross as a symbol, not of how much I suffered, but of my all-embracing love. I count it no less to shed my blood: it is the price I have paid for your ransom. Come, then, return to me and learn to know me as your father, who repays good for evil, love for injury, and boundless charity for piercing wounds. Listen now to what the Apostle urges us to do. I appeal to you, he says, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice. By this exhortation of his, Paul has raised all men to priestly status.

How marvelous is the priesthood of the Christian, for he is both the victim that is offered on his own behalf, and the priest who makes the offering. He does not need to go beyond himself to seek what he is to immolate to God: with himself and in himself he brings the sacrifice he is to offer God for himself. The victim remains and the priest remains, always one and the same. Immolated, the victim still lives: the priest who immolates cannot kill. Truly it is an amazing sacrifice in which a body is offered without being slain and blood is offered without being shed. The Apostle says: I appeal to you by the mercy of God to

present your bodies as a living sacrifice. Brethren, this sacrifice follows the pattern of Christ's sacrifice by which he gave his body as a living immolation for the life of the world. He really made his body a living sacrifice, because, though slain, he continues to live. In such a victim death receives its ransom, but the victim remains alive. Death itself suffers the punishment. This is why death for the martyrs is a birth, and their end a beginning. Their execution is the door to life, and those who were thought to have been blotted out from the earth shine brilliantly in heaven. Paul says: I appeal to you by the mercy of God to present your bodies as a sacrifice, living and holy. The prophet said the same thing: Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but you have prepared a body for me. Each of us is called to be both a sacrifice to God and his priest. Do not forfeit what divine authority confers on you. Put on the garment of holiness, gird yourself with the belt of chastity. Let Christ be your helmet, let the cross on your forehead be your unfailing protection. Your breastplate should be the knowledge of God that he himself has given you. Keep burning continually the sweet-smelling incense of prayer. Take up the sword of the Spirit. Let your heart be an altar. Then, with full confidence in God, present your body for sacrifice. God desires not death, but faith; God thirsts not for blood, but for self-surrender; God is appeased not by slaughter, but by the offering of your free will.

There was once a man who had four young sons. Wanting to teach them about the dangers of judging things too rapidly, he decided to send each of them on a journey, one after the other, to a distant pear tree. Each son when in a different season, the first in winter, the second in spring, and so on. At the end of the year, he brought his children together and asked them what they'd seen.

The son who'd travelled in winter described a gnarled, twisted, and barren tree that stood stark and ugly against the land. The son who went in spring disagreed. No, he said, the tree seemed full of hope and promise, with green buds along its branches. The third son, who'd travelled in summer, disagreed once more. The pear tree he'd seen was covered in beautiful blossom that looked and smelled divine. Finally, the last son, who'd made the journey in fall, disagreed again, describing a tree laden with sweet and delicious pears that tasted better than any he'd eaten before.

When each son had spoken, the father said they were all correct, because they'd only seen but one season of the pear tree's life. He explained to his sons that it's foolish and impossible to judge something in this manner. The essence of something, whether it's a tree or their fellow man, can only be measured as a whole, at the end of the year, having seen it in its fullness. To make your judgment in winter is to miss the promise of spring, the beauty of summer, and the fruit in fall.

How true it is to see the lesson from the Readings today? By keeping the commandments of the Lord, we can change our lives and can become followers of Jesus. Last Sunday we

reflected on our Christian identity when Jesus said, "By this people will know that you are my disciples". Our identity lies within the commandment of loving one another. There is a beautiful reflection from a letter to Diognetus:

"Christians are indistinguishable from other men either by nationality, language or customs. They do not inhabit separate cities of their own, or speak a strange dialect, or follow some outlandish way of life. Their teaching is not based upon reveries inspired by the curiosity of men. Unlike some other people, they champion no purely human doctrine. Regarding dress, food and manner of life in general, they follow the customs of whatever city they happen to be living in, whether it is Greek or foreign. And yet there is something extraordinary about their lives. They live in their own countries as though they were only passing through. They play their full role as citizens, but labor under all the disabilities of aliens. Any country can be their homeland, but for them their homeland, wherever it may be, is a foreign country. Like others, they marry and have children, but they do not expose them. They share their meals, but not their wives. They live in the flesh, but they are not governed by the desires of the flesh. They pass their days upon earth, but they are citizens of heaven. Obedient to the laws, they yet live on a level that transcends the law.

Christians love all men, but all men persecute them. Condemned because they are not understood, they are put to death but raised to life again. They live in poverty, but enrich many; they are totally destitute, but possess an abundance of everything. They suffer dishonor, but that is their glory. They are defamed, but vindicated. A blessing is their answer to abuse, deference their response to insult. For the good they do they receive the punishment of malefactors, but even then, they rejoice, as though receiving the gift of life. They are attacked by the Jews as aliens, they are persecuted by the Greeks, yet no one can explain the reason for this hatred.

To speak in general terms, we may say that the Christian is to the world what the soul is to the body. As the soul is present in every part of the body, while remaining distinct from it, so Christians are found in all the cities of the world but cannot be identified with the world. As the visible body contains the invisible soul, so Christians are seen living in the world, but their religious life remains unseen. The body hates the soul and wars against it, not because of any injury the soul has done it, but because of the restriction the soul places on its pleasures. Similarly, the world hates the Christians, not because they have done it any wrong, but because they are opposed to its enjoyments.

Christians love those who hate them just as the soul loves the body and all its members despite the body's hatred. It is by the soul, enclosed within the body, that the body is held together, and similarly, it is by the Christians, detained in the world as in a prison, that the world is held together. The soul, though immortal, has a mortal dwelling place; and Christians also live for a time amidst perishable things, while awaiting the freedom from

change and decay that will be theirs in heaven. As the soul benefits from the deprivation of food and drink, so Christians flourish under persecution. Such is the Christian's lofty and divinely appointed function, from which he is not permitted to excuse himself".

The passage taken from the Acts of the Apostles speaks to us about what is essential. In the early Church there was immediately a need to discern what was essential about being a Christian, about following Christ, and what was not. The apostles and the other elders held an important meeting in Jerusalem, a first "council" (which took place in 50AD known as Council of Jerusalem), on this theme, to discuss the problems which arose after the Gospel had been preached to the pagans, to non-Jews. It was a providential opportunity for better understanding what is essential, namely, belief in Jesus Christ who died and rose for our sins and loving him as he loved us. There is a beautiful lesson hidden for us to know that by coming together and speaking out, we can solve the problems but unfortunately guns and wars have become the means to solve the issues which lead us towards hatred, division, disunity, and discrimination. But note how the difficulties and misunderstandings were overcome: not from without, but from within the Church. Once we know what is essential then we can keep the command of the Lord within our hearts (please read Psalm 119). Holy Father Pope Francis says "In your parishes, in your dioceses, be a true "lung" of faith and Christian life, a breath of fresh air! In this Square I see a great variety: earlier on it was a variety of umbrellas, and now of colours and signs. This is also the case with the Church: a great wealth and variety of expressions in which everything leads back to unity; the variety leads back to unity, and unity is the encounter with Christ".

Once a teacher called all his disciples and said, "Bring a bag of potatoes with you when you all come to discourse tomorrow but remember that each potato you bring should have the name on them of the person whom you envy. Disciples who envy many people bought as many potatoes as possible with them."

The next day, all the disciples came with potatoes in a bag. Some bought less, some bought more.

Now, the teacher said to his disciples, "For next seven days, everyone of you should keep these potato bags that you bought with. Wherever you go, eating, drinking, sleeping, walking, whatever you do, these potato bags should always be with you."

Disciples didn't understand anything, but they knew they had to follow the teacher's request.

After three or four days, the potatoes started to rot, and the disciples started to get disturbed by the smell of them. Somehow, the disciples spent seven days with the potatoes.

After the seventh day, they all went to the teacher with the bags. One of them said, "Teacher "why did you asked us to keep these potatoes with us? They started rotting and smelling, it was difficult to keep them with us every minute."

At this the teacher smiled and said, "You are feeling the burden of these potatoes in just seven days, then think how much burden it is on your mind when you envy other people.

We do have the same problem if we don't obey the commandments of the Lord.

To keep the commandments of the Lord means we look at his Holy Cross every day. Whenever we carry the crucifix with such great veneration and love for the Lord, we are not performing a simple outward act; we are pointing to the centrality of the Lord's paschal mystery, his passion, death and resurrection which have redeemed us, and you are reminding yourselves first, as well as the community, that we have to follow Christ along the concrete path of our daily lives so that he can transform us. I remember during the Confirmation Mass, when Bishop asked the candidate the question about the Easter Symbol, the Paschal Candle and the flame on top reminded me and all of you that we are called to be the light and without keeping his commandments we can't follow his paths. However, the Blessed Virgin Mary teaches us how to keep his commandments and meditate on them day and night.

Jesus through the Gospel of John continued his farewell discourse as he was sitting at the dinner table. Jesus entrusted his last thoughts, as a spiritual testament, to the apostles before he left them. Last Sunday Jesus said in the same chapter that "today I give you a new commandment 'love one another'" which was to follow after he washed the feet of his disciples. Today's text makes it clear that Christian faith is completely centred on the relationship between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Whoever loves the Lord Jesus welcomes him and his Father interiorly, and thanks to the Holy Spirit receives the Gospel in his or her heart and life. Here we are shown in the centre from which everything must go forth and to which everything must lead loving God and being Christ's disciples by living the Gospel. Pope Benedict XVI used this expression: evangelical spirit. Pope Francis said "Draw always from Christ, the inexhaustible wellspring; strengthen your faith by attending to your spiritual formation, to personal and communitarian prayer, and to the liturgy. Advance with determination along the path of holiness; do not rest content with a mediocre Christian life, but let your affiliation serve as a stimulus, above all for you yourselves, to an ever-greater love of Jesus Christ".

Saint Gaudentius of Brescia - Bishop, reflecting on the true image of Christians who keep the commandment of the Lord said "One man has died for all, and now in every church in the mystery of bread and wine he heals those for whom he is offered in sacrifice, giving life to those who believe and holiness to those who consecrate the offering. This is the flesh of the Lamb; this is his blood. The bread that came down from heaven declared:

The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world. It is significant, too, that his blood should be given to us in the form of wine, for his own words in the gospel, I am the true vine, imply clearly enough that whenever wine is offered as a representation of Christ's passion, it is offered as his blood. This means that it was of Christ that the blessed patriarch Jacob prophesied when he said: He will wash his tunic in wine and his cloak in the blood of the grape. The tunic was our flesh, which Christ was to put on like a garment and which he was to wash in his own blood”.

Even if we fail to keep his commandments, the Holy Spirit does help us to understand his message because the Holy Spirit is our Advocate and Help, who prays for us as St. Paul writes to the Romans “Brothers and Sisters: For all who are led by the Spirit of God, are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him” (8:14-17).

Are we obedient to his commandments?



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DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

6th Sunday of Easter



~~Sacred Heart of Jesus~~ Mr. Peter An to the

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.

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.

Upcoming Garage Sales

Visit the upcoming Garage Sales in your parishes:

- **Fri, May 24 from 9 am to 3 pm - St. Peter's, Calgary.** Drop-off: May 23, 10:30 am–9 pm. [More.](#)

- **June 6–7 | Holy Name, Calgary** – Fri 3–7 pm, Sat 9 am–1 pm. [More](#).

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition in Medicine Hat

Discover the Eucharistic Miracles of the World exhibition, designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis, featuring 158 miracles from 22 countries! When: **Jun 5 - 8 at Holy Family Parish, Medicine Hat**. All are welcome.

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 catholiccyc.ca/vocationsrally

Father's Day Mass and Lunch

Join the Sisters of Divine Mercy for Mass, Rosary, and a special Fathers' Consecration to St. Joseph. Confession begins at 10 am. When: **Sat, Jun 14 at 11 am at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Calgary**. For more information, call Sr Katrina at 587-755-1019. All are welcome!

Tea with the Sisters

Tea with the Sisters on **Saturday, June 14, 2025 from 1:30 pm to 4 pm at Providence Sisters' Convent**. This is an opportunity for young women 16+ to meet the Sisters of various communities in the Diocese of Calgary and enjoy some tea and sweets with conversation and also participate in a Rosary Walk with them. This event is held at the Providence Sisters' convent at 150 Providence Blvd SE, just east of St. Mary's University. Anyone under 18 will be asked for permission from her

parent/guardian. We are looking forward to seeing you. Please register at sisterdianne.turner@calgarydiocese.ca

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.

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 & Conference Centre (on Zoom). To register, call 403-228-4215.

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.
- [Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Rockies, Canmore](#) - Thu, July 3 at 5 pm to Sat, Jul 5 at 9:30 am

Career Opportunities

Career opportunities within Calgary's Catholic community and beyond:


- [Catechetics & Discipleship Ministry Coordinator \(Full-time\)](#)
- [Case Worker \(Full-time\) - Elizabeth House](#)
- [Kensington Coordinator - ALIES](#)
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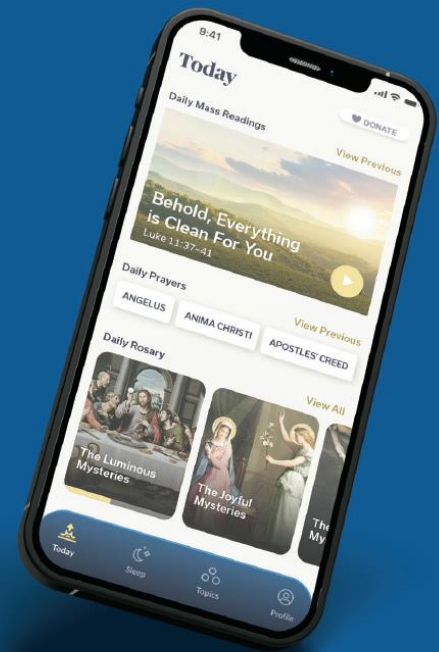
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Monday, April 7	KofC Officers' Meeting
Monday, April 14	Holy Hour Adoration
Monday, April 14	KofC General Meeting
Sunday, May 4	Parish Breakfast
Monday, May 5	KofC Officers' Meeting
Monday, May 12	KofC General Meeting
Monday, June 2	KofC General Meeting
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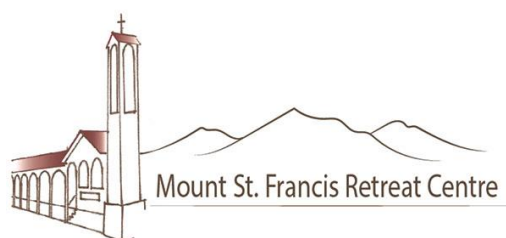
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Retreat Centers in Southern Alberta

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



Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre is nestled in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains where are all welcome in the name of Christ. The Franciscan Friars of Canada, inspired by the vision and example of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi, have served here since 1949.

We offer silent retreats and spiritual direction. We also serve those in the 12 Step Program through weekend and evening Serenity

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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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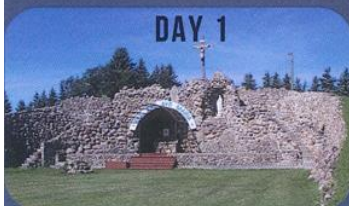
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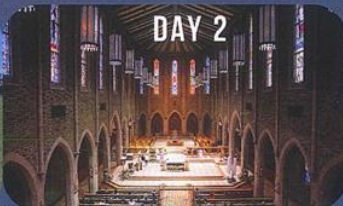


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- Oblate Bro. Anthony Kowalczyk (declared Venerable)Grave Site
- 1860 Fr Lacombe Chaple Alberta's oldest building
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- 2 Nights Lamont, AB Inn
- Group Dinner & Fellowship
- Evening Catholic Talk at the Historic Chesterton House

DAY 3

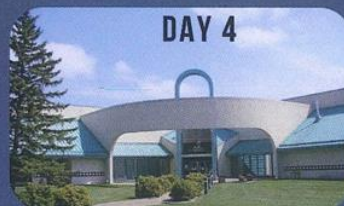


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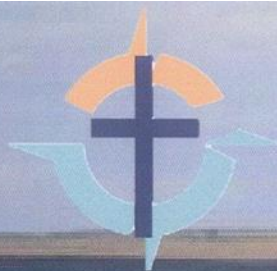
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Notre-Dame d'Auvergne Ponteix, Sk

- **PILGRIMAGE DAY to Ponteix**
- 2pm Arrival at Historic Ponteix Church
- Welcome; Chaplet of Divine Mercy; Presentation Mother of Hope Talk; Coffee Break; Adoration, Anointing of the Sick; Holy Mass; Candle Light Procession.
- Private Resting Room at the on-site Convent - if a short lie down or privacy is needed.
- 3X meals (Breakfast, Lunch & Supper)

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