



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YR. C

JUNE 1, 2025

Email: contact@holyfamilymh.ca ~ Website: www.holyfamilymh.ca ~ Phone 403-527-6933

Facebook: [Medicine Hat Holy Family Parish](#) ~ YouTube: [Medicine Hat Holy Family Church](#)

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

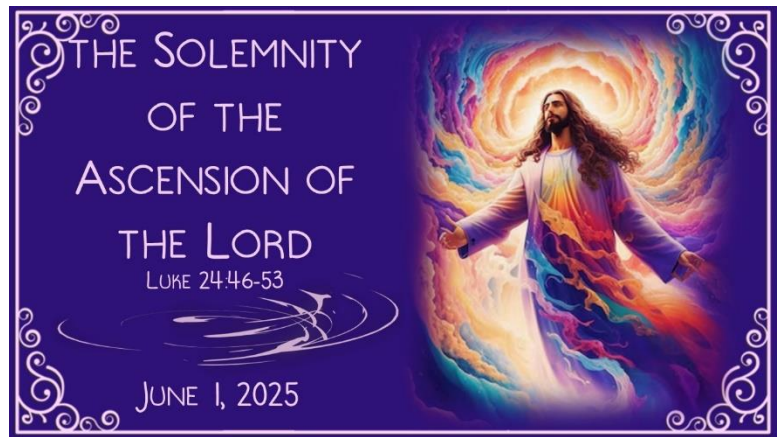
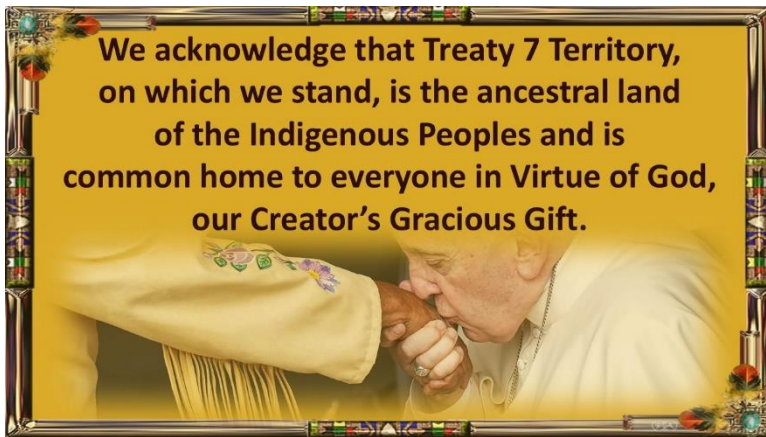
THE CHAPEL IS OPEN...

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 30th to June 6th †

Sat. May 30 - 8:00am – Tony & Bev Hammel & Family
5:00pm – Ann Kanig †

Sun. June 1 - 8:30am – Holy Family Parish
10:30am – Darren & Barb Quast
5:00pm – Evelyn Sansregret

Mon. June 2 - 9:00am – Anne Harnack †

Tue. June 3 - 9:00am – Lorena Kelly 10:00am – Vi Sheridan
(School Mass)

Wed. June 4 - 7:00am – Martin Hofer †

Thu. June 5 - 9:00am – Norm Neigum †

Fri. June 6 - 9:00am – Deceased Pisoni Family †



Special Collections May 2025

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

Luke 24:46-53 Jesus is taken to heaven, and the disciples remain in Jerusalem awaiting his sending of the Spirit.

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

General Envelope Collection \$ 41,320

Loose Collections \$ 3,598

Future Development \$ 2,001

Misc. Income \$ 4,451

Total Month Income **\$ 51,370****Budget Vs Actual** **-\$ 18,786****SPECIAL COLLECTIONS****2025 YEAR TO DATE****Together in Action (TIA)**
GOAL - \$70,938 48% **\$ 35,808****St Vincent de Paul** **\$ 18,365****World Mission** **\$ 125****Clergy Retirement** **\$ 939****Mission Mexico** **\$ 834****CARO** **\$ 225****Seminary Fund** **\$ 2,204****Holy Land & Pope's Pastoral** **\$ 5,532***Thank You for your Generous Contributions***May Ave. Weekend Atten.** **1177****The Ascension of the Lord**

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Ephesians 1:17-23

Luke 24:46-53.

Befriending God

Saint Luke addresses Theophilus at the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles. "Friend of God" is an apt translation of this Greek name. In addressing him, he is addressing each of us. We are called to witness to God in Christ as only a friend can do.

† How, as a friend, will I witness to Christ?

† How, as a friend, will I live the Christian life?

† How, as a friend, will I "teach" others, perhaps more by what I do than by what I say?

e-transfer
ONLINE GIVING  **DONATE TODAY...**
accounting@holyfamilymh.ca

TO ALL MINISTRIES

Please let me know when and if your meetings are stopping for the Summer and what date they will resume so I can work on the calendar! **THANK YOU!!!**

EMAIL PLEASE – contact@holyfamilymh.ca

SUMMER**Eucharistic Ministers**

Commissioning and Recommissioning
of all Eucharistic Ministers

May 31 & June 1, 2025 at all Masses

Please sign in before mass at the signup table!

Psalm 47:2-3,6-9 - Sing praise to God as he mounts his throne.

Knights of Columbus
Officers Meeting
Monday, June 2nd at 7:00pm
Holy Family Parish Faith Room



Catholic Women's League (CWL)
Executive Meeting
Tuesday, June 3rd at 7:00pm
Holy Family Parish Hall



The First Wednesday of
the Month the Legion of
Mary hosts the Mother of
Perpetual Help Novena
Following 7:00am Mass
June 4th, 2025

First Saturday Mass

The 1st Saturday of
each month
at 8:00am

June 7th, 2025



Knights of Columbus #9502

Year End Barbecue

Monday, June 9 - 6:00pm HFP Hall

Free event open to KofC members, their families
and widows of KofC members Contact Pat Ries at
403-458-0442 or pjries@memlane.com by June 6
Look forward to celebrating this Columbian Year with you!



*"He loves, he hopes, he waits. Our Lord prefers to wait Himself
for the sinner for years rather than keep us waiting an instant."*

Maria Goretti

**Coffee with the
Church Lady Staff**
Tuesday
June 10, 2025
Isn't that a special! Following 9:00 Mass
In the Faith Room

 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.

AGM Holy Family Parish
Finance Council
Parish Pastoral Council
Maintenance Committee
Annual General Meeting Volunteer Coordinator

Wednesday, June 17, 2025
7:00 PM Faith Room
Everyone is Welcome

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

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.miracolieucaaristici.org

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



From: "Fr. Iqbal Khurshid" <pastorrev84@gmail.com>

To: YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Sent: Monday, May 26, 2025, 9:13:21 AM

Subject: Many Blessings

Good morning,

I hope this message finds you well. I would greatly appreciate your assistance with a pressing matter and kindly request that you email me at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. Have a blessed day filled with love, peace, and blessings.

God Bless,

Fr. Iqbal
Pastor

**THIS IS A SCAM EMAIL.
PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND
JUST DELETE IT!!!**

**THIS IS A SCAM EMAIL.
PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND
JUST DELETE IT!!!**

SAINTS ALIVE *Bible Camp*

**\$25 PER
CAMPER,
INCLUDES A
T-SHIRT!**

JULY 7-11, 2025

8:00am-12:30pm at Holy Family Parish

THEME: WHEN JESUS WAS A KID

For more information contact
Tammy 403-866-7886 or email
tammylynnpeterson@gmail.com

**LINK TO PRINT
REGISTRATION FORM**





ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Welcome to St. Mary's! Here at St. Mary's, you'll find a Grade 6-9 school that truly cares about you, your family, and your community. Our mission? To offer a high-quality Catholic education, welcoming everyone – whether you're from a faith background or not.



What Makes Us Unique?

- Find your mojo! Whether you love speaking French, or singing, dancing, and acting, or hands-on projects or tech-driven lessons, there's something for everyone. We offer four programs: French Immersion, Fine Arts Academy, Alternative Programming, and General Programming. You get to explore your passions and discover new ones with options like Mythology, CSI/Criminology, Archery, and even Circus/Clown Magic! With a huge variety of electives in arts, sciences, and hands-on skills, there's something here for every interest—come see what you'll uncover!
- Focus on Well-Being: Health, safety, and wellness matter. With Christ-centered guidance, we make sure you're supported in all ways. We have a four tiered system:
 - Tier One - our entire staff is trained on student wellness and our Community Coming Together (CCT) coach speaks with entire classes about staying healthy
 - Tier Two - students who benefit from an extra layer of support can access our Resource and Resiliency Worker in a safe place that we call the "HUB"
 - Tier Three - our Teacher-Counselor is available to students who need one-on-one support to help with academic and social challenges
 - Tier Four - our School Liaison Counselor is available by referral to help students and families with more complex challenges
- Christian Service: We prioritize living out our faith by helping and supporting others in our school and community. Every class completes at least one service project in our community
- Learning Excellence: We push ourselves and each other to do our best every day. Students at St. Mary's School are held to the highest standards and are expected to maintain passing grades. If things slip, students receive targeted help through our Academic Support Program in place of one of their elective classes.



155 11 STREET SE
MEDICINE HAT, AB T1A 4S2
403-527-7616

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



SOLEMNITY of THE ASCENSION of OUR LORD ~ YEAR C, MAY 25, 2025

ASCENDING WITH HIM IN GLORY

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord has twofold meaning: first it's the closing chapter of Our Saviour's earthly life and secondly, it's a mission entrusted to us to carry on. I found this to be a very interesting story to share with you as it contains a great message. Though Jesus has gone back to his Father, he still puts his arms around us to encourage us to continue our mission as witnesses to his great message of Love.

A 6-year-old little boy often insisted on meeting God. He didn't know much about God but was filled with a strong desire to meet Him. His wish was to sit and eat a meal with God. One day, he packed 5-6 flatbreads in a bag and set out to find God.

He walked a long distance and by evening, he arrived at the bank of a river where an elderly woman was sitting. There was a strange sparkle in her eyes, filled with love and longing, as if she was waiting for someone.

The innocent boy sat down next to the elderly woman and started eating his flatbreads. Then he suddenly remembered something and offered a piece of bread to the elderly woman with a smile. She accepted the bread, and her wrinkled face lit up with a smile, her eyes brimming with tears of happiness.

The boy continued to watch her as she ate. When she finished, he gave her another piece of bread. The elderly woman was very happy, and the boy was too. They spent the evening in love and mutual affection.

As the night fell, the boy excused himself to return home. As he walked away, he looked back repeatedly, only to find the elderly woman still gazing at him.

When he arrived home, his mother hugged him tightly and kissed him. Noticing his great joy, she asked him what made him so happy.

The boy replied, "Mother, today I had bread with God. I'm so happy!"

On other side, elderly woman, upon returning to her house, met her neighbor who saw her joy. The neighbor asked her what had made her so happy.

The elderly woman said, "I had been sitting by the riverbank for two days, waiting for God to come and feed me. Today, He came and sat with me, we ate bread, and He looked at me with such love. As He left, he even hugged me. God is very innocent and looks just like a child."

The Deep meaning of this story is: That when there is true, pure love for God in hearts, He reveals Himself. When the mind is absorbed in devotion to God, we see God in every living being.

On this seventh Sunday of Easter, we celebrate the Solemnity of The Ascension. It is an important solemnity that marks the return of Jesus to the Father. Together with the Resurrection, it is a manifestation of the victory of Christ. On one hand this feast brings sadness to his disciples because he is going to leave them physically however on the other hand this feast is a reminder that we are going to rise in glory with him. We read in the Letter to Hebrews: "Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs".

"All peoples clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy... God goes up with shouts of joy and the Lord goes up with trumpet blast."

Ascension is a solemnity that sustains the hope of Christians that one day we shall be where Christ is. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that: "...Jesus Christ the head of the Church precedes us into His Father's glorious the kingdom, so that we the members of his body may live in the hope of one day being with him forever." (665-667). In the Creed we say that Jesus "ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father". Jesus' earthly life culminated with the Ascension, when he passed from this world to the Father and was raised to sit on his right. What does this event mean? How does it affect our life? What does contemplate Jesus seated at the right hand of the Father mean? What mission does he leave for us? These questions are very important to ask and reflection upon.

St. Augustine reflecting on this feast says "Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: *If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth.* For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies. Christ is now exalted above the heavens, but he still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of his body, must bear.

He showed this when he cried out from above: "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" and when he said: "I was hungry, and you gave me food." Why do we on earth not strive to

find rest with him in heaven even now, through the faith, hope and love that unites us to him? While in heaven he is also with us; and we while on earth are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power, and his love. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love. He did not leave heaven when he came down to us; nor did he withdraw from us when he went up again into heaven. The fact that he was in heaven even while he was on earth is borne out by his own statement: No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven. These words are explained by our oneness with Christ, for he is our head, and we are his body. No one ascended into heaven except Christ because we also are Christ: he is the Son of Man by his union with us, and we by our union with him are the sons of God.

So, the Apostle says: Just as the human body, which has many members, is a unity, because all the different members make one body, so is it also with Christ. He too has many members, but one body. Out of compassion for us he descended from heaven, and although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace. Thus, only Christ descended and only Christ ascended; not because there is no distinction between the head and the body, but because the body as a unity cannot be separated from the head”.

In the First Reading the words of the Lord to his disciples “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth” is our obligation to be missionaries and our mission should continue. Church by her nature is missionary. Holy Father Pope Francis invites us to reflect on the First Reading with him “Let us reflect on the three key phrases that synthesize the three foundations of the life and mission of every disciple: “You shall be my witnesses”, “to the ends of the earth” and “you shall receive the power of the Holy Spirit””.

1. “You shall be my witnesses” – The call of every Christian to bear witness to Christ This is the central point, the heart of Jesus’ teaching to the disciples, in view of their being sent forth into the world. The disciples are to be witnesses of Jesus, thanks to the grace of the Holy Spirit that they will receive. Wherever they go and in whatever place they find themselves. Christ was the first to be sent, as a “missionary” of the Father (Jn 20:21), and as such, he is the Father’s “faithful witness” (Rev 1:5). In a similar way, every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. And the Church, the community of Christ’s disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. To evangelize is the very identity of the Church. Each baptized person is called to mission, in the Church and by the mandate of the Church: consequently, mission is carried out together, not individually, in communion with the ecclesial community, and not on one’s own initiative.

2. “To the ends of the earth” – In telling the disciples to be his witnesses, the risen Lord also tells them where they are being sent: “...in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8). Here we clearly see the universal character of the disciples’ mission. The disciples are sent not to proselytize, but to proclaim; the Christian

does not proselytize. The Acts of the Apostles speak of this missionary expansion and provide a striking image of the Church “going forth” in fidelity to her call to bear witness to Christ the Lord and guided by divine providence in the concrete conditions of her life. Persecuted in Jerusalem and then spread throughout Judea and Samaria, the first Christians bore witness to Jesus everywhere. The words “to the ends of the earth” should challenge the disciples of Jesus in every age and impel them to press beyond familiar places in bearing witness to him.

3. “You will receive power” from the Holy Spirit – Let us always be strengthened and guided by the Spirit. When the risen Christ commissioned the disciples to be his witnesses, he also promised them the grace needed for this great responsibility: “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8). According to the account in Acts, it was precisely following the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples that the first act of witnessing to the crucified and risen Christ took place. The Holy Spirit gave them the strength, courage and wisdom to bear witness to Christ before all. Just as “no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’, except by the Holy Spirit” (1 Cor 12:3), so no Christian is able to bear full and genuine witness to Christ the Lord without the Spirit’s inspiration and assistance. All Christ’s missionary disciples are called to recognize the essential importance of the Spirit’s work, to dwell in his presence daily and to receive his unfailing strength and guidance.

The Holy Spirit equally reminds us we must commend ourselves to his guidance and counsel. In the second reading, Paul prays as the king God to send us the Holy Spirit: *“May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ give you the Spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you the full knowledge of him.”* This must be our prayer and wish every day of our life. We must invite the Holy Spirit to take control of our entire mission. We must invite him to lighten the dark spots of our lives as Paul prays: *“May he enlighten the eyes of your minds so that you can see the hope his call holds for you...”*

On this feast day we must remember that “it is a day in which we direct our gaze to heaven, then back to our mission on earth”. In fact, that is the place where our legacy comes from. In the scripture today we come to know about the instructions given by Jesus before he departed from earth to his Father to be seated on the right hand of him. In the words of Holy Father “This feast contains two elements”, “On one hand, it directs our look to Heaven, where Jesus, glorified, is seated at the right hand of God. On the other, it recalls the beginning of the Church’s mission: why? Because Jesus rose and ascended into Heaven sends His disciples to spread the Gospel throughout the world; therefore, the Ascension exhorts us to raise our gaze to Heaven, to then turn it back immediately to earth, carrying out the tasks that the Risen Lord has entrusted to us.” It’s in fact Baptism that qualifies us and drives us to be missionaries, to proclaim the Gospel. As at the beginning the Risen Christ sent His Apostles with the strength of the Holy Spirit, so today He sends all of us, with the same strength, to put concrete and visible signs of hope; because Jesus gives us hope; He has gone to Heaven and has opened the doors of Heaven and the hope that we will arrive there.”

Holy Father says "While in heaven he is also with us; and we while on earth are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power, and his love. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love. He did not leave heaven when he came down to us; nor did he withdraw from us when he went up again into heaven. The fact that he was in heaven even while he was on earth is borne out by his own statement: *No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.* These words are explained by our oneness with Christ, for he is our head, and we are his body. No one ascended into heaven except Christ because we also are Christ: he is the Son of Man by his union with us, and we by our union with him are the sons of God. So, the Apostle says: *Just as the human body, which has many members, is a unity, because all the different members make one body, so is it also with Christ.* He too has many members, but one body".

Jesus' Ascension into heaven thus constitutes the end of the mission that the Son received from the Father and the beginning of the continuation of this mission on the part of the Church. From this moment, from the moment of the Ascension, in fact, Christ's presence in the world is mediated by his disciples, by those who believe in him and proclaim him. This mission will last until the end of history and every day will have the assistance of the Risen Lord, who assures: *"I am with you always, to the close of the age"*.

Our mission must continue to witness his name without any problem. Also, we must look at him who left a legacy for us to keep our conduct inline with his teachings and commandment so that the fruit we bear must last forever as the Lord says in the Gospel of John.

Once upon a time, there was a king who used to respect the royal priest of his kingdom very much. Whenever he came, the king, would himself, get up from his throne and honor him.

One day the king asked him, "I have a question. Tell me whether a person's conduct is great or his knowledge is great."

The priest said, "Give me a few days time, then I will answer your question."

The next day, the royal priest went to the king's treasury and picked up some gold coins from there and put them in his bag. The treasurer saw this but remained silent considering position of the royal priest.

The royal priest kept doing this continuously for some days. He would go there and pick some gold coins and put them in his bag and then go out. The treasurer watched this, as it kept happening for days, the treasurer went to the king and told whole story.

The royal priest went to the king's palace one day, that day neither the king himself went to receive him nor got up from his throne in respect.

The royal priest understood that matter of the king's gold coins had reached him. The king raised his voice and asked to Priest, "Have you taken gold coins from treasury?"

The priest said, "Yes. it is true."

The king got angry and asked, "Why did you do this?"

Th priest smiled and said, "I deliberately took the gold coins. I wanted to show you whether a person's conduct is greater or knowledge.

When you came to know that I had taken the gold coins without your permission, you didn't get up from throne in respect, which you usually do. On contrary you raised your voice and got angry at me.

My knowledge was with me even before lifting the gold coins and it is with me even after stealing gold coins. But as soon as you came to know about my theft, you lost respect for me.

You used to respect me because of my conduct but as soon as my conduct changed, your thoughts about me also changed and you couldn't respect me."

The king understood and praised the priest for his answer.

To rise in glory, we need to feel the presence of the Lord because the Ascension of Our Lord marks the beginning of the fulfilment of Christ's promise to us.

So, let's pray that this feast will help us to understand the presence of the Lord into our lives and ask the Lord: *"always help us to look unto him to have life and life in abundance"*
Do we ascend with him?



DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

7th Sunday of Easter



Together in Action

Together in Action supports diocesan ministries and programs in the 68 parishes across southern Alberta. It helps us to carry out the mission of Christ through His Church. [More info here.](#)

Feed the Hungry - Volunteer, Donate, or Sponsor a Sunday

Take part in the spirit of generosity and giving. Let's feed the hungry in Calgary, one Sunday at a time. We invite you to volunteer, donate, or sponsor one Sunday dinner. [More info here.](#)

National Synodal Report

We invite everyone to read the Synod on Synodality reports. To read the Diocesan, Western Region and National reports, visit catholiccycc.ca/synod

Break the cycle. Talk about it.

Perhaps you are a sexual abuse survivor, a relative or a friend of someone who was abused. Talk to someone or call our toll-free number to help you break the cycle of silence. Visit catholiccycc.ca/talkaboutit

Bishops of Canada deepen commitments for healing and reconciliation

Recently, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), gathered in the Plenary Assembly and agreed upon a series of next steps related to the painful legacy of residential schools. This work builds on previous commitments to promote access to records, educate clergy on Indigenous cultures and spirituality, and contribute \$30 million to healing and reconciliation initiatives across Canada. Read more at cccb.ca

Faith Formation Courses

These formation opportunities will help you with your faith journey and to help you grow closer to Christ. Find a list of webinars and courses on our diocesan website [here](#).

Catechesis webinar recordings from CCCB

The webinar recordings, PowerPoint presentations and guides for reflections are available [here on the](#)

[CCCB website](#). They represent a rich collection of resources that can be used in diocesan/eparchial and parish settings for the formation of catechists and leaders in evangelization. Past Webinars:

- [Directory for Catechesis](#)
- [Nurturing Friendship: The Directory for Catechesis in Dialogue with the Encyclical Letter Fratelli Tutti](#)
- [Encounters of Hope: The Process Of Evangelization In Our Daily Lives](#)
- [For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission](#)

Follow us on Social Media

[Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#)

Weekly reflections can be found here:

[Vatican News](#) | [The Sunday Website](#) | [Sunday Connection](#)

Daily and Sunday Mass Prayers & Readings: [CCCB Daily Readings](#) (pick the desired date)

Livestreams

Full schedule of Parish Livestream Masses in the Diocese of Calgary is available at: <https://www.catholiccyc.ca>.

You can also watch parish Sunday Masses via TELUS Optik TV Ch. 876 and 877 (choose Diocese of Calgary tile logo). For other online Masses, visit [Salt+Light TV](#), [Shalom World TV](#), [EWTN](#) and [Vision TV](#).

Sunday Offering

Our parish relies on your Sunday offerings for maintenance and growth. By making your pre-authorized offertory gift, you are providing crucial support to care for your parish. You can also use the online giving page on the diocesan website to set up a one-time or recurring donation to your parish via credit card. Funds donated will be transferred to the selected parish. Give now at catholiccyc.ca/donatetoparish [or contact your Parish to set up a direct debit deposit].

Subscribe to Faithfully

If you haven't already, please subscribe to the [Diocesan publication Faithfully](#) - to keep you updated with what's happening in our Diocese. Faithfully gives a snapshot of faith at work in the lives of everyday people in our Diocese and provide us with opportunities to spread the Good News of Christ beyond the walls of our churches. New release is coming up this Monday! To subscribe, [click here](#).

Calendar Highlights

- **Now until June 29th** - [Veneration Relic of St. Francis of Assisi](#) - St. Michael's, Calgary
- **Fri, May 30** - [Friday Night Vigil Eucharistic Adoration](#) - St. Luke's, Calgary
- **Fri, May 30** - [Pray the Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima](#) - St. Bonaventure, Calgary
- **NEW! Fri, May 30** - [Leading Parishes in the Apostolic Age](#) - Zoom
- **NEW! Fri, May 30** - [5th Anniversary of Dedication of Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Rockies](#), Canmore
- **Sat, May 31** - [Holy House: Britannic MajesTea & Exhibition](#) - St. John the Evangelist, Calgary
- **May 30-Jun 1** - [40 Hours Devotion for Vocations](#) - St. Anne's Korean Parish, Calgary
- **Jun 5 - 8** - [Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World](#) - Holy Family, Medicine Hat
- **Thu, Jun 5** - [Marian Prayer Cenacle](#) - Holy Spirit, Calgary
- **Thu, Jun 5** - [Marriage Enrichment Worship: Marriage & Addiction](#) - Catholic Pastoral Centre, Calgary
- **Jun 5 - 8** - [Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World](#) - Holy Family, Medicine Hat
- **Fri, Jun 6** - [Apostali Viae Gospel Encounter](#) - St. John the Evangelist, Calgary
- **Fri, Jun 6** - [Friday Night Vigil Eucharistic Adoration](#) - St. Luke's, Calgary
- **Jun 6 - 8** - [Is Religious Life for YOU?](#) - Sisters of Providence, Calgary
- **Jun 6 - 8** - [40 Hours Devotion for Vocations](#) - St. Michael's, Calgary
- **June 6 & 7** - [CWL & K of C Garage Sale](#) - Holy Name, Calgary
- **Sat, Jun 7** - [Pastoral Care Ministry Training](#) - Ascension Catholic Parish, Calgary
- **June 7, 11, 14, 21** - [Is God Calling You to Serve as a Permanent Deacon?](#) - Various Locations
- **Sat, Jun 7** - [Rosary Brigade](#) - St. John the Evangelist, Calgary
- **NEW! Sat, Jun 7** - [Encounter Prayer Healing Service](#) - St. Peter's, Calgary


=====

- **Sun, Jun 8** - [Vocations Rally](#), St. Michael's, Calgary
- **Fri, Jun 13** - [ABLAZE Youth Ministry](#) - St. Bonaventure, Calgary
- **Fri, Jun 13** - [Swing and Dance Social](#) - St. John the Evangelist, Calgary
- **Jun 13-14** - [Friday Night Vigil Eucharistic Adoration](#) - St. Luke's, Calgary
- **NEW! Jun 13-14** - [Embracing the Power & Presence of the Holy Spirit Workshop](#) - St. Bonaventure, Calgary
- **Sat, Jun 14** - [Father's Day Mass and Lunch](#) - Our Lady of the Assumption, Calgary
- **NEW! Sat, Jun 14** - [Tea with the Sisters](#) - Sisters of Providence Convent, Calgary
- **Sat, Jun 14** - [Immerse Youth Night](#) - St. Michael's, Calgary
- **Jun 20-21** - [Friday Night Vigil Eucharistic Adoration](#) - St. Luke's, Calgary
- **Sun, Jun 22** - [Secular Franciscan Order](#) - St. Luke's, Calgary
- **Wed. Jun 25** - [A date with God & St. Francis: Solemn Veneration](#) - St. Michael's, Calgary
- **Fri, Jun 27** - [Ordination Mass of Rev. Mr. Peter An to the Priesthood](#) - St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary
- **Fri, Jun 27** - [Swing Dance and Social](#) - St. John the Evangelist, Calgary
- **Jun 27-28** - [Friday Night Vigil Eucharistic Adoration](#) - St. Luke's, Calgary
- **NEW! Sat, Jun 28** - [Father Peter An - Mass of Thanksgiving](#) - St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary
- **NEW! Sat, Jun 28** - [Father Peter An - Vigil Mass - Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul](#) - St. Luke's, Calgary
- **Sat, Jun 28** - [Souped Up Swing Dance](#) - St. Stephen Protomartyr Ukrainian Catholic Church, Calgary
- **NEW! Sun, Jun 29** - [Father Peter An - SFXC Mass - Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul](#) - St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary
- **NEW! Thu, Jul 3** - [Hope on the Horizon: A Global Celebration of Parish Renewal](#) - Zoom
- **NEW! Fri, Jul 4** - [Friday Night Vigil Eucharistic Adoration](#) - St. Luke's, Calgary
- **NEW! Fri, Jul 4** - [Apostali Viae Gospel Encounter](#) - St. John the Evangelist, Calgary
- **NEW! Sat, Jul 5** - [Rosary Brigade](#) - St. John the Evangelist, Calgary
- **NEW! Fri, Jul 11** - [Friday Night Vigil Eucharistic Adoration](#) - St. Luke's, Calgary
- **July 15-17** - [True North Youth Bible Camp](#) - St. Michael, Calgary
- **July 15-17** - [Soul Care for Women](#) - Mount St. Francis, Cochrane
- **July 16-26** - [Captivenia Girls' Camp](#) - Near Okotoks
- **NEW! Fri, Jul 18** - [Friday Night Vigil Eucharistic Adoration](#) - St. Luke's, Calgary
- **Fri, July 18** - [Brother Sun Sister Moon - Walking in Hope](#) - Mount St. Francis, Cochrane
- **July 20 - 27** - [Living Hope: The Pilgrim's Way](#) - Mount St. Francis, Cochrane
- **NEW! Fri, Jul 25** - [Friday Night Vigil Eucharistic Adoration](#) - St. Luke's, Calgary
- **July 28-Aug 9** - [Archatheos Boys' Camp](#) - Near Okotoks
- **NEW! Aug 15-18** - [Young Adults Jubilee Weekend & Cross of Hope Pilgrimage](#) - St. Mary's Church, Banff
- **NEW! Aug 18-22** - [Jubilee Marian Week for All Pilgrims](#) - The Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Rockies, Canmore
- **NEW! Aug 19-24** - [Preached Retreat - Hope: A Whisper in a Word that Shouts](#) - Mount St. Francis, Cochrane
- [Jubilee of Hope events in the Diocese of Calgary](#)

FORMED®

THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

1 Scan this with your phone camera
2 Enter **medicine Hat**
3 Enjoy the content you want



Visit signup.formed.org for more information

An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and  ignatius press

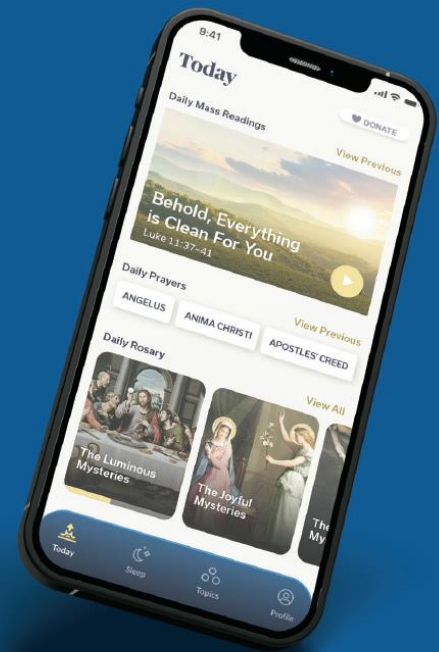
Amen™

The *Free* Catholic Prayer,
Meditation, and Scripture App

- 1 Scan this with your phone camera
- 2 Download the app
- 3 Enjoy the content you want



Visit amenapp.org for more information



An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Joe McKenna Council #9502

Knights of Columbus 2024 2025 Officers

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

Monday, April 7	KofC Officers' Meeting
Monday, April 14	Holy Hour Adoration
Monday, April 14	KofC General Meeting
Sunday, May 4	Parish Breakfast
Monday, May 5	KofC Officers' Meeting
Monday, May 12	KofC General Meeting
Monday, June 2	KofC General Meeting
Monday, June 9	KofC Year End BBQ
Sunday, June 22	Parish Picnic





THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

Who is Jesus? Do I need a church?

Why do I exist?

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

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

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH THIS TRAILER](#)

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

Guide your teens to real, satisfying answers about their life and the person of Jesus Christ now with The Search Begins.

THE
SEARCH
BEGINS

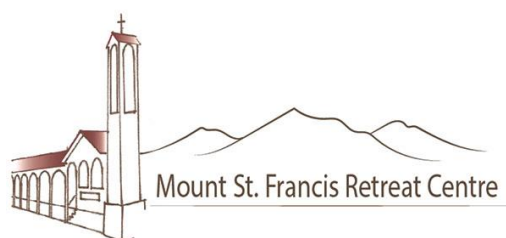
Order the [Leader's Kit](#) or [Deluxe Leader's Kit](#) on Catholic Market.

Retreat Centers in Southern Alberta

AN "OASIS" IN THE HEART OF CALGARY

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

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



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

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

retreats. We listen to 5th steps. We host groups and individuals seeking a place of quiet and stillness in an often-hectic world. We can accommodate up to 50 people (46 rooms/50 beds). We have one large and one small meeting room, a library and chapel. We can accommodate most dietary restrictions. There are approximately 500 acres to explore.

Our retreats are organized through a group of dedicated volunteer Captains that oversee the registration. Please see our retreats page for more information.

We have strong ties with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary; other Christian Churches, schools, and organizations; as well as others not affiliated with any particular faith but who are in accord with our mission of peace, healing and prayer. We value the many loyal friends and benefactors that have supported us in our ministry for over 70 years.

Martha Retreat Centre, situated on the edge of the beautiful Lethbridge coulees, is a ministry of the Martha Retreat Centre Society, which was established in 2018. Originally founded by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Martha of Antigonish, Nova Scotia in 1968, the Centre continues to be supported by and aligned with the mission of the Sisters of St. Martha: inspired by God's graciousness, we strive to hear, embrace and respond to the cry for gospel hospitality.





July 15 - 17, 2025
Tuesday 4 pm - Thursday 2 pm

SOUL care WOMEN

- ACCOMPANIED ON THE JOURNEY -

With music of the soul, meditative art images, and prayer practices that open the heart, this retreat will be a time of solace and renewal.

Facilitated by: Cathy AJ Hardy and Claire Ziprick

Register: clairezip@gmail.com or 780-893-8372
\$385 includes meals, accommodations and presentations




Brother Sun – Sister Moon: Walking in Hope

Summer Day Retreat

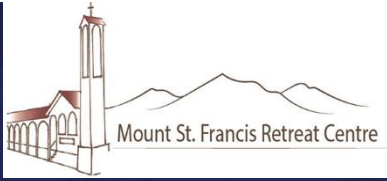
July 18, 2025 9 am – 6 pm

\$60
Register: 403-932-2012
mtfrancis@shaw.ca

With Guest Co-Facilitator: Jason Brown
Lecturer at Simon Fraser University
Global Humanities – Lectio Terra

Day includes picnic lunch and BBQ dinner.

The day includes several walks.
Please dress and prepare for the weather and terrain.
Bring your own water bottle.



HOPE

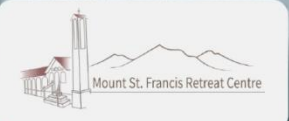
A Whisper in a World that Shouts

Preached Retreat

AUGUST 19-24, 2025
FACILITATED BY ANNE WALSH

\$650
Register: 403-932-2012
mtfrancis@shaw.ca

Anne Walsh is a native Newfoundlander. She is a Lay Missionary of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists). Anne is a teacher and has worked in youth ministry and university chaplaincy. She holds a Bachelor of Arts (Education), Master of Religious Education and Doctor of Ministry degree.



MOUNT ST. FRANCIS, COCHRANE, AB
Ladies Mid-Week retreat
Tuesday to Thursday
September 16th - September 18th/2025

THEME: Anchored in Mystery
Each of us face uncertainties and trials in our daily life. Each day we anchor ourselves in the Mystery of the Divine. This retreat is an invitation to pay attention to our relationships, our living and our responding to how the Divine Mystery meets us each day.

CONTACT : Kathy Oczkowski
E-mail : fkoczkowski@shaw.ca
Phone Number : 403-246-0660
Or

Janet Jacques
E-mail : janet.jacques704@gmail.com
Phone Number : 403-547-6616



Scams Alert

There are many scams going around masquerading as your clergy (priests, deacons or lately, the bishop).

Please exercise caution when responding to email messages. If you receive unusual emails, check the sender's email address to see whether it is the person's genuine address. Even if the sender's address looks correct, always verify suspicious emails by phoning the sender. There have been many similar scams reported by several parishes in our diocese and across Canada.

Note that these scams do not stop at emails. Those in social media should stay vigilant when responding to friend requests or to other compelling posts requiring a response. There are many fake Twitter, Facebook and other social media accounts trying to impersonate people you know and our church leaders. Some scammers may take the time to build a relationship with you to gain your trust, before trying to extort money or other things like gift cards.

Please exercise vigilance when you are being charitable. Use the channels you are most familiar with and avoid becoming victims of a scam.

NOBODY is going to ask you for gift cards, or bit coins from the church! NOBODY!!!

All our email addresses only end in @holymfamilymh.ca never a @gmail account.

If you get an email or a text, PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND to it, you can forward it to contact@holymfamilymh.ca so it can be sent to the diocese.



LTH TOURS
LIFE TIME HIGHS



info@LTHtours.ca
LTHTOURS.CA
587 223 0203

**HISTORY, INSPIRATION,
FAITH, AND COMMUNITY**

SKARO PILGRIMAGE

101 years

AUG 12-15, 2025

A 4 Day / 3 Night ALBERTA Holy Tour

PRICE

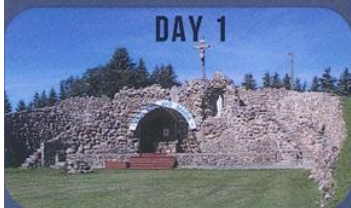
SINGLE OCCP - \$1050
DOUBLE OCCP - \$870
TRIPLE / QUAD OCCP - \$840

PER PERSON

BOOK EARLY TO ENSURE TOUR IS A GO
DEADLINE: JULY 11, 2025
GROUP TOUR/MOTORCOACH/HOTELS

A 4 Day Catholic Journey of Alberta's Historic and Sacred Sites. Be taken back to the late 1800's when French, Polish, & Ukrainian Catholics brought the faith to Alberta. Two France Inspired Grotto of Lourdes Shrine's, Alberta's first Chapel building, Learn about Bro Anthony - possibly Alberta's first Saint. Hear historic talks, see historic buildings and join approx. 3500 Catholic Albertans & 107 years of prayer, procession & pilgrimage.

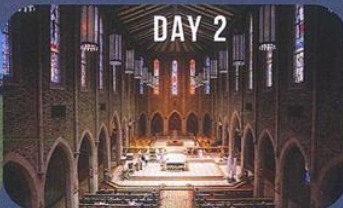
DAY 1



ST ALBERT PARISH ST ALBERT, AB

- 1 Night St Albert Inn & Suites
- Dinner & Catholic History Talk
- Oblate Bro. Anthony Kowalczyk (declared Venerable) Grave Site
- 1860 Fr Lacombe Chaple Alberta's oldest building
- Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto
- Way of the Cross

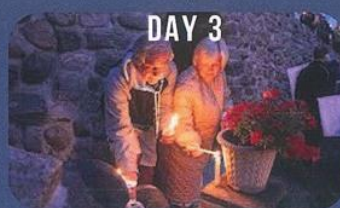
DAY 2



ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA EDMONTON, AB

- Daily Mass @ Cathedral
- 2 Nights Lamont, AB Inn
- Group Dinner & Fellowship
- Evening Catholic Talk at the Historic Chesterton House

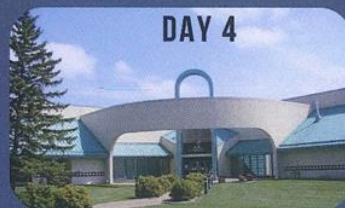
DAY 3



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL LOURDES GROTTO SKARO, AB

- 107th Annual Skaro, AB Evening Pilgrimage
- Reconciliation, Vespers, Solemn Mass, Blessed Sacrament, Candle Lit Procession w/Bishop

DAY 4



BASILIAN FATHERS MUSEUM/CHESTERTON HOUSE MUNDARE, AB

- The history of Ukrainian Catholic culture a religious pioneers, the Basilian Fathers Monastery/Museum
- Travel Home

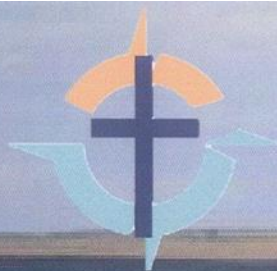
TOUR INCLUDES

LUXURY MOTORCOACH W/ WASHROOM;
3 HOTEL NIGHTS, 3 HOT BREAKFASTS, 2 LUNCHES,
3 DINNERS, 2 MUSEUM ADMISSIONS, TALK DONATIONS,
PARISH DONATIONS, GST & FEES, 2 TOUR DIRECTORS

> BOOK NOW

Life Time Highs Tours
587 223 0203 / 403 220 0203
Pilgrimages for the Faithful





LTH TOURS
LIFE TIME HIGHS



JULY 14-17, 2025

EXPLORE THE WORLD IN SASKATCHEWAN

91st Annual Notre Dame d'Auvergne Ponteix, SK Pilgrimage



400 year old - Our Lady of Sorrows Statue preserved from destruction during the French Revolution is honored in Ponteix.



Christ the Redeemer Swift Current

- Days 1 & 4 Travel Days
- Luxury Motor Coach Transportation w/washroom.
- Pickup/Return: Calgary North//South, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat & stops thru-out Southern Alberta
- 3 Nights Hotel accommodation
- 2 X meals (Lunch & Supper)
- 2 Professional Tour Directors
- On coach fun & spiritual activities
- Rest time
- Evening Vespers



Our Lady of Assumption Co-Cathedral Gravelbourg, SK

- Day Trip to francophone Gravelbourg
- Co-cathedral built in 1919
- **Ecclesiastical National Historic Site.**
- Guided tour of its history and the extensive murals focusing on: the sins of the world; stations of the cross, the life and death of St Philomena. Stain glass from France & the 17th century Bishops Chair used by Italian Royalty.
- Tour of the Bishops House & Convent
- 3X meals (Breakfast, Lunch & Supper)



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)

Occupancy: Single \$1025 pp
Double \$835 pp
Trpl/Quad \$790 pp

Includes: Transportation, 4 days; 3 nights Hotel Accom, 9 meals, almsgiving to visiting parishes & more. Call for details.

Book by June 10, 2025

587-223-0203 / 403-220-0203
info@LTHtours.ca LTHtours.ca



LTH Tours 29 yrs serving Calgary & Southern Alberta

