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SOLEMNITY OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL – YR. C

JUNE 29, 2025

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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

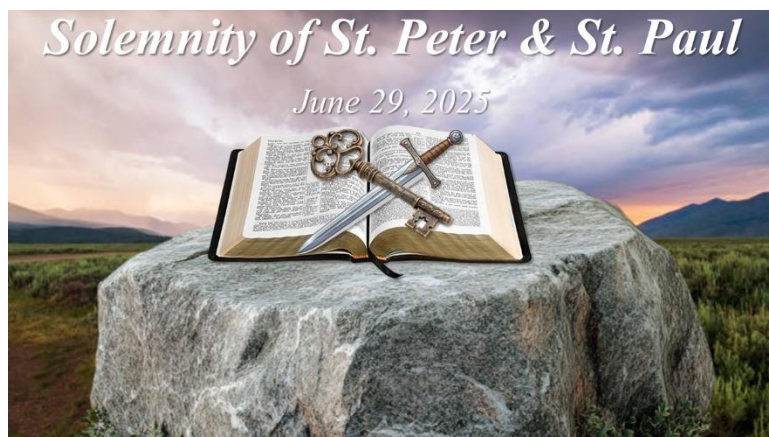
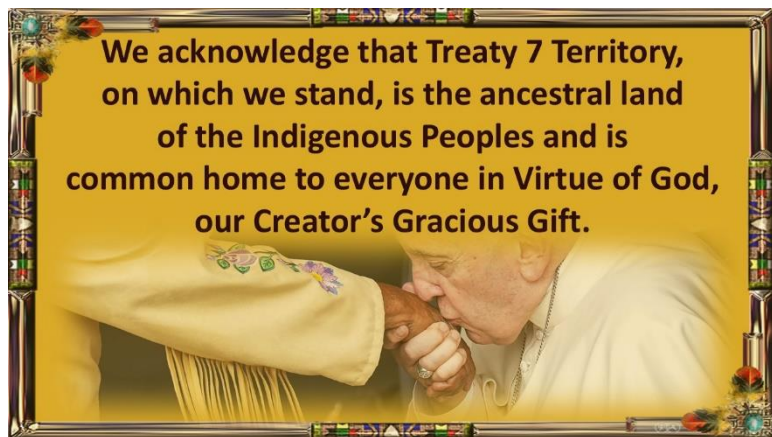
THE CHAPEL IS OPEN...

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 ~June 28th to July 4th †

Sat. June 28 - 5:00pm – Rick & Janice Blair

Sun. June 29 - 8:30am – Jacob K. †

10:30am – Crystal Myers

5:00pm – Dcn. Robert, Helena & Family

Mon. June 30 - 9:00am – Marilyn Holmes

Tue. July 1 - 9:00am – Italo Dal Molin †

Wed. July 2 - 7:00am – Anne Harnack †

Thu. July 3 - 9:00am – Nick & Rosina Mucciarone †

Fri. July 4 - 9:00am – Brian Corcoran †



Matthew 16:13-19

You are Peter; and I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Monthly Operating Budget **\$ 70,156**

JUNE MONTH TO DATE

General Envelope Collection \$ 39,093

Loose Collections \$ 3,856

Future Development \$ 2,618

Misc. Income \$ 17,998

Total Month Income **\$ 63,565**

Budget Vs Actual **-\$ 6,591**

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

2025 YEAR TO DATE

Together in Action (TIA) **\$ 38,939**

GOAL - \$70,938 **55%**

St Vincent de Paul **\$ 21,242**

World Mission **\$ 190**

Clergy Retirement **\$ 1,044**

Mission Mexico **\$ 1,064**

CARO **\$ 240**

Seminary Fund **\$ 2,359**

Holy Land & Pope's Pastoral **\$ 5,687**

Thank You for your Generous Contributions

June Average Weekend Atten. **914**

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1-11

Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Matthew 16:13-19.

About Peter and Paul

Here are two feisty men who fostered faith in Jesus to Jews and Gentiles. Their zeal for the Lord was emboldened by the Holy Spirit.

† Because of belief in Jesus, who am I emboldened to be and what am I emboldened to say or do?



The Finance Department is looking for some volunteers to help out... You need to be available on Monday mornings or Tuesday mornings if Monday is a holiday and have a keen attention to details.

If this sounds like you, Please contact...

Robin at 403-527-6933 ext. 104

or finance@holyfamilymh.ca

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accounting@holyfamilymh.ca

December 31, 2025 - Goal \$70,938

Together IN ACTION



Annual Bishop's Appeal

total to date

\$38,938.00

which is at 55%

Which leaves \$32,000.00 to raise!

Please Give Generously ~ Thank You!

Fr. Iqbal Farewell

July 25th @ 5:30pm

"Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." Mark 1:38

Psalm 34:2-9

The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.

Please come out & support the first annual...
Spiritual Direction Ministry Fundraiser

Teriyaki Chicken Dinner
Live music by Rob Hudec

Thursday, July 3, 2025 at 6:00pm
Holy Family Parish Hall

Tickets are available at the parish or
contact Lindsay Heier 306-421-8837



Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park
Summer Masses

Every Sunday

July 6th to August 31st

Fr. Conrad, St. Lawrence Church in
Maple Creek

will celebrate Mass at 11:30am
in the Cypress Room in the
Cypress Park Resort Inn

*What do you call Bible verses that are spray painted
onto walls?.....EVANDALISM!*

Brown Scapular Enrollment July 13th

The Legion of Mary invites you to attend the Brown
Scapular Enrollment by Fr. Roque on Sunday, July
13th, after 10:00am Mass at St. Patrick's Church.
Brown Scapular information pamphlets are available
on the Legion of Mary Stands at either church. If you
have been enrolled before, no need to re-enroll when
you get a new scapular.

Help yourself to a blessed brown scapular at either St.
Patrick's Church or Holy Family Parish.



The Catholic Women's League

Holy Family Parish

Bottle Drive

September 20th & 21st

Before & After Masses HFP Parking Lot

Thank you for
your support!

FUNDRAISING



Medicine Hat Catholic
Board of Education

Gala

with special guest

His Excellency Bishop McGrattan

November 20, 2025

TICKET SALE INFORMATION WILL BE
AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 2025

Celebrating 115 Years of Catholic Education in Medicine Hat

Sacrament Summer Sessions at Holy Family Parish

For children 11 yrs or older who have NOT received
1st Reconciliation or 1st Communion

1st Reconciliation - July 14th, 15th & 16th from 1:30pm to 3:00pm

1st Communion - July 21st, 22nd & 23rd from 10:00am to 11:30am

REGISTRATION DEADLINE UNTIL MORNING OF JULY 7

Register at Holy Family Parish Office with the following...

- ❖ your child's baptism certificate
- ❖ birth certificate or permanent residence card
- ❖ a payment of \$50.00 (financial help is available if needed)

Office hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm (Closed 12-1pm)

For more information: Sally 403-527-6933 Ext. 105

or email sac.prep@holyfamilymh.ca

SUMMER July 7-11 Bible Camp



Register
by

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

June 30th

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Planning Committee would like to thank all those who contributed to the Exhibit by your prayers, by visiting the exhibit to view it, giving of your time and monetary donations and book purchases. We are humbled by your overwhelming generosity. Thank you!

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



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SAINTS ALIVE *Bible Camp*

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

**Register by
June 30th**

JULY 7-11, 2025

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

THEME: WHEN JESUS WAS A KID

For more information contact
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**LINK TO PRINT
REGISTRATION FORM**



Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education

Gala

with special guest

His Excellency Bishop McGrattan

November 20, 2025

MEDALTA, 713 MEDALTA AVE SE

5:30 PM Cocktails and Museum Tours

6:30 PM Dinner

7:30 PM Reflections from the Bishop

Silent Auction

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SOLEMNITY OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL

JUNE 29, 2025

THE MEN OF KEY & PEN

Today we honour two of greatest apostles of the Lord who served, suffered and died for the Lord. One held the Key to lead the Church and other used the Pen to proclaim for ages to come the love of Christ. Let us listen to what St. Gregory of Nyssa, bishop has to say about the men we honour today; "Consider the feelings of a man who looks down into the depths of the sea from the top of a mountain. This is like my own experience when the voice of the Lord from on high, as from a mountaintop, reached the unfathomable depths of my intellect. Along the seacoast, you may often see mountains facing the sea. It is as though they had been sliced in two, with a sheer drop from top to bottom. At the top a projection forms a ledge overhanging the depths below. If a man were to look down from that ledge, he would be overcome by dizziness. In this same way my soul grows dizzy when it hears the great voice of the Lord saying: Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. The vision of God is offered to those who have purified their hearts. Yet, no man has seen God at any time. These are the words of the great Saint John, and they are confirmed by Saint Paul's lofty thought, in the words: God is he whom no one has seen or can see. He is that smooth, steep and sheer rock, on which the mind can find no secure resting place to get a grip or lift ourselves up. In the view of Moses, he is inaccessible. Despite every effort, our minds cannot approach him. We are cut off by the words: No man can see God and live. And yet, to see God is eternal life. But John, Paul and Moses, pillars of our faith, all testify that it is

impossible to see God. Look at the dizziness that affects the soul drawn to contemplating the depths of these statements. If God is life, then he who does not see God does not see life. Yet God cannot be seen; the apostles and prophets, inspired by the Holy Spirit, have testified to this. Into what straits is man's hope driven! Yet God does raise and sustain our flagging hopes. He rescued Peter from drowning and made the sea into a firm surface beneath his feet. He does the same for us; the hands of the Word of God are stretched out to us when we are out of our depth, buffeted and lost in speculation. Grasped firmly in his hands, we shall be without fear: Blessed are the pure of heart, he says, for they shall see God.

St. Peter a fisherman who became "fisher of men" is the chosen vessel of the Lord who though he had shown weaknesses so many times, the Lord chose him to be the rock upon which the Church was built, and the gates of Hades would not prevail. Why did Jesus choose St. Peter when there were many young and strong men among his disciples? Why did Jesus give authority to St. Peter after his confession that "You are Son of the living God"? I believe that St. Peter took the adversity and trials and mistakes he encountered and continued to love Jesus without any hesitation. The authority to St. Peter after his confession about the true divinity of Christ. I believe St. Peter's weakness was strength for the Lord who gave him authority because the Lord knew that his confession is not mere words coming out of his mouth but the strong faith he had in the Lord. St. John Chrysostom talking about the weakness, explains very well that those who are rooted in him, will always have strength in him: "It was clear through unlearned men that the cross was persuasive, in fact, it persuaded the whole world. Their discourse was not of unimportant matters but of God and true religion, of the Gospel way of life and future judgment, yet it turned plain, uneducated men into philosophers. How the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and his weakness stronger than men! In what way is it stronger? It made its way throughout the world and overcame all men; countless men sought to eradicate the very name of the Crucified, but that name flourished and grew ever mightier. Its enemies lost out and perished; the living who waged a war on a dead man proved helpless. Therefore, when a Greek tells me I am dead, he shows only that he is foolish indeed, for I, whom he thinks a fool, turns out to be wiser than those reputed wise. So too, in calling me weak, he shows that he

is weaker still. For the good deeds which tax-collectors and fishermen were able to accomplish by God's grace, the philosophers, the rulers, the countless multitudes cannot even imagine.

Paul had this in mind when he said: The weakness of God is stronger than men. The preaching of these men was indeed divine, and is brought home to us in the same way. For how otherwise could twelve uneducated men, who lived on lakes and rivers and wastelands, get the idea for such an immense enterprise? How could men who perhaps had never been in a city or a public square think of setting out to do battle with the whole world? That they were fearful, timid men, the evangelist makes clear; he did not reject the fact or try to hide their weaknesses. Indeed, he turned these men into a proof of the truth. What did he say of them? That when Christ was arrested, the others fled, despite all the miracles they had seen, while he who was leader of the others denied him! How then account for the fact that these men, who in Christ's lifetime did not stand up to the attacks by the Jews, set forth to do battle with the whole world once Christ was dead—if, as you claim, Christ did not rise and speak to them and rouse their courage? Did they perhaps say to themselves: "What is this? He could not save himself, but how will he protect us? He did not help himself when he was alive, but now that he is dead, how will he extend a helping hand to us? In his lifetime he brought no nation under his banner, but by uttering his name we will win over the whole world?" Would it not be wholly irrational even to think such thoughts, much less to act upon them? It is evident, then, that if they had not seen him risen and had proof of his power, they would not have risked so much".

We must remember that we live in a time and world where people want to have power and authority over other people of which, in recent decades, we have seen so many examples; however, there is a difference between worldly and spiritual authority. In the worldly authority people are self centered, but in the spiritual authority, people care about others without any greed or reward. This Sunday's Scripture Readings are very interesting and thought provoking to examine ourselves to see if we are using that authority to build our families and communities on Gospel values. One of the principles to use that authority is to learn how to control our minds to the right position and direction. The following story can help us to understand our role as people of authority.

According to the pastoral constitution on the Church in the modern world, the Second Vatican Council: “We are warned indeed that a man gains nothing if he wins the whole world at the cost of himself. Yet our hope in a new earth should not weaken, but rather stimulate our concern for developing this earth, for on it there is growing up the body of a new human family, a body even now able to provide some foreshadowing of the new age. Hence, though earthly progress is to be carefully distinguished from the growth of Christ’s Kingdom. Yet in so far as it can help toward the better ordering of human society it is of great importance to the Kingdom of God”.

Are we self centered people or people centered? In the Gospel of Matthew Jesus praises the faithful and trustworthy servant; “Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you; he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that wicked slave says to himself, ‘My master is delayed,’ and he begins to beat his fellow slaves, and eats and drinks with drunkards, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know. He will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth” (Matthew 24:45-51).

In the Gospel today Jesus places two questions in front of his disciples to see their openness to understanding him. These questions have very deep and sound theology. Why did Jesus ask them these questions? Did he need any human testimony or approval? Wasn’t he aware how people think and feel about him? Didn’t he know the minds and hearts of his disciples? If he did not need any of the above, then why did he ask the questions? We must remember these questions have very strong conclusions.

Let us reflect on the verses before today’s Gospel passage because they will help us to understand why Jesus asked one general and another specific question. From verse 1-4, the Pharisees and Sadducees were asking Jesus to show them a sign from heaven to prove that he is really from heaven which clearly shows that they did not know Jesus. The verses from 5-12 unveil that Jesus is giving warning to everyone to be careful of the yeast of the Pharisees which means

not to be lost in the world. The above mentioned two points will help us to understand the questions Jesus is asking his disciples.

Pope Francis reflected on the Gospel, “St. Matthew takes us back to a key juncture along Jesus’ journey with his disciples: the moment in which he wants to assess the extent of their faith in him. First, he wants to know what the people think of him; and the people think that Jesus is a prophet, which is true, but they do not grasp the centrality of his Person; they do not understand the centrality of his mission. Then he asks the disciples the question closest to his heart, that is, he asks them directly: “But who do you say that I am?” And with that ‘but’ Jesus firmly separates the Apostles from the multitudes, as if to say: but you, who are with me every day and know me personally, what more have you understood? The Master expects from his own a lofty response different from that of public opinion. And indeed, such an answer gushes forth from the heart of Simon, called Peter: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God”. Simon Peter finds on his lips, words greater than he, words that do not spring from his natural faculties. Perhaps he did not attend elementary school, and yet he is capable of saying these words, stronger than he! But they are inspired by the Heavenly Father, who reveals Jesus’ true identity to the first of the Twelve: he is the Messiah, the Son sent by God to save mankind. And from this answer, Jesus understands that, thanks to the faith given by the Father, there is a solid foundation upon which he can build his community, his Church. Thus, he says to Simon: You, Simon, “you are Peter” — that is, stone, rock — “and on this rock I will build my Church.”

If we sincerely examine ourselves, I think we will be lost in the first question of Jesus “who do people say the Son of Man is?” I believe we are living in a time, where we listen and follow the worldly understanding of Jesus more and we have kept him out of everything. We need the heart and spirit of St. Peter to make Jesus the centre of our lives. Peter makes his confession of faith in the Gospel when the Lord’s question turns from the general to the specific. At first, Jesus asks: “Who do people say that the Son of man is?”. The results of this “survey” shows that Jesus is widely considered a prophet. Then the Master puts the decisive question to his disciples: “But you, who do you say that I am?”. At this point, Peter alone replies: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living

God". To confess the faith means this: to acknowledge in Jesus the long-awaited Messiah, the living God, the Lord of our lives. Today Jesus puts this crucial question to us, to each of us. It is a decisive question. It does not allow for a non-committal answer, because it brings into play our entire life. The question of life demands a response of life. For it counts little to know the articles of faith if we do not confess Jesus as the Lord of our lives. Today he looks straight at us and asks, "Who am I for you?" As if to say: "Am I still the Lord of your life, the longing of your heart, the reason for your hope, the source of your unfailing trust?" Along with Saint Peter, we too renew today our life choice to be Jesus' disciples and apostles.

Jesus does not stop there with those two questions; he adds something more and a surprising element in the lives of his disciples. After the confession of St. Peter, he gives authority to his disciples to build the Church. Jesus's authority is not based on greed or power but on service because he came to serve and not to be served. Those who confess Jesus know that they are not simply to offer opinions but to offer their very lives. They know that they are not to believe half-heartedly but to "be on fire" with love. They know that they cannot just "tread water" or take the easy way out, but they must take the risk of putting out into the deep, daily renewing their self-offering. They also follow the Lord along his way, not our own ways. His way is that of new life, of joy and resurrection; it is also the way that passes through the cross and persecution. St. Peter who is given the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, leads us closer to the Lord by his way of living. He is like a story below:

Once there was an old lock shop amidst the narrow streets of city. People would buy locks and keys and sometimes even come to get duplicate keys for their locks.

There was heavy hammer in locksmith's shop which was sometimes used to break locks.

The hammer often wondered, "What is the quality of these small keys that they can open such strong locks in a jiffy whereas how many blows I had to take to open that same lock."

One day, after shop was closed, the hammer asked the small key, "How are you able to open even stubborn locks with such ease? Whereas I, being very strong, can't do this."

The key replied, "You use force to open the locks, you hit them and by doing so, the lock doesn't open but breaks. Whereas I do not hurt them, rather I enter their heart and they open immediately."

Something similar happens in human life. if we really want to win someone over, make them ours, then we must get into that person's heart.

It is possible to force someone to do something but, in this way, we do not open their locks in mind or heart but breaks it. Doing so we destroy the person, whereas by winning someone's heart with love, we increase his usefulness manifold. Everything that can be achieved by force can also be achieved by love but everything that can be achieved by love cannot be achieved by force.

St. Paul on the other hand being a persecutor and murder of the believer holds the Pen to proclaim the mystery of Jesus's love and suffering. He acknowledges his past of being who he was and how grace was given to him by the Lord to be the Apostle of the Gentiles. "Are they ministers of Christ? I am talking like a madman—I am a better one: with far greater labours, far more imprisonments, with countless floggings, and often near death. Five times I have received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I received a stoning. Three times I was shipwrecked; for a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from bandits, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers and sisters; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, hungry and thirsty, often without food, cold and naked. And, besides other things, I am under daily pressure because of my anxiety for all the churches" (2 Corinthians 11:23-28). He was known as Saul but then was given a name which means Little (Paul) because he felt he untimely born and little among the apostles. His life story is interesting to read and reflect. Acts of Apostles and all of his 13 Epistles show how strong he was to stand for the Lord till the day he was beheaded. St. Paul used his Pen to evangelize the whole world till today. His life shows conversion can happen anytime and Lord can choose us to carry his mission even we are weak or unworthy to do his mission.

A man had a friend who used to misplace and lose his pen very often. He used very cheap pens so that he need not to worry about losing them.

A friend told the man that he was worried about his carelessness habit.

One day, the man suggested he buy the costliest pen, he could afford and see what happens. He did that and purchased a 22 carat gold pen.

After nearly six months the man met him and asked him if he still continues to lose his pen.

The friend smiled and told him that he is very careful with his gold pen and was surprised to see how he was not careless with it anymore.

Then man explained to him that the only difference was the value of the pen. It was nothing wrong with him as person, he was not careless, but it was about value of the pen.

St. Peter looked after his Key and St. Paul held his Pen strong enough to bring us closer to Jesus and reminded us to be faithful to the end he will give us the crown of eternal glory.

Are we faithful to God's calling?



DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

JULY 2025



A Call to Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land & the Middle East

Amid rising violence in the Holy Land and Middle East, the Bishops of Canada invite the faithful to pray for peace during this month of the Sacred Heart. *"Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus focuses our attention on the Lord's inexhaustible love for humanity, and His desire that all be saved."* Read the full letter from CCCB at catholiccyyc.ca/blog

Save the dates: Mary, Mother of Hope: Jubilee Marian Week & Cross of Hope Pilgrimage

Join us for a sacred week of prayer, pilgrimage, and celebration during the Jubilee Marian Week at the Rockies!

- **Aug 15–18: Young Adults Jubilee Weekend & Pilgrimage (ages 18–35) in St. Mary's Church, Banff** – with indoor camping, fellowship, hikes, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Cross of Hope Pilgrimage from Banff to Canmore along the scenic Legacy Trail. More details coming soon.

- **Aug 18–22: Jubilee Marian Week for all pilgrims at the Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Rockies, Canmore** – featuring pilgrimage walk, daily Mass, Confession, Adoration, Marian devotion and formation, Sacred Music, and a Jubilee Mass on Friday, Aug 22 at 7 pm, the Feast of the Queenship of Mary, with Apostolic Blessing imparted by Bishop McGrattan, followed by a Marian Coronation and reception. More details will be shared soon!

A Jubilee Reflection through the Psalms and the Letter of the Hebrews

Celebrate the Jubilee Year with a hope-filled journey through Scripture. Join us for Mass followed by inspiring reflections! When: Wednesdays, Jul 9 & 16 at 7 pm (Mass), 7:45 pm (Reflection) at St. Anthony's Church, Calgary.

- **Wednesday, Jul 9** with Fr. John Agundez (Opus Dei): From Death to Life: The Just Man's Hope in the Book of Psalms
- **Wednesday, Jul 16** with Fr. John Kohler, STD: From Here to Heaven: Pilgrimage in the Letter to the Hebrews

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition at St. Mary's Cathedral

Explore 158 Vatican-approved Eucharistic Miracles - a collection of miracles recognized by the Church throughout the centuries in various countries. You can "virtually visit" the places where the miracles happened through these photo panels. When: **Aug 10-13** at St. Mary's Cathedral Parish Hall, Calgary. Sun, Aug 10: 6 to 9 pm; Mon-Wed, Aug 11-13: 8 am to 12 pm & 4 to 8 pm (Wed until 7 pm).

Catholic Summer Camps 2025

Nurture faith through prayer, sacraments, and joyful community!

- **Our Lady of Victory Camps** (Gull Lake, AB) – Encounter Christ, Community, and Creation. Info: 780-312-8317 or www.olvcamp.com
- **True North Bible Camp** – **July 15-17** at St. Michael's, Calgary. Info: 403-249-0423 or saintmichael.ca
- **Ascension Leadership Camp** – **July 15-18** for Gr. 8-12. Info: ascensionparish.ca
- **Captivenia Girls' Camp** – **July 16-26**, near Okotoks. Info: 587-581-0557 or captivenia.com
- **Ascension Day Camps** – **July 21-25** (Gr. 5-7), **July 28-Aug 1** (Gr. 3-4). Info: ascensionparish.ca
- **Arcatheos Boys' Camp** – **July 28-Aug 9**, near Okotoks. Info: 403-938-2807 or arcatheos.com
- **Ignite Junior Retreat** – **Aug 6-8** for Gr. 6-8, St. Bonaventure, Calgary. Info: f2f.ca/ignite-junior
- **Vacation Bible School** – **Aug 19-22** at FCJ, Calgary (ages 7-11). Info: 403-228-4215 or fcjcentre.ca

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly - July 27

The theme of the Fifth World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly to be held this year on Sunday, July 27 is: "**Blessed are those who have not lost hope**" (cf. Sir 14:2). In this Jubilee Year, the Day invites us to recognize grandparents and the elderly as signs of hope in our families and parishes.

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. "*I was in prison and you visited me.*" (Matt 25:36)" Email receptionist@calgarydiocese.ca or call **403-218-5500** to learn more.

Support Catholic Education – One Swing at a Time!

1. **Sacred Heart Church Golf Tournament - Sat, July 5 at Strathmore Golf Club** - All are welcome to this fun Texas Scramble fundraiser! Includes 18 holes, cart, meal, prizes, and more. sacredhc.ca/golf
2. **St. Mary's University Golf Tournament – Wed, Aug 13 at The Links of GlenEagles, Cochrane** - Help fund scholarships and bursaries for students at St. Mary's while enjoying one of Alberta's most scenic courses. Register at stmu.ca/golf
3. **CCEF 40th Annual Golf Tournament – Tue, Aug 19 at Blue Devil Golf Club, Calgary** | Celebrate a milestone year and support K-12 Catholic education in our Diocese through the only Catholic charity golf tournament. theccef.ca/fundraisers/annual-golf-tournament

40 Hours Devotion for Vocations

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

- Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Rockies, Canmore - **Thu, July 3 at 5 pm to Sat, Jul 5 at 9:30 am**

Cemetery Masses with Bishop William T. McGrattan

- **Tue, August 19, at 7 pm** at Mountain View Cemetery Chapel;
 - **Thu, August 21, at 7 pm** at Edenbrook Cemetery Chapel;
 - **Tue, August 26, at 7 pm** at Queen's Park (outdoor); and
- Thu, August 28, at 7 pm** at St Mary's Cemetery (outdoor)



LTH TOURS
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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 Statute preserved from destruction during the French Revolution is honored in Ponteix.

Mary, Mother of Hope

In 1934 times were tough, so, at the request of the Bishop, the people organized a pilgrimage. This pilgrimage would become an annual event with hundreds from neighboring communities, and as some recall, even visiting Bishops from France have walked the remote Canadian Prairie which God has not forgotten.

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- 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.

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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 Basilians Fathers Monastery/Museum
- Travel Home

TOUR INCLUDES

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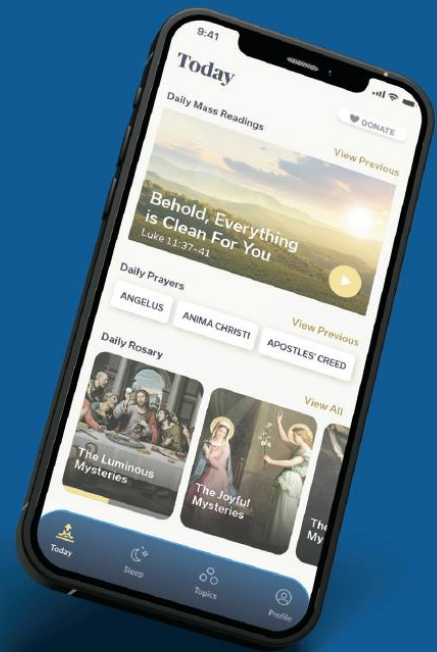
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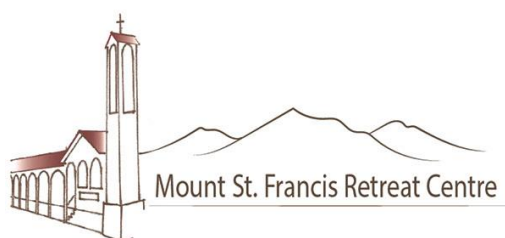
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Retreat Centers in Southern Alberta

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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.

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

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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

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\$385 includes meals, accommodations and presentations




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Summer Day Retreat

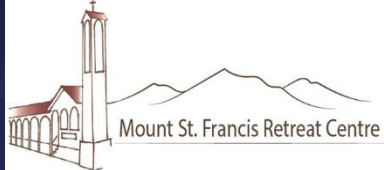
July 18, 2025
9 am – 6 pm

\$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

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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.

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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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