



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YR. C SEPTEMBER 31, 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

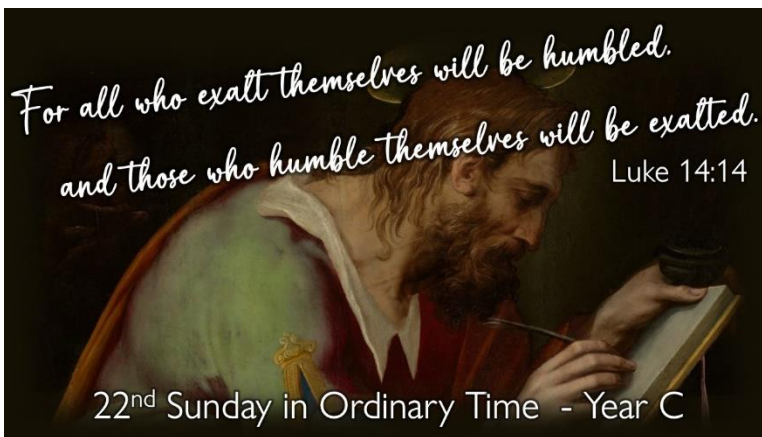
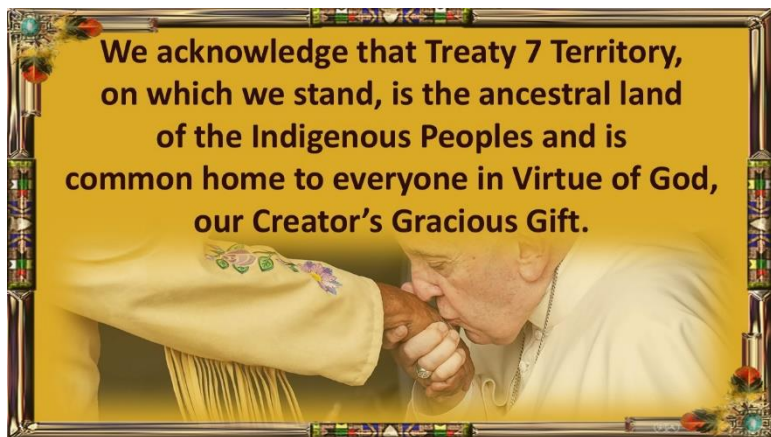
ADORATION FRIDAY 9:30 - 10:30am

Parish Pastoral Council Chair - Gary Heinbecker

Parish Finance Council Chair - Cheryl Pocsik

Knights of Columbus – Jimmy Tablan

Catholic Women's League – Dianne Durda



† Masses & Mass Intentions ~ Aug 30th – Sep 5th †

Sat. Aug 30 – 5:00pm – Helen Aberle †

Sun. Aug 31 - 8:30am – Wilburt Bohnet †

10:30am – Rosemary Rissling †

5:00pm – Holy Family Parish

Mon. Sep 1 – 9:00am – Irene Koch †

Tue. Sep 2 – 9:00am – Lisa Braat

6:00pm – Joel & Crystal Myers

Wed. Sep 3 – 7:00am – Joe Hittel

Thu. Sep 4 – 9:00am – Bill Yeast †

Fri. Sep 5 – 9:00am – Bill Yeast Family



Special Collections

SEPTEMBER

Future Development

Together in Action

Society of

St. Vincent de Paul

Needs of the

Canadian Church

Luke 14:1,7-14 ... When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

FINANCIAL REPORT**Monthly Operating Budget** **\$ 70,156****JULY 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***July Average Weekend Atten.** **914**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Luke 14:1, 7-14.

Who Is Being Carefully Watched?

We all know what it is like to be scrutinized by prying eyes and nosey noses. We might be tempted to bloat ourselves up to look better, to garner the praise and esteem of others. Jesus preaches some different behavior today. Don't seek the exalted places. Care for the poor, the cripple, the lame, the blind.

† What tempts me to feed my ego?

† What can I learn by watching those who are humble?

† What mercy work will I do to care for the sick and poor this week?

 **DONATE TODAY...**
accounting@holyfamilymh.ca

Ways to Donate to Holy Family Parish

1. Weekly Collection Plate
2. Etransfer – accounting@holyfamilymh.ca
3. Automatic Withdrawal from your Credit Card or Chequing Account

Please contact Robin for more information...
 403-527-6933 ext. 104

finance@holyfamilymh.ca

SACRAMENT PREP REGISTRATION**1st RECONCILIATION****1st HOLY COMMUNION****& CONFIRMATION**

 **SEPTEMBER 10, 2025**
6:30-7:30 PM
Call Sally – 403-527-6933 ext. 105
OR sac.prep@holyfamilymh.ca

*Psalm 68:4-7, 10-11 ...**The just rejoice and exult before God.*

**Knights of Columbus
Officers Meeting
Monday, September 1 at 7:00pm
Holy Family Parish Faith Room**



**Catholic Women's League (CWL)
Executive Meeting
Tuesday, September 2 at 7:00pm
Holy Family Parish Hope Room**

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
BIBLE STUDY
BEGINS THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 11/25 @ 9:30AM
ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME AND
CHECK IT OUT AND HOPEFULLY
YOU WILL STAY.
THE BOOK WILL BE AVAILABLE AT
THE CHURCH. WE PRAY; WE
SING; WE HAVE GREAT
FELLOWSHIP AND GET INSPIRED
BY THE SCRIPTURES.

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The Acts
of the Apostles



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Second Catholic Edition



Legion of Mary Praesidium Function
September 6th following the
5:00pm Mass at St. Patrick's Church
All Legion of Mary Members,
Active, Auxiliary or Praying members,
as well as those interested in learning
more about the Legion of Mary, are invited.
We will be celebrating Mary's Nativity with
birthday cake and a potluck. Everyone is welcome.

September 11, 2025
Holy Family Parish Hall
6:15pm - 7:45pm



Read what some women have said...

It was amazing to sit and share perspectives
on such important and valuable areas in our
lives. Our group really connected, and I was
very grateful for the different perspectives,
trust, humor, and compassion everyone had
towards one another. K.R.



**St. Patrick's Parish
Catholic Women's League #48
Annual Gently - Used**

CLOTHING SALE

St. Patrick's Church Hall—238 2nd Ave. N.E.

Thursday - September 11th 9:30 am to 6:00 pm

Friday - September 12th 9:30 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday - September 13th 9:30 am to 2:00 pm

Bring Your Own Bags For Your New Found Treasures!



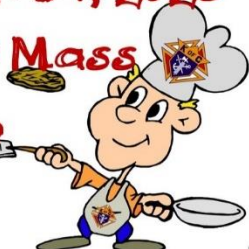
We Welcome Your Donations!

Please Drop Off Your Donations On Wednesday September 10th At the Church Hall!

**FREE Holy Family Parish FREE
Annual Corn Roast
Sunday, September 14, 2025
after the 10:30 Mass**



**Everyone
Welcome**



HOLY FAMILY PARISH ALTAR SERVERS PIZZA & PRACTICE

Wednesday, September 17th

Pizza at 6:45pm in the Hall followed
by a practice at 7:00pm in
the Sanctuary. For all current altar
servers & any children or adults
who wish to join this ministry.
Please RSVP to ron.pisoni@mhcbce.ab.ca



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



Bless our teachers and educators as they prepare to share their
knowledge and inspire young minds. Grant them patience, creativity, &
the energy to meet the unique needs of every student. May their
classrooms be places of love, kindness, and enthusiastic learning.

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

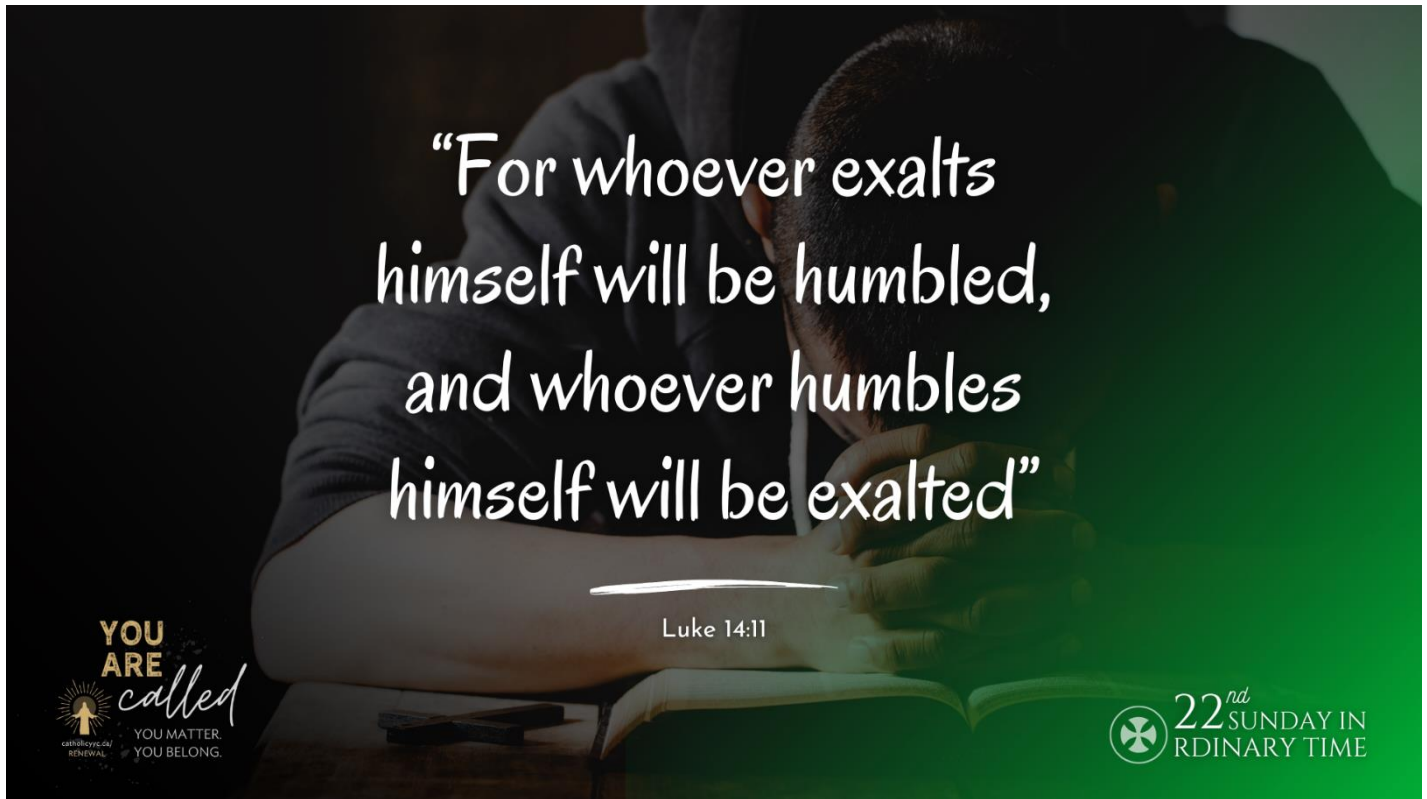
Silent Auction

TICKET SALE INFORMATION WILL BE
AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 2025

Celebrating 115 Years of Catholic Education in Medicine Hat

DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

Month of August 2025



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).

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!

Highlights:

- **Concerts** (free admission):
 - "Mary, the Mystical Rose" on **Sun, Aug 17 at 2 pm**, St. Mary's Banff

- "[Crowned with Stars](#)", **Mon, Aug 18 at 7 pm**, Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Rockies, Canmore
- [Marian Jubilee Week](#) (Aug 18-22): Daily Masses, Confession, Adoration, Talks, and pilgrimage walk
- [Jubilee Mass with Bishop McGrattan on the Feast of the Queenship of Mary](#), on **Friday, Aug 22 at 7 pm**, at the Shrine Church, Canmore.

Young Adults Festival of Tents

Young adults - you are invited to the Festival of Tents on **Friday Aug 29 at 7 pm to Monday, Sep 1 at 11 am**. Enjoy fellowship, fraternity, and Franciscan Spirit. There will be Mass, reconciliation, prayers, talks, small group faith discussions, icebreaker games, Karaoke, relay races, and more! Cost \$125. Fee includes food, water, and showers. Bunk beds are available or bring your own tent. To register, email ofskolbe@gmail.com

Crowned by Stars: A Concert for the Queen in Heaven

Join conductor Carlos Foggin for an evening of sacred music featuring choral works, string and brass quintets, organ, timpani, and the premiere of Regina Coeli (2025). When: **Monday, Aug 18 at 7 pm - Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Rockies, Canmore**. The program spans centuries of sacred tradition, from Gregorian chant to Handel's Messiah, with works by Frescobaldi and Mozart. Free admission | All are welcome!

Jubilee Mass with Apostolic Blessing - with Bishop McGrattan and Bishop Pierre-Olivier Tremblay

During the Jubilee Mass on the Feast of the Queenship of Mary, Bishop McGrattan will impart an Apostolic Blessing with plenary indulgence for the Jubilee Year of Hope. When: **Friday, Aug 22 at 7 pm**, at the Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Rockies, Canmore. Mass will be followed by the Coronation of Mary and a reception. All are welcome!

Join Bishop Pierre-Olivier Tremblay during the Jubilee Marian Week

Bishop Pierre-Olivier Tremblay, OMI will be the featured speaker at Jubilee Marian Week (Aug 18–22, 2025) in Canmore. A gifted preacher and Marian theologian, he will offer a 3-part evening talk series (6–7 pm) on the theme *"Mary, walk with us in this Jubilee of Hope!"*. Free admission | All are welcome!

- **Tue, Aug 19** – *The Strength of Communal Prayer: Confraternities*
- **Wed, Aug 20** – *With Mary in the Holy Places: The Shrine*
- **Thu, Aug 21** – *In Hope for a Great Mission!*

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)

Secular Franciscan Order

For those seeking a deeper relationship with God through prayer, service, and love for creation, St. Mary's Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order invites you to an Introduction Session to learn more about this lay expression of Franciscan spirituality. When: **Sun, Sep 21, from 1 to 1:45 pm** | *St. Luke's Church (upper meeting room)*. Stay after for 2 pm Mass and Celebration of Profession, followed by the fraternity gathering until 4 pm. Contact Erika at bancila@telus.net | 403-835-8505.

Diocesan Worship Conference

Save the date for the upcoming Diocesan Worship Conference on Oct 3/4, 2025 - "The Church at Worship: Renewing the Heart of Liturgical Ministry." When: **Friday, October 3 and Saturday, October 4, 2025** at St. Mary's Cathedral & St. Mary's High School in Calgary.

- Keynote talks will explore the liturgy as a living encounter with the Paschal Mystery, principles of liturgical renewal, and leadership in service of the Body of Christ.
- Participants can choose workshops tailored to their current liturgical ministry.
- Workshops will cover theological and historical foundations, diocesan guidelines, and best practices.
- Emphasis on deepening a spirituality of holiness through active ministry.


Fiat Retreat

A day of prayer, reflection, and discovery for young women discerning God's call to Religious or Consecrated Life. Includes Mass, Adoration, talks on discernment, and fellowship. When: **Sat, Sep 27, from 8:30 am to 4 pm** at **St. Luke's Parish, Calgary**. Register by Sep 25 at sisterdianne.turner@calgarydiocese.ca

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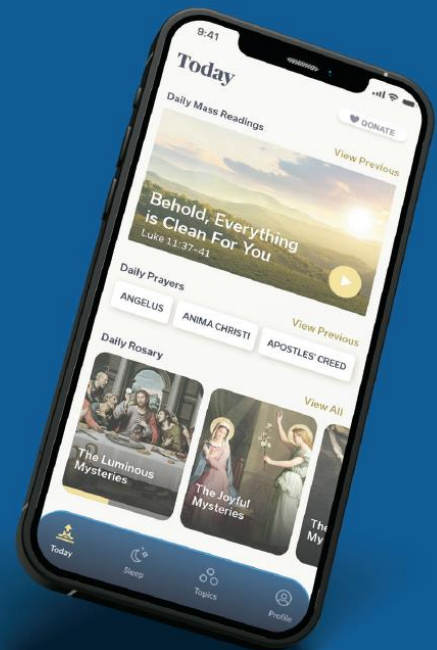
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Joe McKenna Council #9502

Knights of Columbus 2024 2025 Officers

Position	Name
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Faith in Action Faith Director	Darrell Bonagofsky
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Pastoral Parish Council Representative	Garry Mastel



2025 -2026

September 2 – KC Executive/Officers Meeting

September 8 – KC Regular Meeting

September 14 – Corn Roast

October 12 - Canada Needs Our lady

October 6 - KC Executive/Officers Meeting

October 14 – Regular meeting

October 19 – Parish Breakfast Jean Paul II Mass**

Nov 1 – All Souls Mass

November 3 - KC Executive/Officers Meeting

November 10 – Regular meeting

November 23 – Parish Breakfast – Msgr. McCoy mass**

December 01 - KC Executive/Officers Meeting **

December 08 – KC Regular meeting

December 14/21? – Christmas breakfast

Feb 22 – Parish Breakfast ??

Mar 15 – Parish Breakfast - St Patrick's School mass **

April 5 – Easter Sunday**

May 3 - Parish Breakfast – Notre Dame school mass **

May 10 – Mothers' Day**

June 14 - Fathers' Day ???

June 21 – Parish Picnic



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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.

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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.

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SEARCH
BEGINS

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Retreat Centers in Southern Alberta

AN "OASIS" IN THE HEART OF CALGARY

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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





Scams Alert

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

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

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

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

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

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

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