# Civelcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YR. C SEPTEMBER 14, 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. Fernando Genogaling & 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 - 1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY 6 PM & 1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY 8 AM

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

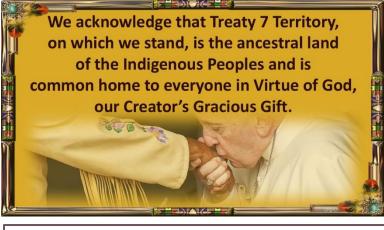
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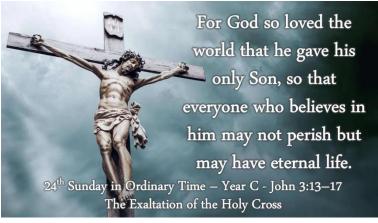
Friday 9:30am-10:30am & Saturday 3:30-4:45pm

#### THE CHAPEL IS OPEN...

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30am - 4:00pm ADORATION FRIDAY 9:30 — 10:30am

Knights of Columbus – Jimmy Tablan
Catholic Women's League – Dianne Durda









Young people are very competitive and place high value on winning. This Sunday's Gospel presents the cross as a symbol of victory.

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FINANCIAL REPORT		
Monthly Operating Budget	<i>\$ 70,156</i>	
SEPTEMBER MONTH TO DATE		
General Envelope Collection	\$ 22,504	
Loose Collections	\$ 2,371	
Future Development	\$ 1,535	
Misc. Income	\$ 3,219	
Total Month Income	\$ 29,629	
Budget Vs Actual	-\$ 40,527	
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS		
2025 YEAR TO DATE		
Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 49,562	
GOAL - \$70,938 68%	,	
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 30,963	
World Mission	\$ 290	
Clergy Retirement	\$ 1,324	
Mission Mexico	\$ 1,424	
CARO	\$ 270	
Seminary Fund	\$ 2,559	
Holy Land & Pope's Pastoral	\$ 5,757	
Thank You for your Generous Contributions		
Sept. Average Weekend Atten.	856	

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C

First Reading - Numbers 21:4b—9
Moses made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole, and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he or she was healed.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 78:1-2, 34-34, 36-37, 38

Do not forget the works of the Lord. Second Reading - Philippians 2:6—II Jesus Christ, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God as a thing to be grasped.

Gospel Reading - John 3:13–17

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, so that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.



#### 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@holyfamilmh.ca







Invite children to understand that we accept God's gift of his only Son, Jesus Christ, by loving and believing in him.







### Thirsting for God?



Do you know someone <u>not baptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition</u>, who is thirsting for what it means to become Catholic?... Do you know someone already <u>Catholic wanting to receive Communion & Confirmation</u>? They may be thirsting too! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a place to ask questions and seek understanding.

Open House - September 17 at 7:00pm or call 403-527-6933 to learn more.

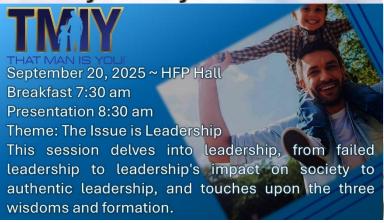


#### September 18, 2025 Theme: Surrendered 6:15pm - 7:45pm in HFP Hall

Read what some women have said...

I so appreciate the community of women learning about God in an authentically Catholic way. It is so important to me that women build community that is exclusively theirs, where we share wisdom, understanding, and an effort to grow in God's light. D.B.







October 20, 2025 at Saint Patrick Church
4:00pm – Reconciliation 6:30pm - Rosary
7:00pm - Consecration Mass at St. Patrick Church
8:15pm - Potluck at Holy Family Parish Faith Room
Bring your Herald's of the Gospel
Consecration Prayer from the Herald's
Watssap Group, available before Sept. 19
Info: Reyna 403-878-2893 or Shelley 403-952-9349

Children are very enthusiastic about cheering on their school's teams at sporting events. This Sunday's Gospel includes a passage that ignites the enthusiasm of many Christians who seek to spread the Gospel.

# SACRAMENT PREP REGISTRATION 1st RECONCILIATION & 1st HOLY COMMUNION INFORMATION EVENING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 - 6:30-7:30 PM IN HOLY FAMILY PARISH FAITH ROOM CONFIRMATION INFORMATION EVENING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025 - 6:30-7:30 PM IN HOLY FAMILY PARISH FAITH ROOM Call Sally – 403-527-6933 ext. 105 OR sac.prep@holyfamilymh.ca

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation and 1<sup>st</sup> Communion

Registration has already started this week at both Holy Family Parish. We have put together an informative evening for you to...

- a) register your child for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion
- b) learn more about the program
- c) inquire about the Sacrament of Baptism

#### 1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion Parent Information Night Tuesday Sept. 16th at Holy Family in the Faith Room 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

You can also register in person at either parish. Please provide a copy of your child's birth certificate and baptism certificate. Fee - \$35 unless causes hardship then church will cover the cost.

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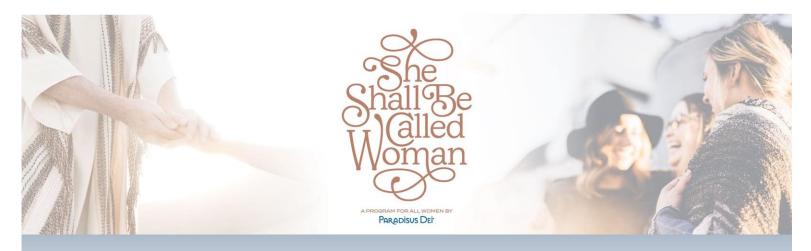
#### **Confirmation**

Registration has also started for Confirmation, but we are still taking registrations at both parishes. Please provide a copy of your child's birth certificate, baptism certificate and 1st Communion certificate.

Fee - \$50 unless causes hardship then church will cover the cost
Registered Parents are asked to attend the Confirmation Parent Session
Thursday October 16<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family Parish in the Faith Room
6:30pm to 7:30pm

At this session the new Confirmation program will be outlined to parents. You will be given resources to help you assist your child as he/she takes part in this next phase of their faith journey.

Information contact: Sally 403-527-6933 Ext 105 or <a href="mailto:sac.prep@holyfamilymh.ca">sac.prep@holyfamilymh.ca</a>



## LOVE UNVEILED

In this season, we will explore what it means for us, as women, to represent the identity of Christ's bride to the world. This relationship is marked by joy and intimacy, but also, like any relationship, it includes moments of failure, heartbreak, and the need for restoration. As we journey together, we will delve into the depths of Christ's love for His Bride, discovering the beauty of reconciliation and the grace that heals and strengthens us. Prepare your heart to be pursued by the Lord in a way that deepens your love for Him, invites your soul to heal, and fortifies your relationship with Christ.



HEATHER KHYM

Co-Founder of Life Restoration Ministries &
Co-Host of Abiding Together Podcast



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Author & Speaker



EMILY STIMPSON CHAPMAN
Best Selling Author



ALI HOFFMAN Catholic Evangelist & Artist

#### DISCOVER CHRIST'S LOVE

#### EACH SESSION OFFERS:

ENCOUNTER: "SHE inspires me for the week ahead and

helps to keep me on track with my faith and

daily prayer time."

MESSAGE: "I appreciate that a personal relationship with Jesus is central to each video presenter.

This series is excellent!"

FELLOWSHIP: "I really felt heard and listened to by the

other ladies in my small group, and I enjoyed

growing spiritually with other women."

RESTORED TO RADIANCE

#### PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Thursday Evenings Start Date: Sept. 11th Holy Family Parish Hall

SCHEDULE:

6:15 pm Fellowship

6:45 pm Video Presentation

7:15 pm Small Group

7:45 pm Dismissal

#### REGISTRATION:

Scan the QR Code OR register in the Hall prior to the session. For more info., call Maria at 403 526 6104 and leave a message.



# Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education



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

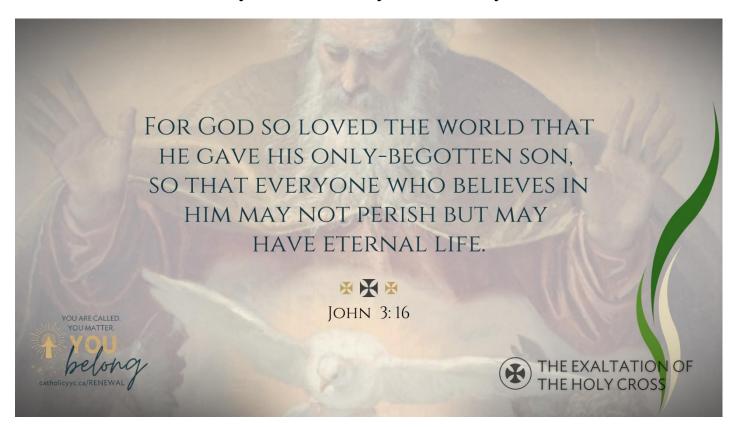
Silent Auction

TICKET SALE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 2025

Celebrating 115 Years of Catholic Education in Medicine Hat

#### **DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES**

Twenty-Forth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Diocesan Al Symposium: Al is Transforming Society: Are Catholics ready?

Join us for a two-day diocesan Al Symposium, where faith and technology come together in conversation. Scholars practitioners. includina Bishop and McGrattan. Steven Umbrello. Matthew Harvey Sanders, Louise Lodevole, and Dr. Ed Tse, will explore Artificial Intelligence through the lenses of Catholic doctrine, human dignity, family life, and its impact on society. When: Fri & Sat, Oct 17-18, at McGivney Hall, St. Mary's University. Information & registration: catholicyyc.ca/aisymposium

Christian-Jewish Dialogue Events

Please RSVP to <a href="mailto:rochyrab@gmail.com">rochyrab@gmail.com</a> for the following events:

- Re-Establishing a National Christian—Jewish Dialogue Organization: Pre-History and Purpose. When: Tue, Sep 16, from 12 pm to 1:30 pm at Paperny Family JCC (1607 90 Ave SW). Speaker: Dr. Norman C. Tobias and Very Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Ready. This is a timely discussion on the importance of Christian—Jewish dialogue in Canada. Entry: \$15 (kosher lunch buffet included).
- Jewish Conscience of the Church: Jules Isaac and the Second Vatican Council.
   When: Tue, Sep 16, from 7 pm to 8:30 pm at Temple B'nai Tikvah (900 47 Ave SW).

Speaker: Dr. Norman Tobias, who will present his book on how the Catholic Church clarified the role of Israel in salvation history, influenced by Jules Isaac.

Free.

#### 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

#### Remember: Suicide Loss & Grief

The Diocese of Calgary will be hosting the Red Bird Ministries "Remember" program on Sep. 29 to December 22. Remember is an authentically Catholic, 12-week small group program for individuals and families grieving the loss of a loved one to suicide. Rooted in the mercy of Christ and the truth of our faith, this program offers a sacred space for healing, hope, and connection with others who understand this unique sorrow. Sessions will be held weekly for 90 minutes virtually beginning Monday, Sep. 29 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. Spots are very limited. Registration & information, contact Gay at gabuansummers@gmail.com

#### Pastoral Care Ministry Training

The Diocese of Calgary invites individuals who feel called to assist their parish in a healing ministry. This Pastoral Care Training is designed for those who wish to support the sick, elderly, dying,

homebound, and bereaved members of their community. When: Saturdays, Oct 18 & 25, from 9 am – 4 pm at St. Peter's Parish. Cost: \$45/person, which includes participant's manual, lunch and refreshments. Register at: https://www.catholicyyc.ca/pastoralcare

#### Catholic Grandparents Group

St. Albert the Great's Catholic Grandparents Group invites you to join them as they navigate the joys of grandparenthood and support the raising of our grandchildren in the Catholic Faith. When: Thursday, Oct 9 at 10 am in the St. Albert the Great Parish, Calgary.

#### Women's Retreat in Lethbridge

All women are invited to a retreat day beginning. Topics include prayer and piety, Lectio Divina, moving prayer from the head to the heart, and faith sharing. When: Sat, Sep 20, from 8:30 am to 3 pm at Assumption Church & Hall, Lethbridge. Cost: \$20/person (includes lunch). Register by calling 403-327-8931.

### Alberta Life Issues Educational Society (ALIES) Fundraising

Alberta Life Issues Educational Society (ALIES) invites you to a fundraising evening to help purchase a house near Calgary's abortion clinic, offering women the chance to choose life in their 11th hour. When: Thu, Oct 2 at 6:30 pm | First Evangelical Free Church (732 – 55 Ave SW, Calgary). Enjoy a silent auction, inspiring stories, live music, and carnival games. Proceeds will go

toward the \$500,000 goal, with \$270,000 left to raise.

She Sings: An Evening of Song and Testimony for Women

Join Beloved Daughters Ministry for an inspiring evening of music and fellowship, featuring local women sharing testimonies of faith through song and storytelling. When: Fri, Oct 3, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm at Cardel Theatre (180 Quarry Park Blvd SE, Calgary). Followed by light snacks and socials. Entry: \$15. For more information, email

beloved daughters ministry @gmail.com.

#### Anointing of the Sick

If you have been admitted to any of the following hospitals in Calgary and would like the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, you may contact your parish priest or call the Diocese of Calgary Call Centre at 403-231-9505. The Call Centre is serving inquiries from: Alberta Children's Hospital; Foothills Hospital; Peter Lougheed Hospital; Rockyview General Hospital; South Health Campus.

#### 1. Calendar Highlights

- Fri, Sep 12 Swing Dance & Social, St.
   John the Evangelist, Calgary
- Fri, Sep 12 Friday Night Vigil Eucharistic
   Adoration St. Luke's, Calgary

- Sat, Sep 13 <u>Mary's Festival</u> St. Mary's University, Calgary
- Sun, Sep 14 Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Mon, Sep 15 Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows
- Tue, Sep 16 <u>CCSD Trustee Candidate</u> <u>Information Session</u> - St. John Centre for Arts & Culture, Calgary
- NEW! Tue, Sep 16 Re-Establishing a <u>National Christian-Jewish Dialogue</u> <u>Organization: Pre-History and Purpose</u> -Paperny Family JCC, Calgary
- NEW! Tue, Sep 16 <u>Jewish Conscience of</u> the Church: <u>Jules Isaac and the Second</u> <u>Vatican Council</u> - Temple B'nai Tikvah, Calgary
- Wed, Sep 17 Models of Obedience:
   Women in the Bible FCJ Centre, Calgary
- Sat, Sep 20 <u>Annual Used Book Sale</u> Holy Spirit, Calgary
- Sat, Sep 20 <u>Bazaar "Junk & Treasure</u>
   <u>Sale"</u> Our Lady Queen of Peace, Calgary
- Sat, Sep 20 Women's Retreat in <u>Lethbridge</u> - All Saints Parish, Lethbridge
- Sun, Sep 21 <u>Secular Franciscan Order</u> <u>Information Session</u> - St. Luke's, Calgary
- Wed, Sep 24 Finding Christ Within A 12
   weeks Ignatian directed/individual retreat
   FCJ Centre, Calgary
- Fri, Sep 26 Feast of St. Jean de Brebeuf and St. Isaac Jogues
- Sat, Sep 27 Fiat Retreat for Young
   Women (16+) St. Luke's Parish, Calgary
- Sat, Sep 27 From Symptoms to Solutions - St. Albert the Great, Calgary Jubilee of Hope events in the Diocese of Calgary

# A.I. IS TRANSFORMING SOCIETY: ARE CATHOLICS READY? Al Symposium | Fri-Sat, Oct. 17-18, 2025 St. Mary's University (McGivney Hall), Calgary

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Join us for a two-day AI Symposium in the Diocese of Calgary, where faith and technology come together in conversation. Scholars and practitioners, including Steven Umbrello, Matthew Harvey Sanders, Louise Lodevole, Dr. Ed Tse, and Bishop William T. McGrattan, will examine Artificial Intelligence through the lenses of Catholic doctrine, human dignity, family life, and its impact on society.

With keynote addresses, panel discussions, and guided reflection, this event will engage both heart and mind on one of today's most urgent questions: What are the promises and perils of AI, and how can the Church provide guidance in this new era?

- **Symposium theme**: All is transforming society: Are Catholics ready?
- Who should attend?

  Clergy, religious, educators, students, tech professionals, and anyone interested in the future of faith in an Al-driven world.
- When: Friday & Saturday, October 17 & 18, 2025
- Where: McGivney Hall, St. Mary's University (14500 Bannister Rd SE, Calgary, AB)

REGISTER NOW: catholicyyc.ca/aisymposium | Space is limited!

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.





Joe McKinnon Council #9502	
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2025 - 2026

September 14 – Corn Roast

**October 6 - Officers Meeting** 

October 14 – Regular meeting

October 19 – Parish Breakfast

St. John Paul II Mass

Nov 3 – All Souls Day Mass

**November 3 - Officers Meeting** 

November 10 – Regular meeting

November 23 – Parish Breakfast

Msgr. McCoy Mass

**December 1 - Officers Meeting** 

**December 08 – Regular meeting &** 

**Family Spaghetti Supper** 

**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 Academy Mass** 

May 10 – Mothers' Day

June 14 - Fathers' Day ???

June 21 – Parish Picnic





Who is Jesus? Do I need a church?

Why do I exist?

Teens in your parish are actively loothe king 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.



Order the Leader's Kit or Deluxe Leader's Kit on Catholic Market.

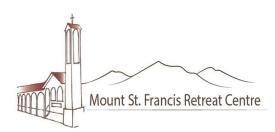
#### Retreat Centers in Southern Alberta

#### 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 seethe king 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.





# 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.