



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YR. C NOVEMBER 16, 2025

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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. Fernando Genogaling & Deacon Robert Risling

MASS TIMES - MONDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY

FRIDAY 9:00AM TUESDAY 6:00PM

SATURDAY 5:00PM - SUNDAY 8:30AM, 10:30AM & 6:00PM

MONTHLY - 1ST SATURDAY 9 AM

RECONCILIATION...

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

THE CHAPEL IS OPEN...

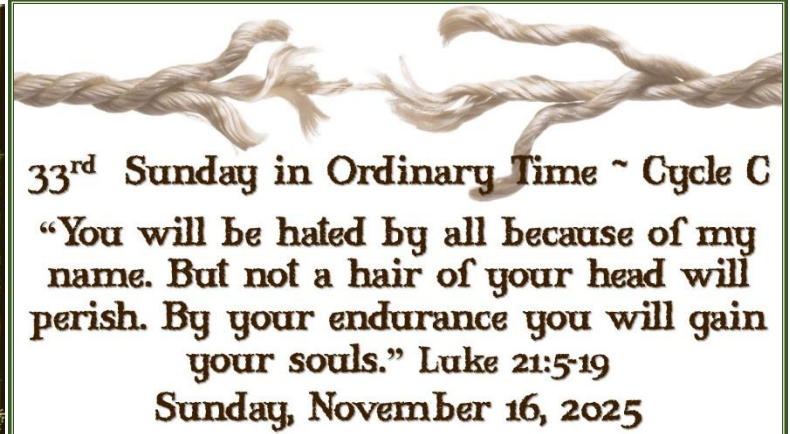
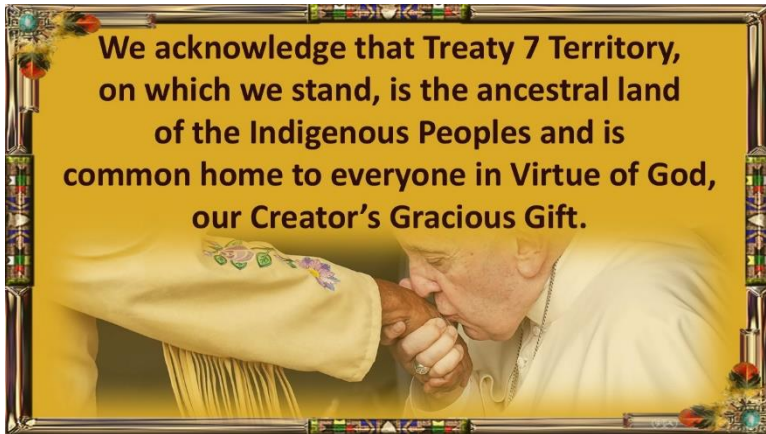
MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30am - 4:00pm

ADORATION FRIDAY 9:30 – 10:30am

1ST FRIDAY OF MONTH – 12 HOUR ADORATION

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

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



Welcome Everyone Home!

† Masses & Mass Intentions ~ Nov 15th – Nov 21st †

Sat. Nov 15 ~ 5:00pm ~ Osvaldo & Jose Ferreira †

Sun. Nov 16 ~ 8:30am ~ Karen Eresman †

10:30am ~ Holy Family Parish

6:00pm ~ Dan Hudec †

Mon. Nov 17 ~ 9:00am ~ Jain & Shyji

Tue. Nov 18 ~ 6:00pm ~ Dwight Luscombe † ~ Mass of the Angels

Wed. Nov 19 ~ 9:00am ~ Tim Sehn †

Thu. Nov 20 ~ 9:00am ~ Paul Lerner †

Fri. Nov 21 ~ 9:00am ~ Jim Hintz †



FINANCIAL REPORT

Monthly Operating Budget	\$ 70,156
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NOVEMBER MONTH TO DATE

General Envelope Collection	\$ 30,776
Loose Collections	\$ 2,351
Future Development	\$ 3,210
Misc. Income	\$ 8,151
Total Month Income	\$ 44,488
Budget Vs Actual	-\$ 25,668

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**2025 YEAR TO DATE**

Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 59,747
GOAL - \$70,938 84%	
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 38,409
World Mission	\$ 1,995
Clergy Retirement	\$ 1,639
Mission Mexico	\$ 1,839
CARO	\$ 275
Seminary Fund	\$ 2,799
Holy Land & Pope's Pastoral	\$ 5,757

Thank You for your Generous Contributions

Nov. Average Weekend Atten.	1046
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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C1st Reading ~ *Malachi 3:19-20*

The day of justice is coming, says the Lord.

Responsorial *Psalms 98:5-6,7-8,9*

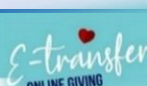
Sing praise to God, who rules with justice.

2nd Reading ~ *2 Thessalonians 3:7-12*

Paul urges the community to follow his example and to earn their keep.

Gospel ~ *Luke 21:5-19*

Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and warns his followers that persecution will come before the end time.

 **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

December 31, 2025 - Goal \$ 70,938

Together IN ACTION
 Annual Bishop's Appeal

total to date

\$ 59,747.00

which is only at 84%

That leaves \$ 11,191.00 to raise in 6 weeks!

That is \$ 1,865.17 per week... Can we do it?

Please Give Generously ~ Thank You!

Do You Volunteer Within Our Parish?

Please stop by the Safe Environment Table in the Narthex this weekend!

Take a moment to check if your volunteer file needs updating. If so, please complete the package provided and return it to the office.

Thank you for helping us keep Holy Family Parish, a safe, welcoming and caring environment for everyone!

E-Transfer Donations

PLEASE make sure your **FULL NAME** is in the e-transfer information so that you can receive a taxable benefit for your contributions.

Thank You
 For your Donations!

Christmas Eve 5pm Mass Play & Choir
Christmas Play - Children Grade 2 and up are Welcome
 Auditions for Speaking Parts.
 Non-speaking Parts (no audition required)!
 Sign up deadline is December 7
 First rehearsal is Sunday Nov. 30 from 1:00pm-2:30pm
 Please see registration forms on the Hospitality Desk
Family Choir - Children Grade 2 & up.
 An Adult must be present. Parent participation is encouraged but not necessary. No deadline to sign-up.
 First practice is Dec. 14 from 2:30pm-3:30pm



Children's Liturgy

**1st and 3rd Sundays
of the Month
10:30 Mass**

Children who have not received 1st Communion & are under 8 yrs of age can attend.

Older children are encouraged to stay at mass.

Children under 3 need an adult present with them.



Sr High/Young Adults Worship Choir

Next Practice: Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 7 PM

Next Mass: Saturday, Nov. 22 at 5 PM

Contact: Roxy Grove 403-952-8744

TMIY

THAT MAN IS YOU!

November 22, 2025 ~ HFP Hall

Breakfast 7:30 am

Presentation 8:30 am

Theme: "Authentic Leadership in the Home"

Session 10 explores how authentic leadership can transform the home, using the Holy Family as the example, leading to the transformation of the world.



**Parish Breakfast
November 23rd
After 8:30 & 10:30 Masses**

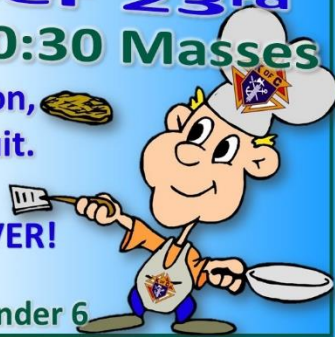
Pancakes, omelets, bacon,
hash browns & fresh fruit.

AND

THE BEST FELLOWSHIP EVER!

\$10. - Adults

\$5.- Under 12 & Free - Under 6



The Legion of Mary invites all parishioners to attend a discussion on the meaning of Mary, Mediatrix of All Grace, on Wednesday, November 26th from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm in the parish hall at St. Patrick's Church.



Following a short address on this Marian title by a Legion of Mary member, there will be discussion and a talk by Fr. Paolo. Refreshments will be served. Come pray, learn and share.

Hello my name is
Name Tag Sunday
 Sunday, November 23rd
 at 8:30 & 10:30 Masses
 Bring your own name tag
 or get one at the Mass!
 Holy Family Parish Renewal

Holy Family Parish
LIBRARY

**Check out
the NEW
Books**

Story of the Eucharist ~ Inos Biffi

Children's book telling the story of the Eucharist to be read with the guidance of adults.

Thank You God! ~ Beth Harwood

A year of blessings and prayers for little people

EXPANSION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING TO INCLUDE ADVANCE REQUESTS



Concerned parishioners are asked to sign the petition at the CWL desk against Recommendation 21 of the Criminal Code which would allow for MAiD with advance requests under certain circumstances. Check out the background information involving this serious issue.

Medicine Hat Catholic Schools have an Online Merch Shop now!

Take a peek at the designs. They are faith based (and some are drawn by a talented McCoy student!).



<https://mhcbe.square.site>

Christmas/Advent orders are open until Nov 15 if people want their merch by Dec 1.

MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

GALA

Celebrating 115 Years of Catholic Education in Medicine Hat

Thursday, November 20, 2025

5:30 pm | Medalta

SPECIAL GUEST



Bishop McGrattan



LIVE MUSIC



Rob Hudec

FUNDS RAISED SUPPORT THE
NEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL - HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY



Tickets available online
www.mhcbe.ab.ca/gala





Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Vincentian Corner

World Day of the Poor: Sunday November 19, 2025

This very special day was established by Pope Francis as a reminder that “the poor are at the heart of the Gospel.” This year’s theme- “You are my hope”- invites us to recognize that our encounters with those who are poor, lonely, or struggling are sacred opportunities to meet Christ himself.

There are many ways you can be the hope of those in need right here within our community.

Volunteer: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul welcomes new members who feel called to serve. Serving with SSVP is a beautiful way to grow in faith and friendship while putting love into action.

Donate: Your financial contributions make it possible for us to respond to those seeking help. Every gift - large or small- directly supports our neighbours in need.

Pray: Please keep those we serve as well as the volunteers who visit them in your prayers.

Your involvement can bring hope to those who need it most, because truly, “We are the hope” of those who are desperately searching for assistance.

What a blessing and a gift it is to be able to bring help to our neighbours who are in need.



Dear Friends of the Shelter,

The Medicine Hat Women's Shelter Society has been running a Christmas Hamper Program for over 25 years to help provide gifts to those impacted by family violence. This program helps ensure these families and individuals do not go without gifts for Christmas.



We are reaching out to you today to ask for your assistance in helping to make a difference in our community. All the families and individuals we are providing hampers to are local families or individuals who are on their journey towards living a life free from violence.

One mom we helped sent a thank you email saying "I was beyond surprised and appreciative of the Christmas Hamper I received. Honestly, I have not felt that valued and cared for in a long time. My children were able to have a special Christmas with your help. Thank you."

We hope you will consider helping to make a difference in the lives of those in need this holiday season.

We invite you to participate in the program in any of the following ways:

1. Donate new toys, gifts (for all ages) or gift cards by dropping them off at Sun Valley Honda and Davis GMC in Medicine Hat between November 12 to December 19.
2. Make a financial donation towards the program (this can be done online at www.mhwss.ca, e-transfer to info@mhwss.ca or mail a cheque)

For any questions about the MHWSS Christmas Hamper Program please email Deidre Giesbrecht, Volunteer & Donations Coordinator, at deidreg@mhwss.ca or call us at (403)527-8223.

Thank you for your consideration!

Yours Truly,
Natasha Carvalho, M.Sc., RSW
Executive Director
Medicine Hat Women's Shelter Society



Nurture Open House

NOVEMBER

26

2:00 - 6:00 PM



NURTURE PREGNANCY CENTRE INVITES
YOU TO OUR **COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE**.

MEET OUR BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF
**CONNECTION, COLLABORATION, TREATS,
AND, FELLOWSHIP.**



RSVP BY **NOV 24** AND LET US KNOW
HOW MANY WILL BE JOINING!.

FOR MORE INFO CALL 403 504 8560



DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

her Resources & Events 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord is coming
to judge the peoples
with equity



Psalm 98



World Day of the Poor

Sun, Nov 16 – Pope Leo XIV invites us to observe the ninth *World Day of the Poor* with the theme “*You, O Lord, are my hope*” (Ps 71:5). The Holy Father reminds us that “*Those who experience poverty are witnesses to a strong and steadfast hope, precisely because they embody it in the midst of uncertainty, poverty, instability and marginalisation.*” Let us take this day to pray for those in need and renew our commitment to acts of charity and mercy.

The Gift of Catholic Education

This November, Bishop McGrattan invites us to celebrate the gift of Catholic education in Alberta. Across our province, Catholic schools are places where faith and learning come together. You can support Catholic education through the second collection during the Sunday Masses on **Nov 22–23** at your parish, or give online anytime from now until Catholic Education Sunday at catholiccyyc.ca/catholiceducationsunday.

Celebrating Vocations with Cardinal Collins | Nov 25

Join us for Mass with Bishop McGrattan and Cardinal Thomas Collins, followed by a reception and talk with Cardinal Collins on the mission of Serra International. Learn about the inspiring work of Serra International in fostering vocations within the Church. When: **Tue, Nov 25, at 5 pm – St. Mary’s Cathedral** followed by session and refreshment at the Parish Hall.

Winter Gifts 2025 for Feed the Hungry Guests

As the chill of winter sets in, you can make a difference for our Feed the Hungry guests. We’re collecting new mittens, gloves, socks, toques, and scarves to share warmth and kindness this Christmas season. Drop off your contributions at St. Mary’s Cathedral Parish Office (Monday to Friday, 8:30 am–3:30 pm, closed from 12–1 pm) **until Dec 10**. Together, let’s bring hope and warmth to those in need!

Memorial Liturgy

Save the date for the Memorial Liturgy with Bishop McGrattan for those mourning the loss of a child through miscarriage or stillbirth. Please share this liturgy with your communities. When: **Tue, Nov 18, 7 pm, St. Mary's Cathedral**. Parents: please register at www.miscarriageliturgy.ca

Music Workshop: Introduction to Chants in the Liturgy

This workshop is open to all parish choir members and anyone curious about the beauty of chant.

When: **Saturday, Nov 15, from 9:30 am to 12 pm (Mass at 9 am) at St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary**. Register by Thursday, Nov 13 at catholicyc.ca/sacredmusic

Transitions

Transitions is a 16-week peer-led, God-centred support group that is designed to foster healing in its participants who are working through the pain of separation and divorce. The group meets every **Tuesday, beginning Nov 18, 2025** (7 to 9 pm). No fee. Register now at catholicyc.ca/transitions

Red Wednesday Mass to pray for Persecuted Christians

Join Bishop William McGrattan and pray for persecuted Christians around the world. Let us stand in solidarity with the millions who face oppression, persecution, and threats for their faith. When: **Wed, Nov 19 at 5 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral**. Everyone is encouraged to **wear red** as a sign of support and remembrance.

Consecration of Lauretta Dearing to the Order of Consecrated Virgins Living in the World

Join Bishop McGrattan for the Mass of Solemn Consecration of Lauretta Dearing to the Order of Consecrated Virgins Living in the World, a vocation of women who dedicate their lives wholly to Christ through prayer and service. When: **Friday, Nov 21, 2025, at 7 pm, St. Mary's Cathedral**. All are welcome.

Red Mass with those in Legal Professions

All members of the legal profession and related fields, as well as family and friends, are invited to Calgary's annual Red Mass with Bishop McGrattan presiding. A reflection by His Eminence Cardinal Collins will follow (tickets required). When: **Wed, Nov 26, at 5 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary**. More info at catholicyc.ca/news

End-of-Life Care Formation

Ascension Parish invites all compassionate Catholics, caregivers, and those accompanying the dying to join *Understanding the Human Experience of Dying*, in this valuable end-of-life care formation series. When: **Tue, Nov 25 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm at Ascension Parish, Calgary**. Learn how to make informed decisions and provide faith-filled support to loved ones nearing the end of life. For more info, contact Karen at 403-554-5889.

Advent & Christmas Markets

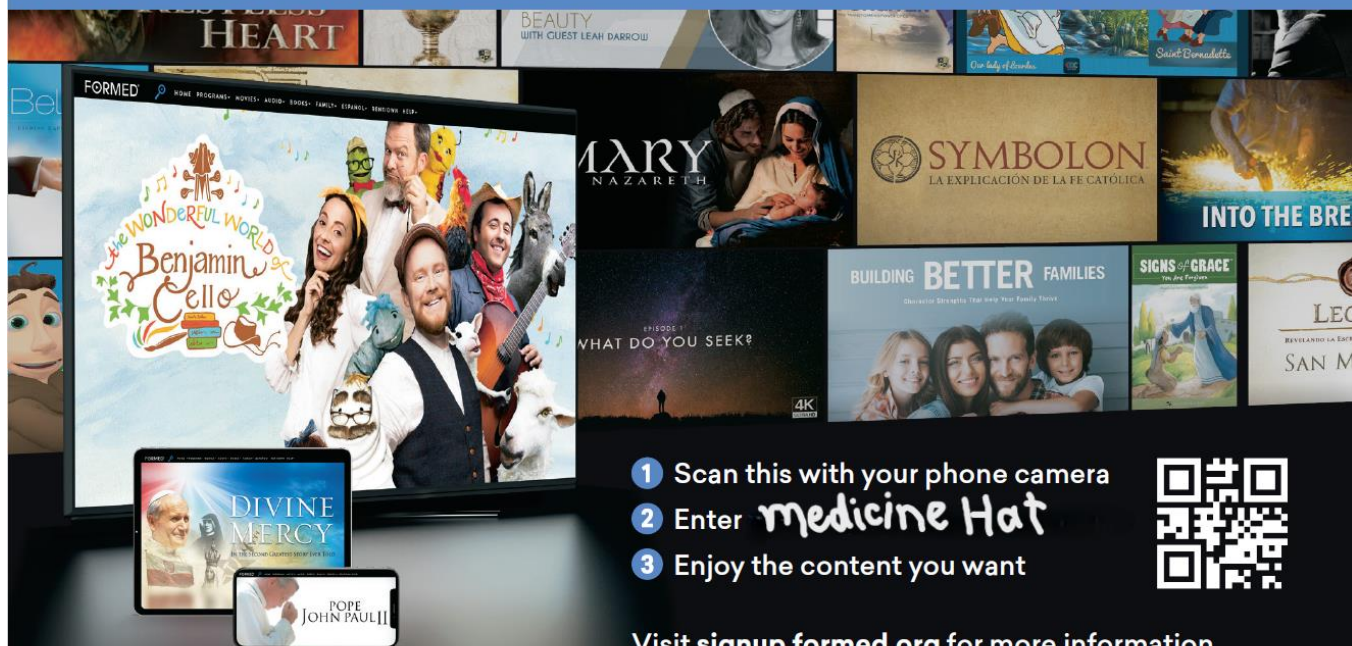
- Sat, Nov 15 from 10 am to 3 pm - [Holy Spirit CWL Christmas Craft Market](#) - Holy Spirit, Calgary
- Sat, Nov 15 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm - [Ascension CWL Festive Market](#) - Ascension, Calgary
- Sat, Nov 15 from 10 am to 3 pm - [Holy Trinity CWL Bazaar](#) - Holy Trinity, Calgary
- Sat & Sun - Nov 15 (12 to 7 pm) and Nov 16 (10 am to 7 pm) - [Christmas Craft Fair](#) - St. Albert the Great, Calgary
- Sat, Nov 22 from 10 am to 3 pm - [St. Paul's Christmas Market](#) - St. Paul's, Airdrie

Revised date: Altar Servers Recognition Mass

All altar servers are invited to join Bishop McGrattan for this special celebration. Please register with your parish. When: **Sun, Nov 23, at 1 pm at St. Michael's Catholic Community**. For more information, contact Hardy at 587-703-1585

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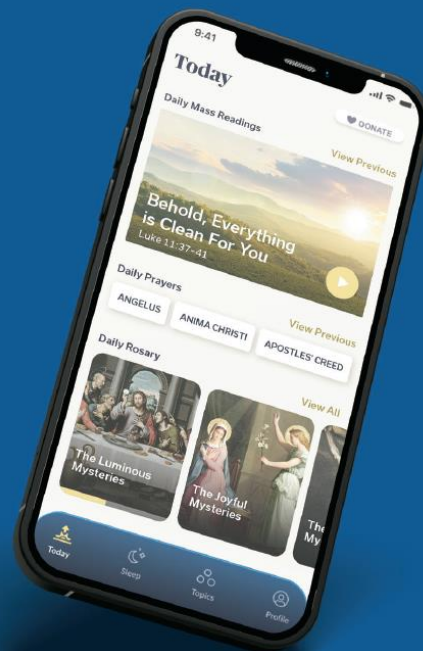
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Joe McKinnon Council #9502**Knights of Columbus 2025 - 2026 Officers**

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

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**



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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.

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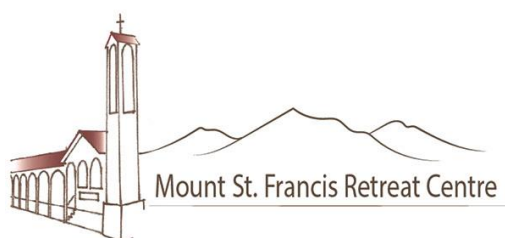
Order the [Leader's Kit](#) or [Deluxe Leader's Kit](#) on Catholic Market.

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.





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.