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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 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...

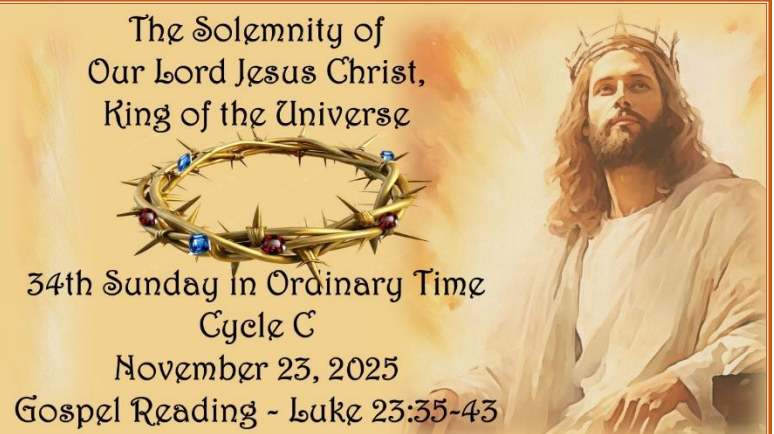
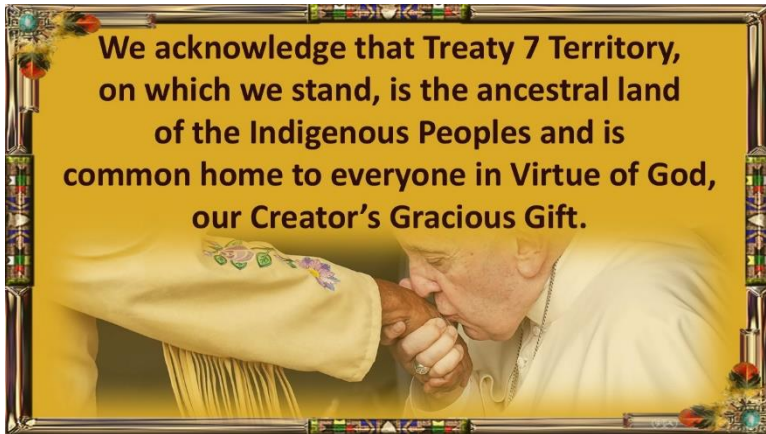
MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30am - 4:00pm

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 22nd – Nov 28th †

Sat. Nov 22 ~ 5:00pm ~ Conrad & Lorraine Sehn †

Sun. Nov 23 ~ 8:30am ~ Holy Family Parish

10:30am ~ Norman Neigum †

6:00pm ~ Agnes Henderson †

Mon. Nov 24 ~ 9:00am ~ Tony & Eugenia Schafer †

Tue. Nov 25 ~ 6:00pm ~ Lydia & Harry Breka †

Wed. Nov 26 ~ 9:00am ~ Anne Pavka †

Thu. Nov 27 ~ 9:00am ~ John Weimer †

Fri. Nov 28 ~ 9:00am ~ Community of Fox Valley



FINANCIAL REPORT

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

NOVEMBER MONTH TO DATE

General Envelope Collection \$ 47,516

Loose Collections \$ 3,506

Future Development \$ 3,544

Misc. Income \$ 9,397

Total Month Income **\$ 63,963**

Budget Vs Actual **-\$ 6,193**

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

2025 YEAR TO DATE

Together in Action (TIA) **\$ 60,630**

GOAL - \$70,938 **85%**

St Vincent de Paul \$ 39,405

World Mission \$ 2,020

Clergy Retirement \$ 1,739

Mission Mexico \$ 1,839

CARO \$ 275

Seminary Fund \$ 2,819

Holy Land & Pope's Pastoral \$ 5,757

Thank You for your Generous Contributions

Nov. Average Weekend Atten. 1098

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

1st Reading ~ 2 Samuel 5:1-3

David is anointed king.

Responsorial Psalm 122:1-2,3-4,4-5

Enter the house of the Lord rejoicing.

2nd Reading ~ Colossians 1:12-20

Hymn to Jesus as the first-born of all creation.

Gospel ~ Luke 23:35-43

Jesus is crucified under the title King of the Jews.



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

Together IN ACTION
Annual Bishop's Appeal

Year to Date: \$ 60,630.

only 85% of total needed!

The 2025 Goal is \$ 70,938.

ONLY 5 WEEKS left to raise

\$ 10,308.00 , or \$ 2,061.60/week!

Please give what you can so we can meet our goal again this year!

Your Generosity is Appreciated!

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!

ADVENT RENEWAL

Diocesan Retreat

Advent Listening:

**A reflective retreat on how the living Word of God
shapes our hearts for discipleship and mission!**

Saturday – December 6 – 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

**Followed by Lunch of Soup & Buns for those
that register by signing up at the Parish Office
or e-mail at ppc@holyfamilymh.ca**

SPEAKER



Archbishop
Terrence
Prendergast

TMIY

THAT MAN IS YOU!

November 29, 2025 ~ HFP Hall

Breakfast 7:30 am

Presentation 8:30 am

Theme: "The Death of the West"

Session 11 ponders the atheistic western model, shaped by education and media, it's affect on marriage and family, and Saint John Paul II's warning to the west.

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
Marion 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.

Christmas Eve 5pm Mass Play & Choir

**Christmas Play – Kindergarten 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

CWL BAKE SALE

December 6th & 7th before and after each Mass.

Baking drop off is

Saturday Dec 6th from 1 to 3.

Tickets for December 9th Raffle



Tuesday, December 9th after 6pm Mass

**Bring a potluck dish & your own plates,
utensils & a plus one (hubby)**

Entertainment at 7:30

Raffle draw will made after supper!



Blessing of the Bambinelli

December 13 & 14 Masses

Holy Family Parish

On the Third Sunday
of Advent children
bring Baby Jesus
(Bambinelli) from
your family Nativity
scene to Mass for a
blessing.



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.



Check out the NEW Books

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World ~ Eternal Life - St. Carlo Acutis compilation of Eucharistic Miracles of the World.

The Last Hours of Jesus ~ Ralph Gorman C.P.
Living every day with passion and purpose.

Children's Liturgy 10:30 Mass

1st and 3rd Sundays of the Month

Parents need to complete the registration form on the Children's Liturgy table and drop the completed form into our mail slot beside the office door before children can attend.

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

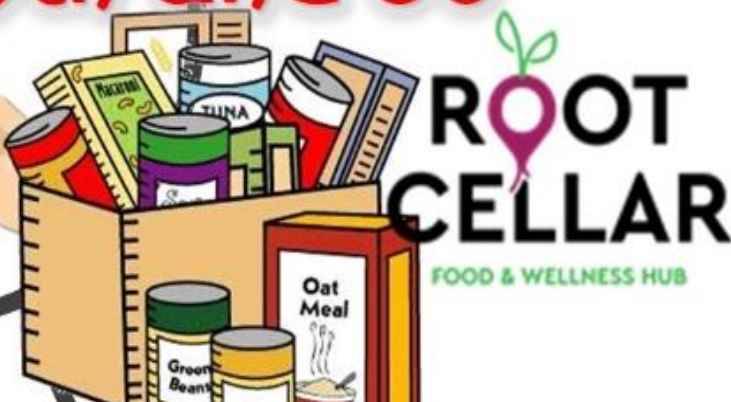
Older children are encouraged to stay at mass.

Children under 3 need an adult present with them.



The 32nd Annual Gift Sharing Sunday

November 29th and 30th



KIWANIS CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR THOSE ALONE



Since 1980, a project of the Gas City, Golden K and the Kiwanis Clubs of Medicine Hat has been to provide a meal and an opportunity to socialize for individuals who are unable to spend Christmas Day with family or friends and would otherwise be alone.

We invite Residents of Medicine Hat, Redcliff and District

Who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day

To attend Christmas Dinner on Thursday, 25 December 2025

At the Veiner Centre



Door Opens at 11:00 a.m.

Dinner is served at noon.

An application form is required so that we have accurate numbers of those attending.

Application forms may be obtained at the Veiner Centre and participating Churches, or at the office of Wm. H. L. (Bill) desBarres in the Co-op Mall on 13th Avenue.

We request that application forms be returned by Noon on Friday, 12 December 2025 to:

The Veiner Centre, 225 Woodman Avenue S.E, Phone: 403-529-8307

Wm. H. L. (Bill) desBarres' office in the Co-op Mall, Phone: 403-526-1070

Or via email: Kiwanis.Christmas@hotmail.com

If you would like to volunteer, please contact:

- Derrick Ironside, Kiwanis Club of Medicine Hat, derrick.ironside@gmail.com, 403-548-5664

Please note: Volunteers must be 14 years of age or older.

We are grateful to our Sponsors:

South Country Co-Op and The Medicine Hat Lodge

**We are also grateful to the Veiner Centre for the use of their fine facility
and to all of our Community Volunteers**

KIWANIS CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR THOSE ALONE



An invitation is extended to individuals who are alone at Christmas
to attend a Christmas dinner on

Thursday, 25 December 2025

At the Veiner Centre, 225 Woodman Avenue S. E., Medicine Hat, AB, T1A 3H2.

Door opens at 11:00 a.m., Dinner is served at 12:00 noon.

This dinner provides a friendly gathering for *those individuals who cannot share Christmas Day with their family or friends*. This is a project of the three Medicine Hat Kiwanis Clubs.

For additional information, contact:

Bill desBarres, Gas City Kiwanis Club, lazydbar@telusplanet.net 403-526-1070

for Transportation Information, contact:

Ian McTaggart Gas City Kiwanis Club lanjoann84@gmail.com 403-529-6438

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Or via email: Kiwanis.Christmas@hotmail.com

All information below must be filled in.

Please note: The 2025 Christmas Day Dinner may be subject to cancellation or limited seating as a result of health or other imposed rules or regulation. Please assure the applicant contact information is accurate on the application submitted.

***Please note:** We are unable to accommodate special diets as our volunteers and the kitchen cannot guarantee gluten free, dairy free, egg free, nut free, sugar free or any other special diet needs.*

***Also please note:** This is a sit down dinner. Take out or "doggie bags" cannot be accommodated due to health regulations and liability issues.*

Please tear along this line, keep the top as a reminder and send in only the bottom

Kiwanis Christmas Dinner for Those Alone, 25 December 2025

Please complete in full

Print Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

1. Do you need someone to pick you up in a car? Yes _____ No _____

2. Do you have any mobility needs? [example: walker, wheelchair, etc.] Please explain: _____

3. If you have your own transportation,

Are you willing to give someone a ride to the dinner? Yes _____ No _____

Incomplete applications will not be considered



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.

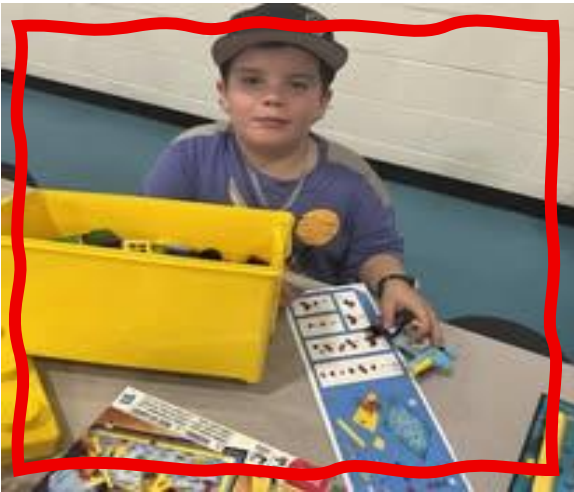
Pray: Please keep those we serve as well as the volunteers who visit them in your prayers.

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.

Mother Teresa School

Aura Street - Principal



We are several weeks into another school year, and we have been involved in so many things already! At MTS we continue to build relationships and connections with our community in a variety of ways.

We have participated in “10 Days of Truth and Reconciliation” which ended with each student placing their thumbprint on our office windows in recognition of National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.



We also continue to invite students and their families to our monthly Community Nights in the gymnasium. From board games to karaoke, there is something for everyone!

Our Student Faith Leadership Team has also been hard at work attending Faith sessions at the church and bringing ideas back to share with staff and students.

Through this program/initiative, we can further embed our faith into all we do with an even more focused approach from the perspective of students themselves...and the students are excited to be part of it!!



Medicine Hat Catholic
Board of Education



Here's to continued success at MTS in 2025-2026!



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

Solemnity of Christ the King



The Gift of Catholic Education

This Sunday,, 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 at catholiccycc.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**.

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 25, 2025 (7 to 9 pm)**. No fee. Register now at catholiccycc.ca/transitions

Loreto Crypt Blessing

Save the date! You are invited to pray with Bishop William T. McGrattan at the blessing of the newly completed Loreto Crypt: Sanctuary for Little Souls at Queen's Park Cemetery. This sacred space has been created as a place of prayer, remembrance, and hope for families who have experienced the loss of infants and unborn children. When: **Wed, Dec 10, 2025 at 4 pm**, at Queen's Park Cemetery, 3219 4 St. NW, Calgary. All are welcome!

40 Hours Devotion for Vocations

Pray for vocations:

- [St. Cecilia, Calgary](#) - Fri, Nov. 21 at 8 am to Sat, Nov. 22 at midnight.
- [Ascension Catholic Parish, Calgary](#) - Thu, Nov 27 at 7 pm to Sat, Nov 29 at 4 pm.

How are you going to prepare for Christmas this year?

Join Fr. Wilbert Chin Jon for an evening of reflection as we enter the season of Advent. Drawing from the call of Isaiah and echoed by John the Baptist, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight" (Lk 3:4). When: **Wed, Nov 26, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at FCJ Retreat & Conference Centre**. This session will help us explore how Scripture, prayer, and personal reflection can ready our hearts for Christ's coming, especially in the wilderness places of our lives. Register to info@fcjcentre.ca or 403-228-4215 or visit fcjcentre.ca.

An Evening with Michael Chiasson – "Things We Wish Our Parents Knew"

Parents are invited to an evening with Michael Chiasson as he shares the message behind his new book *Things We Wish Our Parents Knew*. When: **Thu, Nov 27, from 7 to 9 pm at St. Michael's, Calgary**. Come be inspired to heal and strengthen teen-parent relationships through courageous, meaningful conversations.

Elizabeth House Wish List

Help make this Christmas special for the moms and babies of Elizabeth House by donating items from our Christmas Wishlist. **For more info on the Christmas wishlist**, contact 403-560-8471, or email suzanne.lehbauer@calgarydiocese.ca

Donation Drop-off Days at Catholic Pastoral Centre, 120 17th Avenue SW, Calgary on **Dec 2, 3 & 4 – 10 am to 3 pm; Dec 9 & 10 – 1 pm to 6 pm**.

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, Calgary**. For more information, contact Hardy at 587-703-1585.

Advent Retreat – "As we wait in Joyful Hope" with St. Gerard's

All are invited to an Advent retreat with Deacon Michael Soentgerath. When: **Sat, Nov 29, from 9:30 am to 12 pm at St. Gerard's, Calgary**. The morning begins with Adoration at 9:30 am, followed by a retreat talk from 10 am to noon. Free admission. More info, call 403-253-2251 or email frontdesk.admin@stgerards.ca.

End-of-Life Care Formation

Inviting 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.

Anchored in Mystery

Begin the season of Advent with a silent retreat rooted in the theme Anchored in Mystery. When: **Fri–Sun, Dec 5–7 at Mount St. Francis, Cochrane**. Register by calling 403-932-2012.

Advent by Candlelight - for Women

Take a quiet pause this Advent and join the women of Ascension Parish for an evening of peaceful reflection on the meaning of the season, illuminated by the beauty of candlelight. When: **Wed, Dec 3, from 6:30 pm at Ascension Catholic Parish, Calgary**. Tickets: \$15. Register: 403-275-2240.

Advent & Christmas Markets

Sat, Nov 22 from 10 am to 3 pm - [St. Paul's Christmas Market](#) - St. Paul's, Airdrie



HOLY FAMILY PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

Due to the overwhelming amount of Mass Intentions that we receive at Holy Family Parish we have set some guidelines. We realize that people want Masses on certain dates and some don't care when it happens. We have come up with some guidelines to help make this process fair for everybody.

- ✚ There can only be 1 intention per Mass. It will be for the Living or Deceased. You can not combine Living and Deceased in one Mass Intention.
- ✚ Mass Intention to be listed in the Bulletin and read at the Mass it is assigned to.
- ✚ Mass is not published, and it is sent to Calgary to be distributed to priests that do not get any of very few. There is no way of knowing where it will go or the date it will be assigned to, however it will always be faster than having it here.
- ✚ If requesting certain available dates, you are limited to 2 Masses per month by each requester and 1 per intended Mass. Example You could have a Mass for John in July, but if you want 2 for John, 1 would be in July and one in August. Or you could have 1 for John and 1 for Jane in July.
- ✚ You may choose the next available date. Limited to 2 Masses per month by each requester and 1 per intended Mass. Example You could have 1 Mass for John one month, but if you want 2 for John, 1 would be one month and one the next month. Or you could have 1 for John and 1 for Jane in the same month.
- ✚ When there is a funeral or occasion that draws many Mass Intentions, 2 of these will be booked in 2 separate months and the rest will be sent away to be distributed throughout the Diocese.

This is in no way meant to deter you from requesting Mass Intentions as we feel it is wonderful that there are so many Prayers going out to so many people, we merely are trying to make it fair for everybody.

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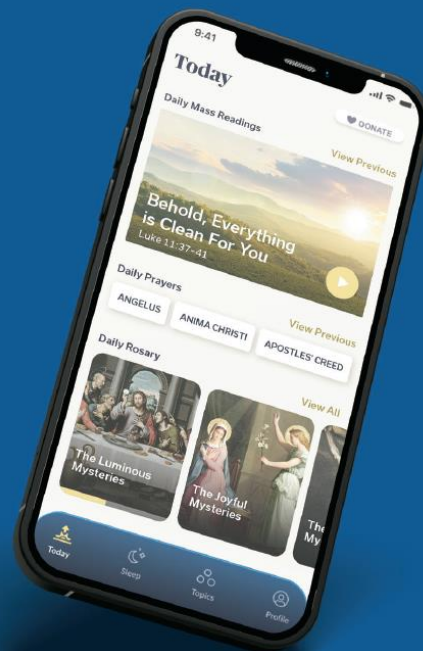
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Joe McKinnon Council #9502**Knights of Columbus 2025 - 2026 Officers**

Position	Name
Grand Knight	Jimmy Tablan
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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 – 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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BEGINS

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

Retreat Centers in Southern Alberta

AN "OASIS" IN THE HEART OF CALGARY

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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





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.