



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YR. A NOVEMBER 30, 2025

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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

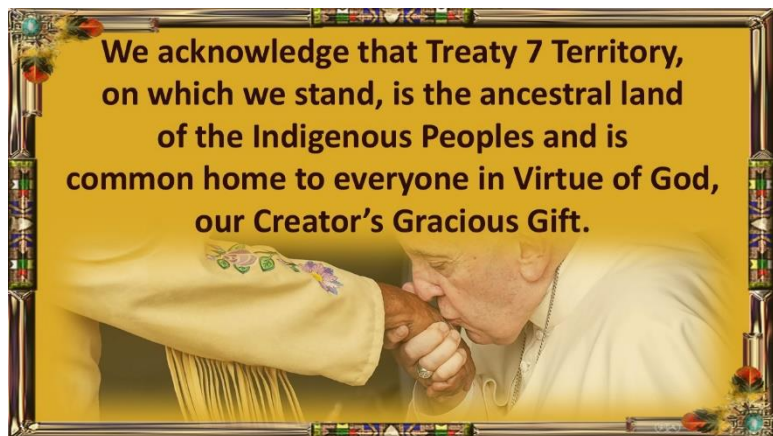
1ST FRIDAY OF MONTH – 12 HOUR ADORATION

Parish Pastoral Council Chair – Ken Loehndorf

Parish Finance Council Chair - Cheryl Pocsik

Knights of Columbus – Jimmy Tablan

Catholic Women's League – Dianne Durda



1st Sunday of Advent ~ Year A

HOPE

Matthew 24: 37-44

Waiting for the coming of the Son of Man

† Masses & Mass Intentions ~ Nov 29th – Dec 5th †

Sat. Nov 29 ~ 5:00pm ~ Deceased of Fox Valley †

Sun. Nov 30 ~ 8:30am ~ Mary-Ann Flug

10:30am ~ Alleen Eirich

6:00pm ~ Holy Family Parish

Mon. Dec 1 ~ 9:00am ~ Knights of Columbus

Tue. Dec 2 ~ 6:00pm ~ Dennis Studer (Healing Mass)

Wed. Dec 3 ~ 9:00am ~ Ray Darr †

Thu. Dec 4 ~ 9:00am ~ Rosemary Rissling †

Fri. Dec 5 ~ 9:00am ~ Vicky Tomaszewski †



Special Collections
DECEMBER

Future Development

Together in Action

Society of

St. Vincent de Paul

Mission Mexico

Christmas Offering

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****No Update this Week****GCAL - \$70,938** **85%** **\$ 60,630**

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

1st Sunday of Advent – Year A**1st Reading ~ Isaiah 2:1-5**

Isaiah describes his vision in which all nations are gathered together by God in peace.

Responsorial Psalm 122:1 -9

Rejoicing, let us enter the house of the Lord.

2nd Reading ~ Romans 13:11-14

Be prepared, salvation is near.

Gospel ~ Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus tells his disciples that the coming of the Son of Man will catch many people unprepared. Jesus tells his disciples that they are to always be ready for the day of the Lord.

Ways to Donate to Holy Family Parish

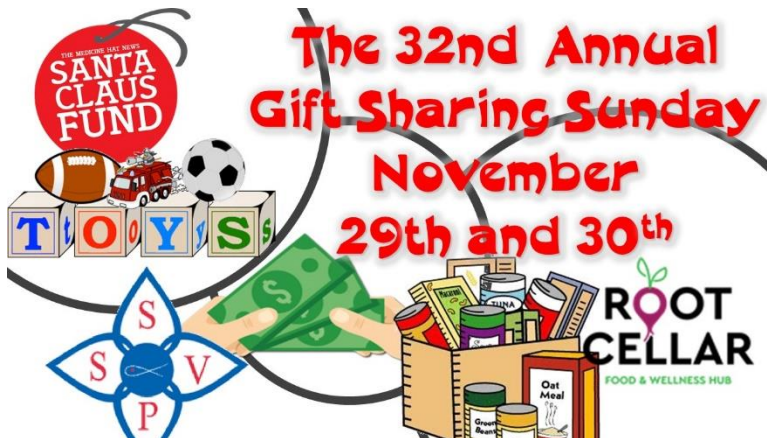
1. Weekly Collection Plate
2. Etransfer – accounting@holyfamilymh.ca
3. Automatic Withdrawal from your Credit Card or Chequing Account

Please contact Robin for more information...

403-527-6933 ext. 104

finance@holyfamilmh.caTOGETHER
in ACTION | 2025**Sorry, there is no update this week!****Somebody took the week off?**

But please, please, please, help Holy Family Parish reach our goal this year. Last week we were only 85% there, which meant we need another 10,000 dollars.

**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!**

SPEAKER



Archbishop
Terrence
Prendergast

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**



**Knights of Columbus
Faith in Action Life Activity
Novena for Life to
Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 3 to 11, 2025**

**The nine-day Novena will be said during
rosaries before Mass starting
Wednesday, December 3
to Thursday, December 11.**

Join our parish in praying for a culture of life.



**Knights of Columbus
Faith in Action Faith Activity
Pilgrim Icon – Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, December 6 at 6:00pm**

**Featuring an icon of the famous
image by Pompeo Batoni in 1767.
This hour will include Sacred Scripture,
the Divine Mercy Chaplet, prayers to the Sacred
Heart, and time for silent prayer and adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament.**



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

TMIY

THAT MAN IS YOU!

December 6, 2025 ~ HFP Faith Room

Breakfast 7:30 am

Presentation 8:30 am

Theme: "The Cry of a Child"

**Session 12 is about fatherhood, how men have succumbed
to temptation, the relentless attack on fatherhood, and
example and the personal price of failed leadership.**



CWL BAKE SALE

December 6th & 7th

before and after each Mass.

**All Parishioners are welcome to drop-off
baking Saturday Dec 6th from 1 to 3.**



Tickets for December 9th Raffle



**Legion of Mary Social Event of the Year
Annual General Reunion
Sunday, December 7th**

3:00 to 4:30 pm at St. Patrick's Church Hall.

**In addition to praying the Legion prayers, there will be
Praying, a Potluck and Singing of Christmas Carols.
& on Monday, December 8th, Hour of Grace
Prayers from noon to 1 pm at St. Patrick's Church,
for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.**



CWL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK
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!



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!



Advent in the Library
 There are many books for the little ones and all ages to help prepare for the Coming of Little Baby Jesus.



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.

It is time to prepare for the coming of the Lord!



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.



Simbang Gabi "Mass of the Rooster"
 December 15th to 18th – 6:00 PM
 at St. Patrick's Church
 December 19th to 23rd - 5:30 AM
 at Holy Family Parish
 A Filipino Christmas Tradition – Everyone Welcome



Advent Penitential Services
 Holy Family Parish – Tuesday, Dec. 16
 Following the 6:00pm Mass
 St. Patrick's Church
 Monday, Dec 15 @ 7:00pm
Reconciliation



Christmas Mass Schedule 2025-26
 Wednesday, Dec. 24
 Nativity Pageant - 4:30 pm
 Masses - 5:00 pm, & 9:30 pm
 Thursday, Dec. 25 – 9:30 am
 Friday, Dec 26 - No Mass
 Wednesday, Dec. 31 - 5:00 pm
 Thursday, Jan. 1 - 10:30 am
 * Office Closed Dec 24 – Jan 4
 * Incense at all Christmas & New Years Masses



ALBERTA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

CONGRATULATIONS DEAN SEHN
NOVEMBER 25 EARLY BIRD WINNER

50-50

CHARITIES APPEAL RAFFLE

**Early Bird
Draws x3**

\$1000_{ea}

Draw Dates at 1:30 PM:
(One winning number will be randomly selected)

**November 25
December 2
December 9**

*All tickets sold from the beginning of the raffle until 12 noon on the days of the Early Bird draws are eligible to win an Early Bird prize and also the Grand Prize.

In support of:

Educational Institutions, Community Charities, Churches,
Youth and Seniors Activities across Alberta

**WINNER
takes 50%
of total sales
\$181,000
maximum**

BUY TICKETS ONLINE

1 for \$5
10 for \$20
50 for \$50
200 for \$100

www.acf5050.com



Ticket sales end
at 12 noon on
Dec 16, 2025

Please Support
Member Council

Grand Prize Draw December 16, 2025

by AGLC-approved Random Number Generator
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Local Charity _____

Early Bird Draw Location: St. John Bosco Catholic Church Hall, 13503 40 Street NW, Edmonton, AB T5A 3L9

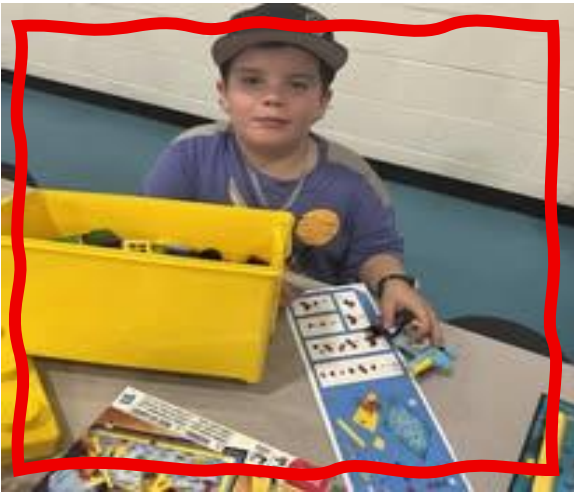
Grand Prize Draw Location: St. John Bosco Catholic Church Hall, 13503 40 Street NW, Edmonton, AB T5A 3L9

Tickets sold only in Alberta - Must be at least 18 years of age to buy tickets - 530,400 tickets available for purchase



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)

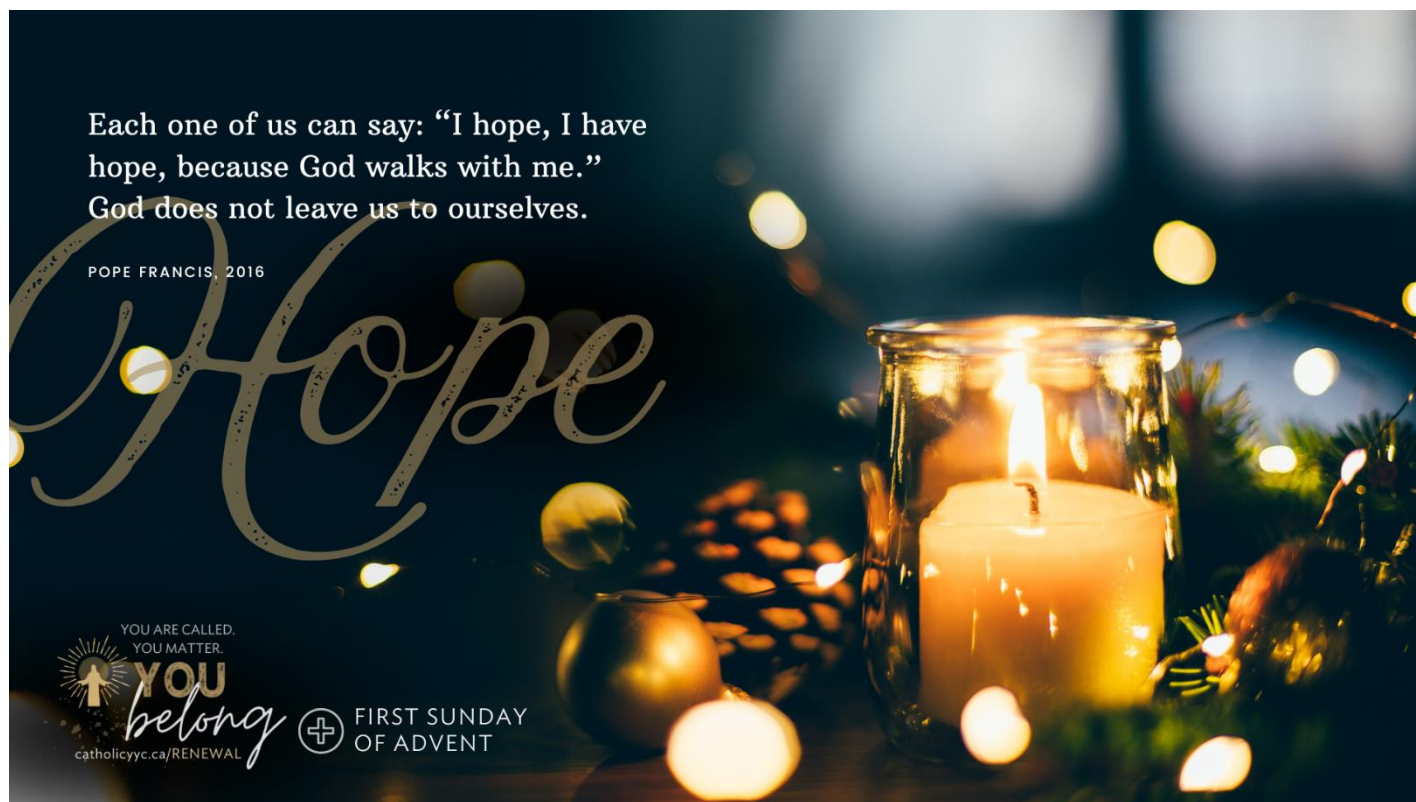
For any questions about the MHWSS Christmas Hamper Program please email Deidre Giesbrecht, Volunteer & Donations Coordinator, at deidreg@mhwss.ca or call us at (403)527-8223.

Thank you for your consideration!

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

DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

First Sunday of Advent



Advent Resources

Find updated Advent events across the Diocese, penitential services schedule, prayers and traditions, recommended books, music and movies, and activities for children. Visit catholiccycc.ca/advent

Multiply the Hope: A Diocesan Advent Initiative

The Diocese of Calgary is launching Multiply the Hope, a Jubilee matching initiative that invests up to \$12 million in local parish renewal. Even after the Jubilee Year concludes on December 28 this year, this matching opportunity will continue through 2027, giving us additional time to reach our goal. During this three-year period, every dollar contributed to a parish's Building Fund or Repairs & Maintenance Fund is matched by the Diocese, up to each parish's designated goal. To learn how you can contribute, please ask your parish for more information, or visit catholiccycc.ca/multiplythehope

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!

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - Jubilee Mass

Join Bishop William McGrattan for the final Jubilee Mass with Apostolic Blessing, celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. When: **Mon, Dec 8 at 7 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral**. This Mass will include the Apostolic Blessing with a plenary indulgence.

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.

40 Hours Devotion for Vocations

Pray for vocations:

- [Ascension Catholic Parish, Calgary](#) - Thu, Nov 27 at 7 pm to Sat, Nov 29 at 4 pm.
- [Holy Family, Medicine Hat](#) - Fri, Dec 5 at 9:30 am to Sun, Dec 7 at 8 am.

Double your impact for Elizabeth House this Christmas

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.**

Your Gift Helps Mothers Move Forward

This season, all donations to Elizabeth House will be matched up to \$25,000. Your support offers mothers a safe home, opportunities for education, counselling, and the skills they need for independent living.

Donate at elizabethhousecalgary.ca by Dec 19 to take part in the matching campaign: elizabethhousecalgary.ca

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.

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 candlelight. When: **Wed, Dec 3, from 6:30 pm at Ascension Catholic Parish, Calgary.** Tickets: \$15. Register: 403-275-2240.

Living Nativities

Experience the wonder of the Nativity together as two parishes in our diocese host outdoor Living Nativity celebrations. Families are invited to step into Bethlehem and encounter the story of Jesus’ birth in a memorable and faith-filled way. Free admission; donations welcome.

- **Living Nativity at Holy Name Church (Calgary)** - Sat, Dec 6, from 4 pm to 7 pm at Holy Name Church, Calgary – Walk through Bethlehem with live animals, characters, food, and family activities as the story of Jesus’ birth is shared.
- **The Living Nativity at St. James Parish, Okotoks** - Sat, Dec 6, from 4 pm to 8 pm at St. James Parish – Experience the Village of Bethlehem with live actors, live music, and live animals. Refreshments available for purchase in the church hall.

Advent Taize Prayer Service

Enter into the quiet beauty of Advent through an evening of Taizé prayer. Simple chants, gentle repetition, and candlelit silence invite us to renew our hearts and rest in the nearness of Christ’s coming. When: **Sat, Dec 6, from 7 pm to 9 pm at St. Luke’s Church, Calgary.**

Merry Merry Christmas Concert

Enjoy an evening of Christmas music, sing-along favourites, and storytelling with the Cappy Smart Band. When: **Tue, Dec 2, from 7:30 pm to 9 pm at St. Gerard’s Parish Hall.** Cost is \$10 per person or \$30 per family (max 4). Children 12 and under are free. For tickets, call 403-253-2251.



Mass Intentions

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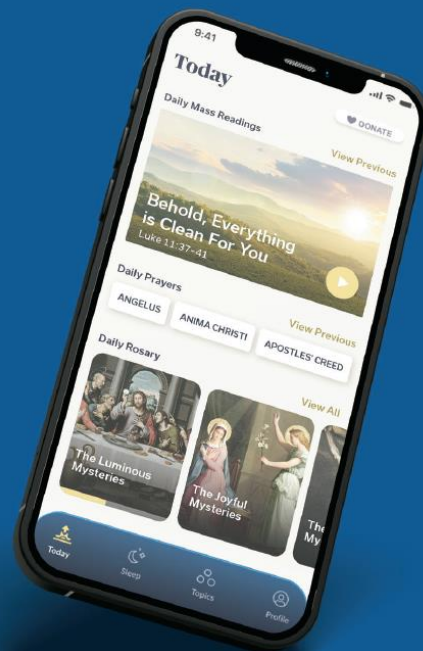
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Joe McKinnon Council #9502**Knights of Columbus 2025 - 2026 Officers**

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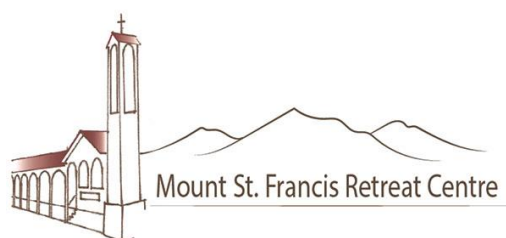
Order the [Leader's Kit](#) or [Deluxe Leader's Kit](#) on Catholic Market.

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 @holymfamilymh.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@holymfamilymh.ca so it can be sent to the diocese.