



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YR. A DECEMBER 21, 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

RECONCILIATION...

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

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

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

We acknowledge that Treaty 7 Territory,
on which we stand, is the ancestral land
of the Indigenous Peoples and is
common home to everyone in Virtue of God,
our Creator's Gracious Gift.

4th Sunday of Advent ~ Year A

LOVE

Matthew 1: 18-24

“Look. the virgin shall conceive and bear a son. and they shall name him Emmanuel.”

† Masses & Mass Intentions ~ Dec 20th – Dec 26th †

Sat. Dec 20 ~ 5:00pm ~ Cecil Harnack †

Sun. Dec 21 ~ 8:30am ~ John Weimer †

10:30am ~ Holy Family Parish

6:00pm ~ Cindy Anhorn †

Mon. Dec 22 ~ 9:00am ~ Michael Blanchette & Naty R

Tue. Dec 23 ~ 6:00pm ~ Frank Gutfriend †

Wed. Dec 24 ~ 5:00pm ~ Jim Hintz †

9:30pm ~ Matilda Schlinker †

Thu. Dec 25 ~ 9:30am ~ Holy Family Parish

Fri. Dec 26 ~ NO MASS TODAY



Special Collections DECEMBER

Future Development

Together in Action

Society of

St. Vincent de Paul

Mission Mexico

Christmas Offering

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FINANCIAL REPORT

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

DECEMBER MONTH TO DATE

General Envelope Collection	\$ 32,865
Loose Collections	\$ 1,768
Future Development	\$ 2,021
Misc. Income	\$ 2,357
Total Month Income	\$ 39,011
Budget Vs Actual	- \$ 31,145

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

2025 YEAR TO DATE

Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 71,061
GOAL - \$70,938 100%	
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 45,823
World Mission	\$ 2,300
Clergy Retirement	\$ 1,844
Mission Mexico	\$ 3,154
CARO	\$ 285
Seminary Fund	\$ 2,894
Holy Land & Pope's Pastoral	\$ 5,757
Multiply the Hope	\$ 5,765

Thank You for your Generous Contributions

December Average Weekend Attendance 936

2nd Sunday of Advent – Year A

1st Reading ~ *Isaiah 7:10-14*

Ahaz proclaims the sign that the Lord will give: a virgin shall give birth to a son, Emmanuel.

Responsorial *Psalms 24:1-2,3-4,5-6*

The Lord is the King of Glory who established the earth.

2nd Reading ~ *Romans 1:1-7*

Paul greets the community at Rome and declares himself a servant of Christ Jesus.

Gospel ~ *Matthew 11:1-7*

An angel appears to Joseph, directing him to take Mary as his wife and telling him that the child she will bear will be called Emmanuel.

Ways to Donate to Holy Family Parish

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

Please contact Robin for more information...
403-527-6933 ext. 104
finance@holymfamilymh.ca



Envelopes for 2026 are available to be picked up in the foyer of the church. Some people may have a new number this year!

Please put your Name, Address and Phone Number on your New Envelopes for a few weeks.



The 2025 Tax Receipts will be getting compiled soon. Make sure all donations are in by December 30th & if you have moved make sure the office has your address change!



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!



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.

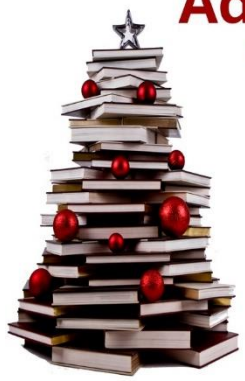


**HELP US COVER
 OUR TREE WITH
 MITTENS FOR THE
 WOMEN'S SHELTER**



Holy Family Parish VOLUNTEERS
 Deadline: Dec 31, 2025

Please complete your Safe Environment Package in the narthex to help us meet the audit requirements and to remain eligible to volunteer within our parish. Your service is valued and deeply appreciated. Thank you for your continued commitment. If you need help with yours, please contact: Robin at 403-527-6933 ext. 104



Advent in the Library

Child's - No Room in the Inn
 by: Jean Malone

Junior's - The Littlest Magi
 by: Chris Auer

Adult's - The Blessing of Christmas
 by: Pope Benedict XVI

If you have picked up your box of envelopes, please check the name on them. It seems that we are missing a box that is numbered 398. They were left in a pew last weekend, if you have them, please return them to the office. THANK YOU!



TOGETHER in ACTION 2025

2025 Goal - \$70,938

YOU ARE called

WE DID IT!!!
YOU DID IT!!!
THANK YOU!!!!!!

 **YOU MATTER.
 YOU BELONG.**

*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



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





Vincentian Corner

In the months from Jan through November 2025, Vincentians conducted 276 visits with neighbours in need. Of the individuals assisted, 337 were adults and 199 were children, for a total of 536 people helped. The volunteer hours for this time period amounted to 2574. We share these statistics with you to provide you with the tremendous amount of service we are able to provide through our Society.

As we celebrate Advent in preparation for the birth of our Saviour, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our fellow parishioners: thank you for your support of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul throughout the year. Your generosity makes it possible for us to continue our mission of helping those in need within our community and your prayers give us the strength to keep assisting the most vulnerable. We feel blessed to see Jesus in our neighbours, and to make a difference in their lives brings us both joy and peace. We are so grateful for your support.

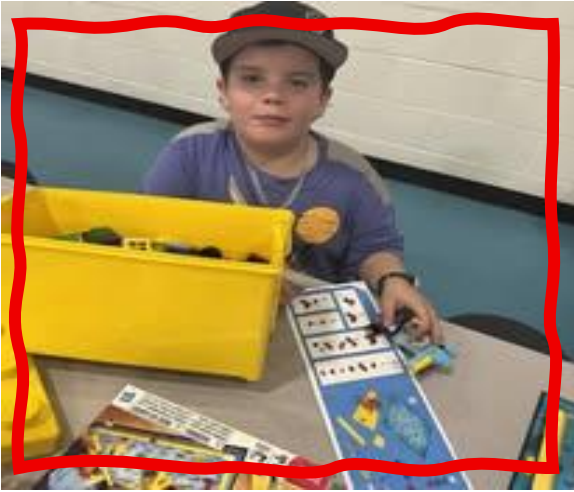
May God bless you and yours with a blessed and happy Christmas season.

'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

St. Vincent de Paul - Icons in the Narthex are at \$535.00 in totals contributions.

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!!



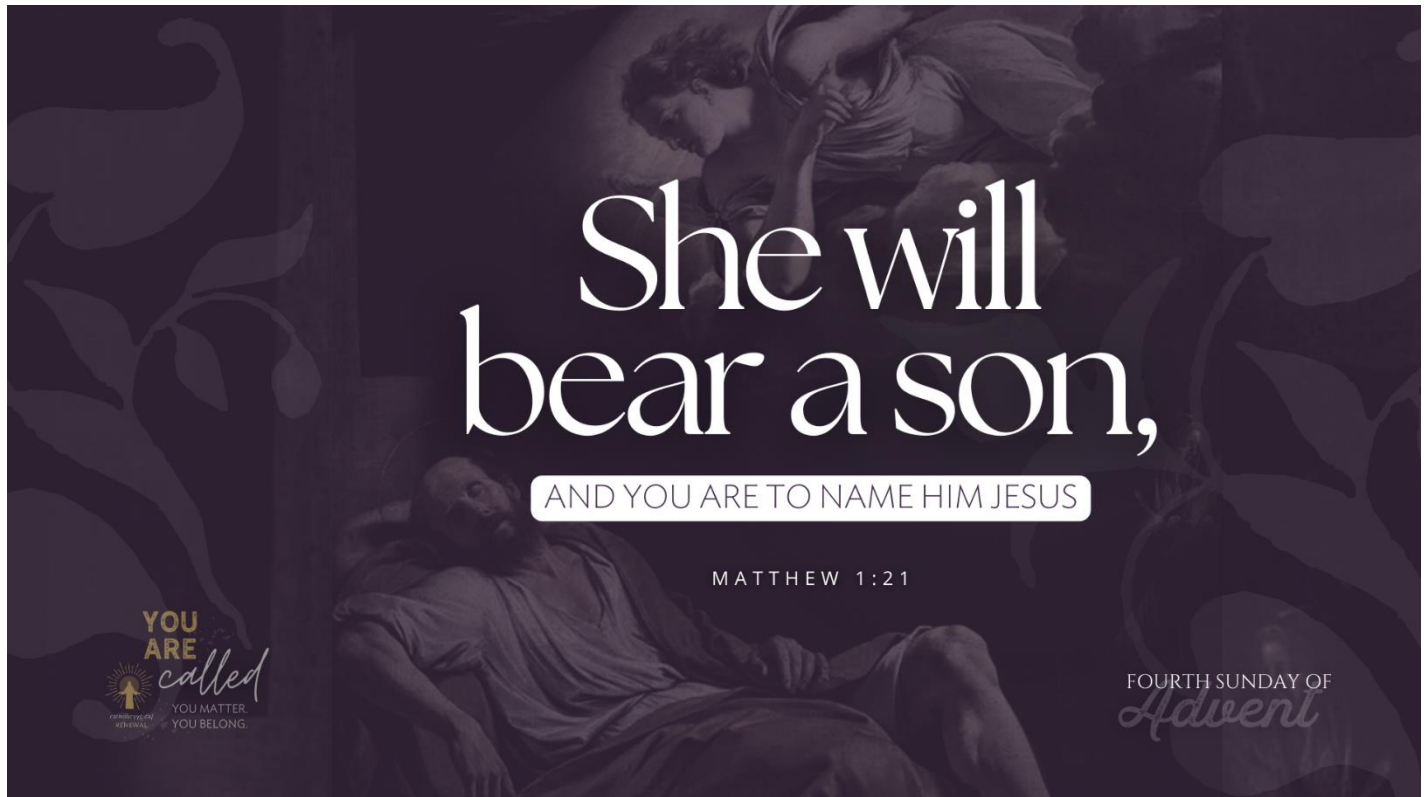
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Here's to continued success at MTS in 2025-2026!

DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Christmas & Solemnity of Mary (New Year) Mass Times

[Parish Christmas Mass schedule](#) (Nativity of the Lord & Solemnity of Mary) is now available on our websites at catholiccyc.ca

Closing Celebration for the Jubilee Year of Hope

Join the diocesan community for Mass marking the end of the Jubilee Year of Hope, celebrated by Bishop McGrattan. When: **Saturday, Dec. 27 at 5 pm**. All are welcome to gather in thanksgiving and prayer as we commend the fruits of this sacred year to the Lord.

Year-End Giving

Thank you for thinking of us at this Christmas season. We grow in our Christian faith when we show others the love of Christ to people through building parish communities and offering programs that nurture our faith. We are truly grateful for your support! To contribute before Dec. 31, 2025 - visit catholiccyc.ca/give

Loreto Crypt

The Diocese of Calgary is pleased to announce the opening of the Loreto Crypt at Queen's Park Cemetery (3219 4 St NW, Calgary), a permanent, above-ground mausoleum offering a dignified resting place for babies lost through miscarriage before 20 weeks of gestation. The crypt is open to all families, Catholic and non Catholic.

Families begin the process by contacting a licensed funeral home, which will coordinate directly with the Diocese and the City of Calgary. There is no diocesan fee, and burial costs are covered by the City during regular operating hours.

- Full guidelines and information are available at catholiccyc.ca/loretocrypt

Screening: Triumph of the Heart

This January, Calgarians are invited to a special community screening of *Triumph of the Heart*, a powerful film on the life and martyrdom of St. Maximilian Kolbe. The film tells the true story of the Polish priest who, while imprisoned at Auschwitz

during the Second World War, offered his life in place of another condemned prisoner. It is a moving witness to faith, courage, and sacrificial love. Tickets are approximately \$7, with half of any proceeds donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. When: **Sat, Jan 10, 2026, at 7 pm** | Cardel Theatre (180 Quarry Park Blvd, Calgary). To get tickets, email rerumnovarumpartners@gmail.com.

Fun Night with the Sisters

Young women ages 16+ are invited to a fun evening of conversation, games, and a shared meal with religious women in the Diocese; parental permission is required for minors. When: **Fri, Jan 23, 5:30 pm to 9 pm at Catholic Pastoral Centre, Calgary**. Register by Jan 22 to: sisterdianne.turner@calgarydiocese.ca or call 403-218-5504.

Grief Share Program

St. Michael's Grief Support Ministry invites individuals who have experienced the loss of a loved one to take part in an eight-week Grief Share Program. When: **Tuesdays, Jan 13 to Mar 3, from 7 pm to 9 pm at St. Michael's Catholic Community, Calgary**. Each session includes a video seminar, facilitated group discussion, and a personal workbook, offering a supportive and faith-based space to walk with others through grief. To register, email peggy.tan@shaw.ca.

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 catholiccyyc.ca/multiplythehope

New Year's Eve Adoration & Holy Mass

Wed, Dec 31, from 9:30 pm to 2 am at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Calgary – Join the Sisters of Divine Mercy for a Cross-Over Night of prayer as we welcome the New Year with Eucharistic Adoration, the Holy Rosary, and Midnight Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Music will be led by the Sisters, with fellowship and refreshments to follow. For more information, contact Sr Katrina at 587 755 1019.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (**Jan 18-25**), Catholics are invited to pray with Christians around the world for the unity Christ desires for His Church. Parishes, families, and individuals are encouraged to take part through prayer at Mass, at home, or in small groups. Catholic prayer resources, Scripture reflections, and liturgical suggestions are available to support participation throughout the week. Get resources [here](#).

Fam Cat - Catholic Family Catechism

Fam Cat invites families to grow together in faith through a Catholic family catechism program rooted in formation, community, and the domestic church. Catechesis is offered for every member of the family, including adults, with support from a welcoming Catholic community. Babysitting is available. When: **Saturdays, from 10 am to 12 noon at St. Mary's University, Classroom Building - sessions run on Jan 17 & 31, Feb 14 & 28, Mar 14 & 28, and Apr 11 & 25**. To register, contact familycatechism@outlook.com or call 587 583 7545.

Winter Clothing Drive

The Diocese of Calgary and Salvation Army are once again organizing a "Winter Clothing Drive" for all participating parishes within the diocese. If your parish would like to receive a donation box and participate in this worthwhile cause, please get in touch with Mara Capili at mara.capili@calgarydiocese.ca or 403-218-5521.



Mass Intentions

HOLY FAMILY PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

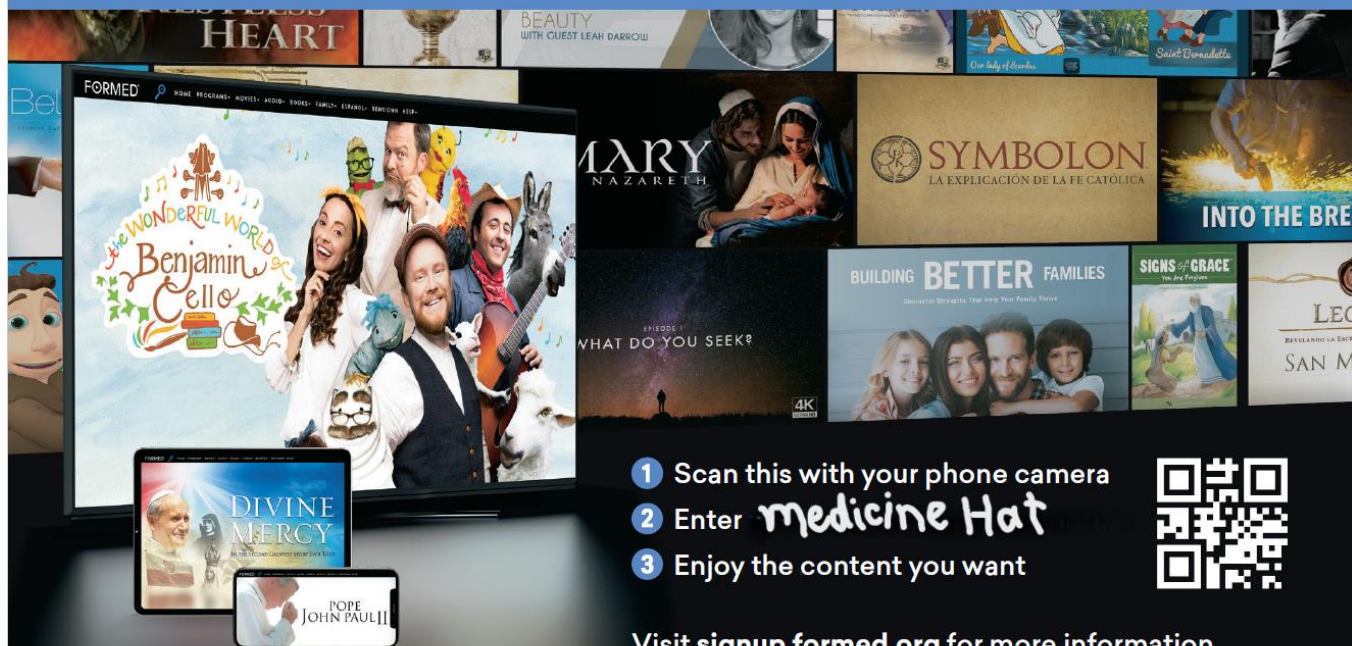
Due to the overwhelming amount of Mass Intentions that we receive at Holy Family Parish we have set some guidelines. We realize that people want Masses on certain dates and some don't care when it happens. We have come up with some guidelines to help make this process fair for everybody.

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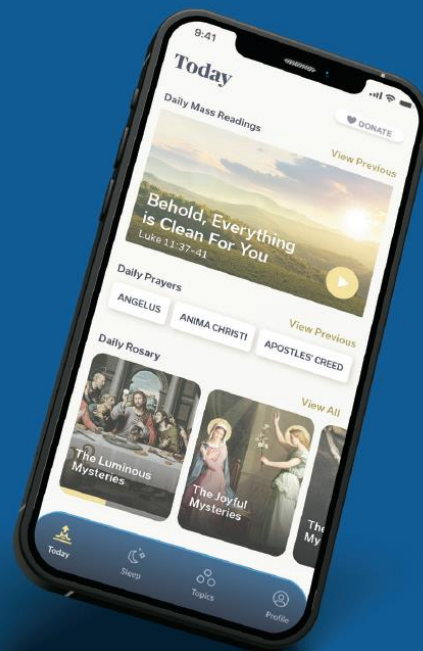
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Joe McKinnon Council #9502**Knights of Columbus 2025 - 2026 Officers**

Position	Name
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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
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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 – 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**

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.