



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – YR. A

JANUARY 11, 2026

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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

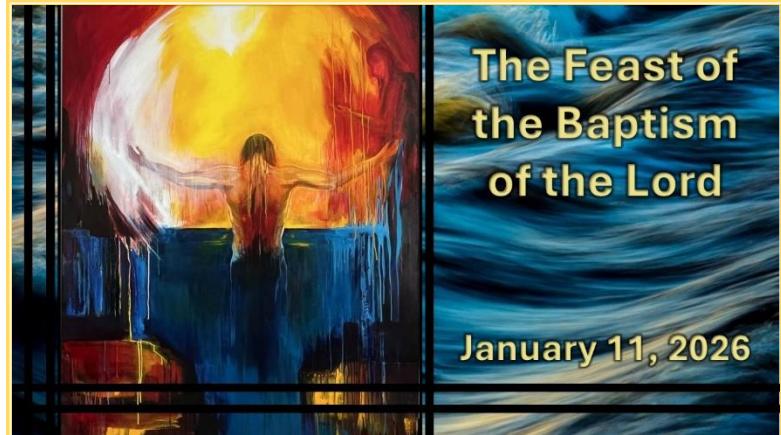
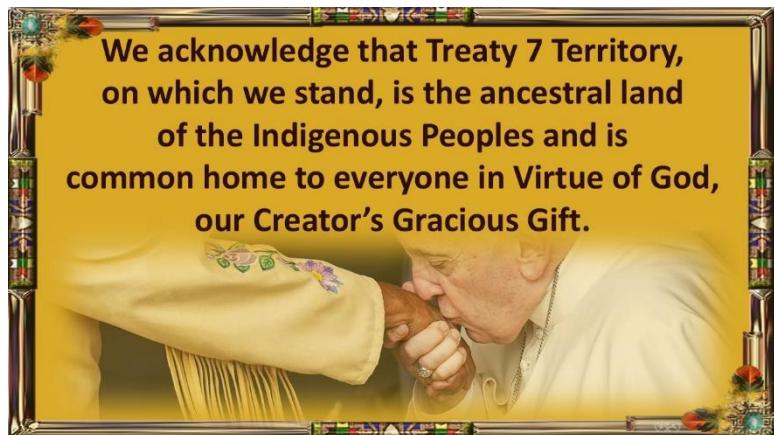
Parish Pastoral Council Chair – Ken Loehdorf

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.



The Feast of The Baptism of the Lord – Sunday, January 11, 2026

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 Acts 10:34-38 Matthew 3:13-17.

No Partiality. Saint Peter declares this truth: God shows no partiality. God may be my God, but God does not love me – or only mine – the best. God is not only on my side. God is on every side. God loves everyone and everything. On this day recalling the Baptism of Jesus, we cherish our own Baptism into him. Baptism calls us to discipleship and to mission.

- † How will I, like Jesus, go about doing good this day?
- † How will I, like Jesus, bring forth justice – even in some small way?
- † How will I be at peace?

FINANCIAL REPORT	
Monthly Operating Budget	\$ 70,156
DECEMBER MONTH TO DATE	
General Envelope Collection	\$ 84,535
Loose Collections	\$ 7,353
Future Development	\$ 3,366
Misc. Income	\$ 3,912
Total Month Income	\$ 99,166
Budget Vs Actual	\$ 29,010
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
2025 YEAR TO DATE	
Together in Action (TIA)	
GOAL - \$70,938	100%
Multiply the Hope	\$ 26,407
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 50,709
World Mission	\$ 2,310
Clergy Retirement	\$ 1,954
Mission Mexico	\$ 4,794
CARO	\$ 295
Seminary Fund	\$ 2,994
Holy Land & Pope's Pastoral	\$ 5,757
<i>Thank You for your Generous Contributions</i>	
December Average Weekend Attendance 1140	

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



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!*

Saturday, January 10

10:00am ~ Benedictine Group – Hope Room
10:00am & 1:30pm ~ 1st. Comm. Classes – Faith Room

3:00 ~ Confirm. Class Make-Up – Faith Room

3:30pm ~ Reconciliation

5:00pm ~ Mass ~ Bill Haysom †

Sunday, January 11

8:30am ~ Mass ~ Jack Whenham †

10:30am ~ Mass ~ Joan Standish †

6:00pm ~ Mass ~ Holy Family Parish

Monday, January 12

8:30am-2:30pm ~ MHCBE ~ HFP Hall

9:00am ~ Mass ~ Jack Risling

7:00pm ~ KofC General Mtg. – Faith Room

Tuesday, January 13

6:00pm ~ Georgina Hecker †

1:00pm ~ Endow ~ Charity Room

1:00pm ~ SSVP ~ Hope Room

7:00pm ~ CWL General Mtg. – HFP Hall

Wednesday, January 14

9:00pm ~ Mass ~ Brian Bolger †

4:00pm ~ Choir Practice - Sally

7:00pm ~ RCIA – Faith Room

Thursday, January 15

9:00am ~ Mass ~ Agnes Henderson †

9:30am-2pm ~ Gr 6 Retreat ~ HFP Hall

9:30am ~ Bible Study – Faith Room

9:30am ~ St. Mary's Gr. 6 Retreat – Hall

6:00pm ~ SHE - Hall

Friday, January 16

9:00am ~ Mass ~ Rosamma Joseph †

9:30 – 10:30am ~ Adoration & Reconciliation

Saturday, January 17

7:00-10:00am ~ TMIY – HFP Hall

10:00am ~ Benedictine Group – Hope Room

3:30pm ~ Reconciliation

5:00pm ~ Mass ~ Jim Buscholl †

Sunday, January 18

8:30am ~ Mass ~ Holy Family Parish

10:30am ~ Mass ~ Rita Darr †

(Children's Liturgy)

6:00pm ~ Mass ~ Cesar Subrado †

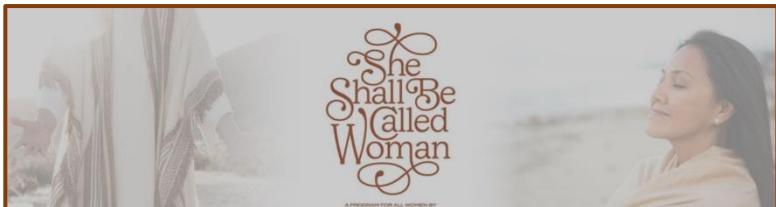


Children's Liturgy 10:30 Mass
1st and 3rd Sundays of the Month
 Parents need to complete the registration form on the Children's Liturgy table and drop the completed form into our mail slot beside the office door before children can attend.
 Children who have not received 1st Communion & are under 8 yrs of age can attend.
 Older children are encouraged to stay at mass.
 Children under 3 need an adult present with them.

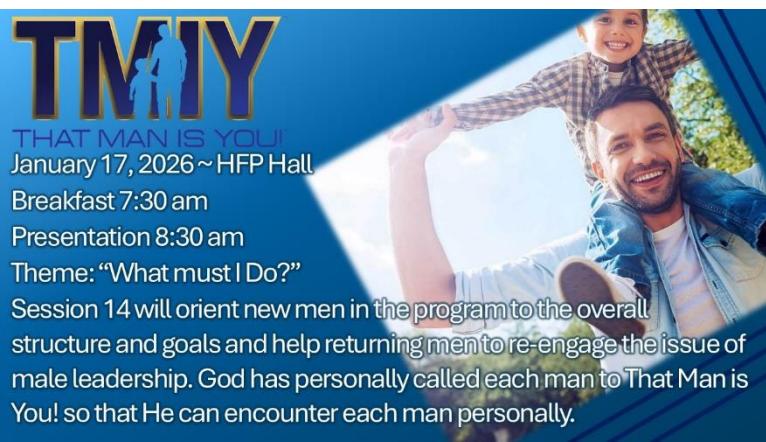
Knights of Columbus
General Meeting
Monday, January 12 at 7:00pm
Faith Room



Catholic Women's League (CWL)
General Meeting
Tuesday, January 13 at 7:00pm
Holy Family Parish Hall

Thursday, January 15, 2026 ~ HFP Hall
6:15pm Gathering ~ 6:45 pm Presentation
7:15 pm Small Group Discussion
7:45 pm Dismissal
Theme... "Source of Light"



TMIY
THAT MAN IS YOU!
January 17, 2026 ~ HFP Hall
 Breakfast 7:30 am
 Presentation 8:30 am
 Theme: "What must I Do?"
 Session 14 will orient new men in the program to the overall structure and goals and help returning men to re-engage the issue of male leadership. God has personally called each man to That Man is You! so that He can encounter each man personally.

MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' EDUCATION FOUNDATION

AGM MEETING

 **TUESDAY JANUARY 20, 2026**
 **MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE**
 1251 1 AVE SW
 **7:00 P.M.**

ALL PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



St. Patrick's Church Knights of Columbus
Dean Fitzpatrick Council 1732



CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

- Topic for this school year - "Out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite popes and why?"
- Who is eligible? - All Catholic Students currently in grade 9 and grade 12

More information in the Digital Bulletin
Entry deadline of Jan 23, 2026

HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY INFORMATION NIGHT

All Medicine Hat Catholic families are encouraged to attend, as this school will be utilized by the whole division!

Holy Family Parish Hall
Wednesday, February 11
7:00 – 8:00 PM



HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY
Building Possibilities



Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education



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.

Matthew 3:17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."



Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education

PINK SHIRT DAY

COLLECTION



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Monsignor McCoy High School

Merry Christmas and warm greetings on behalf of the students and staff of Monsignor McCoy High School. We are grateful for the continued support and prayers of our parish community, and we are blessed to welcome both returning and new families into our school this year.

At McCoy, we remain committed to fostering a strong Catholic learning environment where students grow academically, personally, and spiritually. Guided by the teachings of Christ, our school emphasizes faith, respect, compassion, and responsibility in all aspects of daily life. Our dedicated staff work to ensure that each student feels supported, valued, and encouraged to become the person God is calling them to be.

McCoy continues to offer strong academic programming while providing excellent extracurricular programs and other unique opportunities for our students throughout the school year. We are very proud of our vibrant school spirit and inclusive, caring environment where every student is encouraged to reach their full potential.

We are truly thankful for our partnership with the parish and for the ways your prayers strengthen our mission. Please continue to keep our students, families, and staff in your intentions as we embark on this year of learning, service, and faith formation.



Rob Burzinski
Principal

Dakota Ruschkowski
Vice-Principal

Natasha Taylor
Vice-Principal



ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

Knights of Columbus Dean Fitzpatrick Council 1732

Citizenship Essay contest

- Topic for this school year
“Out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite popes and why?”
- Who is eligible?
 - All Catholic Students currently in grade 9 and grade 12
- Prizes:
 - All entries: iPhone wallet
 - Grade 9: 1st- \$100, 2nd -\$75, 3rd- \$50.
 - Grade 12: 1st- \$100, 2nd -\$75, 3rd- \$50
- Entry forms and details:
 - Available in classroom or at the school board office.
 - Deadline for entry: **noon Friday Jan 23/26**
 - ALL essays entered in the competition must be accompanied by completed application form. **No exceptions.**

Winning entries to be submitted to the Knights of Columbus International Essay competition.



A PROGRAM FOR ALL INSTRUCTED BY
Paradise Del

SEASON FOUR RESTORED to RADIANCE

In a world where the prevalence of darkness often seems overwhelming, it's easy to feel discouraged, fearful, or even weighed down by the struggles of our culture. Yet, Scripture offers us a powerful image of light that not only calls us to turn to Christ in our need for conversion, but also reminds us that He has already won the victory. This season, we are invited to embrace the Light of Christ, allowing it to penetrate every corner of our lives and shine brightly into the world, bringing hope and transformation to all we encounter. Join us as we ask the Lord to Restore us to His Radiance as a light to our families, friends, and the world.



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



KATIE HARTFIELD
Content Coordinator
She Shall Be Called Woman



REGINA BOYD
Licensed Mental Health Counselor &
Marriage & Family Therapist



DEBBIE HERBECK
Founder of Be Loved Revolution
Pine Hills Girls Camp



ALI HOFFMAN
Catholic Evangelist & Artist



MARK HARTFIELD
Vice President
Paradise Del



RACHEL BULMAN
Author & Speaker

EMBRACE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

EACH SESSION OFFERS:

ENCOUNTER: "SHE is truly a cup-filler! The topics and ideas are so validating, and the recommendations are uplifting to hear."

MESSAGE: "I wish every woman could hear the things discussed in SHE! I came away feeling so good about being a daughter of God."

FELLOWSHIP: "I loved the time I spent with other women from our parish who want to share the struggles, challenges, and joys of our faith."

**TWO NEW SEASONS
AVAILABLE FOR NEXT YEAR**

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Thursday Evenings
Start Date: January 8th, 2026
Holy Family Parish Hall

SCHEDULE:

6:15 pm Fellowship
6:45 pm Video Presentation
7:15 pm Small Group Discuss.
7:45 pm Dismissal



REGISTRATION:

Scan the QR Code OR
Register in the Hall upon attending
your first session. For more
info., call Maria at 403 526 6104
and leave a message.

DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

The Baptism of the Lord



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan 18–25, 2026)

Rooted in Christ's prayer for unity, this annual week invites Christians to pray together under the theme "There is one body and one Spirit" (Eph 4:4). Parishes, families, and individuals are encouraged to use the 2026 resources in liturgies, prayer services, and daily prayer. Mass on **Sun, Jan 18 at Noon** at St. Mary's Cathedral with William McGrattan. All are welcome!

Communications: Marriage Enrichment Workshop for Couples

Join Bill & Tracy as they explore communication styles, strengths and weaknesses within your relationship, and skill-building for strong communication in marriage. The evening will be presented in workshop style, so that each couple has time for discussion, planning, and exploring communication as a couple. Topics will include: communication styles, love languages, the importance of sharing experiences and stories within family life and communication tips. For more info on the workshops and to register, [click here](#). You can also contact 403-218-5521 or email mara.capili@calgarydiocese.ca

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 at catholicyyc.ca/loretocrypt

Gentle Fitness Class at St. Mary's Cathedral

A welcoming Gentle Fitness class suitable for all ages and fitness levels. The first class is free, with a cost of \$8 per class thereafter. When: **Wednesdays, Jan 14–Mar 25, from 1 pm to 2 pm at St Mary's Parish Hall**. No equipment required. Please wear comfortable clothing and running shoes. To register, contact Antoinette at 825-449-0080 or agodbout@gmail.com.

Organ for Pianist Workshop

Pianists curious about the pipe organ (whether or not your parish has one) are invited to explore it in a welcoming, hands-on setting. When: **Sat, Jan 24 at 10 am to 12:30 pm.** This workshop introduces the organ as a liturgical instrument, with practical foundations in registration, pedals, and playing for Mass. Space is very limited. \$15/person. Register to Mara at 403-218-5521.

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.

A Call to Unity: Prayer & Worship with the Jewish Messianic Movement

Parishioners are invited to gather for an evening of prayer and worship with the Jewish Messianic movement. All are invited to this communal gathering of healing, repentance, and reconciliation with the Body of Messiah. When: **Thu, Jan. 22 at 7 pm to 8:30 pm - at St. Michael Catholic Community, Calgary.** All are welcome!

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Inspiration Unplugged with Heather Khym

Join Heather Khym, co-founder of Life Restoration Ministries and co-host of the Abiding Together Podcast, as she shares insights drawn from her ministry, writing, and evangelization work. When: **Thu, Jan 22, from 7 pm to 9 pm at McGivney Hall, St. Mary's University, Calgary.** All are welcome to this unplugged evening of inspiration, conversation, and encouragement. To register, call (403) 531-9130.

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 catholicyyc.ca/multiplythehope

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, call 587 583 7545.



*“The
Diocese
does not
trust us.”*

WE
BELIEVE
THAT

**It takes
the entire
community**

TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE

Clergy, religious, staff, and volunteers complete screening and safe environment training to ensure a shared understanding of appropriate boundaries and to identify red flag behaviours. This is a commitment to create a safe and respectful environment for all.

 **Clear boundaries** help individuals prevent and assess situations that are questionable. They also support timely reporting whenever necessary.

 **Every person has a role** in creating and sustaining a safe and respectful environment in our parish communities.



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE
of Calgary

**THANK
YOU**

to all who have completed their Safe Environment requirements & Praesidium Academy training.



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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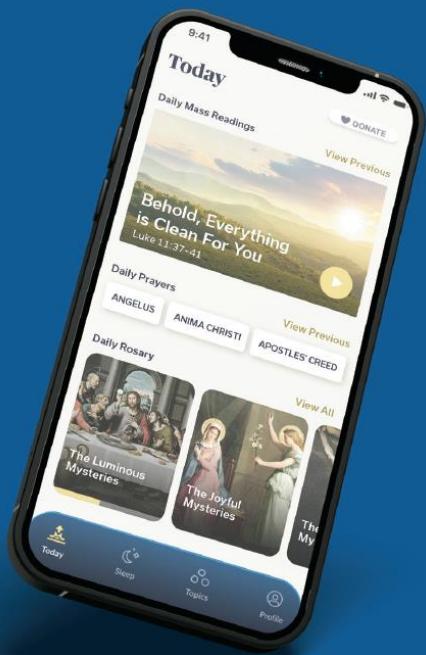
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Joe McKinnon Council #9502	
Knights of Columbus 2025 - 2026 Officers	
Position	Name
Grand Knight	Jimmy Tablan
Deputy Grand Knight	Jason Iverson
Financial Secretary	Pat Ries
Treasurer	Ron Pisoni
Chancellor	Pat Roche
Recorder	Brad Irvine
Advocate	Darrell Bonagofsky
Warden	Walter Pratt
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Outside Guard	Michael Camphor
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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

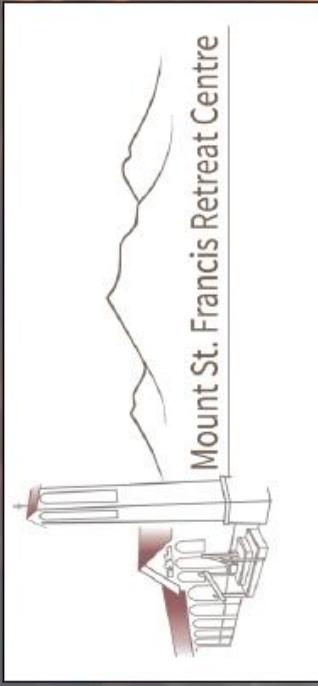
Notre Dame Academy Mass

May 10 – Mothers' Day

June 14 - Fathers' Day ???

June 21 – Parish Picnic





Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre



MiXED ReTReAT:
St Vincent dePaul Society January 16-18
Couples Retreat March 20-22
Anglican Retreat April 17-19
Living in the Spirit June 12-14
Plus Day Retreats, Couples Retreat and
Seasonal Retreats.
Check OUT MOuNTFRANCIs.cA

FOR MORE DETAILS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION.

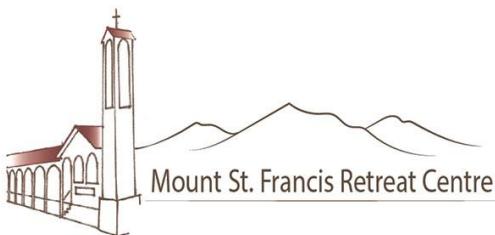


**2025-2026 ReTReAT Year:
ANchORED IN MysTeRy**
Each of us face uncertainties and trials.
Each day we anchor ourselves in
the Mystery of the Divine.
This retreat is an invitation to our
relationships, our living and
our responding to how the
Divine Mystery meets us.

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 all are 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.