



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YR. A FEBRUARY 1, 2026

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Facebook: [Medicine Hat Holy Family Parish](#) ~ [YouTube: Medicine Hat Holy Family Church](#)

Office Hrs. Monday to Friday - 8:30am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm to 4:30pm. Closed on Holidays.

CLERGY AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Fr. Fernando Genogaling & Deacon Robert Risling

MASS TIMES - MONDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY

FRIDAY 9:00AM TUESDAY 6:00PM

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

MONTHLY - 1ST SATURDAY 9 AM

RECONCILIATION...

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

THE CHAPEL IS OPEN...

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

ADORATION FRIDAY 9:30 – 10:30am

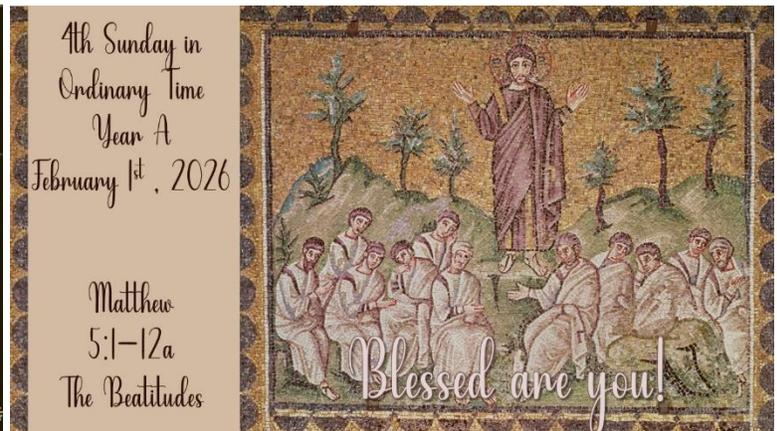
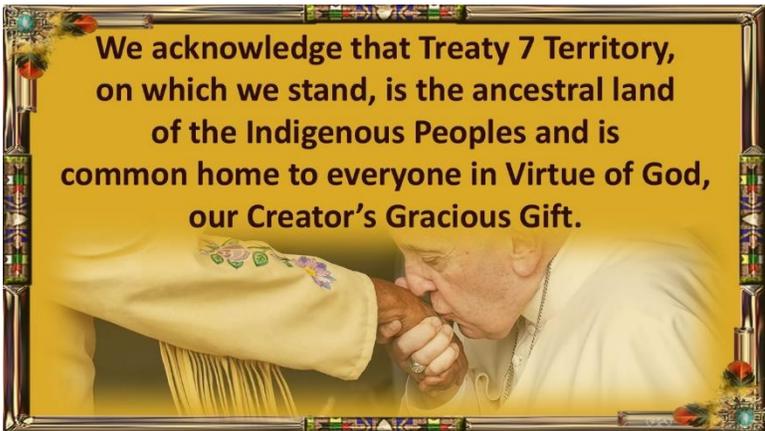
1ST FRIDAY OF MONTH – 12 HOUR ADORATION

Parish Pastoral Council Chair – Ken Loehndorf

Parish Finance Council Chair - Cheryl Pocsik

Knights of Columbus – Jimmy Tablan

Catholic Women's League – Dianne Durda



2025 DONATION TAX RECEIPTS WILL BE READY FOR PICK UP ON FEBRUARY 5

Forth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A – February 1, 2026

1st Reading - Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13 - There will be a people who remain sheltered from God's anger.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 146:6-10 - The Lord is faithful forever.

2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 - God chooses the weak to show his power.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 5:1-12a - Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.

Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God.

FINANCIAL REPORT		
Monthly Operating Budget	\$ 74,669	
JANUARY MONTH TO DATE		
General Envelope Collection	\$ 49,792	
Loose Collections	\$ 4,386	
Future Development	\$ 2,678	
Misc. Income	\$ 7,665	
Total Month Income	\$ 64,521	
Budget Vs Actual	-\$ 10,148	
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS		
2026 YEAR TO DATE		
Together in Action (TIA)		\$ 3,833
GOAL - \$70,938	5%	
Multiply the Hope	\$ 320	
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 3,764	
World Mission	\$ 25	
Clergy Retirement	\$ 60	
Mission Mexico	\$ 302	
CARO	\$ 15	
Seminary Fund	\$ 140	
Holy Land & Pope's Pastoral	\$ 0	
<i>Thank You for your Generous Contributions</i>		
December Average Weekend Attendance	1035	

Ways to Donate to Holy Family Parish

- Weekly Collection Plate**
- Etransfer – accounting@holymfamilymh.ca**
- Automatic Withdrawal from your Credit Card or Chequing Account**



Please contact Robin for more information...
 403-527-6933 ext. 104
finance@holymfamilymh.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 31
 7:00- 10:00am ~ TMIY – HFP Hall
 10:00am ~ Benedictine Group – Charity Room
 3:30pm ~ Reconciliation
 5:00pm ~ Mass ~ Gualberto & Lucia Pimentel †
 Sunday, February 1
 8:30am ~ Mass ~ Holy Family Parish
 10:30am ~ Mass ~ Kirby & Tammy Peterson
 6:00pm ~ Mass ~ Philomina Hecker †
 Monday, February 2
 9:00pm ~ Mass ~ Tillie & Dan Krassman †
 Followed by a Candle Blessing
 7:00pm ~ K of C Officers Mtg – Faith Rm.
 Tuesday, February 3
 1:00pm ~ Endow ~ Charity Room
 1:00pm ~ SSVF ~ Hope Room
 6:00pm ~ Healing Mass ~ Kay Coderre-Staples & Blessing of the Throat
 7:00pm ~ CWL Executive Meeting ~ Hope Room
 Wednesday, February 4
 8:30am ~ Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
 9:00pm ~ Mass ~ Mary Buscholl †
 4:00pm ~ Choir Practice - Sally
 7:00pm ~ RCIA – Faith Room
 Thursday, February 5
 9:00am ~ Mass ~ Rita Darr †
 9:30am ~ Bible Study – Faith Room
 6:00pm ~ SHE – Hall
 6:30pm ~ Confirmation Class – Faith Room
 Friday, February 6
 9:00am ~ Mass ~ Felix Holubowich †
 9:30 am – 9:30pm ~ 12 Hour Adoration
 9:30am-10:30am ~ Reconciliation
 Saturday, February 7
 7:00- 10:00am ~ TMIY – HFP Faith Room
 9:00am ~ Mass ~ Carmen Chrumka †
 10:00am ~ Benedictine Group – Charity Room
 10:00am ~ Clergy and Ministry Representatives Preparing for Easter ~ HFP Hall
 10:00am & 1:30pm ~ 1st Communion. Classes in the Faith Room
 3:30pm ~ Reconciliation
 5:00pm ~ Mass ~ Douglas Max Steinkey †

**The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Candle Blessing**

February 2nd ~ following 9:00 AM Mass
Fr. Fernando will bless your candles with Prayers and Holy Water to symbolize Christ as the "Light of the World". Blessed candles are meant to be used in homes for devotion, to signify Christ's presence. Please treat these candles as sacramentals.



**Knights of Columbus
Officer's Meeting**
Monday, February 2 at 7:00pm
Faith Room



**Catholic Women's League (CWL)
Executive Meeting**
Tuesday, February 3 at 7:00pm
Hope Room

Feast Day of St. Blaise ~ February 3rd

The Blessing of the Throats ~ 6:00pm Mass
Clergy uses two crossed, blessed candles to touch the throats of the faithful, invoking St. Blaise's intercession for protection against throat ailments and illnesses.

The candles represent ones used to aid St. Blaise in prison, & the red ribbon symbolizes the blood of martyrs.

It is a blessing to honor God and ask for healing through the saint's intercession.



**The First Wednesday of
the Month the Legion of
Mary hosts the Mother of
Perpetual Help Novena**

**Before the 9:00am Mass
February 4, 2026**



Thursday, February 5, 2026 ~ HFP Hall
6:15pm Gathering ~ 6:45 pm Presentation
7:15 pm Small Group Discussion
7:45 pm Dismissal
Theme... "Where Light Dwells"



*12 Hour
Adoration*

Friday, February 6, 2026
9:30am - 9:30pm
Reconciliation
9:30 - 10:30am



Please help by signing up for a half hour time slot if you're able.

All parishioners welcome and encouraged to attend

TMIY

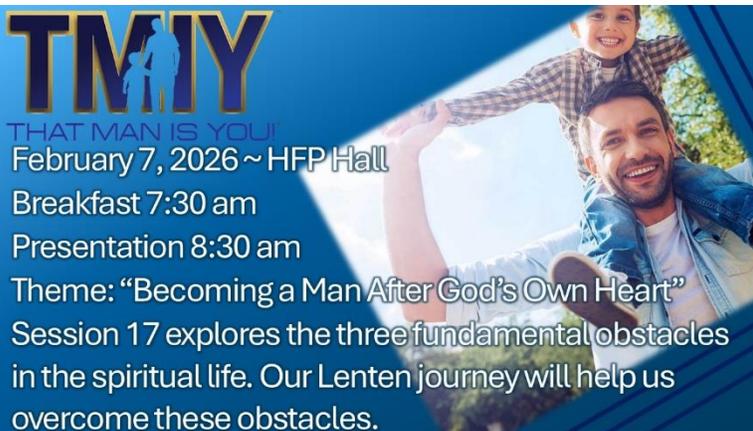
THAT MAN IS YOU!
February 7, 2026 ~ HFP Hall

Breakfast 7:30 am

Presentation 8:30 am

Theme: "Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart"

Session 17 explores the three fundamental obstacles in the spiritual life. Our Lenten journey will help us overcome these obstacles.



First Saturday Mass

*The 1st Saturday of
each month
at 9:00am*

February 7, 2026



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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



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.

PREPARING FOR THE EASTER TRIDUUM
SATURDAY, FEB 7, 2026 | 10 AM - 1 PM
Clergy and Representatives from the Liturgy Committee, Lectors, Music, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Liturgical Environment, Ushers & Hospitality ministries are invited to register online for this diocesan workshop in preparation for the Easter Triduum.

REGISTER NOW AT:

<https://www.catholicyc.ca/triduum.html>

This diocesan workshop equips clergy and parish liturgical ministers to celebrate the Easter Triduum, Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection, with reverence, unity, and joy. Through shared theological, liturgical, and pastoral formation, ministers are prepared to serve collaboratively so that the faithful may enter the Paschal Mystery more fully and fruitfully.

Vincentine Corner

A new year is upon us, and we thank God for blessing us with the opportunity to assist those among us struggling to make ends meet.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity – without you, we could not continue our valuable mission.

We would welcome any parishioners who may feel called to join us in assisting our neighbors – our meetings are on Tuesdays at 1 pm.

Please consider becoming a Vincentine.

If you have any questions, please call either parish office & leave a message for Janice.

E-transfer donations are accepted at the e-mail address below – a tax receipt will be issued to you if you provide your name and address.

ssvpmedhat@gmail.com

God bless you all!





St. Francis Xavier School



At St. Francis Xavier School, we envision a community where students, staff, parents, and community members come together as one Catholic school family. We strive to meet the individual needs of each student in an atmosphere of Faith, Hope, Trust, and Love. As St. Francis Xavier once reminded us, *"Go forth and set the world on fire with love and kindness,"* we aim to live this



out every day, celebrating the small acts that make a big difference. Every student is unique and created in the image of God, and it is our mission to help each child discover their strengths and strive for excellence. We want our students to grow not only into great learners but also into compassionate and influential ambassadors for our community.

During this 2025-2026 school year, we continue our ongoing philosophy of "Strong Inside, Strong Outside." By growing together in faith, we build a foundation for success in all areas of life. This year we will recognize and cherish God's gifts, both big and small, and to notice when we see the face of Christ in one another. We will continue to nurture the physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional health of all students, helping them feel strong and confident in every task they choose to pursue. As a staff, we remain committed to ensuring that St. Francis Xavier is a safe, caring, and faith-filled environment for every child.

God bless,
Mr. Ryan Irving, Principal





Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education

PINK SHIRT DAY

COLLECTION



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Pink Shirt Day is on February 25, 2026

DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A



The Jubilee Year of St. Francis

From **Jan 10, 2026 to Jan 10, 2027**, the Church marks a special **Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi** on the 800th anniversary of his death. During this year, the faithful may obtain a **plenary indulgence** by fulfilling the usual conditions (confession, Communion, prayer for the Holy Father, detachment from sin) and engaging in acts inspired by the Franciscan spirit, such as pilgrimage, prayer, works of charity, and humble service.

Beauty Will Save the World

Join The Seeds of the Word community on **Saturday, Jan 31 from 7 to 9 pm** for an evening of performances, fellowship, and talks at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 4747 - 30 Street SE, Calgary. Free of charge. For more information, call (587) 717-1844.

World Day for Consecrated Life - Mass with Bishop McGrattan

Join Bishop William McGrattan for Mass with the blessing of candles, and giving thanks for those living consecrated life. When: **Mon, Feb 2, 2026, at 5**

pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. Parishioners are invited to bring candles from home to be blessed. A reception follows in St. Mary's Hall.

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. More information at catholiccycc.ca/loretocrypt or call 403-218-5521.

40 Hours Devotion for Vocations

Pray for Vocations:

- [Sacred Heart, Strathmore](#) - Fri, Feb 20 at 7:30 am to Sat, Feb 21 at 11:30 pm.
- [St. Joseph, Calgary](#) - Thu, Mar. 5 at 6 am to Friday, Mar. 6 at 10 am.

More information at catholiccycc.ca/40hours

Pastoral Care Training

The Diocese of Calgary invites those called to serve in parish healing ministry to take part in Pastoral Care Training, supporting the sick, elderly, homebound, and bereaved. Sessions take place Saturdays, **Feb 14 and Mar 7, from 10 am to 3 pm at Holy Name Parish, Calgary.** Register at catholiccyyc.ca/pastoralcare or call Mara at 403-218-5521.

- **New location:** Feb 21 & Feb 28 at St. Albert the Great, Calgary. Details coming soon.

Volunteer Opportunity

Elizabeth House is seeking a short-term, remote volunteer with experience in instructional design, teaching, or online learning to help develop training modules for its new OWL platform, supporting staff and volunteers in compassionate care.

Contact: emily.kennedy@calgarydiocese.ca.

Retraite de famille 2026

Sainte Famille Parish invites you to a French-language parish family retreat on **Saturday, Feb 28, 2026, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, at Sainte Famille, Calgary.** The day includes music, teachings, adoration, and confession, with activities for adults, youth, and children (ages 5+). Register by email: sfamille@shaw.ca

Valentine's Dinner & Dance with St. James' in Okotoks

Join St. James' Parish in Okotoks for a Valentine evening of community and celebration with dinner, live music, dancing, a silent auction, and a wine survivor. When: **Fri, Feb 14, from 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm at St. James Parish, Okotoks.** Tickets: \$32.50 for adults, \$65 for couples, \$15 for children. Childcare for ages 4–12. Space is limited. Call 403–880-4953 for tickets.

Journeying into Silence

Join Br. Guylain Prince, OFM, for an introduction to Christian contemplative prayer. When: **Tue, Feb 17 at 7 pm or Sun, Feb 22 at 3 pm at Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre, Cochrane** The same presentation is offered on two dates. All are welcome. For any questions, contact 403-932-2012 or office@mountstfrancis.ca

CCMA Bishops Breakfast

Healthcare providers and those who support them are invited to join Bishop McGrattan as he continues his reflection on the vocation and profession of **healthcare, *Forming One's Character*.** When: **Sat, Feb 7, from 10 am to 1 pm** at Railway Café, Heritage Park, Calgary. Cost: \$40 CCMA members, \$50 non-members, \$25 students. RSVP and e-transfer to catholicmedyc@gmail.com by Mon, Feb 2. Cash accepted at the door.

St. Joseph Chastity Group for Men (Young Adults 18-35)

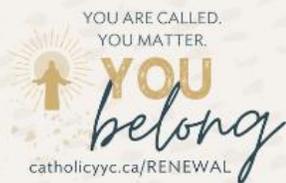
St. Francis Xavier Church (SFXC) is offering a men's weekly chastity group for young adults, focused on prayer, formation, and small-group discussion. The group meets on **Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in Room 120 at the Catholic Pastoral Centre.** For more info, contact Sergio Plazas at 403-389-3863.

Through the Desert God Leads Us to Freedom - Retreat with Fr. Julian Studden

As Lent approaches, this retreat invites participants to reflect on God's call to freedom and renewal of heart. Rooted in the Exodus story and the season of grace, the retreat offers prayer, teaching, and reflection to prepare for the journey from bondage to new life in Christ. When: **Fri, Feb 13, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm and Sat, Feb 14, from 9 am to 3 pm.** Cost: \$20 (Friday) or \$60 (Saturday, includes snacks and lunch). [Register here](#)

Film Night: Buying Her

Buying Her (Buying Her), a one-hour documentary by Exodus Cry Films, examines the injustice of sex trafficking by exploring the lives of sex buyers and what drives demand. When: **Thu, Feb 26, from 7 pm to 9 pm at St. Michael's, Calgary.** Viewer discretion advised. No children under age 16.



*"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.



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



HOLY FAMILY PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

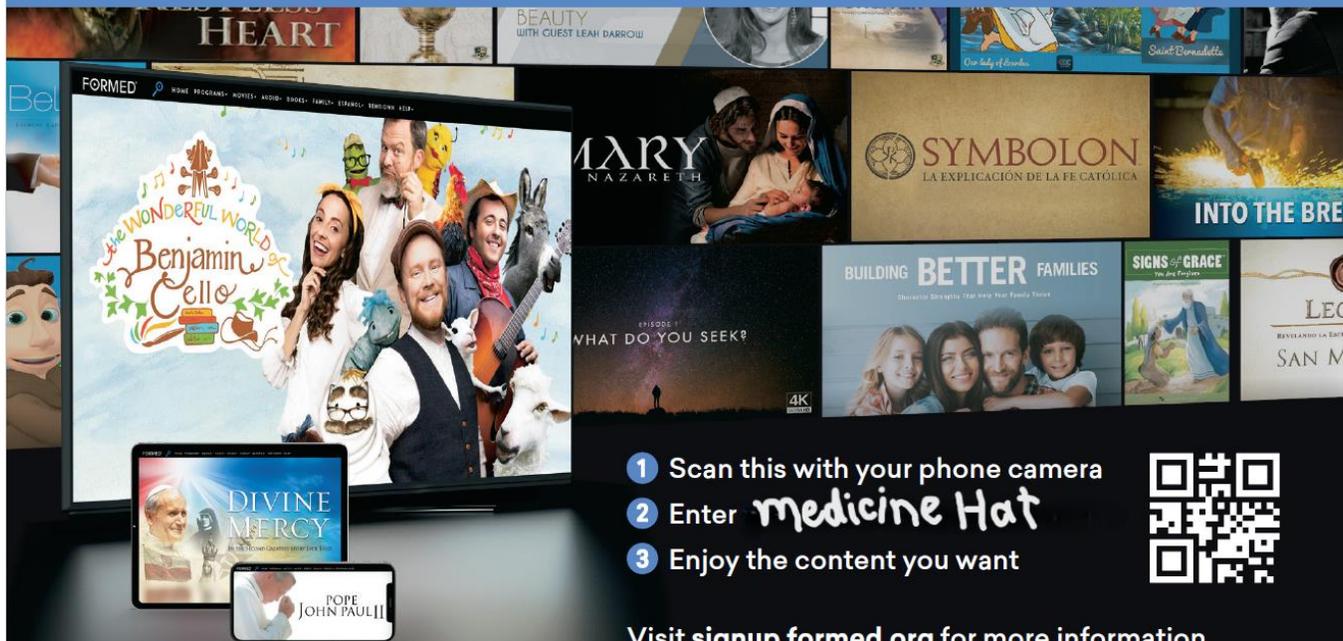
Due to the overwhelming amount of Mass Intentions that we receive at Holy Family Parish we have set some guidelines. We realize that people want Masses on certain dates and some don't care when it happens. We have come up with some guidelines to help make this process fair for everybody.

- ✦ 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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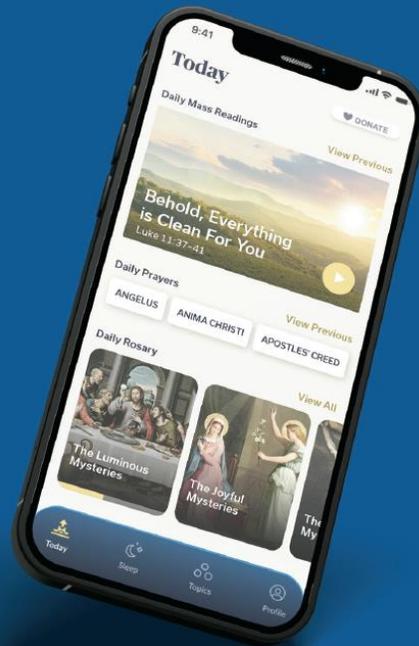
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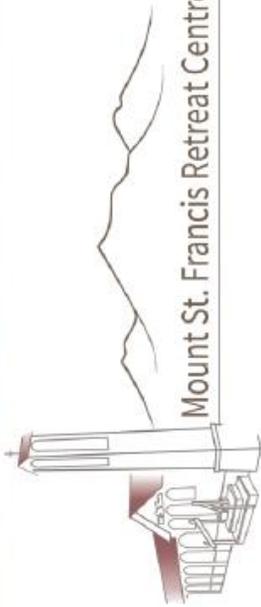
Knights of Columbus 2025 - 2026 Officers

Position	Name
Grand Knight	Jimmy Tablan
Deputy Grand Knight	Jason Iverson
Financial Secretary	Pat Ries
Treasurer	Ron Pisoni
Chancellor	Pat Roche
Recorder	Brad Irvine
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Year 2 Trustee	Garry Mastel
Year 3 Trustee	Allan Lawson
Lecturer	Rick Brown
Membership Dir.	Garry Lux
Faith in Action Program Dir.	Greg Martin
Faith in Action Life Dir.	Allan Lawson
Faith in Action Family Dir.	Jimmy Tablan
Faith in Action Faith Dir.	Darrell Bonagofsky
Faith in Action Community Dir.	Ron Pisoni
Pastoral Parish Council Rep.	Garry Mastel

2025 -2026

September 14 – Corn Roast
October 6 - Officers Meeting
October 14 – Regular meeting
October 19 – Parish Breakfast
St. John Paul II Mass
Nov 3 – All Souls Day Mass
November 3 - Officers Meeting
November 10 – Regular meeting
November 23 – Parish Breakfast
Msgr. McCoy Mass
December 1 - Officers Meeting
December 08 – Regular meeting &
Family Spaghetti Supper
December 14 – 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 MOUNTSFRANCIS.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.

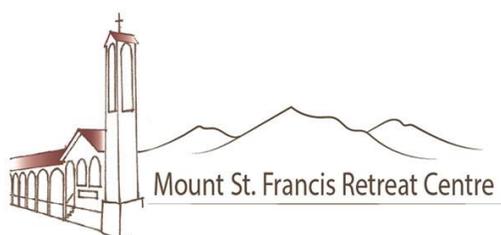


Retreat Centers in Southern Alberta

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 we 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.