



# Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

APRIL 26, 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 - 1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY 9 AM**

### THE CHAPEL IS OPEN...

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

ADORATION FRIDAY 9:30 – 10:30am

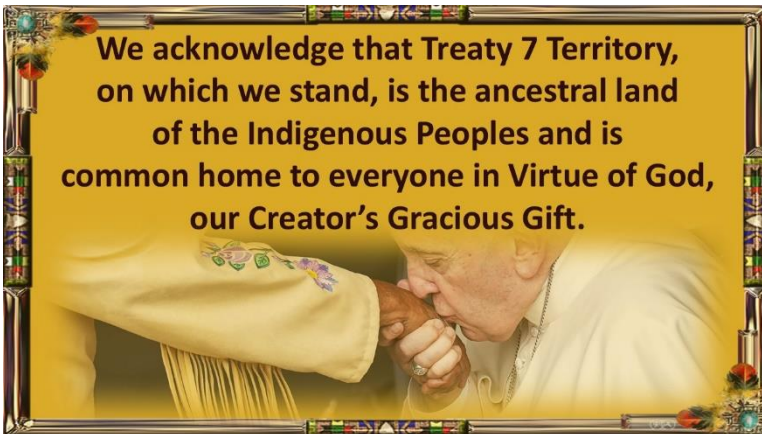
1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY OF MONTH – 12 HOUR ADORATION

Parish Pastoral Council Chair – Ken Loehndorf

Parish Finance Council Chair - Cheryl Pocsik

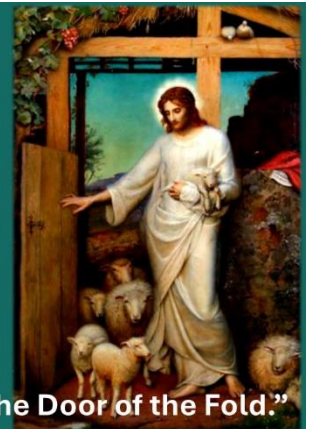
Knights of Columbus – Jimmy Tablan

Catholic Women's League – Dianne Durda



Good Shepherd Sunday  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year A  
April 26, 2026  
John 10:1-10

**“My sheep hear my voice...  
I know my sheep and  
they know me.”**



Sybil Parker's 1895 painting "The Door of the Fold."

*Jesus the Good Shepherd... John 10:1-10*

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41. Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6. I Peter 2:20b-25. John 10:1-10.

“I Am the Gate.”

Doorways and gates can protect those within. This is the image of Jesus today – gate and protector, shepherd and guide. Let Psalm 23 fill our prayer every day this week.

- † Because I am protected by the Good Shepherd, whom will I protect this week? How will I do it?
- † On what right paths will I let myself be guided?
- † What goodness and kindness will shine through my thoughts and actions this week?

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Monthly Operating Budget**      **\$ 74,669**

**APRIL MONTH TO DATE**

General Envelope Collection      \$ 43,130

Loose Collections      \$ 6,452

40Loonies4Lent (\$12,892 to date)      \$ 2,345

Misc. Income      \$ 6,263

**Total Month Income**      **\$ 58,190**

**Budget Vs Actual**      **-\$ 16,479**

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

**2026 YEAR TO DATE**

**Together in Action (TIA)**  
GOAL - \$70,938      30 %      **\$ 20,990**

**Multiply the Hope**      \$ 60,136

**St Vincent de Paul**      \$ 16,377

**World Mission**      \$ 160

**Clergy Retirement**      \$ 545

**Mission Mexico**      \$ 1,078

**CARO**      \$ 70

**Seminary Fund**      \$ 805

**Holy Land & Pope's Pastoral**      \$ 4,171

*Thank You for your Generous Contributions*

April Average Weekend Attendance      1699

**Ways to Donate to Holy Family Parish**

1. **Weekly Collection Plate**
2. **Etransfer - [accounting@holymfamilymh.ca](mailto:accounting@holymfamilymh.ca)**
3. **Automatic Withdrawal from your Credit Card or Chequing Account**



Please contact Robin for more information...  
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[finance@holymfamilymh.ca](mailto: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!

**Friday, April 24**

8:30am - 4:00pm ~ MHCBE in the Hall

9:00pm ~ Mass ~ Jim Hintz t

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

**Saturday, April 25**

10:00am-3:30pm ~ Confirmation Retreat in the Sanctuary and the Hall

CWL Bottle Drive all Weekend Masses

5:00pm ~ Mass ~ Travis Curtis t

**Sunday, April 26**

8:30am ~ Mass ~ Maxine

10:30am ~ Mass ~ Holy Family Parish

6:00pm ~ Mass ~ Michaela Sehn

**Monday, April 27**

8:30-2:00 ~ MHCBE in the HFP Hall

9:00am ~ Mass ~ Cecilia Dunay

1:30pm ~ Funeral Service & Luncheon

**Tuesday, April 28**

10:00am ~ Funeral Mass & Luncheon

1:00pm ~ Meeting in Hope room

6:00pm ~ Mass ~ George Schafer t

6:30pm ~ Confirmation Rehearsal

**Wednesday, April 29**

9:00am ~ Mass ~ Fr. Fernando Genogaling

2:00pm ~ GriefShare in the Hope Room

4:00pm ~ Sally Choir Practice

5:00pm ~ Fr. Fernando Birthday Potluck

7:00pm ~ RCIA in the Faith Room

**Thursday, April 30**

9:00am ~ Mass ~ August Soehn t

9:30am ~ Bible Study in the Faith Room

6:30pm ~ PPC Meeting in the Faith Rm

7:00pm ~ Confirmation Mass & followed by a Reception in the HFP Hall

**Friday, May 1**

9:00pm ~ Mass ~ Cyril Matey

9:30-10:30am ~ Reconciliation

9:30am- 9:30pm ~ 12 Hour Adoration

**Saturday, May 2**

9:00am ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass ~ Bob Batchelder t

10:00am ~ Benedictines - Charity Room

3:30 - 4:45pm ~ Reconciliation

5:00pm ~ Mass ~ Donna Crush

**Sunday, May 3**

8:30am ~ Mass ~ Robert Clemis-Love

9:30am ~ Parish Breakfast

10:30am ~ Mass ~ Delores Steinkey



The Catholic Women's League  
**Bottle Drive** Holy Family Parish

Bottles may be dropped off at Shamrock Bottling for "Holy Family Parish" or bring them to the truck April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Before & After all Masses ~ HFP Parking Lot.



**FUNDRAISING**

Thank you for your support!

# PrairieGleaners

RESOURCEFUL UNTO THE WORLD

Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
Come & Go. Take A Tour  
Come & see what has changed.  
Join us for a free BBQ lunch.  
11502 Range Rd 63  
403-526-5240

Birthday Potluck – HFP Hall

Fr. Fernando Genogaling  
**60<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
April 29, 2026 at 6:00pm

Everyone is Welcome  
Contact Cora to Register 403-580-6484



**SACRAMENT PREPARATION NEWS**

**CONFIRMATION MASS**  
Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm  
Rehearsal-Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup> after 6pm mass

Information – Sally – 403-527-6933 ext. 105  
OR sac.prep@holymfamilymh.ca

*12 Hour Adoration*

Friday, May 1, 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



*First Saturday Mass*  
The 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month at 9:00am  
May 2, 2026



**Parish Breakfast May 3**  
After 8:30 & 10:30 Masses  
OMELETS, PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, BACON, FRUIT, COFFEE & JUICE.  
&  
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\$10. - Adults  
\$5.- Under 12 & Free - Under 6



The First Wednesday of the Month the Legion of Mary hosts the Mother of Perpetual Help Novena followed by Rosary  
8:30am  
May 6, 2026



*We have been healed by the wounds of Christ...  
1 Peter 2:20b-25*


**TULIP SPRING TEA & BAKE SALE**  
**HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL**  
**HOSTED BY THE CWL**



**Saturday, May 9 2:00 - 4:00pm**

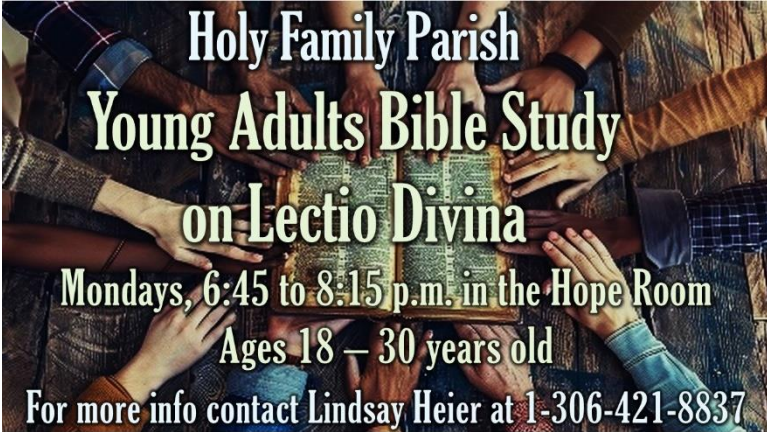
Door Prizes, 50/50 Cash Draw,  
 Good Food  
 & Good Fellowship

Tickets at the Door \$5.00 each & 5 & Under Free

**Prayers for Souls of the Faithful Departed**  
**Pray the Rosary with the Legion of Mary.**  
**Mother's Day, May 10th, from 3:00 - 3:30pm**  
**HILLSIDE CEMETERY -13th St. SW entrance,**  
 1st right to grassed area beside the office  
 An altar for Mary provided to place flowers  
 which you can later place on a loved one's  
 grave. Dress for weather & Bring a lawn  
 chair if needed.


**Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-11**  
*God will show us the path of life.*



**Holy Family Parish**  
**Young Adults Bible Study**  
**on Lectio Divina**

**Mondays, 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. in the Hope Room**  
**Ages 18 - 30 years old**

For more info contact Lindsay Heier at 1-306-421-8837



**GriefShare**

**Are you grieving the death of a loved one?**  
**Our videos and group discussions may help you**  
**through your journey through grief.**

**Holy Family Parish**  
**Tuesdays in April & May**  
**2:00pm in the Hope Room**

Call Karen-403-502-5624 or Louella-403-502-6883




Thank you to all who help with funeral lunches!  
 We are so Thankful!  
 More help is always appreciated.  
 Anyone who would like to join this ministry,  
 please contact Bernie at [bern77@telus.net](mailto:bern77@telus.net)  
 Thank you for your consideration!

**MULTIPLY THE hope**


HOLY FAMILY PARISH MEDICINE HAT

A MATCHING CAMPAIGN FOR PARISH RENEWAL 2025 - 2027

Your gift to the parish building fund is matched by a gift from the Diocese.




**Blumenfeld & District Pilgrimage**  
**Sunday, June 14, 2026**  
**Summer Viewing**  
**July 5 to August 30 - 2-4pm**  
**16km south & 6.5km east of Leader, SK**  
**Check us out on Facebook!**  
**Blumenfeld & District Heritage Site**



**40 LOONIES FOR LENT**  
**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
 & **HOLY FAMILY PARISH**

**RAISED TO DATE \$ 12,892.00**

YOUR DONATIONS STAY HERE IN MEDICINE HAT GOING TO THE ROOT CELLAR, MUSTARD SEED, SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, 5TH AVE. & SAINT BARNABAS MEAL PROGRAMS.

*Thank You for your Generosity!*



# KNIGHTS NEWS

This is St Louis School donating \$719.40 to Knights of Columbus Holy Family Parish 40 Loonies for Lent



## THIS YEAR'S WINNER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST.

- Congratulations to this year's winner, **Yididya-Tesfaye-Ayana**, grade 12 student at Monsignor McCoy High School.
- Yididya's Essay on her 3 favorite Catholic Popes has been submitted to Supreme for consideration
- Special thank-you to **Heather Irvine**, Religious Education Coordinator who handles all coordination with of our MHCBE teachers to encourage participation, and **Bro Stan Aberle** who handled the judging of the entries .
- Below is photo of our presentation of \$100.00 prize, in the chapel at Monsignor McCoy High School with **BJ Grove, Chaplain**, Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education , **Yididya-Tesfaye-Ayana**, winner, and Bro Murray Haubrich , Chair Citizenship Essay Contest.

In the  
Community





# École St. John Paul School



**Staff Prayer (Praying in Colour)**

**Robert Dumanowski – Principal**  
**Edlyn Murphy – Vice Principal**



**School Faith Leadership Club**

Prayer and service are integral parts of our École St. John Paul II School community. So far this year, students have had the opportunity to explore our Catholic faith through experiences such as the Student Faith Leadership Club at Holy Family Parish and having “FaceToFace” Ministries visit our school. Staff have also had some time to work on their own faith journeys through “Praying in Colour” and a service project in March.



**Medicine Hat Catholic**  
**Board of Education**



**FaceToFace Ministries at the School**

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## 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!

## Donations — Special Dates 2026

Specialty Fund Options... over and above your Regular Sunday Donation

January	Future Development Fund
01	Initial Offering
01	New Year's Day
04	Together in Action
February	Future Development Fund
01	Together in Action
18	Ash Wednesday
March	Future Development Fund
01	Together in Action
22	Flowers for Easter
April	Future Development Fund
02	Needs of the Poor
03	Church in the Holy Land
05	Together in Action
05	Easter
26	Education of Seminarians
May	Future Development Fund
03	Together in Action
17	Pope's Pastoral Works
June	Future Development Fund
07	Together in Action
July	Future Development Fund
05	Together in Action
August	Future Development Fund
02	Together in Action
September	Future Development Fund
06	Together in Action
27	Needs of the Canadian Church
October	Future Development Fund
04	Together in Action
18	Catholic Education
25	World Mission Sunday
November	Future Development Fund
29	Flowers for Christmas
December	Future Development Fund
06	Together in Action
12	Mission Mexico
25	Christmas

# DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

## Fourth Sunday of Easter



### Good Shepherd Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is widely known as Good Shepherd Sunday, the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. To support of the education and formation of seminarians and the permanent diaconate program in our Diocese, please give online at [catholicyy.ca/donatevocations](http://catholicyy.ca/donatevocations)

### Blooms & Blossoms Charity

#### Dinner for Elizabeth House

An evening of dining, live music, and a silent auction supporting renovations to welcome more mothers and babies into a safe home. When: **Sat, May 23, from 6 pm to 9:30 pm** at Calgary Italian Cultural Centre, Calgary. Tickets and details at [catholicyy.ca/blooms](http://catholicyy.ca/blooms).

### Jesus Heals – Calgary

Three nights of Eucharistic Adoration, preaching, and prayers for healing with Fr. Hayden Williams, OFM Cap.

- **Tue, Apr 28, from 6 pm to 9 pm** at Holy Spirit, Calgary

- **Wed, Apr 29, from 6 pm to 9:30 pm** at Corpus Christi, Calgary
- **Thu, Apr 30, from 6 pm to 9:30 pm** at St. Albert the Great, Calgary

**Sat, May 2 from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm** at Mary Mother of the Redeemer, Calgary - Discover Shalom World's media mission through Holy Mass, worship, talks, and fellowship.

### Horizons of Hope Workshops

A 4-session Catholic program on palliative care, end-of-life issues, and compassionate accompaniment. **When: Sat, May 2, 9, 16, 23 at St. Gerard's, Calgary.** Register by calling 403-218-5521.

### Mother's Day Celebration

**Sat, May 2 at 9:30 am at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Calgary.** Join a special Mother's Day celebration with Adoration, Rosary, Holy Mass, May Crowning, and lunch. Please bring flowers to honour Our Blessed Mother Mary. Contact Sr. Katrina at 587-755-1019 for details.

## Women's Retreat

**Tue, May 5 at 5:15 pm at Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre, Cochrane.** An evening retreat for women to pray, reflect, and be renewed in mission, featuring Mass, supper, a guest talk, and quiet reflection. Registration required by Apr 28. Register by Apr 28 at [st.lukesw.cwl.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:st.lukesw.cwl.treasurer@gmail.com) or call/text 587-700-5172.

## Theology of the Body

**Fri–Sun, May 29–31 at 7 pm at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, Calgary** – Three evenings for youth (15+) and adults exploring identity, purpose, and the beauty of human relationships through faith: Fri (English) *Who Am I and What Do I Want?*; Sat (Spanish) *¿Quién soy y qué quiero?*; Sun (Spanish) *Breaking Myths of Conjugal Love* (Lower Hall). Info: 587-434-8593.

## Pilgrimage with Fr. Kevin

Fr. Kevin Tumback invites you to join this 11-day pilgrimage (**Aug 26 - Sep 5**) through Ireland and Northern Ireland. Visit places of deep faith, including Knock Shrine, Clonmacnoise, and sites connected to St. Patrick, with daily Mass and time for prayer throughout the journey. There are still 15 spots available. Contact All Saints Parish at (403) 327-8931.

## Career Opportunities

- [Communications Assistant \(Full-time\)](#)
- [Assistant Coordinator \(Casual\) - Feed the Hungry](#)
- [Bookkeeper \(Casual\) - St. Catherine's/St. Ambrose Parish, Coaldale](#)
- [Bookkeeper \(Casual\) - Our Lady of the Rockies Parish, Canmore](#)
- [Administrative Assistant/Sacrament Preparation Coordinator \(Part-time\), Our Lady of the Rockies Parish, Canmore](#)
- [Administrative Assistant \(Full-time\) - St. Pius X Parish, Calgary](#)
- [Music Director \(Casual\) - St. James, Calgary](#)
- [Administrative Assistant \(Part-time\) - St. Augustine/St. Joseph, Taber](#)

For detailed job descriptions, visit [catholicyc.ca/careers](http://catholicyc.ca/careers)

## 46th Annual Hike for Life

A 10K family-friendly walk promoting respect for life. When: **Sat, May 9, from 8:30 am to noon at Prince's Island Park** (check-in at Enmax Stage). Register and support at [calgaryprolife.com](http://calgaryprolife.com).

## First Saturday Devotion

**Sat, May 2, from 8:30 am to 10:30 am at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Calgary.** Enter into the First Saturday devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary with Confession at 8:30 am, Mass at 9 am (Fr. Edmund Vargas), followed by Rosary and meditation. All are welcome; refreshments provided. Contact: [heralds@heralds.ca](mailto:heralds@heralds.ca)

## 12 Hours for Palliative Care

- **Tue, May 5, from 8 am to 8 pm at St. Bonaventure, Calgary.**
- **Mon, May 11, from 9 am to 9 pm at St. Albert the Great Parish, Calgary.** All are invited to come and pray for those facing end-of-life decisions. Come and go as you are able.

## 4th Annual Women's Conference – Who You Say I Am

**Fri–Sat, May 22–23 at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Calgary.** A two-day women's conference with inspiring speakers, prayer, and fellowship. Register at [www.beloveddaughtersyyc.com](http://www.beloveddaughtersyyc.com)

## Vocations Rally 2026

Discover, support, and pray for vocations across priesthood, consecrated life, marriage, diaconate, and lay life. When: **Trinity Sunday, May 31, from 11 am to 4:30 pm at St. Michael Catholic Community, Calgary.** Register and view details at [catholicyc.ca/vocationsrally](http://catholicyc.ca/vocationsrally)

## Anointing of the Sick

If you are hospitalized in Calgary and want the Sacrament of the Sick, please call **403-231-9505**.

FRIENDS OF MCCOY

# RESTAURANT OF THE MONTH

**note: comfort food + drink**

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McCoy

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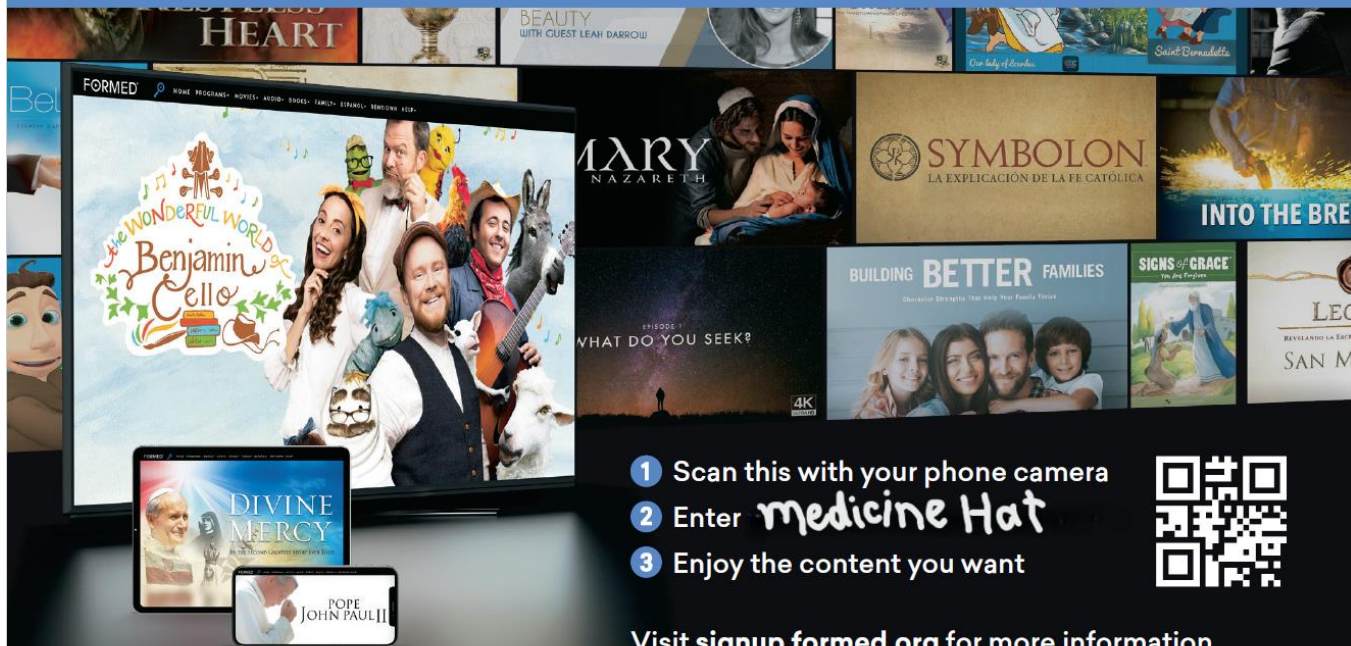
Sales end  
April 27.  
Pick up at  
McCoy on  
April 29 & 30.

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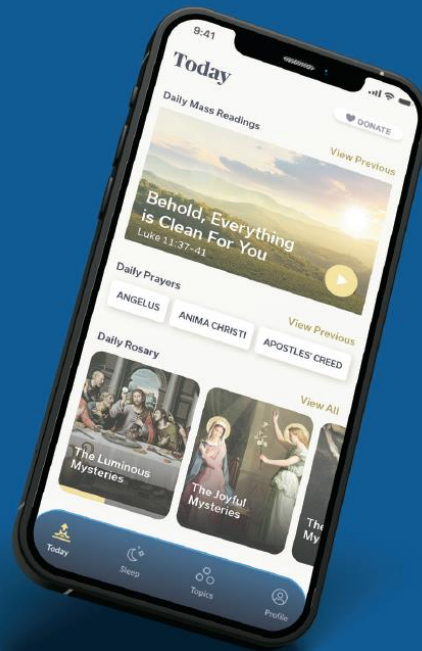
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## 2026

Joe McKinnon Council #9502	
Knights of Columbus 2025 - 2026 Officers	
Position	Name
Grand Knight	Jimmy Tablan
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Financial Secretary	Glenn Alford
Treasurer	Ron Pisoni
Chancellor	Pat Roche
Recorder	Brad Irvine
Advocate	Darrell Bonagofsky
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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

Feb 9 General meeting  
 Feb 11 – FIA Committee Meeting @  
 7:00 PM – Hope Room  
 Feb 12, 2026 – Padre Night - @  
 Polish Canadian Cultural Center  
 Feb 20 – Stations of the Cross &  
 Poverty Meal at 6:00PM  
 Feb 22 – Parish Breakfast  
 Mar 2 - Officers meeting  
 Mar 9 - General meeting  
 Mar – Men’s Lenten Retreat  
 Mar 15 – Parish Breakfast - St  
 Patrick’s School mass \*\*  
 Mar 16 – Silver Rose (6pm)  
 March 22 – K of C Sponsored Mass  
 (8:30 am)  
 April 5 – Easter Sunday\*\*  
 April 6 – Officers meeting  
 April 13 – General meeting  
 May 3 - Parish Breakfast – Notre  
 Dame school mass \*\*  
 May 4 – Officers meeting  
 May 10 – Mothers’ Day\*\*  
 May 11 – General Meeting  
 May 24 – K of C Sponsored Mass  
 (6:00 pm)  
 June 1 – Officers meeting  
 June 8 – General meeting  
 June 14 – Parish Picnic  
 June 21 – Father’s Day





“I have called you by name; you are mine”  
Isaiah 43:1

4TH ANNUAL WOMEN’S CONFERENCE

# Who You Say I Am

MAY 22-23 2026

FRIDAY 6:00 PM - 9:45 PM

SATURDAY 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH  
CALGARY, AB

FOR TICKETS:

[WHOYOUSAYIAM.EVENTBRITE.CA](http://WHOYOUSAYIAM.EVENTBRITE.CA)

[www.beloveddaughtersyyc.com](http://www.beloveddaughtersyyc.com)



SR. MARY  
MARGARET HOPE (SV)



FR. CRISTINO  
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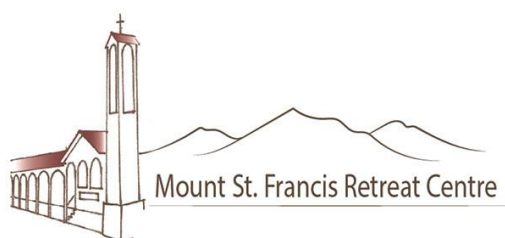
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GRACE (SV)

# 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](mailto:contact@holyfamilymh.ca) so it can be sent to the diocese.**