

# HOLY FAMILY PARISH

3/31/2013 The Resurrection of the Lord – Easter Sunday



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Gospel Acclamation  
(1 Corinthians 5.7-8)

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been  
sacrificed; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

**Alleluia.**



## Welcome To Holy Family Parish

You have entered this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. Being a human, you enter this church as a creature of God; as a baptized person, you enter it as a son or daughter of the Father in Christ. This house of God is therefore your family home. Come in then with humility of mind, joy of heart and thanks on your lips. Acknowledge the Lord's presence in the Tabernacle and adore Him. Come in and pause in prayer in the midst of your busy life and its many worries. Be grateful for those who, for the Glory of God, built this place of worship with faith and sacrifice, and sanctified it with their songs and prayers.

Anyone who wishes to practice the Catholic faith by attending this church may consider this parish as his/her own parish. You simply need to register. Please indicate whether you are a new parishioner or have moved and are providing a new address. Thank you.

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### Deacons:

**Rev. Mr. Robert Risling**

**Rev. Mr. Bill Schnitzler**

Pastoral Care of the Sick

pager: 403-458-1445

### Youth NET Ministry

[medhatcatholicyouth@gmail.com](mailto:medhatcatholicyouth@gmail.com)

Medicine Hat Catholic Youth on Facebook

### Mass Times

**Saturday - 5:00 pm**

**Sunday - 8:30am, 10:30am & 6:00pm**

**Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00-4:00pm**

# THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31, 2013

## SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading** (Acts. 10:34, 36-43). - This is part of an early sermon preached by St. Peter. He tells how he was a witness to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The risen Jesus is the Savior of all those who believe in him, as well as the Judge of the living and the dead.

**Second Reading** (Col. 3: 1-4). -Through our Baptism we already share in the risen life of Christ, though in a hidden and mysterious way. St. Paul urges us live a life worth of Christ, to set our mind on things above.

**The Gospel** (John 20: 1-18). - Early on Easter morning some of the disciples discovered that Jesus' tomb was empty. Then the truth of what the Scriptures had foretold began to dawn on them – That Jesus must rise from the dead.

## OPERATING FINANCES

(March 21-March 28, 2013)

-Cost to operate our Parish (Budget 2013) \$15,600

-General Collections: \$11,312

-Debt reduction (Mortgage) \$3,417

-Total Collections: \$14,729

-Exceed or (Shortfall) (\$ 871)

### Special Collections

\*\*\*Together in Action:.....\$396

\*\*\*Seminary Fund:.....\$25

\*\*\*World Missions:.....\$43

\*\*\*St Vincent de Paul:.....\$1,023

\*\*\*CARO:.....\$25

\*\*\*Mission Mexico:.....\$50

\*\*\*NET Ministries:.....\$675

## PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS & INTENTIONS

DAILY MASS MAY BE CANCELLED

IN THE CASE OF A FUNERAL

SUN, MAR 31<sup>ST</sup>

THE RESURECTION OF THE LORD

+ Mass: 8:30am

+ Mass: 10:30am

+ NO 6:00pm Mass

MON, APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>

+ OFFICE CLOSED

+ Mass: 9:00am

+ Funeral: 10:30am

+ Knights of Columbus Exec. Meeting: 7:00pm in Faith Room

TUES, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>

+ SVDP Meeting: 4:00pm at St. Patrick's Parish

+ Light Weigh Orientation: 6:00pm in the Hope Room

+ Light Weigh: 7:00pm in the Hope Room

+ Mass: 7:00pm followed by Adoration until 8:30

+ CWL Exec. Meeting after Mass in the Faith Room

WED, APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>

+Women's Praise & Worship: 6:45am in the Faith Room

+ Mass: 9:00am

+ Breakfast after Mass in Hall

+ Ministry to the aged: 1:30pm - Sunnyside

+ Mass: 3:30pm – Good Samaritans

+ Choir Practice (for 6pm Mass): 6:00pm

THURS, APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>

+ Men's Prayer Group: 6:30am in the Charity Room

+ Mass: 9:00am

+ Breakfast after Mass in Hall

+Rosary Guild: 1:30pm in the Charity Room

+Holy Hour: 6:00pm

+ Choir Practice (for 8:30 & 10:30 Mass) at 7:00pm

+ CWL Spring Tea Committee Mtg. 7:00pm in Hope Room

FRI, APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>

+ Mass: 9:00am followed by Adoration until Noon

+ Breakfast after Mass in Hall

+ Ministry to the aged: 10:00am at Meadowlands

+ Ministry to the aged: 10:00am at Wellington

+ EQUIP: 7:00pm at St. Patrick's Parish

SAT, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>

+ That Man is You: 8:30am – St. Patrick's Church Hall

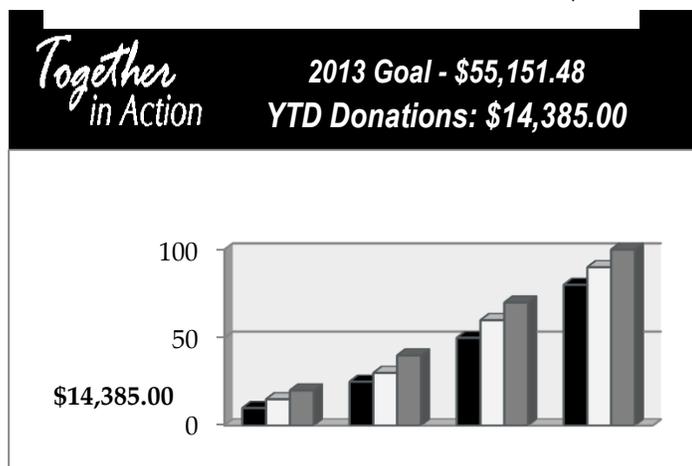
+ CWL & CGL Spring Tea & Bake Sale

+ Reconciliation: 3:00pm to 4:00pm

+ Choir Practice (for 5pm Mass) at 4:00pm

+ Library open before 5:00pm Mass

+ Mass: 5:00pm THE DEVINE MERCY – 1 Baptism



Thank you for your Generosity and Support !

## SUN, APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> THE DIVINE MERCY

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+ Mass: 8:30am

+ Library open after all Masses

+ Mass: 10:30am

+ No Children's Liturgy

+ 6:00pm Mass

+ UNCHAINED after 6:00 Mass in the Hall

### ARE YOU IN A HURRY?

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Fr. Philip would like to invite those who leave immediately following Communion during Sunday Mass to please stay for the final blessing and dismissal. This is a special time when we are "sent out" to be Christ to those we meet outside our Church doors: **"Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life" or "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord."** This is an important message accompanied by God's blessing. Please don't dash out early and miss it. By the way, we have cookies, juice and coffee after the 10:30 am Mass. Please join us.

*(The Liturgy Committee would say: "Those who are trying to leave early after Communion will be faced with our new "Church Bouncer" at the exit doors. Perhaps it would be best to remain until the Mass has officially ended").*

### NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULES

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Please take the time to pick up your new schedules that have come out recently. The **Power Point and Sound Board** schedules are at the sound board. Also please find in the file folders beside the Vestment Room, schedules for the **Eucharistic Ministers** and the **Hospitality Ministries**.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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There is a K of C Executive meeting on Monday April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm in the Faith Room.

### EARLY REMINDER

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Mount Saint Francis Ladies Mid-week retreat, Cochrane, AB Tuesday September 10th - Thursday September 12th /2013

Contact: Kathy Oczkowski 403-246-0660

Roni Cooper 403-271-8812

### LIGHT WEIGH

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There is an orientation meeting for Light Weigh at 6pm, Tuesday April 2, 2013. in the Hope Room.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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THE SOCIETY OF St. VINCENT DE PAUL (SVDP) is the volunteer group in our church that helps people in need using parishioner donations. They are dedicated and compassionate stewards that are committed to serving the less fortunate in the City of Medicine Hat. Their mission is to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy. They meet weekly, travel in pairs and have personal contact with the poor by visiting them in their homes.

In 2012 they served some 644 people while conducting 281 home visits. The average assistance per person in 2012 was \$164.60. This assistance included rent, security deposits, utilities, food certificates, medical expenses, prescriptions, transportation, furniture, clothing, glasses etc. It is only through your generous support that SVDP was able to carry out this work. Please keep the SVDP volunteers and those in need in your prayers. Thank you for your care and concern.

## HILLCREST FURNITURE MINISTRY

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HILLCREST CHURCH FURNITURE MINISTRY is in need of replenishing. **The more pressing needs at the moment are for toasters, can openers, dressers, all sizes of comforters, blankets, sheet sets.** They are also in need of donations of clean mattresses & box springs, bedding, couches, chairs, table & chairs, lamps, tea towels, dish cloths, towels, cooking utensils, small appliances, dishes, cutlery, pots & pans, microwaves, coffee & end tables, night stands. Hillcrest Church provides much of the furniture related items for the poor in our community and are short of many items. Please contact the Hillcrest Church at 526-4010 for more details. Thank-you for your consideration.

### PERFUME ALLERGIES

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There are a number people in our parish that have real allergy issues with perfumes and scents. Please be respectful to these individuals and refrain from wearing perfumes, colognes and scented products when attending Mass and church functions.



### CWL

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There is a CWL Executive meeting on Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> after the 7:00pm Mass in the Faith Room.

### HAVE A QUESTION???

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I have recently been asked by several parishioners what is the proper protocol for after you receive the Eucharist at Mass. It was in the bulletin a while back but I guess it was not clear, so I decided to ask Fr. Philip and find out to clear up the confusion. When you return to your seat after communion it is expected that you remain standing if possible and join in the praising through song. When the priest goes back to his chair and sits down you are then invited to either sit or kneel for your own personal reflection time. If you have any other questions you would like answered please submit them to the office in writing or email and I will try to find an answer.

### MONSIGNOR MCCOY HIGH SCHOOL BOTTLE DRIVE

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Please bring your recyclable bottles to church with you on April 20 & 21<sup>st</sup>. McCoy is raising money so they can get to the Provincial Music Festival. The Shamrock Bottle Depot Truck will be at all Masses on April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Please leave your bottles at the truck. Thank You!



### NET TEAM NEWS

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**EQUIP GR. 6-9** - Do you like music? Join us for a night on how music can affect our lives and how it can help us grow in our faith! Friday April 5th at St. Patrick's Parish and Friday April 12th at Holy Family Parish, 7pm-9pm!

**UNCHAINED GR. 10-12** - \*\*No Unchained on March 31st due to Easter! :) Happy Easter!

Not so long ago, in a Vatican far far away, there was.....A New Pope! Join us for a night on the importance and the role of the Pope in our Church, Sunday April 7th from 7pm-9pm at Holy Family Parish!

Get ready to discover the awesomeness of God as the Holy Spirit! Join us for this powerful night Sunday April 14th, 7pm-9pm at Holy Family Parish! See you there!

**FAMILY RETREAT** - Join us for an awesome afternoon of Family Time on Saturday April 20th from 11:30am-4:00pm at Holy Family Parish!

**VOLUNTEERS** - Interested in volunteering in Youth Ministry? The NET Team invites you to share your love for God and your gifts with the youth of our parish! There are a variety of different things that we would love your help with, including giving a talk, leading a game, or leading small group for our Middle School/High School youth groups or Family Fundays, or helping with set up or background work. If you feel like you could help in other ways, you also have the options to donate snacks for our events, offer your home to host members of the team, or pray for the ministry. We will be starting our Leadership Training Series very soon, so please contact us at [medhatcatholicyouth@gmail.com](mailto:medhatcatholicyouth@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering!

## **DEVELOPMENT & PEACE**

### **3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL 2013 BENEFIT GALA**

April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at Our Lady of Grace Parish (Calgary) starting at 6:00pm. Bishop Frederick Henry will be the headline speaker. Featured is a full catered Dinner and Cultural Entertainment. Tickets are \$25 for adults, & \$17 for youth (11-17) and kids under 10 are free. Please call or email Doreen for tickets – 403-803-6605 or [doreenonly@bell.net](mailto:doreenonly@bell.net)

### **2013 TOGETHER IN ACTION –TIA-**

*“...You will be my witnesses... Acts: 1: 8).*

Have you done any almsgiving during Lent yet? Please contribute to the Together in Action.

One of the organizations that receive the Together In Action fund is “**Birthright**” that offers alternatives to abortion by assisting any woman faced with an unplanned pregnancy to carry her baby to term. Here is one of their stories:

“**A few years ago**, a 21-year-old-married woman came to see me at the Birthright office. She was 14 weeks pregnant and her husband was pressuring her to have an abortion, but she was determined to have her baby. We kept in touch throughout the pregnancy and she called me frequently. She was desperate to have a normal married life, which her husband promised her if she would have an abortion. She went through unbelievable emotional stress for nine months - alienated from her family, who were completely against her marriage, especially her; she was finally forced to move out of the family home.

Her husband still wanted her to have an abortion. He drove her to the abortion clinic three times and each time she made an excuse not to have the abortion. He became threatening and she finally stopped seeing him but was still very fearful. I helped her with maternity clothing and other items as she needed, and her baby boy was born early in the New Year. She continued to keep in touch with me for three years. She went back to school and reconciled with her family, who became very supportive. Unfortunately, her baby was very sickly and required special care. She was a caring and attentive mother and eventually went to live in a place of her own. Her marriage did not survive. I'm so glad that we at Birthright were here to provide the support this young brave woman needed to get through this difficult time.

### **A FATHER’S PROSPECTIVE**

Not long ago my daughter had an incident. She has a heart condition and it acted up again, she was in a lot of pain and I watched with my own heart breaking. Wishing I could take her place. We had to call the paramedics. After arriving and assessing the situation, they determined that they had to give her a shot to bring

her heart back to normal. My little girl knew all too well that she did not like needles so they were forced to hold her down while she screamed in protest. The shot was the thing that was needed to bring her heart back to normal. I think about God looking at his own children with his heart breaking at our own heart condition. He knows the condition of our hearts and also knows the simple solution, but like that little girl some of us protest at the very thing that will save our souls. A little shot of confession to bring our hearts back to normal.

### **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE PRESENTATION**

The parish would like to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in the future. If you are interested, please come to the presentation night on Wednesday, April 10 in the church hall at 7 pm.

### **IT’S TIME TO MOVE FORWARD?**

We are grateful to have your financial and spiritual support. It's time for us to think about:

1. Building a baptismal font
2. Expanding the hall
3. Building a columbarium
4. Building a grotto

We need your input. Please talk with Fr. Philip. Thanks

### **YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR**

St. Patrick and Holy Family Parishes are in need of a highly-motivated and confident coordinator of Youth Ministry.

**The successful candidate for this position will have:**

- Personal Catholic Faith conviction and active participation in a Catholic Parish
- Good organizational skills
- Self-motivation to work flexible hours with a minimum supervision
- Good communication skills
- Commitment to the teaching and practices of the Catholic Faith
- Education and/or experience in youth ministry

**Specific tasks for this position:**

- Continue to develop youth ministry at St. Patrick and Holy Family
- Encourage and assist those engaged in youth ministry in the parishes and schools
- Work with three level of youth: elementary, junior and high schools

**For further information, contact Holy Family Parish, Medicine Hat, Alberta 403-527-6933**

**Candidates are invited to submit a resume before May 31, 2013 by email: [frphilip@holymfamilymh.ca](mailto:frphilip@holymfamilymh.ca)**

