

# HOLY FAMILY PARISH

6/23/2013 TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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**Mass Times**

**Saturday - 5:00 pm**

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

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

Who do  
you say  
I am?

Today's Gospel Luke 9:18-24

ONLY THIS BULLETIN AND JUNE 30th BEFORE SUMMER... FOR ALL YOUR UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS THROUGH THE SUMMER DON'T FORGET TO VISIT US AT [www.holyfamilymh.ca](http://www.holyfamilymh.ca)



## 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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# TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 22/23, 2013

## SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading** (Zechariah 12:10-11). An Old Testament prophet looks forward to a time when 'the one whom they have pierced' will draw people together in sorrow for their sins. St John Gospel applies this text to Christ pierced on the Cross, who draws us to himself.

**Second Reading** (Galatians 3:26-29). St Paul's great statement about the basic unity of all who are 'baptized into Christ'.

**The Gospel** (Luke 9:18-24). Peter professes faith in Jesus as Messiah, and Jesus goes on to explain that such faith means he will have to follow a suffering Messiah and share in his sufferings.

## OPERATING FINANCES

(June 13<sup>th</sup> to June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013)

-Cost to operate our Parish (Budget 2013)		\$15,600
-General Collections:	\$ 9,051	
-Debt reduction (Mortgage)	\$ 5,762	
-Total Collections:	\$ 14,813	
-Exceed or (Shortfall)		(\$787)

### Special Collections

***TIA/Peace & Development:.....	\$2,344
***World Missions:.....	\$50
***Clergy Retirement Fund.....	\$20
***Seminary Fund: .....	\$55
***St Vincent de Paul:.....	\$679
*** CARO.....	\$70
***Mission Mexico:.....	\$65
***NET Ministries:.....	\$20

## PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS & INTENTIONS

*DAILY MASS MAY BE CANCELED IN THE CASE OF A FUNERAL*

## SUNDAY, JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup>

- + **Mass: 8:30am** (Intention: Margaret Edwards ☩)
- + Library: open after morning Masses
- + **Mass: 10:30am** (Intention: Holy Family Parish)
- + 2 Baptisms at the 10:30 Mass
- + Baptism Preparation Class – 1:00pm – Registration required.
- + **Mass: 6:00pm** (Intention: Jeanette Tiede ☩)
- + 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus Wind Up Supper

## MONDAY, JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>

### NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

- + **Mass: 9:30am** (Intention: Jack & Joyce Risling) with St. Patrick's School, followed by St. Pat's Grade 5 Retreat Day

## TUESDAY, JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>

- + SVDP Meeting: 4:00pm at St. Patrick's Parish – last meeting until fall
- + **Mass: 7:00pm** (Intention: Chester & Sophia Dumanowski)
- + **Adoration after Mass until 8:30**
- + Light Weigh: 7:00pm in the Hope Room

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup>

- + **Mass: 9:00am** (Intention: Henry & Sherry Curtis)
- + Breakfast after Mass in Hall
- + Ministry to the aged: 1:30pm - Sunnyside
- + Ministry to the aged: 3:30pm – Good Samaritans
- + Choir Practice (6pm Mass): 6:00pm

## THURSDAY, JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup>

- + Men's Prayer Group: 6:30am in the Charity Room
- + **Mass: 9:00am** (Intention: James & Kim Bennett)
- + Breakfast after Mass in Hall
- + Rosary Guild: 1:30pm in the Charity Room
- + Liturgy Meeting: 4:30pm at Sisko's
- + **Holy Hour: 6:00pm**

## FRIDAY, JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>

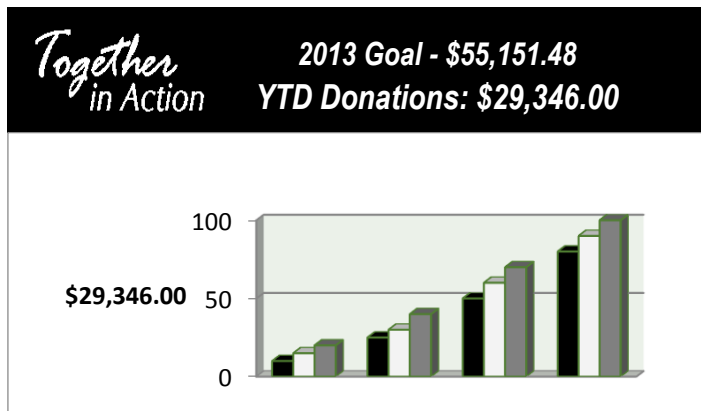
### ST. IRENAEUS, BISHOP, MARTYR

- + **Mass: 9:00am** (Intention: Helena Risling)
- + **Adoration after Mass until noon.**
- + Breakfast after Mass in Hall
- + Ministry to the aged: 10:00am – Meadowlands
- + **Mass: 10:00am** – The Wellington

## SATURDAY, JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup>

### SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

- + **Reconciliation 3:00 – 4:00pm**
- + Choir Practice for 5:00 Mass at 4:00pm



## 2013 TOGETHER IN ACTION –TIA-

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

Please contribute to the Together in Action.

Thank you for your Generosity and Support!

## **13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- + **Mass: 5:00pm** (Intention: Holy Family Parish Benefactors ☩)
- + Library open before 5:00pm Mass LIBRARY CLOSED for SUMMER

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. MATTHEW ON HIS 1<sup>st</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

## **SUNDAY, JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>**

- + **Mass: 8:30am** (Intention: Holy Family Parish Deceased ☩)
- + Library: open after morning Mass LIBRARY CLOSED for SUMMER
- + **Mass: 10:30am** (Intention: Holy Family Parish)
- + 3 Baptisms at 10:30 Mass
- + **Mass: 6:00pm** (Intention: Holy Family Parish Deceased ☩)

## **SUMMER BIBLE CAMP**

The Adventures of St. Patrick and Those Lily-Livered Pirates  
Aarr!

Sign up for time of yer life all you young landlubbers!!! From pirate stories to swashbucklin' games. Hearty snacks to satisfy even the most hungry parrot loving pirate. Songs to bellow from the crows nest and skits to make your yellow belly bounce with laughter. Shiver me timbers!!!!

Where: Holy Family Parish

When: Monday July 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday July 19<sup>th</sup> - 9am to 12 noon

Fee: \$25.00

Who: Children entering in the fall the following grades:

Kindergarten to Grade 5

Registration Forms at Hospitality Desk and Holy Family Parish office

## **LIGHT WEIGH**

Light Weigh group is at Holy Family and we are inviting you to come. Are you tired of constantly struggling with your weight and feeling like food controls you?

Prevention Magazine chose Light Weigh because it met their criteria for a safe and healthy faith based diet program.

New research shows, church based meetings increased people's weight loss. There are no weigh-ins.

The Light Weigh Bible study DVD series will have an orientation on June 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm in the Hope Room.

## **THE PALIO –GET INVOLVED IN THE FUN**

As you all know, last year Holy Family Parish won The Palio and we have been able to proudly display the banner all year. Planning has begun for the fourth annual Palio, a Diocese wide family event. This year the event will take place on September 14<sup>th</sup>. We have put up the poster on the main bulletin board and it is up to us to name our horse. We need to come up with a name that will represent Holy Family Parish. If you have suggestions, please submit them to the office, by phone, mail, email or in person. We also have the opportunity to enter a Holy Family Parish baseball team for the Parish vs. Parish Tournament. If anybody would like to step up and organize that please let us know as well. This event is all about bringing our families together, in a fun environment for all ages.

Tickets for The Palio 2013 are already available at the office. Adults \$10.00, Children \$5.00, Seniors \$5.00 and 2 years and under are free.

## **YEAR OF FAITH PASSPORT PILGRIMAGE**



YEAR OF FAITH 2012 – 2013  
PASSPORT PILGRIMAGES  
JUNE – NOVEMBER 2013

Join us in one of our mini pilgrimages throughout Southern Alberta and experience a personal invitation from God whether you are seeking to deepen your faith, asking forgiveness or expressing gratitude....

The pilgrimage will be a wonderful experience along with a rich history about our province.

This Summer and Fall.... in Celebration of the Year Of Faith 2012-2013  
Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Presents

PASSPORT PILGRIMAGE

Dates to include: June 20-23 / July 4-7 / July 25-28 / Aug. 22-25

Fall dates – TBA

Contact – Mary Ann @ 403-218-5516 or Carmela @ 403-265-6143

Prices start at \$399

## **THE HOSPITALITY DESK**

The Hospitality Desk desperately needs help. If you would like to help out and volunteer greeting and informing people as they enter the church, please call Doreen at 403-580-3198 or Eileen at 403-504-1626.

## **HOSPITAL MINISTRY**

The schedules for those who take communion to the hospital are ready to be picked up at the back of the church.

## **POWERPOINT & SOUNDBOARD SCHEUDLES**

The new schedules for power point and the sound board are available to be picked up in the folders at the control desk.

## **FOCOLARE RETREAT (MARIAPOLIS)**

The Focolare Movement is extending an invitation for all to come to a week-end retreat called a "Mariapolis", which means "City of Mary". This weekend will provide a way for everyone (families, single people, young & old) to try to put into practice the Gospel law of love with the goal of building unity together. Come join us for a truly uplifting experience at: Old's college on July 26-28. For further information call 403-278-4762 or email [ankudo@shaw.ca](mailto:ankudo@shaw.ca) OR Marieta Wingenbach at 403-502-0985. Website: [www.focolare.ca](http://www.focolare.ca) or [www.focolare.org](http://www.focolare.org)

## **JUNIOR CHOIR**

We will have one more Mass that we will be singing at on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Holy Family Parish. There will be a practice prior to the Mass.

## **WOULD YOU DONATE A TREE?**

This summer we are planning to plant some trees around the church garage and along the property line:

-6 Spruce Trees (\$140/each) (this week)

-10 Green Spire Linden Trees (\$ 90/each)

Would you like to donate one?

## SENIORS TEA: THANK YOU

On behalf of our Parish's Seniors we would like to thank **Agnes Gutfriend** and **Mary Anne Wist** who have served our seniors the last 4 ¾ years. Your talents, leadership and dedication have brought joy to our people.

The Co-Chairs Agnes and Mary Anne have resigned from this position after the June windup.

**We need 2 people to fill their shoes starting in September. If anyone can offer this service, please give Fr. Philip call.**

Again big Thank You to Agnes and Mary Anne.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

We are in need of 5 new members for the Parish Pastoral Council. If you are interested, please give Fr. Philip a call.

## ONE ROCK & WORLD YOUTH DAY

### One Rock & World Youth Day at Home 2013

Are you going? One Rock has a new home at Mt. St. Francis Retreat Centre in Cochrane this year on July 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>. It is a 3-day event that will give you the spiritual energy to meet new challenges. You can hear Dan DeMatte or Audrey Assad, attend Mass with the six bishops from Alberta and the North West Territories and see the live feed of Pope Francis at World Youth Day in Rio. We will be there. Will you? Go to [Onerock.ca](http://Onerock.ca) for more information.

**Tickets are available at the parish office:**

- Adult: \$10
- Child: \$5
- Senior: \$5

In the community of Medicine Hat, we will organize a group led by Fr. Matthew to go to Cochrane for this event. Mark your calendar and watch for more info in bulletin.

## NEW YOUTH COORDINATOR: LOUISA GIETZ

We are happy to welcome Louisa Gietz as new Youth Coordinator for St. Patrick's and Holy Family. She will start this ministry in August, 2013

- Family in Brooks
- Studied in Wyoming
- Graduated from Wyoming University (May 2013)
- Enthusiastic for youth
- Strong faith

Please give her your support in this ministry. If you have a room to rent out, Louisa is looking for a place. Please call the office with details.

## VAN FOR SALE: 1991 FORD 350

The parish has a van for sale. The NET had used it the last two years. It runs extremely well.\* 1991 FORD 350 \* 164,700 Km \$2,500 / OBO \* Call parish office 527-6933

## OVERHEAD PROJECTORS

For the use of different ministries and organizations in the parish, we will install two overhead projectors in the Faith Room and in the Hall. Thank you to the KofC #7325 for donating \$1300.00 towards this project.

## FLAILING DAD

"Ever show up to mass with PB&J handprints on the back of your pants? Do people recognize you not by your face, but the spit-up on your shoulder? Wondering if you can pursue sanctity as a parent and still have a sense of humor? **Flailing Dad Podcast** discusses all the important questions of Catholic parenthood and provides some laughs in the process. The show is free to download on iTunes. Check it out!"

My name is Rob Maxwell and my wife, my five young children, and I are members at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Burnaby, BC.

I'm a writer/broadcaster and have recently produced a podcast about Catholic fatherhood in the new millennium called "Flailing Dad". It's available for free download on [iTunes](http://iTunes) or at the [Flailing Dad Website](http://Flailing Dad Website).

The show is intended to entertain and discuss fatherhood from a humorous light; it will cover topics such as discipline, basic apologetics, social issues, and also provide feedback to curious listeners; all from a standpoint faithful to the teachings of the Church.

## SENIOR'S LUNCHEON, September 8, 2013

Senior's Luncheon will be Sunday, September 8, 2013 in the parish hall after the 10:30am Mass for all C.W.L. members 75+ and their plus one. Sign-up sheets on the C.W.L. board in the hallway. Must register by September 1/13.

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank the following people who gave their time and talent to help all the children in this parish; who are involved in Children's Liturgy or Sacramental Preparation. Without these volunteers our children's ministries would not have been able to take place.

1<sup>st</sup> Communion:

**Dana Bruin Trisha Sotropa Michelle Schneider Gwen Hodgins Verna Sacr**

Confirmation:

**Ron Blackmer Jill Wilkinson Kathy Glasgo Shane Lambert  
Deacon Robert Deacon Bill Heather Irvine Alana Schmid  
Ray Bosch**

Children's Liturgy:

**Rita Hoff Charlotte Eresman Ashly Davey Annabelle Derzaph  
Mary Kahl**

Speakers:

**Alice McNeil Pam Whitfield Micheline Massini Pat Dorward**

## SHEPHERD'S VOICE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

- JOHN 10:27 NIV

Have you ever been in a delivery room? I've been there twice. I wonder why every baby cries when she comes out! A doctor once told me of a child who could not breathe when she was born. In order to make her breathe the doctor gave her a slight blow. The mother must have thought the doctor was cruel. But he was really doing the kindest thing possible. A new born child has to cry, for only in this way will her lungs expand! As with new born children the lungs are contracted, so are our spiritual lungs. Through suffering God strikes us lovingly, then our lungs expand and we can breathe and pray.

I know that some of you are nurses, doctors, hospital workers, or you have your relatives sick in the hospital, or you have some sufferings yourselves. That means all of us somehow have experienced suffering in our lives. The theme of suffering in a special way demands to be faced, to be reflected and meditated upon in the context of human life related to salvation, and this is so, in the first place, because the human salvation was accomplished through the cross of Christ, that is through his suffering.

The field of human suffering is so wide, so varied, and multi-dimensional. Suffering is something which is still wider than sickness, more complex and at the same time still more deeply rooted in humanity itself. Humans suffer in different ways either physical or moral. The many forms of moral suffering are certainly no less in number than the forms of physical suffering.

The Bible is a great book about suffering. You can see it from the suffering of Adam and Eve in the Book of Genesis to the innocent suffering Job, to the Crucified Christ, to the suffering of martyrs in the last book of the Bible, the Book of Revelation. We can find in the Bible an extensive list of variously painful situations of human being. Within each form of personal suffering, and at the same time at the basis of the whole world of suffering, there arises the question: why? It is a question about the cause, the reason, about the purpose of suffering, and about the meaning of suffering. Has someone ever asked you that question? Especially when someone asks, "Why suffering happens to me? What have I done wrong?"

In dealing with these questions often we find two different reactions. First, we can't find a satisfactory answer from others and from the world. We put it to God. We link it to the fairness or unfairness, justice or injustice of God. We connect it with the punishment for evil and sins. It may lead us to many frustrations and conflicts in relation with others and with God. It may lead us to the point of denying God. On the other hand, there is a positive reaction to suffering as St. Paul says in his Letter to the Colossians, "I rejoice in my suffering because in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the Church" (Col 1: 24). In other words, we can find the meaning and purpose in suffering when we look at the suffering of Christ which brings us salvation.

In his ministry on earth Jesus drew increasingly closer to the world of human suffering. "He went about doing good," and his actions concerned primarily those who were suffering and seeking help. He healed the sick; consoled the afflicted; fed the hungry; freed people from deafness, from blindness, from leprosy, from devil and from various physical disabilities; three times he restored the dead to life. He was sensitive to every human suffering, whether of the body or of the soul. In any rate, Christ drew close to the world of suffering through the fact of having taken this suffering upon his very self.

Some people have the mistaken notion that because Jesus has conquered suffering and death, he could and would take away all sufferings of our lives. But he insisted that we must suffer. He said, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." We can see that countless people suffer a great deal every day. Every day they are tortured in body or mind or both. A friend of mine escaped from Vietnam. After his ordination, he went up north to serve the aboriginal people. Just 2 years later he got Lou Gehrig's disease. He couldn't walk, couldn't talk, and couldn't take care of himself and finally died a terrible death. Such people like him need not look for a special cross. The cross is already on their shoulders. All they need to do is carry it and offer up their daily suffering with the sufferings of Christ. In fact that daily cross becomes even more precious when united with the sufferings of Christ. Put your suffering into the chalice of the Precious Blood and offer it to the heavenly Father.

On the other hand, many suffer very little. They enjoy the good health, they have no worries, they have good jobs, good homes, good families, and good children. How do such people take up their cross daily? They should remember that we are the body of Christ. If one member suffers the whole body suffers. They should do whatever they can to help those who suffer. Like our Lord, they must sacrifice time and energy and money to help the sick, the starving, the needy, the unfortunate. This is a must, if we call ourselves a follower of Christ. Why do I write about suffering in this week? Last week I went to the hospital more than ten times to care for our brothers and sisters. I witnessed their sufferings. Then we had 4 funerals in a week! Then this Sunday readings call us to reflect on the suffering of Christ. What I want is to prepare us to face the suffering either of our own or of our family or of any member of Christ's body, to understand the value of suffering, and to share suffering with others. I also want to emphasize that through his suffering and death, the Lord Jesus has brought us eternal life, and **only Jesus Christ can make sense out of suffering**. So if you suffer, thank God; at least it's a sure sign that you're still alive!





# Bringing Home the Word

12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 23, 2013



## “Why After You?”

By Diane M. Houdek

There's a story of St. Francis that tells us one of his earliest followers, Brother Masseo, asked him one day, “Why after you? Why does everyone follow after you?” Francis was indeed a popular and charismatic figure. But ultimately in following Francis, people somehow perceived that they were following Christ. We've seen a similar reaction in the positive response people have shown to the pope who has taken the name Francis.

Whether in the first or the thirteenth or the twenty-first century, the mark of authenticity in the people we choose to follow lies in their faithfulness to a genuine call from God to lead others back to that same God. The true spiritual leader disappears in pointing to the divine.

Christianity is not a cult of personality, a group of people swayed by a charismatic leader and willing to die for him. We've seen in our own time what this sort of pseudo-religion looks like. We've seen the documentaries on Jonestown, Waco and Heaven's Gate. We've seen that cults of personality nearly always die with the death of the person at their center.

Today's Gospel reminds us that our faith is not a matter for popularity polls. Jesus asks his followers who people say that he is. But he's not really interested in the responses they give. He's heard all that before. And he knows that we have, too. No, the real question is the one he asks Peter. “And who do you say that I am?” Jesus isn't asking because he wants to know. He's asking because he wants Peter to know.

In Luke's Gospel, the one that we hear today, Jesus immediately responds to Peter's declaration with his first prediction of the terrible suffering and death that the Messiah will have to endure before the resurrection to eternal glory. This is the turning point of the Gospel. This is how we know that who we follow is different than charismatic leaders before or since. Jesus is committed not to power, not to glory, but only to the truth revealed by his Father in heaven.

We don't follow Jesus because he promises all of our problems will be solved. Rather, he promises that in the midst of the worst things we can imagine, he will be with us, helping us to bear those tragedies. We follow Jesus because he promises that suffering is not the final word. Jesus never lies to his followers and tells them that the road ahead will be easy and carefree. He knows that's a lie, however much we might long to believe it. He tells them that the destination is worth the trials along the way.

Jesus' great gift to us is his vision of the kingdom. And he promises that the kingdom is indeed begun in the midst of this earthly journey. When we live according to his vision, we bring that kingdom into clearer focus. We make it a little bit more apparent to the people around us. We bring about a little more justice, a little more peace, a little more equality for those who suffer.

We follow the greatest man who ever lived, but we follow him not because he didn't die, but because he died and was raised. We follow him because in the midst of his humanity, we see God's divinity. This is a truth that has been revealed to us by God's grace. And in that grace, we can reveal it to others by the way we live our lives in imitation of Christ.

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

### QUESTIONS REFLECTION

- How likely are you to follow a charismatic personality? What questions do you ask?
- What is it about Jesus that you find particularly attractive? What challenges are you reluctant to accept?
- Who is Jesus for you? How has that changed your life?