

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

6/30/2013 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Today's Gospel Luke 9:51-62

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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

THIS THE LAST BULLETIN BEFORE SUMMER... FOR ALL YOUR UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS THROUGH THE SUMMER DON'T FORGET TO VISIT US AT 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.

Name _____
Spouse _____
Address _____
Postal Code _____ Phone _____
Email _____



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 29/30, 2013

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading (1 Kgs. 19:16,19-21). Few men or women recognize the great human adventure that begins to unfold once God calls them. Still fewer celebrate that calling by making a barbecue out of the tools of their previous work. Elisha was one such man who followed God's call swiftly and joyfully.

Second Reading (Gal 5:1,13-18). The Christian life is all about becoming free. We are truly free when we rule every area of ourselves. Then we are totally flexible to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel (Lk 9:51-62). Once Jesus has called us into freedom and discipleship, away from every attachment, those who return to previous attachments are most foolish

OPERATING FINANCES

(June 20th to June 27th, 2013)

-Cost to operate our Parish (Budget 2013)		\$15,600
-General Collections:	\$ 7,688	
-Debt reduction (Mortgage)	\$ 5,003	
-Total Collections:	\$ 12,691	
-Exceed or (Shortfall)		(\$2,909)

Special Collections

***TIA/Peace & Development:.....	\$425
***Flood Relief.....	\$220
***World Missions:.....	\$86
***Pope's Pastoral Works.....	\$5
***Seminary Fund:	\$5
***St Vincent de Paul:.....	\$896
*** CARO.....	\$15
***Mission Mexico:.....	\$100
***Youth Ministries:.....	\$90

PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS & INTENTIONS

DAILY MASS MAY BE CANCELED IN THE CASE OF A FUNERAL

SUNDAY, JUNE 30TH

- + **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 ☩)

MONDAY, JULY 1ST

- + **Mass: 9:30am** (Intention: Gerard Hoffart)
- + OFFICE CLOSED – HAPPY CANADA DAY!!!

TUESDAY, JULY 2ND

- + **Mass: 7:00pm** (Intention: Daniel Lipsett ☩)
- + **Adoration after Mass until 8:30**
- + Light Weigh: 7:00pm in the Hope Room

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3RD ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE

- + **Mass: 9:00am** (Intention: Anne Dirk ☩)

THURSDAY, JULY 4TH

- + **Mass: 9:00am** (Intention: Shirley Quennell ☩)
- + **Holy Hour: 6:00pm**

FRIDAY, JULY 5TH

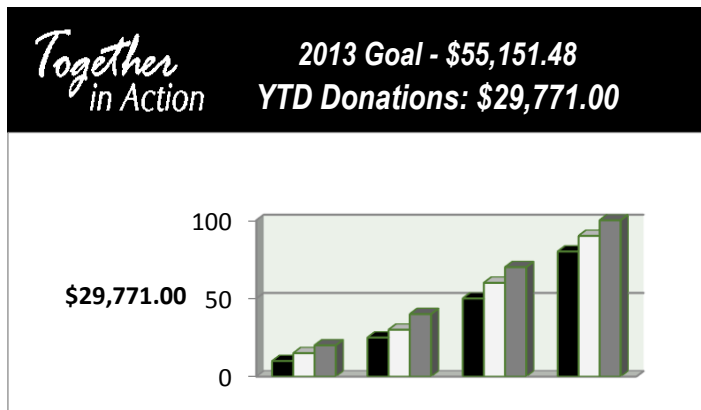
- + **Mass: 9:00am** (Intention: Larry Schnell ☩)
- + **Adoration after Mass until noon.**
- + Breakfast after Mass in Hall
- + Ministry to the aged: 10:00am – Meadowlands
- + **Mass: 10:00am** – The Wellington

SATURDAY, JULY 6TH

- + **Reconciliation 3:00 – 4:00pm**
- + Choir Practice for 5:00 Mass at 4:00pm
- 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- + **Mass: 5:00pm** (Intention: Keith Gibson ☩)

SUNDAY, JULY 7TH

- + **Mass: 8:30am** (Intention: Joe Zacher ☩)
- + **Mass: 10:30am** (Intention: Holy Family Parish)
- + **Mass: 6:00pm** (Intention: Patricia Doyle ☩)



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!

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP

The Adventures of St. Patrick and Those Lily-Livered Pirates...
Aarr!
Sign up for time of yur 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 15th to Friday July 19th - 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

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 14th. 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

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.

NO BULLETIN DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS

The next bulletin will be on August 17/18, 2013
Stay up to date at www.holyfamilymh.ca

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 OR Marieta Wingenbach at 403-502-0985. Website: www.focolare.ca or www.focolare.org

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.

BREAKFAST CLUB

The Breakfast Club that usually meet Wednesday to Friday Mornings after Mass will only be meeting on Friday Morning in July & August.

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.

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

Would you like to donate one?

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 26th – 28th. 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 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.

VACATION NOTICE

Fr. Matthew is taking vacation the next ten days. Please pray for him.

GriefShare

We have incorporated a program called "Greif Share" into the Bereavement Ministry. GreifShare is a special weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone. It is a safe and confidential place where you can be around people who understand how you feel and recognize the pain of your loss. At GreifShare you will learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life.

Holy Family Parish is hosting a GreifShare program (Christian Based) this fall. Our invitation is to anyone over the age of fifteen who is experiencing difficulties in grief recovery of the death of a loved one, spouse, parent, child, sibling or friend. Please share this information with other family members. The program will run for 13 weeks from September 9 to December 16 on Monday evenings from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. The exception to the schedule is when the Monday falls on a holiday.

For more information or to register, please call Holy Family Parish office at 403-527-6933. Session size is limited; please register early.

Please Note: GreifShare is not a counselling service, but a support group.

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. Big thank you to the K of C #7325 for donating \$1,300 toward this project (which may cost us \$10,000).

FLOOD RELIEF DONATION

A Big Thank You to all volunteers who have helped us during the flood time. If you would like to volunteer, call the coordinator at 403-525-2661

The best way to help now is to donate your money. Please be generous!

The parish is accepting your donation. Mark your envelope "**Flood Relief.**"

Suggestions:

- If you are working: you may donate the salary of one day's work
- If you live on pension: 1/20 of your monthly pension

IF YOU ARE AFFECTED BY THE FLOOD AND NEED HELP WITH DAILY NECESSITIES (such as food, diapers etc.), YOU CAN DISCUSS THIS WITH THE PARISH.

You may also donate through the following agencies:

Calgary Diocese

- **Cheque:** By sending a cheque payable to the "Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary", earmarked "Calgary Flood Relief fund" and sent to the Pastoral Centre (120 - 17th Ave SW, Calgary AB T2S 2T2).
- **Online:** By clicking the DONATE NOW button on our website (<http://www.calgarydiocese.ca>) and noting that you would like it to be directed to "Calgary Flood Relief fund"

The **Canadian Red Cross** is taking donations online and by phone at **1-800-418-1111**. They have also set up a hot line at **1-866-696-6484** for anyone to call to reconnect with loved-ones.

The **Salvation Army** is also accepting donations at the website or by calling **1-800-725-2769**.

Canada Help Medicine Hat Flood Relief 403-527-9038 www.cfsea.ca

TD Bank; www.heartthehat.com

If you are a TELUS customer, a \$5 donation can be made to the Red Cross by texting 30333 and 4664 for Rogers customers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CANADA

July 1st is celebrated as Canada's Birthday. A contemporary Christian should seek a responsible worldview rather than a narrow nationalism, seeing our homeland as part of the family nations.

Canada should seek to be witness to Christ in the world, and to continue working to influence those in government to act from Christian principles and attitudes. Christians, realizing they do not have a lasting home here, should pray and work for justice and peace in Canada and throughout the world, so that all God's people may share in the goods of this earth. God's kingdom will come only when all people are ready to let Christ's teaching guide and rule their lives and actions.



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.

DO YOU HAVE A HAPPY MARRIAGE?

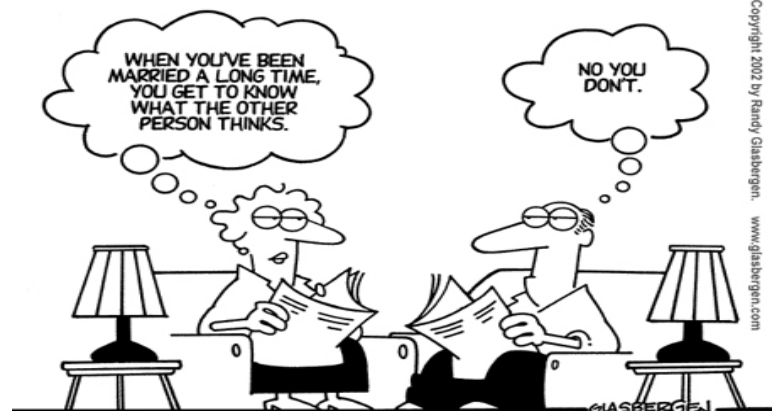
THIS DAY I WILL MARRY my best friend, the one I laugh with, dream with, live for, love...

The following exercise is meant to test the two of you how much you know and understand each other as spouses and at the same time have some fun.

Work separately, and give one-word-answer (**yes or no**) both for yourself (be honest) and for your spouse (guesses are permitted). After you have filled in your answers, lovingly discuss them with each other sometimes in your bedroom.

- | | <u>YOU</u> | <u>SPOUSE</u> |
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| 1. Are you a borrower? | ----- | ----- |
| 2. Are you a lender? | ----- | ----- |
| 3. Are you stingy? | ----- | ----- |
| 4. Do you like to read in bed before you go to sleep? | ----- | ----- |
| 5. Do you like a cup of coffee to wake you up? | ----- | ----- |
| 6. Do you take medication regularly? | ----- | ----- |
| 7. Do you keep you room clean? | ----- | ----- |
| 8. Do you do the dishes regularly? | ----- | ----- |
| 9. Do you normally wash your own clothes? | ----- | ----- |
| 10. Do you clean the bathroom sink after using it? | ----- | ----- |
| 11. Do you often leave your shoes lying around? | ----- | ----- |
| 12. Do you like to fall asleep with the TV on? | ----- | ----- |
| 13. Do you like to eat in bed? | ----- | ----- |
| 14. Do you pick your nose? | ----- | ----- |
| 15. Do you leave your toenail clippings lying around? | ----- | ----- |
| 16. Do you bite your nails? | ----- | ----- |
| 17. Are you a picky eater? | ----- | ----- |
| 18. Do you eat fast? | ----- | ----- |
| 19. Do you smack your lips when you eat? | ----- | ----- |
| 20. Do you put the toilet seat down after using it? | ----- | ----- |
| 21. Do you sing in the shower? | ----- | ----- |
| 22. Are you cheerful when you awaken? | ----- | ----- |
| 23. Are you grouchy when you awaken? | ----- | ----- |
| 24. Do you pass gas often? | ----- | ----- |

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| 25. Do you wear pyjamas? | ----- | ----- |
| 26. What time do you usually go to bed? | ----- | ----- |
| 27. What time do you usually get up on weekdays? | ----- | ----- |
| 28. How many hours of sleep do you need? | ----- | ----- |
| 29. Do you stay in bed when you have a cold or a flu? | ----- | ----- |
| 30. Do you save things? | ----- | ----- |
| 31. Do you swear or curse? | ----- | ----- |
| 32. Are you organized? | ----- | ----- |
| 33. Do you wish you were organized? | ----- | ----- |
| 34. Do you give to charity? | ----- | ----- |
| 35. Can you balance a check book? | ----- | ----- |
| 36. When should a man change a baby diaper? | ----- | ----- |
| 37. Do you like to cook? | ----- | ----- |
| 38. Do you like to go to church? | ----- | ----- |
| 39. Do you like to pray? | ----- | ----- |
| 40. Do you go to confession? | ----- | ----- |
| 41. Do you chew loudly? | ----- | ----- |
| 42. Have you been told that you snore? | ----- | ----- |
| 43. Do you squeeze the toothpaste in the middle? | ----- | ----- |
| 44. Are you soft touch for a bad story? | ----- | ----- |
| 45. Hours a week do you spend watching TV? | ----- | ----- |
| 46. Does bad breath bother you? | ----- | ----- |
| 47. Are you neat? | ----- | ----- |
| 48. Do you like children? | ----- | ----- |
| 49. Are you social? | ----- | ----- |
| 50. Are you a caring person? | ----- | ----- |



Fr. Philip's:

A Catholic doctor, Francis, spent a lot of time tending the sick and dying inmates in a concentration camp. It'd been five years now and he missed his wife and children so much. He just wanted to have some freedom and join his family members who were in Canada at that time. He and a companion devised a way of escaping. He began to collect his few possessions: a food bowl, a pair of torn mittens, notes for a book he hoped to write. Then he took a last visit to his poor patients who lay on rotten planks of wood on either side of a hut. He walked to a man who came from his own village. The man was very near to death. Francis did his best to hide from him the fact that he was escaping. But his friend somehow guessed it and in a tired sad voice said, "So you too are getting out."

Francis quickly denied with a lie but the words cut him and accused him, "So you too are getting out." After finishing his rounds he came back to the man. Again he was greeted with a look of despair that went right through him. He felt he was betraying this man. Suddenly he decided to take his fate into his own hands with some trust in the providence of the Lord. He ran out of the hut and told his friend to leave without him. He decided to stay with his patients. At once the unhappy feeling of betrayal left him. Even though he had no idea what the days ahead would bring him, he gained an inner peace that he had never before experienced and hoped for the best. Somehow he survived the camp and re-joined his family in Calgary ten years later.

Today's Gospel begins with the announcement that Jesus turned his face resolutely towards Jerusalem. He knew well what awaited him there: rejection, betrayal and death. But for him there was no turning back. His Father gave him a task to bring salvation to humankind. He would carry that task and his Father would help him to be faithful. He was convinced that there was light at the end of the tunnel. What would have happened if Jesus had turned back, if he opted out when he saw where the path was leading? What would have happened if Jesus died, not on the cross, but on a beautiful beach with a heart attack?

We carry our own and each other's hopes and dreams in our hands. If I quit perhaps I shatter the hope of someone, maybe even many who are depending on me or who just have hope in me. But if I persevere, their hopes will be realized and their dreams will come true. Life's most painful choices are not always between good and evil. If that were so there would be a lot fewer quitters. No, the most painful choices are between the good and the best. In other words, the things that tempt us to abandon our goal are not always bad. More often they are good and that is what makes it so hard to resist them.

One day I talked about the former priests who ministered in different parishes around the diocese before and now have moved on to another vocation. A lady told me, "I'd like to call you "Father

Le." It sounds right to me; but calling you "Mister Le," it doesn't sound right at all."

I didn't say a word because I'm still on my journey of the priesthood. I observe that some parishioners quit their church because of their priest. Come on... You are smarter than that. You practice your faith because you love God, not because of some good looking man like me! Then I observed how many teens have quit their church and even their God; how many adults have abandoned their faith; how many husbands and wives have quit their spouse, children and family?

We should think about our decisions or choices. Few really important decisions are made without some regrets or hankerings after the alternatives which had to be foregone, particularly if the choice made leads to difficulties or hardship. Some decisions are made once for all (e.g. to eat this cake); others have to be reaffirmed constantly (e.g. to love one's spouse). Our decision to follow Jesus is never without such hankerings after the alternatives, and it must be constantly reaffirmed. Seldom do we really slaughter our oxen like Elisha in the first reading did to follow a call; seldom do we co-operate fully with the Holy Spirit so as to be free from slavery to our weak humanity.

The response to the invitation 'Follow me' has to be total and irrevocable. There can be no **'buts'**. The dialogue of invitation and response is not a static 'once upon a time' event. Day in and day out, in many different ways, the invitation is renewed. On each occasion Christ invites us to respond more generously. Our initial commitment needs daily refinement and renewal. As the implications become clearer we may begin to waver.

Some young men and women from our parish graduate this year. We congratulate you for the past twelve years you have worked hard on your studies. Some other religions have a custom to introduce their young members to a new faith community. If you would like us to do it, don't be shy, come and talk with us. We have Catholic communities everywhere in the world. Everything has its own time. It is a time for you to go out into the world. Some of you will go to a new school, some will choose a career, some will be the leaders in this society or in this Church; you will make new friends. Wherever you go, whatever you do, keep your ears attentive to the call of Christ, "Follow me." Be proud of yourself because you bear the name of Christ in your life. I wish that, with the blessings of God, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, with the help of your parents, your friends, your teachers and your Church, on your journey, you may reach the goal your Creator has planned for you: "To be his faithful children."

