

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

August 17/18, 2013 - The 20th 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

Luke 12:49-53:
**I have come to bring
fire on the earth...**



WELCOME LOUISA
OUR NEW YOUTH COORDINATOR

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 _____



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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading (Jer 38 46; 8-10). *Of all the other prophets of his era Jeremiah is the one who stands out as an individual above the rest. He makes enemy of the king and is cast into a cistern. His mission was 'to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow' (1:10). He is not afraid to speak for God and to stand for what is right*

Second Reading (Heb 12:1-4). *The author of Hebrews attempts an explanation of suffering by prefacing it with a reminder of the Lord's suffering. As a result of that suffering Jesus sits at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Gospel (Lk 12:49-53). *As with Jeremiah, the Lord's mission is not always a popular one. Jesus' statement here is to 'cast fire upon the earth'. Fire is normally considered a figure of judgement in the scriptures. In this instance the fire will separate the good from the evil ones and purify the good so that they may take their place in the Reign of God. In that way peace is paid with a great price.*

OPERATING FINANCES

Ria is taking a well-deserved, relaxing holiday, so there will be no financials until September. Have a safe and fun Holiday, Ria, we miss you!

PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS & INTENTIONS

DAILY MASS MAY BE CANCELED IN THE CASE OF A FUNERAL

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- + **Mass: 8:30am** (Intention: Joseph Kotz ☩)
- + **Mass: 10:30am** (Intention: Holy Family Parish)
- + 3 Baptisms at 10:30 Mass
- + **Mass: 6:00pm** (Intention: Pope Benedict XVI)

MONDAY, AUGUST 19TH

- + **Mass: 9:30am** (Intention: Joseph Bischoff ☩)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20TH ST. BERNARD – ABBOT, DOCTOR

- + **Mass: 7:00pm** (Intention: Archbishop Martin Currie)
- + **Adoration after Mass until 8:30**
- + Light Weigh: 7:00pm in the Hope Room

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21ST ST. PIUS X - POPE

- + **Mass: 9:00am** (Intention: Peter Weigel ☩)
- + **Mass: 1:30pm at Sunnyside**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22ND QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- + **Mass: 9:00am** (Intention: Frank & Buscholl ☩)
- + **Holy Hour: 6:00pm**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23RD

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH ST. BARTHOLOMEW - APOSTLE

- + **Reconciliation 3:00 – 4:00pm**
- + Choir Practice for 5:00 Mass at 4:00pm
- 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- + **Mass: 5:00pm** (Intention: Jackie Moser ☩)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- + **Mass: 8:30am** (Intention: Holy Family Parish Deceased ☩)
- + **Mass: 10:30am** (Intention: Holy Family Parish)
- + **Mass: 6:00pm** (Intention: Holy Family Parish Deceased ☩)

SUNDAY PLAN

- 1st Sunday: Deacons' preaching**
- 2nd and 4th Sundays: Baptisms**
- 3rd Sunday: Wedding Anniversary Blessing.**

A VERY SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GIFT

This week a young parishioner came into the church with an envelope in hand with \$325.00 in it. He asked if he could make a donation. He was told of course he could but how did he get so much money. He told us that he just celebrated his 12th birthday and he asked his guests not to bring gifts for him but instead he wanted them to bring the money they would have spent on a gift. He then brought all the money to the church to donate to the High River Flood Relief. He agreed that this good news could go in the bulletin but he requested that he not be named because he did not do it to be recognized but because he just wanted to help after he heard Fr. Philip talk about High River. His mom confirmed that it was all his idea. I guess those kids are listening in church after all!!!

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 4th annual Palio, a Diocese wide family event. This year the event will take place on Saturday, Sept. 14th. If you have suggestion of what our horse's name should be, please let us know... last year it was "Tumbleweed".

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 available at the office. Adults \$10.00, Children \$5.00, Seniors \$5.00 and 2 years and under are free.

We will be offering a free bus to the event from St. Patrick's and Holy Family Parish... Space is limited so book early.

YEAR OF FAITH PASSPORT PILGRIMAGE



YEAR OF FAITH 2013

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

1st ANNUAL COLT'S FOOTBALL STEAK NIGHT FUNDRAISER

The 1st Annual Colt's Football Steak Night Fundraiser will be Thursday, September 19, 2013 at 6:00pm at Monsignor McCoy High School Gym. The cost is \$20.00/person. There will be a Silent Auction & Grey Cup Tickets – Grand Prize Draw. Tickets can be purchased at Monsignor McCoy High School Office. For more information or to make a donation to the silent auction please contact Lannette Wall @ 403-529-1364 or 403-581-1588 or allboys3@telus.net. All proceeds go to support the McCoy Colts Football Team.



CWL 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.

TWELVE RULES FOR HUSBAND AND WIFE

1. Never both be angry at once.
2. Never yell at each other unless the house is on fire.
3. Yield to wishes of the other as an exercise in self-discipline, if you can't think of a better reason.
4. If you have a choice between making yourself or your mate look good-choose your mate.
5. If you feel you must criticize, do so lovingly.
6. Never bring up a mistake of the past.
7. Neglect the whole world rather than each other.
8. Never let the day end without saying at least one complimentary thing to your life's partner.
9. Never meet without an affectionate welcome.
10. Never go to bed mad.
11. When you've made a mistake, talk it out and ask for forgiveness.
12. Remember, it takes two to make an argument.

Congratulations to those who have their Wedding Anniversary this month! May God continue to pour his blessing upon you and your family.

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.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

If you'd like your children to receive First Communion & Reconciliation or the Sacrament of Confirmation, please come to **ONE** of the registration nights:

St. Patrick's Hall: Sept. 25th at 7 pm & Oct. 2nd at 7 pm

Holy Family Parish Hall: Sept. 26th at 7 pm & Oct. 3rd at 7 pm

SENIORS' TEA

The parish has a new coordinator for the Senior's Tea and a new day. The Senior's Tea will now fall on third Thursday of each month with the first one on September 19th at 2:00pm in the Parish Hall.

ANNUAL PARISH CORN ROAST

The parish will be hosting the Annual Parish Corn Roast on Sunday, September 15th at NOON. All Parishioners are invited. Come out, Mingle, and start the fall off with this fun annual family event.

IF TOMORROW NEVER COMES

If I knew it would be the last time that I'd see you fall asleep, I would tuck you in more tightly and pray the Lord, your soul to keep.

If I knew it would be the last time that I see you walk out the door, I would give you a hug and kiss and call you back for one more.

If I knew it would be the last time I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise, I would video tape each action and word, so I could play them back day after day.

If I knew it would be the last time, I could spare an extra minute or two to stop and say "I love you," instead of assuming, you would KNOW I do.

If I knew it would be the last time I would be there to share your day, well I'm sure you'll have so many more, so I can let just this one slip away.

For surely there's always tomorrow to make up for an oversight, and we always get a second chance to make everything right.

There will always be another day to say our "I love you," and certainly there's another chance to say our "Anything I can do?"

But just in case I might be wrong, and today is all I get. I'd like to say how much I love you and I hope we never forget. Tomorrow is not promised to anyone, young or old alike. And today may be the last chance you get to hold your loved one tight.

So if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today? For if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret the day, that you didn't take that extra time for a smile, a hug, a kiss, or a prayer and you were too busy to grant someone, what turned out to be their one last wish.

So hold your loved ones close today, whisper in their ear, tell them how much you love them and that you'll always hold them dear. Take time to say "I'm sorry," "please forgive me," "thank you" or "it's okay".

And if tomorrow never comes, you'll have no regrets about today (Unknown)

WOULD YOU DONATE A TREE?

We have planted 10 aspen trees and are going to plant 6 spruce trees. Would you like to donate one?

GRIEF SHARE

We have incorporated a program called "Grief Share" into the Bereavement Ministry. Grief Share 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 Grief Share you will learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life.

Holy Family Parish is hosting a Grief Share 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: Grief Share is not a counselling service, but a support group.

FLOOD RELIEF DONATIONS

A Big Thank You to all who have donated to Flood Relief Fund. So far we have collected more than \$20,000. Even though Medicine Hat has 139 homes that cannot be lived in yet, the flood damage in High River is far beyond our imagination. It's great if we can help. Mark your envelope "**High River Flood Relief**" or "**Medicine Hat Flood Relief**."

RCIA: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Do you have a desire to learn about the traditions and teachings of the Catholic faith? Do you feel a need for a deeper understanding of our faith beliefs, in order to keep up with the religious education of your child (children)?

If so, perhaps you would be interested in the RCIA program at Holy Family Parish. The sessions are held every Wednesday evening from September to May/June. Preparations are now underway to begin a new year of spiritual growth and our first meeting date has been set for:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH @ 7:00-9:00 pm

Whether you are a baptized Catholic, or baptized in another Christian faith, or a non-baptized, you are always welcome to join us.

Further inquiries or questions about the RCIA Program can be directed to Pat @ 403- 527-1097 or the church office @ 403-527-6933.

Fr. Philip's:

"How come you have such a nice SUV and such a big house and I am so poor?" said a Priest to a Rabbi "Well, whenever people make a donation, I draw a line on the floor and throw the money. Whatever falls to the right side is for God, and whatever falls to the left I keep for myself," answered the Rabbi.

"Wow, what a good idea! I think I will do the same. Thank you very much for the tip" said the priest.

A few months later, the rabbi noticed that the priest had become filthy rich. He was driving a Ferrari and had a huge house. *"How did you become so rich?"* said the rabbi to the priest.

"Remember that tip you gave me a few months ago?" replied the priest. *"Well, I came up with a better idea! Whenever people made a donation, I threw the money up in the air. Whatever stays up is for God, and whatever falls down, I keep for myself!"*

As you can see that I am still driving the same vehicle. Your donation is safe. The church attendance during the summer months is very low. I guess the people are on vacations (I hope nobody just gives God a summer break). Financially we are doing just fine. Thank you for your financial **commitment**. By attending church, your supports, your concerns for the victims of flood, and your care for the life of the parish you have shown your faith in God and your **commitment** to the community life. During the summer, we were able to refill the cracks on the church parking. Then we repainted the lines and the handicapped signs. We also washed carpets in the Faith Room and in the hallway. The floor in the hall has been waxed. Some trees have been planted. Hopefully we will install 2 projectors in the hall and in the Faith Room this month. We have welcomed a new staff who will work with our young people. We thank you again and we thank God that we live in a free country that respects all opinions, all faith and all cultures.

In our world today there are countless thousands of people who are afraid to speak out their belief because of social injustices on the part of certain leadership in the world. They know that if they are heard they may be questioned, may be tortured and even put to death.

In 1980, one of my friends, a seminarian, was forced to join the army. In the army of that country, religion was absolutely restricted. He knew from that time on, he could not go to church freely on Sunday nor practice his belief publicly. In order to nourish his faith, he brought with him a pocket Bible and secretly

read it every day. A few weeks later, an officer of the military base found the Bible in his belongings. My friend was questioned, tortured, and put into a concentration camp. Since I've been in Canada, I haven't heard about him, I don't know whether he was released or not.

This sad story reflects one of the points of today's Gospel. **Commitment** to Jesus Christ means taking a stand on certain things. And, sometimes, that stand sets us in opposition to other people. Sometimes our **commitment** to Jesus will cause us to be hated as Jeremiah in the first reading. Sometimes it will cause us to struggle in our moral decisions or moral stand as St. Paul mentions in the second reading. Sometimes it may even cause us to oppose our own family, as Jesus warns in today's Gospel.

When Jesus invited people to follow him, he knew what he was asking of them. For some, it meant doing what my friend did in the military base. In other words, **commitment** to Jesus has to take priority over everything else. The Christian's **commitment** to light and to truth cannot be compromised in any way.

As followers of Jesus we should not be afraid. The true Christian is a threat, a source of division, a light that shines in the darkness, and is resented by those who want to remain in the darkness. Because of the sense of justice, a Christian will oppose those who exploit the weak and the poor. In this manner, a Christian will come into conflict with those who trade in lies and dishonesty. By the dedication to others, a Christian will expose the selfishness of those who look after Number One. By the openness and tolerance, a Christian will come into conflict with the narrow-minded and prejudiced. That Christian should not be surprised she or he has to suffer. Jesus Christ foresaw this: "A servant is not greater than his master. If they hated me, they will hate you too."

COMMITMENT is a big word. Your Christian life must be a total commitment to Christ. Your married life must be a total commitment to your spouse. Your family life must be a total commitment to the welfare of your family. Your parish life must be a total commitment to your parish. Your social life must be a total commitment to the benefits of your neighbours. Nowadays lots of people are afraid of that word or do not want to make any commitment in their life. One day we had a meeting in the seminary, the rector called us to make a commitment to the life of the seminary. One of my friend said, "Father, I do not know how to spell that word. Do I have to make any commitment? I guess not." God bless you.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Want to grow in your relationship with Christ? Want to meet new friends? Want to have some fun? Want to learn more about what it means to be Catholic? **EQUIP and UNCHAINED weekly youth nights start in September.** Stay tuned!

Louisa is looking for volunteers ASAP: Adults or college students to help with high school ministries and high school students to help with EQUIP (grades 6-9). All that is needed is a willingness to listen, share, and lead by example. Interested? Email medhatcatholicyouth@gmail.com.

What do you think....? Take a moment to answer this survey. Return it to the parish office.

What age group do you fit in?

- Grade 5 and under
- Grade 6
- Grade 7
- Grade 8
- Grade 9
- Grade 10
- Grade 11
- Grade 12
- Adult/parent

Check topics that interest you. (As many as you like.)

- The saints and their lives
- Stations of the Cross
- Different ways to pray
- Who is Jesus?
- St. Michael and the archangels
- What is a vocation?
- Miracles
- Old Testament history
- The Gospels
- Dating/relationships
- Sacraments of the Church
- Mother Mary
- Where did the bible come from?
- The Eucharist
- How/why we are called to live in chastity
- Missions (the Church around the world)
- Confession/ the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Science and religion
- The rosary
- Forgiveness
- Heaven/Hell/Purgatory
- Other _____

	GREAT!	That would be fun.	Maybe	I'd have to be pretty bored.
Movie Nights	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Group volunteer days	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sports	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trips to youth rallies or concerts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adoration/Praise and Worship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Relay races/outdoor games	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Arts and crafts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Board game nights	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Day Trips	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Would you be interested in a youth retreat?

- Yes No what's a retreat?

Would you be interested in a peer discussion group? (This small group would meet a couple times a month to talk about things you are going through and how God is working in your life)

- Yes No Maybe

Any other ideas you have about youth programs?

Thank You!