



# Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

JANUARY 11/12, 2020 – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Sunday Mass Times: Saturday - 5:00 pm, Sunday - 8:30am, 10:30am & 6:00pm

Reconciliation: Friday 9:30-10:30am & Saturday 3:30-4:45pm

Office Hrs. Monday to Friday - 8:30am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm to 4:30pm - Closed on Holidays

## Walking with Him

## Feast of Baptism of the Lord

St. Gregory of Nazianzus invites us all to reflect as we do today. We celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord with these words: "Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light. Christ is baptized' let us also go down with him and rise with him". Pope Francis addressing the congregation on this feast day said: Baptism integrates us into the body of the Church, into the holy People of God. And in this body, in this people journeying on, faith is passed down from generation to generation: it is the faith of the Church. It is the faith of Mary, our Mother, the faith of St Joseph, of St Peter, of St Andrew, of St John, the faith of the Apostles and of the Martyrs, which has come down to us, through Baptism: the chain of transmission of the faith. At first glance, the Baptism of the Lord might seem an odd feast. Since the Catholic Church teaches that the Sacrament of Baptism is necessary for the remission of sins, particularly Original Sin, why was Christ baptized? After all, He was born without Original Sin, and He lived His entire life without sinning. Therefore, He did not need the sacrament, as we do. In submitting Himself humbly to the baptism of St. John the Baptist, however, Christ provided the example for the rest of us. If even He should be baptized, though He did not need it, how much more should the rest of us be thankful for this sacrament, which frees us from the darkness of sin and incorporates us into the Church, the life of Christ on earth! His Baptism, therefore, was necessary—not for Him, but for us. Many of the Fathers of the Church, as well as the medieval Scholastics, saw Christ's Baptism as the institution of the sacrament. His Flesh blessed the water, and the descent of the Holy Spirit (in the form of a dove) and the voice of God the Father announcing that this was His Son, in Whom He was well pleased, marked the beginning of Christ's public ministry. St. Paul sees baptism as the source of dying with Him and rising back to life with him: "Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him" (Romans 6:4-8). "Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with him. The heavens, like Paradise with its flaming sword, closed by Adam for himself and his descendants, are rent open. The Spirit comes to him as to an equal, bearing witness to his Godhead. A voice bears witness to him from heaven, his place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like the dove that so long ago announced the ending of the flood and so gives honor to the body that is one with God" as St. Gregory explained. Through Baptism we not only leave our old life of sin behind, but we have become a new creation in Him who took our nature to be like us but sin. Baptism makes us to walk with him as his brothers and sisters remembering if we have died with him, we will also rise with him too. Let us today remember our Baptismal vows and live our lives accordingly so that may we inherit - eternal life.



## PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS & INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020

#### FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

- Shannon's Choir Practice @ 8:00am
- **Mass 8:30am** (Intention: Gerry Dela Cruz †)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Class 10:00am Faith Room
- **Mass 10:30am** (Intention: Nuala Brennan †)
- Coffee Time 11:30am HFP Hall
- Baptism Class 1:00pm
- Maria's Choir Practice 5:00pm
- **Mass 6:00pm** (Intention: John Kopp †)

### MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020

- **Mass 9:00am** (Intention: Gerry Ibach †)
- Prayer & Praise 7:00pm Chapel
- K of C Meeting 7:00pm Faith Room

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020

- Office Closed 9:00-10:30am Staff Meeting
- Exercise Class 10:00am Faith Room
- SSVF Meeting 1:00pm Hope room
- **Mass 6:30pm** (Intention: Jody Sjolie †) **followed by Adoration until 8:00pm**

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020

- **Mass 9:00am** (Intention: Holy Family Parish)
- Breakfast following Mass HFP Hall – Kitchen Users Meeting
- Bible Study 9:30am Faith Room
- **Chinook Village 10:00am Mass**
- **Sunnyside 1:30pm Mass**
- Masterpiece 3:00pm Communion Service
- Good Sam's 3:30pm Communion Service
- 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Practise 4:30pm Faith Room
- 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Penitential Service 5:00pm
- RCIA 7:00pm Faith Room
- Light Weigh 7:00 pm Hope Room

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019

- Men Pray 6:30am Charity Room
- **Mass 9:00am** (Intention: Rosamma Joseph †)
- Breakfast following Mass HFP Hall
- Exercise Class 10:00am Faith Room
- Grief Share 2:00pm Hope Room
- **Holy Hour 6:00pm**
- Sally's Choir Practice 6:30pm

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019

- **Mass 9:00am** (Intention: Roy & Betty Steir †) **followed by Adoration & Reconciliation until 10:30am**
- **Breakfast following Mass HFP Hall**
- **Meadowlands 10:00am Mass**

- Wellington 10:00am Communion Service
- Spirituality of the Sacrament of Marriage 7:00pm Church

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2019

- **Adoration 7:30am Chapel**
- TMIY 8:00am HFP Hall
- Benedictine's Group 9:30am Hope Room
- **Reconciliation 3:30pm – 4:45pm**
- Jeanne's Choir Practice 4:00pm

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- **Mass 5:00pm** (Intention: Victor Manuel Reneria)
- Hall Rental 6:00-8:00pm

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2019

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Shannon's Choir Practice @ 8:00am
- **Mass 8:30am** (Intention: Rustico Castaneda †)
- **Mass 10:30am** (Intention: Rev Lou Rivers)
- **NO COFFE TIME TODAY**
- CWL Meeting & Lunch 11:30am HFP Hall
- Fiesta of Santo Niño 3:00pm Church & Faith Room
- Maria's Choir Practice 5:00pm
- **Mass 6:00pm** (Intention: Gregory Osmond †)

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### **Notice of Annual General Meeting** **MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS'** **EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

will hold their Annual General Meeting on  
**Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

at the Board Office  
(1251 - 1st Avenue SW)

*Public Welcome*

## OPERATING FINANCES

*January 2-9, 2020*

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Operating Budget 2019      | \$ 12,539 |
| General Collection         | \$ 8,366  |
| Loose Collections          | \$ 565    |
| Future Development         | \$ 1,150  |
| Exceed or (Shortfall)      | \$ 2,458  |
| <b>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</b> |           |
| Together in Action (TIA)   | \$ 1,380  |
| St Vincent de Paul         | \$ 919    |
| Youth Ministry             | \$ 280    |
| World Missions             | \$ 50     |
| Seminary Fund              | \$ 15     |
| Mission Mexico             | \$ 145    |
| Gift Sharing/Food Bank     | \$ 70     |
| CARO                       | \$ 20     |

2020 TIA GOAL – tba  
TO DATE \$ 1,985 = ??% OF THE WAY

*Thank You for your Generous Contributions*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS  
OF OUR DEARLY DEPARTED  
RALPH BROWNE**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK  
JOSÉ AVILAR  
DENNIS STUDER**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL  
THOSE WHO RECEIVED SACRAMENTS...  
BAPTISMS  
ISLA & DANIKA McCRIE**

**PRAYER**  
*& Praise*

Next Prayer & Praise on  
Monday, January 13th, at  
7:00pm in the Chapel.

### ALL MINISTRIES THAT USE THE KITCHEN

Meeting Wednesday Jan. 15 @ 9:30am  
If there is a funeral it will be moved to  
Thursday at the same time.

## FEATURED MINISTRY

### *Feeding the Needy*

This is to provide one way for parishioners to respond to God's call to help those in need. Volunteers join other agencies to help prepare, serve and clean up meals for those in need. This is done in teams on a rotation basis.

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JANUARY 15 @7:00PM

FAITH ROOM

TOPIC:

VIDEO – PATRICK MADRID

# TMIY

**THAT MAN IS YOU**

Saturday Jan 18, 2020

THAT MAN IS YOU!  
BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

8:30-9:30 am HFP Hall

Theme: Beloved Sons of the Father



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Knights of Columbus Annual Dues-to** the members who have forwarded payment for dues in the yellow envelopes dated Nov 17, 2019 your early payment is appreciated. Sorry for my error but the envelope is marked Annual Membership \$35, and our annual dues have increased to \$40 per year, and as you know our 2020 envelopes have just been picked up, so we have an error for two consecutive years 2019 and 2020. Would you kindly remove the \$35 on the 2020 envelopes, they are dated Nov 15, 2020. To the members who have forwarded the \$35 your membership cards have been mailed, and the \$5 shortage will be added to next years dues. For 2021 envelopes we will not put an amount on the envelope, if in doubt wait for the billing statement in the mail. Any questions regarding payment and billing contact me, 403-527-8915 or [pjries@memlane.com](mailto:pjries@memlane.com) Patrick Ries, FS

## **CWL**



**Attention CWL Ladies: No meeting on Tuesday, January 14th.**

**January general meeting will be held on January 19th after 10:30 Mass in the hall.** Service awards will be presented. Your circle captains will be calling to let you know if you are receiving a pin and/or are planning to attend. We will need to know numbers attending as we plan to provide lunch at the close of the meeting.

Members, who come to mass by bus, please let your circle captain know if you will need a ride home.

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Life is a gift! - Raising awareness of the annual "Day of prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children" held every year on January 22. Let us all take a few minutes on this day to pray for the helpless unborn.

### **ALTAR SERVER PRACTISE & APPRECIATION PIZZA PARTY**

On Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm we will be having an altar serving practise for all altar servers. We will also have an appreciation pizza party following the practise. If you are planning to come to the practise please let Ron Pisoni know at [ron.pisoni@mhcbce.ab.ca](mailto:ron.pisoni@mhcbce.ab.ca).

We are currently looking for any students, adults or families who would like to join this very important ministry of altar serving.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

When he returned, He found them asleep. He said to Peter, "Simon are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour?" Mark 14:37

Come and spend the most peaceful hour of your week with Jesus. Friday February 7th, from 8pm till Saturday at 8am the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the Adoration chapel. If you can commit one hour, there is a sign-up sheet on the table by Eucharistic Adoration Poster in the lobby. "Jesus waits for you in this sacrament of love."

Pope Saint John Paul II

### **THE BLESSING OF THE THROATS**

St Blaise of Sebaste is the Patron saint of people with diseases of the throat. February 3 is the feast day of Saint Blaise. Will be celebrating with The Blessing of the Throats at the 9:00am Mass on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020.

## **SPIRITUALITY OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE by DCN. STEPHEN ROBINSON**

Dcn. Stephen Robinson will here on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to give a talk "Spirituality of the Sacrament of Marriage" at 7:00pm in the Church.

### **MARRIAGE VOWS RENEWAL**

The renewal of marriage vows is symbolic. If a marriage is valid, it can't be made more valid.

However, renewing one's marriage vows can be a very effective reminder to the couple and all those present of the significance of the Sacrament of Marriage and how the power of God has brought the couple to such a milestone. It is so very powerful, seeing a couple standing on the exact same spot before the altar after many years making their children realize that they only exist as the result of them living that sacrament. To make this happen Holy Family Parish is hosting a **Marriage Vows Renewal Event** for both Parishes on **February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30pm with Bishop William McGrattan**. Tickets for the wedding vow renewal are now on sale until Feb. 1, 2020. The tickets are \$25/couple and will be sold after the weekend masses.



### **HOLY FAMILY RETREAT**

Come join us at Holy Family, March 21st for a Church retreat. Speakers from Calgary (Seeds of the Word) will be here to give inspirational talks. Everyone is welcome to attend, we look forward to seeing you there. Time of the retreat will be 9am till 1pm. More information to follow.

### **HAT GRANNIES FOR AFRICA**

*The Hat Grannies for Africa's annual "Fabric, Yarn and More" Sale on Saturday, March 14, 2020. The sale will take place at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 504 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Donations of fabric, yarn, notions and all manner of supplies used in sewing, quilting, knitting and crocheting are accepted. Please text or call Kathy at 403-928-2135 or Sheila at 403-580-7715 to arrange for pick up of donations or for more information. Since 2006, grandmothers groups across Canada have raised over \$36 million dollars, 90% of which goes to the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign (part of the Stephen Lewis Foundation) and is sent directly to community-based organizations run by and for African grandmothers raising their grandchildren.*