



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

JANUARY 25/26, 2020 – 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Email: contact@holymfamilymh.ca ~ Website: www.holymfamilymh.ca ~ Facebook: Medicine Hat Holy Family Parish
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

In the Light we walk

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year A

A human being fears the darkness of the night and is heartened when he sees the first signs of dawn. Sentries scan the horizon, waiting for the dawn (Ps 130:6). Long are the nights of those who burn with fever, are troubled by nightmares and are in a state of tossing and turning until the morning (Jn 7:3-4). “*Watchman, how much of the night remains?*” the prophet asks (Is 21:11). How much longer will the darkness of evil and of sin be in the world? When will people be freed from the power of darkness? (Col 1:13). Paul invites us to hope. “*This is the time to awake, for our salvation is now nearer than when we first believed; the night is almost over, and the day is at hand*” (Rom 13:11-12). The light-darkness conflict continues, waiting for the endless day, when “*there will be no more night. They will not need the light of lamp or sun for God himself will be the light and they will reign forever*” (Rev 22:5). In the region of Galilee, it was as if the chaos that reigned before creation when “*darkness covered the abyss*” (Gen 1:2) had returned. The fertile lands beyond the Jordan seemed shrouded in the darkness of a night without end. Everywhere death reigned unchallenged. The depressed people had lost all hope. It was resigned to see the glorious “*Way of the sea*” that, passing through Palestine, connected Egypt to Mesopotamia and was forever guarded by the arrogant Assyrian soldiers. At this time of general smashing, the voice of the prophet who announces the dawn of a new day resounds: “*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. On those who live in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned*” (9:1). It is the promise of a reversal of the situation. With his forward-looking gaze, Isaiah sees the Assyrian armies, responsible for the national disaster, withdraw and Israel resume its life in joy and peace. The light referred to by the prophet was certainly a new king, a descendant of David's family. He was destined to carry out the mission to dispel the darkness. St. Luke through the mouth of Zechariah shows the fulfillment of that prophecy: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace” (Luke 1:78-79). Jesus is the light of the world and in that light, we walk everyday of our life. Jesus being the light of the world announces about “*kingdom of heaven*”. This kingdom does not involve the establishment of a new political power, but the fulfillment of the Covenant between God and his people, which inaugurates a season of peace and justice. To secure this covenant pact with God, each one is called to convert, transforming his or her way of thinking and living. This is important: converting is not only changing the way of life but also the way of thinking. It is a transformation of thought. It is not a matter of changing clothing, but habits! The one way of walking in the light of Christ is through the Word of God. To help the Church grow in love and faithful witness to God, Pope Francis has declared the third Sunday in Ordinary Time to be dedicated to the Word of God. Salvation, faith, unity and mercy all depend on knowing Christ and sacred Scripture. St. Jerome says, “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ”. “The relationship between the risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians,” the Holy Father said. Let's make the Holy Bible center of our lives so that we not only walk in the light but also may become a light for other people.

PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Shannon's Choir Practice @ 8:00am
- **Mass 8:30am** (Intention: George Casper Eirick †)
- **Mass 10:30am** (Intention: Frank Vanden Broek †) with Mother Teresa School
- Coffee Time after 10:30 Mass in HFP Hall
- Maria's Choir Practice 5:00pm
- 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Business Meeting 2:00pm St. Patrick's Parish
- **Mass 6:00pm** (Intention: George Erik †)

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020

- **Mass 9:00am** (Intention: Joyce Risling)
- Prayer & Praise 7:00pm Chapel

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020

- Office Closed 9:00-10:30am Staff Meeting
- Exercise Class 10:00am Faith Room
- SSVF Meeting 4:00pm Hope Room
- **Mass 6:30pm** (Intention: Margaret Moser †) followed by Adoration until 8:00pm
- Children's Liturgy Leaders Meeting 7:00pm Hope Rm

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2020

- **Mass 9:00am** (Intention: Gloria Reeves Thanksgiving)
- Breakfast following Mass HFP Hall
- Bible Study 9:30am Faith Room
- **Chinook Village 10:00am Mass**
- Sunnyside 1:30pm Communion Service
- Masterpiece 3:00pm Communion Service
- **Good Sam's 3:30pm Mass**
- Liturgy Meeting Meeting 4:30pm Hope Room
- RCIA 7:00pm Faith Room
- Light Weigh 7:00 pm Hope Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2019

- Men Pray 6:30am Charity Room
- **Mass 9:00am** (Intention: Holy Family Parish)
- Breakfast following Mass HFP Hall
- Exercise Class 10:00am Faith Room
- **Holy Hour 6:00pm**
- Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00pm Hope Room
- Sally's Choir Practice 6:30pm
- 1st Communion Parents Meeting 6:30pm Faith Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2019

- **Mass 9:00am** (Intention: Carol Vanden Broek) followed by Adoration & Reconciliation until 10:30am
- Breakfast following Mass HFP Hall
- Meadowlands 10:00am Communion Service
- **Wellington 10:00am Mass**
- Marriage Ministry Meeting 7:00pm Hope Room

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2019

- **Adoration 7:30am Chapel**
 - TMIY 8:00am HFP Hall
 - **Mass 8:30am** (Intention: Frank F. Schmaltz †)
 - Benedictine's Group 9:30am Hope Room
 - Confirmation Class 3:30pm Faith Room
 - **Reconciliation 3:30pm – 4:45pm**
 - Jeanne's Choir Practice 4:00pm
 - 1st Communion Class 4:30pm St. Patrick's Parish
- #### 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
- **Mass 5:00pm** (Intention: Ray Darr † & Rita Darr)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2019

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

- Shannon's Choir Practice @ 8:00am
- **Mass 8:30am** (Intention: George Bill Weisgerber †)
- 1st Communion Class 10:00am Faith Room
- **Mass 10:30am** (Intention: Tillie Krassman †)
- Coffee Time after 10:30 Mass in HFP Hall
- Maria's Choir Practice 5:00pm
- **Mass 6:00pm** (Intention: Leona Job †)

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<https://www.catholicyc.ca/news.html>

OPERATING FINANCES

<i>January 16-23, 2020</i>	
Operating Funds Budget 2020	\$ 15,000
General Envelope Collection	\$ 7,852
Loose Collections	\$ 584
Future Development	\$ 307
Shortfall	- \$ 6,527
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 381
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 873
Youth Ministry	\$ 137
World Missions	\$ 25
Mission Mexico	\$ 50
CARO	\$ 10

2020 TIA GOAL – tba
TO DATE \$ 3,484 = ??% OF THE WAY

Thank You for your Generous Contributions



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS
OF OUR DEARLY DEPARTED
CANDACE HOBSON
ROSE ALICE
RON ERESMAN**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL
THOSE WHO RECEIVED SACRAMENTS...**



**JANUARY 22 @ 7:00PM
FAITH ROOM
TOPIC:**

THE EUCHARIST & BLESSING OF THE SICK

**PRAYER
& Praise**

Next Prayer & Praise on
Monday, January 27th, at
7:00pm in the Chapel.

FEATURED MINISTRY

Funerals

The Funeral Ministry is for adult volunteers who assist the pastor during a funeral. The ministry is composed of Meeting the Family, Assisting in Arrangements, Selecting Readings and Music, Altar Servers and Hospitality-Greeters. Training is provided for Adult Altar Servers, Hospitality and the Luncheon. If you are interested in becoming part of this ministry.

Jim Geiger 403-526-2163
jdgeiger@shaw.ca

THAT MAN IS YOU
Saturday Feb 1, 2020
8:30-9:30 am HFP Hall
Theme: Paternal Expectations

ALTAR LINENS MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

The Altar Linens ministry is needing a couple of people who would be willing to wash the Altar Linens. If they can get 2 more volunteers your commitment would be 3 times a year. When it is your turn you would come to the church each Monday for 1 month. Pick up the soiled linens. Take them home to clean & iron and then return them to the church. We have 2 people stepping down and really need your help. Please consider this very important ministry.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR PLEASE. CLEANING
OF THE KITCHEN CUPBOARDS AND FRIDGES
AS WELL AS THE HALL TABLES AND CHAIRS
WILL BE HELD TUESDAY MARCH 17 AT 9
AM EVERYONE INVITED.**

THE BLESSING OF 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. We will be celebrating with The Blessing of Throats at the 9:00am Mass on Feb 3rd 2020.

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

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

On **February 11th, 2020** there will be a special for Those with Special Needs at 6:30pm as we celebrate the World Day of the Sick sponsored by The Knights of Columbus. The purpose of having this Holy Mass is to invite people to pray for these people in a very special way by provoking the healing of God upon them. This is to include anyone with a disability or illness that might limit their participation in the regular masses, as well as their family members, etc. Regular transportation will be provided for those who require it. Please contact Al Lawson: linda.lawson@shaw.ca for more information.

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 8th, 2020 at 6:30pm with Bishop William McGrattan. *Couples are reminded to bring their wedding bands with them if possible.*** Tickets for the **Wedding Vow Renewal Reception** are now on sale until Feb. 7, 2020. The tickets are \$25/couple and will be sold after the weekend masses. **"Called to be One", the marriage ministry, welcomes new donations from individuals or**



businesses for our Marriage Vow renewal celebration on February 8th. Please contact either Kirby or Tammy for more information: 403-487-1909. Thank you!

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Knights of Columbus 'Joe McKenna Council' 9502 provides Parishioners with assistance with household chores via their "Handy Helpers Crew". The Handy Helpers are available to assist anyone with health or mobility challenges with minor household chores. Chores such as: changing a hard to reach light bulb, adding salt to a water conditioner or changing a furnace filter, replacing a smoke detector battery, lifting a water bottle onto a cooler/dispenser, or maybe taking recycling to the community bins – anything which could make life a little easier and would normally be done by yourself. Essentially anything too small to warrant hiring someone to do it. They will not undertake any renovations or repairs which require a licensed tradesman, nor will they compete with businesses such as cleaning services, taxis, yard maintenance and snow removal companies. Assistance will be free. For insurance purposes, helpers may not accept any payment of any kind. For your protection (and ours) helpers will always work in teams of at least two Knights. Finally, the Knights reserve the right to decline helping services as they see fit. For help with anything we may be able to handle, please phone Teresa at the Holy Family Parish office at 403-527-6933.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH VALENTINE'S SOCIAL & SOCK-HOP

Friday, February 14th, 2020 at 7:00pm in St. Patrick's Parish Hall. Dress for the era!! For more information call Anne at 403-502-6237





With the colder weather upon us, we are running low on winter clothing. We are requiring the following please:

Boys and Girls winter coats – sizes 24 months up through Size 4 T

Boys and Girls fall and winter clothes – 18 months and up

Boys and Girls winter boots – toddler sizes Boys and Girls socks – toddler sizes

Boys and Girls onesies – 12 months and up

Girls sleepers – 12 months and up

We truly appreciate any and all assistance you have and do for us.

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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 – 2nd 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.

HEALING & GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKSHOP

Friday, February 7 (6:30 to 9:30 p.m.) & Saturday February 8 (8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) Location: St. Augustine's Catholic Church 5009 – 48 Avenue, Taber. Friday Workshop: *Receiving the infusion of the Holy Spirit.* Saturday Workshops: *Tongues, Prophecy, Wisdom, Knowledge, Resting in the Spirit & Intro to Healing.* Register: bouncingjean@gmail.com
403-223-0845

PEOPLE OF PRAISE LIVE-IN

Come and deepen your faith at a Weekend Retreat. Our theme is GETTING TO KNOW JESUS. February 21st to 23rd
St. Joseph's School, 1413 23rd Ave, Coaldale, AB.
For more information call Lynn O'Byrne 403-878-0881.

FRANCISCANS OF CANADA

The Franciscans of Canada are the spiritual sons of Saint Francis of Assisi. For 800 years, simplicity, humility, poverty, justice, peace, joy in God and universal fraternity have formed the heart of our approach. At the same time contemplatives and active in the world, Franciscans worship Jesus Christ and desire to bring the Good News of the Gospel to all. The Franciscans invite single men between the ages of 18 and 40 to:

Come and See the Life of the Franciscans

St. Francis Friary, 8106 Jasper Ave. Edmonton
Thurs. Feb. 20th (5:00pm) till Sun. Feb. 23rd (1:00pm) Please inquire or register with Bro. Carlos, ofm @ (780) 476-2338 or

carlos_ona.ofm08@yahoo.ca

Here is the Facebook link:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2525034364435327/>

MOUNT ST. FRANCIS RETREAT CENTRE

Cochrane, AB

Weekend Silent Retreats

The theme is "The Way of St. Francis".

Women's Weekend - January 31 - February 2,

To register please contact:

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Men's Weekend - February 7-9, 2020

To register please contact:

Ken Hagel 403-932-7067
7milagro8@gmail.com

Vincent Mendonsa 403-249-6823
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Women's Weekend - March 6-8, 2020

To register please contact:

Teresa Grice 403-329-8967
teresa.grice2@alumni.uleth.ca
Jane Gainer 403-857-8000
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Day Away - February 12

Enjoy a silent day away in the beautiful setting of Mount St. Francis Retreat (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.). This year's theme is "Wisdom of St. Francis". The day includes a prayerful reflection on the focus of the day, celebration of the Eucharist and a home-cooked lunch. Please call or email ahead to register. Come after 8:30 to enjoy a coffee / tea and muffins before we begin the program. Suggested contribution is \$30.00 or \$40.00 with a private room. Phone 403-932-2012; email: mtfrancis@shaw.ca



CALGARY, ALBERTA

Take a Break Silent Directed Retreat

Fri, Feb 14 - Sun, Feb 16, 2020

5:30pm-1:00pm

Retreat Director: Patricia Harasym

Take a Break Silent Directed Retreat

Fri, Mar 20 - Sun, Mar 22, 2020

5:30pm-1:00pm

Retreat Director: Gloria Toole

2-Day: A Lenten Retreat - Sacred Space

Fri, Mar 27 - Sun, Mar 29, 2020

5:30pm-1:00pm

Silent Directed Retreat - Ignatian spirituality

Retreat Director: Sr. Ann Marie Walsh, fcJ

6-Day: A Lenten Retreat - Sacred Space

Fri, Mar 27 - Thu, Apr 2, 2020

5:30pm-1:00pm

Silent Directed Retreat - Ignatian spirituality

Retreat Director: Sr. Ann Marie Walsh, fcJ

Praying with Handel's Messiah

Sunday, March 29, 2020

2:00pm-4:30pm

A Lenten Retreat

Retreat Director: Sr. Madeleine Gregg, fcJ

Take a Break Silent Directed Retreat

Fri, Apr 24 - Sun, Apr 26, 2020

5:30pm-1:00pm

Retreat Director: Patricia Harasym

Take a Break Silent Directed Retreat

Fri, May 8 - Sun, May 10, 2020

5:30pm-1:00pm

Retreat Director: Sr. Ann Marie Walsh, fcJ

2-Day: High-Level Wellness Taster Retreat

Fri, May 29 - Sun, May 31, 2020

5:30pm-1:00pm

Yoga + Meditation + Ayurveda for Self-Care

Facilitator: Lonnie DeSorcy, C-IAYT

An Enneagram Weekend of Self Discovery

Fri, Jun 12 - Sun, Jun 14, 2020

RETREAT DIRECTOR - Mac MacKenzie

Take a Break Silent Directed Retreat

Fri, Jun 19 - Sun, Jun 21, 2020

5:30pm-1:00pm

Retreat Director: Patricia Harasym

Take a Break Silent Directed Retreat

Fri, Jul 17 - Sun, Jul 19, 2020

5:30pm-1:00pm

Retreat Director: Sonya

6-Day: Fr. Philip Chircop, SJ - Ignatian Silent Directed Retreat

Mon, Aug 3 - Sun, Aug 9, 2020

Take a Break Silent Directed Retreat

Fri, Aug 21 - Sun, Aug 23, 2020

5:30pm-1:00pm

Retreat Director: Sr. Ann Marie Walsh, fcJ

Take a Break Silent Directed Retreat

Fri, Sep 11 - Sun, Sep 13, 2020

5:30pm-1:00pm

The Social Committee extends a huge thank you to all those who attended the Ukrainian Christmas Potluck! A special thank you as well to all those who volunteered to help with set-up & clean-up. A total of \$853.00 was raised toward the Rectory renovations!

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

Thank You

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ARE TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR A YOUTH COORDINATOR, PLEASE FORWARD RESUMES TO FR. IQBAL AT pastor@holyfamilymh.ca OR DROP OFF AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH