



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

FEBRUARY 2ND, 2020 – 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

Encountering Salvation

Presentation of the Lord

Forty days after Christmas, we celebrate the Lord who enters the Temple and comes to encounter his people. Everyday we encounter different people, events, incidents and situations which keep teaching us something totally different and interesting lessons. Some people have encountered very mysterious situations which are beyond the explanation of science and logic. Pope Francis explains it in this way: In the Temple, there is also an encounter between two couples: the young Mary and Joseph, and the elderly Simeon and Anna. The old receive from the young, while the young draw upon the old. In the Temple, Mary and Joseph find the *roots of their people*. This is important because God's promise does not come to fulfillment merely in individuals, but within a community and throughout history. There too, Mary and Joseph find the *roots of their faith*, for faith is not something learned from a book, but the art of living with God is learned from the experience of those who have gone before us. The two young people, in meeting the two older people, thus find themselves. And the two older people, nearing the end of their days, receive Jesus, the meaning of their lives. This event fulfills the prophecy of Joel: "Your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions" (2:28). In this encounter, the young see their mission and the elderly realize their dreams. All because, at the center of the encounter, is Jesus". Through Simeon's eyes we too have seen the salvation of God which he prepared for all the nations and revealed as the glory of the new Israel, which is ourselves. As Simeon was released from the bonds of this life when he had seen Christ, so we too were at once freed from our old state of sinfulness. By faith we too embraced Christ, the salvation of God the Father, as he came to us from Bethlehem. Gentiles before, we have now become the people of God. Our eyes have seen God incarnate, and because we have seen him present among us and have mentally received him into our arms, we are called the new Israel. Never shall we forget this presence; every year we keep a feast in his honor. This feast also gives another lesson which is very important for parents: the example of their faith is most important for their children. The Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph loved their faith and they kept bringing Jesus to the Temple to make him encounter the Father and taught him to be obedient. The Psalmist says "Come to me and I will teach you the fear of the Lord (Psalm 43)." This Feast Day and this story has got to make all of us think, how much is God a part of our lives every single day? We don't all have to come to the Temple every day, like Simeon and Anna did. And yet shouldn't there be some acknowledgment of God every day in our lives? God has also made promises to us, and we have made promises to Him. How can we remember those promises if we go on day after day without even thinking about God? That is why we've got to find some time for God every in our lives. God wants us in communion with Him all the time. What if Simeon and Anna decided NOT to go to the Temple that day when Mary and Joseph brought the child Jesus to the Temple? They would have missed out! Are we missing out on a lot of great things, all because we're NOT there for God? Let's encounter the Salvation of God in his House where He is present in the Most Sacred Sacrament of His Body and Blood.

PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS & INTENTIONS

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 †)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020

MEMORIAL OF ST. BLAISE

- **Mass 9:00am** (Intention: Tony Unreiner) **with Blessing of the Throats**
- Prayer & Praise 7:00pm Chapel
- K of C Executive Meeting 7:00pm Faith Room
- CWL Executive Meeting 7:00pm Hope Room

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020

- Office Closed 9:00-10:30am Staff Meeting
- Exercise Class 10:00am Faith Room
- SSVF Meeting 4:00pm St Patrick's Parish
- **Healing Mass 6:30pm** (Intention: Fr Iqbal Khushid) **come be anointed, followed by Adoration until 8:00pm**
- Marriage Ministry Meeting 7:00pm Hope Room

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020

- **Mary Devotion 8:00am Chapel**
- **Mass 9:00am** (Intention: Melanie Hand †)
- Breakfast following Mass HFP Hall
- Bible Study 9:30am Faith Room
- Chinook Village 10:00am Communion Service
- Sunnyside 1:30pm Communion Service
- **Masterpiece 3:00pm Mass**
- **Good Sam's 3:30pm Mass**
- Choir Leaders Meeting 5:00pm Hope room
- RCIA 7:00pm Faith Room
- Light Weigh 7:00 pm Hope Room

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019

- Men Pray 6:30am Charity Room
- **Mass 9:00am** (Intention: Chuck & Denise Hellman & Family)
- Breakfast following Mass HFP Hall
- Exercise Class 10:00am Faith Room

- Holy Hour 6:00pm
- Sally's Choir Practice 6:30pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2019

- **Mass 9:00am** (Intention: Peter Christensen †) **followed by Adoration & Reconciliation until 10:30am**
- Breakfast following Mass HFP Hall
- Meadowlands 10:00am Communion Service
- **Wellington 10:00am Mass**
- **12 Hour Adoration 8:00pm – 8:00am Chapel**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 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

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- **Mass 5:00pm** (Intention: Holy Family Parish)
- Marriage Vow Renewal 6:30pm Church & Hall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2019

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Shannon's Choir Practice @ 8:00am
- **Mass 8:30am** (Intention: Al & Agnes Kehler †)
- Parish Breakfast 9:30am HFP Hall
- **Mass 10:30am** (Intention: Amara Hellman)
- Parish Breakfast 11:30am HFP Hall
- Baptism 1:00pm
- Maria's Choir Practice 5:00pm
- **Mass 6:00pm** (Intention: Pisoni Family)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING in the DIOCESE.

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

OPERATING FINANCES

January 23 - 30, 2020

Operating Funds Budget 2020	\$ 15,000
General Envelope Collection	\$ 9,969
Loose Collections	\$ 788
Future Development	\$ 618
Shortfall	- \$ 3,625
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 370
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 1,696
Youth Ministry	\$ 137
World Missions	\$ 113
Mission Mexico	\$ 60
CARO	\$ 50
Food Bank	\$ 90
St. JPII School	\$ 25
Seminary Fund	\$ 25
2020 TIA GOAL – tba TO DATE \$ 3,854 = ??% OF THE WAY	
<i>Thank You for your Generous Contributions</i>	

FEATURED MINISTRY

GriefShare

It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you have lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend you probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you have never faced before. "Going to GriefShare feels like having warm arms wrapped around you when you are shivering."

Our GriefShare group meets weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. We are not counselors, but facilitators, and our meetings are confidential.

Karen Holmstrom 403-487-4893
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS
OF OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL
THOSE WHO RECEIVED SACRAMENTS...

Baptism
LAYNE LAWRENCE CARMICHAEL



WEDNESDAY, FEB 5 @ 7:00PM

FAITH ROOM

**TOPIC: CHRISTIAN MORAL LIVING
& DIGNITY OF LIFE**

**PRAYER
& Praise**

Next Prayer & Praise
on Monday, February
3rd, at 7:00pm in the
Chapel.

THAT MAN IS YOU
Saturday Feb 8, 2020
8:30-9:30 am HFP Hall
Theme: I Have Called You Friends

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.**

SACRAMENTS

1st Eucharist / Communion

Parent Meeting – Thursday Mar. 5th 6:30pm Faith Room at Holy Family

Session 2 – Saturday Mar. 7th 4:30pm to 6:00pm in St. Patrick's Church hall or

Sunday Mar. 8th from 10:00am to 11:30am in Holy Family Faith Room

1st Communion Retreat for Candidates

Saturday March 28th Holy Family Church 9:30am-12:00pm

Confirmation

Session 2 Thursday Mar. 5th from 4:30pm – 5:50pm at Holy Family in the Faith Rm

or Saturday Mar. 7th from 3:30pm – 4:50pm Holy Family Faith Rm.

NOTE: Sign-up sheets for service projects will be made available at the sessions. Please have your child look over the choices and sign-up if they would like to participate.

CHILDREN'S / YOUTH CHOIR ATTENTION YOUNG PEOPLE!!!



On the **last Sunday of every month starting March 29** we're inviting any young people from Grade 2 and up to help lead in song at the 10:30am mass at Holy Family Parish. Choir practice will be held Thursday March 26th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. If your child is interested, please email Sally Myers at sac.prep@holymfamilymh.ca and include your child's name, age, and phone number where you can be reached!

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 **Monday, 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 **Tuesday, 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 **Saturday, 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 **Saturday, February 8th.** Please contact either Kirby or Tammy for more information: 403-487-1909. Thank you!



PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Monday, March 2nd to Wednesday, March 3rd

St. Patrick's Parish

Mass at 8:30am followed by Mission at 9:00am

Holy Family Parish

Mass at 6:30pm followed by Mission at 7:00pm

Free Will Offering at Wednesday's Mission.

Please join us for the Annual Parish Lenten Mission. This year we will have Archbishop Emeritus Sylvain Lavoie speaking. Archbishop Sylvain has been journeying with people on their spiritual path for over 40 years. During that journey he has gained a lot of wisdom that he has expressed in a book on Indigenous ministry (Drumming From Within) and two on addictions awareness (Walk A New Path and Together We Heal). His method of spiritual accompaniment is to listen to the story, affirm the person, prayerfully discern the movement of the Spirit in the person's life, connect faith and scripture with life, and provide gentle direction for moving forward towards healing and greater wholeness.

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.



LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Holy Family Parish

Wednesday, April 1, 2020 7:00 to 9:00pm

St. Patrick's Parish

Thursday, April 2, 2020 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Parish. The first Choir Practice will be held Thursday, March 26th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. If your child is interested, please email Sally Myers at sac.prep@holyfamilymh.ca and include your child's name, age, and phone number where you can be reached!

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.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH &

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

**ARE TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR A
YOUTH COORDINATOR, PLEASE
FORWARD RESUMES**

TO FR. IQBAL AT

**pastor@holyfamilymh.ca OR DROP
OFF AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH**

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



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
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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/2525034364
435327/](https://www.facebook.com/events/2525034364435327/)

**Tax receipts and TIA information will
be ready for pickup next weekend!**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – FRIDAY, MARCH 6

"RISE! TAKE YOUR MAT AND WALK"

The 2020 World Day of Prayer is being hosted by
St. Barnabas Anglican Church.

Organization Meeting Tuesday, Feb. 4 @ 7pm

Choir Practice Tuesday, Feb 25 @ 6:30pm

Readers Practice Tuesday, Feb 25 @ 7:30pm

For more information [https://wicc.org/world-day-
of-prayer/](https://wicc.org/world-day-of-prayer/)

Yummy PARISH BREAKFAST

next SUNDAY.

AT 9:30AM & 11:30AM



Family Day 2020

Monday, February 17th

9:00am to Noon

Family, Fun & Faith

Holy Family Parish Hall

For information call:

Tammy @ 403-487-1909