



Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

FEBRUARY 16TH, 2020 – 6TH 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

Our Choice to Follow

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year-A

Someone said, “When facing a decision; which of the two will bring you more peace; make a choice and the rest will fall into place.” Sometimes we are torn in two different directions. There are times when we are swarmed by our own thoughts or get confused by the ideas of others. There are so many variables as to why we find ourselves in the middle of a dilemma in front of a question mark and feeling indecisive. It is important that you follow your inner voice because at the end of the day, who must live with the decision? Once upon a time there was a wealthy and rich king. He was known for his flawless administration and ruled the hearts of his subjects. People would come to him carrying their problems, with high hopes and he would never send them back disheartened. Time passed, years flew by and the king started to become old and frail. He began to worry about who take care of his kingdom after his death. The question of who the heir for his chair would be started to loom in his mind. The king was blessed with three sons, who were loyal, obedient and respectful towards the king. But he wanted all three of them to go through an acid test in order to prove themselves and to see who had the real caliber and who was fit to be a king. He decided to chalk out a plan. He called his three sons and gave them 100 gold coins each. Time of one year would be given to all of them to use these 100 gold coins. Then he said, “whoever brings a golden dog for me shall be my successor”. The three sons set out with their own set of gold coins. The eldest of three brothers went to the city and took a palace on rent for himself. Then he hired some men, and sent them in all four directions, with the order to find the golden dog. After a few weeks, these men returned empty handed. In all this process, his 100 gold coins got over. The eldest son lost the fight for the throne then and there. The second son became a broker in the town and started lending money to people at lower interest. He earned multiple profits through this business and with the money he had from the profits, he gave the local goldsmith the order to make a Golden dog. The youngest of all three was the wisest. He bought a small house for himself and started staying in a colony of poor and needy people. He invested his money in a business and reaped heavy profits from it and thereby employed a few poor people under him. He not only provided employment to the poor but also built hospitals and schools for the poor from that money, in order to help them lead a better life. Seeing his contribution for them, the poor people around him were very happy and started treating him God-like. Satisfied with his work he went back to his father. A year passed by and the three sons stood in front of the king. The eldest gave nothing; the second son gave a golden dog while the turn of the third one came. He said, “His Highness please accept this dog made from cotton. I ask you in all humility, not to underestimate the special appeal of this dog. I have crafted it with my own hands. The hard work, toil under the hot sun to grow this cotton and the labor put in by my fellow companions is nothing less than gold.” These words and feeling of the youngest son brought tears to the king as he had felt and related himself to all the feelings of a common man, essential for a future king. We, like the younger son, are given freedom and a free will to choose what we want to do.

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PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Shannon's Choir Practice @ 8:00am
- **Mass 8:30am** (Intention: Marie D'Amour †)
- **Mass 10:30am** (Intention: Sr. Clem Liboiron)
- Baptism 1:00pm
- Maria's Choir Practice 5:00pm
- **Mass 6:00pm** (Intention: sr. Vicki Hagel)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2020

FAMILY DAY

- FAMILY, FUN & FAITH 9:00AM-NOON HFP HALL
- **NO MASS TODAY – OFFICE CLOSED**
- No Prayer & Praise this week

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020

- Office Closed 9:00-10:30am Staff Meeting
- Exercise Class 10:00am Faith Room
- SSV Meeting 4:00pm St Patrick's Parish
- **Mass 6:30pm** (Intention: April Hellman †) **followed by Adoration until 8:00pm**
- Funeral Servers Training 7:00pm Church

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020

- **Mass 9:00am** (Intention: Lucianno Pisoni †)
- Breakfast following Mass HFP Hall
- Bible Study 9:30am Faith Room
- Chinook Village 10:00am Communion Service
- **Sunnyside 1:30pm Mass**
- Masterpiece 3:00pm Communion Service
- **Good Sam's 3:30pm Mass**
- RCIA 7:00pm Faith Room
- Light Weigh 7:00 pm Hope Room
- Bishop's Dinner Planning Meeting 7:00pm Hall

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020

- Men Pray 6:30am Charity Room
- **Mass 9:00am** (Intention: Aldo Dal Molin †)
- Breakfast following Mass HFP Hall
- Exercise Class 10:00am Faith Room
- **Holy Hour 6:00pm**
- Sally's Choir Practice 6:30pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2020

- **Mass 9:00am** (Intention: Leroy Hammel †) **followed by Adoration & Reconciliation until 10:30am**

- Breakfast following Mass HFP Hall
- **Meadowlands 10:00am Mass**
- Wellington 10:00am Communion Service

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020

- **Adoration 7:30am Chapel**
- TMIY 8:00am HFP Hall
- Benedictine's Group 9:30am Hope Room
- Baptism 10:00am
- **Reconciliation 3:30pm – 4:45pm**
- Jeanne's Choir Practice 4:00pm

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- **Mass 5:00pm** (Intention: Holy Family Parish)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Shannon's Choir Practice @ 8:00am
- **Mass 8:30am** (Intention: George Zacher †)
- **Mass 10:30am** (Intention: John & Veronica Bosch)
- Maria's Choir Practice 5:00pm
- **Mass 6:00pm** (Intention: Annette Geisler †)



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OPERATING FINANCES

February 6 - 13, 2020

Operating Funds Budget 2020	\$ 15,000
General Envelope Collection	\$ 8,889
Loose Collections	\$ 705
Future Development	\$ 945
Shortfall	-\$ 4,461
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 941
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 1,076
Youth Ministry	\$ 235
Seminary Fund	\$ 20
World Missions	\$ 46
Mission Mexico	\$ 65
CARO	\$ 20

2020 TIA GOAL – tba
TO DATE \$ 7,128 = ??% OF THE WAY

Thank You for your Generous Contributions

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS
OF OUR DEARLY DEPARTED**
Rose Geiger



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK
Wendy Harty

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL
THOSE WHO RECEIVED SACRAMENTS...**
BAPTISM
SIMONE SKYLER SOLORANO CORONADO



WEDNESDAY, FEB 19 @ 7:00PM
FAITH ROOM
**TOPIC: A CONSISTANT ETHIC OF LIFE
& SOCIAL JUSTICE**

FEATURED MINISTRY

Hospitality Greeters

Hospitality Greeters usually provide the first official point of contact with the congregation. Greeting people as they enter the facility is more than a handshake and a smile.

It is an opportunity to express God's love through Christ and help set the tone of the upcoming worship service.
Dale Maddaford 403-504-7837
dalesauc@telus.net

PRAYER & Praise

Next Prayer & Praise
on Monday, February
24th, at 7:00pm in
the Chapel.



THAT MAN IS YOU
Saturday Feb 22, 2020
8:30-9:30 am HFP Hall
Theme: Learning The Secrets of God

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
made available at the sessions. Please have
your child look over the choices and sign-up if
they would like to participate.

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God did create Adam and Eve with a free will, and they decided to go against God's will and brought death in the world as St. Paul says. Christ's opening statement in the Gospel, that the attitude of his followers towards the commandments (and other precepts of the law) must be different, and superior to that of the scribes and Pharisees, clearly indicates how Christianity must differ from, and supersede, Judaism. Christ is not abolishing the ten commandments, but he is demanding of his followers a more perfect, a more sincere, fulfillment of them. The whole moral value of any legality comes from the interior disposition of him who observes or keeps the law. No man serves or honors God by any exterior acts, be they ever so arduous or continuous, unless these acts proceed from an intention and a will to honor and please God. This is the charter, the constitution, of the new law, of Christianity. The old law is not abolished but deepened and given a new life. Let's make right choice in our life to follow Jesus so may we gain eternal life.

**TRAINING SESSION FOR ALL PEOPLE
THAT SERVE AT FUNERAL MASSES &
INCLUDING FUNERAL ALTAR SERVERS
JUST FOR FUNERAL MINISTRY
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 18TH AFTER THE
6:30 MASS**

**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!



BISHOP'S DINNER PLANNING MEETING

There will be a planning meeting for the Bishop's Dinner on Wednesday, February 19th at 6:00pm in Holy Family Parish Hall. Anybody that would like to get involved in this is encouraged to attend. Bishop's Dinner will be in the fall.

DID YOU ATTEND THE MARRIAGE VOW RENEWAL?

If you attended the Marriage Vow Renewal last weekend with the Bishop at Holy Family Parish and did not register your names, please contact the office so you can receive a certificate from the Diocese.

FROM THE KITCHEN

Parishioners please check your cupboards as the kitchen is missing one 7-quart stainless steel cooking pot and 4 knives from our butcher block. Also, if you know where several tea carafes have gone as they have been missing for some time.

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.

Please call Loraine if you have any questions. 4039775505. Thanks

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & ADORATION

The Stations of the Cross will be each Friday of Lent at 6:00pm followed by the Poverty Meal of Meatless Soup and Buns. There will also be Stations of the Cross on the Monday of Holy Week at 7:00pm, no soup & buns at this one. Please sign up if you can give a pot of meatless soup or a dozen buns on any of the Fridays in Lent.

Sign-up sheet is in the foyer. THANK YOU!



**RECOVERING THE ALLELUIA OF EASTER!
A LENTEN MISSION ON THE GREAT TRIDUUM
conducted by**

Archbishop Emeritus Sylvain Lavoie OMI

The season of Lent is a forty-day preparation to celebrate Easter, the greatest feast of the liturgical year. For many, the power of this special time has faded. Liturgically, the Holy Week celebrations, from Thursday to Easter Sunday, form one great liturgy traditionally called the Triduum. This three-evening Lenten mission will help us experience Lent as a spiritual journey to the new life of Easter by exploring the deeper

meaning of this great Paschal Mystery or Triduum. With the help of keynote presentations, prayer, powerful biblical art, music, song, ritual and fellowship, this retreat will help participants recover the vibrant dynamism of our faith in Jesus as Risen Lord. Expect an informative, formative and transformative experience.

**Monday, March 2nd to Wednesday, March 4th
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.**

Archbishop Emeritus Sylvain Lavoie, of the Archdiocese of Keewatin-The Pas, is a missionary Oblate who has spent over 40 years ministering among the Indigenous peoples of north-central Canada. His ministry includes conducting workshops and retreats on Indigenous ministry, spirituality, addictions awareness, faith renewal, healing and presenting Advent/Lenten missions. Past chair of committees on Indigenous ministry for both the Oblates and the Western Canadian bishops, he is now president of the board for St. Dismas House Society, seeking to create a safe transition house for inmates on their way to treatment for addictions. Archbishop Lavoie presently serves as chaplain and spiritual director at the Star of the North Retreat Centre in St. Albert, Alberta. He has authored four books: *Drumming from Within*, *Together We Heal*, *Walk A New Path* and *Still Green and Growing*.

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@holymfamilymh.ca and include your

child's name, age, and phone number where you can be reached!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Kindly notify your Financial Secretary of any address changes, phone changes, or email address change. Our Council sends out our Knights Newsletter about 5 times per year, we are trying to use electronic circulation as much as possible to reduce our costs. If you are getting the newsletter via regular mail and have an email address kindly contact me Patrick Ries at 403-527-8915 or pjries@memlane.com Thank You for your cooperation.



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.

Choir Practice Tuesday, Feb 25 @ 6:30pm

Readers Practice Tuesday, Feb 25 @ 7:30pm

For more information <https://wicc.org/world-day-of-prayer/>

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.

MULTIPLE HEALING & PRAYER WORKSHOPS

Saturday, March 07th, 2020 (9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.), at St. Basils Catholic Church, Parish Hall, 604 – 13 Street North, Lethbridge,

Alberta, Workshops: There will be multiple workshops during the day on a variety of topics dealing with Healing and Prayer. Registrations: E-mail: rsjfabbi@gmail.com or call Ken: 403-331-8923

Let's think about Summer
Make sure to mark your calendars...
for the 2020 Bible Camp
July 6-10th 2020
At St. Patrick's Parish

Pick up your Tax receipts and TIA information in the foyer!

Family Fun Faith Day

@Holy Family Parish Hall

Monday February 17th

9am-12noon



- Hayrides & Hot Chocolate
- Games to challenge your Family
- Crafts & resources - St. Therese sacrifice beads & Lenten Calendars