



WELCOME TO HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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(Parish Office closed Statutory Holidays)

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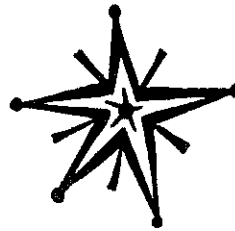
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FAREWELL LUNCHEON

for Fr. Roque, Ellen & Kathi

Sunday, July 29

after the 10:30 am Mass

in the parish hall.

Come and extend best wishes to Fr. Roque before he goes to his new assignment as Associate Pastor of All Saints Parish in Lethbridge, and to Ellen and Kathi who have worked in the parish office for a combined total of 28 years. The parish is hosting a light lunch and refreshments for the celebration.

WELCOME! *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 _____

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

First Communion, First Reconciliation, Confirmation

Registration for above Sacraments on

Sundays, September 16 & 23 in the parish hall at 1:00 pm

Parents, please attend either session to register your children for catechism classes in preparation to receive the above Sacraments. Parents take the responsibility to register their children, bring them to catechism classes and Mass, and to help them with their preparation.

First Communion and First Reconciliation - Baptized children are usually in grade 2 or older.

Confirmation - Baptized children are usually in grade 6 or older and have received the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion.

Baptism - Parents are required to attend a Baptism preparation class and have a meeting with the priest or deacon. For more information on any of the Sacraments, please contact the parish office (403-527-6933)

PARISH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & MASS INTENTIONS

The daily Mass may be cancelled in case of a funeral.

Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be cancelled if there is a funeral.

Sun. July 1 - Children's Liturgy (at 10:30 am Mass) will resume in the fall

Mon. July 2 - Parish office closed in lieu of Canada Day

Mass - 9:00 am (Intention for Rose Marie Wetsch)

Circle of Friends Charismatic Prayer Group - St. Joseph's Home - 7:00 pm

Tues. July 3 - Parish office on "summer hours" - open 8:30 am to noon and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

St. Vincent de Paul meetings will resume in the fall

St. Thomas: Mass - 7:00 pm (Intention for Val Miller +)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 8:30 pm

Wed. July 4 - Women's Praise and Worship will resume in the fall

Mass - 9:00 am (Intention for Tom Weisgerber)

Annual kitchen cleaning in the parish hall - 10:00 am to noon - all willing hands welcome!

Bible Study will resume in the fall

R.C.I.A. meetings will resume in the fall

Thurs. July 5 - Men's Prayer Group - Charity Room - 6:30 am

Mass - 9:00 am (Intention for Roy & Marg Dodds +)

Holy Hour will resume in the fall

Fri. July 6 - **Mass - 9:00 am** (Intention for Maria Eva Schafer +)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel after Mass until noon

Ministry to the Aged at Meadowlands - 10:00 am

Sat. July 7 - Benedictine Lay Group will resume in the fall

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Mass - 5:00 pm- (Intention for Orlando Cabral +)

Sun. July 8 - **14th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Mass - 8:30 am** (Intention for Marie D'Amour +)

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Mass - 10:30 am (Intention for Holy Family Parish)

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Mass - 6:00 pm (Intention for Magdalen Soehn +)

Sun. July 29 - Farewell luncheon for Fr. Roque, Ellen & Kathi - Parish Hall - after 10:30 am Mass

Wed. Aug. 1 - Fr. Mathew Emmelkamp officially begins his new assignment as Associate Pastor of Holy Family Parish

Sun. Sept. 16 - Registration for First Communion, First Reconciliation & Confirmation- Parish Hall - 1:00 pm

Sun. Sept. 23 - Registration for First Communion, First Reconciliation & Confirmation- Parish Hall - 1:00 pm

Mass Intentions for July and August will be posted on the bulletin board in the Greeting Area.



SUMMERTIME! **(July & August)**

Bulletin: There is no bulletin in July and August. Please watch the powerpoint (overhead) and bulletin board for announcements.

Office Hours: The parish office will be open Monday to Friday (except statutory holidays) 8:30 am to noon and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm (closed over the lunch hour).

Holy Hour on Thursdays will resume in September.

Ministry to the Aged: Communion Services will not be held at Sunnyside, Good Samaritan or the Wellington. Communion services will continue at Meadowlands on Fridays.

Mass Intentions: Because there is no bulletin, Mass Intentions will be posted on the bulletin board beside the Vestment Room.

Men's Prayer Group will continue to meet.

Breakfast Club (usually held Wednesdays to Fridays) will resume in September.

Children's Liturgy (at 10:30 am Sunday Mass) will resume in September.

Parish Library closed July and August.

THE FINANCIAL NEEDS OF THE CHURCH

continue through the summer months. We very much depend upon parishioners to continue making their regular offerings to the parish. If you will be away, you can make offerings by postdated cheques, electronic donations (automatic debit on a bank account or charge card) or donating upon your return. Thank you.

FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE

The Anglicanorum Coetibus Rescript Letters have been received from Cardinal Levada of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith and Msgr. Steenson of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter approving of the ordinations of Lee Kenyon and John Wright. They were received into the Catholic Church during Advent and have completed their theological studies through St. Mary's Seminary in Houston, Texas. They will be ordained to the diaconate at St. John the Evangelist Anglican-Use-Parish in Inglewood on Thursday, June 28 at 10:00 am. Priesthood will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, June 30 at 11:00 am. In 2009, Pope Benedict XVI created a new church structure for Anglicans who wish to join the Roman Catholic fold.

HAPPY CANADA DAY

July 1st is celebrated as Canada's birthday. A contemporary Christian should seek a responsible world-view rather than a narrow nationalism, seeing our homeland as part of the family of nations. Canadians should seek to be witnesses to Christ in Canada and the world, and to continue working to influence those in government to act from Christian principles and attitudes. Christians, realizing they do not have a lasting home here on earth, should pray and work for justice and peace in Canada and throughout the world, so that all God's children may share in the good of this earth. God's kingdom will come only when all people are ready to let Christ's teaching guide and rule their lives and actions.

SUPPORTING THE YOUTH MINISTRY: In the bulletin last week, there was a letter from Sean Roche of our parish who has been accepted to NET Ministries of Canada for the upcoming year. Also, Rachel Hargrave and Tanya Hohman, who were here last year with the NET Team, have been accepted to serve another year in the ministry. If you would like to support these young adults in their mission to work with Catholic youth, donations can be made through cash or cheques. Cheques payable to "NET Ministries of Canada" and indicating on the memo line the name of the person you wish to sponsor can be left at the parish office or mailed to NET Ministries of Canada, 1820 St. Joseph Blvd., Orleans, ON, K1C 9Z9. For more information, please call Sean (403-979-2939) or visit the website netcanada.ca.

LET'S GET TOGETHER: Extra hands would be appreciated for the annual kitchen cleaning in the hall on **Wednesday, July 4** from 10:00 am to noon. Please call Susan (403-527-5226) if you can help. Thanks.

CARO

Canadians Reaching Out to the World's Children Foundation

Three members of Holy Family Parish - Micheline Massini, Anabell Marroquin and Pam Whitfield - plan to travel to Africa this winter to support an orphanage in Burkina Faso. They would appreciate your prayers as they prepare for the journey. If you wish to make a donation to this mission, cheques payable to "CARO" can be sent to CARO, c/o Cheryl Friedt, 10 Ross Glen Road SE, Medicine Hat, AB T1B 3T1. Please pick up a pamphlet for more information.

OPERATING FINANCES

Week of June 21 - 28, 2012

Cost to operate our parish

(Weekly Budget & Mortgage Amount):	\$16,500
General Collections:	\$1,935
Debt Reduction (Mortgage Fund):	\$15,245
Total:	\$17,180
Exceed/(Shortfall):	\$680

Special Collections

West Africa Relief:	\$410
Together in Action:	\$849
World Missions:	\$42
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$797
Mission Mexico:	\$90

Thank you for your support!

ST. ISIDORE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (15 miles east of Milk River) will celebrate their 100th Anniversary on **Saturday, July 28** and everyone is welcome to come and celebrate. Mass is at 2:00 pm with program, supper and fellowship to follow at the Allerston Hall. Please bring lawn chairs. Memorabilia will be available. For more information on tickets, please contact Kathleen (403-613-3830).

FOOD CRISIS IN WEST AFRICA: The Diocese is accepting financial donations for emergency relief efforts to assist those affected in West Africa. Donations can be made by (1) making a cheque payable to the parish and marked "West Africa Hunger Crisis" and dropping it in the collection basket or (2) sending a cheque payable to the RC Diocese of Calgary and marked "West Africa Hunger Crisis" to Catholic Pastoral Centre, 120 - 17 Avenue SW, Calgary, AB, T2S 2T2. Thank you for your prayers for those in need.

COUNTRY FAIR "PALIO": This family fun event will be held at the rodeo grounds in Strathmore on **Saturday, September 15** from 9:30 am to 7:00 pm. Come and enjoy family friendly activities, with food, air-bouncers, animals, baseball and "the Palio" - the running of the horses. The event's purpose is to bring families together, enjoy a day in the country and to raise funds for the building of new parishes and repair existing parishes in the Calgary Diocese. **This year St. Patrick's, Holy Family and surrounding parishes will be invited to ride along on the bus that is chartered for this event.** For more information, please see the website www.palio.ca.

KNIGHT GOLF TOURNAMENT

Everyone Welcome!

This event will be held on **Saturday, September 15** at the Paradise Valley Golf Course. Roast beef and chicken supper (\$18/person) will be served at 5:30 pm in St. Patrick's Church Hall. The night golf tournament begins at 7:30 pm with five players per team. Cost \$37 per person includes night golf equipment. For more information, please contact Mike or Wanda (403-527-5422 or 403-529-7815).

OVERDUE BOOKS: Over 50 books from the parish library are past due. Please check around your homes, in the backpacks, under the bed and in the car, to see if you forgot to return a book. Thank you for returning them as soon as possible. The parish library will be closed in July and August.

RETRouvaille, is a program that offers help for troubled marriages. Many couples want to make their marriage better, but they don't know how. The next Retrouvaille retreat will be held **September 28 to 30** in Calgary. Please call Gabriele at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (403-218-5504) for more information.

ONE ROCK CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

August 17 and 18 at Rockyford, Alberta

Featuring the music groups "Anthem Lights" and "Unhindered", Fr. Joe Rodriguez as the featured faith speaker, a 200-piece drum circle, an 11km pilgrimage of faith walk, fireworks and evening adoration. The much anticipated soccer match between high school athletes and "Roman Collar United" will take place. Camping on site, healthy food and child care provided for young families. Go on line at www.onerock.ca for all event details. Tickets (for families or singles, Saturday only or weekend) available at the parish office.

2012 BISHOP'S DINNER

"What does it mean to be a Faithful Citizen?"

Thursday, October 18, 2012

Southern Alberta Celebration and
Charity Benefit for

Bishop O'Byrne Housing for Seniors Association
Acadia Place - Calgary Homeless Foundation
Elizabeth House Program

Tables for the event are going fast. Inspiring words from Bishop Henry, music by "Familyah" and great food. Invitation packages and ticket information available at the parish office, or call 1-403-218-5531, or email samantha.jones@calgarydiocese.ca

Fr. Philip's

Sometimes people ask what is the most difficult thing for a parish priest? I would answer: officiating at the funeral of a child. Words make no sense when it happens. To say, "I know how you feel," is patently false. I would not even tell grieving parents, "It is all right. Your child is in a better place." I would also resist the temptation to talk about preventing future tragedies. The fact is that the parents have lost what is most precious to them. If they are believers, they will ultimately ask why God would permit it to happen? Why did he take their child from them?

I also resist the temptation of saying, "Do not blame God. It was a disease...or an accident...or the work of some misguided person. God is not responsible." It might appear chivalrous to protect God, but - if you think about who God is - you realize that things don't happen behind his back. No sparrow falls to the ground without his willing it, how much more a human being. In a similar vein, some people have the idea that the theory of evolution rescues God from the problem of evil. Not so. A second thought will tell you that the fact that, over time, created things tend to change hardly absolves the Creator from ultimate responsibility. We don't solve the problem of evil by surrendering to a secular worldview. The solution to the riddle of evil is not secularism with Christian frosting. The only answer is Jesus.

Today's Gospel tells about people in tragic situations: A pitiful woman who had suffered twelve years from a humiliating condition. Her story is sandwiched within an account of a synagogue official, desperate because of the illness and death of his little daughter. Why does God permit people to suffer such horrible things? Ultimately, we have only one answer - that they would come to Jesus. To know Jesus is the greatest good which the Father can offer us. Apparently it would be worth twelve years, even twelve hundred years, of suffering simply to touch Jesus' cloak. And for the synagogue official, his terrible anguish vanished like mist when he heard those words, "Talitha cum," that is, "Little girl, get up!"

A theme common to all of this Sunday's readings is life. In the first reading, the opposite of life, death, is seen as the consequence of sin; in the second reading, Paul is exhorting his readers to help to sustain the life of their fellow believers; and, in the Gospel, Jesus conquers the enemy of life, disease, death and restores a person to life.

Of course, when we talk about 'life' ('eternal life', 'everlasting life'), as Christians, we mean something other than our 'merely ordinary' biological life; we mean a fullness of existence which comes from intimacy with God as our loving Father; it is a spiritual relationship which cannot be broken, even by physical death. Nevertheless, Jesus' healing miracles properly understood, forbid us to separate the 'spiritual' from the 'physical' in salvation. The salvation which Christ brings to humankind is a salvation of the whole human person, in 'body' and 'soul'. All the different kinds of miracles worked by Jesus show how he cares for the health, well-being, security as much as the salvation of the whole person.

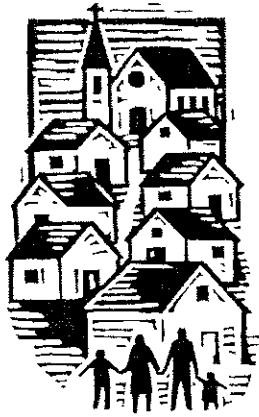
Summer is here. Kids are out of schools. We enjoy them at home, but on a restless day we might wish no summer at all or they just go to school all year round. I copy a story for you, the parents, who really care for the holistic life of your children. The name of the story is "Poor Kid."

A school teacher asked her students to write an essay about what they would like God to do for them. At the end of the day, while marking the essays, she read one that made her very emotional. Her husband just walked in, saw her crying and asked her what had happened. She told him it was because of her student's essay and asked him to read it.

"Oh God, tonight I ask you something very special: make me into a Television. I want to take its place and live like a TV in my house. Have my own special place and have my family around me. To be taken seriously when I talk. I want to be the centre of attention and be heard without interruptions or questions. I want to receive the same special care that the TV receives even when it is not working. Have the company of my dad when he arrives home from work, even when he is tired. And I want my mom to want me when she sad and upset, instead of ignoring me. And ... I want my brothers to fight to be with me... I want to feel that family just leaves everything aside, every now and then, just to spend some time with me. And last but not least, ensure that I can make them all happy and entertain them. Lord, I don't ask you for much. I just want to live like a TV."

At that moment the husband said: "Man, poor kid. What horrible parents!" The teacher looked up at him and said, "That essay is our daughter's."

Happy Canada Day! Have a blessed summer.



Bringing Home the Word



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 1, 2012

Looking Beyond What Seems Possible

By Kathleen M. Carroll

The ancients understood the sky as a fixed “roof” over the Earth. Centuries later, explorers like Columbus believed it was a sphere that surrounded the Earth—so that one could sail westward and eventually arrive in the East. Copernicus and Galileo used their observations to describe the sky as a vast space wherein the planets, Earth included, revolved around the sun.

Each time the definition of “sky,” was broadened, people were frightened. Despite that fear, new possibilities, new (literal) horizons opened up. Europeans discovered the New World. Astronauts golfed on the moon. Today,

we have probes exploring deep space and the Hubble Space Telescope provides images of galaxies so far distant that looking at them means looking back in time.

None of this could have happened if we had taken things at face value. We would still be sure that the sun revolves around the Earth. Our maps would still be marked with “Here there be dragons” along the edges. And the Wright brothers would have kept to their bicycle repairs so as not to run into the sky. Of course, there is no “sky.” There never was. There was only a limit to our vision, our imagination, our faith.

Today’s Gospel challenges us to expand our vision and strengthen our faith. Jairus, a synagogue official, comes to Jesus, begging for his young daughter’s life. Given the reception Jesus so often received by the religious authorities of his day, this is something of a miracle in itself. Jairus has opened his mind to the possibility that this new teacher, this healer, can help.

Similarly, the woman who had been ill for twelve years had been disappointed by many doctors. Her illness made her an outcast, ritually unclean. She should not have been out in public at all, much less in a crowd, and it was out of the question to touch a rabbi (as Jesus was) and render him unclean. She is desperate, but also hopeful. A pragmatic person might have asked

her: If no doctor has been able to help you in twelve years, why should this wonder-worker be any different? If no self-respecting rabbi would so much as speak to you, why would Jesus heal you? Yet she believes—not merely that Jesus can heal her, but that the mere touch of his clothing can do so.

Knowing what has happened Jesus stops to confront this woman. As always, he takes the focus off of the miracle. The power this healing has displayed pales in comparison to the power of his message. He makes clear to the woman that her faith has healed her.

When news comes that Jairus’s daughter has died, Jesus presses on. His response to the mourners makes clear that death is no obstacle for him. Raising the girl from the dead, he urges the mourners, “What is needed is faith.”

As we all know too well, God does not heal everyone who is ill. Suffering and death are our constant companions. Jesus does not offer physical healing to all of us, but he offers what he knows to be even more desperately needed—faith.

God’s power is not limited by distance, by difficulty or by death. God offers us an unbounded universe of goodness, inviting us to share in his own divine life. The only limit to what God can do in our lives is the one we set ourselves—the limit of our faith. †

REFLECTION QUESTIONS QUESTIONS REFLECTION

- What goes through your mind when you hear Jesus say, “Do not be afraid; just have faith”?
- How is your ability to trust colored by what is happening in your life and in the lives of your loved ones?

Holy Family Parish - July 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 - 13th Sun. Ord. Time Mass 8:30, 10:30, 6:00	2 Mass 9:00 am Parish office closed Fr. Philip day off	3 Mass 7:00 pm Adoration until 8:30 pm	4 Mass 9:00 am Annual kitchen cleaning in the hall 10:00 to noon	5 Men's Prayer 6:30 am Mass 9:00 am	6 Mass 9:00 am Adoration to 12:00 pm Meadowlands 10:00 Fr. Roque day off	7 Reconciliation 3 - 4 Choir (5:00 pm) 4:00 pm Mass 5:00 pm
8 - 14th Sun. Ord. Time Mass 8:30, 10:30, 6:00 1 Baptism at 10:30 Mass	9 Mass 9:00 am Fr. Philip day off	10 Mass 7:00 pm Adoration until 8:30 pm	11 Mass 9:00 am	12 Men's Prayer 6:30 am Mass 9:00 am	13 Mass 9:00 am Adoration to 12:00 pm Meadowlands 10:00 Rehearsal 7:00 pm Fr. Roque day off	14 Wedding 2:00 pm Reconciliation 3 - 4 Choir (5:00 pm) 4:00 pm Mass 5:00 pm
15 - 15th Sun Ord. Time Mass 8:30, 10:30, 6:00 1 Baptism at 10:30 Mass	16 Mass 9:00 am Fr. Philip day off	17 Mass 7:00 pm Adoration until 8:30 pm	18 Mass 9:00 am	19 Men's Prayer 6:30 am Mass 9:00 am	20 Mass 9:00 am Adoration to 12:00 pm Meadowlands 10:00 Rehearsal 6:00 pm Fr. Roque day off	21 Wedding 1:00 pm Wedding 2:00 pm Reconciliation 3 - 4 Choir (5:00 pm) 4:00 pm Mass 5:00 pm
22 - 16th Sun. Ord. Time Mass 8:30, 10:30, 6:00	23 Mass 9:00 am Fr. Philip day off	24 Mass 7:00 pm Adoration until 8:30 pm	25 - Mass 9:00 am	26 - Men's Prayer 6:30 am Mass 9:00 am	27 - Mass 9:00 am Adoration to 12:00 pm Meadowlands 10:00 Fr. Roque day off	28 Reconciliation 3 - 4 Choir (5:00 pm) 4:00 pm Mass 5:00 pm 1 Baptism 5:00 Mass
29 Mass 8:30, 10:30, 6:00 2 Baptisms at 10:30 Mass Farewell luncheon for Fr. Roque, Ellen & Kathi after 10:30 am Mass	30 Mass 9:00 am Fr. Philip day off	31 Mass 7:00 pm Adoration until 8:30 pm		<u>Summer Office Hours</u> 8:30 am to Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm (closed noon to 1:00 pm)		

June 29, 2012

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Please pray for the sick and suffering especially

TRACY ANHELHER	SHEILAGH LOCKERT
ELMER BACHMEIER	CHARLES MARTIN
HART BACHMIER	ADAM MASTEL
DEVONEE BRIGDEN	MARIE MOORE
DON CANNON	IRENE & GUS NITZ
RON CHOMYC	MARY ORR
MARLENE DECK	VIGILINA PARAGAS
NICK DI PALMA & FAMILY	LAURA PERRON
MARJORIE DILLMAN	ROSINA RIES
MARGARET DONOVAN	VIOLET RIES
PAT ENNIS	ANNE ROTH
PAULINE ERESMAN	MARY ROTH
MISCHELE FOLK	ANDRES SALAZAR
RACHEL FORTIER	CLAUDE SCHENK
BRENDA FRANSEN	SIMON SCHMALTZ
GARRY FRANSEN	ROSELENE SCHROH
GEORGE FRIEDT	ED TUMBACH
IMES GAMBOA	SIMON VOELLER
TIM GRUBER	CRAIG WALKER
PRISCILLA GYORKOS	AL WEINBERGER
HAROLD HALVERSON	COLLEEN WENZEL
CECILE HELFRICH	NEL WIST
RACHEL HELLMAN	VALÉRIE WOLFE
GERARD HOFFART	ROBERT WOOLLEY
BONNIE HUBER	GERRI WOWK
DAN HUDEC	ERNIE ZUBOT
JEROME KOSOLOFSKI	ROSE ZUBOT

If you would like to have someone included on the prayer list, please call the parish office (403-527-6933).

- Please ask permission from the individual or family to have the name included on the list.
- Also, if the individual's circumstances should change, please make it your responsibility to call the parish office (403-527-6933) to update the list.

Thank you

HOSPITAL

If you or someone in your family is admitted to the hospital, please contact the parish office and give us the name and room number. The Parish Pastoral Team will visit the patient and take communion to them. We can not minister to you, if we do not know you are in the hospital.



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre for
July 1st 2012, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This is the last bulletin until the fall. Warm wishes and blessings for summer!

Youth Ministry

It is not too late to get your tickets for the event of the summer: The **ONE ROCK** Eucharistic Music Festival! Tickets also make a great gift for kids, grandkids and friends. Don't miss this opportunity to grow deeper in your faith or to share the gift of faith with others. Music, Mass, and great fellowship plus much more! **August 17/18th** in Rockyford. For more information, visit www.onerock.ca



Going to the STAMPEDE? Why not park at the Pastoral Centre or St. Mary's Cathedral!

During the Calgary Stampede, the Office of Youth Ministry will be manning the Pastoral Centre parking lot & The Knights of Columbus will be manning the parking lots around the cathedral. We invite you and your family to park and walk to the greatest Outdoor Show. The Office of Youth Ministry is Raising Funds for ONE ROCK. The Knights of Columbus proceeds raised will help support the Knights of Columbus Council at St. Mary's and their charitable work. See you at the Stampede!

Calgary Diocesan Country Fair - The Palio

Tickets for this fun filled family day are now available. The Fair, happening on **Saturday September 15, 2012** at the **Strathmore Rodeo Grounds**, will feature an open air Mass with Bishop Henry, the running of the horses, inter-parish baseball games and children's activities. Entertainment will include local artists and Oscar Rubio from El Salvador "*One of the finest voices in Latin Gospel music with a great passion for Christ*". Watch for ticket sales in your parish or purchase online. See www.palio.ca for details.

Social Justice Ministry

Human Trafficking - The play **SHE HAS A NAME** will be showing in **Calgary** from **August 3-11th**. For further information or to purchase tickets, please contact Alida Lowe at 403-851-0260 or visit www.shehasaname.net

Joint Emergency Appeal: Food Crisis in West Africa – The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) has joined efforts with the Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP) in a joint emergency appeal for West Africa and the Sahel region. The Diocese is participating in the joint appeal and accepting financial donations until September 16th to assist those affected by the Food Crisis in West Africa. Donations can be made in the following ways:

- by sending a cheque payable to your parish and earmarked "West Africa - Hunger Crisis"
- by sending a cheque payable to the RC Diocese of Calgary, earmarked "West Africa – Hunger Crisis" and sent to Pastoral Centre, 120 17 Ave SW, Calgary, AB, T2S 2T2. Contact Jana Drapal at the Social Justice Office at 403-218-5519 or socialjustice@calgarydiocese.ca

Charities and Development Ministry

For the poor Sunday can seem to be just another day of trying to find food, shelter and a sense of belonging. Each week the Feed the Hungry Family helps approximately 500 people experience a different Sunday - food, family, and respect at St. Mary's Hall in the heart of Calgary. **Monday, August 13** is the **22nd Annual Golf Tournament** in support of the Feed the Hungry Program.

If you are interested in golfing at the beautiful Silvertip Resort in Canmore as part of this annual fundraiser, we'd love to hear from you! Cost is \$250/golfer or \$1,000/team of four. For more information contact Samantha Jones at 403-218-5531 or samantha.jones@calgarydiocese.ca or visit www.calgarydiocese.ca/feed-the-hungry-golf-tournament.html

Bishop's Dinner 2012 – Tables for the event are going fast. Please join us for an inspiring word from Bishop Henry, the musical talents of Familyah (a local singing group with connections to St. Bonaventure Parish) and the wonderful food of Commonwealth Centre's resident chef. \$150/ticket, \$1200/table of 8. See your parish for invitations, contact Samantha Jones at 403-218-5531 or samantha.jones@calgarydiocese.ca or visit the web at www.calgarydiocese.ca/bishops-dinner.html.

This year's beneficiaries are Acadia Place, Bishop O'Byrne Housing for Seniors, and the Diocese's Elizabeth House Program.

Family and Life Resource Centre

Transitions, a 15-week program for those newly separated/divorced is offered starting **Tuesday, September 25, 2012** at the **Pastoral Centre** in Calgary. For more information or registration contact the Life and Family Resource Centre at 403-218-5504.

Effective Co-Parenting – Putting Kids First is a program for parents who are separated/divorced. The next program will be offered on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** on the following dates: **Oct 9, 11, 23, 25** and **Nov 6**. For more information or registration contact the Life & Family Resource Centre at 403-218-5504.

The Life & Family Resource Centre is still looking for couples struggling with fertility issues to help form a support group. For more information or to sign up please contact Gabriele at 403-218-5504.

The **Calgary Diocesan Marriage Preparation** program "For Better and For Ever", has been adapted for couples in one or more of the following circumstances: living together, previously married, beginning marriage with children, couples 45+, or those who wish to have their marriage blessed in the Church. For information and/or to register call the Life and Family Resource Centre at 403-218-5504; email lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca. **Next program, August 27 and September 14-15.**

Project Rachel offers a journey of healing and reconciliation for people suffering distress from a past abortion experience. For more information call Project Rachel at 403-218-5506 or toll-free 1-877-597-3223.

Calgary Catholic Medical Association: The next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, September 8th at 9:45 am** (second Saturday of the month) and takes place at the Catholic Pastoral Centre in Calgary. For more information contact gabriele.kalincaj@calgarydiocese.ca

Retrouvaille will be offering its next retreat on **September 28-30th**. Retrouvaille is a program for married couples experiencing difficulty. For more information on this program please call Gabriele at 403-218-5504.

For Life & Family ministries, programs and events please visit our website at www.calgarydiocese.ca, or call 403-218-5504 for more information.