

# HOLY FAMILY PARISH

4/11/2012 Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 5.3)

**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Blessed are the poor in spirit;  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven!

**Alleluia.**

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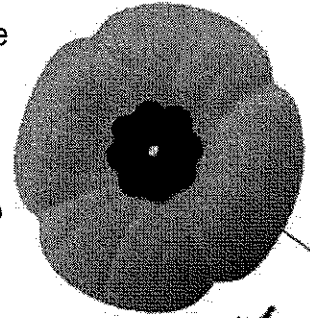
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**Mass Times**

**Saturday - 5:00 pm**

**Sunday - 8:30am, 10:30am & 6:00pm**

**Remembrance Day...** We must vow never to forget. However you choose to remember, be sure to share with everyone you know. Together, it is our duty to pass on the legacy and keep the memories of our Canadian Veterans alive. God of peace and love, on this 11th day of the 11th month we once again remember. We remember that in Jesus' name you have called us to be people of peace saying, "Blessed are the peacemakers" and reminding us that we are to love our neighbor and our enemy as we love ourselves. But we also acknowledge that there are times when we as a global community fail to live out those words, times when young men and women hear the call to don the uniforms of their country and serve under their flag. Today we give thanks for all who have chosen to serve their country. We give thanks for their bravery, their commitment, and their love.



*Lest We Forget*

## Welcome To Holy Family Parish

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.

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

NOVEMBER 10/11, 2012

**First Reading** (1 Kgs 17:10-16). A poor widow is ready to share her last crust with the starving prophet Elijah. Her heroic compassion wins God's blessing and our admiration.

**Second Reading** (Heb 9:24-28). This text deals with another level of generosity: the self-sacrifice of Jesus, who gave not just food but his very life, to give life to our spirit. With such a High Priest, we can approach God with confidence.

**Gospel** (Mk 12:38-44). Jesus singles out for special praise a widow whom others would hardly notice. The widow's offering was small, but precious to God, because she gave it with all her heart.

## OPERATING FINANCES

(November 1-November 8, 2012)

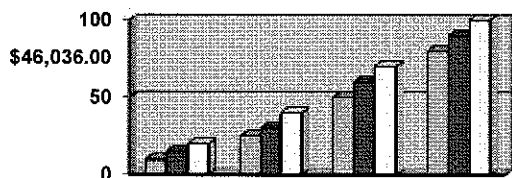
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| -Cost to operate our Parish (Budget) | \$16,500 |
| -General Collections:                | \$15,677 |
| -Debt reduction (Mortgage)           | \$ 5,903 |
| -Total parish support:               | \$21,580 |
| -Exceed of (Shortfall)               | \$ 5,080 |

### Special Collections;

|                                    |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| ***Together in Action:.....        | \$334   |
| ***World Missions:.....            | \$146   |
| ***St Vincent de Paul:.....        | \$1,211 |
| ***NET Ministries:.....            | \$660   |
| ***Catholic Education Sunday:..... | \$2,903 |
| ***CARO:.....                      | \$50    |

TIA up to date: \$46,036.00/\$59,979.00 (77%)

Together In Action



Thank you for your generosity and support

## Upcoming Events in our Parish and Mass Intentions

The daily Mass may be canceled in the case of a funeral

### SUN. NOV 11<sup>TH</sup> 32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME REMEMBRANCE DAY

- + Library: open after 8:30 & 10:30 Masses
- + Unchained Youth: 6:00pm Mass & in the Parish Hall

### MON. NOV 12<sup>TH</sup> –St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr

- + **Mass-9:00am** (Intention: Randy Yancie ☩)
- + Office Closed in lieu of Remembrance Day Stat Holiday
- + Knights of Columbus #9502 Meeting – 7:00pm in the Faith Room
- + Circle of Friends Charismatic Prayer Group: 7:00pm - St. Joseph's Home

### TUES. NOV 13<sup>TH</sup>

- + St Vincent de Paul Meeting: 4:00pm in the Hope Room
- + **Mass: 7:00pm**  
(Intention: Carl, Katherine & Richard Tuchscherer ☩)
- + **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**  
After Mass until 8:30pm
- + Catholics Coming Home: 7:00pm in the Hope Room
- + CWL Meeting: 7:45pm in the Faith Room

### WED. NOV 14<sup>TH</sup>

- + Women's Praise & Worship: 6:45am – Faith Room
- + **Mass: 8:20am** at St. Francis School
- + **Mass: 9:00am** (Intention: Mary Orr)
- + Breakfast after Mass
- + Bible Study: 9:30am – Faith Room
- + Ministry to the aged: 1:30pm – Sunnyside
- + Ministry to the aged: 3:30pm – Good Samaritans
- + Finance Meeting: 7:00pm – Hope Room
- + Choir for 6:00 Mass: 6:00 – Church
- + RCIA: 7:00 pm – Faith Room

### THURS. NOV.15<sup>TH</sup>

- + Men's Prayer Group: 6:30am – Charity Room
- + **Mass: 9:00am** (Intention: Marg Dodds ☩)
- + Breakfast after Mass
- + Rosary Guild: 1:30pm – Charity Room
- + **Holy Hour:** 6:00pm – Chapel

- + Rediscovering Catholicism: 7:00pm – Parish Hall “The Gospel of St. Luke, Part 2”
- + Choir for 8:30 & 10:30 Masses: 7:00pm in the Church
- + Live in Prayer Group: 7:30pm

## **FRI. NOV. 16<sup>TH</sup>**

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- + **Mass: 8:30am – St. Joseph’s Home**
- + **Mass: 9:00am** (Intention: Frances & John Pavka ☩)
- + **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**  
After Mass until Noon
- + Breakfast after Mass
- + **Mass: 10:00am – Meadowlands**
- + Ministry to the aged: 10:00am – The Wellington
- + EQUIP: 7:00-9:00pm – St. Patrick’s Church

## **SAT. NOV. 17<sup>TH</sup> – St. Elizabeth of Hungary**

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- + **Mass: 8:30am – St. Joseph’s Home**
- + That Man is You: 8:30am – St. Patrick’s Church
- + FAMILY FUN DAY: 2:00-4:00pm – St. Patrick’s Church
- + **Reconciliation:** 3:00 – 4:00pm
- + Choir for 5:00 Mass: 4:00pm – Church
- + Library: open before Mass
- + **32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- + **Mass: 5:00pm** (Intention: Jimmy Hebert ☩)

## **SUN. NOV. 18<sup>TH</sup>**

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

### **33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME –**

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- + **Mass: 7:30am - St. Joseph’s Home**
- + **Mass: 8:30am** (Intention: Noel Gomes ☩)
- + **Mass: 10:30am** (Intention: Holy Family Parish)
- + Library: open after morning Masses
- + Parish Breakfast after 8:30 & 10:30 Masses: Host – K of C #7325.
- + K of C 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting: 2:30pm – St. Patrick’s Church
- + **Mass: 6:00pm** (Intention: Elaine Marsh ☩)
- + Unchained Youth: 6:00pm Mass & in the Parish Hall

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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If you can spare an hour with the Lord...

Tuesday: After 7:00pm Mass until 8:30pm

Thursday: Holy Hour from 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Friday: After 9:00am Mass until Noon

### **PARISH BREAKFAST- SUNDAY NOV. 18<sup>TH</sup>**

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The Knights of Columbus # 7325 will be hosting the Parish Breakfast on Sunday, November 18th after both the 8:30 and the 10:30 Masses.

## **THE GREAT CANADIAN BARN DANCE**

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Featuring The Kunkel Family at Holy Family Parish. Friday, April 12, 2013 is a Dinner & Show for \$28.00 Saturday, April 13, 2013 is a Dance & Light Lunch for \$20.00 If you buy for both nights it is a combined price of \$45.00 Tickets are available at the Holy Family Parish office. This would be a great Christmas gift!

## **VISITING THE LONELY & HOMEBOUND**

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Perhaps you know of someone in your complex or near where you live or even a family member who would like to have someone visit with them, pray with them or share with them the gospel of the day, please let us know and someone from the Visiting Ministry Team could spend an hour with them. If you have someone in mind please ask them if they would like us to come to their home then let us know by phoning Mildred at 403-527-5147 or Bernice at 403-580-2905. May God bless all the good work you do for His kingdom.

## **JUNIOR CHOIR**

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\*\*\***Change of Title:** Children’s/Youth Choir is now called the “**JUNIOR CHOIR**”. The next mass led by the Junior Choir will be 6:00pm Sunday November 25th at Holy Family Parish. Practice will be Thursday Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 at Holy Family.

### **5:00PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**

**Anyone Grade 3 and UP** who would like to sing at Holy Family’s 5:00pm Christmas Eve mass please call Sally at Holy Family Parish 527-6933. Practices will begin

**3:00 – 4:00pm Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup>** at Holy Family Parish.

## **INVITATION TO WRITE A TESTIMONY...**

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We invite you to share your faith filled story: why are you continuing to practice your faith; or why did you come back to the Church? Or what is your conversion story? What do you appreciate about your faith; you can write 250 words more or less for the bulletin, or just come to talk to a priest or a secretary and we will write them down for you. If you wish, you don’t have to sign your real name.

## **HOW TO PRAY**

### **FOR HEALING OF LIFE’S HURTS**

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Friday, November 16th (7:00 to 9:30 p.m.) & Saturday, November 17th (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at St. Ambrose Church 1513 - 23 Ave Coaldale, Alberta. SPONSOR: The People of Praise / Live-In. WORKSHOPS INCLUDE: Healing through Forgiveness & Inner Healing Prayer. REGISTRATIONS & information call Ken 403-331-8923 or email [kenlen@telus.net](mailto:kenlen@telus.net)

## **HOSPITAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

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Please find your new schedules in the wall pockets beside the Vestment Room.

### **BOOK OF LIFE...**

### **REMEMBERING THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

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During the month of November, you are invited to inscribe the names of loved ones who died during the past year in the book of life. If you have inscribed names in the past, it is not necessary to add those names again as we keep the pages each year. You can enter the names on a page for everyone, or if you have a number of people you wish to remember, you can make your own "family page", and put it in the binder alphabetically and add to your own page every year.

### **NET TEAM UPDATE**

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#### **UNCHAINED**

For Unchained on **Sunday Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>** we will be hosting a night of **Adoration and Confession** from 7pm – 9pm at Holy Family Parish! Need a place to get away from the business of life? Come spend some time with the Source of all life!

#### **EQUIP**

Get ready to Listen Up and join the NET team for an awesome night on **Hearing God's Voice** and how to put Him first in your life! Just come out to the Equip Youth Group on **Friday Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>** from 7pm to 9pm at St. Patrick's Church! Don't miss out!

**Two Host homes wanted for the 4 girls** (2 for each home). The dates are Nov 29 – Dec 17.

The NET will be going home on Dec 17<sup>th</sup> for Christmas and returning on Jan 12<sup>th</sup>. The weeks Jan 12 – Jan 24 are all booked.

**The first available host home needed in 2013** is Jan 24 – Feb 7 for James, Matthew and Ian.

If you would like to host in 2013, please call 403-527-4338. Thank you!

### **WANTED: SNACK VOLUNTEERS FOR THE NET TEAM**

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We are looking for people to make or buy snacks for the youth nights at Holy Family & St. Patrick Parishes.

**Please call us if you can help!**

Trish Carr 529-6824 [btcarr@shaw.ca](mailto:btcarr@shaw.ca) for St. Patrick's or  
Lynn O'Byrne 526-4025 [lynn.obyrne@telus.net](mailto:lynn.obyrne@telus.net) for Holy Family

## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION UPDATE**

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**1<sup>st</sup> Communion/Reconciliation and Confirmation** - Next class will be on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of November. For those who have not already done so please call in your child's baptism dates to Holy Family Parish office.

**St. Patrick's Church - Confirmation** families please enter and exit (if not attending mass) through West Hall Entrance by the parking lot. **1<sup>st</sup> Communion/Reconciliation** families please enter or exit through office door entrance on East side of church. You may also quietly exit through West Hall Entrance as Confirmation class will still be in session.

### **HEALING OF YOUR FAMILY TREE**

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A full day workshop with DVD's by Fr. John Hampsch is being held at Holy Family Parish on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> in the Faith Room. This will be a time of prayer and healing not only for those who are present but their families from generations before and for generations to come. Please register by calling Ria or Sally at Holy Family Parish 527-6933. The Workshop will begin at 9:00am with a lunch break at 11:30am. The sessions will resume at 1:00pm. We will then end the day with prayer and fellowship at approx. 4:00pm.

### **POSTURE DURING THE COMMUNION**

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The first Sunday of Advent, Dec. 1, marks as the first anniversary of our new translation of the Mass. We have done the transition very well as far as I am concerned. There is one thing I never mentioned in the changes. That is the posture during the Communion. Here is the directive from the Diocese of Calgary:

*"The common posture of STANDING CONTINUES DURING THE COMMUNION PROCESSION AND SINGING OF THE COMMUNION SONG. This practice teaches us that Communion is a corporate action in which we together are drawn into the Eucharistic mystery and the life of the Trinity. Singing together helps us realize our communion together in the Risen Lord."*

We will begin this practice on the FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT this year. Of course, if you cannot stand for any reason, you can sit or kneel. Thanks. Fr. Philip

### **ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

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**This includes everyone who serves at Masses during the week and on weekends, those who take Eucharist to individual homes, the Ministry to Aged and those taking Eucharist to the hospital. THE ANNUAL MEETING & SOCIAL** will be held in the Parish Hall on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>. Come at 6:00pm, Meal at 6:30pm

and Meeting to follow. Please RSVP to Marianne by email mariesisca@yahoo.ca or phone 403-527-4878. Team Captains at weekend Masses are asked to Please Contact Members of their teams and report how many will be attending. Volunteers to help at the door and with clean-up would be greatly appreciated.



CWL Meeting will be Tuesday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Faith Room.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada invites all Catholic women to journey in a sisterhood of faith, fun and fulfillment. We are the untied voice of Catholic women across Canada providing faith-based opportunities for social interaction, personal development and community service. Come, join us. Call Rita for more information... (403)527-7580.

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR SISTERS IN THE LEAGUE WHO HAVE PASSED IN THE LAST YEAR, THE CWL RECOGNIZES...**

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| <b>MARY STUDER</b>     | <b>AGGIE BARON</b>  | <b>JOYCE WIEDEMAN</b> |
| <b>JEAN WILK</b>       | <b>LYDIA SEHN</b>   | <b>JOAN MACPHAIL</b>  |
| <b>BRIGITTA ANTONI</b> | <b>JACKIE MOSER</b> | <b>LENA KOCH</b>      |
| <b>KATHERINE DEIS</b>  |                     |                       |

**MAY GOD GRANT THEM ETERNAL REST**



K of C 9502 - We encourage all members to attend the regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 12 at 7 pm.

The spaghetti supper planned for this evening has been postponed to a later meeting date. Please watch the bulletin for more information. This month's regular meeting will, as usual, be followed by a social and lunch.



Executive Meeting at 2:00pm and Business Meeting at 2:30pm on November 18<sup>th</sup> in the basement at St. Patrick's Church.

### **WHO WILL WALK WITH ME?**

"An Exploration of Prison Ministry and After Care" The conference will take place at Sacred Heart Parish on Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 3:30pm. All are welcome to attend! Registration Cost is \$20 per person, including lunch, snacks and beverages. To register, please contact Jana Drapal at the Social

Justice Office at [socialjustice@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:socialjustice@calgarydiocese.ca) or call 403-218-5519. More information is available on the Bulletin Board.

### **TIMOTHY P. SCHMALZ STATUES**

Please take time to notice the statues for sale in the display case in the greeting area. If you would like to purchase one of these please come in during regular business hours. All money will be going to the Debt Reduction Fund. These will make great Christmas gifts.

### **CD RELEASE CELEBRATION:**

For EILEEN WOTSHELL'S NEW ALBUM "THERE IS HOPE" on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> at 2:00pm at the MEDICINE HAT LEGION. Please accept this as your invitation!! Come and listen to some of her new music and celebrate her gift of music.

### **SACRAMENT CLASSES**

Next class will be Saturday November 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick's Church  
Confirmation – 4:00pm in church hall entering in west hall entrance  
1<sup>st</sup> Comm/Rec – 4:45 entering in east side office entrance  
Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family Church  
1<sup>st</sup> Comm/Rec – 10:15 in Faith Room  
Confirmation – 5:00pm in Faith Room  
ALL PARENTS – please work with child at home to make sure all worksheets are up to date.

### **HOLY FAMILY PARISH 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FAMILY GIFT SHARING SUNDAY**

#### **DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> – The First Sunday of Advent**

Make the Christmas season more enjoyable for families and individuals in need in our community. Parishioners can bring gifts (unwrapped toys, non-perishable food items or monetary donations) before all masses on December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. The **unwrapped toys** can be placed in the alcove by the Mary statue. **Non-perishable food items** can be placed in the alcove by the Jesus and Saints statue. All **monetary donations** can be placed in the donation box near the altar. Please make cheques payable to "Holy Family Parish – Needs for the Poor". If you wish to donate cash and would like a tax receipt, please include your name and address.

**Please note:** *If you are unable to bring the items December 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>, please bring them before that date. **Please do not bring items after December 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Thank you for your cooperation.*

**Lord God, bless this day for me and all of us.  
Make it a day in which we grow a little more like your Son,  
and gentle as Mary His Mother.**

## THE VILLAGE OF PRELATE

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Is hosting their Centennial (100<sup>th</sup>) Celebration On August 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Anyone who would like to receive a Registration brochure please contact the Village Office at (306)673-2340 or email [villageofprelate@sasktel.net](mailto:villageofprelate@sasktel.net) or Darrah at (306)673-2344.

### REDISCOVERING CATHOLICISM:

**Nov. 15, at 7 pm**

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You are invited to join the **REDISCOVERING CATHOLICISM** at Holy Family Parish on Thursday Nights from 7 to 9 pm hosted by Fr. Philip and our pastoral team. It is a very relaxing night to review our faith understating. Please try one. We promise not to disappoint you. From the first Sunday of Advent this year to the end November, 2013, the Sunday Gospel readings will be taken from St. Luke's Gospel. We will spend 9 sessions to look closely at the Gospel of St. Luke. That will help us when we hear it again at Mass. The topic for this week is: "**The Gospel of St. Luke, part II.**"

- What character(s) do you like the most in the Christmas story?
- Why did the Roman Empire take the censuses periodically?
- PAX ROMANA, what is it?
- How far is it from Nazareth to Bethlehem?
- Why did Jesus have to born in Bethlehem?
- Where is Jesus' room? In the inn? In the stable? On the cross?
- Who are the shepherds?
- Why did Mary treasure these things in her heart?
- Why did Jesus have to be circumcised?
- Who is Simeon?
- Who is Anna?
- When did Jesus call God the "Father" for the first time?
- Why did Jesus have to obey the human parents?
- Who is Herod? How many Herods in the Gospels?
- Who is Annas; who is Caiaphas?
- Who is John the Baptist?
- What are the 3 messages of the Baptist?
- Why was Jesus baptized?
- What are the temptations?
- Do you notice that the devils know the Bible very well?
- What was the population of Nazareth at the time of Jesus?
- What is the message of Jesus at his inauguration?

**Next meeting: Nov. 15 at 7 pm: The Gospel of St. Luke, part III**

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### NEW OFFERINGS ENVELOPES

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Big THANKS!!! to the volunteers who sorted all the envelopes alphabetically for you to pick up in the foyer. If you do not currently have envelopes & would like some please contact the parish office.



## ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CALGARY

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### Life and Family Resource Centre (LFRC)

**Effective Co-Parenting: Putting Kids First** is a 5-evening program for those parenting through separation or divorce. Co-parents should ideally not attend the series together, as this is an educational, not counseling, program. Topics covered include best practices for communication with a former spouse, and needs of children experiencing separation/divorce in the family with developmentally-appropriate ideas for every stage from infants/toddlers, through school-aged, to teens and young adults. Contact the Life and Family Resource Centre at 403-218-5504 for more information, upcoming dates, and/or registration.

The Life & Family Resource Centre invites 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", accepts all couples preparing for marriage. Due to the small group setting it also allows us to focus on 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](mailto:lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca).

**Next available program, Jan 14, Feb 1-2, 2013.**

For Life & Family ministries, programs and events please visit our website at [www.calgarydiocese.ca](http://www.calgarydiocese.ca), or call 403-218-5504 for more information.

**The Gospel Call to Solidarity With the Poor in the World: Our Moral Imperative to Greater Involvement in Development and Peace** - Do you want to know more about Catholic Social Teaching? Do you want to know more about what Development and Peace does, how it does it and why it is important? Do you want to know how you can better live your faith consistent with Catholic Social Teaching and help D & P fulfill their mandate in the Global South? The Diocesan Development and Peace Committee is hosting a full-day workshop on God's Call to Each One of Us to Greater Solidarity with the Poor in the World. Throughout the Bible, the Prophets, Gospels, and Letters to Christians challenge us all to work towards justice by serving the poor. Come and learn about what the Lord requires of you to do justice in the world. All Are Welcome! **Special invitation to Clergy, Youth Ministers, Teachers, and Parish Social Justice Reps. Workshop will be held at St. Anthony's Parish (5340 - 4 Street S.W., Calgary) on Saturday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-4:00pm, includes lunch and refreshments.** To register and for more information, please contact Dave Delainey at 403-241-2634 or email [dwdelain@shaw.ca](mailto:dwdelain@shaw.ca).

## Fr. Philip's

Do you have any idea what is a success in life? Another day someone told me:

At age 4 success is . . . not peeing in your pants.

At age 12 success is . . . having friends.

At age 16 success is . . . having a driver's license.

At age 20 success is . . . having a boy/girlfriend

At age 25 success is . . . having a career

At age 35 success is . . . having money and a house.

At age 50 success is . . . having money and paying off mortgage.

At age 60 success is . . . having money and grandchildren

At age 75 success is . . . having a driver's license (back to age 16)

At age 80 success is . . . having friends (back to age 12).

At age 90 success is . . . not peeing in your pants (back to age 4)

The readings this week present to us two successful widows in terms of gaining the praise of their God. In ancient times if a man died and there was not an adult son to protect and support her, the widow's life was precarious. She would often have to beg for food for herself and her children. The widow in the first reading from the First Book of Kings was trying to survive a famine. She was about to cook the last of her food for herself and little boy before they died. No one cared about her, no one except God who sent the prophet Elijah to reward her generosity. Now, returning to the widow of the Gospel reading, Jesus' statement that she gave all from her poverty can be seen as a praise of her generosity.

Their generosity makes me curious about your generosity in the parish. I went through the records from January to November 6<sup>th</sup> of this year. I think it is interesting for you to know. There are 2,622 registered families in our parish and so far 1,222 families have contributed to our finance. The amounts of contributions are ranking from \$01 to \$12,000. Our expenses so far exceed our revenue by \$13, 558. We are still in the hole!

### On behalf of the parish I would like to thank all of you.

This Sunday we focus on Stewardship. I want to begin by putting your minds at ease. I am not going to ask you to tithe. Nor am I going to ask you to give five percent or even one percent of your gross income. What I am going to ask you for is this: The same that Jesus did - everything, one hundred percent. We see that in today's Gospel. Even though wealthy people made large contributions, Jesus praised the widow who gave two small coins. Why did he single her out? Jesus tells us: *"For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she, out of her poverty, has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.* Jesus wants us to turn our lives upside down, to have a complete change of heart. This is vital for Stewardship.

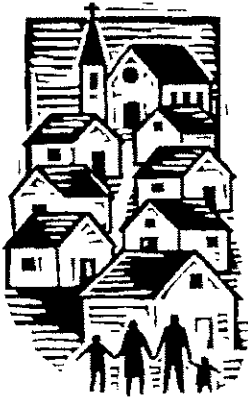
I begin with Stewardship of Time. What I value most is time. I don't think I am alone. I have noticed young people trying to

accomplish two or more tasks at once: talking on the cell phone, listening to the radio, eating a snack - and driving a car. All of us value our time; it is the most precious gift we can give to one another - and to God.

I would like you to make a conscious commitment of at least two hours a week to prayer and service, beginning with participation at weekly Mass. That is where we have to start. God gives it all: 168 hours a week. Besides Sunday Mass many people make a commitment to pray together with their family, to say grace at meals, to do Scripture reading and Eucharistic Adoration. They also make explicit the time they want to spend with members of their family or helping in the community. God gives it all - then he calls us to share. When I start the day with that attitude, I find that God does give me time for the things that matter - including things like playing a golf game, babysitting a kid, reading a book and talking with friends. But it is not my time. God gives it all.

If you have made commitment to Stewardship of Time, you have already done the hard part. Stewardship of Treasure should be easier. Even so, I sometimes find myself reluctant to ask people to give because they are often stretched - especially young families dealing with debts, mortgage and unpaid bills. But, you know, an amazing thing happens when we recognize that God gives it all. When we give the first portion back to him, things start to change. I know people who have tithed their way out of debt. They set aside the first ten percent for God - and the rest fell into its proper place. Now, as I said in the beginning, I am not asking you to tithe. Recognize that God gives it all and then decide what part you will give back to him through supporting your parish and charity. For some, that will mean five percent, for others, ten; for others, something else. That is between you and God - but as your pastor I would like to encourage you to help us meet all our parish needs.

As you make your decision, you have before you the example of the widow in today's Gospel. Do you ever wonder what happened to that beautiful woman? Was she like the widow in the first reading - making one last gesture before she died? Or, once again like the Old Testament widow, did God provide for her in some unexpected way? In the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the Acts of the Apostles we hear about widows whom the apostles and deacons cared for. Was she part of that group? We don't know. What we do know is that her extraordinary gift is not only an example for us, but it actually mirrors God's love. When he gives, he lets go - just like the widow did. He calls to share, but he does not force us. God gives us time, abilities and financial resources. Then he calls us to share. ***The readings of this Sunday seem to praise the widows, but if you read the second reading again you would know that we have someone who has surpassed the widows millions of times in giving, who has given his own life to us: the Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks again. May God bless you!***



# Bringing Home the Word

32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME November 11, 2012

## How Do We Look to Outsiders?

By Diane M. Houdek

“As the Lord your God lives.” With this exclamation, the widow of Zarephath sets the tone for her encounter with Elijah, the great man of God. She was not an Israelite. Elijah had no claim on her charity or her soul. She was not part of the covenant. And yet, she responded as though she was. In fact, her response was far more generous and immediate than that of most Israelites to the message of the prophets through the centuries.

The widow of Zarephath begins with only a vague notion of who God is, but in her neediness and her humility, she was living closer to the heart of God

than many who knew the Torah by heart. Elijah, who had been wrestling with the kings and leaders of his people, must have found as much nourishment from her attitude as from the small cake she offered out of her meager supplies.

In the Gospel, Jesus warns the crowds about the hypocrisy and corruption that can creep into the leadership of any group, even a religious organization. Before the touching example of the widow giving her last two coins to the temple collection, he pointedly condemns those religious leaders who get rich on just such sacrifices.

The actions of both widows have one thing in common. Both display a trust in God that puts more conventional spiritual types to shame. Giving all that they have to live on is admirable not because God wants people to be destitute, but because God wants people to put their trust in him rather than in the things of this world: Money, weapons, fortresses, power. Letting go of power is a hard lesson for those who have it.

Widows and orphans in Old and New Testament times represented those who had little support from society. They were left on their own to make their way as best they could in a society in which the men of the community were the sole support and pro-

tection for their families.

While we are no longer living in that kind of overtly patriarchal culture, we know all too well that single mothers and their children still struggle far more to survive than most others in our society. And far too often they're condemned by the men (and women) who have more than they need.

It's not surprising to hear about poor people giving generously of their time and even their meager resources to help others. They know what it is to be in need, and they know that they can do something to help, even if it's not much.

Learning to trust is a lifelong task. But again and again the Scriptures teach us that trust in God is at the heart of our lives. Letting go of a little of our economic security is a difficult but rewarding way to begin to do this, especially in a culture like ours that puts so much emphasis on wealth.

Elijah and Jesus hold up as examples those outside the conventional power centers. They themselves were often on the wrong side of power and authority, but perhaps they had greater influence because of that very fact. They knew that being one with the people mattered more than being rich and famous. Their good works carried more weight than their elegant words. And even outsiders recognized them as people of God. ✚

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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- How can we live our faith in such a way that outsiders will recognize us as followers of Jesus?
- What words and actions are likely to alienate rather than attract people to our churches?
- Who do you most admire for the way they live their faith?





# Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre for  
November 11th 2012, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## **Religious Education Secretariat**

Please note the change of location for the **Recognition Celebrations**. These were initially planned for St. Mary's Cathedral, but renovations are underway and they will not be complete on time. The celebrations are now scheduled as follows:

- **November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012: Holy Spirit Parish at 3pm.**
- **November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012: Sacred Heart Parish at 7pm.**

## **Social Justice Ministry**

**Emergency Appeals for Food Crisis in West Africa (Sahel Region), Flooding in Manila, Philippines, & Syrian Refugee Crisis** - The Diocese of Calgary is accepting financial donations to assist the victims affected by these crises. For details about each specific appeal and how you can contribute, view the diocesan website at <http://www.calgarydiocese.ca/>. For further questions, please contact Jana at the Social Justice Office at 403-218-5519 or e-mail [socialjustice@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:socialjustice@calgarydiocese.ca).

**Development and Peace** has raised 1.8 million dollars towards the Sahel region. Though the government matching has ended, we still continue to collect funds for the Sahel.

**Music From the Big House** - a remarkable film featuring Rita Chiarelli, Canada's Queen of the Blues, playing alongside men serving life sentences at Louisiana's Maximum Security Penitentiary. It will be screened in Calgary on **November 16th at 1:30pm at Cardel Theatre** (180 Quarry Park Blvd. S.E.). Admission is a non-perishable food item for the Calgary Food Bank. The film is being featured before the start of Restorative Justice Week (Nov. 18th-24th) To register, please call Peter Worsley at 403-275-69 35.

### **Who Will Walk with Me? An Exploration of Prison Ministry and After Care**

The Diocesan Catholic Prison Ministry is hosting a conference with Bishop Gary Gordon, Liaison to Prison Chaplaincy in Canada, who will speak on the importance of Prison Ministry and After Care in response to the Call of Christ. Conference will take place at **Sacred Heart Parish on Saturday, Nov. 17th, Registration from 9:00-9:30am. Conference to be held from 9:30-3:30pm.** All are welcome to attend! Registration Cost is \$20 per person, including lunch, snacks and beverages. Deadline for registration is Nov. 9th. To register, please contact Jana Drapal at the Social Justice Office at [socialjustice@calgary.ca](mailto:socialjustice@calgary.ca) or call 403-218-5519.

**The Gospel Call to Solidarity With the Poor In the World: Our Moral Imperative to Greater Involvement in Development and Peace** - Do you want to know more about Catholic Social Teaching? Do you want to know more about what Development and Peace does, how it does it and why it is important? Do you want to know how you can better live your faith consistent with Catholic Social Teaching and help D & P fulfill their mandate in the Global South? The Diocesan Development and Peace Committee is hosting a full-day workshop on God's Call to Each One of Us to Greater Solidarity with the Poor in the World. Throughout the Bible, the Prophets, Gospels, and Letters to Christians challenge us all to work towards justice by serving the poor. Come and learn about what the Lord requires of you to do justice in the world. All Are Welcome! **Special invitation to Clergy, Youth Ministers, Teachers, and Parish Social Justice Reps. Workshop will be held at St. Anthony's Parish (5340 - 4 Street S.W., Calgary) on Saturday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-4:00pm, includes lunch and refreshments.** To register and for more information, please contact Dave Delainey at 403-241-2634 or email [dwdelain@shaw.ca](mailto:dwdelain@shaw.ca).

## **The Life & Family Resource Centre**

**Effective Co-Parenting: Putting Kids First** is a 5-evening program for those parenting through separation or divorce. Co-parents should ideally not attend the series together, as this is an educational, not counseling, program. Topics covered include best practices for communication with a former spouse, and needs of children experiencing separation/divorce in the family with developmentally-appropriate ideas for every stage from infants/toddlers, through school-aged, to teens and young adults. Contact the Life and Family Resource Centre at 403 218 5504 for more information, upcoming dates, and/or registration.

FUNDRAISER for Project Rachel - 2013: **“A Song for Rachel” calendar** featuring all churches that have hosted the event, the feast days of the Catholic Church, and local events. Cost per calendar is \$15.00 or \$25.00 for two. Contact the Life & Family Resource Centre for orders at 403-218-5505.

The Life & Family Resource Centre invites 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,” accept all couples preparing for marriage. Smaller group settings allow us to focus on 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](mailto:lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca). Next available program is **Jan 14, Feb 1-2, 2013**.

**Calgary Catholic Medical Association:** The next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, December 1**, will take place at the **Catholic Pastoral Centre** in Calgary. For information contact [gabriele.kalincak@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:gabriele.kalincak@calgarydiocese.ca)

**Calgary HomeSHARE** connects senior homeowners with adult home seekers who assist 4-10 hours per week with simple household tasks in exchange for safe, affordable accommodation. Check FAQs at [www.calgaryseniors.org](http://www.calgaryseniors.org) for more information, phone 403-266-6200, or email [homeshare@calgaryseniors.org](mailto:homeshare@calgaryseniors.org) for application forms.

## **The Palio**

**Calgary Diocesan Family Country Fair** - Additional volunteers are required to help organize this event for our Diocesan Jubilee Year to be held on September 14, 2013. There will be an **Information Session**, on **Wednesday November 21, 2012 at 7:00pm at St. James Parish Hall**, for those interested in finding out how they can help. “Many Hands make Light Work” Coffee and refreshments will be provided. See the Palio website at [www.palio.ca](http://www.palio.ca) for more details or phone Teresa at 403-835-6444 or Don at 403-510-1208.

## **Ecumenical**

To commemorate the **anniversary of the 1989 murders of 14 women** at l'École Polytechnique de Montreal, Sacred Heart Church will be holding an ecumenical Remembrance Service.

DATE: **Sunday, December 2, 2012**

TIME: **2:00 PM**

LOCATION: **1307 – 14<sup>th</sup> St. SW**

## **FCJ Christian Life Centre**

**Please note correction on time for Nativity Narratives** to be held on **Sundays, December 2, 9, and 16** with Fr. Dennis Macdonald.

The **CORRECT** time is **1:30 - 4:00pm** and **NOT** 9:30 -11:30am. It was incorrectly listed in the Carillon (vol.16, no.9 November 2012, page 21). For more information please contact 403-228-4512.