

# Holy Family Parish

9/16/2012 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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**Mass Times**

**Saturday - 5:00 pm**

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

**Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00-4:00pm**

SEPTEMBER 16, 2012

**Parish Breakfast**

After 8:30 & 10:30 Masses

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## 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.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Gospel Acclamation (John 3)

*Alleluia, Alleluia. May I never boast of anything except the Cross of the Lord, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Alleluia*



## 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.\***

Children's Liturgy (at 10:30 am Mass) will resume September 30, 2012.

**Sun. Sept. 16 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Parish Breakfast in the Hall after 8:30 and 10:30 Masses

Sacramental Prep. Registration 1:00 in Parish Hall – [1<sup>st</sup> Communion/Reconciliation – Gr 2 & older]  
[Confirmation Gr 6 & older] Please bring copy of Baptismal Certificate & \$25.00

**Mon. Sept. 17 - Mass - 9:00 am** (Intention – Iluminada & Emiliano Vidar †)

Children's Liturgy Leaders & Helpers Meeting at 6:30pm in the Hope Room.

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

**Tues. Sept. 18 - St. Vincent de Paul meeting at 4:00pm** in the Hope Room

**NO MASS TODAY or ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.**

**Wed. Sept. 19 - Women's Praise and Worship 6:45am** in the Faith Room

**Mass - 9:00 am** (Intention – Kate & Matt Tiel)

Bible Study 9:30 am in the Faith Room

**Mass at Sunnyside at 1:30pm**

Ministry to the Aged Good Samaritans at 3:30pm

Choir Practice (for 6pm Mass) in Church at 6:00 pm

Sacramental Prep. Registration – 6:30pm at St. Patrick's Parish Hall [1<sup>st</sup> Communion/Reconciliation –  
Gr 2 & older] [Confirmation Gr 6 & older] Please bring copy of Baptismal Certificate & \$25.00

RCIA – 7:00pm in the Faith Room

**Thurs. Sept. 20 - Men's Prayer Group - Charity Room - 6:30 am**

**St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon & Companions - Mass - 9:00 am** (Intention – Ron Blackmer)

Rosary Guild – 1:30pm in the Charity Room

**Holy Hour – 6:00pm** in the Chapel

Choir Practice (for 8:30 & 10:30 am Masses) in Church at 7:00pm

Sacramental Preparation Leaders & Helpers Meeting at 7:00pm in Holy Family Parish Hope Room

Live-in Prayer & Praise 7:30pm in the Faith Room

**Fri. Sept. 21 – St. Matthew - Mass - 9:00 am** with St. Patrick's School Grade 5

(Intention – Sarah Kukurudza)

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

St. Patrick's School Grade 5 Retreat - 9:00am to 2:00pm in the Faith Room and Parish Hall.

Ministry to the Aged at Meadowlands - 10:00 am

Ministry to the Aged at Wellington - 10:00 am

**Sat. Sept. 22 – Mass at St. Joseph's Home 8:30 am**

**Reconciliation from 3:00 to 4:00 pm**

Choir Practice (for 5pm Mass) at 4:00pm

Library Open before Mass

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: Mass - 5:00 pm** (Intention – Tony Schatz)

**Sun. Sept. 23– Mass at St. Joseph's Home 7:30 am**

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: Mass - 8:30 am** (Intention – Russell & Krista Foley)

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: Mass - 10:30 am** (Intentions - Holy Family Parish) (1 Baptism)

Library Open after all Masses

Sacramental Prep. Registration 1:00 in Hall – [1<sup>st</sup> Communion/Reconciliation – Gr 2 & older]

[Confirmation Gr 6 & older] Please bring copy of Baptismal Certificate & \$25.00

4<sup>th</sup> Degree Executive Meeting at 2:30pm in St. Patrick's Church Basement

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: Mass - 6:00 pm** (Intentions – Willie Kosior †) (1 Baptism)

**Mon. Sept. 24 – Mass with MHCBE Staff & Administration at 8:30 am.** (Note change of Time)

**Wed. Sept. 26- Sac. Prep. Registration – 6:30pm** at St. Patrick's Parish Hall [1<sup>st</sup> Communion/Reconciliation –  
Gr 2 & older] [Confirmation Gr 6 & older] Please bring copy of Baptismal Certificate & \$25.00

# GET INVOLVED... THERE'S LOTS TO DO!!!!

## Garage Sale

St. Joseph's Home  
156 - 3rd Street NE

Friday September 21

9am to 5pm

Saturday September 22

9am to Noon

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Drop off any items to donate at  
St. Joseph's Home on  
Thursday September 20th.  
No TVs, Fridges or Gas Appliances

## Breakfast in the Hall...

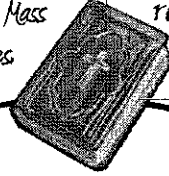
It is time once again to start meeting for breakfast  
in the hall after the 9:00 mass on Wednesday,  
Thursday & Friday... See ya' there!



## The Library is OPEN

Saturdays before the 5pm Mass  
Sundays after All Masses

May God Bless the Person who  
returned my Missal... Thank  
you... Evelyn Reimer



## The "Word Among Us"

October issue is available in the  
greeting area by Donation!

## Knights of Columbus - 4th Degree Executive Meeting

September 23, 2012... 2:30pm  
at St. Patrick's Basement



## Thank You Thank You

for 21 years' of Service and  
Dedication on the Finance  
Council, Your Input will be missed by  
all that have had the pleasure of  
working with you!

## ANNUAL PARISH CORN ROAST

Thank you to everyone who  
attended the parish corn  
roast last Sunday. It was a  
huge success as over 300 of  
all ages enjoyed the food  
and the company. A Huge  
Thanks to those who  
volunteered to help in  
putting it on.  
Looking forward to next  
year's roast.

## Catholic Girls' League

Under the sponsorship of the Catholic Women's  
League, young girls from the ages of 10-15 who  
have received their First Communion are invited to  
join this group. There will be spiritual activities;  
Faith Activities involving service and social action  
- Friendship social activities - Fun activities  
related to membership and training - Formation.  
Meetings are once a month, Starting Saturday,  
October 20th at 11:00am in the Hope Room.  
Call Rita for more information 403-527-7580  
Bring your mom and ask a friend to join you!!!

## Rediscovering Catholicism

Starting in October - Thursday Evening at 7 pm

October 11, Mary in the Bible

October 18, The Church the Apostles Left Behind. Part I

October 25, The Church the Apostles Left Behind. Part II

November 1, Purgatory

More to Follow

## Centennial Pilgrimages

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary invites you to participate  
during its Centennial Year on the 1st and 2nd of a series of  
incredible Jubilee Pilgrimages to Italy and the Holy Land. The  
Italy pilgrimage will include the Canonization of 7 Blessed Men  
& Women by Pope Benedict XVI. The 2nd pilgrimage is Christmas  
in the Holy Land.

Information is on the bulletin board or contact Eden D'Souza at  
403-218-5520

# Learning & Growing

## Children's/Youth Choir

If you are 10 years or older and like to sing, come join us! This choir will be celebrating mass twice a month at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 5:00pm Mass at St. Patrick's Church and the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 6:00pm Mass at Holy Family.

A sign-up/practice is scheduled for 4:30pm at St. Patrick's Church on Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Bring your Friends!!!

***This would be an awesome Service Project!!!***

*There is still time to register for...*

## **1<sup>st</sup> Communion/Reconciliation & Confirmation**

**Holy Family Parish – at 1:00pm on  
Sundays September 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Hall  
or**

**St. Patrick's Church – at 6:30pm on  
Wednesday September 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> in the Hall**

**Please bring a copy of Birth Certificates or  
Original to be copied and \$25.00  
PARENTS ONLY IF POSSIBLE**

## **HEALING & GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKSHOP**

Friday, September 21st (6:30 p.m.) & September 22nd (8:30a.m. to 5:00p.m.), at Our Lady of the Assumption Church Hall 2405 Twelve Ave. South, Lethbridge, AB. Sponsored by the Live-In. Workshops include: Forgiveness, Tongues, Prophecy, Wisdom, Knowledge, and Resting in the Spirit. For Registration please call Ken at 403-331-8923 or email [kenlen@telus.net](mailto:kenlen@telus.net).

## **TMIY**

'That Man Is You' men's program is a program which combines the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith in developing authentic men capable of transforming themselves, their families, and greater society. That Man Is You begins in the St. Patrick's Parish Hall on Saturday September 29, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. For more information pick up a flyer in the Greeting Area.

## **WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN THE RCIA THIS YEAR**

*The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is designed for those who, after bearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. By God's help they will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation and at the proper time will receive the sacraments fruitfully.*

*The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is celebrated throughout the year. Adults who wish to be baptized or received as full members of the Roman Catholic Church are invited to meet weekly with parishioners and members of the pastoral staff to explore the Catholic Christian faith. The Sacraments of Initiation are celebrated at Easter time.*

### **Who Can Join the R.C.I.A.?**

*Many of you have a Catholic spouse and you have supported your spouse and your children practicing their faith, do you think it is a time for you to be the full member of the Catholic Church? Any adult person (16 years of age or older) who is sincerely interested in becoming a fully initiated member of the Roman Catholic Church is eligible to join the R.C.I.A. Please come and join us. Give us a call at 403-527-6933.*

**BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 @ 7:00 pm in the FAITH ROOM**



**OPERATING FINANCES**

This week September 6 – September 13, 2012)

Cost to operate our Parish (Budget 2012)	\$16,500
General Collections:	\$ 11,027
Debt Reduction (Mortgage Fund):	5,326
Total Collections:	\$ 16,353
Exceed or (Shortfall):	(\$ 147)

*Special Collections:*

W. Africa/Philippines Relief:	425
Together in Action:	543
World Missions:	33
St Vincent de Paul:	923
CARO donation:	200
NET Ministries donations:	150
Mission Mexico	10

*Thank you for your support!*

**Visitation Ministry**

*A new Ministry is being made available for the lonely and shut-in members of Holy Family Parish. 'The Visitation Ministry' – Visiting parishioners who are perhaps well in health but are homebound and also visiting the sick. There are many people on our sick list for whom we have been praying. Prayers are important and powerful and very necessary for both physical and spiritual healing, but there are also some of the sick who want to have a parish member visit with them. The difficulty in the past is knowing how to reach them. A concerned parishioner came forward, we meet with Fr. Philip regarding the situation and it was noted that there is a need to begin this ministry. With permission of the people who give the name of the sick person or the homebound, and with the help of the Parish office we can reach these people.*

*Perhaps you have been wondering where you can share your gifts in Holy Family Parish. The lonely and homebound need to know that they are not forgotten, that we love them and want to spend time with them whether it be playing cards, praying the Rosary, sharing the days readings of the Gospel or just a tea and talking.*

*Please keep this in your daily prayers. You may contact Bernice at 580-2905 if you have decided to be a part of this very necessary ministry or if you need more information.*



**HELP! NET FUNDRAISING**

*Bryton Wilson from Iqaluit wants to help his friend Isaac Sullivan. Isaac is doing his 2<sup>nd</sup> year with NET and needs some funds. His parish is quite small and there are not enough funds for him. Bryton is offering to match any donations from Holy Family Parish with his own money to help out his friend. If you can help, please make a cheque payable to NET Ministries or Holy Family Parish. You will have a receipt for income tax purpose. Thanks.*

**Volunteers Needed**

**Sacramental Preparation**

*We are so excited to begin the journey with our young people as they explore First Communion/Reconciliation and Confirmation. We would love your help! A Team Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 20 at 7:00pm in the Hope Room. Please come out to find out more information about being a leader or an assistant. It would be so wonderful for you to share your gifts with our children!*

**Holy Family Parish**  
**Finance Council**  
*Is seeking 2 New Members. If you are interested in this ministry contact Fr. Philip Le*

**NEW SCHEDULES** are available in the wall pockets beside the Vestment Room  
**Feeding the Homeless**  
**Altar Servers**  
**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**  
**Hospitality**

**Children's Liturgy Needs You!**  
 We are looking for **New and Experienced** people interested in **Leading or Assisting** the Children's Liturgy. A meeting is scheduled for **Monday, September 17 at 6:30pm in the Hope Room.** We are looking forward to seeing you there.

## NET TEAM UPDATE

As you may already know, a NET Parish Team has been invited into our parishes for another year. The idea is to implement a youth ministry program and train our local leaders in youth ministry. **A NET Parish Team** provides a parish with 5-7 full time young adults that have gone through 5 full weeks of intensive training to implement a youth ministry program.

This is a comprehensive youth ministry with a strong focus on the Eucharist. Starting with a Youth-Oriented Liturgy, high school and Jr. High teens are placed in an environment where they have the opportunity to experience fully the greatest gift we have as the Church. This liturgy provides the cultural connection for the teens, allowing them to take ownership of their faith. Soon, they begin to develop a relationship with Jesus that is both *personal* and *real*.

In addition, the NET team will implement other events for teens, which will draw them into the life of the parish. The Team is arriving October 4<sup>th</sup> and we are now looking for host home families.

**Host Home ministry** is an important aspect of the ministry, which allows more of the community, especially families, to get involved. Net Ministries of Canada highly recommends that that we adhere to the following guidelines:

1. when looking for host homes, the acceptable family must have teenagers and/or young adults at home. (This is not mandatory, but preferred.)
2. Find host homes that are relatively close to each other and to the parish so as to minimize the amount of travel time between places.
3. A minimum of two team members with each host family.

**What to expect from the 'Team Members'**— from Host Home Etiquette Training—  
we ask them:

1. to be helpful in offering things to do such as dishes, clear the snow from driveway/sidewalks, make their own lunches and generally being available for whatever need arises.
2. to be neat keeping their sleeping area / bathroom tidy. The team members travel all year with sleeping bags for the times when beds are not available. They are happy to use any space you have whether it's a bed, or mattress or a spot on the floor!
3. Each team has a van that will pick them up and drop them off each day. You are not expected to drive them around.
4. During their time with you, they will have one designated "day off" each week. Please do not feel like you need to entertain them on these days.
5. To spend time with the host family members to listen and share their experiences.

Due to the nature of Youth Ministry, the team members will be away doing ministry most evenings and days and it may seem that you rarely see them. They will do their best to keep you informed of their schedule.

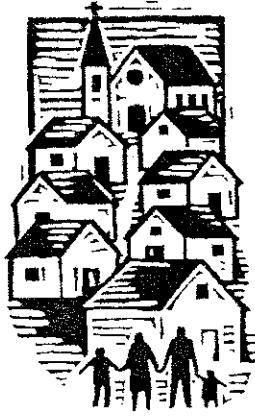
The Net Team will be in our parishes until May 2013 and now is the opportunity to allow them to minister to your families. We were informed today, Sept 10<sup>th</sup>, the **NET TEAM Members** coming to Medicine Hat on Oct 4<sup>th</sup> are:

**4 Girls:** 20-24 Ashley (ON), Kyley (BC), Sharon (Dubai), Michelle (NL);

**3 Boys:** 22-24yrs James (USA), Matthew (BC) and Ian (ON)

If anyone is interested, please see the bulletin board for the dates host families are required. If you have any questions, call Dianna at 403-527-4338.

Watch the parish bulletin for further updates



# Bringing Home the Word

24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 16, 2012

## What Does Jesus Ask of Us? Everything.

By Diane M. Houdek

As I drive to work many days, I pass the same grizzled homeless man standing in the median selling copies of a publication called *Street Vibes* that calls attention to the plight of the urban homeless. I rarely carry any cash, and I confess that I tend to avoid eye contact. But the encounter always makes me squirm with the conviction that I'm not doing all I could to live out my commitment to my faith. I think about my cup of Starbucks coffee and my iPhone and the many true luxuries that I have in my life and I renew my determination to do more to help those who are less fortunate. It's good to have

these reminders, even—or especially—when they make us uncomfortable.

The little prodding reminders of who we are and who we follow and how far apart those two things are keep us honest and move us to compassion and justice. The Letter of James, more than almost any other document in the New Testament, takes on this question of how we treat the poor and downtrodden. In the famous passage about faith and good works, he says, "If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, keep warm and eat well,' but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it?"


The cross is at the very heart of Christian discipleship. In today's Gospel, Jesus states as clearly as he can the cost of being his follower: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." The starkness of this demand stays with us no matter where we are or what we are doing. It reminds us of the many nonnegotiable demands of living a Christian life.

The reading from Isaiah reminds us that this kind of selflessness was part of the Judeo-Christian tradition from the beginning. Once humans acquired the knowledge of good and evil but denied that it made a difference, the fall from grace was complete. From the time Cain asked, "Am I my brother's

keeper?" one prophet after another responded with a resounding yes.

Our reading from Isaiah gives us the words of the Suffering Servant, the mysterious but powerful figure in the Old Testament who represents the ideal Israel and prefigures Christ's sacrifice. He says, "The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not ashamed."

Knowing who we are and who God is gives us the strength to live our calling as Christian disciples. This is perhaps why Jesus begins the difficult conversation in which he introduces his upcoming suffering with a question about who people say he is. Only if we know who we follow—and why—will we be able to live the difficult demands that may be asked of us.

Throughout the Gospels, we get a sense of how people responded to the presence of Jesus. Few people were indifferent to him. Like many charismatic figures, he inspires deep and passionate responses, both positive and negative. His enemies want to kill him. The crowds want to make him king. His closest followers ultimately let him live in them and through them. We who claim Christ as our Messiah and Savior know that much—everything—will be asked of us. We may spend our entire lives living up to this demand, but our hope lies in the knowledge that the reward will be well worth the effort. 

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Jesus's question to his first disciples is the question we must answer today: Who do you say Jesus is?
- What is Jesus asking you to do right here, right now, in your life? What is your response?
- How much are you willing to deny yourself in order to follow Jesus?

## **Fr. Philip's**

There is a story about an Irish farmer, a good-living and God-fearing man, who spent all his life working in the fields. One day he was visited by a city cousin, a man who had achieved some eminence in his life. In the course of their conversation the latter suddenly asked the laborer: 'What will you say to God when he judges you after you die?' The farmer paused, and then looking towards the corner of the room where he had placed his spade, worn shiny by constant use, he said quietly: 'I think I'll just show him my spade!'

The author of today's second reading, St. James, would have applauded the farmer's answer. St. James insists on the inseparable connection between faith and good works in the life of Christians. To him the Christian life consists not so much in being a Christian but in trying to become one as best as one can. And to do that there must be good works as well as faith. In support of his thesis St. James offers two arguments:

(i) Faith without good works is simply an intellectual and theoretical faith, and is of little or no value for eternal salvation. Genuine faith in a loving and caring God gives birth to loving and caring action in the life of the individual Christian. The true believer will not be satisfied with the mere expression of sympathy or good wishes to a fellow who is in need of material or spiritual food or is insufficiently clothed. He will do something to alleviate the distress of his neighbor. This is in fact the teaching of Jesus himself, who says: "Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Mark 7:21). It is no accident that there are really only two commandments for Christians - 'Love God' and 'Love your neighbor as yourself'. A faith without works of charity gives no sign that it is real and genuine.

(ii) Faith is an internal act of allegiance to God. Without the practice of good works there is no proof of its existence. James is not saying that we are saved solely by the practice of good works. He is rather insisting that the gift of faith which God freely gives us, of its nature, must overflow into action that speaks of the God who gave it. No man or woman can earn the right to be a Christian; what they can do is to strive to deserve the gift of God that is a sharing in his own divine life. So it is that compassion that is the hallmark of an authentic Christian. For compassion is faith in action. It shares in

thought and in deed the suffering and pain of others, and feels it as its own. James, the author of today's second reading, puts it just as forcefully: "You say you have faith and I have works. Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith." It is a challenge for us and we can hardly refuse if we are to be honest with ourselves.

Faith and good works of a Christian have to begin in our family first, then in our parish. Family must be a place of faith and good works. Parish must be a place of faith and good works. Not too long ago, Bishop Henry had a meeting with the representatives of different parishes. He had a vision of the Parish of the Next Millennium in which some points of faith and good works in a parish community we should read again:

- Instruction in the full range of the faith and catechetical formation
- Programs promoting Gospel values, including issues of social justice.
- Catholic education of children, youth ministry and young adults.
- Outreach to inactive Catholics.
- Ecumenism and evangelization.
- Programs of sacramental life and preparation.
- Promotion of Eucharistic devotion.
- Enhancement of programs for the sacraments of penance and Holy Communion.
- Promotion of prayer life, especially within families.
- Effectively participation in the liturgy.
- Methods of acquaintance with parishioners, the welcoming of newcomers, home visiting, efforts at building community.
- Motivation of the 14 spiritual and corporal works of mercy.
- Efforts of special care for the sick and dying.
- Tangible concern for the poor, the afflicted, the lonely and the exiled.
- Fostering of solid Christian family life.
- Promotion of the lay apostolate.
- Strengthening of extra parochial relations with the bishop, diocesan pastoral efforts and a worldwide Catholic identity.

If we try our best to do these recommendations, the parish and personal life would be much better. Of course, every faith-filled good work requires sacrifice as the Lord said: "Take up your cross and follow me."





# Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre for  
September 16th 2012, Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## **Permanent Diaconate**

Bishop Frederick Henry will ordain three men as permanent deacons for service in the Diocese of Calgary at an ordination Mass to be celebrated at **St. Mary's Cathedral** on **Sunday September 30** at **3 p.m.** The three men are: Renso Castellarin of Holy Trinity Parish, Blairmore (wife Bonnie); Robert McLean of St. Paul's, Airdrie (wife Anita); and Michael Thompson of St. Bernard's, Calgary (wife Diana). Their ordination will bring to 47 the total number of permanent deacons serving in the Diocese.

## **Office of Vocations**

**Prayer for Vocations:** You are invited to a holy hour of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life on **Sunday September 30**. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at **7:30 p.m.** Place: **St. Anne's Parish, Calgary**. For further information contact Fr. Gaffney at 245-2753.

## **Charities and Development Ministry**

Bishop's Dinner is fast approaching! We are very honoured to have John Rook, the new President and CEO of the Calgary Homeless Foundation as our master of ceremony. We are also excited to present Familyah, featuring Heather Liscano, as our entertainment this year. Come spend a great evening with us on **Thursday, October 18, 2012** at **Commonwealth Centre**. Bishop Henry will give his keynote address on "What does it mean to be a Faithful Citizen?" Honourees are Bishop O'Byrne Housing for Seniors Association, Acadia Place – Calgary Homeless Foundation and the Diocese's Elizabeth House Program. Tickets are selling very fast this year, so contact Samantha Jones at 403.218.5531 or [samantha.jones@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:samantha.jones@calgarydiocese.ca) to order yours. You can also download the order form online at [www.calgarydiocese.ca/bishops-dinner.html](http://www.calgarydiocese.ca/bishops-dinner.html)

## **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 further details about each specific appeal and how you can contribute, please view the diocesan website at [www.calgarydiocese.ca](http://www.calgarydiocese.ca)

**Downstream From The Tar Sands - What's At Risk?** - Ha'eis Clare Hill, Hereditary Chief of the Gitga'at Nation, resident of Hartley Bay, B.C., on the Douglas Channel which leads to Kitimat, will be speaking in Calgary about the Gitga'at position on the Northern Gateway Pipeline. KAIROS Calgary is hosting the talk at **Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church** (4612 Varsity Drive NW, Calgary) on **Thursday, Sept. 20, 2012**, at **7 p.m.** Registration fee is \$10 (free for low income). All are welcome! To register, please contact 403-242-4875; e-mail: [m.marple@shaw.ca](mailto:m.marple@shaw.ca); on-line: [www.kairos-calgary.ca](http://www.kairos-calgary.ca)

**Calgary Poverty Reduction Initiative** - The City of Calgary and the Metro-Alliance are hosting an interactive workshop to set goals and identify strategies to significantly reduce poverty in Calgary. It is an opportunity for people to share their insights and experience with poverty, and to become involved in developing a city-wide initiative to reduce poverty. The workshop will be on **Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** from **9:30am – 12:30am** at the **United Brotherhood of Carpenters Hall** (301 – 10 Street N.W., Calgary). For more information/ to register, please contact Derek Cook at [Derek.Cook@calgary.ca](mailto:Derek.Cook@calgary.ca)

## Religious Education Office

### Health Care Apostolate Educational Programs

**Diocesan Pastoral Care Program** begins **September 25<sup>th</sup>** running for 6 consecutive **Tuesday evenings 6:30pm – 9:30pm** until **October 30<sup>th</sup>**. The program will be held at the **FCJ Christian Life Centre**, 219 – 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW. Cost: \$65 includes manual. For more information and to register contact us at 403-218-5501 or [alicia.zubot@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:alicia.zubot@calgarydiocese.ca)

**Diocesan Bereavement Care Education Program:** **Fridays Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>; Saturdays, Oct 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**. The times are: **Fridays 6:15pm – 9:30pm** and **Saturdays 9:00am – 4:00pm**. The program will be held at **Sacred Heart Parish**, 1307 – 14<sup>th</sup> Street SW. Cost: \$65 includes manual. For more information and to register contact us at 403-218-5507 or [healthcareprograms@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:healthcareprograms@calgarydiocese.ca)

## Youth Ministry

**The Diocesan Youth Retreat Team (DYRT)** is looking for new members. Do you enjoy working with youth? Do you want to work in a fun environment to spread the word of God? If you are between the ages of 18-30 and would like to apply or find out more information please email [emily.grant@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:emily.grant@calgarydiocese.ca) or call 403-218-5516.

## 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 to register contact 403-218-5504.

**Effective Co-Parenting program** is a 5-session program for parents of separation/divorce and will be offered **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** on the following dates: **Oct 9, Oct 11, Oct 23, Oct 25** and **Nov 6**. Contact the Life & Family Resource Centre at 403-218-5504 for more information and/or registration.

**The Calgary Diocesan Marriage Preparation program** “For Better and For Ever”, accept 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 program will be held on **Oct 15, Nov 2-3**.

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

**40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil - September 26 to November 4, 2012** from **8 am to 8 pm** across from the Kensington (abortion) Clinic, 24 St and 5 Ave NW. Peaceful, prayerful, lawful, loving public witness. Come out and pray for the end of abortions for a hour a day, a week or whenever you can. Organize your parish, your family or your friends to join you. For details and signup go to [www.40daysforlife.com/calgary](http://www.40daysforlife.com/calgary) or call Dave & Kay'd at 403-467-6961.

**Calgary HomeSHARE** connects senior homeowners with adult homeseekers who assist 4-10 hours / 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 [homeshare@calgaryseniors.org](mailto:homeshare@calgaryseniors.org) for application forms.

**Mark Your Calendar:** We invite you to join us making a visual statement to the entire City of Calgary that abortion is a grievous wrong? Be a part of the tens of thousands throughout the North American continent who annually testify peacefully for the protection of unborn children. The Calgary Life Chain will take place on **Sunday, October 7, 2012** from **2:30-4:00 pm** on Macleod Trail south between 58th and 90th Avenues. For more information go to [www.lifechaincalgary.org](http://www.lifechaincalgary.org) Contact John Harder at 403-246-8848 or [lifechaininfo@gmail.com](mailto:lifechaininfo@gmail.com) to reserve a spot for your church group.

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