

Holy Family Parish

9/9/2012 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Mass Times

Saturday - 5:00 pm

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

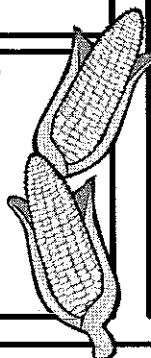
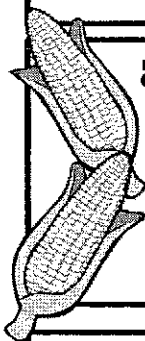
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00-4:00pm

ANNUAL PARISH CORN ROAST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th at NOON

All parishioners are invited.

Come out and mingle and start the fall off
with this fun annual family event!!!



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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Spouse _____

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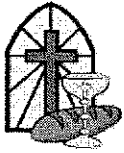
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Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 4.23)

Alleluia, Alleluia. Jesus proclaimed the good news of the kingdom
and cured every sickness among the people *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. 9 – **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mon. Sept. 10 - **Mass - 9:00 am** (Intention – Helene Paquin)

Knights of Columbus Council # 9502 Regular Meeting - 7:00pm in the Faith Room

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

Tues. Sept. 11 -St. Vincent de Paul meeting at 4:00pm in the Faith Room

Mass - 7:00 pm (Intention – Hausauer Family)

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

CWL Regular Meeting after 7 o'clock Mass in the Faith Room

Wed. Sept. 12 - Women's Praise and Worship will resume September 19th.

Mass - 9:00 am (Intention – Larry Hamilton †)

Bible Study 9:30 am in the Faith Room

Ministry to the Aged – Sunnyside at 1:30pm and Good Samaritans at 3:30pm

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

Finance Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Hope Room

Thurs. Sept. 13 - Men's Prayer Group - Charity Room - 6:30 am

St. John Chrysostom - Mass - 9:00 am (Intention – Dene Cannon †)

Holy Hour – 6:00pm in the Chapel

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

Knights of Columbus Council #3725 Meeting Faith Room

Fri. Sept. 14 – **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Mass - 9:30 am** with St. Patrick's School

(Intention – Antonia Herman †)

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

Ministry to the Aged at Meadowland/Wellington - 10:00 am

Seniors Tea 2:00pm in the Parish Hall

Sat. Sept. 15 – **Reconciliation from 3:00 to 4:00 pm**

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

Library Open before Mass

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Mass - 5:00 pm (Intention – Ivan Martin †)

Sun. Sept. 16– **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Mass - 8:30 am** (Intention – Jerry Orr †)

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Mass - 10:30 am (Intentions - Holy Family Parish)

Library Open after all Masses

Parish Breakfast – K of C #9502 after 8:30 & 10:30 Masses – Parish Hall

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Mass - 6:00 pm (Intentions – Peter Schroh †)



Happy 100th Birthday Theresa Kambeitz

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

KNIGHT GOLF TOURNAMENT

Everyone Welcome!

This event will be held on Saturday, September 15 at the Paradise Golf Course.

Roast beef and chicken supper (\$18.00/person) will be served at 5:30pm in St. Patrick's Hall.

The golf tournament begins at 7:30pm 5 players per team & Cost is \$37/ person

- Includes night golf equipment.

For more information, please contact Mike or Wanda at (403)527-5422 or (403)529-7815

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

Women's Praise and Worship

will resume on

September 14th @ 6:45am.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2012

Parish Breakfast

After 8:30 & 10:30 Masses

K of C Council #9502

SENIORS TEA

Sept 14, 2012 at 2:00pm

in the Parish Hall



Knights of Columbus – 4th Degree Executive Meeting

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



CWL

General Meeting September 11 after 7:00 Mass in the Faith Room



Knights of Columbus #9502 General Meeting

Monday Sept 10, 7pm, Faith Rm. #3725 Meeting Thurs. Sept 13, 7:30, Faith Rm.



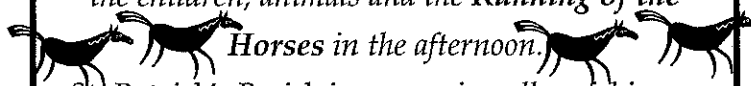
COUNTRY FAIR "PALIO"

The Palio is a Diocesan event on Saturday, September 15. It consists of family friendly activities with an **Open Air Mass** celebrated by Bishop Fred Henry followed by food, bouncers for the children, animals and the **Running of the Horses** in the afternoon.

St. Patrick's Parish is sponsoring all parishioners of the Medicine Hat Deanery in offering the trip **totally free of charge.**

The luxury coach will leave St. Patrick's at 6:45am, pick up at Holy Family at 7:00am & arrive back in Medicine Hat at 6:30pm.

If you wish to come along please register at the table in the greeting area after Mass.



Medicine Hat Pro Life Association is holding its Annual General Meeting

Monday, September 10, 2012 at 7:00pm In St. Patrick's Church Hall

International Guest Speaker – Wendy Lowe

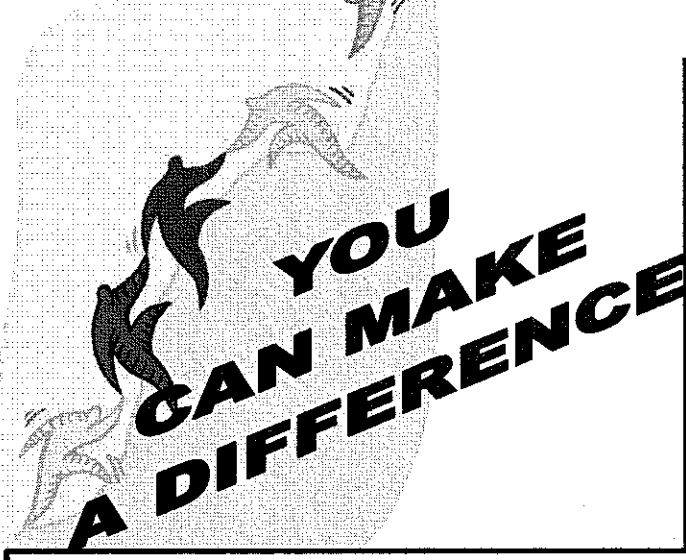
Executive Director – Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre

For more info... George Ibach at (403)527-7434

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



OPERATING FINANCES

This week August 30 – September 6, 2012)

Cost to operate our Parish (Budget 2012)	\$16,500
General Collections:	\$ 13,957
Debt Reduction (Mortgage Fund):	<u>4,601</u>
Total Collections:	\$ 18,558
Exceed or (Shortfall):	\$2,058

Special Collections:

W. Africa/Philippines Relief:	570
Together in Action:	1,794
World Missions:	27
St Vincent de Paul:	1,048
CARO donation:	80
NET Ministries donations:	250

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 2nd 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!

Feeding the Homeless

New schedules are available in the wall pockets beside the Vestment Room

CHILDREN'S/YOUTH CHOIR

Hey there! If you're 10 years old or older, love up beat music, having fun hanging out with friends and learning a thing or two about liturgy and celebrating mass then come join us! We'll be putting together a choir that will be leading music 2 masses a month. Every 2nd Saturday at St. Patrick's Church at 5:00pm and the 4th Sunday at Holy Family at 6:00pm This would make a great "service project" and an awesome chance for older youth to share their gifts, show leadership and have fun all at the same time! For more info contact Sally Myers at either Holy Family or St. Patrick's Church.

Learning & Growing

SACRAMENTS PROGRAM:

First Communion/Reconciliation and Confirmation

All sacrament candidates will be asked to attend on average 2 classes a month, as well as participate in a NET led activity such as Family Fun Day or Equip Night.

Family Fun Day – Saturdays 1:00 – 4:00 alternating between St. Patrick's & Holy Family Parishes. Yup! The title says it all! Open to all families, twice a month the NET gang will be planning some great family activities that will be like Zany Fun! Come check it out!!

Equip Night – Friday Nights 7:00- 9:00pm alternating between St. Patrick's & Holy Family Parishes. For students Grades 6 to 9. Equip Night will be a totally amazing time of high energy fun, hanging out with some pretty cool NET people, hearing some great music and oh yeah... FOOD!! I am so Not kidding you!!! You'll even learn a little more about Catholic faith! See ya there!!

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.



Baptism Preparation Class

Get registered for the September Baptism Preparation Class by Thursday, September the 13th if you want to attend.

WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT AT SANCTUM

Sanctum Retreat (near Caroline, Alberta) is offering a guided silent retreat in September for women. You are warmly invited to come celebrate a gift for the soul! Pause to refocus and pray, coming to the quiet to be with God in the solitude: September 14-16, 2012 – For more information or to register, please contact Shirley at (403)275-2530 or by email at smkabeary@gmail.com, or visit www.sanctumretreat.ca.

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.

Fr. Philip's

Two Sundays ago after baptizing four babies, a kid asked me, "Why did you pour so much water on their heads, you made them real wet?" And why did you mess up their hair with oil? I don't like it that way. But the babies were cool, they didn't cry at all."

These questions make us think about our baptism. When we were baptized, we were baptized into the life, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. When we were anointed, we began to share the glory and ministry of Jesus as priest, prophet and king.

Probably some of us would ask, "How do we share his glory and ministry as priest, prophet and king?"

Of course there is a difference between the ministerial priesthood of ordained priests and common priesthood of other baptized. We can't all do things as a priest does in terms of celebrating the Sacraments. But our common priesthood has its own dimension. The common priesthood of the baptized makes them an offering to the Lord. We can participate in the celebrating of the Mass in different ways. By our sharing the ministries in the liturgy, as lectors, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, choirs, ushers, by our worship, prayers, communion and daily Christian life, with Jesus, we offer a perfect offering to God.

We share the ministry of Jesus as a prophet by proclaiming the Word, by teaching our children, and by giving the good example of a Christian life to other, by visiting the sick and sharing the comfort and consolation to the dying or even by burying the dead.

We share the kingship's ministry of Jesus by making our family a small Christian church, by helping the parish priest in pastoral leadership, by making our parish a good place to worship and a good Christian community. The kingship of Jesus is also manifested in the participation of different services in the parish such as K of C, CWL, St. Vincent de Paul, etc.

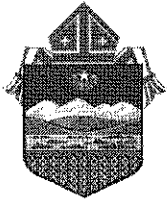
But it's not always easy when we offer our share in the ministries. It requires a lot of sacrifices and dedications. Sometimes we have to accept harsh criticism too. I remember Bishop Croteau in

Northwest Territories where I served before, who once told me that he spent hundreds of thousand dollars to train the local people for the ministries in the communities. But because of only one or two criticisms, the people left their ministry and the poor Bishop had to train others again.

There have been lots of people in our parish who have offered their services and participated in many ministries over the years. We thank them and we want to have more people like them. Since last month we began to have Fr. Matthew in our parish. Thank you for welcoming him with opened arms. We thank God for his priestly ministry. The two of us briefly met each other only once before his assignment and now we live in the same house, work together in the same ministry! Yet we get along just fine! Here I found some humorous comments made about a parish priest in a typical parish. Please read as a joke only.

- If his homily is longer than usual: "*He sends us to sleep!*"
- If it's short: "*He hasn't bothered!*"
- If he raises his voice: "*He's shouting!*"
- If he speaks normally: "*You can't hear a thing!*"
- If he's away: "*He's always on the road!*"
- If he's at home: "*He's a stick-in-the-mud!*"
- If he's out visiting: "*He's never at home!*"
- If he's in the rectory: "*He never visits people!*"
- If he talks finances: "*He's too fond of money!*"
- If he doesn't: "*The parish is dead!*"
- If he takes his time with people: "*He wears everybody out!*"
- If he is brief: "*He never listens!*"
- If he starts Mass on time: "*His watch must be fast!*"
- If he starts a minute late: "*He holds everybody up!*"
- If he's young: "*He lacks experience!*"
- If he's old: "*He ought to retire!*"
- And if he dies? "*Well, of course, no one could ever take his place!*"

There is no Christian ministry outside the ministry of Jesus. It's interesting to know how Jesus accomplished his ministry and where he ended up: the Cross and Resurrection. God bless!



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre for
September 9th 2012, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Calgary Diocesan Country Fair - The Palio

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. Purchase your tickets in your parish or purchase online. See www.palio.ca for details.

Social Justice Ministry

Emergency Appeal for Food Crisis in West Africa – The Diocese is participating in an appeal to assist those affected by the Food Crisis in West Africa and accepting financial donations. All funds will be forwarded to the Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP). The Government of Canada will match all donations made until September 30th. Donations can be made in the following ways:

- by sending a cheque payable to your parish and earmarked "Sahel (West Africa Food Crisis)"
- by sending a cheque payable to the RC Diocese of Calgary, earmarked "Sahel (West Africa Food Crisis)" and sent to Pastoral Centre, 120 17 Ave SW, Calgary, AB, T2S 2T2 .

Syrian Crisis Relief Effort - The Holy Father has appealed international efforts to assist Syrian refugees fleeing Syria and to encourage peace efforts in this region. CNEWA - Canada, the Canadian Catholic Near East Welfare Association is collecting funds to assist refugees fleeing Syria.

Our Diocese is accepting financial donations to assist Syrian refugee victims and all funds will be forwarded to CNEWA-Canada. Donations can be made as follows:

- by sending a cheque payable to your parish earmarked "Syrian Relief Effort"
- by sending a cheque payable to the Diocese earmarked "Syrian Relief Effort" and sent to the Pastoral Centre, 120 17th Ave S.W., Calgary AB T2S 2T2.

Flooding in Manila, Philippines - The Diocese is accepting financial donations for emergency relief efforts to assist victims affected by massive flooding in Manila and surrounding areas in the Philippines. All monies collected will be forwarded to the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP), which is working with local organizations on site to bring aid to flood victims. Donations can be made as follows:

- by sending a cheque payable to your parish and earmarked "Philippines Floods"
- by sending a cheque payable to the diocese and earmarked "Philippines Floods" and sent to the Pastoral Centre at 120 17th Ave. S.W., Calgary, AB T2S 2T2.

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 22nd 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.

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 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 registration contact 403-218-5504.

Retrouvaille, a weekend retreat for couples experiencing difficulty in their marriage, will be offered on **September 28-30th**. For more information please call Gabriele at 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 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.

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil - September 26 - November 4, 2012 from **8:00 am to 8:00 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 an hour a day, a week or whenever you can. Organize your parish, your family or your friends to join you. For details and sign up visit www.40daysforlife.com/calgary or call Dave & Kay'd at 403-467-6961.

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 218-5506 or toll-free 1-877-597- 3223.

Calgary HomeSHARE connects senior homeowners with adult home seekers who assist 4-10 hours / week with simple household tasks in exchange for safe, affordable accommodation. Check FAQs at www.calgaryseniors.org for more information, phone 403-266-6200, or email 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 to 4:00pm**, on Macleod Trail south between 58th and 90th Avenues. For more information go to www.lifechaincalgary.org Contact John Harder at 403-246-8848 or lifechaininfo@gmail.com to reserve a spot for your church group.

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. Next program will take place on, **Oct 15, Nov 2-3**.

Calgary Catholic

Fourth annual Calgary Catholic Run & Walk – register now! We welcome Calgary Catholic employees, students, parents, retirees, family and friends invited to participate in the fourth annual Calgary Catholic Run & Walk on **Saturday, September 22, 2012**. It's an opportunity to come together with a focus on community, health, fitness and to raise funds for the Calgary Catholic Education Foundation and Inn from the Cold. Participants can register for either a 5 km or 10 km run or a 5 km walk as well as enter their preschool children in a "Little Legs" race. The event starts at **Glenmore Athletic Park** at **9 a.m.** Pre and post-race activities include a warm-up before the race as well as entertainment, refreshments and snacks following the event. With a 5 km and 10 km run, a 5 km walk, and a little legs race there is something for everyone. For more information, please visit www.cssd.ab.ca.