



# ST. MARTHA'S PARISH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 7, 2023

I Am the Way,  
the Truth,  
and the Life

NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER  
EXCEPT THROUGH ME

JOHN 14:6

## GOSPEL REFLECTION | John 14:1-12

In typical John-style we hear from the mouth of Jesus the basic building blocks of his true identity, of his life and ministry, and of Christian truth and theology: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." As Jesus takes leave from his disciples and they ask where he is going, he stresses once again who he is – I AM. Jesus' words are to encourage all disciples to continue believing the God of life.

1. What part of this reading speaks to you most strongly today?
2. How do Jesus' words console you, challenge you, send you forth?
3. In what way does faith in Jesus help you grow a big heart?

(Diocese of Saskatoon)



### SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS:

In Baptism, we welcome: Aiden Nicholas Galvan, Kacey Marie Krokosh, Azriel Joseph James Ugenti, Emelia Mara Rose McMillan, Koen James Parr, Reece Violet May Parr, Lennon Kathryn Hahn to our Christian family.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE DIED:

Peter Van der Lee



### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH:

Riley Svoboda, Marianne Blythe, Devassy Palissery, Rose Beresnak, Helen Smith, Kathleen Roth, August Schulze-Ebbinghoff, Ernest Geisler, Veronica Eagle Bear, Teresa Andron, Roz Walderman, Lou Karpick, Deacon Michael Pollard, Anthony Johnston, Ellsworth Braun, Ellis Watson, Adeline Sherman, Linda Westgeest, Mary Graham, Peter Danielson, Michael Cormican



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**Pastor:** Fr. William Monis

**Office Hours :** Monday—Friday, 8:30am—12pm, 12:30pm—4

## MASS, CONFESSION, PRAYER

**Mass Times:** Mon, Wed-Fri 9am Tue. 7pm  
Sat. 5pm Sun. 9am & 11am

**Reconciliation:** Sat. 4pm or by appointment

**Adoration:** Fri. 10am-8pm following Mass – schedule permitting

**Rosary:** 30min before Mass **Divine Mercy Chaplet:** Fridays 3pm

**Divine Office:** Morning prayers after weekday morning Masses

## LETHBRIDGE WORLD YOUTH DAY NEWS



**BOTTLE DRIVE** | Sat. May 27th. If you have any bottles/cans to donate, please use the QR code to sign up for a pick up at your home. You can also take bottles & cans to either GPS Container Depots, or Ability Bottle Depots on an ongoing basis until July & donate your return to the WYD pilgrims. Please let them know to place your return in the "Lethbridge Catholic Youth" account before they begin

counting your return. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Wilson : 403-892-2010.

**AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED** | There will be a WYD fundraiser gala in Calgary in June. If you have items that you could donate, please contact Heather Spiess for pick up: 403-380-4871.

**MEAT RAFFLE** | The parish office has tickets. Tickets \$10/each or 3 for @25. Please bring exact change. Draw: 7 big prizes from Prairie Meats Ltd. in Coaldale from 100lbs of beef to 25lb beef & pork packs. See posters on church bulletin boards for more info. Raffle draw is on June 3rd.



Throughout the month of May, our parish is showcasing nine paintings of the Blessed Virgin Mary by local artist and parishioner, Jim Robinson. This exhibition is dedicated to Our Holy Mother and to the protection of the unborn. All proceeds will support the Lethbridge & District Pro-Life Society. The event is sponsored by St. Martha's Knights of Columbus.

## HS SCHOOL DIVISION NEWS

**SHARE THE MISSION AWARD** | Nominations welcome for the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division's "Share the Mission Award." If you know of an individual or group you would like to nominate, please forward their name to the HS School Division Office by June 9, 2023. Nomination form is available on the division's website or click the following link: [Share the Mission Award Nomination Form](#) . For more information, please contact Rhonda Kawa at (403) 327-9555.

### GR. 6 SCHOOL RETREATS AT ST. MARTHA'S PARISH |

Lethbridge West Catholic Elementary Schools will have school retreats at St. Martha's in May. St. Patrick's and Children of St. Martha Gr. 6 retreat: **Wed., May 24th, 9am - 11:30am**. Father Leonard Van Tiguen Gr. 6 retreat: **Thurs., May 25, 9:30am - 12pm**.

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be a change in Mass time on Thurs., May 25 from 9am to 9:30am to accommodate FLVT Grade 6 students' arrival.**


## ST. MARTHA'S CWL NEWS

**SOCIAL JUSTICE TALK | Ending Child Poverty: What can we do as a community?** Speaker: Sharon Yanicki. When: May 9, 7:30pm Location: Knights' Hall, St. Martha's Parish.

Everyone is welcome. Please join us for this presentation at our upcoming CWL meeting.

Sharon is a retired nurse and academic, and a member of the Social Health Equity Network of Lethbridge and Area; Sharon will address some of the recommendations of the SHENLA 2022 Poverty Report.

## KOFC NEWS

 **MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST** | The KofC will be hosting a Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast following the 9am & 11am Masses in the Knights' Hall on Sunday, May 14th.

## SYRIAN REFUGEE NEWS

**PLANT SALE** | On May 19th - 20th, following Sunday Masses at Assumption Hall, the Lethbridge Refugee Committee will be holding a Plant Sale, as well as, a Silent Auction to fundraise. The committee continues to look for new members. Please contact the office if you can support this ministry beyond prayers.

## NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Novena to the Holy Spirit will begin following weekday Morning Prayer (after the morning Mass - will not meet on weekend) from Friday, May 19th until Saturday, May 27th on the eve of Pentecost Sunday.

## SACRISTAN NEEDED!

**COULD THIS BE YOU?** | St. Martha's is in great need of Sacristans for the Saturday, 5pm Mass. You can sign up as an individual or as a pair. What does the Sacristan do? He/she comes to the church early before Mass to prepare the church and set up the altar. The Sacristan prepares the bread and wine, sets out the sacred vessels, liturgical books and prepares the altar space. They ensure all the Ministers are in place. The Sacristan must have a reverence for the sanctuary and for all articles and sacred vessels used in the Mass. Please contact the parish office if interested.

## LIVING WITH CHRIST MISSALS

Living with Christ monthly missals will increase in price from \$4 to \$5 starting June 2023. Please visit or call the office with any questions.

## MASS TIME CHANGES THIS MONTH



**Tuesday, May 9th** - Mass will be celebrated at **5:00 PM** (NOT 7pm) to accommodate the Annual Long Service Awards at St. Martha's Parish.

**Thursday, May 25th** - Mass will be celebrated at **9:30 AM** (NOT 9am) to accommodate FLVT Grade 6's coming to St. Martha's on retreat.

## MORE NEW & EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

**Hike for Life** | Join a peaceful, prayerful, and family-friendly 10K Walk/Hike on Saturday, May 13 to celebrate and witness to respect for every life! Grandparents and elderly are invited too! Tables and chairs will be available. Enjoy live music, snacks, and a hotdog BBQ lunch after the walk! Funds raised will support four educational *Respect Life* programs in schools and the community. Register at [calgaryprolife.com](http://calgaryprolife.com) or call 403-243-0691

**Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day** | Sat., May 13, 5pm - Rosary followed by Mass and candlelight procession of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Calgary.

**Restoring the Feminine Heart Conference** | Beloved Daughters Ministry invites you to their women's conference, offering a time of rest and renewal, with speakers Heather and Jake Khym. When: **Fri-Sat, May 26-27** at St. Luke's, Calgary. [Register now](#)

**Career Opportunity** | Family Faith Coordinator – All Saints Parish, Lethbridge. Please visit [catholicyc.ca/careers](http://catholicyc.ca/careers) for more information and application details.

**Voting Like a Catholic** | It is the moral duty of every Catholic to vote. We pray that you make a prayerful decision in light of the gospel message and choose representatives who uphold justice, religious freedom, the common good and moral values. Check out:

["Voting Like a Catholic" guide \(PDF\)](#)  
[Alberta party platform comparison](#)

**National Family & Life Week: May 7-14** | To love one another is to see the face of Christ in every person, beginning with our families. To love one another recognizes a person's inestimable dignity and worth. To love one another is our shared need for unflinching tenderness, kindness, compassion and care.

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Diocese of Calgary invites all the faithful to celebrate the joy and beauty of family and life during the National Family & Life Week, May 7-14. We have compiled a list of amazing resources from CCCB to help you make the most of this special week.

[Daily prayers and activities for families and parishes \(PDF\)](#)  
[Catechesis for families and parishes \(PDF\)](#) [More resources](#)

**Our Lady of Victory Camp in Summer** | If you have any questions, please contact us at 587-447-2837 or visit [www.olvcamp.com](http://www.olvcamp.com)

**Visitation of Mary Feast Day** | **Wed, May 31 from 11am - 2pm** at the Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Rockies, Canmore. Bishop McGrattan invites you to join him on the Visitation of Mary Feast Day, to pray and gather, and entrust the work of the Synod of Bishops to Mary, Mother of the Church. We will be celebrating the Feast Day Mass with Bishop McGrattan, followed by a reception and an outdoor rosary. All are welcome!

**Lethbridge "People of Praise" Society (Live-In community)** invites you to a Life in the Spirit Seminar, 7 consecutive weeks starting **Wednesday, May 10 until June 21** at 7 pm, Assumption Parish Hall (2405-12 Ave S. Lethbridge) except for May 17 at St. Basil's lower hall, 604-13<sup>th</sup> St N Lethbridge. Register/more info: Shelley Holden at 403-330-6255.

**TrAID for MaID** | **Tue, May 30 at 7:30 pm, St. Michael's, Calgary.** True Assistance in Dying: why is MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying) embedding itself in our country? St. Michael's Catholic Women's League will be hosting Dr. Peggy Thomson-Gibson, MSCM. FRCP(C), as

she presents on how to "Defend the Faith without Raising our Voice" to shed the light of faith through prayer, action and sacrifice.

**Laudato Si' Week 2023** will be celebrated **May 21-28** with the film "The Letter" (YouTube originals) to mark the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on care for creation. Let's keep bringing *Laudato Si'* to life! Watch movie now at <http://www.theletterfilm.org/watch>

**Pope's May Prayer Intention** | *Let us pray that ecclesial movements and groups may daily rediscover their mission, an evangelizing mission, and that they place their own charisms at the service of the world's needs.*

### MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	May 8	9 am	Kaziu & Danka Wodzinski +
Tues	May 9	7 pm	Anthony & Maria Straga +
Wed	May 10	9 am 10:30am	Beckie family Souls in Purgatory - Age Care Mass
Thurs	May 11	9 am 10:30am	Natasha Toney Koulette Roughan
Fri	May 12	9 am	Jennifer Ann Neufeld Whimster +
Sat	May 13	5 pm	Sylvia Patton +
Sun	May 14	9 am 11 am	CWL All parishioners

Mass intention sent to Diocese: Peter Vanderlee +

Mass intentions for the month are listed on parish bulletin boards

### THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTHA'S

Mon 8th	9:00 am	Mass
	1:30 pm	Hobby Prayer Group
Tues 9th	10:30 am	Catechism in a Year Meet-up
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Mass (NOTE: CHANGE IN TIME TODAY)</b>
Wed 10th	9:00 am	Mass
	9:45 am	Mom's Rosary Group
	10:30 am	Age Care Columbia Mass
	6:30 pm	Legion of Mary
	6:30 pm	Junior Youth Night
Thurs 11th	9:00 am	Mass
	10:30 am	Good Samaritan West Highland Mass
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Fri 12th	9:00 am	Mass
	9:30 am	Adoration until 8pm
Sat 13th	4:00 pm	Confession
	5:00 pm	Mass
Sun 14th	9:00 am	Mass - with Children's Liturgy
	10:00 am	Mother's Day Breakfast in Knights' Hall
	11:00 am	Mass - with Children's Liturgy

## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism** Infant baptism is celebrated following the completion of our parish baptism preparation program. New and expectant parents are invited to contact Zachary Hampton, our Sacraments Coordinator, for more information: [sacraments@stmarthasparish.ca](mailto:sacraments@stmarthasparish.ca)

**First Holy Communion, Confirmation:** Liturgy for the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Martha's Parish will be held on Sat. May 27th, 5:00pm with His Excellency Bishop McGrattan. The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be held on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 11th, 9:00am & 11:00am. Fill out the registration form for Sacramental preparation on our [website](#). Contact Zachary Hampton, Sacraments Coordinator, for more information: [sacraments@stmarthasparish.ca](mailto:sacraments@stmarthasparish.ca)

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):** This Easter, please pray for our catechumens and candidates. RCIA is a program for those interested in becoming Catholic. For more information, call the office or email: [sacraments@stmarthasparish.ca](mailto:sacraments@stmarthasparish.ca)

**Marriages/Marriage Preparation** Couples registered within the parish are required to make arrangements at least **six months prior, no exception**, to the date of marriage by calling the office to schedule interviews with Fr. William and completing the marriage preparation program. Couples complete the marriage preparation course AFTER their first interview with a cleric. Calgary diocese marriage preparation courses: [catholicyc.ca/marriageprep](http://catholicyc.ca/marriageprep). There are also classes available at All Saints Parish, Lethbridge.

**Anointing of the Sick** If you have a relative who has been admitted to hospital please let the admitting clerk know their faith denomination, so that one of our Catholic priests can provide this Sacrament.



Our parish relies on your Sunday offerings for maintenance and growth. By making your pre-authorized offertory gift, you are providing crucial support to care for your parish.

- ◆ Set up pre-authorized debits through our office.
- ◆ Send e-transfers to [office@stmarthasparish.ca](mailto:office@stmarthasparish.ca) (no password needed).
- ◆ Use the online giving page on the diocesan website to set up a one-time or recurring donation to St. Martha's via credit-card: <https://www.catholicyc.ca/donatetoparish>

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### Emergency Support for Syria & Turkey |

- Development and Peace - Caritas Canada | 1-800-494-1401
- CNEWA Canada | 1-866-322-4441

[Donate through Development and Peace - Caritas Canada](#)

**Support Ukraine** | Kindly donate through our parish or online at: [www.cnewa.org/c](http://www.cnewa.org/c) and [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org)

**E-Transfer:** [office@stmarthasparish.ca](mailto:office@stmarthasparish.ca)

**St. Vincent de Paul** - E-transfer: [svspleth@gmail.com](mailto:svspleth@gmail.com), 403-328-5493

**Syrian Refugee Fund** Write, "Syrian Refugee Fund" in memo of donations.

**Soap for Hope** Bring new/lightly used toiletries to box in gathering space.

**Grocery Cards** Support our KofC & CWL Fundraiser. Purchase cards in the gathering space after weekend Masses & parish office. Profits go to various ministries in our Parish.

2023  
**Together IN ACTION**  
Annual Diocesan Appeal

1 John 3:18  
LET US LOVE, NOT IN WORD OR SPEECH, BUT IN TRUTH AND ACTION

**OUR PARISH GOAL:**  
**\$42,034**

**The amount collected to date: \$5062.50**

Donate here

**THE POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS**

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023**

**Pope's Pastoral Works Sunday | Sunday, May 21**, there will be a second collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works. This National Collection was established by the Bishops of Canada in 1970. The funds collected help the Pope contribute to charitable causes around the world, particularly toward aiding victims of war, famine and natural disasters. To give online, go to [catholicyc.ca/ca](http://catholicyc.ca/ca) and click "Pope's Pastoral Works".