



ST. MARTHA'S PARISH

PENTECOST SUNDAY ~ MAY 28, 2023



GOSPEL REFLECTION | John 20:19-13

The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the [Second Sunday of Easter](#) this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of

the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."



SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS:

First Holy Communion:

Congratulations to Hannah Baquiran, Rayne Boisson, Owen Wiebe

Confirmation, May 27th:

Congratulations to Dilinna Aneke, Hannah Baquiran, Blake Barton, Jaren Barton, Rayne Boisson, Elliana Bonnaventure, Carter Christensen, Seamus Cormican, Nicholas Denecky, Maddox Frank, Lyam Hernandez, Blake LaMontagne, Korbyn LaMontagne, Owen Larsen, Alyssa Latag, Siena Mauro, Minsung Kim, Claire Peake, Duncan Perverziff, Anna Richter, Fernanda Rodriguez, Sienna Spanos, Thijs Timmerman, Anna Vander Wekken, Karla Vasquez Moreno, Xander Verhage, Owen Wiebe



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH:

Joe Gatner, Anthony Johnston, 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

WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMS FUNDRAISING

NEW! LEAP TO LISBON FAMILY DANCE | Sat., June 3rd, 6-10pm; Assumption Hall. Come dance & support young pilgrims going to WYD. Free will donations accepted. Hot dogs, chips, floats, wine, beer available for purchase.

MEAT RAFFLE | Parish office has tickets. Tickets \$10/each or 3 for @25. Please bring exact change. See posters on church bulletin boards for more info. Raffle draw is on June 3rd.

HS SCHOOL DIVISION NEWS

SHARE THE MISSION AWARD | Nominate an individual/group to HS School Division Office by June 9, 2023. Nomination forms available on division's website. For more info, please contact Rhonda Kawa at (403) 327-9555.

SOCCER

A group of parishioners are trying to form a soccer team on Sundays at Nicolas Sheran Park. Please speak to Fr. William after Mass if interested!

MEN'S PRAY & PLAY

Come join in an evening of prayer and hockey! Every Tuesday evening. Begins with Rosary at St. Martha's in the chapel, followed by a game of hockey at Cavendish Farm Centre. In May, Rosary will begin at 8:30pm followed by hockey. In June & July, Rosary starts at 7:45pm. For more info, contact the parish office.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is a worldwide organization dedicated to spreading devotion to the Gospel through the intercession of His Holy Mother.

If you have already experienced the consolation, joy and strength found in the daily praying of the Most Holy Rosary, becoming an 'Auxiliary Member' would mean adding the Legion of Mary 'Tessera' prayers of about five minutes per day to what you are already doing.

As an 'Auxiliary Member' it is not necessary that you attend the weekly meetings...Just that you make a strong lifelong commitment to the daily praying of both the Most Holy Rosary, as well as the Tessera prayers.

If you discern, through prayer, that you are meant to become a lifelong 'Active Member' of the Legion of Mary, you would pray the Most Holy Rosary, as well as the Legion of Mary 'Tessera' prayers daily. In addition to the praying of these, you would attend the weekly meetings, and be involved in kindly and mercifully spreading devotion to Jesus, through Holy Mother Mary.

In closing, we would kindly request that you pray to discern if becoming a lifelong Auxiliary or Active Member of the Legion of Mary is meant for you...

May our Good and Gracious Lord Jesus, bless you and your family in all things, through the powerful intercession of His Holy Mother...

CALLED TO SERVE! VOLUNTEER CORNER

Volunteers are needed in the following ministries:

Lector; Sacristan; Collection Counting

Please contact the parish office if you are called to serve! Thank you!



PERMANENT DIACONATE - OPEN HOUSE DATES

If you are interested or feel that you are being called to a vocation as a Permanent Deacon, and you meet the qualifications listed in the website, please join us at one of the following in person open houses: **Sat. June 3, 2023, at 1 pm** at St. Martha's Parish or **Sat. June 10, 2023, 10 am** at St. Mary's Cathedral Hall. For more info, visit catholicyy.ca/permanentdiaconate

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

KofC Wind-Up | Fun golf and dinner on Sunday, June 18th. Golf starts at 1pm; cocktails at 5pm; dinner at 6pm in the Knights' Hall. For more info and to register, please contact Fred Nowicki: 403-320-9036



REQUEST FROM HARAMBEE GRANDMAS

The Harambee Grandmas are well underway in planning their 6th annual fabric and yarn sale, set for October 20-21, and are beyond grateful to the many generous-hearted folks who have contributed in all kinds of ways to make their past sales both successful and a lot of fun!

Donations of unused fabric, yarn, and notions are now being gratefully accepted! For more info about the Harambee Grandmas, please pick up a brochure from the bulletin board in the vestibule.

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is set for October 20 and 21, 2023**

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Please contact us at
harambeegrandmas@telus.net
to arrange for pickup or delivery.

ALL SAINTS CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

All Saint's Parish in Lethbridge cordially invites you to CELEBRATE our GIFT of the EUCHARIST with a procession on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 11, 2023 as we *WALK the streets WITH JESUS.*

Our procession leaves at 12:00 noon from two locations. Our Lady of the Assumption Church and St. Basil's Church. The walk takes about 45min to 1 hour with a prayer stop along both routes. We walk to Catholic Central Highschool (east campus) where we will conclude with Benediction and a (free) light lunch social. We ask that you wear WHITE to represent the body of Christ or RED as an option to represent the His precious blood. Please see poster on vestibule bulletin board for more info.

MASS TIME CHANGE & OFFICE CLOSURES

Monday, May 29th - Parish office closed for diocesan staff retreat

Friday, June 16th - Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM (NOT 9am) to accommodate FLVT year-end School Mass

MORE NEW & EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

Ordination of Santiago Torres to Priesthood | Rev. Mr. Santiago Torres has been called to ordination to the Holy Priesthood on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. When: **Friday, June 16 at 7 pm - St. Mary's Cathedral. All are welcome!**

Feast of the Visitation of Mary | Wed, May 31st, Shrine of Our Lady of the Rockies, Canmore. 11am Mass with Bishop McGrattan; outdoor Rosary with Seeds of the Word Community; God Squad BBQ Lunch.

40 Hours for Priestly and Religious Vocations | 40 Hours Adoration at St. Anthony's Parish to ask the Lord for an increase of Priestly and Religious Vocations in our Diocese at St. Anthony's Adoration Chapel, 5340 4th St. SW, Calgary (entrance from the back of the church). When: Fri, June 2 at 3 pm to Sun June 4 at 7 am. To receive the security lock code to enter the chapel, email info@stanthonysyc.ca or call (403) 252-1137.

Benedictine Spirituality for Everyday Life | Sat, June 10, 1:30pm - 4:30 pm. The Oblates of St. Benedict invites you to join guest speaker Fr. John Paul Le, O.S.B., Director of Oblates from Mount Angel Abbey, Oregon, who will give two informative talks and answer questions on how to live out Benedictine Spirituality in everyday life. No registration required and there is no cost to attend. For more information, contact Patricia at (403) 630-1312.

Vote like a Catholic | In preparation for the upcoming provincial election, the Alberta Bishops offer to our Catholic faithful a reminder of important principles and concerns, which stem from the social doctrine of the Church, to guide the discernment of choices that accord with the Gospel's vision for the right ordering of society. Read the [Alberta Bishops' message](#) on our blog | Listen to "[How to vote as a Catholic](#)" podcast with Archbishop Smith. Check out: "[Voting Like a Catholic](#)" guide (PDF); [Alberta party platform comparison](#)

Lethbridge Pro-Life Hike for Life | Sat., June 3rd. Kick-off: 9am; Henderson Lake Kiwanis Shelter. Free t-shirts, food, bouncy castle and games, prizes for participants. If you cannot walk, come join for fellowship or sponsor another hiker. Download a form from our website: <https://www.lifelethbridge.org/hikeforlife>

Bishop's Message about MAiD | Together with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC), Bishop McGrattan is urging the faithful to continue to oppose the expansion of MAiD in Canada. The CCCC has just issued an Open Letter to the Government of Canada and a Message to the Catholic Faithful on May 9 re: *Permitting Persons Living with Mental Illness to Access Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide*. Access the CCCC letters below.

[CCCCB - Message to the Catholic Faithful on Permitting Persons Living with Mental Illness to Access Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide](#)
[CCCCB - Open Letter to the Government of Canada on Permitting Persons Living with Mental Illness to Access Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide](#)

Career Opportunity | Family Faith Coordinator – All Saints Parish, Lethbridge. Please visit catholiccyc.ca/careers for more info.

Father of Light, from whom every good gift comes, send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind, and by the flame of your wisdom open the horizons of our minds.

MORNING PRAYER, PENTECOST



LATIN ROSARY

Salve! Hello! My name is Chris Robinson and I'm a member of St. Martha's Parish, as well as, the Knights of Columbus. I am passionate about the preservation of the Latin Rosary in our Holy Mother Catholic Church. Latin in the Church dates back to 395 A.D. If you would like to learn to pray the Holy Latin Rosary, please email me at rosariumlatinum@outlook.com or 403-393-0400. Once I have received some responses, I will be emailing you to determine which day works best for recitation of the Latin Rosary. Deus benedicat tibi (God Bless you).

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 INTENTIONS

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| Mon | May 29 | 9 am | Serafin family + |
| Tues | May 30 | 7 pm | Jackie McNamara + |
| Wed | May 31 | 9 am | Richard Patton + |
| Thurs | June 1 | 9 am | Felix & Philipina Keen + |
| Fri | June 2 | 9 am | Justin Toney |
| Sat | June 3 | 5 pm | Beth Royer + |
| Sun | June 4 | 9 am 11 am | CWL All parishioners |

Mass intentions for the month are listed on parish bulletin boards

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTHA'S

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| Mon 29th | 9:00 am | Parish Office closed - Diocesan staff retreat Mass |
| Tues 30th | 9am-3pm 7:00 pm | CCH Gr. 11 All-day Retreat @ St. Martha's Mass |
| Wed 31st | 9:00 am 9:45 am 6:30 pm | Mass Mom's Rosary Group Legion of Mary |
| Thurs 1st | 9:00 am 7:30 pm | Mass Choir Practice |
| Fri 2nd | 9:00 am 9:30 am | Mass Adoration until 8pm |
| Sat 3rd | 1pm - 4 4:00 pm 5:00 pm | Deacon Candidate Information Session Confession Mass |
| Sun 4th | 9:00 am 11:00 am 1:30p - 3 | Mass Mass Mystagogy - The Creed |

Have you subscribed yet? [Diocesan publication, Faithfully](#)

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

First Holy Communion, Confirmation: Liturgy for the Sacrament of Confirmation: Sat. May 27th, 5:00pm with His Excellency Bishop McGrattan. Sacrament of First Holy Communion: Sun. June 11th, 9:00am & 11:00am. For future registrations; fill out registration form on our [website](http://www.stmarthasparish.ca). Contact Zachary Hampton, Sacraments Coordinator, for more information: sacraments@stmarthasparish.ca

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): RCIA is a program for those interested in becoming Catholic. For more information, call the office or email: 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. 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.



THE DIOCESE OF CALGARY
INVITES YOU TO THE
ORDINATION TO THE
HOLY PRIESTHOOD OF

**SANTIAGO
TORRES**

by the
MOST REVEREND
WILLIAM T. MCGRATTAN
BISHOP OF CALGARY

FRIDAY **16** JUNE
at 7 pm

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL
219 18 AVE SW, CALGARY
- RECEPTION TO FOLLOW -

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](http://www.caritascanada.ca)

Support Ukraine | Kindly donate through our parish or online at: www.cnewa.org/c and www.devp.org

E-Transfer: office@stmarthasparish.ca

St. Vincent de Paul - E-transfer: ssvpleth@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.

CHALICE SPONSORSHIP WEEKEND @ STM



Chalice Sponsorship Weekend

This June 10th and 11th,
open your heart to child
sponsorship.



Chalice is coming to St. Martha's Parish! At the June 10-11 Masses, Canada's largest Catholic Sponsorship organization will provide you with the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. It is a powerful way to reveal God's love for those most in need. Please visit chalice.ca for more information about Chalice and its mission.