



Parish News

April 16, 2021

From the desk of Fr. David

great confusion. There were rumors, unverified reports, the Empty Tomb, the Missing Body, the appearances to his followers.

Jesus' Death and Resurrection was a surprising turn of events for his followers. What happened to them, is not unlike, what happens in our lives when sudden change is thrust upon us. When our world is turned upside down, we are forced to re-think and re-evaluate our lives. When our lives are changed by illness, death, loss of employment or losses of any kind, we need an anchor, we need something to grasp onto. This is why it is so important to be rooted in our faith and in our relationship with Christ, so that, when we face the storms and changing tides of life, we will meet them with some preparation.

Our Lord is constantly reminding his disciples and ourselves, that we are not alone, we have not been abandoned. Jesus came to his disciples bringing peace and explaining the meaning of his suffering and death.

Today's Gospel account is in Jerusalem, where Jesus suffered, died and rose from the dead. From Jerusalem, He will ascend into heaven. In Jerusalem, at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit will descend. And from Jerusalem, the Gospel will spread to All Nations, to the ends of the earth.



"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has the eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of people."

St. Augustine

National Volunteer Week 2021 April 18-24



Thank you, Volunteers!

We are incredibly grateful to God for you and your loving service to the Church and the community. We want you to know that your work has not gone unnoticed. God bless you for your generosity, and thank you for being a blessing to others.



Thank you so much with your hard work and commitment, your willingness to give freely your time and talent is greatly appreciated, and your efforts are making a difference in our community. Compassion, kindness and respect are always qualities we need to show to the people we serve so they can be inspired.

We know how stressful it can be sometimes, but your words and actions go a long way toward helping everyone.

*Valuable people we have doing an
Outstanding job, they have
Lovely personalities and
Unique qualities that we
Need and love. Our
Team of volunteers are always
Enthusiastic and kind
Enlightening our lives and
Rocking our Church while
Sharing their gifts with us.*

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!

Space Needed for Sorting Books



Holy Spirit CWL is planning to hold our Book Sale, **our annual major fundraiser**, this fall. In order to hold the sale, we require a double garage. The garage does not need to be empty, but needs to allow room to stack boxes as the books are sorted. Volunteers will sort the books, so the owner of the garage does not need to be involved in any way except opening their door for us for a month.

If you have a garage you can lend or know of someone who is able to park on the street for a month this summer, please contact Gail Thauberger by phone at 403-258-0362 or email at gbthauberger@shaw.ca

A Big Thank You!



Holy Spirit CWL extends a heartfelt thank you for the generous donation of new socks and underwear for our less fortunate brothers and sisters. The Mustard Seed and Inn from the Cold appreciate your gift!

CCCB responds to Bill C-7

**Message from the Catholic Bishops of Canada to the Faithful
on the Expansion of Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide in Canada**

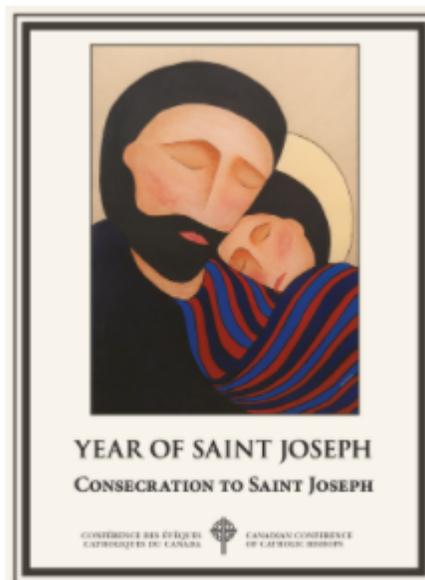
I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly (John 10:10)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During this Easter season as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ and the new life we have in him, we desire to engage our Catholic faithful on a subject of crucial importance to all of us. Bill C-7 has now become law, expanding euthanasia and assisted suicide in Canada, known as “Medical Assistance in Dying” (“MAiD”). As with the 2016 legislation that decriminalized these practices across Canada, the Catholic Bishops of Canada have consistently objected to such a law and most recently its expansion through Bill C-7,¹ which allows euthanasia and assisted suicide even for those whose death is not “reasonably foreseeable”. The possible pressures that will be placed on persons with mental illnesses or disabilities resulting from the most recent legislative changes are all too real, perilous and potentially destructive.²

Below is the link to CCCB's message to the faithful on euthanasia and assisted suicide. The message was prompted by and responds to the passage of Bill C-7 into law on 17 March 2021, which expands the eligibility criteria within Canada's “MAiD” legislation. Note that Bishop William McGrattan and Bishop Noël Simard serve as CCCB spokespersons in this matter. [Read message.](#)

Consecration to Saint Joseph



The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) invites all groups and families to deepen their Christian commitment through the act of consecration to Saint Joseph. By entrusting ourselves completely to the fatherly care and powerful intercession of the Church's patron saint, we are beseeching his help in living out those same virtues he did and so grow in the likeness of Christ evermore.

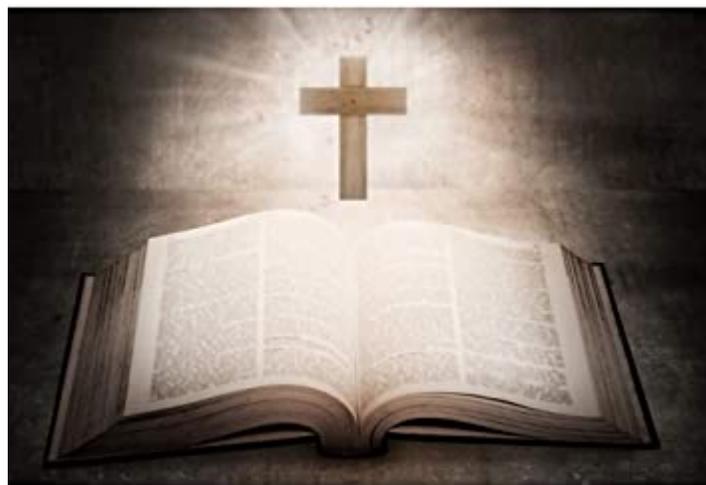
families. Download the ritual: [Consecration to Saint Joseph](#).

April Edition of Faithfully



Get inspired with faith stories, our Bishop's message, and find out what's happening in our Diocese. [Read the April edition](#)

This Week Mass Readings



Saturday April 17: Acts 6:1-7 / Psalm 33 / John 6:16-21

Sunday April 18: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 / Psalm 4 / 1John 2:1-5 / Luke 24:35-48

Monday April 19: Acts 6:8-15 / Psalm 119 / John 6:22-29

Tuesday April 20: Acts 7:51-8.1a / Psalm 31 / John 6:30-35

Friday April 23: Acts 9:1-20 / Psalm 117 / John 6:52-59

News from the Diocese of Calgary

1) Diaconate Information Sessions

The Diocesan Permanent Diaconate Council invites those who are interested or feel that they are being called to a vocation as a Permanent Deacon to join one of the following information sessions (Zoom).

- **Wednesday, April 21 at 7 pm** | [Join via Zoom](#)
Meeting ID: 864 2999 8972 - Passcode: 619475
- **Saturday, April 24 at 10 am** | [Join via Zoom](#)
Meeting ID: 841 7267 9702 - Passcode: 705724

Permanent Diaconate application deadline is May 31, 2021. The formation will run from September 2022 to November 2026. To find more information about how Permanent Deacons serve, the criteria and qualities sought for in a candidate, visit: catholiccy.ca/permanentdiaconate.

2) Vatican's new document on climate crisis

The climate crisis has a very human face. It is already a reality for multitudes of vulnerable people worldwide. The Vatican's Migrants and Refugees Section of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development has recently published and presented a resource document entitled, [Pastoral Orientations on Climate Displaced People](#). The resource highlights the new challenges posed by climate disruption and displacement and suggests pastoral responses to the global situation and crisis.

3) In need of Sunday Missals?

St. Mary's Cathedral has over 100 copies of the 2020-2021 Sunday Missals available at a reduced price of \$4/each. If you are interested to purchase, please contact Marilyn at 403-228-4170 #221, or email marilyn@stmaryscalgary.ca

4) A blog from Bolivia: How are families affected by the pandemic?

CIDSE is a community of Catholic agencies, including Development and Peace

pandemic affected families in Bolivia, and how transcendental role women have in their survival. [Read more.](#)

To get involved with Development & Peace in the Diocese of Calgary, contact devpyyc@gmail.com

5) **MPs to debate private member's bill to ban sex selection abortions**

Saskatchewan Conservative MP private member's bill to make abortions done on the basis of a baby's sex illegal in Canada will be up for debate and second reading in the House of Commons Wednesday, April 14. The bill would ban all abortions that are based on the predicted sex of the fetus, a practice that is common in societies valuing male children over females. [Read more.](#)

6) **Seven religious among kidnap victims in Haiti**

Five Haitian and two French religious, as well as three laypersons, were kidnapped in the Caribbean nation on Sunday as they were preparing to attend a ceremony for the installation of a new parish priest. The priests and sisters are members of the Society of Priests of St. Jacques and the Archdiocese of Cap Haitien. Please pray for their safety. [Read more.](#)

7) **The best parts of being a Catholic priest**

The Catholic Talk Show discuss the best parts of being a Catholic priest and why it's an awesome vocation. You will learn: why celibacy is actually a great thing, how celebrating the Sacraments change you, how the priesthood compares to fatherhood, and if priests get out of speeding tickets. [Watch show.](#)

A View of Our Finances

	March	Total 2021
DONATION	61,175	188,369
Government subsidy	1,242	4,998
EXPENSES		
Admin & Maintenance	56,755	151,213
Diocesan Assessment	7,642	22,926
Programs	1,871	12,557
Total Expenses	66,268	186,697
Revenue over Expenses		6,670
Deficit	-3,851	

Estimated to repair sewer cross line/pumps and tank To be paid 26,573



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 during this difficult time. We are now accepting debit/credit cards and online donations, which during this Covid-19 period, are safe options to keep giving. If you are interested in this way of helping, please contact the Parish Office or [click here](#) to register.

Spanish Mass Registration



The Hispanic community has no longer an online Registration System. If you wish to attend the Spanish Mass celebration, please come early, the system is first come, first served. Once reached the legal capacity (150 people per Mass), doors will be closed.



Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that it has never been known that anyone who asked for your help and sought your intercession was left unaided. Full of confidence in your power, I hasten to you, and beg your protection. Listen, O foster father of the Redeemer, to my humble prayer, and your goodness answer me. Amen.

We would like to let parishioners know that on April 13 and April 20 Fr. David will have his surgery (cataract) and he will be away until further notice. In the mean time, we will have another priest helping during weekend Masses. Please keep Fr. David in your prayers.

Mass Times

Monday to Friday: 9 am
Wednesday: 7 pm
First Saturday of the month: 9 am
Saturday: 5 pm, 7 pm (Spanish)
Sunday: 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm and 7 pm

The 5 pm Saturday Mass will be livestreamed. To view Mass live, visit our [YouTube Channel](#)

Mass Intentions

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday – Friday: 11 am – 4 pm
Saturday: Noon – 4 pm

Please sign up for Adoration using the invitation forms at the Welcome Desk, or contact Nazira Abi Rached. Text or call: **403-978-1303** or Email: eucharisticadoration2019@outlook.com

Rosary & Prayer Group

Rosary will take place in the Chapel every Wednesday at 6 pm and daily at 10 am on Zoom. To receive a Zoom invitation, contact Marta Toltes: totustuus@shaw.ca.

Four Mysteries of the Rosary are prayed every first Friday of the month at 4 pm in the Chapel.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed on zoom daily at 3:00 pm. To receive the link, email Marta Toltes: totustuus@shaw.ca.

Mercy Chaplet. All are welcome. Contact **Jeanne 403-281-3432**.

Please pray for the sick: Terez Blonde, Art Chouinard, Kye Beatty, Wilferd Becker, Brett Tennant, Jennifer Newton, Cindy Tennant, Michael Fraser, Bob Norton, Bill Dolan, Vi Metcalf, and Ed Chala.

Pray for the repose of the soul of: Gary Pozzo and Elaine Ferby (wife of Ross Ferby) and Sr. Aleykutty Vadassery (sister of Fr. Thomas Vadassery)

Prayer requests: The Rosary Making Apostolate has an Intercessory Prayer Ministry with over 150 'prayer partners' interceding for the requests received. The CWL also prays for these intentions. To request prayers send an email to totustuus@shaw.ca.

Catholic Links

[RC Diocese of Calgary](#)

[Vatican.va](#)

[CWL](#)

[Knights of Columbus](#)

Other Links and Resources

[COVID-19 Vaccine Program](#)

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**** Emergency only - please call Parish Office for inquiries.**



Mother Mary, pray for us.



St. Joseph, pray for us.

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