



## THE SHEPHERD'S PERSPECTIVE

**"No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you..." (John 15:13-14)**

"My Children,

I want you to know how much I love you. I want to pour my love upon you, within you and through you in ways that has not been happening since the creation of mankind. The Joy of the Lord is upon my children in these days, in ways, that cannot be explained.

It is going to be so beautiful and so powerful that all people will know that I am God. Many will reach out and receive me in abundance and many will not. You will be given a special grace to proclaim me in ways like never before."

**The Shepherd**



## SOME THOUGHTS ON THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL

"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God." Many folks really work very hard to circumvent difficult situations. We prefer the easier way around something, rather than risk inconvenience, hurt or prolonged suffering. It's no wonder euthanasia is rapidly becoming acceptable around the world. Through purely human eyes, there is no issue bypassing the inevitable, taking control and bringing things more swiftly to a place of peace. If this is the way God sees things, then why does Jesus make such a big deal helping us understand the experience of suffering and embrace it? God's wisdom clearly takes us in another direction.

Imagine if we were able to eradicate ALL hardship and suffering. Where would we be? As we look at our own journeys, many of our solid more growth producing life lessons have been born of suffering, disappointment, inconvenience, darkness, and despair. There is something sacred about all of these experiences as God uses them to create something new. Envisioning a life without hardship and suffering brings us to a vision where everything is flat-lined and dull. As much as hardship and suffering are difficult crosses to bear, not taking them up runs the risk of us becoming shallow, empty, and lifeless. Helen Keller remarks that, "a happy life consists not in the absence but in the mastery of hardships."

What an incredibly wise insight! Many really successful people and saints were brought to their station in life because they suffered. Suffering teaches us about what's important and propels us to search the depths of our souls for resources and strength we never would have known before.

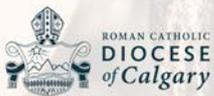
This is especially true when we love as Jesus asks us to love. Love, perhaps above any other experience, can cause us great hardship, pain, and suffering especially when it's authentic and unconditional. While it can thrust us into an incredible experience of God and life on one hand, it can bruise and wound us deeply on the other. Mastering the art of love is the secret to living life well, walking in the presence of God and investing in the joy of the Gospel. Love and suffering walk hand in hand. Compromising one will compromise the other. Maybe that's why Jesus spent so much time convincing us to accept both.

*I give you a new  
commandment*

**THAT YOU  
LOVE ONE  
ANOTHER**

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JOHN 13:34



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# WEEKLY PRAYERS

## Readings for the week of May 15, 2022

- Sunday:** Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
- Monday:** Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
- Friday:** Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
- Next Sunday:** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

## Observances for the week of May 15, 2022

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter;
- Monday:**
- Tuesday:**
- Wednesday:** St John I
- Thursday:**
- Friday:** St. Bernardine of Siena
- Saturday:** St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions - St. Eugene de Mazenod
- Next Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The resurrected Christ gives us the strength to do things we can never have imagined. Life will often give us mountains to climb, and we wonder how we will find the energy, ability, and determination to forge ahead. But, with a good dosage of faith and a fervent life of prayer we find ourselves succeeding and ascending to heights that once frightened us. What we realize after we have reached the other side is that this hardship we once saw as an obstacle has become a vehicle for something better and greater. We are stronger. The same is true with the Gospel. The prospect of loving one another may seem idealistic or unobtainable. Yet, when we risk moving beyond just looking out for or helping each other to actually **LOVING** each other, miracles happen. There is something wonderful that occurs with love. We see people in ways we never saw before, understanding and appreciating each other's journey. Love leads to reverence. Faith is strengthened and we move on to try again.

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## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**First Reading:** *We hear in Acts how Paul and Barnabas formed Gentile-believing churches in cities of the eastern Roman Empire. What do you think is needed today to build a strong faith community?*

**Second Reading:** *In John's final visions, he sees "a new Jerusalem" coming down from heaven. God is fully present with humanity and there is no more suffering and death. How often do you think about the end-times?*

**Gospel:** *As Jesus discussed his impending death with the disciples, he presents them with "a new commandment: love one another." In what ways are you challenged by this commandment?*

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"Long live Christ the King and the Virgin of Guadalupe!"

This was the slogan of the "Cristero" uprising in the 1920's against the anti-Catholic government of Mexico which had instituted and enforced laws against the Church in an absurd attempt to eradicate the Catholic faith in Mexico, even going so far as to ban all foreign clergy and the celebration of Mass in some regions.

St. Christopher Magallanes, along with 21 other priests and three lay companions, were martyred between 1915 and 1937, by shooting or hanging, throughout eight Mexican states, for their membership in the Cristero movement.

Magallanes erected a seminary in Totatiche and he and his companions secretly preached and ministered to the faithful.

The last words heard spoken by Magallanes were from his cell, when he shouted, "I am innocent and I die innocent. I forgive with all my heart those responsible for my death, and I ask God that the shedding of my blood serve the peace of our divided Mexico".

Pope John Paul II beatified the Cristero martyrs in 1992 and canonized them in 2000.

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*All holy men and women,  
Saints of God,  
Pray for us!*

# LEARNING ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



## **Question: What is the origin of the Rosary?**

**Answer:** The rosary as we know it today can be traced back to the life and preaching of St. Dominic. Also referred to as Dominic of Caleruega, Saint Dominic is the founder of the order of preachers or the Dominican order. The principle and foundation of the Dominican order rest on the Rosary of Mary.

There are some Catholics who believe that St. Dominic was asked by Mary, the mother of Jesus to pray the rosary in France to enable him at the Albigensian Heresy.

However, there are a few doubts as to the accuracy of the rosary originating from St. Dominic. Some are of the view that certain sections of the rosary had been prayed long before the time of St. Dominic.

While monks were known to practice the Divine Office where they recited all the 150 Psalms within a single day, the lay had the rosary as a meditation tool.

As they recited the Our Father prayers, the laity used prayer beads which are conceptually like the rosary beads used today. However, the use of prayer beads was also a practice that dates as far back as the ancient world.

Before being called the rosary, the beads were first called Paternosters, a term derived from the 'Our Father' prayers that the faithful recited. It was not until the 12th century that the use of the prayer beads for Ave Marias or Hail Mary prayers was first recorded.

The term rosary was adopted much later. Meaning a garland of roses, the rosary was symbolic of Our Lady who was represented by a rose. As time passed by, the form of the rosary was changed to include other prayers including Glory Be's and some meditative mysteries. As it is today, the rosary has become an indispensable tool to help Catholics in prayer and meditation.

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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### **Loving as New Creations**

"There's something different about you."

Think about the times in your life when this has been said to you. Maybe it was after someone complimented you on a job well done, and you realized that you were walking through life with a little more confidence. Maybe it was after meeting someone special, as you carried the glow of that relationship wherever you went. Chances are, if someone has noticed something different about you, it's because, inwardly, you've been changed by the loving or respectful actions of another person.

Love, you see, can make us into new creations. From the love of God flows the grace to tackle any challenge, including the biggest challenge of all: loving each other well. Christ knows what a big request this is. He was human, too. He came and lived among us. He knew intimately what it was to love people in the chaos of their own flaws. He knew what he was asking of us when he said, "As I have loved you, so you should also love one another."

In essence, this is the call to stewardship: loving as Christ loves, amidst the messiness of everyday reality. Loving with accountability, challenging ourselves and our brothers and sisters to be faithful even when it is hard. Loving with an unflinching sense of hospitality that welcomes even those we do not agree with or understand. Loving with gratitude, giving thanks for the great variety of ways that Christ can make himself known to us through others.

It isn't easy — we all know that. But if we ask God for the grace to remain steadfast in this greatest commandment, we will be given what we need to live as new creations.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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## PARISH INFORMATION:



### **Youth Confirmation at St. Patrick's**

We ask you to pray for our candidates (over 90), who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this week. May the Lord prepare their hearts to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit with love and gratitude.

### **First Holy Communion at St. Patrick's**

We are happy to inform you that early June, over 150 children will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time! We ask you to please keep all the children in your prayers, as they get ready to receive the Holy Eucharist.



### **Last opportunity, Nights of Columbus' Wine Raffle**

Remember to support the Knights of Columbus Council 8470 Annual Wine Raffle. The draw date is this Sunday May 15, 2022.

First Prize is Fifteen (15) Bottles of Wine, Second Prize (10) Ten Bottles of Wine, Third Prize (5) Bottles of Wine. We look forward to your participation. Please contact Bro. Alistair for tickets at: [alist50@live.com](mailto:alist50@live.com)



### **Volunteer's URGENTLY needed**

As life slowly goes back to normal, and our weekend Masses are getting fuller, we invite you to consider returning as a volunteer or becoming a new volunteer at one of our weekend Masses.

We urgently need Ushers and Extraordinary Eucharist Ministers. If you would like to volunteer, please register by [clicking here](#). Training will be provided!



### **Prayer request**

Please remember that we have a link to request for prayers. Our Legion of Mary groups, pray every week for your intentions. To access the link [click here](#). Please note this link is not for Mass intentions.



### **Seniors Group**

St. Patrick Senior's Group invites all seniors in our Parish to join their group for fellowship. Meetings are every Wednesday in the Parish Hall at 1:00PM. No registration required.



## MASS TIMES

### **Daily Mass:**

Tuesday to Saturday: 9:00AM

### **Weekend Masses:**

Saturday: 5PM (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9:00AM, 11:00AM and 1:00PM

OFFICE  
HOURS

**Monday:** Closed

**Tuesday to Friday:**

10:00AM-12:00PM

**Statutory Holidays:**

Closed

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# CATHOLIC COMMUNITY INFORMATION:



## Recharge and Refresh your marriage

2-Day Catholic Marriage Getaway in the Rockies. Experience the "Breathe Marriage Conference" on May 27-28, 2022 in Canmore, at The Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Rockies. This exciting

Catholic Marriage conference is creatively designed to enrich your relationship. The conference will provide an opportunity for you to invest in your relationship by stepping away from the busyness of life in order to recharge, refresh and journey deeper into the sacrament. Only 20 more spots available! Speakers: Gerald & Denise Montpetit; John & Tracy Connelly and Fr. Kenneth Leblanc. Register now or contact Denise at 306-369-2220

## CCEF Inaugural Gala

Join CCEF for an evening of celebrating Catholic education at our inaugural CCEF Gala on Friday, May 27 at 6 pm at Hotel Arts. The evening will be hosted by award-winning interviewer and writer, Dave Kelly who will feature inspiring conversations with Fr. Raymond DeSouza, live performance by Sofia Durante and so much more. Your support of Catholic education will make a difference in the lives of students right here in Calgary and surrounding areas. To purchase tickets click here.



## Clothing Drive & Summer Reading Drive

1. Clothing Drive: Corpus Christi CWL invites you to drop off your unwanted and clean wearable clothing, household textiles etc. for textile recycling to Corpus Christi Parish Hall (5931 4th St NW, Calgary) - from May 9 to May 16, between 1 pm to 7 pm. Click here for more information

2. Summer Reading Drive: Corpus Christi CWL invites you to bring your unwanted books (in good condition) to Corpus Christi Hall (5931 - 4th Street NW) - from May 9 to May 12, between 1 pm and 7 pm. Click here for more info.

## Spiritual Direction Training Program | FCJ Centre

The FCJ Christian Life Centre will again be offering a part-time, two-year Ecumenical training program starting September 2022. If you are currently receiving Spiritual Direction and are interested in training to help others to explore their personal and spiritual experience as they grow closer to God, this program might be for you. Application deadline is July 31, 2022 and space is limited. Please contact Sr. Ann Marie Walsh, FCJ, at 403-228-4215 for more information about the program or visit [fcjcentre.ca/sdtp](http://fcjcentre.ca/sdtp)



## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

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They called the church together and reported what God had done with them. (Acts 14:27)

### Psalms:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Ps 146)  
Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away." (Rev 21:4)

### Gospel:

I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. (Jn 13:34)

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## 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER



# DIOCESAN INFORMATION:



## **Celebrate the Holy Spirit - A Synodal Celebration**

All are welcome! Let us gather in the presence of the Holy Spirit, and invite the Lord to bless our journey together as we celebrate the closing of the Diocesan Phase in preparation for the 2021-2023 Synod.

You are invited to join representatives from throughout the Diocese for a day of prayer, reflection on the synodal experience, sharing of the Diocesan Synthesis, BBQ lunch and Eucharistic celebration with Bishop McGrattan.

When: Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 10 am to 3 pm. Where: St. Michael Catholic Community (800 85 St. SW, Calgary). Please register online at [catholicyc.ca/synod](http://catholicyc.ca/synod) or call 403-218-5521 (Registration is required by May 31).

## **Our Lady of the Cape in Calgary & Canmore**

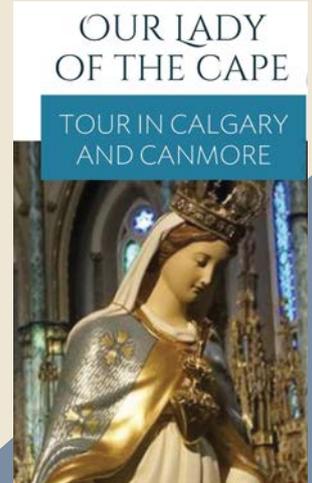
Beginning May 1, the pilgrim statue of Our Lady of the Cape, Queen of Canada, Queen of the Holy Rosary will be traveling from Canada's Shrine of Notre Dame Du Cape, Trois-Rivières, Quebec across Canada to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Consecration of Canada to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

To mark the second anniversary of the Dedication of the Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Rockies, the pilgrim statue tour will visit the Diocese of Calgary from May 22 to June 2, 2022. We hope to honour Our Blessed Mother by providing the faithful the opportunities to venerate Canada's National Madonna; to promote consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary; and to encourage enrolment in the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary.

Tour Schedule in Calgary & Canmore:

- May 25 & 27 (evenings) | St. Albert the Great
- May 28-29 | St. Mary's Cathedral
- May 29-30 | The Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Rockies
- May 31 | Holy Spirit Church
- June 1 | Canadian Martyrs Church
- June 2 | Sacred Heart Church

Please visit [catholicyc.ca/OurLady](http://catholicyc.ca/OurLady) for more information (detailed schedule, rosary rallies, school visits, prayers etc.)



**Third Annual GrACE Summit 2022**  
Catholic Education: Together

As we rebuild, restore and renew together, all stakeholders in Catholic Education are invited to join the GrACE movement across Alberta to inspire, invigorate and embolden the spirit of Catholic education in our province.

**Monday, May 30**  
10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
St. James Church  
9504 - 20 Street SW, Calgary  
Gathering Mass with Bishop McGrattan and plenary session.  
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
St. Leo Curriculum Centre, CSSD  
4200 Alameda Drive SW, Calgary  
Breakout, sharing and listening session.  
Lunch provided.

**Registration**  
\$40 per person - includes lunch  
Registration open March 28 - May 20, 2022  
Register here:  
[studentquickpay.com/cssd](http://studentquickpay.com/cssd)

Hotels close by for those seeking overnight accommodations:  
Canmore Inn & Suites South Reservations: (403) 287-1030  
Grey Eagle Resort & Casino Reservations: 1-800-778-7777  
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The Summit will be held on Monday, May 30 from 10 am to 3:30 am in Calgary. Registration is \$40/person - includes lunch. Register before May 20, 2022 at [studentquickpay.com/cssd](http://studentquickpay.com/cssd)

[Read the latest newsletter from GrACE](#)

## **Hike for Life**

Calgary Pro-Life Association is grateful for the support they received during last year's Virtual Hike for Life celebrating more than 40 years serving Calgary schools offering educational, respect-life presentations. Your help with our Hike for Life is valuable to the success of bringing our two educational, pro-life Respect Life programs to thousands of students in school classrooms in two school districts. Currently the Calgary Pro-Life Association is gearing up for the 42nd Annual Hike For Life.

- Save the date for the 42nd Annual Hike For Life campaign. When: May 7 to June 11, 2022. Goal: \$40,000. Register as a team, or as an individual at our on-line Hike for Life page [www.calgaryprolife.com](http://www.calgaryprolife.com) or fill in a [Pledge Form](#) | [See Poster](#)

