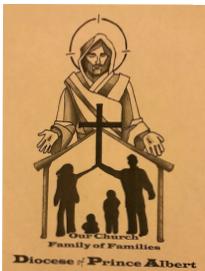


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**Family Faith Encounter** is organized by the Adult and Family Faith Formation Commission of the Diocese of Prince Albert. It is sponsored by the Bishop's Annual Appeal. It hopes to gather families to have a faith-filled experience through talks, activities, and music. The theme for this year's gathering is "Family Love: a vocation and a path to holiness." Featured speakers are Bishop Albert Thevenot, M. Afr. and Tim Staples from Catholic Answers (for more information go to [catholic.com](http://catholic.com)). Various performers will be present to give entertainment. **Location:** Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Laurent, Duck Lake. **When:** [June 12 \(Friday\) & 13 \(Saturday\) 2020](#). **Please register!** You can bring your camper to the site. Further details TBA. For more information contact Fr Millan Sajonas 306-763-5677 or email [bmjs1981@gmail.com](mailto:bmjs1981@gmail.com)

**Suggested Materials:**

- (1) *The Miracle of Father Kapaun: The Inspiring True Story of an American Spiritual and Military Hero* (DVD) by Ignatius;
- (2) *Walking God's Paths: Christians and Jews in Candid Conversation* (DVD) by Council of Synagogues & USCC;
- (3) *A School of Prayer: The Saints Show us How to Pray* (Book) by Ignatius Press;
- (4) *Road of Hope: The Spiritual Journey of Cardinal Nguyen Van Thuan* (DVD) by Salt+Light.

**For more resources:** [padiocese.ca](http://padiocese.ca) or [bmjsajonas.com](http://bmjsajonas.com)

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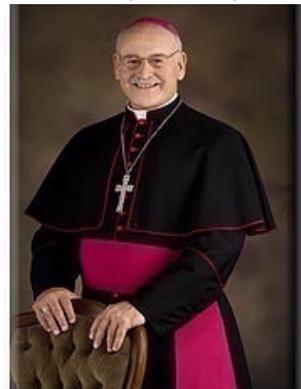
**Adult & Family Faith Formation Newsletter Christmas Message 2019**

In St. John's Gospel we read, "The Word became flesh and he dwelt among us." Jesus is this Word of God who came to live in our midst. At Christmas time, we celebrate Jesus' birth with joy and happiness.

Any newborn at anytime of year brings new life to its parents and family members. The dynamic of family life changes drastically as the new child is welcomed. Jesus' coming also changed the life of both Joseph and Mary. Arriving in Bethlehem after a lengthy trip from Nazareth, their long-expected child finally arrived. His presence brought them much joy and peace. The visitors who came to see baby Jesus helped them to realize that he was the Son of God, recognizing that he was more than special for the Magi paid homage to him.

During the Christmas season, we are called to be this the presence of God's love to one another. We will meet people from all strata of society, and we will be a sign of hope for some, joy for others, and peace for those who feel forgotten during this busy time of year.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas! Be the Word made flesh through your actions, deeds, and words, during this holy season and the coming year.



*Most Rev. Albert Thévenot, M. Afr.  
Bishop of Prince Albert*

Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

After the shepherds heard the message of the angels, they said, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." Christmas is a time to remember the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ as an infant. We remember the stories of Jesus' birth in a humble manger. The birth of Christ is a reminder of God's faithful promise of salvation to humanity. Our readings and liturgy help us to recall the plan of God, rediscovering God's design to save us in His only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

We do this remembering and rediscovering along with our parish community and our families. Just like the shepherds inspired by the message of the angel, may we hasten to see the great love of God in the story of Christmas where Christ is the center of our celebration. Like the shepherds, let us approach the manger where Mary and Joseph lovingly watched over the child Jesus. May we be filled with awe and grace! May we approach with humility, rediscovering our own innocence, and realizing how great is our God!

One of the ways to pass on our faith to others, and especially to our children, is to tell them the beautiful story of Christmas. This season is a time to tell about and to share our faith, and to witness with deeds to what we believe. It is also a time to catch up with family members, relatives, and loved ones listening to their stories. At times, we may discover difficult stories shared in our gatherings, may we be sources of inspiration, and strength, and let them know that they are loved.

May we be again inspired by the story of Christmas, our celebration of faith, and the company of our family, relatives and loved ones! Let us be amazed with these stories and experiences! As we prepare to begin another year, with renewed strength and knowledge of the continuous grace of God, like Mary, may we keep all these things, reflecting on them in our hearts. Like the shepherds too, may we go to our respective circumstances, vocations, families, communities, schools, and workplaces glorifying and praising God for all that we have heard, seen, and experienced!

Let us continue to pray for one another!

In Christ,



Fr. Bernabe Millan J. Sajonas, SSL  
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## Matthew 12:24-30: The Parable of the Divided Kingdom

By Fr. Millan Sajonas

After an exorcism, Jesus was accused of casting out demons through the power of the prince of demons. Jesus tells the parable of the divided kingdom: how it would never last being divided by itself. The same is true if Satan's kingdom is divided; one day, it will inevitably be ruined. Rather, Jesus' exorcism reveals the power of God that has subverted Satan. God's power conquers evil.

Jesus has power over the natural and supernatural. This gives us an assurance of God's protection over both seen and unseen enemies, and his power manifests God's providential care and love for all. With this knowledge, we gain confidence that the snares of the devil, his temptations, can be overcome. Like Jesus in the desert, we too may emerge triumphant over the devil's enticements. The Lord gives us a model in the desert through mastery of one's self, fasting, and prayer.

One's self can also be a divided kingdom where good and evil compete for one's soul. God gives all the necessary graces to help us while the devil sets traps to make us fall. It is up to us to participate in the struggle, to fight back with God's supernatural help. Moreover, it is important to remind ourselves that God has created us good. There is confidence and trust in the Lord, who shows us to salvation and teaches us how to become the stronger man.

### Reflection Questions

1. What are the supernatural gifts that God gives to help us in life?
2. What are your temptations?
3. How do you overcome these temptations?
4. How could you help others overcome their temptations and difficulties?

### Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish

by Jennifer Hettrick

On September 11, 1988 the first Mass of the newly established Our Lady of Czestochowa parish was celebrated. The parish was founded at the request of the Polish Community in Prince Albert and it was a unanimous decision to name the parish in honour of the Patroness of Poland, Our Lady of Czestochowa. Under the direction of Bishop Emeritus Blaise Morand, the new parish first made a temporary home in the old Polish Pavilion, until June 1, 1989, when the Lutheran church building was purchased as a new home. Bishop Emeritus Blaise Morand celebrated the Mass, blessing the new building on August 27, 1989. The first pastor of the parish was Rev. Andrew Pietrzyk, MSF. Our current pastor is Rev. Bernabe Millan Sajonas. Our Lady is an active parish with weekday Masses and Thursday Adoration with Confession. The deanery wide, Catholic youth clubs of *Challenge* and *Conquest* run out of Our Lady as their home parish. The St. Vincent de Paul society also has its home in the parish, as well as the Monseigneur LeBlanc Center, which is responsible for sending off thousands of rosaries to different missions.