

# HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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## Our Mission Statement

*Inspired by the Holy Spirit we are a Eucharistic community called by God  
To share the love of Jesus Christ and create a welcoming parish of renewal and mission.*



October 15, 2023 | Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a | Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 | Mt 22:1-14

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I have about 75 first cousins (yes, really!), so I grew up accustomed to large gatherings. "Feasts" in our family were almost an everyday kind of thing. So you can imagine my initial reaction to today's parable: Why would anyone refuse such a grand invitation? Who doesn't love a feast? As we know, however, with parables, Jesus is giving us a message that is deeper than it first appears. Today he uses the image of a wedding feast to explain God's abundant generosity, and the indifference or outright refusal this loving generosity is often met with. Yes, we enjoy sharing food with family and friends, but are we always gracious recipients of God's love and bounty? Are we prepared, and properly disposed, to receive it? (Think of the graces we receive in the sacraments, especially confession.) The kingdom of heaven is the banquet to which we are all invited, and too often we can become busy with our material lives and not notice this ongoing invitation. Or we push it out of our minds, or grieve about in the wrong garments (of sin, and not grace). Let us open our ears and our hearts to God's loving invitation, strive to be holy people, and share this gift with those around us.

**ACTION** When you get dressed each morning this week, take a look at what you are wearing spiritually, as well as physically. What does the (spiritual) garment look like? Is it appropriate for a wedding feast? Pray the Act of Contrition (and go to confession if necessary), and then make a conscious effort to repair any faults in your spiritual garment: forgive someone or apologize to someone; pray specifically for someone you do not especially care for; spend time in Eucharistic Adoration.

## GO EVANGELIZE

### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We learn from today's readings that the kingdom of heaven can be likened to a sumptuous banquet. Isaiah, in the first reading, says it well, proclaiming, "The Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines." Isaiah then moves from imagery of food to talk about how God will destroy death forever and wipe away all tears. In other words, God has saved his people, and offers us his constant presence and the gift of eternal life. But we must respond to God's generosity in the proper manner so we are prepared to enter the kingdom when the time comes. Making our relationship with Jesus our number one priority will prepare us well to receive and respond to this invitation. From this we will see how our other priorities naturally change and how God always provides. As St. Paul says in his Letter to the Philippians: "My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

OCTOBER 15	OCTOBER 16	OCTOBER 17	OCTOBER 18	OCTOBER 19	OCTOBER 20	OCTOBER 21
10a Mass 12p Mass 1-4p Adoration 7p Mass	7p RCIA	8:30a Mass 1:30p CWL Book Club  <i>Last day to register for Fall Congress!</i> <a href="#">Click to Register</a>	8:30a Mass 3p RCIC 4-5p Children's Choir 7p Adoration	8:30a Mass  9a-4:30p Fall Congress @ Cathedral of the Holy Family	8:30a Mass 9a-12p Adoration	11a-12p Confession 5p Mass 6:30p High School Youth Group

*Adoration on Wednesday will be dedicated to 'Resolution of the conflict in the Israel-Palestine region'.*

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**Holy Spirit Catholic Church Facebook Page and/or saskatoomass.com**

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May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."*



## WE PLEDGE 5%

Care and Share is an outreach program that coordinates support for children in Saskatoon's 17 community elementary schools. The program assists St. John's Ambulance in offering a babysitting course to 12 year old youths in the community schools to help them gain first aid skills. Care and Share also supports a dignity fund. If a child does not have the dignity of underwear or socks, shoes or weather appropriate clothing to wear, this fund is used to purchase what they need. This is offered to any children in the city that need assistance. Personal hygiene supplies like soap, shampoo and toothbrushes are also provided. Thank you for your support.

[www.careandsharesaskatoon.com](http://www.careandsharesaskatoon.com)

## LET US PRAY

- ◆ For the sick and all those that care for them, today we pray for: Andrew MacKenzie, Barb Elder, Father Bernard De Margerie, Veronica Lange, Riel Larocque, Leon Hartman, Betty Anne Tomney, Bob Kudel, Quinn Gorman
- ◆ For all those who have died, today we remember: Joseph and Marina Keen, Wilma Krenn

*We pray to the Lord.*

### Our sincere condolences to:

- Olga, Mark, Michael and families on the death of husband, father, grandfather Wes Stevenson
- Ken, Ron, Dennis, Lenora, Bob, Gerry, Rick, Judy and families on the death of father, grandfather, great –grandfather Tony Klein
- Barbara, Karen, Doug, Keith and families on the death of husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather Tony Sander

**May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in God's peace.**



**Ministry Scheduler Information Night:** Come out to learn all you never knew about the Scheduler and the MSP app but were afraid to ask! We will focus on how to sign up to volunteer in all areas at Holy Spirit Parish, questions regarding profile changes, requesting substitutes at Sunday liturgies, and any other questions people may have. Choose either **Monday, October 23 at 7:00 pm** or **Thursday, October 26 at 7:00 pm**. Contact Lynn for more information. [leremondi@rcdos.ca](mailto:leremondi@rcdos.ca), 306-374-1425.



If you need prayer, support, a visit (with the Eucharist or otherwise), Anointing of the Sick, or assistance with funeral planning, Ministry of Care is just a phone call or email away. Please contact **Kelly Wormsbecker** Pastoral Associate- Ministry of Care [kwormsbecker@rcdos.ca](mailto:kwormsbecker@rcdos.ca) or call 306-374-1425



**NEW Walking with Purpose Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point** An evening group for Young Moms and Working Women. Every second Tuesday **starting November 7 at 7pm**. To register contact Rhea Johner at [reah@bradjohner.com](mailto:reah@bradjohner.com)



### Thank you Knights of Columbus!

Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus Grand Knight Eric Lautsch presented a cheque for \$540.00 to Holy Spirit Parish life and liturgy coordinator Lynn Eremondi for the purchase of 4 new acolyte candles.



### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2023

To learn more about the projects BAA support visit [dscf.ca/baa](http://dscf.ca/baa).

To donate to Bishop's Annual Appeal by cheque make it to:

**DSCF** (this is the acronym for Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation)

**In the cheque memo line write BAA Appeal 2023 - Holy Spirit Thank you for your support!**

**Campaign Life Coalition Sask is once again selling Religious Christmas Cards and Christmas cakes.** The Christmas cards are \$10 for a pack of 10 cards or 3 packs of cards for \$25. However, the Christmas cake prices have increased this year. The 1 lb cake is \$20 and the 2.5 lb cake is \$30. We will be selling cards and cakes in some parishes, but if you want to order a cake contact us by email at [campaignlifesk@gmail.com](mailto:campaignlifesk@gmail.com) or call 306-249-2764. The cakes are made by Pastry World in Yorkton, SK.

**2023 INFANT BAPTISM 2023 Baptism Schedule** Sharon 306-374-1425 or [spowell@rcdos.ca](mailto:spowell@rcdos.ca)  
**CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN** Sharon at [spowell@rcdos.ca](mailto:spowell@rcdos.ca) or 306-374-1425  
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Please visit [holyspiritsaskatoon.ca](http://holyspiritsaskatoon.ca) for more information about faith formation.

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## WAYS TO DONATE TO HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

- 1. Sign up for Pre-Authorized Giving** Registration [forms](#) are available at the church office, online on our parish website, or via email. Donate using debit or credit card.
- 2. Interac e-Transfer using online banking:** send e-transfer to [finance@holyspiritsaskatoon.ca](mailto:finance@holyspiritsaskatoon.ca) (it is directly deposited, no password needed). Please put your full name and envelope number in the message box along with any special offering designation.
- 3. Parish Offertory:** <https://dscf.ca/parish-offertory/>
- 4. Mail envelopes to the church:** 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon, SK, S7J 3V7
- 5. Drop envelopes off at church:** Put envelopes into the office door mail slot.
- 6. Place envelopes in the offertory basket at Mass**



Another option to  
donating to your  
parish online:

**PARISH OFFERTORY  
QR CODE**



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You may also download the FORMED app for iOS and Android devices.

**The cost to you is absolutely free:** our parish has a subscription for the entire year.

**Are you new to the parish? Has your information changed?**

Fill out this [form](#) online

Or contact the office (306) 374-3190 or [info@holyspiritsaskatoon.ca](mailto:info@holyspiritsaskatoon.ca)



# CALLING ALL CURRENT & FORMER CWL LADIES

## YOU ARE INVITED TO A COFFEE PARTY

Please join the Holy Spirit CWL  
for a time of refreshments, entertainment and friendship

DATE: Wednesday October 25, 2023

TIME: 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: St. Volodymyr Common Room

3102 Louise Place, Saskatoon SK

Please note that personal invitations have been sent to some CWL members for whom we had a correct address. If you did not receive an invitation, it is only because our list may be incomplete and we would appreciate it if you provide us your name and contact information for our records for future invites. You can do this when you come to the coffee party or by calling Maureen.

*For further information or if you need to arrange a ride contact*

*Maureen Smith-Windsor 306-717-2564 (cell)*



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# *Come as you are.*

**YOU ARE WELCOME HERE**

**Make authentic connections with other women | Learn more about God**

Join us for ***Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point*** as we explore the fundamental questions of our Catholic faith and our relationship with Jesus Christ.



**An evening group for Young Moms  
and Working Women**

**DATE: Every second Tuesday  
starting November 7th**

**TIME: 7:00pm**

**To register, contact Rhea Johner  
at [rhea@bradjohner.com](mailto:rhea@bradjohner.com)**



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# Diocesan Bulletin

Oct. 15, 2023 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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*In all things we are rooted in Christ,  
in His desire to bring God's love to all peoples.*

## Upcoming Events

**Saskatoon Filipino Catholic Community gathers monthly** to celebrate Mass at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Cr. E., at 5 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month. with the next celebration **Sunday, Oct 15**. Everyone is welcome

**40 Hours for Life** prayer vigil is held on the corner of 4th Avenue and Queen Street in Saskatoon 9 a.m. to 12 noon **Monday to Friday**. Signs will be provided. To volunteer for an hour, or for more info, e-mail: [campaignlifesk@gmail.com](mailto:campaignlifesk@gmail.com).

**Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Conference** – “The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Catholic Realism in a Postmodern World” will be held **Oct. 20-21** at St. Paul Co-Cathedral in Saskatoon. For conference tickets, contact contact Celene Sidloski at [csidloski@stmcollege.ca](mailto:csidloski@stmcollege.ca) or phone (306) 715-1541. Find more details: [www.catholicsscholarscanada.com](http://www.catholicsscholarscanada.com).

**“Create Hope: Stand for the Land” workshop** will be held 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. **Saturday, Oct. 21**, presented by Development and Peace - Caritas Canada at Holy Spirit Parish, 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon, SK (followed by the Development and Peace diocesan AGM during lunch). **To register, please email:** [stecklerjoanne15@gmail.com](mailto:stecklerjoanne15@gmail.com). For info about the fall campaign see: <https://devp.org/en/campaign/stand-for-the-land/>.

**K of C Pancake Breakfast** - The San Lorenzo Ruiz Knights of Columbus Council #11429 will hold a pancake breakfast from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Sunday, Oct. 22** at St. Joseph Parish Hall on the corner of Broadway Avenue and 8th Street East in Saskatoon. Adults: \$10; children 5-15 years: \$5; Family \$35.

**“A Time of Grace – Be Not Afraid”** will be held **Wednesday, Oct. 25** at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Cres. E., Saskatoon, with Rosary at 6 p.m., Mass at 6:30 p.m. followed by presentation by Fr. Petar Ljubičić (sponsored by the Medjugorje Prayer Group and Ave Maria Centre of Peace). More information can be found at: <https://medjugorje.ca>.

**Embracing the Calls to Action – CHAS session open to public:** The Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS) extends an invitation to attend a TRC evening with Chief Wilton Littlechild and Fr. Ken Thorson OMI, moderated by Sandi Harper. This presentation will be held 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. **Thursday, Oct. 26** at St. Philip Neri Parish, 1902 Munroe Ave S., Saskatoon. Pre-registration is not required. A suggested donation of \$10 would be welcome. This event is part of a CHAS annual convention Oct. 26-27, with other sessions held at Queen's House. For info about presenters or the convention go to: [www.queenshouse.org](http://www.queenshouse.org) or <https://chassk.ca>.

## Fall Congress - Oct. 19

**“The Lord Heals the Broken-Hearted and Saves the Crushed in Spirit”** (*Psalms 34:18*)

Equipping the Church to support mental health and well-being is the theme of the diocesan Fall Congress.

**9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19**

Cathedral of the Holy Family, Saskatoon.

Keynote speaker is Bryana Russell of Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries.

**This event is open to clergy, staff, lay leadership, and the general public.** Cost is \$25 (includes lunch).



Registration deadline is Oct. 17:

<https://form.jotform.com/231977301558260>

**Steak Night Fundraiser** in support of the Micah Mission will be held 6 p.m. **Friday, Oct. 27** at Mulberry's Restaurant, 2326B Miller Avenue, Saskatoon. Cocktails 6 p.m.; dinner at 7 p.m.; featuring a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, games, and more. To purchase tickets e-mail [info@themicahmission.org](mailto:info@themicahmission.org).

**Tea Talk Event for Women: “Feminine Genius”** featuring keynote speaker Sr. Malou Tibayan will be held **Saturday, Oct. 28** at Holy Spirit Parish, 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon; doors open at 1:30 p.m., with tea and talk from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., by freewill donation. This is a repeat of a women's breakfast talk given in the spring, about Feminine Genius and the call to holiness, returning by popular demand. Register at: <https://form.jotform.com/2320666075668260> or call Sr. Malou Tibayan at (306) 371-7434.

**Treaty Learning Journey** - St. Philip Neri Parish in Saskatoon is organizing a series of four Treaty Learning Journey workshops led by a team from the Office of the Treaty Commissioner. Sessions will be held from 9:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Saturdays, **Oct. 28, Nov. 4, Nov. 18 and Nov. 25** at Queen's House Retreat and Renewal Centre, 601 Taylor Street West, Saskatoon. All are welcome to attend any or all sessions. Pre-registration is not required (freewill offering). Learn more at [www.otc.ca/blog/blog\\_details/otcs\\_treaty\\_learning\\_journey.html](http://www.otc.ca/blog/blog_details/otcs_treaty_learning_journey.html) or questions may be e-mailed to: [office@stphilipneri.ca](mailto:office@stphilipneri.ca).

**Diocesan Prayer** - We pray as a diocesan family for the success of the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal. May we all be renewed in following Jesus and bearing witness, supporting the abundant ministries that demonstrate our commitment to Catholic social teaching, the sanctity of life and the dignity of the human person.



# Message Board

**Search Retreat for Youth in Grades 10-12** sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon will be held **Nov. 10-12** at E.D. Feehan Catholic High School. **Deadline to register is Oct. 31** at <https://saskatoonsearch.ca>. The program is rooted in the Catholic faith and open to young people in Grades 10-12 of any denomination. Cost is \$100 (covers food and supplies for the whole weekend). If cost is an issue, bursaries are available; contact John Hickey at [jhickey@rcdos.ca](mailto:jhickey@rcdos.ca).

**The Bishop's Annual Appeal** is underway in parishes across the diocese. The theme is "You Will Be My Witnesses" (Acts 1:8). No gift is too small as together we work to strengthen faith and serve others. Learn more, donate online, or view the 2023 video on the website: [dscf.ca/baa](https://dscf.ca/baa).

**Schools Win Twice Lottery** is presented by Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation, running until Nov. 15, 2023. Every ticket sold makes a difference to GSCS students and our Catholic schools. Please purchase a ticket today for a chance to win prizes and support local Catholic schools in the process. Purchase tickets at <https://schoolswintwice.ca>.

**Queen's House 20th Anniversary "Gala of Gratitude"** will be held **Thursday, Nov. 23**, beginning with cocktails at 5 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by entertainment by the Greystone Singers. Tickets are \$125 (\$100 tax receipt): <https://events.readysetauction.com/queenshouseretreatandrenewalcent/gala2023>

## Church Fall Suppers

**St. Anne Parish Fall Supper** hosted by the parish Filipino community **Saturday, Oct. 21**; sittings at 5:30 and 7 p.m. Adults: \$20; children: \$10; 4 and under free; available at parish office, 217 Lenore Dr., Saskatoon.

**Fall Supper in Martensville** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish **Sunday, Oct. 22**, with sittings at 4:30 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. – held at the church, 300-8th Ave. S., Martensville, SK. Advance tickets only: adults \$20; youth 6-17 \$10; 5 and under free with a family pack rate available; call/text Elaine (306) 382-7347 or e-mail [e.glassford@sasktel.net](mailto:e.glassford@sasktel.net)

**St. Michael Parish Fall Supper** will be held 5 p.m. **Sunday, Oct. 22** at St. Michael School Gym, 22-33rd Street East, Saskatoon. Adults: \$20; 6 to 12 years: \$10; 5 and under: free (with ticket); call or text Joyce at (306) 291-5085.

**St. Patrick Fall Supper** with turkey, ham, dressing, vegetables, salads and homemade pies will be held 4:30 p.m. **Sunday, Oct. 29** at St. Patrick Parish, 3339 Centennial Drive, Saskatoon. Adults: \$25, Youth: \$20; 6 and under: free with ticket, available at parish office (open weekdays 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

**St. Mary Parish, Richmond, SK Fall Supper** will be held **Sunday, Oct. 29** at Richmond Community Hall 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., with bingo to follow. Take-out is also available by pre-order. Adults: \$20; 10 and under: \$10; pre-school: free; call (306) 330-9446.

**Little Flower Parish, Leader, SK Oktoberfest Family Celebration** will be held 6 p.m. to midnight **Friday, Nov. 3** at the Leader Community Hall; doors open at 5:15 p.m., German supper at 6 p.m., live music. Tickets: adults 18 and over, \$40; students 12-17, \$30; children 6-12, \$10; contact Jane at (306) 628-7076 or Karri at (306) 628-8083.

**St. Mary Parish, Fox Valley, SK Fall Supper** will be held 4:30 to 6 p.m. **Sunday, Nov. 5** in the church basement, with bingo to follow. Everyone is welcome. Adults: \$20, 10-and-under \$10, pre-school free. For more information e-mail the parish at: [smfoxvalley@rcdos.ca](mailto:smfoxvalley@rcdos.ca).



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## Awaken Adult Faith Series



### Church of the New Evangelization

In-person 7 p.m to 9 p.m.  
on five Wednesdays:

**Oct. 25, Nov. 1, Nov. 8, Nov. 15, and Nov. 22**  
Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Rd, Saskatoon

- **Oct. 25:** An Overview of the Second Vatican Council with Sr. Mirasol Abala;
- **Nov. 1:** Evangelii Nuntiandi (Evangelization in the Modern World) with Marilyn Jackson;
- **Nov. 8:** Spe Salvi (Saved in Hope) with Bishop Hagemoen;
- **Nov. 15:** Christefideles Laici (The Vocation and Mission of the Lay Faithful) with Sr. Malou Tibayan;
- **Nov. 22:** Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel) with Fr. David Tumbach.

Cost: \$40 per person for all five sessions. Register at:

<https://form.jotform.com/231798289556274>

## CWL Clothing Depot is seeking winter and Christmas items:

In addition to regular donations of gently-used clothing and household items, the CWL Clothing Depot is in need of all winter wear. In particular men's winter jackets, sweaters, boots, comforters, and blankets are needed at this time of year. The cold weather is difficult for many in our community. As well at this time of the year, the CWL Clothing Depot seeks donations of new toys, individually-wrapped candy, new or gently-used towels and other suitable gift items for a Christmas sale for disadvantaged family members, allowing them to purchase gifts for each other at low cost / reasonable prices. This is another service that the CWL Clothing Depot offers to those who utilize the store. The Christmas sale is a highlight for many families, who would otherwise go without exchanging gifts. The Christmas sale will begin in mid-November, so donations are needed as soon as possible. With donations and support from the community, the CWL Clothing Depot continues to offer an important ministry and service to those who are in need and face disadvantages. Donations can be dropped off at the back door of the CWL Clothing Depot, 619 20th Street West in Saskatoon between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday to Friday.

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# Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

October 15, 2023

## Our Invitation from the King

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

When people think of heaven, they often imagine a place up in the sky. Episodes of *Star Trek* should challenge that notion. The Bible usually speaks of heaven as an experience. According to our first reading, it is like a banquet, “a feast of rich food and choice wines” (Isaiah 25:6). Such a meal is an extraordinary event for hardworking people who seldom get to enjoy such luxury. According to today’s Gospel account, the kingdom of heaven is like a wedding banquet, a feast of “calves and fattened cattle” (Matthew 22:4), a celebration of love and new life.

### Sunday Readings

#### Isaiah 25:6–10a

The LORD of hosts  
will provide for all peoples / A feast  
of rich food and choice wines.

#### Philippians 4:12–14, 19–20

I have the strength for everything  
through him who empowers me....  
My God will fully supply whatever  
you need, in accord with his glorious  
riches in Christ Jesus.

#### Matthew 22:1–14 or 22:1–10

[Jesus said,] “Go out, therefore,  
into the main roads and invite to  
the feast whomever you find.”

Some people might prefer an image that thrills the ear rather than the palate, like a Handel concerto or a Beethoven symphony. Whatever image is favored, heaven is an incomparable phenomenon that cannot be described. It is an experience that will thrill us to the core of our being.

To be invited to such an astounding experience might well be the event of a lifetime. This is, after all, an invitation from the king. Who would possibly turn it down? And yet, some do. As the Gospel recounts, some are too busy with work. Others would rather watch “the game.” Still others who might accept the invitation minimize it by refusing to dress appropriately. How can people be so foolish? Yet, you and I often are.

God’s invitation to the heavenly feast simply asks that we realize the magnitude of the honor extended to us, that we accept it graciously, and that we enjoy the experience. †

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### A Word from Pope Francis

The Church is called to reach... those situations where the hopeless remnants of humanity camp out and live.... Even those on the margins, even those who are rejected and scorned by society, are considered by God to be worthy of his love. He prepares his banquet for everyone: the just and sinners, good and bad, intelligent and uneducated.

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 11, 2020



### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

#### ONE QUESTION REFLECTION

- When it comes to Sunday Mass, who are you in today’s Gospel story? The ones who are too busy? The ones who show up yet unappreciative? Or one of the grateful ones?

# A Catholic Prescription

## Worship and Service Help Lead Catholics to “Get Something” Out of Mass

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I was asked recently if I thought someone would “go to hell” for skipping Mass on Sunday. I’m not qualified to make that judgment, but what will certainly happen is that if you skip Sunday Mass, you won’t go to church. Or more accurately, you won’t BE Church. Because it is at worship where the Church is formed and manifested.

A bishop I admire very much was once asked by some teenagers what it means to be Catholic. What he said to these young people is this: “If you want to know what it means to be Catholic, I’ll give you a prescription. For six months, go every Sunday to Mass with the same community. And for six months, work in a soup kitchen or your parish’s food



pantry. Then you’ll know what it means to be Catholic.”

When I hear from someone that Mass is boring, I also hear the implication that their boredom is someone else’s fault; that someone else should “fix it” and make it less boring before they should have to go. Never mind that memorizing mathematical formulas is boring,

learning a foreign language vocabulary is boring, as is almost anything else you do before you know how to do it well.

Perhaps the person who finds Mass boring is not completely in attendance.

Fr. Walter Burghardt, who was a Jesuit preacher and teacher of preachers, said that preaching the Gospel to this generation is like “talking to a kid wearing a Walkman.” There is a buzzing going on all the time. Even when the readings are poorly proclaimed, the music off-key, the preaching pedestrian—even then, there is a richness available to us if we would but attend to it.

And why serve the poor? Because worship and service is what being a Christian is about. Worship leads to service, and service to worship. Worship and service together discourage that dangerous sense of entitlement too many of us have and, instead, encourage the attitude of gratitude necessary to “getting something out of” the Mass. †

## What Does the Church Call Us to Do? Here Is Sr. Thea Bowman’s Answer in a Speech to Bishops

[Some folks say,] “Father doesn’t do it right,” and then they walk out and complain, “That liturgy didn’t do anything for me.” The question that we raise is, “What did you do for the liturgy?” The Church is calling us to be participatory and involved. The Church is calling us to feed and to clothe and to shelter and to teach. Your job is to enable me, to enable God’s people, black people, white people, brown people, all the people, to do the work of the Church in the modern world. Teaching, preaching, witnessing, worshipping, serving, healing and reconciling.... †

Excerpt from *Thea Bowman: In My Own Words*



*Holy God, help us to recognize your invitation in every task set before us, your face in every person we meet. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

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## WEEKDAY READINGS

October 16–21

**Monday, Weekday:**

Rom 1:1–7 / Lk 11:29–32

**Tuesday, St. Ignatius of Antioch:**

Rom 1:16–25 / Lk 11:37–41

**Wednesday, St. Luke:**

2 Tm 4:10–17b / Lk 10:1–9

**Thursday, Sts. John de Brébeuf and**


Isaac Jogues: Rom 3:21–30 / Lk 11:47–54

**Friday, Weekday:**

Rom 4:1–8 / Lk 12:1–7

**Saturday, Weekday:**

Rom 4:13, 16–18 / Lk 12:8–12

Bringing Home  
the Word 

October 15, 2023

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**Sunday, Oct 15, 2023**

### Stretch your spirituality

Your doctor says that even a little exercise is important to keep the body flexible. Joints that move regularly are body parts that can function well a while longer. Walking 20 minutes a day or taking a water aerobics class are easy ways to lubricate the joints we need to perform our daily tasks. Saint Paul reminds us that flexibility is also a significant aspect of the spiritual life. Can we accept good times and bad, seasons of plenty or want, with the same light grip? Moving through circumstances fluidly makes for a freer life, and a gentler death.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14 (142). *"I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need."*

**Monday, Oct 16, 2023**

### A heart as wide as the world

Depicted as a flaming, shining, bleeding heart, pierced by a lance, encircled by a crown of thorns, and topped with a cross, the Sacred Heart of Jesus symbolizes Christ's boundless, suffering love for humanity. The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is one of the best known and most practiced of all Catholic devotions, but the 17th-century French Visitation nun who received the revelation of this devotion, Margaret Mary Alacoque, was doubted in her lifetime, and the practice wasn't officially recognized until 75 years after her death. Incorporate an aspiration, or short prayer, to the Sacred Heart each day to remind you that you are unconditionally loved. Examples are "Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like yours," "Sacred Heart of Jesus, I believe in your love for me," or "Sacred Heart of Jesus, may you be known, loved, and imitated!"

MEMORIAL OF MARGARET MARY ALAQUE, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32 (467). *"At the preaching of Jonah they repented, and there is something greater than Jonah here."*

**Tuesday, Oct 17, 2023**

### Bread of Life, bread for the poor

Saint Ignatius Theophorus wrote seven epistles while trudging from Antioch to Rome. As Roman soldiers pushed him toward martyrdom in a coliseum, Ignatius decried a different enemy of Christian faith: docetism, whose Christian adherents claimed Jesus never existed physically on Earth—that he only appeared to. In denying the Incarnation, Ignatius says, such heretics also fail to see the Lord's presence in the Eucharist and in the poor. "They have no concern for love, none for the widow, none for the orphan, none for the oppressed, none for the prisoner or the one released, none for the hungry or thirsty." And "they abstain from Eucharist" because "they refuse to acknowledge the Eucharist." Ignatius, help us to see Jesus—in all the places he said he'd be.

MEMORIAL OF IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41 (468). *"As to what is within, give alms, and behold, everything will be clean for you."*

**Wednesday, Oct 18, 2023**

### Pack lightly for the journey of faith

Today we celebrate the feast of the evangelist Luke. Best known for his gospel, Luke was a dedicated disciple of Paul who goes so far as to join Paul in prison—twice. You can read Luke's account

of the early Christians in the Acts of the Apostles. But first, read what Luke says in today's gospel, which gives Jesus' directives to the disciples who are serving as his advance team. These directives are simple but not easy: "Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals"—and they remain amazingly relevant to living a simple life of faith. How can you enact them in your own life?

FEAST OF LUKE, EVANGELIST

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9 (661). *"Luke is the only one with me."*

**Thursday, Oct 19, 2023**

### Reconciling our past

Today is the memorial of several men who were killed for evangelizing native people in Quebec. The documentation of these encounters is almost entirely from the perspective of European American Christians, with missionaries as heroic martyrs and natives as murderous heathens. The truth is much more complicated. Pope Francis' 2022 apology to indigenous people in Canada and the U.S. Catholic Indigenous Boarding School Accountability and Healing Project are two efforts to look at the bigger picture of Christian-Indigenous relationships with accountability and reconciliation as goals. Join these efforts by exploring Native American culture and history.

MEMORIAL OF JOHN DE BRÉBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES, PRIESTS, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54 (470). *"Woe to you, scholars of the law! You have taken away the key of knowledge."*

**Friday, Oct 20, 2023**

### GPS for the soul

Spiritual direction is a great tool for navigating with God the ups and downs of everyday life. The practice involves a one-on-one relationship with a spiritual director who helps us to see how God is moving in our lives. A director listens and offers wisdom such as that of Paul of the Cross: "Let everything in creation draw you to God. Refresh your mind with some innocent recreation and needful rest, if it were only to saunter through the garden or the fields, listening to the sermon preached by the flowers, the trees, the meadows, the sun, the sky, and the whole universe." In honor of Saint Paul cultivate the art of listening wisely.

MEMORIAL OF PAUL OF THE CROSS, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7 (471). *"Are not five sparrows sold for two small coins? Yet not one of them has escaped the notice of God."*

**Saturday, Oct 21, 2023**

### A higher law

All of us run afoul of the law at some point or another, even if it's as minor as a parking ticket. Laws, religious or secular, are there to set standards and impose order. They have their purpose, but if we hope to be released from all that afflicts us in this life, we'll need a different kind of law—the law of love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. As 20th-century monk and mystic Thomas Merton explains, "The first obligation of the Christian is to maintain their freedom from all empty forms of legalism" and "live by a higher law—the law of grace and love." Let faith lead you there.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:8-12 (472).

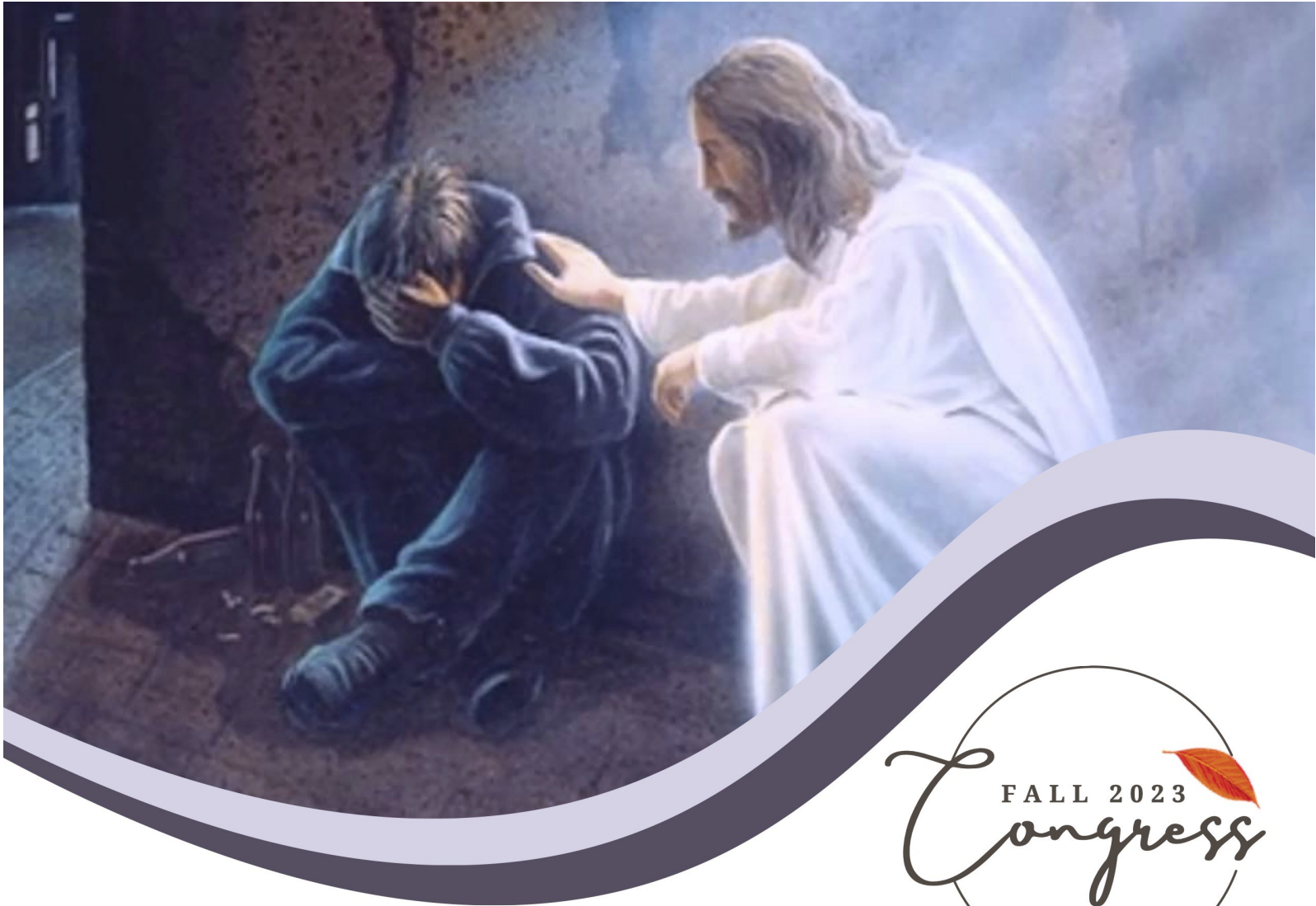
*"Brothers and sisters: It was not through the law that the promise was made to Abraham and his descendants . . . it depends on faith."*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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The LORD is Near to The  
Brokenhearted, and Saves The

# CRUSHED IN SPIRIT (Psalm 34:18)

Thursday, October 19, 2023

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# 'A Time of Grace'

*"Be not afraid"* – Rev. 2:10



**Fr. Petar Ljubičić, OFM**

**Fr. Petar Ljubičić was born in Croatia in 1946 and ordained a priest in the Franciscan Order - Herzegovina Province in 1972.**

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**He is stationed in Humac, Bosnia-Herzegovina and travels extensively throughout Europe, speaking at prayer and religious gatherings organized by pilgrims from Medjugorje.**

**He has authored several books on spiritual topics including the Rosary and Holy Mass, and endeavours to help people incorporate Our Lady's call to conversion in their daily life. He will speak about the Rosary and Holy Mass.**

**Father confirms he was chosen by Mirjana Soldo to announce each secret to the world three days before they occur. Now he is coming to speak in Canada!**

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**DATE:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023

**PLACE:** St. Paul's Co-Cathedral  
720 Spadina Crescent E.  
Saskatoon, SK S7K 3H2

**TIME:** Rosary at 6:00 pm. Holy Mass at 6:30 pm. Talk to follow.  
Prayers for healing.

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