



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.*



December 3, 2023 | First Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7 | 1 Cor 1:3-9 | Mk 13:33-37

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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


In a nineteenth-century sermon, St. John Henry Newman wrote of today's Gospel: "[Jesus] mercifully whispers into our ears ... not to share in the general unbelief [around us], not to be carried away by the world but to 'beware, keep alert' and look out for his coming." I love the thought that Jesus is "mercifully whispering" to us. Welcome to Advent! We know that Advent is a time of anticipation and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ, but today's readings also speak to me of training ourselves to be alert for God's presence in the small, everyday moments of our lives. In his Letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes that "[we] are not lacking in any spiritual gift" as we await the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are gifted with his grace. Our loving God bestows countless graces on us each day, and with the help of the Holy Spirit we can seek ways to be more aware of these graces. Yes, we can be more "alert" to them, but can also be thankful for these small moments of God's presence with us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Advent is a season of joyful hope. "I hope I can get my Christmas shopping done in time ... I hope I have time to get my house decorated this weekend." We all have "hopes and dreams" for this time of year, and, God-willing we will be blessed with a truly festive and joyous holiday season with our families. For Catholics, though, this season of "joyful hope" is one that has a much deeper meaning. We long for the return of Christ and our eternal union with him with a hope that is built on the promises of Jesus in the Scriptures. Our hope is not passive, but active. We know that God is always there for us, comforting us in bad times and rejoicing with us in times of happiness. Let us give thanks for our Triune God who desires to be in relationship with us enough that he sent his Son to take on our humanity. And let us silence any noise in our hearts so as to hear Jesus' merciful whisper of encouragement to be on the watch for his coming.

SING *People, look east. The time is near / Of the crowning of the year. / Make your house fair as you are able, / Trim the hearth and set the table. / People, look east and sing today: / Love, the guest, is on the way.*

DECEMBER 3	DECEMBER 4	DECEMBER 5	DECEMBER 6	DECEMBER 7	DECEMBER 8	DECEMBER 9
10a Mass 12p Mass 1-4p Adoration 7p Mass	7p RCIA	8:30a Mass 7p K of C	8:30a Mass 4-5p Children's Choir 7p Adoration	8:30a Mass 1p Senior Cards 	8:30a Mass 9a-12p Adoration	10a First Reconciliation 11a-12p Confession 5p Mass

THIS WEEK



Christmas Hampers—Holy Spirit Parish is supporting the ministry of St. Mary's Parish in Saskatoon to supply Christmas provisions to those in need. The need is greater than ever. If you would like to donate, please see the online bulletin for a list. **Please drop off** at the church side door near the hall **before December 18.**

DELIVERY HELP NEEDED—If you have a vehicle and are able to help transport dry goods to St. Mary's Parish Hall on **Tuesday, December 19 at 9am** please sign up on the Christmas bulletin board in the welcome area or contact Kelly 306-374-1425

St. Mary's Parish would like to include brand **NEW** adult puzzles of 500 pieces and up in their Christmas Hampers. If you would like to donate **NEW** adult puzzles, please put in the basket at the hospitality desk in the welcome area or drop off to the church office. *Thank you for your generosity.*

WE PLEDGE 5%

L'Arche Saskatoon are communities founded on a recognition of the gifts of people with intellectual disabilities and a commitment to welcoming and celebrating these gifts in the context of meaningful and caring relationships. They have two homes, Alma House and Christopher House. They host several activity groups, a monthly "Friends of L'Arche Gathering," and a number of other initiatives that reach out to the wider Saskatoon community. Thank you for your support.

www.larchesaskatoon.org

LET US PRAY

- ♦ For the sick and all those that care for them, today we pray for: Father Marc Mireau, Father Bernard De Margerie, Leon Hartman, Betty Anne Tomney, Bob Kudel, Quinn Gorman, Leah Gilo, Roberta Marisi, Trev Yaeger, Jeff Haugen
- ♦ For all those who have died, today we remember: Perla Langsangan
- ♦ And on the anniversary of death, Donald and Florence MacKenzie

We pray to the Lord.



ADVENT RESOURCES

Pick up an Advent Wreath Blessing Card in the Place of Welcome this weekend.

We are thrilled to offer three Advent devotionals to you this Advent Season. Choose whichever works best for your house.

"A Little Child Shall Lead Them" Henri J.M. Nouwen— for adults

"Journey to Joy" Kate Wicker- for families

Also see Parish Advent activities below.

FORMED—Register your free account at holyspiritsaskatoon.formed.org.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC— Sign up for BEST ADVENT EVER www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent.html

LOYOLA PRESS— Lots of great ideas for families! www.loyolapress.com

HALLOW— Check out their free resources or get the 7-day free trial and see everything they have to offer.



Join us **Tuesday, December 12th from 6:30-7:30pm** for an evening of music, prayer, and reflection. Fr. Greg Smith-Windsor will lead us in an Advent Reflection and the Spirit of the Cross Choir will lead us in music. Fellowship will follow. All are welcome to attend.

To sign-up visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C49ADA922A1FDC07-46194034-advent>

AND join us for an Advent Penitential Service Wednesday, **December 13 at 7pm.**



The CWL Advent Retreat is taking place at Queen's House of Retreats on Tuesday, December 12. We will have Mass at 4:30 with dinner to follow. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Ashley Esakin, author of Gardening in Canada; Youtube videos, Instagram and Facebook posts that are designed for the Canadian climate. Ashley finds the mystical aspects of nature through God's wonderful creation. All ladies are welcome to join us. The cost is \$35.

Please call Margaret at 306 227 8930 by December 4th to book your ticket.

REMINDER— All donations requiring a **2023 tax receipt** must be in to the church office (clearly labelled) **by December 31, 2023.** Starting January 1, donations are allocated for 2023 tax receipts.

Offering envelopes are coming! They will be available in the Place of Welcome December 9/10 & 16/17 and again in the New Year.

Do your Christmas shopping and support **Serena Saskatchewan** at the same time. Our annual Silent Auction is open online Friday, December 1 to Thursday, December 7 at 7pm (SK time). Start bidding at <https://myminiauction.com/serena>. Prize pick-up will be in Saskatoon Friday, December 8 from 4-7pm; alternate pick-up times can be arranged if needed. Feel free to share the link!

Serena SK annual gala: Please mark your calendars for the evening of Saturday, February 10th in Saskatoon. Email sask@serena.ca for more details.

MASS TIMES

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 10 am, 12 noon, 7 pm

Weekdays, Tues. - Fri. 8:30 am

ADORATION

Wednesdays 7 pm

Fridays, 9 am - 12 pm

Sundays, 1 - 4 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 11 am - 12 noon

or by appointment.

2023 INFANT BAPTISM 2023 Baptism Schedule Sharon 306-374-1425 or spowell@rcdos.ca
CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN Sharon at spowell@rcdos.ca or 306-374-1425
CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS - RCIA Erin 306-374-1425 or email egratton@rcdos.ca.
MARRIAGE PREPARATION Nicole Gursky at 306 229-0384 or email ngursky@sasktel.net
Please visit holyspiritsaskatoon.ca for more information about faith formation.

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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 or call 306-374-1425



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 8905
Eric Lautsch
SirKnightEric@outlook.com

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 (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



Holy Spirit Parish

ADVENT MUSIC & PRAYER

AN EVENING OF MUSIC, PRAYER, &
REFLECTION

Music led by Spirit of the Cross
Reflection by Fr. Greg Smith-Windsor

TUES DEC 12 6:30-7:30PM

SIGN UP IN PLACE OF WELCOME OR PARISH
WEBSITE

WWW.HOLYSPIRITSASKATOON.CA



ADVENT

Penitential Service

**WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 13**

7PM

CHRISTMAS HAMPER MINISTRY



*"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me. . .
he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor..." Isaiah
61*

**Holy Spirit Parish is supporting the ministry of
St. Mary's Parish in Saskatoon to supply
Christmas provisions to those in need.
*The need is greater than ever.***

The following dry goods are being collected:

- jars of peanut butter (500g or 1kg)
- boxes of stove top stuffing
- pound of coffee (300-450g)
- cans of evaporated milk
- cans of cranberry sauce
- cans of pineapple tidbits or rings
- cans of fruit
- cans of vegetables
- cans of baked beans (no pork)
- cans of soup
- bottles of salad dressing
- Dried pasta (spaghetti, macaroni) 900g
- cans or jars of pasta sauce
- packages of cookies

**Please deliver to the church side door near the hall before
December 18.**



*Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
Thank you for bringing Christmas joy to your brothers and sisters.
May God bless you abundantly.*



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Christmas Season Mass Times

Fourth Sunday of Advent

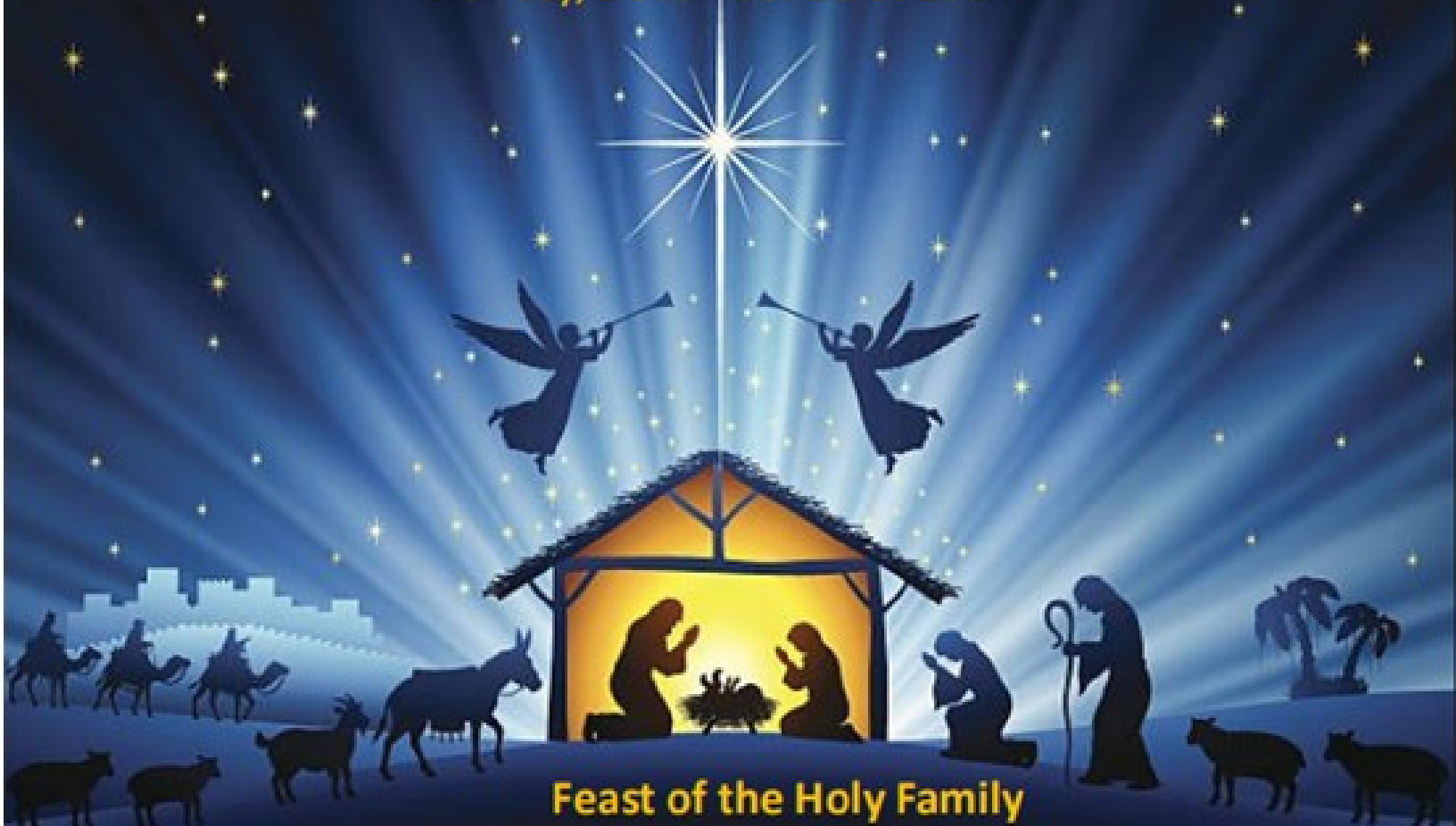
Saturday December 23 at 5pm

Sunday December 24 at 10am (livestream)

Christmas Masses

Sunday, December 24 at 5pm (livestream), 8pm, 11pm

Monday, December 25 at 10am



Feast of the Holy Family

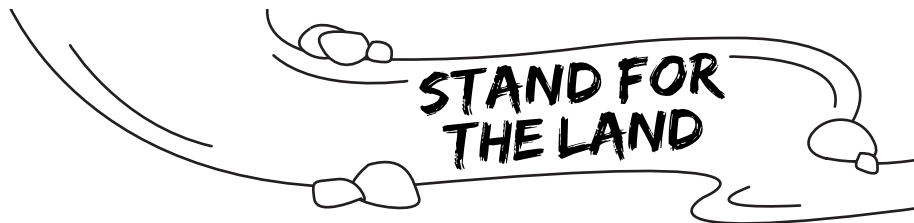
Saturday, December 30 at 5pm

Sunday, December 31 at 10am, 12 noon (livestream)

Solemnity of Holy Mary Mother of God

Sunday, December 31 at 7pm

Monday, Jan 1 at 10 am (livestream)



Her Excellency Beatriz Valle
Ambassador of Honduras

Madam Ambassador,

We in Canada are deeply concerned about **how some of your compatriots who are defending their water sources, forests and territories are being treated**. We are particularly afraid for those seeking to protect the Montaña de Botaderos – Carlos Escaleras National Park and the Guapinol and San Pedro rivers on which they depend for their livelihoods in Tocoa in the Colón Department.

Since 2018, water and environmental defenders from this region have been the victims of smear campaigns, criminalized and arbitrarily detained. Three of them have even been murdered since January 2023. **These people are only peacefully contesting the legality** of the Inversiones Los Pinares iron mine, whose concession to operate in the national park appears to have been granted in an irregular manner.

In solidarity with the defenders in the Guapinol community, the San Pedro sector and their families, we therefore call on the Government of Honduras to:

1. **Strengthen existing protection mechanisms** and ensure their effective implementation so as to guarantee the safety, physical integrity and psychological well-being of all human rights and environmental defenders.
2. **Investigate, arrest and prosecute** everyone involved in the assassination of the three defenders who died in 2023.
3. **Provide full and fair reparations** to the families of three slain human rights defenders and the Guapinol Eight, who were unjustly detained, some for 914 days.
4. **Restore the protected areas** of Carlos Escaleras National Park; compel the mining company to leave; and repair the environmental damage it has caused.
5. **Cancel all mining projects that hold irregularly issued licenses** to address the source of much of the violence suffered by environmental defenders in Guapinol and San Pedro sector, and across Honduras.

The thousands of Canadians who have endorsed this letter are looking forward to the Government of Honduras acting to protect the constitutional rights to life and dignity of Honduran land and environmental defenders.

Yours sincerely,

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Please send all signed letters by **February 25, 2024**.
By mail to:
Development and Peace – Caritas Canada
555 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, 8th Floor, Montreal QC H2Z 1B1
Or by email to: action@devp.org



Diocesan Bulletin

Dec. 3, 2023 - First Sunday of Advent

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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

African Advent Mass – The African Catholic Community invites you to a Joyous Advent Mass and Potluck on the **First Sunday of Advent, Dec. 3**, at St. Michael Catholic Church, 18-33rd St. E. Saskatoon, with Mass at 2 p.m. and a potluck meal to follow. The celebration will include music by the choir and a children's nativity procession. Everyone is welcome.

Conversations in the Spirit of Truth and Reconciliation: Join The Micah Mission at Wanuskewin, 4 Penner Road, Saskatoon, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Monday, Dec. 4** for a learning series diving into the theme of justice. Cost is \$30. Contact info@themicahmission.org for information and to buy tickets.

Power in Planning - Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 300-8th Ave. S, Martensville, is hosting a Power in Planning presentation 7 p.m. **Monday, Dec. 4**, open to the community and other parishes. Learn the importance of planning your gifts for your family and for charity. To register, contact: Chantelle Higgins at chiggins@rcdos.ca or (306) 931-3111. To book a similar session, contact Raissa Bugyi at Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation at rbugyi@dscf.ca or (306) 659-5837.

Women's Discernment Night will be held at 7 p.m. **Thursday, Dec. 7**, at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 1235-12th Street E., Saskatoon, for young women who are seeking the Lord's direction in their life. For more information, contact Sr. Malou Tibayan of Verbum Dei at mtibayan@rcdos.ca.

Prayer Campaign for Chastity - "Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind" (Rom. 12:2). Meeting the temptations of pornography and sexual license with the gifts of fraternal communion, the Word of God, and the Blessed Mother, the venerable **Angelic Warfare Confraternity** offers to members a holy way to virtue. Join in prayer with St. Thomas Aquinas for yourself, other members, or friends and family. Delegated by the Dominican Fathers, Fr. Stefano Penna will conduct the Rite of Enrolment at 6:30 p.m. **Friday, Dec. 8** the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Mass to follow) at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Cr. E. Saskatoon.

A Croatian Mass will be held at 7 p.m. **Sunday, Dec. 10** at St. Philip Neri Parish (corner of Taylor Street and Munroe Avenue, Saskatoon, with Rev. Domin Vladic from Calgary as celebrant. There will be lunch and fellowship after Mass. For more information, please contact Lydia at (306) 242-9214.

Knights of Columbus - Brother's Keepers Men's Breakfast will be held from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. **Tuesday, Dec. 12** at Queen's House, Saskatoon. Call Brendan at (306) 242-1916.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation in Advent

Parishes across our diocese have various opportunities for confession during Advent. Please check with your local parish for up-to-date details or check postings on the Advent-Christmas schedule: rcdos.ca/advent-christmas-schedule/

Saskatoon Penitential Services with Confessions:

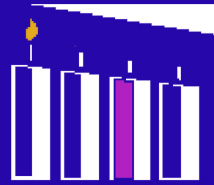
- 3:30 pm **Saturday, Dec. 9:** Sts-Martyrs-Canadiens, 1007 Windsor Street (*Francophone parish*).
- 7 pm **Monday, Dec. 11:** St. Peter the Apostle, 1121 Northumberland Ave. (Vietnamese Catholic community)
- 5:30 pm **Tuesday, Dec. 12:** St. Francis Xavier, 222 Willow St.
- 7 pm **Wednesday, Dec. 13:** Holy Spirit, 114 Kingsmere Place.
- 7 pm **Wednesday, Dec. 13:** St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Cr.
- 7 pm **Thursday, Dec. 14:** St. John Bosco, 1202 Avenue O S.
- 7 pm **Friday, Dec. 15:** Saint Anne, 217 Lenore Drive (*in conjunction with Eucharistic adoration event "Source"*).
- 7 pm **Friday, Dec. 15:** St. Joseph, 535-8th St. E.
- 7 pm **Tuesday, Dec. 19:** Our Lady of Lourdes, 1235-12th St. E.
- 7 pm **Wednesday, Dec. 20:** St. Augustine, 602 Boychuk Dr.
- 5 pm **Thursday, Dec. 21:** St. Mary, 211 Avenue O S.

Other confession opportunities in Saskatoon:

- 11 am **Monday to Saturday** at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Cres. E. (*with adoration, followed by daily Mass*).
- 11 am **Friday and Saturday / 7 p.m. Thursday** at Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road (*followed by daily Mass*).

Rural-Area Penitential Services with Confessions:

- St. Gabriel, **Biggar** - 7 pm Wednesday, Dec. 13.
- St. Michael, **Cudworth** - 7:30 pm Wednesday, Dec. 20.
- Sacred Heart, **Denzil** - 7 pm Wednesday, Dec. 20.
- Our Lady of Grace, **Dodsland** - 7 pm Thursday, Dec. 21.
- Christ the King, **Foam Lake** - 6:30 pm Thursday, Dec. 21.
- Our Lady of the Assumption, **Kerrobert** - 7 pm Wed. Dec. 13.
- Sacred Heart, **Lancer** - After 11 am Mass Sunday, Dec. 17.
- St. Mary, **Lanigan** - 7 pm Thursday Dec 21.
- Little Flower, **Leader** - 7 pm Friday, Dec. 15.
- Sacred Heart, **Liebenthal** - After 7:30 pm Mass Sat., Dec. 16.
- St. Eugene de Mazenod, **Luseland** - 5 pm Tuesday, Dec. 19.
- St. Mary, **Macklin** - 7 pm Friday, Dec. 15.
- Immaculate Conception, **Major** - 7 pm Wednesday, Dec. 20.
- Immaculate Heart of Mary, **Martensville** - 7 pm Tues. Dec. 12.
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help, **Wishart** - 6:30 pm Tues. Dec. 19.
- St. Mary, **Wynyard** - 6:30 pm Monday, Dec. 18.



Diocesan Prayer - We pray as a diocesan family for all those suffering loss, experiencing struggles, grief, sickness, or poverty. May our Loving God inspire and equip us to be a community of caring and support that provides help and healing.

Message Board



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Prison Outreach at Christmas - The diocesan Restorative Ministry Office is again seeking monetary donations to purchase small, identical gifts for the men at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre, as a way to share our Christmas joy and let them know they are not forgotten by God or the community. In addition, the prison ministry office is collecting blank Christmas cards for men to use to send greetings to family members in the community. Monetary donations and/or donations of blank cards can be dropped off or mailed "Attention Dianne" at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, second floor, Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, S7S 1H1. The Catholic Centre is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (please make cheques out to "Restorative Ministry"). Donations can also be made online at dscf.ca/designated-ministry-support (choose "Prison Ministry - Christmas" in the drop-down box).

Soul Works: Pottery and Art Exhibit and Sale will be held 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. **Saturday, Dec. 9**, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. **Sunday, Dec. 10**, at Queen's House, 601 Taylor St. W., Saskatoon, featuring the work of artists Anita Verlangen, Dean Bauche, Madeline Oliver, and Gisele Bauche.

An Advent Retreat for Young Adults will be held 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Sunday, Dec. 10** at Sts. Benedict and Scholastica Formation House, 1136 Temperance Street, Saskatoon. To register for this free event, please contact Sr. Marta Piano of the Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity at mpiano@rcdos.ca or (306) 370-5951. (Sts. Benedict and Scholastica Formation Program is supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)

Employment Opportunities

Full-time Parish Life Director (PLD) for Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Saskatoon to provide day-to-day management of the parish, which serves First Nations, Métis, Indigenous, and non-Indigenous parishioners. An Indigenous background and a firm understanding of Indigenous history, cultures, and spirituality is an asset. Find the job description at rcdos.ca/employment. To apply, submit cover letter and resumé to Fr. Graham Hill, CSSR, at ghill@rcdos.ca.

Full-time Coordinator of Evangelization and Youth Ministry for Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, a vibrant, thriving faith community serving Martensville, Warman, and surrounding areas, to work in collaboration with the pastor and parish leadership to invite members of the congregation and the wider community to enter into a meaningful relationship with Jesus. Find the job description at rcdos.ca/employment. Submit cover letter and resumé to ihmp@rcdos.ca **before Dec. 29**.

Part-time position at CWL Clothing Depot in Saskatoon, with a possibility of additional hours in future: the applicant should share the CWL Clothing Depot's value of service to those in need. Contact Bea at the CWL Clothing Depot, 619 - 20th St. W., Saskatoon (306) 242-5042 or drop off resumé at the back door of the Clothing Depot where donations are accepted (ring the bell) 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday to Friday.



Icon of the Sacred Heart 2017
written by Andre J. Prevost in
collaboration with Romeo
Crow Chief of Siksika Nation.

Indigenous Pastoral & Lay Leader Ministry Education

The diocesan **Indigenous Pastoral & Lay Leader Ministry Education** program is led by teams of Indigenous and non-Indigenous instructors, modelling respectful and reconciling relationships.

NEW COURSE! Contemporary Effects of Colonization II: Social Justice

Jan. 9, 2024 to March 5, 2024

4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday afternoons

Offered online

Cost: \$200 per course (some funding assistance available)

No pre-requisite necessary to take this course.

Those completing eight courses will earn a diploma.

Information and Registration:

rcdos.ca/indigenous-ministry-education

"Following Jesus to the Manger" Advent Retreat: Little Flower Parish in Leader will host an Advent Retreat from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Sunday, Dec. 10**, beginning with Mass at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon, with children's activities from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., and a 1 p.m. presentation by guest speaker Leah Perrault, followed by coffee and conversation. All are welcome.

Diocesan Cenacle of Prayer will be held at 3 pm. **Wednesday, Dec. 13** at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Crescent, Saskatoon. Information: Edna (306) 382-1680.

A Priest Discernment Night will be held 7 p.m. **Thursday, Dec. 14** at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 1235-12th Street E., Saskatoon for men interested in reflecting, discussing, and praying about their vocational path. For information contact Fr. Daniel Yasinski at dyasinski@rcdos.ca (306) 834-2269; or Fr. Colin Roy at croy@rcdos.ca (306) 256-3218. (Vocation promotion is supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)

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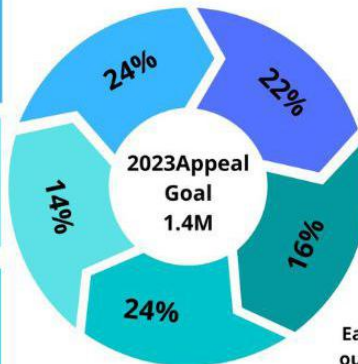
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DCTR
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Deaf Ministry, Justice and Peace, Marriage and Family Life,
Grief support, Office of Migration, Reverence for Life,
Friendship Inn, Prairie Centre for Ecumenism, Support of
Archdiocese of Keewatin - Le Pas
\$337,017



Make Every Sunday Matter
Move from Maintenance to Mission
Communication
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\$303,506

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\$226,042

Each ministry is working hard to support our faith community. Feel free to contact them directly for assistance.



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Bringing Home the Word

First Sunday of Advent (B)

December 3, 2023

Hurry Up and Wait!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

We've all had this experience. We rush to get ready...and then we wait: at the doctor's office, for a train, at a restaurant. For what do we hurry up and wait this Sunday? Some might say we are waiting for the birth of Jesus. But today's readings don't say this.

The first reading describes people waiting for relief from the guilt of their sinfulness. Paul talks about waiting for "the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ" at the end time (1 Corinthians 1:7). The people in the Gospel are waiting for the return of the householder to settle accounts. There's no waiting for Christmas—yet.

What should we wait for if not for Christmas? Isaiah tells us to hurry up and

change our lives of pettiness, selfishness, and arrogance, and then to wait for the graciousness of God to "rend the heavens and come down" (Isaiah 63:19). Paul tells us to hurry up and embrace "the grace of God bestowed on [us] in Christ Jesus" (1 Corinthians 1:4), and then to wait for the final revelation of his glory. The Gospel tells us to hurry up, be alert and ready for Christ's return, and then to wait for it to happen.

If we don't prepare ourselves for the coming of God in the reality of our own lives, we might not recognize this salvation when it comes. We're not waiting for an event that happened in the past; we are waiting for the grace of God that is calling us into the future. So, hurry up and wait! †

A Word from Pope Francis

[The Lord] comes every day to visit his people, to visit every man and woman who receives him in the Word, in the Sacraments, in their brothers and sisters....He is at the door to our heart. He knocks. Do you know how to listen to the Lord who knocks, who has come today to visit you...?

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 29, 2020



Sunday Readings

Isaiah 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7

LORD, you are our father;
we are the clay and you our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son.

Mark 13:33–37

[Jesus said,] "May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping."

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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- How patient are you with waiting?
- If waiting is difficult for you, what is one thing you can do to be better at it?

Created in Our Image

Johan van Parys

During the Advent and Christmas seasons, the art gallery at the Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis exhibits nearly 200 crèches from around the world. The composition varies in matter and magnitude. Some are carved in wood or stone, and others are made from scrap materials such as newspapers, bottle caps, or soda cans. Some are made of fired clay either colorfully painted or left to its natural state. One is composed of painted pebbles. Sizes range from miniature to almost life-size.

What is remarkable is that in each of these handmade crèches, individual artists present the familiar story of the birth of Jesus in their own image. Featured are African, American, Asian, Australian, and European versions of



Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Sometimes artists replace the traditional sheep and donkey with local animals: llamas, wart hogs, or lions. In some crèches, instead of the traditional gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, artists include gifts representing their culture, such as monkeys and armadillos, which are presented to Jesus by the Magi of the Amazon.

People from all around the world visit the gallery exhibit and look for a crèche from their native land. There is joy when they find it because it is a validation of their faith and an affirmation of their part in the great story of the Incarnation. Each of us is made in the image of God. And in Jesus, God took on the image of each of us so that we might become like Christ. This is the message of Christmas. †

From *Liguorian*, December 2013



*Lord Jesus, so that we may
be patient in our waiting
and energetic in our service,
we pray—Be born in us,
be born in our world.*

The Redemptorists

Signs of the Season – Part I: Decorations

Paige Byrne Shortal

In our house, Christmas comes gradually. On the First Sunday of Advent, the Advent candles go on the table; the wreath on the door; the Advent calendar on the kitchen wall where we open one door each day. Gradually throughout this all-too-short season appear Christmas books, the outside lights, the angels, nutcrackers, stockings, and, of course, the tree—always a real one that we cut down ourselves.

From the poorest to the richest, folks of every nation, race, and religion decorate their homes to make a day more special. It's about honoring—as in “decorate a general.” And it's about remembering. Each year I remember my friend Jean who gave me the angel ornament with 1975 printed on it. I remember when the children were tiny babies as I hang the “Child's-First-Christmas” ornaments. I remember our oldest son's first Christmas with us. He was ten

when we adopted him and he said in his broken English, “In Guatemala, Santa just sleeps and sleeps.”

Now we welcome our children's spouses and children and many of their friends around the dinner table and the tree. And that is also why we decorate. It's about hospitality.

To all who pass by and see the wreath and the lights and the Christmas tree inside, we say, “Welcome Friend and Stranger: Christmas is observed here.” †



WEEKDAY READINGS

December 4–9

Monday, Advent Weekday:
Is 2:1–5 / Mt 8:5–11


Tuesday, Advent Weekday:
Is 11:1–10 / Lk 10:21–24

Wednesday, Advent Weekday:
Is 25:6–10a / Mt 15:29–37

Thursday, St. Ambrose: Is 26:1–6 / Mt 7:21, 24–27

Friday, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Gn 3:9–15, 20 / Eph 1:3–6, 11–12 / Lk 1:26–38

Saturday, Advent Weekday: Is 30:19–21, 23–26 / Mt 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6–8

Bringing Home
the Word 
December 3, 2023

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Sunday, Dec 03, 2023

A season of welcome

The color violet reminds us that a new season has begun: a time to prepare to welcome Christ in our midst for all days and in all persons. Coincidentally this year, Advent starts on the World Day for Persons with Disabilities. How welcoming is our church to the people with physical and mental challenges? Not just improving accessibility with an entrance ramp or elevator but providing accommodations for those with hearing, visual, and intellectual impairments, including for liturgies and sacramental preparation? Take a look around your own parish. Is it true that "all are welcome"?

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37 (2). *"We are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands."*

Monday, Dec 04, 2023

Iconic inspiration

Think of how much sacred images of Jesus, Mary, angels, and the saints—in painting, stained glass, and sculpture—have filled your life and stimulated your spirit. You might have many sacred images throughout your home. Perhaps you can find them in different public places in your city. Our Catholic churches are certainly full of them. Think of how much they inspire and prompt you to momentary prayer, a fleeting lifting of your heart and mind to God as you pass by them, or to long stretches on your knees, deep in conversation. You can partly thank John Damascene, who defended holy images against iconoclasm, a movement in the eighth century that was opposed to the veneration of icons. Treasure the rich imagery of our tradition.

MEMORIAL OF JOHN DAMASCENE, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11 (175). *"Many will come from the east and the west, and will recline with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the banquet in the Kingdom of heaven."*

Tuesday, Dec 05, 2023

Be a light in the darkness

As Advent days grow ever darker, Isaiah offers hope: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isa. 9:1). We Christians seek the Son's light, but we also take the Savior at his word when he describes us as the "light of the world" (Matt. 5:14). 'Tis the season, to celebrate those who shared their light, such as Rosa Parks, who co-led the Montgomery bus boycott beginning this day in 1955. Or Mary McLeod Bethune, who formed the National Council of Negro Women 20 years earlier. To quote Saint Isidore of Seville (who opened the Fourth Council of Toledo on this day in 633): "Just as we must love God in contemplation, so we must love our neighbor with action."

ADVENT WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24 (176). *"He shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth."*

Wednesday, Dec 06, 2023

Peace on Earth requires living on the edge

This year we celebrate the centennial of the birth of Phil Berrigan, the famed peace activist and one-time Josephite priest. His dedication to serve the African-American community quickly blossomed into an all-out crusade for justice, resulting in his many

arrests, sentences, and continuing activities to emphasize the Catholic opposition to bloodshed. He was hardly rewarded for his efforts in this life, and in this time of war in our day, we owe him a great debt. We can pay it by walking as he walked, in the path toward peace.

ADVENT WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37 (177). *"On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, The web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever."*

Thursday, Dec 07, 2023

Unite to fight for good

Today is Pearl Harbor Day, when the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor officially thrust the United States into World War II. Americans sacrificed in multiple ways to serve the war effort, from military service to rationing. What if we were to unite in the same way to fight poverty? An emphasis on charity and justice for the poor exists within all the Abrahamic traditions, Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. Who is fighting poverty in your community? Take a step today to unite with them.

ADVENT WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27 (178). *"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of heaven."*

Friday, Dec 08, 2023

A day of grace

Today is all about grace. It was God's grace that provided Mary with the privilege of being born without original sin; it was Mary's grace that said yes to God's plan; and it is our grace to honor Mary's witness and protection. As Pope John Paul II explains, "Grace means love and the gift of God himself, the completely free gift in which God entrusts to [us] his Mystery." In honor of this day, pray the mysteries of the Rosary.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (PATRONAL FEAST DAY OF THE U.S.A.)

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38 (689). *"Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."*

Saturday, Dec 09, 2023

Mary mirrors her people

Can you imagine what today's saint, Juan Diego, was going through when he encountered Our Lady of Guadalupe? First of all, she looked nothing like the pictures of the Blessed Virgin he was used to. She wasn't a blue-eyed, white European. She was brown-skinned with dark hair and dark eyes. She wasn't wearing a blue veil either. And she didn't even speak to him in Spanish, but in Nahuatl, the ancient language of his ancestral Aztec. Was she for real? When the image of the Virgin appeared on his cloak, he knew she was. Celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe, who acts as a reflection for all the faithful.

MEMORIAL OF JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATZIN, VISIONARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 (180). *"As you go, make this proclamation: 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"*

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



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DEC 17 SUN	630PM	7PM	11AM
DEC 18 MON	7PM	7PM	6PM
DEC 19 TUE	7PM	7PM	6PM
DEC 20 WED	7PM	7PM	6PM
DEC 21 THUR	7PM	7PM	6PM
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Dr. Scott MacDonald, M.D.



Physician Lead Crosstown Clinic, Providence Health Care

Dr. MacDonald is the physician lead at the Providence Crosstown Clinic which was the site of NAOMI and SALOME. He continues to supervise injectable opiate/opioid assisted substitution treatment (iOAT) at the clinic. Dr. MacDonald and his team are the first physicians in the world to prescribe hydromorphone for the treatment of substance use disorder.

With opening remarks by The Most Reverend J. Michael Miller, CSB, Archbishop of Vancouver, and moderated by Francis Maza, DMin, Vice President of Mission, Ethics & Spirituality for Providence Health Care.

DATE: Thursday, December 7, 2023

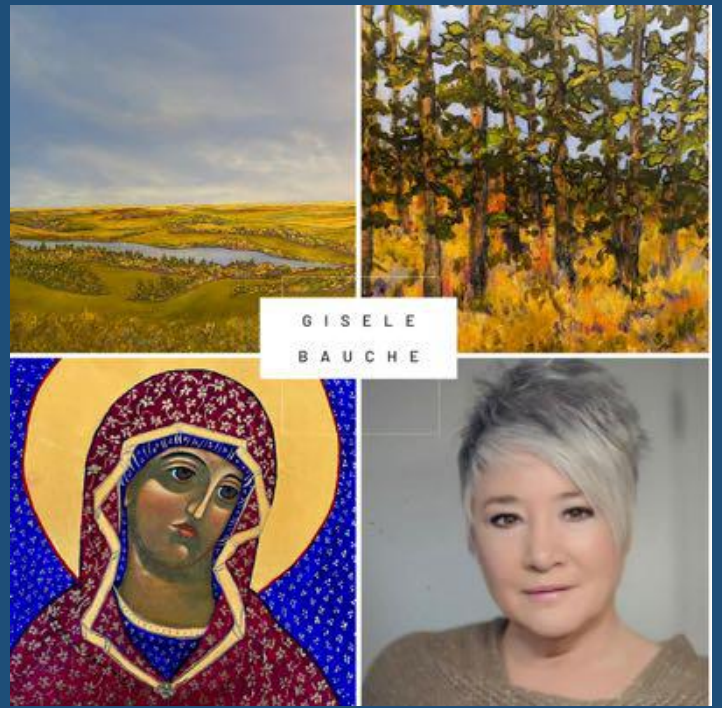
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Soul Works: Pottery and Art Exhibit ***Gift a piece of Art for Christmas***

Queen's House of Retreat and Renewal
Saturday, December 9, 2023
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Sunday, December 10, 2023
1:00 – 4:00 pm

2025 Jubilee: Holy Year Pilgrimage

Join Bishop Stephen Hero and Father Maurice Fiolleau of Prince Albert on a Pilgrimage to Rome, Vatican City and Assisi from December 10 – 18, 2025 during the 2025 Jubilee Holy Year. Mass will be celebrated daily. Visit the Seven Jubilee Churches, the Catacombs, be part of the Pope's Sunday Angelus and blessing and attend the weekly Wednesday Papal Audience. Travel to Assisi where Mass will be celebrated at the Basilica. Free time to see the sights of Rome during the Advent season. Rome will be bursting with beautiful Nativity scenes, Christmas markets and colorful lights. A province-wide ZOOM presentation will be held on Tuesday December 12 at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in being part of the ZOOM presentation, please contact Tom Brothwell at the CAA Office in Prince Albert to get the link to the meeting. His email address is:

tom.brothwell@caask.ca

Following Jesus to the Manger

Advent Retreat

Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023

11:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Mass: 11:00 Lunch: 12:00

Children's Activities: 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Guest Speaker: 1:00 pm

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