



# 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.*



November 19, 2023 | Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 | 1 Thes 5:1-6 | Mt 25:14-30

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

When we think of gifts, we may picture a child eagerly ripping into wrapping paper on a birthday or at Christmas. Oh, the anticipation and the joy seen through a child's eyes! In contemplating today's Scriptures, it occurs to me that the gifts God has given to us should fill us with the same joy and sense of gratitude as that child. Although there are many facets to the parable of the talents which Jesus tells his disciples in today's Gospel, what stands out to me comes at the very beginning: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them." No small thing to be entrusted with the master's possessions! In the same way, God *entrusts* us with his gifts – they are all we have and all we are. And, like the master in the parable, God expects us to use our gifts and talents to build his kingdom here on earth – to multiply his goodness in the world.

## GO EVANGELIZE

### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Does the parable seem a bit harsh at the end? After all, the last servant didn't squander the money he was given, he simply gave it back in the same form in which it was given to him. But let's think about our generous God and the gifts and talents he has given us. God expects us to *use* these gifts, not hide them under a bushel. If we are lazy with and inattentive to our God-given gifts, they will shrink and fade away. We will be squandering our invitation to full participation in the kingdom of God. Obviously, each of God's children has unique gifts, just as the servants in the parable received different numbers of talents *according to their ability*. With this in mind, let us consider how we can share our singular gifts and help others do the same. No gift or talent is too small, and God has given us everything we need to use each gift wisely. Empowered by God's love and grace, let us use our blessings for his glory.

**WITNESS** The imagery of the "wicked, lazy" servant being punished, coupled with St. Paul's words that the Lord will come "like a thief at night," impart urgency to the task before us. In order to be prepared to give God an accounting of how we are using his gifts, let us start growing them today. Offer forgiveness, love someone whom it is hard to love, show mercy; in other words, be a blessing to others and see how that goodness multiplies.

NOVEMBER 19	NOVEMBER 20	NOVEMBER 21	NOVEMBER 22	NOVEMBER 23	NOVEMBER 24	NOVEMBER 25
10a Mass 12p Mass 1-4p Adoration 7p Mass	7p RCIA	8:30a Mass 1:30p CWL Book Club	8:30a Mass 4-5p Children's Choir 7p Adoration	8:30a Mass 1p Senior Cards 4p Altar Server Training 6p 1st Reconciliation Prep	8:30a Mass 9a-12p Adoration	9:30 Children's Liturgy Training 10a K of C 11a-12p Confession 5p Mass

## THIS WEEK



### ADVENT PARISH EVENT

#### Potluck and Advent Wreath Making

Friday December 1 from 6-8pm

Join us for one or both! Pre-registration required. Visit [holyspiritsaskatoon.ca](http://holyspiritsaskatoon.ca), sign up in the Place of Welcome, click the link below or call the office 306-374-1425. \$25/family. *Deadline to register is November 20.*

**REGISTER**

## WE PLEDGE 5%

Once a year Christmas hampers are distributed to people from St. Mary's and Our Lady of Guadalupe parishes, and to new immigrants that have been referred to us by the Open Door Society. We give out about 350 hampers; but we couldn't do it alone. Several other parishes in the city (including one Anglican parish), and other groups support us. And we are very thankful for any help."

"Your financial support would be a big help. But, more than that, if anyone is interested in helping hands-on with this work, St. Mary's welcomes that too."



**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. You can pick up a slip of paper with a needed item this weekend or see the online bulletin for a list. Please deliver to the church side door near the hall on the weekend of November 25/26 or December 2/3.

*Thank you for helping to fill a Christmas hamper.*



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>



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.*



**Keep Christ in Christmas**— For sale this weekend. Lawn signs \$25. Magnets \$5. Visit the table in the Welcome Area and remember the reason for the season!

**A National Indigenous Rosary free virtual event** will be held online at 11 a.m. **Saturday, Nov. 25** to pray the rosary in five of Canada's Indigenous languages (this prayer event will take place monthly). The Holy Rosary is a prayer that is common to all Catholics in this land and has been prayed for generations in every Indigenous language. This gathering is an opportunity to pray as one with the intention that "all who live in this land, Indigenous and non-Indigenous may experience healing and reconciliation on a renewed journey of justice and peace for our children.". (Intention courtesy of Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle): [Click here to register for the Zoom event.](#)



Holy Cross High School is proud to present one of the most loved musicals of all time: **The Sound of Music**. Set in Austria in 1938, an exuberant young governess brings music and joy back to a broken family, only to face danger and intrigue as the Nazis gain power. *Performance dates and times: Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> - 7pm, Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> - 7pm, Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> - 1 pm matinee and 7pm*

**Please phone the ticket box office 306-659-8222 to order tickets.**

### 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](mailto:spowell@rcdos.ca)  
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Please visit [holyspiritsaskatoon.ca](http://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  
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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)



# Advent Parish Event

Potluck & Advent Wreath Making

Fri. Dec 1st 6-8pm

pre-registration required

visit: [holyspiritsaskatoon.ca](http://holyspiritsaskatoon.ca)

or sign up in the Place of Welcome

\$25/family



Come join us for supper and then make an Advent wreath with live evergreens and bees wax candles! The potluck is free but to make a wreath the cost is \$25 for materials.

To make sure we have enough materials ordered, the deadline for registration is Monday, Nov. 20th.

Click the link to register:

<https://form.jotform.com/233045016600037>





*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](http://WWW.HOLYSPIRITSASKATOON.CA)

Click: [Advent Evening](#)



## 2023 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:

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

**Please deliver to the church side door near the hall on the  
weekend of November 25/26 or December 2/3.**

If you have any questions please contact Kelly:  
306-374-1425, or email [kwormsbecker@rcdos.ca](mailto:kwormsbecker@rcdos.ca).

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



# Diocesan Bulletin

Nov. 19, 2023 - 33rd 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 Monthly Mass** will be held 5 p.m., **Sunday, Nov. 19** at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Cr. E., Saskatoon. Everyone is welcome.

**Theology on Tap for young adults 19 to 35** will be held at 5 p.m. **Tuesday, Nov. 21**, with special guest Fr. Dan Yasinski at Louis' on Campus in the private function room. Get to know Fr. Dan a bit better and hear his vocation story. Theology on Tap is on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/saskatoonTonT](http://www.facebook.com/saskatoonTonT).

**Canadians for a Synodal Church online panel event** will be offered on Zoom at 5:30 p.m. (SK time), **Wednesday, Nov. 22** with Canadian participants in the Synod on Synodality held last month: Most Reverend Michael Miller, CSB, Archbishop of Vancouver; Sr. Elizabeth Davis, RSM, Sisters of Mercy, Newfoundland; and Dr. Catherine Clifford, Theologian, St. Paul University, Ottawa. They will describe their experiences as voting delegates in the synodal process at the Vatican and offer ways for us all to stay informed and engaged. Register at: [www.galileecentre.com/canadians-for-a-synodal-church](http://www.galileecentre.com/canadians-for-a-synodal-church) or e-mail [info@galileecentre.com](mailto:info@galileecentre.com) or call (613) 623-4242 (Ext. 21).

**Red Wednesday** is a day of prayer, action and awareness about the persecution of Christians around the world. In Saskatoon, there will be an ecumenical Red Wednesday service to pray for persecuted Christians, to be held at 7:30 p.m. **Wednesday, Nov. 22**, at Holy Covenant Evangelical Orthodox Church, 1426 Alexandra Avenue (please note that the church building is not wheelchair accessible). Evangelical Orthodox Bishop Jakob Palm and Roman Catholic Bishop Mark Hagemoen are among those participating in prayer and reflection during the service. Everyone is welcome. If you have questions, please contact Myron Rogal in the diocesan Office of Justice and Peace at [mroga@rcdos.ca](mailto:mroga@rcdos.ca) or (306) 659-5841.

**CCBR's "Faces of Abortion"** is coming to Saskatoon and all are invited 7 p.m. **Friday, Nov. 24** at St. Paul Co-Cathedral hall, 720 Spadina Cres. E., Saskatoon. This 60-minute presentation by the Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform (CCBR) is focused on shifting the abortion conversation from the statistics and legislation to the precious girls and boys, as well as their families, most tragically impacted by this injustice. Through this shift of focus, CCBR has witnessed this year alone over 2,000 minds changed on abortion and hundreds of people becoming actively involved for the first time. For more information contact Cam at [ccote@endthekilling.ca](mailto:ccote@endthekilling.ca)

## Diocesan World Youth Day

### Christ the King Sunday, Nov. 26

Includes celebration of Sunday Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Family in Saskatoon, with Bishop Mark Hagemoen **6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26**, as well as testimonies from young adults who participated in the international World Youth Day held in Portugal in 2023. Everyone is welcome.

**Treaty Learning Journey** - St. Philip Neri Parish in Saskatoon continues a Treaty Learning Journey series led by a team from the Office of the Treaty Commissioner from 9:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. **Saturday, Nov. 25** at Queen's House, 601 Taylor Street West, Saskatoon. Pre-registration is not required (freewill offering).

**The Micah Mission Annual General Meeting** will be held 10 a.m. **Saturday, Nov. 25** at Wildwood Mennonite Church, 1502 Acadia Drive, Saskatoon. Everyone is welcome. RSVP by Nov. 23, 2023 to [info@themicahmission.org](mailto:info@themicahmission.org).

**Learn how to change hearts and minds on abortion:** Join Cam Côté from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, Nov. 25** at St. Paul Co-Cathedral for this in-person interactive pro-life workshop.

**Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle** includes adoration, rosary, benediction, hymns and prayers, 7:30 p.m. **Thursday, Nov. 30** at St. Michael Church, #18-33rd St. E., Saskatoon.

**A Contemplative Mass** led by Fr. Kevin McGee, will be held 5 p.m. **Friday, Dec. 1** at St. Mary Parish, 211 Ave. O S., Saskatoon. The rhythm of the Contemplative Mass is a gentle, steady flow, marked by 20 minutes of silence after communion to allow space for reflection and recognition of the intimate presence of Christ who comes to us through scripture and the Eucharist. Relax and rest in the abiding presence of God.

**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](mailto:info@themicahmission.org) for information and to buy tickets.

**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.



## Message Board

**Sound of Music** - Holy Cross High School (2115 McEown Ave., Saskatoon) will present one of the most loved musicals of all time, *The Sound of Music*, **Nov. 30 - Dec. 2**. Set in Austria in 1938, it is the story of an exuberant young governess who brings music and joy back to a broken family, only to face danger and intrigue as the Nazis gain power. Performance dates and times: 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, Friday, Dec. 1 and Saturday, Dec. 2, with a matinee also held 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. Tickets are \$10 each; phone: (306) 659-8222.

**St. Philip Neri Parish Fair Trade Sale** in support of refugee sponsorship: items must be **pre-ordered by Nov. 22**; contact sheila.flory@usask.ca or (306) 931-8053. **Level Ground products**: coffee 300g, \$13, beans or ground (Columbia; French roast; East Africa Ethiopia; Peru; Andes Mountain; decaf); tea bags 40g, \$7 (black, green, earl grey, chai); loose leaf tea (black, green, earl grey, chai); dried fruit 90-130g, \$8 (mango, pineapple, banana, golden berry, cacao nibs); organic cane sugar 500g, \$8. **Camino products**: chocolate bars, \$5 plus GST (bittersweet dark, almonds and sea salt, orange dark, salted caramel crunch); hot chocolate powder 336g, \$7 (milk, dark); vegan non-dairy hot chocolate 275g, \$7 (simply dark, intensely dark); shredded coconut 200g, \$5; creamed ice honey, 1kg, \$15/jar or two for \$25. (Pre-orders are picked up Dec 17 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church.)

**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 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.

**Employment Opportunity: Parish Life Director (PLD) for Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Saskatoon**, which serves First Nations, Métis, Indigenous, and non-Indigenous parishioners. Working with the pastor, the PLD is responsible for the day-to-day management of all parish matters. An Indigenous background and a firm understanding of Indigenous history, cultures, and spirituality is considered an asset. This is a full-time, permanent position. Find the job description at <https://rcdos.ca/employment>. To apply, please submit a cover letter and resumé to Fr. Graham Hill, CSsR, at ghill@rcdos.ca.

**Employment Opportunity at the CWL Clothing Depot** - The CWL Clothing Depot is **urgently seeking to fill a part time position** in the store available immediately, offering 12 to 15 hours per week with a possibility of additional hours in future. Contact Bea at the CWL Clothing Depot (306) 242-5042.

**CWL Clothing Depot is seeking donations** of new items suitable for gifts for the Christmas sale: please bring donations to the back door of the CWL Clothing (619 - 20th St. W.) 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday to Friday – ring the doorbell.



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## Bishop's Annual Appeal

### "You Will Be My Witnesses"

Thank you for your support of BAA ministry in our diocese, including Adult Faith formation, Youth and Young Adult ministry, Evangelization and Catechesis, Prison Ministry, Hospital Chaplaincy, Indigenous Pastoral Ministry, Deaf Ministry, Justice and Peace, Marriage and Family Life, Reverence for Life, grief support, refugee sponsorship, Friendship Inn, Prairie Centre for Ecumenism, support for the northern Archdiocese of Keewatin Le-Pas, communications, and vocation promotion, as well as the education of laity, priests, and seminarians. So far, we have raised \$575,308, or 41 per cent of the 2023 BAA goal. No gift is too small as together we work to strengthen faith and serve others. (There is still time to give to receive a 2023 tax receipt.)



To donate online, learn more, or view the 2023 video, visit the Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation website: <https://dscf.ca/baa/> or scan the QR code (left).

**Volunteers needed to lead Catholic prayer at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre**: There is a desperate need for volunteers to assist with liturgies, prayer, leading the rosary and other Catholic outreach at the prison, including on Tuesday and/or Thursday evenings. If the Holy Spirit is inspiring you to respond to the Gospel call to visit those who are in prison (*Matthew 25:36*), contact coordinator of prison ministry Dianne Anderson at: danderson@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5845. (*Prison ministry is supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

**Diocesan Prayer** - Saviour God, we pray for all those who suffer repression and persecution because of their faith. May those undergoing persecution in our world be consoled by our prayers and reassured by our support. (<http://acn-canada.org/red-wednesday>)

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# Bringing Home the Word

*Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)*

**November 19, 2023**

## "Ready or Not, Here I Come"

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

**A**s children we called out this chant when playing hide-and-seek. However, it could very well describe the message of two of today's readings. Paul reminds the Thessalonians that "the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night" (1 Thessalonians 5:2). The Gospel tells a story about a man who returns after a long journey and intends to settle accounts with those whom he put in charge of his household. In both instances, the one returning might cry out, "Ready or not, here I come!" The point of each story: Be ready! But how?

### Sunday Readings

**Proverbs 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31**

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; / the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. / Acclaim her for the work of her hands.

**1 Thessalonians 5:1–6**

You yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night.

**Matthew 25:14–30 or 25:14–15, 19–21**

[Jesus said,] "It will be as when a man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them."

The Thessalonians are told they "are children of the light" (5:5). The Gospel suggests what that expression might mean—be responsible for what has been given to you.

In the Gospel, some servants fully use the talents given to them. However, one servant buries what he received. If that was not bad enough, that servant alleged fear of the householder as reason for his lack of initiative. If he knew that the householder was as demanding as he stated he was, he should have realized that his master would expect him to use what had been given. There is no excuse here in refusing to use what was given, nor in blaming the householder.

All of us have been given life, talents, and abilities. We are expected to use them. This is what it means to live fully. Surely we Catholics will be excited, not afraid, when the Lord announces, "Ready or not, here I come!" †

***Today's Gospel suggests  
that we should be  
responsible for what has  
been given to us.***



### ***A Word from Pope Francis***

Above all, let us not forget to thank: if we are bearers of gratitude, the world itself will become better, even if only a little bit, but that is enough to transmit a bit of hope. The world needs hope. And with gratitude, with this attitude of thanksgiving, we transmit a bit of hope.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME,  
DECEMBER 30, 2020



### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Are you faithful to your responsibilities?
- If not, what is holding you back?

# Look Who's Coming to Dinner

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR

Unlike the meals we read about in the Gospels, in our hurried lives today, meals are more often about nutrients rather than fellowship. Yet every year we fuss over one particular meal when we gather with immediate family and extended family and maybe a few friends. We come together to feast and to give thanks for our blessings.

Jesus used meals to mark significant moments and to teach his disciples valuable lessons. However, he was not very picky about those with whom he ate. In fact, Jesus went out of his way to invite the “wrong sort” of people to dine with him; this was one reason he got into trouble. But repeatedly it was the simple act of breaking bread with someone that produced profound transformation.

Jesus was about the business of receiving and restoring people—not rejecting those seeking salvation. It was



Zacchaeus' encounter with Jesus and the Lord's proclamation that he was going to break bread with him that transformed Zacchaeus. The disciples who had lost hope and were returning to Emmaus recognized Jesus only in the breaking of bread. And at the Last Supper, the most important meal in all of Scripture, Jesus broke bread with those who would

abandon and deny him; he even shared a dish with his betrayer.

Who will be around the table on Thanksgiving? Is there anyone you hope stays away? Anyone you refuse to eat with? Maybe it's someone who wronged you. (How many times are we to forgive our sisters and brothers?) Maybe it's their political ideology or religious beliefs. (Is there not one Lord of all?) Maybe it's someone whose lifestyle makes you uncomfortable. (Are we not all created in the image of our God?) Think about the healing power of simply breaking bread with someone. Imagine the potential transformation wrought simply by imitating Jesus. Can we help build the kingdom just by swallowing our pride before gulping down some turkey? This year, perhaps we can restore this meal to its original purpose and give thanks for ALL the people in our lives. †

*Liguorian, April 2009*

## Thanksgiving: A Holy Day of Opportunity

*Joseph D. Slater*

Of all our purely national holidays, few have the power to touch us more deeply than does Thanksgiving Day. It is a day filled with religious overtones. Thanksgiving is, in fact, a holiday that comes close to being a holy day. The Vatican recently acknowledged the religious dimensions of this day by authorizing a special Mass for the Church in the United States.

For the Catholic, there is no better way to give thanks than to offer ourselves to God by receiving his Son in the Eucharist. The very word *Eucharist* comes from a Greek verb meaning “to give thanks.”

Thanksgiving should be a holy day. Not a holy day of obligation, but a holy day of opportunity, for on this day when our entire nation pauses for the common purpose of giving thanks, Catholics have a special opportunity to make our response to the God, “from whom all blessings flow.” †

*Liguorian, November 1985*



*Gracious God, make us mindful of our blessings and increase in us the gift of gratitude which makes possible a generous life of service. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

*The Redemptorists*

## WEEKDAY READINGS

November 20–25

**Monday, Weekday:** 1 Mc 1:10–15, 41–43, 54–57, 62–63 / Lk 18:35–43


**Tuesday, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** 2 Mc 6:18–31 / Lk 19:1–10

**Wednesday, St. Cecilia:** 2 Mc 7:1, 20–31 / Lk 19:11–28

**Thursday, Thanksgiving Day:**  
Sir 50:22–24 / 1 Cor 1:3–9 / Lk 17:11–19  
or 1 Mc 2:15–29 / Lk 19:41–44

**Friday, St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions:**  
1 Mc 4:36–37, 52–59 / Lk 19:45–48

**Saturday, Weekday:** 1 Mc 6:1–13 / Lk 20:27–40

Bringing Home  
the Word 

November 19, 2023

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**Sunday, Nov 19, 2023**

### **Curl up with the Good Book**

President Franklin D. Roosevelt inaugurated the first National Bible Week. Presidents since have continued the tradition of encouraging scripture reading during the holidays. The practice began in 1941, when NBC radio hosted the National Bible Association's founders. News of the attack on Pearl Harbor interrupted the program, and NBC asked the association to continue reading the Bible all day to a grieving nation. This week, spend some time with scripture daily. Consider reading the book of your choice, from the Old or New Testaments. Or read a psalm of thanksgiving daily. Discover the inspiration.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1

Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30 (157). *"For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness."*

**Monday, Nov 20, 2023**

### **Can we talk?**

The word *bible* is from a Greek word meaning "book." If you could have no other book, the Bible would be the one! As you count your blessings this week, don't forget to give thanks for sacred scripture and spend some time with the inspired word of God. If you haven't before, try *lectio divina* (Latin for "divine reading")—it's a traditional monastic form of praying with scripture in a meditative way to open ourselves to hearing what God is saying to us and listening for our own interior response. Scripture isn't just text, it's the Living Word—strike up a conversation!

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18:35-43 (497). *"What do you want me to do for you?"*

**Tuesday, Nov 21, 2023**

### **Mary, most exemplary**

According to tradition, Mary's parents—an elderly Anne and Joachim—were so grateful for the unexpected birth of their daughter, they presented her in the Temple to thank God. Accounts also say the toddler Mary "danced with joy" on the third step of the Temple, signifying her future role. Other qualities of the Blessed Mother, present even from her youth, are enumerated in the "Ten Evangelical Virtues of Mary" that we're all encouraged to emulate as Christians: pure, prudent, humble, faithful, devout, obedient, poor, patient, merciful, and sorrowful. Cultivate these in your own life by praying the Virtues of Mary chaplet used by the Marian religious order since 1699.

MEMORIAL OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10 (498).

*"Today salvation has come to this house."*

**Wednesday, Nov 22, 2023**

### **Let the music play!**

Today's gospel from Luke tells the parable of the 10 gold coins. Matthew tells the same parable (Matt. 25:14-30), only he replaces Luke's "gold coins" with "talents." Whichever version you read, it's clear that God wants us to make the most of what we've been given—and that he recognizes our efforts! In honor of today's Feast of Saint Cecilia, patron of music and musicians, enjoy Anton

Bruckner's Te Deum as performed by the talented musicians of the Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia (National Academy of St. Cecilia, founded under Pope Sixtus V in 1585) or check out the contemporary namesake band La Santa Cecilia, recipient of the 2013 Grammy for Best Latin Rock Album (Alternative or Urban).

MEMORIAL OF CECILIA, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28 (499). *"I tell you, to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."*

**Thursday, Nov 23, 2023**

### **Give thanks for a virtuous day**

Because Thanksgiving brings together family members, personalities sometimes grate, children might misbehave, and the gravy surely will spill. It's an ideal day to practice what the Catechism of the Catholic Church calls the "cardinal virtues": prudence (think before you act), justice (be fair), fortitude (don't give up), and temperance (maintain your equilibrium). These virtues smooth out the bumps in human interaction. Ask God to increase in you the virtue you most need for a happy celebration today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44 (500).

Mass for Thanksgiving Day (943-947). *"If this day you only knew what makes for peace."*

**Friday, Nov 24, 2023**

### **Follow the rule**

"Keep the rule, and the rule will keep you." In this monastic proverb, "rule" refers to the daily rhythm of life for monks and nuns that is grounded in their foundation and charism as a community and oriented toward Jesus the Christ. The rule helps the community develop habits for prayer, work, relationships, study, and even play. Monastics still follow a rule of life, as do other intentional communities. Each of us can develop a rule of life according to our own daily rhythm and relationship with God. This rule will keep us grounded, even when the inevitable storms of life roll in.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48 (501). *"Let us go up to purify the sanctuary and rededicate it."*

**Saturday, Nov 25, 2023**

### **No room for violence**

On this day in 1960 a trio of courageous sisters was brutally assassinated for opposing the murderous regime of Dominican dictator Rafael Trujillo. Since 1993, the U.N. has commemorated World Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women in honor of the Mirabal sisters. It is an appropriate coincidence that today we also honor Catherine of Alexandria, a young convert martyred at the tender age of 18 during Roman persecutions around the year 300. She was reportedly subject to terrible tortures, but her courage instead attracted hundreds more converts. No woman should have to endure violence for any reason. Today is a day we can honor martyrs both modern and ancient with a firm *"No más, no more."*

MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, YOUTH MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40 (502).

*"They are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise."*

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



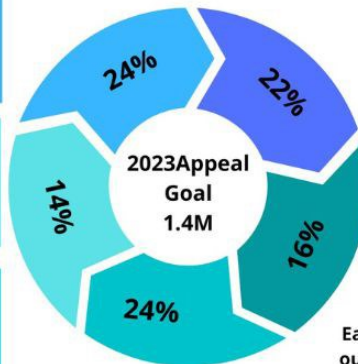
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The Catholic Church's synodal process has already undergone diocesan, national, and continental stages. It will culminate in two global assemblies at the Vatican. The first will take place Oct. 4-28 and the second in October 2024 to advise the pope on the topic "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission." The October 2023 session will be carried out in a synodal style ensuring a continuing fruitful process of discernment to be completed in the second session in October 2024. Proposals on how we can grow as a synodal Church will then be presented to the Holy Father.

This virtual conversation will provide an opportunity to learn from Canadian participants: an archbishop, a religious sister, and a lay woman. They will describe their experiences as voting delegates in the synodal process at the Vatican and offer ways for us all to stay informed and engaged.

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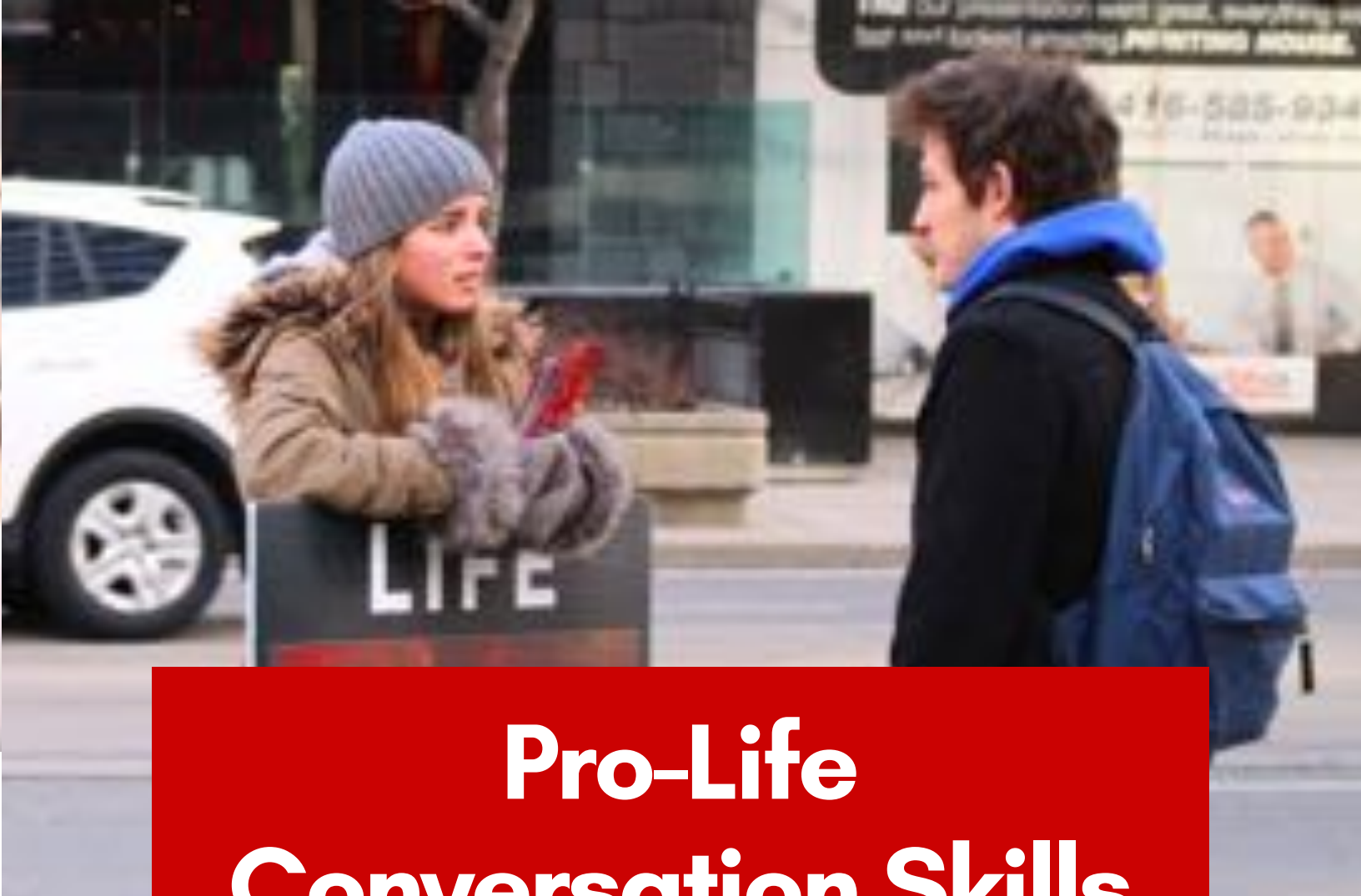
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## About Gisele Bauche



Gisele's artistic career evolved naturally through her relationship with her family of professional artists and the study of art through workshops, retreats, and tutoring. The inspiration for her Christian Art came from her deep love of the scriptures and her spirituality. Gisele's interest in Christian Art broadened into other areas and mediums of acrylic, watercolour, mixed mediums, and pottery with a specific focus in Byzantine Iconography. Gisele is an instructor of on-going art workshops and retreats.

Her works are featured in the Catholic Extension Society's Calendar of Canada, Augsburg Fortress Publications, US; Novalis Publications with international distribution and other Publications in Canada and the US. Her artwork is displayed in churches, organization, retreat centres and institutions in western Canada. She is regularly commissioned by individuals and organizations. She is the author of the book, "Giving Glory to God: Reflections of an Artist."

## About Madeline Oliver    Madzpotz



Madzpotz (Madeline Oliver) is a Saskatoon based potter.

I love all things pottery. I enjoy creating, using, gifting, and learning about pottery. There are so many therapeutic moments in the process and one of them is connecting with the inspiring artists at Saskatoon Clayworks studio. What a delight to bring art and functionality together, it's one way to make the world a friendlier and more beautiful place.

## About Anita Verlangen    Fire & Grace Pottery



Fire and Grace Pottery features the pottery of Anita Verlangen. Anita is a Saskatoon-based potter who has been working with clay part time for over 25 years and teaches wheel throwing at Saskatoon Clayworks. I studied at Red Deer College and was part of the Ceramics program at the SIAST in Prince Albert for two years.

I found my way back to the potter's wheel more consistently four years ago after a serious illness. My time working with clay has become a source of healing, joy, and meditation. I love to make functional pieces that can be used every day to bring beauty to the simple moments of our day. I have a love for mugs with playful handles and long-necked pitchers.

## About Dean Bauche



Dean Bauche is a professional artist, curator, adjudicator, and cultural consultant. Dean was formerly the director of Galleries for the city of North Battleford and the Director/ Curator of the Allen Sapp Gallery.

Dean works in both traditional and new media including copper, encaustic pastel acrylic HDR photography and some film but is best known for his evocative portraits in oil, water colour and encaustic.

Dean's work has won many awards and can be found in national publications as well as private and public collections across Canada.

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