

### **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 26, 2023 | The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 | 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 | Mt 25:31-46

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

The paradoxical ways we have come to understand Jesus can give us spiritual whiplash. He is both a tender and caring shepherd of sheep and one who sends strong rams and goats to the eternal fire; the executed human and divine man who came into full resurrected glory. He is God incarnate into human history and born in a manger; the servant-leader; the one who is both God and man. This is the beauty of what we call the Paschal Mystery - that the Son of God came into the world and by his life, death, and resurrection he has reconciled us to the Father, and has redeemed us. He saves us from the death of sin. As Catholics we are comfortable with paradox: We are inhabitants of a kingdom of God that is already (here) but not yet (fully realized); we are both an Easter people and we live in a world of Good Fridays. So when Jesus says in today's Gospel that whatever we do to the least of people, we do to Christ himself and we will reap our actions in the fullness of that kingdom, we understand that he is a king unlike any other king. He cares not for pomp and circumstance, but wants to ensure that all - even the least among us - are given his gifts to share. The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe celebrates that we have a king who cares more for us than anyone on earth could ever care for us, and we are blessed to be able to love and serve him in return.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In the midst of our busy lives, it is no secret that our thoughts can easily be preoccupied with things other than prayer or our relationship with God. Perhaps we struggle with maintaining a daily prayer practice. So when we pause to take stock of our lives - where our attention is focused during the day-to-day - it's easy to see that God is sometimes "off to the side." Perhaps we take everything we have been given for granted, or maybe we are just not sure how to make him the most important aspect of our lives. Just like cultivating a friendship takes active effort, so does our relationship with God. Just as watering a plant near its center allows the water to spread throughout the surrounding area, to its roots and the soil - thus making it fruitful and full - putting Jesus Christ, our king, at the center of our lives means that his goodness flows into everything else we say and do. Our lives and our hearts will grow in goodness and bear rich fruit.

**INVITATION** Challenge yourself this week to subvert expectations and keep God first. Show Christ is Lord over your life by prioritizing your faith and building up your priorities around him. Make a daily appointment in your calendar for prayer and look for opportunities to put Christ at the center, or heart, of your daily life.

NOVEMBER 26	NOVEMBER 27	NOVEMBER 28	NOVEMBER 29	NOVEMBER 30	DECEMBER 1	DECEMBER 2
<b>10a</b> Mass	<b>7p</b> RCIA	<b>8:30a</b> Mass	<b>8:30a</b> Mass	<b>8:30a</b> Mass	<b>8:30a</b> Mass	<b>10a</b> First
12p Mass		<b>7p</b> RCIA	4-5p Children's		9a-12p Adoration	Reconciliation
1-4p Adoration			Choir		<b>6p</b> Advent Wreath	11a-12p
<b>7p</b> Mass			<b>7p</b> Adoration		Making	Confession
						<b>5p</b> Mass

### THIS WEEK

Nov. 25/26 please sign the petition for Development and Peace. Information will be given and sheets to sign will be available at all Masses this weekend, thank you!



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. Please bring the item you chose last weekend or see the online bulletin for a list. Please drop off at 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.

**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

### WE PLEDGE 5%

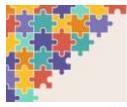
Once a year Christmas hampers are distributed to people from St. Mary's and Our Lady of Guadalupe parishes, and to new immigrants that have been referred to us by the Open Door Society. We give out about 350 hampers; but we couldn't do it alone. Several other parishes in the city (including one Anglican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

### **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, Lawrence Happ, Jeff Haugen, Perla Lansangan
- For all those who have died, today we remember: Ed Scheidl, Roman Weisensel
- And on the anniversary of death, Edward Hanowski, Leo Hoffman, Rudolfo Ruiz, Rolando Ruiz, Ricardo Ruiz, Erlinda Ruiz-Blanes, Ramon Calixto Sr.

We pray to the Lord.



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*.



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

**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!

The Knights are also selling Co-op Gift Cards in \$50.00 and \$100.00 denominations as a council fund raiser.

SAVE THE DATE—For all Knights of Columbus, the Knights Night Out initiative to have active and non active Knights break bread together begins January 9, 6:15pm. The meal starts at 6:15pm and ends at 7:15 in the parish hall (unless other location posted). This time frame allows the executive opportunity to set up for the general meeting at 7:30. You are not obliged to attend the meeting. Let's rekindle our ties; let us truly experience the community of Knights and the connectedness of our vibrant parish. You will make the difference.

In order for the "cooks" to prepare the simple meal (5\$ participant fee) we would require one of two quick responses. Number one; sign the poster in the welcome area that you will be attending or, number 2, email Rob Young (rob.young@shaw.ca) at least 4 days prior (January 5th ), to indicate your attendance for the January 9th,6:15 pm activity. See you there!

**ADVENT RESOURCES**—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

"Advent Seasonings" – for teens and young adults

**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.

### MASS TIMES ADORATION CONFESSIONS

Saturday 5 pm Sunday 10 am, 12 noon, 7 pm Weekdays, Tues. - Fri. 8:30 am Wednesdays 7 pm Fridays, 9 am - 12 pm Sundays, 1 - 4 pm

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



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE Margaret Schwab 306-227-8930



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 pass-

word needed). Please put your full name and envelope number in the message box along with any special offering designation.

- 3. Parish Offertory: <a href="https://dscf.ca/parish-offertory/">https://dscf.ca/parish-offertory/</a>
- 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



### 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:

- \*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 on the weekend of November 25/26 or December 2/3.

If you have any questions please contact Kelly: 306-374-1425, or email <a href="mailto:kwormsbecker@rcdos.ca">kwormsbecker@rcdos.ca</a>.

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









### **ADVENT**

Penitential Service WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 7PM



## Christmas Teason 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

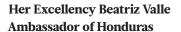
### Food of the Hely Fourth

**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)



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:



# rooted in CHRIST DIOCESE OF SASKATOON

### **Diocesan Bulletin**

Nov. 26, 2023 - Solemnity of Christ the King

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

### **Upcoming Events**

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 Diocesan Cenacle of Prayer will also be held at 3 pm. Wednesday, Dec. 13 at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Crescent, Saskatoon. For more info call Edna (306) 382-1680.

**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.

**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.

**Annual Christmas Tea and Bake Sale** will be held 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, Dec. 2** at St. Mary Parish Hall, Avenue O and 20th Street, Saskatoon, with baking for sale, raffles, and door prizes. Admission is \$3. Everyone is welcome.

**Advent Concert** featuring the St. Paul's Children's Choir with the Melodia Singers, will be held at 7 p.m. **Saturday**, **Dec. 2** at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Cres. E., Saskatoon (free will offering.)

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.

### **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.

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.

**Social Justice in Healthcare** - The Compassion and Social Justice Lecture Series, online edition, presents "Exploring Social Justice in Health Care" 2 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. **Thursday, Dec. 7.** RSVP at CSJL@providencehealth.bc.ca by Dec. 1.

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.

**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.)

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.)

### **Message Board**

Religious Christmas cards as well as Christmas cakes are available through Campaign Life Coalition Sask. Christmas cards are \$10 for a pack of 10 cards or 3 packs of cards for \$25. The one-pound Christmas cake is \$20 and the 2.5 lb cake is \$30. E-mail campaignlifesk@gmail.com or call (306) 249-2764.

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: Coordinator of Evangelization** and Youth Ministry for Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, a vibrant, thriving faith community serving Martensville, Warman, and surrounding areas. This is a full-time permanent position working 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. To apply, forward cover letter and resumé to ihmp@rcdos.ca. before Dec. 29.

Employment Opportunity: Director of Youth / Young Adult Ministry in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Prince Albert, a full-time (35 hrs/ week) position, but could be part-time for a suitable candidate. For more info, contact Office/Programs Manager Louis Hradecki at officeprogramsmgr@padiocese.ca or (306) 922-4747, Ext. 233 or see the job description at www.padiocese.ca/employment-opportunities. To apply, please send resumé to Roman Catholic Diocese of Prince Albert, c/o Louis Hradecki, Office/Programs Manager, 1415-4th Street West, Prince Albert, SK, S6V 5H1. Deadline: Nov. 30, 2023.

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, in addition to an ongoing need for gently-used clothing and household items. 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.

**Diocesan Prayer** - On this World Youth Day we pray for young people everywhere: we pray that the flame of Christian hope will be nurtured by the Holy Spirit in each one, to become a beacon of hope in our world. May we always carry Jesus Christ within our hearts as our joy and our hope, and share him with others. (*Adapted from Pope Francis' message for World Youth Day Nov. 26, 2023: 'Rejoicing in Hope'*)



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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. We have now 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:



### Giving Tuesday Nov. 28

### Help serve more meals to GSCS students

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools (GSCS) provides nutrition support to 24 urban and rural schools. To keep the program running, an increase of \$50,000 is needed, due to the the number of families experiencing challenging financial times, as well as

rising food costs. A healthy body is critical for a healthy mind!

Make a donation online at dscf.ca/giving-tuesday or scan the QR Code:



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# SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES

#### Draw People Into a Deepening Intimacy with the Lord

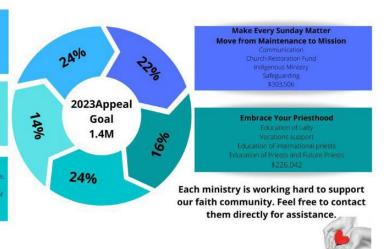
Adult Faith Formation Youth and Young Adult Ministry Evangelization and Catechesis \$331,173

#### Promote the Healing Journey of the Lord

Restorative Ministry Hospital Chaplaincy Indigenous Pastoral Ministry DCTR \$202, 262

#### **Build & Support Family & Community**

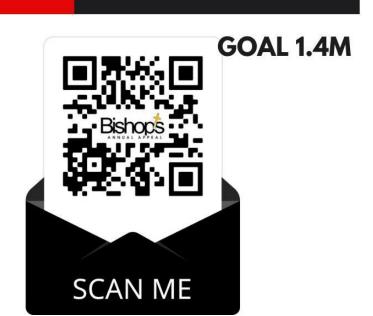
leaf Ministry, Justice and Peace, Marriage and Family Lif Grief support, Office of Migration, Reverence for Life, Friendship Inn, Prairie Centre for Ecumenism, Support of Archdiocese of Keewatin -Le Pas \$337,017



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THE FILIPINO ATHOLIC COMMUNITY, SASKATOON

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PRE-CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS December 15-23,2023

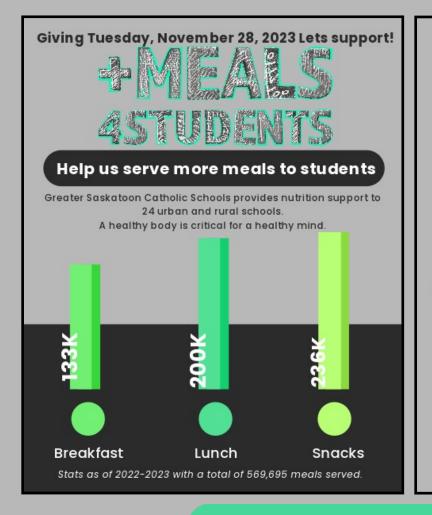
### MASS SCHEDULE

	CATHEDRAL OF		ST. PETER THE
	THE HOLY	ST. PATRICK	APOSTLE
	FAMILY	PARISH	PARISH
DEC 15 FRI	7PM	7PM	6PM
DEC 16 SAT	7PM	5PM	630PM
DEC 17 SUN	630PM	7PM	11AM
DEC 18 MON	7PM	7PM	6РМ
DEC 19 TUE	7PM	7PM	6РМ
DEC 20 WED	7PM	7PM	6PM
DEC 21 THUR	7PM	7PM	6РМ
DEC 22 FRI	7PM	7PM	6PM
DEC 23 SAT	7PM	5PM	630PM

You are invited to spend time with fellow parishioners for refreshments after Mass.

volunteer opportunities still available. formation please contact your parish.





### GSCS spends over \$700,000/year feeding students

After gratefully receiving \$130,000 from Nutrien, \$20,000 from a private donor, and \$65,000 from a provincial Nutrition Grant. GSCS pays \$500,000 from its education budget.



### Inflation costs affecting the price of food

To keep the program running an increase in expense of \$50,000 has been needed every year. Due to the number of families experiencing challenging financial times, as well as rising food costs.

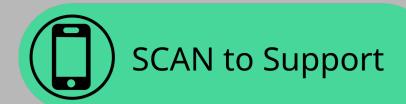






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# Bringing Home the Word +

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A)
November 26, 2023

### The Lord Is My Shepherd

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

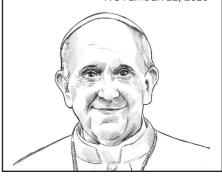
he prominent image for God in today's readings is the shepherd. This might be an unfamiliar image for city dwellers, but it is a very rich religious image. The Bible tells us that early Israelites were herders, so they knew a lot about shepherds. They knew that shepherds follow the wandering of their sheep and attended to their needs—not the other way around. They knew that shepherds lived with their sheep in the hills for long periods, away from family, friends, and the comforts of life. They knew that shepherds helped birthing and dying. They knew that all of this is a messy, smelly business, and no job for the fastidious.

Many nations of the ancient world, Israel included, thought of their kings as shepherds of the people—leaders who should be willing to do for their people what the shepherd does for the sheep. This explains why, on the feast of Christ the King, we represent our king as a shepherd rather than a victorious military commander, as many kings are. But more than this, throughout his life at his passion and death, and now in his risen glory—Christ cares for us and leads us as a shepherd does. He embraces the messy, smelly reality of life. He is a shepherd-king, intent on our needs, searching for us when we seem to be lost. How comforting it is to know he carries us on his shoulders. #

### A Word from Pope Francis

We will be judged on love.... not on feelings, no: we will be judged on works, on compassion....Do I draw near to Jesus present in the persons of the sick, the poor, the suffering, the imprisoned, of those who hunger and thirst for justice? Do I draw near to Jesus present there? This is the question for today.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 22, 2020



### **Sunday Readings**

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

For thus says the Lord God: Look! I myself will search for my sheep and examine them.

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

### Matthew 25:31-46

"Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me." Christ cares for us and leads us as hepherd does.





- What are you doing to help those who are most in need?
- What more could you do?

### Finding God in the Interruptions

Ron Rolheiser, OMI

In a biography of C. S. Lewis, A. N. Wilson describes how Lewis' life was, during virtually all of his productive years, interrupted by the demands of his adoptive mother who made him do all the shopping and housework. Lewis' brother Warnie, who also lived in the household (and who generally refused to let his own agenda be so interrupted), laments this fact in his diaries and suggests that Lewis could have been much more prolific had he not been forced to spend countless hours doing domestic chores.

Lewis himself, however, gives a different assessment. Far from being resentful about these interruptions, he's grateful and suggests that it was precisely these domestic demands that kept him in touch with life in a way that other Oxford dons were not. Wilson agrees. He suggests that it was precisely because of these interruptions, which kept Lewis'



feet squarely on the ground, that Lewis was able to have such empathic insights into the everyday human condition.

We, too, must look for the hand of God in our interruptions. These often appear as a conspiracy of accidents, but through them God guides and tutors us. If we were totally in control of our own agendas, if we could simply plan and execute our lives according to our own dreams with no unwanted demands, I fear that many of us would slowly and subtly become selfish.

C. S. Lewis once said that we'll spend most of eternity thanking God for those prayers he didn't answer. I suspect we'll also spend a good part of eternity thanking God for those interruptions that derailed our plans. †

From Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas, Ronald Rolheiser, OMI (813375)



God of the universe, we pray for the coming of the kingdom of your Son in all places and in the hearts of every human being. We pray always in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

### From Sr. Thea Bowman's Address to the US Bishops' Conference, June 1989

Today we're called to walk together in a new way toward that Land of Promise and to celebrate who we are and whose we aren't. If we, as a Church, walk together—don't let nobody separate you—that's one thing black folk can teach you—don't let folks divide you up—you know, put the lay folk over here and the clergy over here—put the bishops in one room and the clergy in the other room—put the women over here and the men over here. The Church teaches us that the Church is a family of families and the family got to stay together and we know, that if we do stay together—if we walk and talk and work and play and stand together in Jesus' name—we'll be who we say we are—truly Catholic and we shall overcome—overcome the poverty—overcome the loneliness—overcome the alienation and build together a holy city, a new Jerusalem, a city set apart where they'll know that we are here because we love one another. †

### WEEKDAY READINGS

November 27— December 2 **Monday,** Weekday: Dn 1:1–6, 8–20 / Lk 21:1–4 **Tuesday,** Weekday:

Dn 2:31–45 / Lk 21:5–11

**Wednesday,** Weekday: Dn 5:1–6, 13–14, 16–17, 23–28 / Lk 21:12–19

**Thursday,** Saint Andrew: Rom 10:9–18 / Mt 4:18–22

**Friday,** Weekday: Dn 7:2–14 / Lk 21:29–33

**Saturday,** Weekday: Dn 7:15–27 / Lk 21:34–36



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#### Sunday, Nov 26, 2023

#### Save the best for last

The film industry has always had a love affair with the afterlife. From It's a Wonderful Life to Heaven Can Wait to Ghost to Flatliners, stories remind us that our choices in this world have ramifications in the next. More recent shows—Dead Like Me, The Good Life, After Life, and Hotel del Luna among many others—are less traditionally religious but no less curious about what comes next. Every culture and generation seems to sense the need for spirit guides and guardians, as well as justice and an hour of reckoning. As the church year closes, contemplate the ledger of your years. Does it add up to a heavenly ending?

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46 (160). "He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.""

#### Monday, Nov 27, 2023

### Conversion can be revolutionary

British poet Alice Meynell, who died on this day in 1922, converted to Catholicism while recovering from chronic illness, and her writing thereafter turned to religious subjects. She married a Catholic newspaper publisher and founded a Catholic suffragist organization. When a British priest preached against giving women the right to vote because it would risk "bringing a revolution of the first magnitude," Meynell replied, "...the vaster the magnitude of the revolution, the better." One hundred years after her death, the struggle for equality continues. How do the teachings of Jesus inform your work for justice?

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4 (503). "She, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood."

#### **Tuesday, Nov 28, 2023**

### Little lamb, who made thee?

Happy birthday to the English poet William Blake, born this day in 1757. Though not Catholic, he's inspired great Catholic poets and many of his poems—like "Jerusalem"—became hymns. Trappist monk Thomas Merton wrote his master's thesis on Blake, emphasizing his spiritual significance in *Seven Storey Mountain*: "His rebellion ... was fundamentally the rebellion of the saints. It was the rebellion of the lover of the living God, the rebellion of the one whose desire of God was so intense and irresistible that it condemned, with all its might, all the hypocrisy and petty sensuality and skepticism and materialism" of organized religion. Pray for all who search for God but find obstacles in religious institutions—and enjoy Blake's "The Lamb."

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11 (504). "Jesus said, 'All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down."

### Wednesday, Nov 29, 2023

### Gracious encounters of the digital kind

Did you buy anything on Cyber Monday? Did you make a charitable donation yesterday, on Giving Tuesday? Whether you did or not, this week's digital focus continues today, which is recognized as Electronic Greetings Day. Pope Francis' 2020

encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* considers how the internet is a powerful tool and how it's our job to use it in a way that makes the world better. "We need constantly to ensure that present-day forms of communication are in fact guiding us to generous encounter with others," he writes. Make time today to send an encouraging email or ecard to someone who needs to hear from you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luke 21:12-19 (505). "The writing I will read for you, O king, and tell you what it means."

#### Thursday, Nov 30, 2023

### Be a first responder

Is there an Andy, Andre, or Andrea in your life? Whether they know it or not, they bear the name of the Apostle Andrew, one of the fishermen Jesus famously called to be "fishers of men." The Eastern church recognizes Andrew as the first to be called by Jesus. Tradition has it that Andrew was crucified on an X-shaped cross because he felt unworthy to die on a cross identical to Christ's. Andrew led the way in accepting Jesus' invitation to follow him. How will your life today respond to that invitation?

FEAST OF ANDREW, APOSTLE

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22 (684). "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

### Friday, Dec 01, 2023

### Compassionate in the face of controversy

St. Vincent Medical Center in Manhattan, now closed, was in the eye of the AIDS epidemic storm of the 1980s and 1990s. A Catholic hospital run by the Sisters of Charity, St. Vincent opened its doors to care for those who were sick and dying from AIDS. Some staff disagreed with this stance and left. But not the sisters. They stayed true to Jesus' command to care for the suffering, especially those cast aside by society. They entered into dialogue with the gay community, activists, and hospital administrators to better understand their patients and how best to serve them. May we remember their unwavering commitment and compassion—and do likewise.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33 (507). "Know that the Kingdom of God is near."

### **Saturday, Dec 02, 2023**

### Be a freedom fighter

The term *modern slavery* covers practices such as forced labor, debt bondage, forced marriage, and human trafficking ... situations of exploitation enforced by violence, coercion, or deception. Here's the shocking news: Modern slavery has increased significantly in the past five years. Ten million more people, largely women and children, were trapped in modern slavery in 2021 compared to 2016, bringing the total estimate to 50 million worldwide. Our God is a God of freedom, who releases us from bondage of all kinds. On this U.N. International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, raise your voice in a phone call, email, or letter to elected officials. Let's put an end to this!

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36 (508). "Be vigilant at all times."

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



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### **FEATURED SPEAKERS:**

### Gerry Turcotte, PhD



President & Principal, St Mark's College & Corpus Christi College

Dr. Gerry Turcotte, President of Corpus Christi College and Principal of St. Mark's College, previously led St. Mary's University and chaired the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities in Canada. He holds degrees from McGill, Ottawa, and the University of Sydney, authored 19 books, and received teaching awards, Governor General's Award, and Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for his work in Canadian Studies and Reconciliation.

### 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 TIME: 12:00pm - 1:15pm PST

RSVP by December 1st at <a href="mailto:CSJL@providencehealth.bc.ca">CSJL@providencehealth.bc.ca</a>

\* the event link will be sent closer to the date of the event







### Advent Reflection Series with Fr. Scott Lewis SJ

Campion College Campus Ministry will offer a short Advent reflection series online with Fr. Scott Lewis SJ. The dates are Tuesdays, November 28, December 5 & 12, 2023, from 10:00 - 10:40am CST/SK time (that's 11am in Ontario). Fr. Scott will lead a reflection for 30 minutes, followed by a brief Ignatian Conversation or an Ignatian prayer tool (if our numbers are too high).

Here is a link to the registration form: <a href="https://campioncollege.ca/uncategorized/peace-on-earth-advent-scripture-reflections-online/">https://campioncollege.ca/uncategorized/peace-on-earth-advent-scripture-reflections-online/</a>
A Zoom link will be sent out to all registered participants. The reflections will be recorded and made available to registered participants.

### **Ecumenical Red Wednesday Prayer Service**

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, Saskatoon**. 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 RC Diocese of Saskatoon Office of Justice and Peace at <a href="mrogal@rcdos.ca">mrogal@rcdos.ca</a> or (306) 659-5841.

Background: Be RED, Wear RED, Light RED - With establishment of Red Wednesday, the international Catholic aid organization Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) has drawn attention to the fate of millions of persecuted, oppressed and threatened Christians worldwide. Since Red Wednesday was established, many countries around the world, cathedrals, churches, monasteries, monuments, and public buildings are illuminated in blood red around this day. Make a statement and take part by wearing red, learning more, and praying for those who are persecuted for their faith. Find more information at: <a href="https://acninternational.org/">https://acninternational.org/</a>. Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) supports over 5,000 projects every year in around 140 countries, helping Christians to live their faith in situations where they are oppressed, or lack the necessary means to cover their pastoral needs.

### **Letters of Support Needed for Warm Welcome**

Local faith communities, organizations and concerned citizens have come together, recognizing the crisis for the houseless community and the severe cold weather coming. This Warm Welcome Coalition has drafted a proposal to the Saskatchewan Government to fund an overnight warming centre in Regina. Carmichael Outreach has offered their space and has developed a budget for staffing and managing this project.

Please consider writing a letter of support to the Minister of Social Services, the Hon. Gene Makowsky (<u>ss.minister@gov.sk.ca</u> or Room 303, 2405 Legislative Drive, Regina, SK, S4S 0B3), and cc your local MLA and Russell Mitchell-Walker (<u>russell.eastside@gmail.com</u>). Email addresses for your local MLAs are located here: <a href="https://www.legassembly.sk.ca/mlas/">https://www.legassembly.sk.ca/mlas/</a>

Stay tuned for other ways that you can support the Warm Welcome Coalition and Carmichael Outreach by volunteering or donations of baking.

### **Ministry Means Everybody:**

### A webinar on the ministry of all the baptized

You are invited to join this webinar on the baptismal ministry of all people. How would the church be renewed by a vision of the whole people of God engaged in ministry? How would an understanding of baptismal vocation transform our churches and ourselves?

- Presenter: Rev. Dr. Iain Luke, Principal of the College of Emmanuel & St. Chad
- Thursday, Nov. 23, 3pm on Zoom

 $Please\ register\ at\ \underline{https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErdOyspz8tE9UboDvDMo4oCPDCKn7pnNgS}$ 

All are welcome to join this free 1-hour online webinar offered in the spirit of the LAURC Covenant by the Ecumenical Stewardship Committee of the Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle, the Saskatchewan Synod of the ELCIC, and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina.

Rev. Dr Iain Luke has been principal of the College of Emmanuel & St. Chad, the Anglican college within the Saskatoon Theological Union since 2016. He previously served as Dean of the Diocese of Athabasca and rector of St. James Cathedral in Peace River, AB. Iain has also served parishes in Humboldt, Watson, and Nipawin and was the Director of the Institute for Anglican Ministry and Assistant Professor of Theology at St. John's College in Winnipeg. He is a member of the Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue of Canada and continues to serve in many and varied national committees and projects of his church. Iain previously presented on March 3, 2022 in the Sacred Places and Spaces series with the title "From Maintenance to Mission".



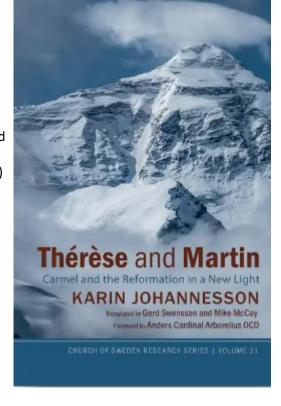
### Advent Reflection Series with Fr. Scott Lewis SJ

### Webinar on Thérèse of Lisieux and Martin Luther

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of Thérèse of Lisieux and it is a major event in many countries and churches. Bishop Karin Johannesson from the diocese of Uppsala has written a book about Thérèse of Lisieux and Martin Luther based on receptive ecumenism. The book has just been translated into English.

The book begins by highlighting the extensive similarities between Therese's teaching and Martin Luther's theology. With the help of the three Carmelite Doctors of the Church - Therese of the Child Jesus, Teresa of Avila (1515-1582) and John of the Cross (1542-1591) - the discussion develops further, and a receptive ecumenical study is carried out. The overall question is how the Carmelite tradition can enrich the Evangelical-Lutheran tradition in a way that contributes to the renewal of the church. Bishop Johannesson argues that such a renewal is of vital importance if people today are to receive the spiritual guidance that they are longing for.

Dr Michelle Jones from the Australian Institute of Theological Education and Dr Christof Betschart, o.c.d. from the Pontifical Faculty of Theology Teresianum in Rome will discuss the main points of the book together with Bishop Karin Johannesson.



November 29th, 2023, at 3pm CET (8am in Saskatchewan)

Participate by copy and paste the link below:

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Organizers: Church of Sweden Unit for Research and Analysis and the Pontifical Faculty of Theology Teresianum

### Laudate Deum: Eco-Spirituality in Action

Join Citizens for Public Justice in collaboration with For the Love of Creation and the Galilee Catholic Retreat Centre for a powerful webinar dedicated to Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, "Laudate Deum." Discover how this inspiring document serves as a call to action in the realms of environmental justice and creation care. Our speakers include leaders in Catholic social and environmental justice, as well as individuals from local congregations actively pursuing green initiatives.



Tuesday, December 5, 6:30-8pm EST (5:30-7pm in Saskatchewan)

Visit <a href="http://CPJ.ca/events">http://CPJ.ca/events</a> to register

Please note that live French interpretation of the webinar will be available!









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

Queen's House of Retreat and Renewal Saturday, December 9, 2023 6:30 – 9:30 pm Sunday, December 10, 2023 1:00 – 4:00 pm