



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.*



January 14, 2024 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 | 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 | Jn 1:35-42

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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


When Samuel hears the Lord speak in today's first reading, he mistakes it as Eli calling out to him in the temple. The third time Samuel asks if he called, Eli is wise enough to realize what is going on and guides Samuel: "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." Samuel required guidance because he "was not familiar with the Lord, because the Lord had not revealed anything to him as yet." In a similar way does the Apostle Andrew come to the Lord. In today's Gospel, Andrew didn't know who Jesus was until John the Baptist told him: "Behold, the Lamb of God." Andrew then began to follow Jesus, and to bring others to him. There may be times when we, like both of these men, need someone else to help us hear the call of the Lord clearly, or see his presence among us. Those who serve the Lord in this way are a great gift to us, and enable us to be that gift for others. Pray for the grace to hear what we need to hear, to see what we need to see, and to say to others, "come, we have found the Messiah."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Despite our best efforts, the time and attention we give to our lives of faith can ebb and flow. Sometimes we can feel so connected with God that we sense his presence everywhere. But there may also be times when God feels distant and we struggle to hear his voice. Notice in today's readings how Samuel "was not familiar with the Lord" but was sleeping in the temple, close to the ark; notice how Andrew was hanging around John the Baptist and immediately followed Christ when told who he was. We can see that, already before "knowing," is a "desire to know." The Lord created us, formed us into being, and calls us to a relationship with him. We are drawn to him even before we can see or know what he has revealed to us. He is our source, and our ultimate end. We seek eternal life with Christ and a path of holiness to help us on our way. The stories of Samuel and the disciple Andrew impress upon us that God is always near and calling to us – we simply must give him the opportunity to speak, sometimes when we least expect it.

INVITATION We are all called to a life of holiness. But it's not always easy to grow in holiness and strengthen one's relationship with God on our own. Consider reaching out to your parish and asking about spiritual direction – a spiritual director will help you fine tune your ears to be more attentive to the Lord's voice.

JANUARY 14	JANUARY 15	JANUARY 16	JANUARY 17	JANUARY 18	JANUARY 19	JANUARY 20
10a Mass 12p Mass 1-4p Adoration 7p Mass	7p RCIA	8:30a Mass 1:30p CWL Book Club	8:30a Mass 7p Adoration	8:30a Mass 1:30p Senior Cards 	8:30a Mass 9a-12p Adoration	11a-12p Confession 5p Mass

REMINDER! Parish offering envelopes are available for pick up this weekend Jan 13/14 and Jan 20/21. After these dates envelopes will have to be requested through the office.

INTRODUCING... THE CONNECTION CORNER!

We at Holy Spirit Parish are so fortunate to be a growing, lively parish community. We have so much to offer, but people, particularly those new to our parish, often have questions, or needs and do not know who to ask.

THE CONNECTION CORNER has been set up as a one stop for:



- information
- registration
- volunteer sign up
- Mass requests
- anything you need to know and were so far unsure who to ask

The Connection Corner will be staffed after each of the Sunday Masses by Lynn Eremondi (leremondi@rcdos.ca) beginning January 13/14. She does not have all the answers, but she can find them for you!

WE PLEDGE 5%

The Canadian Wheelchair Foundation (CWF) is an integral part of an international effort to promote awareness and serve the needs of people affected by physical disabilities. CWF strives to provide a wheelchair to every man, woman, and child who needs one, but has no means to acquire one. With the support and the generosity of independent sponsors, CWF is transforming lives, one wheelchair at a time.

www.cdnwheelchair.ca

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, Roberta Marisi, Trev Yager, Jeff Haugen, John Bohnke, Riel Larocque
- For all those who have died, today we remember: Roberta Marisi
- And on the anniversary of death, Sharon Wawryk, Paul Wolkosky, Elba Brisman, Mary Slager

We pray to the Lord.

Kindergarten Registration for Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools is now open. We look forward to meeting Parents at our in-person open houses. Hands-on learning will give your child the foundation they need to learn math concepts, build their language skills, develop a love of reading and writing, and grow in their love of God and neighbour. Children must be five years old on or before January 31, 2025, to start school in September 2024).

To learn more or to find a Catholic school near you, visit www.gscs.ca/kindergarten.

[Bishop Pocock School, Wednesday, February 7th 4:30-5pm](#)

[École St. Luke School, Wednesday, January 31st at 7pm \(French Immersion and English\)](#)

[École St. Matthew, Thursday, February 8th at 6pm \(French Immersion\)](#)

[St. Bernard School, Wednesday, January 31st from 6-7pm](#)

[St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Tuesday, January 16th at 7pm](#)

[St. Thérèse of Lisieux Catholic School, Thursday, January 25th at 7pm in the school gym.](#)



Time Out For Moms (TOFM) is a Catholic enrichment group for women and mothers of all ages, featuring weekly gatherings of women from many parishes held at the Cathedral of the Holy Family.

Winter Session 2024: January 31 - March 20 (No Session February 21)

Wednesday mornings 9:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Registration will open on January 8 till January 27. For more details and to register please visit our website www.tofm.ca. We are always looking for more volunteers in our childcare rooms. If you are interested or would like more information please visit our website or email at tofmsaskatoonsk@gmail.com. A current criminal record check is required as well as diocesan safeguard training which we can provide.

Should you have any questions please reach out! Thank you. Jolie Phaneuf TOFM, Registrar

Are you in grade 11-12 or between the ages of 18-30 and trying to figure out what's next in your life? Come see if a year on mission is for you! NET Canada invites you to our Mission Discernment Night in Saskatoon, SK on January 19th from 7-9pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish! Join us for a night of fellowship, food, and praise and get a glimpse into what a year on mission with NET Canada would look like! Interested or know someone who would be? Register at netcanada.ca/apply! Have questions? Email recruit@netcanada.ca or call/text 613-292-9991!



Monday, January 22nd at 7 pm The Knights of Columbus of Saskatoon and Campaign Life Coalition

Saskatchewan will be hosting a screening of the documentary film called "Roe Canada" at the Cathedral of the Holy Family hall. Admission is by free will offering. The film discusses how Canada can effect the change of hearts away from abortion, in a post Roe v Wade era, and how we can transfer some successes in the USA to Canada. For more information contact Louis - 306-249-2764

Come celebrate **Serena Saskatchewan's 50th anniversary on Saturday, February 10, 2024, 6:15-8:30pm** at Our Lady of Lourdes. For more details and to buy your tickets (\$35/person).

Visit <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/791605211497?aff=oddtcreator> (or search "Serena SK 2024 gala").

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.

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Please visit holyspiritsaskatoon.ca for more information about faith formation.



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 (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



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

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Upcoming Events

Theology on Tap for young adults 19 to 35 begins a New Year with the theme "Let's Talk Philosophy" 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. **Monday, Jan. 15** at Louis' on Campus (93 Campus Dr., Saskatoon), with special guests from the St. Thomas More College Philosophy Department. All are welcome! Theology on Tap is on Facebook at www.facebook.com/saskatoonTonT.

NET Ministries of Canada – a national Catholic youth ministry group that sends out teams of young adults to re-engage young people in their Catholic faith through dynamic retreats and discipleship – will hold a Mission Discernment Night for young adults (from Grade 11 to 30 years) who may be interested in a year of mission with NET Ministries. The event will be held 7 p.m. **Friday, Jan. 19** (*note corrected date*) at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1235-12th St. E., Saskatoon.

Movie Night - Saint Anne Truth and Reconciliation Committee will host a movie night featuring "Night Raiders," a science fiction action thriller about a Cree woman trying to save her daughter in a dystopian future at 7 p.m. **Saturday, Jan. 27**, held at Saint Anne, 217 Lenore Dr., Saskatoon (14+ with moderate violence, strong language, and intense scenes). Snacks available. The film was written and directed by Danis Goulet, a Cree-Metis woman from Saskatchewan; parts were filmed near La Ronge.

Called and Gifted Workshop Feb. 2-3: Have you ever wondered what your spiritual gifts are? Our Lady of Lourdes "Called and Gifted" parish team is holding a workshop Feb. 2-3 at the Catholic Pastoral Centre in Saskatoon to introduce Step 1 of the Called & Gifted™ Discernment Process from the Catherine of Siena Institute (a 2.5-month commitment). The 2-day workshop from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. **Friday, Feb. 2** and from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Saturday, Feb. 3**, will explore the particular charisms – or gifts – from the Holy Spirit given to each baptized person. This workshop will then be followed in the weeks ahead by Step 2: a gifts interview and Step 3: guided small group meetings (four follow-up sessions in an eight-week period). For more details or to register for the workshop, please contact Anne Williams at (306) 220-0448 – space is limited. (*Called and Gifted / adult faith is supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

Diocesan Prayer - Heavenly Father, we pray as a diocese for all those vulnerable and voiceless children, youth, and their families who are fleeing war, persecution, and violence as refugees in our world: protect them in their perilous journeys, and help us to respond compassionately and urgently to this continuing global crisis.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18-25, 2024

*"You shall love the Lord your God ...
and your neighbour as yourself" - Luke 10:27*

A message from Bishop Hagemoen for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity can be found on the diocesan website at rcdos.ca/wpcu-2024

Saskatoon Events:

Ecumenical Prayer Service Thursday, Jan. 18

Queen's House, 601 Taylor Street West, Saskatoon
Worship at 11 a.m., followed by optional \$16 lunch at noon.
Register in advance at (306) 242-1916.

Ecumenical Morning Prayer and Breakfasts

Worship at 8 a.m. followed by a light breakfast will be held:

- **Friday, Jan. 19** at St. Paul United Church, 454 Egbert Ave.
- **Tuesday, Jan. 23** at St. Stephen Anglican, 10 Grosvenor Cres.
- **Wednesday, Jan. 24** at Holy Covenant Evangelical Orthodox Church, 1426 Alexandra Ave.
- **Thursday, Jan. 25** at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 436 Spadina Cres E.

Ecumenical Worship Service 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21

at First Mennonite Church, 418 Queen Street

Ecumenical Youth Event Sunday, Jan. 21

at Zion Lutheran Church 323 4th Avenue South
with 5:30 p.m. dinner and then activities until 8:30 p.m.

Loving Our Neighbours:

The Prairie Centre for Ecumenism will be collecting hats and mitts at events during the Week of Prayer for those using a new warm-up location staffed by the Salvation Army at St. Mary Church Hall.

De Margerie Series on Christian Reconciliation and Unity: "Grassroots Ecumenism"

Guest speaker: Rev. Dr. Karen Petersen Finch

Two lectures: in-person and via livestream video at
www.youtube.com/@schmeisercentre

- **7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24:** "Re-imagining Lay People as Stewards of Doctrine" to be held at Campion College, Regina
- **7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25:** "Doctrine as the Fuel of Renewal" to be held at St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon

In-person workshop "The Eucharist: Where is Jesus?"

Guest speaker: Rev. Dr. Karen Petersen Finch

10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26

held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon, followed by soup lunch (free-will offering).

(*Ecumenism is supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal*)

Message Board

Employment opportunity - Saint Anne Catholic Church in Saskatoon is seeking a Children's Ministry Coordinator. This is a temporary full-time position to cover a one-year leave, beginning in March 2024. Application deadline is **Feb. 5, 2024**. For more info, please visit <https://saintannes.ca/careers> or contact Saint Anne Parish, 217 Lenore Drive, (306) 931-4700.

Time Out For Moms (TOFM) is a Catholic enrichment group for women and mothers of all ages, with weekly gatherings of women from many parishes held Wednesday mornings at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, featuring talks, faith formation, and breakfast refreshments, with childcare provided. The winter session will run from **Jan. 31 to March 20** (no session on Feb. 21), held 9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Wednesday mornings. Registration deadline is open until Jan. 27: register early to guarantee a spot; find details and registration on the website: www.tofm.ca. TOFM is also seeking volunteers for the childcare rooms – visit the website or email: tofmsaskatoonsk@gmail.com.

World Day of Consecrated Life is celebrated on the Feast of the Presentation (Candlemass) on Feb. 2. All are welcome to join in a celebration of this day of prayer for those in consecrated life, to be held at 2 p.m. **Friday, Feb. 2** at St. Philip Neri Parish, 1902 Munroe Avenue, Saskatoon (at Taylor Street). Diocesan Vicar General Fr. Kevin McGee will preside at Mass.

Survey underway: For the past two years, St. Thomas More College and the Saskatoon Theological Union have jointly sponsored an annual conference on topics of shared relevance to their communities. They plan to continue working together on shared events. You are invited to take a short online survey to help them ensure that events are meeting the needs of their constituent communities: www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZKK6JZW. For more information about this project, contact Dr. Gertrude Rompré at St. Thomas More College: grompre@stmcollege.ca.

Donations are requested for prison ministry's Storytime Program for Dads - The diocesan Office of Restorative Ministry is seeking donations of new children's pyjamas (especially small sizes newborn to size 6) and small backpacks, as part of a project to help fathers in prison improve parenting skills and stay connected to their families. Men approved for the program are video-taped reading bedtime stories, and the videos are sent to their children with the donated gifts of pyjamas/book in a back pack. Monetary donations for project supplies are also welcome. All donations can be dropped off or sent "Attention Dianne" to the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 2nd floor, Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, S7S 1H1 (hours are: 9 am to noon, 1 p.m. to 4:30 pm weekdays). Please make cheques out to "DSCF - Restorative Ministry." **Donations of sturdy rosaries (metal chains)** are also requested for prison ministry: please drop-off / send to the Catholic Pastoral Centre or call (306) 659-5845. *(Prison Ministry is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)*



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Confirmation Retreats 2024

The diocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis is partnering with Face2Face Ministries to present confirmation retreats in March 2024 for children preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Parents from across the diocese are encouraged to select one of the planned retreats, choosing from various dates and several retreat locations in Saskatoon, Kindersley, or Humboldt.

(Cost is \$20, which includes lunch.)

Find more information and registration links:
rcdos.ca/confirmation-retreats

(Evangelization and Catechesis is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)

Search Retreat 2024 – Registration is now open for students in Grades 10-12 to attend the next Search live-in weekend retreat presented by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, to be held **Feb. 23-25** at E.D. Feehan Catholic School in Saskatoon. Attending Search is a powerful way to deepen a close, personal relationship with God, make friends and forge lasting memories. Cost for the entire weekend is \$100. Find online registration and more info about this powerful experience for youth at saskatoonsearch.ca *(Youth ministry is supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)*

Triumph Freedom Through Healing Retreat is designed to produce life-long, lasting transformation, based on the teachings of St. Ignatius of Loyola and St. Therese of Lisieux, scripture and tradition. The live-in retreat will be held **March 1 - 9** at Queen's House, 601 Taylor Street West, Saskatoon. See: www.triumphretreat.com/marchregistration.

Breathe Catholic marriage conference: Refresh and recharge your marriage, and experience the Breathe Catholic Marriage Conference **March 8-9, 2024** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. **Register before Feb. 14 to save \$50.** For info, contact Denise at (306) 369-2220 or find registration at: www.catholicmarriageandfamily.com.

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Bringing Home the Word

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

January 14, 2024

You Called?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Today we focus on our call from God. Both Samuel and Jesus' disciples were called. Unfortunately, not everyone realizes he or she has been called to be a disciple. Pope Francis insists that by virtue of baptism we are all missionary disciples. What does this mean? What does it ask of us?

Today's readings set the stage for our consideration of discipleship. They tell us several things. As with Samuel, the invitation from God can be unexpected, for it can occur in the very ordinary events of life. Perhaps, like Samuel, we don't hear the call because the event is so ordinary. Maybe we need someone to open our eyes to God's presence in

the ordinariness of life. But what do we expect a call from God to be? A thunderclap? A blinding light? Actually, when we realize we have been called by God, it is like a crash of thunder or a blinding light.

Intrigued by Jesus, the disciples wanted to hear more, and so they followed him. Frequently God speaks to us through the lives of other people. When we see goodness in them, we too want to be good, to do good. This might prompt us to share what we have, to comfort those who suffer, to forgive those who have offended us. We may not yet know how to do it, but such goodness can touch us deeply. Do we listen, like Samuel? Are we open, like the disciples? †

A Word from Pope Francis

[There] are different ways of realizing God's design, the one he has for each of us that is always a design of love. God always calls. And the greatest joy for every believer is to respond to this call, offering one's entire being to the service of God and our brothers and sisters.

ANGELUS, ROME, JANUARY 17, 2021



Sunday Readings

1 Samuel 3:3b–10, 19

So [Eli] said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'"

1 Corinthians 6:13c–15a, 17–20

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the holy Spirit within you?

John 1:35–42

[Jesus said,] "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas (which is translated Peter)."

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God's presence in the
ordinariness of life.*



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS REFLECTION

- In what ordinary events might you be missing God's voice?
- Are you open to God's call even if it invites you to leave what you know best?

Seeking the Truth in the Digital Age

Michael Brehl, CSsR

God's most important communication with humanity is Jesus Christ. In and through him, the Holy Trinity is revealed—God's very self. This Word is living, active, and present among us.

The New Testament developed from the oral tradition of early Christian communities. Founded on the life and preaching of Jesus, the written Word was received by the community after years of listening. At that time, most people couldn't read or write. A few could conserve copies of the written word.

This changed dramatically with the development of the printing press. Ordinary people could then own books, including the Bible. Today information can be shared almost simultaneously.



Words now are on paper and computers, phones, and tablets. This new world of universal access has obvious advantages. But some material on the internet is

suspect, at best. Even so, some readers continue to think that if information has been published, it must be true.

When reading online, especially spiritual works, I suggest:

- Read with a critical eye. Let common sense and your own experiences guide whether you should check something.
- Talk with others about what you're reading. In community, the written word helps us discern the will of God.
- Does the content stir you to greater love, patience, and tolerance? Does it call you to personal conversion and change? Does it motivate actions on behalf of the abandoned and the poor? Does it judge others?
- Does it lead you to more profound relationships, or does it contribute to loneliness and isolation?

It's important to measure the content of our communication in the light of the gospel and the message of Jesus Christ. †

From "It Still Begins with the Word,"
Liguori, March 2013

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "Beyond My Parish" by Richard W. Thompson

To some people the Catholic Church seems "small"—irrelevant to their concerns, unimportant in their lives, disconnected from the "real" world. Catholics can be very parochial. For many, their idea of the Catholic Church is their parish or the school they attended. With such a small idea of the Church, it's no wonder so many feel as if they "outgrow" the Church. Many of us don't experience just how literally the Church extends to the whole world. Certainly, the geographical expanse of the Church is impressive as on any given Sunday, Mass is celebrated in every language in nearly every city and village of every country on earth. But also consider the extent to which the Church has entered into deep reflection and dialogue with almost every area of human interest and endeavor: science, medicine, environment, artificial intelligence, space, world peace, and more. †

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*Creator God, open our minds
to recognize your call and
our hearts to embrace loving
service to your people.*

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

January 15–20

Monday, Weekday:

1 Sm 15:16–23 / Mk 2:18–22

Tuesday, Weekday:

1 Sm 16:1–13 / Mk 2:23–28

Wednesday, St. Anthony:

1 Sm 17:32–33, 37, 40–51 / Mk 3:1–6


Thursday, Weekday:

1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7 / Mk 3:7–12

Friday, Weekday:

1 Sm 24:3–21 / Mk 3:13–19

Saturday, Weekday: 2 Sm 1:1–4,
11–12, 19, 23–27 / Mk 3:20–21

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Invest time each week to
expand your vocabulary and
deepen your faith.

14 January 2024

WORD OF THE WEEK

Justice \ˈjə-stəs \

The moral fiber of a religious people that mirrors the God of Justice. More than an expression of fairness or the execution of legal judgment, biblical justice demands that we be straight, true, and righteous in our relationships with God and others.

Pronunciation: <http://tinyurl.com/Take5-justice>

CONTEXT

Justice and revenge are not the same thing. As my father said, **justice** at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love.

—Bernice King

Without **justice** and love, peace will always be a great illusion.

—Dom Hélder Câmara

It is impossible to struggle for civil rights, equal rights for blacks, without including whites. Because equal rights, fair play, **justice**, are like the air: we all have it, or none of us has it.

—Maya Angelou

WHY IT MATTERS

The theme of **justice** is central to scripture. Divine law defines it and the prophets clamor for it. Matthew describes Jesus' mission with Isaiah's proclamation: "I shall place my spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the [nations]." It is impossible to be the People of God and reject the way of God. To be unconcerned with the work of **justice** is to be indifferent to the divine will and the coming Kingdom.

From *Brothers and Sisters to Us* (USCCB Pastoral Letter on Racism, 1979): Racism and economic oppression are distinct but interrelated forces which dehumanize our society. Movement toward authentic **justice** demands a simultaneous attack on both evils.

RELATED WORDS

Racism | Eco-justice | Just War Theory

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is meant by "just war"?

Just war theory is the body of moral reasoning developed to discern when the primary bias *against* war may shift toward an obligation to protect and defend. . . . In the Early Church, pacifism preceded just war tradition. The alliance of church with state under Constantine ensured that church policy leaned toward supporting the interests of the empire. Fourth-century theologians Ambrose and Augustine developed arguments that could, under limited conditions, make war not only permissible but obligatory in the service of a victimized neighbor.

Just war theory offers eight criteria for engagement. Seven determine whether a conflict is justified, including: just cause, competent authority, last resort, comparative justice, proportionality, right intention, and probability of success. The eighth consideration is reserved for an inevitable engagement and involves right conduct in wartime. In his 2020 encyclical *Fratelli tutti*, Pope Francis argued that "it is very difficult nowadays to invoke the rational criteria elaborated in earlier centuries to speak of the possibility of a 'just war.' Never again war!" Clearly, it's never enough simply to declare a cause righteous in one's own mind and issue a call to arms.

—Alice Camille, from *Questions Catholics Ask* <https://tinyurl.com/QCA-just-war>

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY (JANUARY 15)

A matter of head and heart

"One day we will learn that the heart can never be totally right if the head is totally wrong," the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote that in his book *Strength to Love* in 1963. He underscored the necessity of taking responsibility for the formation and lifelong education of our consciences. You have to be sure that your convictions are tied to more than your preferences, biases, and opinions!

READINGS: 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22 (311 <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/011524.cfm>). "No one pours new wine into old wineskins. . . . Rather, new wine is poured into fresh wineskins."

FAITH IN ACTION

To be tethered to true north, reflect on scripture daily



KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION

Bishop Pocock (Wildwood)

February 7 @ 4:30-5pm

www.gscs.ca/POC

École St. Matthew (French Immersion)

February 8 @ 6pm

www.gscs.ca/MAT

St. Bernard (Lakeview)

January 31 @ 6 – 7pm

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St. Kateri Tekakwitha (Stonebridge)

January 16 @ 7pm

www.gscs.ca/kat

St. Luke (English and French)

January 31 @ 7pm

www.gscs.ca/LUK

St. Thérèse of Lisieux (Rosewood)

January 25 @ 7pm

www.gscs.ca/the

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR GREATER SASKATOON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IS NOW OPEN

We look forward to meeting Parents at our in-person open houses. Hands-on learning will give your child the foundation they need to learn math concepts, build their language skills, develop a love of reading and writing, and grow in their love of God and neighbour. Children must be five years old on or before January 31, 2025, to start school in September 2024).

The 2024 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is on the theme "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself" based on Luke 10:25-37. This year's theme was prepared by an ecumenical team in Burkina Faso.

Resources include an Order of Service, a Bible study, and various reflections on the theme. There are also hymn suggestions and resources for children, high schools, and university campuses. Download these free materials at <https://www.weekofprayer.ca/2024-wpcu-resources>

Local neighbourhood services and other observances are encouraged at any time of the year. The traditional dates are Jan. 18 to 25. Services are planned at the following times:

- Sun. Jan. 21, 3pm at Lakeview United Church, 3200 McCallum Ave., Regina
 - Sun. Jan. 21, 3pm at First Mennonite Church, 418 Queen St., Saskatoon
- and in your local community. Please send us details about your local service.

Watch for further details about:

- Jan. 18-25, 7am WPCU services and breakfast, Saskatoon
- Thurs., Jan. 18, Prayer service and lunch at Queen's House, Saskatoon
- Ecumenical Youth event at Zion Lutheran Church, 323 4th Avenue, Saskatoon
- Thurs., Jan. 25, Ecumenical Campus Worship at St. Andrew's College chapel, Saskatoon

Ecumenical Bible study - later in 2024

De Margerie Lectures on Christian Reconciliation and Unity (Karen Petersen Finch)

- Wed. Jan. 24, 7pm, Re-imagining Lay People as Stewards of Doctrine (Campion College, Regina)
- Thurs. Jan. 25, 7pm, Doctrine as the Fuel of Renewal (STM College, Saskatoon)
- Fri., Jan. 26, 10am, The Eucharist - Where is Jesus? (Holy Spirit Parish, Saskatoon)

Sat., Jan. 27, 10am, The Eucharist - Where is Jesus? (Christ the King Parish, Regina)

NOTE: in many communities, an offering is collected during ecumenical services for a local project, food bank, or other shared concern. Please consider sending your offering to the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism, 2617 Clarence Avenue South, Saskatoon, SK, S7J 1M5 or by e-transfer to admin@pcecumenism.ca

WEEK of
PRAYER
for CHRISTIAN UNITY
2024



"You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself" (Luke 10:27)

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“On Living Tradition: Catholic Culture and the Spiritual Discipline of Fine Art”



DESSERT NIGHT AND LECTURE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024
AT 7 PM AT OUR LADY OF
LOURDES

Please come to Rebuilding Catholic Culture’s 7th Annual Dessert Night and Talk on Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 7 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes (doors open at 6:30pm). Dr. Peter Kwasniewski, a speaker, composer, and scholar who has written more than 20 books on beauty, music, and liturgy, will give an exciting lecture on the tradition of the fine arts in Catholic culture. This will be followed by our famous cheesecake and brownie bar. This event is free of charge, but we do ask that you consider a free will donation. Space is limited: **please RSVP** your attendance. Contact Celene Sidloski at (306) 715-1541 or at csidloski@stmcollege.ca.



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Are you in grade 11-12 or between the ages of 18-30 and trying to figure out what's next in your life? Come see if a year on mission is for you! NET Canada invites you to our Mission Discernment Night in Saskatoon, SK on January 19th from 7-9pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish! Join us for a night of fellowship, food, and praise and get a glimpse into what a year on mission with NET Canada would look like! Interested or know someone who would be? Register at netcanada.ca/apply! Have questions? Email recruit@netcanada.ca or call/text 613-292-9991!

ANNOUNCEMENT

VISIT OF PATRIARCH SVIATOSLAV SHEVCHUK TO SASKATOON, SK

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Катедрa Св. Юрія
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Saskatoon, SK
St. George Cathedral

7:00pm

January 21, 2024

ALL WELCOME!



Encounter of
Patriarch Sviatoslav with
newly arrived Ukrainians

The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon is pleased to announce that the Father and Head of the world-wide Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, His Beatitude, the Most Rev. Sviatoslav Shevchuk, Patriarch of Kyiv-Halych, will be coming to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan to lead our church community in the services of nominating, consecrating, and installing the Very Rev. Michael Smolinski, C.Ss.R., as our sixth Eparchial Bishop.

The Co-consecrators will be His Grace, the Most Rev. Lawrence Huculak, O.S.B.M., Archbishop of Winnipeg and Metropolitan of Canada and His Excellency, the Most Rev. Bryan Bayda, C.Ss.R., Eparchial Bishop of Toronto and Eastern Canada, and former Eparchial Bishop of Saskatoon. Msgr. Antons Prikulis, First Secretary of the Apostolic Nunciature will be present to represent the Nuncio to Canada, His Excellency, the Most Rev. Ivan Jurkovič. His Excellency, the Most Rev. Mark Hagemoen, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon as well as many other bishops, priests and dignitaries will be in attendance for this momentous occasion.

Further to these services, the Patriarch has already

accepted a full itinerary of activities. These include an encounter with newly arrived Ukrainians on January 21, 2024, at 7:00pm at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of St. George, and a meeting with staff and students and tour of Bishop Filevich Ukrainian Bilingual School on January 23, 2024.



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2024 DE MARGERIE ECUMENICAL LECTURES ON CHRISTIAN RECONCILIATION AND UNITY

Grassroots Ecumenism

Re-imagining Lay People as Stewards of Doctrine

Wed., Jan. 24

7 p.m., Riffel Auditorium (CMAUD),
Campion College
University of Regina

Respondent: Dr. Gertrude Rompré, EdD

Doctrine as the Fuel of Renewal

Thurs., Jan. 25

7 p.m., Fr. O'Donnell Auditorium,
St. Thomas More College
University of Saskatchewan

Respondent: Dr. Brett Salkeld, PhD



Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Karen Petersen Finch

The Rev. Dr. Karen Petersen Finch is an ecumenical theologian in the Reformed tradition who specializes in dialogue with Roman Catholic theology at the local, national, and international levels. Her book, *Grassroots Ecumenism: The Way of Local Christian Reunion*, is currently inspiring

multilateral dialogue among lay people in the West Island of Montreal.

Presented by: Prairie Centre for Ecumenism, The Leslie & Irene Dubé Chair for Catholic Studies at STM College, Campion College at the University of Regina, Saskatoon Theological Union, Archdiocese of Regina, Diocese of Saskatoon

Livestream Link:



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St. Anne's Parish

*Truth and Reconciliation
Committee*

MOVIE NIGHT: NIGHT RAIDERS



**Saturday
Jan 27th
7:00 PM**

Sci-fi action thriller (PG 14)

Popcorn, snacks, and drinks available

**Advisory: moderate violence, strong
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Dates & Locations

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- Bring feelings and emotions into balance and order, that they may serve as sign-posts in discernment and recognizing God's guidance in your life.
- Satisfy the ache and hunger within with what you are truly longing for.
- Equip you with tools to continually discover the power of God's healing in day to day living.
- Help you to love yourself. As a result, you'll experience better effectiveness at work, better marital relationships and a more fruitful family life.
- Reveal more profoundly the TRUTH of who God is and who you are!

Retreat Leaders

Our founders, Jerry and Donna Kristian, have worked on the implementation and facilitation of the Triumph Program since 2008.



In 1978, Jerry experienced a renewed relationship with God and a call to service in the intercessory prayer and healing ministry. In 2006, Jerry accepted the invitation to join the founding Board of Directors of St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission in Bruno, SK. where he served as board chair and executive director. Jerry is committed to the principle that healing is essential to authentic faith formation.



Donna's love of the church has led her to 45 years of ministerial experience which includes parish and diocesan ministry, as well as teaching post secondary courses in Old & New Testament studies and Ignatian Discernment. Donna served as the Director of Healing & Growth Center at St. Therese Institute. Donna has a BA in Christianity and Culture from St. Michael's College, University of Toronto and a Masters Degree in Ministry and Spirituality from Regis College; Toronto School of Theology; University of Toronto.

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"I have been looking for healing for years - everywhere - and I finally found it through 'triumph'... I am a different person today; I know how to deal with things in my life and where to turn for help."

Veronica J.

(From a written letter, condensed)

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Run for Reconciliation - Final leg of the race

Do you have a team? August 3 & 4 2024

Contact the Foundation for details

Here we meet the last runner, outside of the executive director from the Catholic Foundation, on the TRC team. It's a pleasure to bring this story all together at Christmas, a time of giving and reflection. We have found forgiveness, hope, and now unity in this story, characteristics that are part of what reconciliation is about and what all of us may need to focus on as we reflect on our own journeys and how we can help others to ultimately help ourselves.



The fourth runner Hiroshige Watanabe (pro. wha-ton-a-bay) born Sakura, Chiba prefecture, Japan pop. 170,601, currently lives in Edmonton, Alberta. He emigrated to Canada after travelling and decided he wanted to stay upon visiting. He says he started running at a young age, around 6 years old, and that was part of his family. Even though he ran many marathons, he didn't start running ultras until he was 30. His first ultra marathon was 125km, 'so my thought was that I can do a marathon in 3 hours and that race is basically 3 marathons and so they give you 24 hours just to go slow'. 'But I was wrong', he says. The second ultra he attempted was the Blackfoot race of 100 km and finishing it but yet wanting to try the Death Race again. Prior to his second attempt more preparation was needed so he attended their training camp whereby you run/walk through the entire course which was extremely helpful, so much so that he finished the race at 22 hours. He has completed the Death Race 14 times, you read correctly, 14. Not without incredible amounts of training and preparation, disappointment and upset. He ran several without finishing, one with only a few minutes past the cut off. He ran legs 4 and 5 of this race, 53 kms, all through the night, and was awe inspiring as I saw him come in at about 1:30 in the morning for the final checkpoint. His partner Angie Zee was there with his supply kit, and he trots in like he went for a run in the park, 'everything is ok, legs good, feet good, I feel good, not too hungry, just some meatballs' he tells me. As I walked over to get the meatballs I thought to myself how easy and calm he made it look, but that's Hiro and that calmness was with him everywhere he went, and he gave that to everyone around him without

expectation. He did find this type of race to be the most difficult simply because he wasn't aware of how everyone would run, their total time before he could start, the team environment etc. But he was so thankful that they asked him, he wondered what they would think, and was so honoured and happy to be asked, that was the beauty of this, he was asked. A great underlying tone here is that he emigrated here by himself, without any family, none at all. Japan is 7830 km from Edmonton, anywhere from 18-30 hours by plane depending on the price so not an easy place to get to, especially for a family emergency. His mom is still alive and is 78, and even though he misses home at times has no regrets about moving and living in Canada, and found it very welcoming. That says a lot about our country, and often even though we have many policy issues that are painful to recall, including the WWII Japanese internment camps whereby Canada forcibly relocated and incarcerated over 22,000 Japanese Canadians that didn't deter him or his decision. These moments in history, although we don't think of them this way, are teaching moments. Oversimplified, possibly, most definitely painful and require a cautious and careful discernment regarding what happens next. If you choose to hang onto anger or transgressions and how people have wronged you, nothing good can come from that. Eventually an inner peace will be required to move forward, let go and let God as they say, and try to experience the newness, the rebirth of where you are headed. This is more prevalent than ever as we approach Christmas and being part of the birth of Jesus Christ, reconciliation and reflection unified as one.



A few things to ponder after meeting these runners, spending a weekend in a tent for the first time again, and being around so many spiritual people. How do I know they are spiritual? As you mill about in the arena during the introduction to the race, and the 'shocking' news about the trail, water hazards, poorly marked areas, excessive mud bogs, etc, etc. You realize that no one is shocked, leaving, throwing their arms up in disappointment or dismay, and or trying to accost race volunteers or staff about a refund because things might not go as planned and this race may not be finishable. There was a certain calmness and ease at which everyone filed out and knew the task at hand. I don't know if everyone was religious and or even had an opinion about religion, however they had to ask themselves deeply if this was possible, and who would they ask if they needed help. The team organizer Raissa Bugyi had to ask when she needed team members. If they failed and possibly didn't finish, could they forgive themselves? Was there hope at times when all there was was despair? Would they find unity in a team that was unbeknownst to each other and from such different backgrounds? We can decide for ourselves, and we have to daily.

As we find ourselves in situations where we wonder how we got through that? Was it supposed to be part of my life journey, faith journey, healing journey? What does it mean to live a life that has purpose, how do we define that? I believe we don't get the answer until we are through. Maybe we have a few bucks in our pocket and think as we walk by the homeless person that they have made their choices so it's not my responsibility and that so and so is only going to waste it. So then don't give at all? Only focus on ourselves?

When we are reading the current 'self help' bestseller, subscribing to social media for answers, fad diets, personality trait directives and character defect solutions we often miss what we were able to achieve simply by surrounding ourselves with the right people and having faith. As the readers reflect on this they may want to give themselves some credit for the things they have achieved, albeit small, even when they had little to no faith. Someone else did, Someone you can look up to.

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