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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 21, 2024 | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10 | 1 Cor 7:29-31 | Mk 1:14-20

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Sometimes I feel like I need a Jonah in my life: someone who will come along and shake things up; someone who will nudge me and say, *hey, you're doing it wrong!* No one wants to be criticized, but I know I need loving guidance to help me when I am not at my best. It's easy to get caught up in the swirl of life and neglect (even if unintentionally) what's important. Jonah was given the unpleasant task of pointing out to the people of Nineveh their failings. Unlike many communities who resisted God's words, by the end of the first day of Jonah's anticipated three-day trek across the city, "the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth." For all the evil they had done, and the rebellion they had demonstrated, the people there weren't irredeemable. They simply needed Jonah to point out how they had gone astray, and the grace of open ears and hearts to receive the message. Who has the Lord placed in our lives in the role of Jonah? How has he blessed us with the ability to receive, and repent where necessary?

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We don't seem to have obvious prophets like Jonah nowadays, but that doesn't mean God has left us without guides. We have the Church, Christ's body on earth, and the ever-present help of the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel, we hear how Jesus selected his first followers: men who would become the Twelve Apostles, anointed to spread his word and speak in his stead even after Jesus left the earth. We know that there were other followers: men, women and children who became his disciples; Jews and Gentiles who were baptized. We are part of that apostolic tradition, each one of us baptized into the common priesthood "exercised by the unfolding of baptismal grace – a life of faith, hope, and charity, a life according to the Spirit." (CCC 1547) The call to holiness can be hard to hear in the din of today's busy and secular world, but it is not impossible. We can pray for the grace to hear how God is asking each of us to live out his commands and proclaim the Good News to the world.

PRAY Today's psalm (Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9) is a wonderful way to ask God for this favor. Make it part of your morning or evening prayer for the next week. "Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths."

JANUARY 21	JANUARY 22	JANUARY 23	JANUARY 24	JANUARY 25	JANUARY 26	JANUARY 27
10a Mass 12p Mass 1-4p Adoration 7p Mass	9a-3p CWL Quilters 7p RCIA	8:30a Mass 6:30p Liturgy Committee	8:30a Mass 7p Adoration	8:30a Mass	8:30a Mass 9a-12p Adoration 10a Ecumenical Lecture and Lunch 6:30-9p Youth Group	11a-12p Confession 5p Mass

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

THE SEARCH

Monday evenings for 7 weeks
starting on February 12th
6:30pm-8pm

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For more information contact Erin at egratton@rcdos.ca

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WE PLEDGE 5%

Str8 Up is a program for people wanting to exit the gang life. Fr. Andre Poilievre created this program. This is an organization that mixes tough love with infinite patience to support those who want to get out and stay out of gangs. There is no age limit but participants are generally over 18 years of age. There are 3 visions or goals: to be responsible citizens, to be a faithful partner, and to be loving parents. There are 5 conditions each participant has to be willing to adhere to: drop colors, deal with their addiction, be honest, be humble, and to be willing to give the program a chance and accept support and partake for four years. Activities involved are: visiting and having meetings with the men in the correctional centre, making presentations in schools, reserves, addiction centers, and basically anywhere that expresses need. The group meets once a week. They learn about healthy lifestyles and positively contributing to and partaking in community. The program also offers support in areas such as looking for housing, employment, and general community errands.

Thank you for your support. www.str8-up.ca

LET US PRAY

- For the sick and all those that care for them, today we pray for: Greg Clemence, 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: Julie Muir
- And on the anniversary of death, Rick Olmstead, Melecio Pulmano Jr.

We pray to the Lord



Our sincere condolences to:



- Matthew, Jonathan, Elyssa and families on the death of father and grandfather, Robert Prpich.
- Richard, William, Susan, Mark and families on the death of mother, grandmother, great grandmother, Violet Ehman.
- Stacey, Kevin, Kate and families on the death of husband and father, Larry Korchinski.
- Gladys, Erin, Ryan, Brent, Curtis, Mitch, Barbara and families on the death of husband, father, grandfather, David Coombes.
- Stacy, Ryan and families on the death of mother and grandmother, Maryanne Grzinic.
- Rita, Cecile, Marcel, Roland, Evelyn, Paul, Benoit, Brian and families on the death of mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Aldea Detillieux.
- Adel, Cyril, Norman, Joanne, Gordon, Donnell, Rhea and families on the death of mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Anna Schlosser.
- Patti, Catherine, James and families on the death of mother and grandmother Roberta Marisi.

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

CONFIRMATION

Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is now open for children in grade 6 and older. Confirmation completes initiation into our Catholic Faith. For more information and to register visit <https://holyspiritsaskatoon.ca/faith-formation/sacramental-preparation-for-children/>

Please note: if your child was in grade 2 in 2020 or earlier in the Diocese of Saskatoon they likely have already been Confirmed. If you are unsure contact the church of Baptism.



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.

THE CONNECTION CORNER!



- 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!



Mark A. Hagemoen
Bishop of Saskatoon

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity—January 18-25

“During the week of January 18 to 25, our diocese joins with Christians around the world to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, asking the Holy Spirit to bring us together in ever-greater unity to give witness to the Gospel. On the night before he died, Jesus prayed that his followers “may all be one” as He and the Father are one, in order that the world might believe (John 17).” [Read more at rcdos.ca](http://rcdos.ca) or pick up your copy @ the Connection Corner.

WPCU Event at Holy Spirit —Friday, January 26 at 10am, *The Eucharist - Where is Jesus?* Lecture and Lunch.



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

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.



Come celebrate **Serena Saskatchewan's 50th anniversary on Saturday, February 10, 2024**, 6:15-8:30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes with a banquet catered by Agar's Corner, wine, guest speakers, and prizes. Kelly and Phylcia Aalbers will speak about a perennial teaching of the Church, *Humanae Vitae*, and its urgent message for our times. Thank you for supporting Serena and for honouring those who have worked tirelessly these past 50 years to share the Church's best kept secret for happy marriages! For those who cannot attend, please consider e-transferring a donation to sask@serena.ca; tax receipts will be issued. For more details and to buy your tickets (\$35/person), visit <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/791605211497?aff=oddttdcreator> (or search "Serena SK 2024 gala").

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.](#)



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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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- 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**

Thank you!



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

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



THE SEARCH

FINDING THE MEANING OF LIFE



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starting on February 12th

6:30pm-8pm in the Hall

Pre-registration is required to ensure enough participation to run this program.

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or sign up at the table in the Welcome Area

For more information contact Erin at egratton@rcdos.ca



Registration for the
Sacrament of Confirmation
for children gr 6+ is now open.
For more information and to
register visit:
holyspiritsaskatoon.ca

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dscf.ca/parish-offertory/





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Diocesan Bulletin

Jan. 21, 2024 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



*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

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.

World Day of Consecrated Life celebration will be held at 2 p.m. **Friday, Feb. 2** at St. Philip Neri Parish, 1902 Munroe Avenue, Saskatoon. Fr. Kevin McGee will preside at Mass.

A Contemplative Mass will be held 5 p.m. **Friday, Feb. 2** at St. Mary Parish, 211 Ave. O S., Saskatoon, led by Fr. Kevin McGee. The rhythm of the Contemplative Mass is a gentle, steady flow, marked by 20 minutes of silence after communion.

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.*)

Palliative Care and End-of-life Issues – St. John Bosco Parish in Saskatoon will host a two-part Horizons of Hope workshop about palliative care and end-of-life issues from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Saturday, Feb. 10** and **Saturday, Feb. 17**. To register, please call the parish at (306) 652-1045 (lunch will be provided). Everyone is welcome to this workshop held at St. John Bosco Catholic Church, 1202 Ave. O South in Saskatoon. For information about hosting the CCCB's Horizons of Hope workshop, contact Jackie Saretsky in the diocesan Office of Hospital Chaplaincy: jsaretsky@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5839. (*Hospital Chaplaincy in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

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:

rcdos.ca/wpcu-2024

Ecumenical Morning Prayer and Breakfasts

Worship at 8 a.m. followed by a light breakfast will be held at a number of Saskatoon churches:

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

Ecumenical Worship Service 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21
at First Mennonite Church, 418 Queen Street, Saskatoon.

**Humboldt Ministerial Association Ecumenical
Worship Service 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21**
at St. Andrew Anglican Church, 710-9th St., Humboldt, SK.

Ecumenical Youth Event on 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.
Call Martha Ferguson for more information: (306) 270-2378.

Campus Service at 11:40 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 25
at St. Andrew Chapel, U of S, with Rev. Dr. Karen Petersen Finch.

Loving Our Neighbours:

The Prairie Centre for Ecumenism will be collecting hats and mitts at Saskatoon Week of Prayer events for those using a new warm-up location at St. Mary Catholic Church Hall (an ecumenical partnership with the Salvation Army).

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

Guest speaker: Rev. Dr. Karen Petersen Finch

Two lectures: in-person and via live-stream 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

Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA) update from the Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation: Thank you for supporting our ministries through your BAA donations. So far the Appeal has raised \$942,056 or 67 percent of this year's goal. If you have not yet made your gift, you can find more information at dscf.ca/baa or call (306) 659-5851 for more information.

Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk visits Saskatoon - The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon recently announced that the head of the world-wide Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, Patriarch of Kyiv-Halych, is here for the consecration and installation of Bishop Michael Smolinski, CSsR, as the Eparchy of Saskatoon's sixth Eparchial Bishop. The Patriarch will also meet with newly-arrived Ukrainians at 7 p.m. **Sunday, Jan. 21** at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of St. George, and will visit Bishop Filevich Ukrainian Bilingual School in Saskatoon on Jan. 23, 2024.

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 Jan. 27**; 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.

Celebrate Serena Saskatchewan's 50th Anniversary on **Saturday, Feb. 10**, starting at 6:15 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1235-12th Street East, Saskatoon, with a catered banquet and a presentation by guests Kelly and Phylcia Aalbers about "Humanae Vitae seen in the light of marriage." Cost is \$35 per person, includes meal, dessert, and wine; for information and tickets (deadline is Jan. 31) please go to www.eventbrite.ca and search "Serena SK 2024 Gala." For those who cannot attend, consider e-transferring a donation to sask@serena.ca; tax receipts will be issued.

Come and See Week at St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission in Bruno, SK, will be held **Feb. 19-24** for prospective students, alumni, and friends to come experience student life and get a glimpse at living, studying, and journeying with Jesus at St. Therese. Come for a day, or two... or all six! Cost is \$40/day, which includes meals and accommodations. Register and get more information at www.St-T.ca/csdays.

Diocesan Prayer - Lord Jesus, you prayed that we all might be one, and we pray to you for the unity of all Christians, according to your will, according to your means. May your Spirit enable us to realize the suffering caused by division, to see our sin, and to hope beyond all hope in you.

(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Jan. 18-25, 2024)



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Awaken Adult Faith Winter Webinar

"Everyday Apostles: Ordinary Methods to Help You Share an Extraordinary Message"

A Revive Course hosted by Ryan O'Hara

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays

Feb. 20, Feb. 27, March 5, March 12

Cost: \$20 for the series

Registration:

<https://form.jotform.com/231798546079270>

(Awaken adult faith is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal: dscf.ca/baa)

A Come and See weekend with the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary will be held **Feb. 16-19** in Saskatoon. Interested women are invited to discover more about the sisters' way of life and the charism of the order's foundress, St. Marie Rivier. For more information, contact Sr. April Mireau, PM, at aprlmireau@gmail.com or (306) 531-9937.

Company of St. Ursula: Lay women are consecrated to Christ in service for the world. For more information about this form of consecrated life, see: www.companyofstursula.ca or contact Bernice Daratha at bdaratha@gmail.com.

Catholic Engaged Encounter (CEE) marriage preparation is held at St. Peter's Abbey in Muenster, SK with the next weekend on **April 26-28**. Cost is \$480, which includes meals and accommodations. Contact Lynn and Wanda Freistadt at CEEmuenster@sasktel.net or (306) 373-8607 or see: www.ceewest.com.

Refresh and Recharge Your Marriage: Experience the Breathe Catholic Marriage Conference to be held **March 8-9** 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 see: www.catholicmarriageandfamily.com.

Employment opportunity - Saint Anne Catholic Church in Saskatoon is seeking a Children's Ministry Coordinator for one year. Apply before **Feb. 5**: <https://saintannes.ca/careers>

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January 8, 2024
The Baptism of the Lord

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity **January 18 to 25, 2024**


To Clergy, Religious, & Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Saskatoon:

During the week of January 18 to 25, our diocese joins with Christians around the world to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, asking the Holy Spirit to bring us together in ever-greater unity to give witness to the Gospel. On the night before he died, Jesus prayed that his followers “may all be one” as He and the Father are one, in order that the world might believe (John 17). Our witness to the world is especially powerful when Christians from many traditions join together in prayer, solidarity and action.

Praying for Christian unity is an ecumenical practice going back at least to the Lambeth Conference of 1867. Churches around the world began using the now established resources in 1968. The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches have published the resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024.

The theme of the 2024 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from Luke 10:27: **“You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself.”** This scripture passage calls upon all Christians and people of goodwill to reflect on the relationships in our lives of striving to love our Lord and God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind – and how this is lived out in how we *actually* love one another. In these times of large-scale political and social anxiety, anger, and mistrust, and increasing polarization and conflict, Jesus directs us to reflect on how the Greatest Commandments direct our allegiance to God in our commitment to live and act like Him. This is a call to bring to bear all *charity, mercy and forgiveness, justice*, and commitment to *unity*. We need to seek the impossible path of Jesus Christ, who renders what seems to be *impossible... possible!* (see Luke 18:27)

As we prepare to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are asked to reflect on the following questions:

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

- i) *How can we live our unity as Christians so as to confront the evils and injustices of our time?*
- ii) *How does Jesus Christ – who is the greatest Love the world has known – inspire and call each of us in the coming New Year to be a channel of His peace, love, and hope for the world?*
- iii) *How can we engage in dialogue - for the sake of increased awareness and insight about one another's experiences of the journey from brokenness to forgiveness and healing?*

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity not only reminds us that Jesus Christ is the one Saviour of all peoples and nations, but also that there is great blessing and new life when those of many families of faith come together in wonder, praise, and commitment to follow the One true Lord and Saviour.

For further information and resources, please see the attached resource jointly prepared and published by the Pontifical Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity, and the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches. You can also go to: <https://www.oikoumene.org/sites/default/files/2023-06/WPCU%202024%20ENG.pdf>

Let us pray in the words of one of the resources available for this week:

*Lord Jesus, who prayed that all might be one,
we pray to you for the unity of all Christians,
according to your will, according to your means.*

*May your Spirit enable us to experience the suffering caused by
division, to see our sin and to hope beyond all hope. Amen.*

As we begin this New Year 2024, let us renew our commitment to educate ourselves and others regarding the goal and work of ecumenism.

Sincerely in Christ,

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✙ Most Rev. Mark A. Hagemoen

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

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Bringing Home the Word

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
January 21, 2024

The Fish That Didn't Get Away

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

We have all heard stories about the extraordinary fish that got away. We might even have such a story of our own. Two of today's readings are fish stories, but with a slight twist. They are also "call narratives." Last week we reflected on the call to listen and to follow; this week it is a call to go out to bring God's mercy to others. This is a call to "catch" others, as one might catch fish—a metaphor that would have delighted fisher people.

Sunday Readings

Jonah 3:1–5, 10

The people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.

1 Corinthians 7:29–31

I tell you, brothers, the time is running out.... For the world in its present form is passing away.

Mark 1:14–20

Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. [Jesus said,] "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas (which is translated Peter)."

In the beginning of the Jonah story, the prophet did not catch fish; one caught him. Later, the word he preached was very successful, his own spitefulness notwithstanding. The Ninevites were the sworn enemies of the Israelites, and Jonah did not want them to repent, but to be punished by God. Nevertheless, God's mercy was stronger than Jonah's spite. In the Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to set down their fishing nets and to launch into a life of catching people with the word of God. There is an eagerness here that is absent in the Jonah story. Furthermore, the disciples left their primary commitment—their patriarchal family—to accept Jesus' invitation.

As Pope Francis declared, we are all missionary disciples. Are we eager to respond, as were Jesus' disciples? Or do we think we should attend only to those whom we judge to be deserving? If so, have we forgotten that no one deserves God's mercy? It is a free gift to all. †

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to launch into a life
of catching people
with the word of God.**



A Word from Pope Francis

Let us not ignore God's word. It is a love letter, written to us by the One who knows us best. In reading it, we again hear his voice, see his face, and receive his Spirit. That word brings us close to God. Let us...carry it with us always, in our pocket, on our phone.

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Does the way you live witness to a merciful, loving God?
- Is there some change you should make?

Living Our Faith

Hosffman Ospino

There is not one exclusive way of living our relationship with Jesus Christ in the everyday. For some, the ideal model is that of monastic life in which men and women dedicate their lives to prayer and contemplation in a monastery, away from any distraction. For others, the ideal model is that of missionary life, bringing the message of the Gospel to distant lands in the midst of many challenges. Both models are attractive, and both continue to be sources of life for Christian communities around the world.

However, only a relatively small group of Christians are called to live their faith according to these two models. The majority of disciples of Jesus are called to give witness to our faith



somewhere in the middle, a point where contemplation and mission coincide in the here and now of ordinary life. For most Christians, this middle point is the daily experience of family life, work, and

social relations through which we hope to make the world a better place.

We discover there are many ways of encountering God and bringing others to participate in that encounter in the everyday. The wisdom of the Christian community has affirmed that each baptized person has the responsibility of living our faith mirroring the life of Christ in our own particular way. Consequently, Christian disciples embody the values of the Gospel according to the uniqueness of our circumstances. On the one hand, we share the same faith, believe in the same Lord, and await the same salvation. On other hand, we live our faith in the distinctiveness of our relationships and our decisions or states of life.

God continues to invite us to respond to the divine revelation with the gift of faith. We join Peter and Christians who have declared for generations that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. As we proclaim with joy at the Easter Vigil, "This is our faith! This is the faith of the Church! We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our Lord!" †

From *Peter's Catechism* (pages 26–27; 39), available at Liguori.org.

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "The Joy of Being Catholic" by Kathy Coffey

Answers from Catholics: What about the Church brings you joy?

- "Sometimes I can't sleep or I'm feeling blue. Then I remind myself that somewhere in the world, the Mass is happening. Bread and wine are being consecrated into the Christ's body and blood. Knowing that buoys me."
- "The faith offers us a healthy way to approach death. The ritual comforts us by saying, 'It's not the end; we'll see this person again.'"
- "The best thing is the companions—Jesus, the prophets, the desert dwellers, the saints, each other!"
- "I can find good people other places, but not this remarkable liturgy."
- "I think of the Catholic Church as a massive family. We're all welcome." †

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Faithful God, give us the grace to witness to your presence so that others may know you are a loving, merciful God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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WEEKDAY READINGS

January 22–27

Monday, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children:
2 Sm 5:1–7, 10 / Mk 3:22–30


Tuesday, Weekday:
2 Sm 6:12b–15, 17–19 / Mk 3:31–35

Wednesday, St. Francis de Sales:
2 Sm 7:4–17 / Mk 4:1–20

Thursday, Conversion of St. Paul:
Acts 22:3–16 or Acts 9:1–22 / Mk 16:15–18

Friday, Sts. Timothy and Titus:
2 Tm 1:1–8 or Ti 1:1–5 / Mk 4:26–34

Saturday, Weekday:
2 Sm 12:1–7a, 10–17 / Mk 4:35–41

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expand your vocabulary and
deepen your faith.

21 January 2024

WORD OF THE WEEK

Metanoia \me-tə-'noi-ə \

Greek word in the New Testament translated as "change of mind" or "change of heart." It corresponds with the Old Testament word for repentance and the Latin *conversio*, turning or returning, from which derives the idea of *conversion*. *Turning* is key, assuming we have lost our way or gone off course.

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

CONTEXT

Community takes transformation. Being people of communion requires **metanoia** that results from encounter and dialogue.

—Sister Nicole Trahan, F.M.I.

Far from being a demand to feel lousy about our screw-ups, **metanoia** invites us to radically transform the way we perceive others, ourselves, and the world.

—David Anderson

Metanoia invites us to meet all situations, however unfair, with understanding and an empathetic heart.

—Father Ronald Rolheiser, O.M.I.

WHY IT MATTERS

The willingness to change is a crucial ingredient in a life of integrity. On the journey through the years, we will all be confused or misdirected and swerve off the path of truth. **Metanoia** is the much-needed spiritual course correction. Consider **metanoia** the vital summons to recalculate where we're headed and what needs to change for us to get there.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Jesus' call to conversion and repentance, does not aim first at outward works, but at the *conversion of the heart, interior conversion*. [H]owever, interior conversion urges expression in visible signs, gestures, and works of penance (1430).

RELATED WORDS

Conversion | Penance | Contrition | Transformation

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What does it mean to repent?

Repentance doesn't necessarily require falling on our knees and beating our breasts, though sometimes that may be the appropriate response—as it was for skeptical Thomas, when the resurrected Lord whom he'd doubted stood before him. Basically, to repent means to change course. That can mean movement if we've been standing still, or stopping if we've been in frantic motion. It can mean changing our minds or our hearts, our direction or our behavior.

The word has several important root meanings. The earliest is the Hebrew word *t'shuvah*: return. It's a crucial concept to prophets like Amos, Hosea, and Jeremiah. Their fellow citizens have wandered far from God's ways, and it's time for them to return home. *Metanoia* is the New Testament Greek term that carries a similar meaning. John the Baptist first issues the call to change direction, signaled by Baptism. Jesus uses this term when he invites his listeners to change their dispositions—to turn their hearts and lives around—in response to his teaching. Repentance carries the additional meaning of expressing regret for past actions and attitudes—along with the expectation that real change is forthcoming. In addition, the word *conversion* means turning around, implying a reorientation of intentions and actions. In the sacrament of Reconciliation, we include the stipulation of "making reparation" for what we've done or failed to do that has caused harm.

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

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE
(JANUARY 25)

Take the next turn toward truth

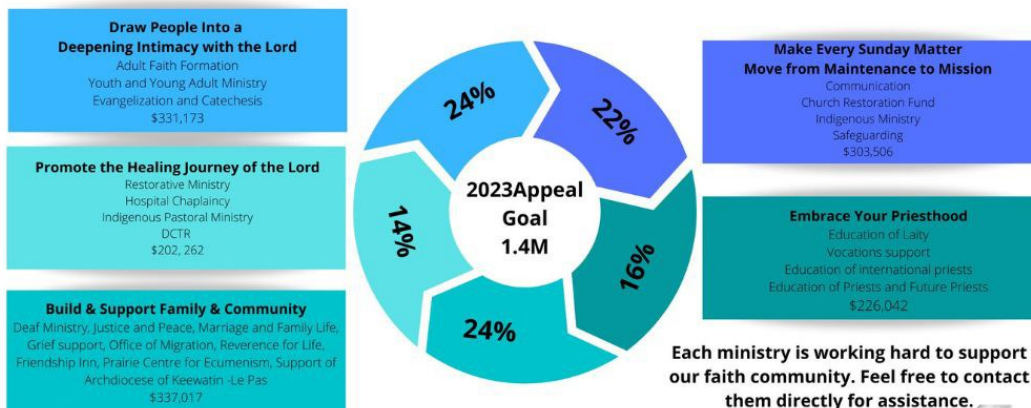
The amazing thing about Saint Paul's conversion was that he went from persecutor of Christians to a devout Christian himself. The change in him was so incredible not everyone believed it at first. His turnaround was a complete about-face toward Jesus.

READINGS: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18 (519 <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/012518.cfm>). "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

FAITH IN ACTION

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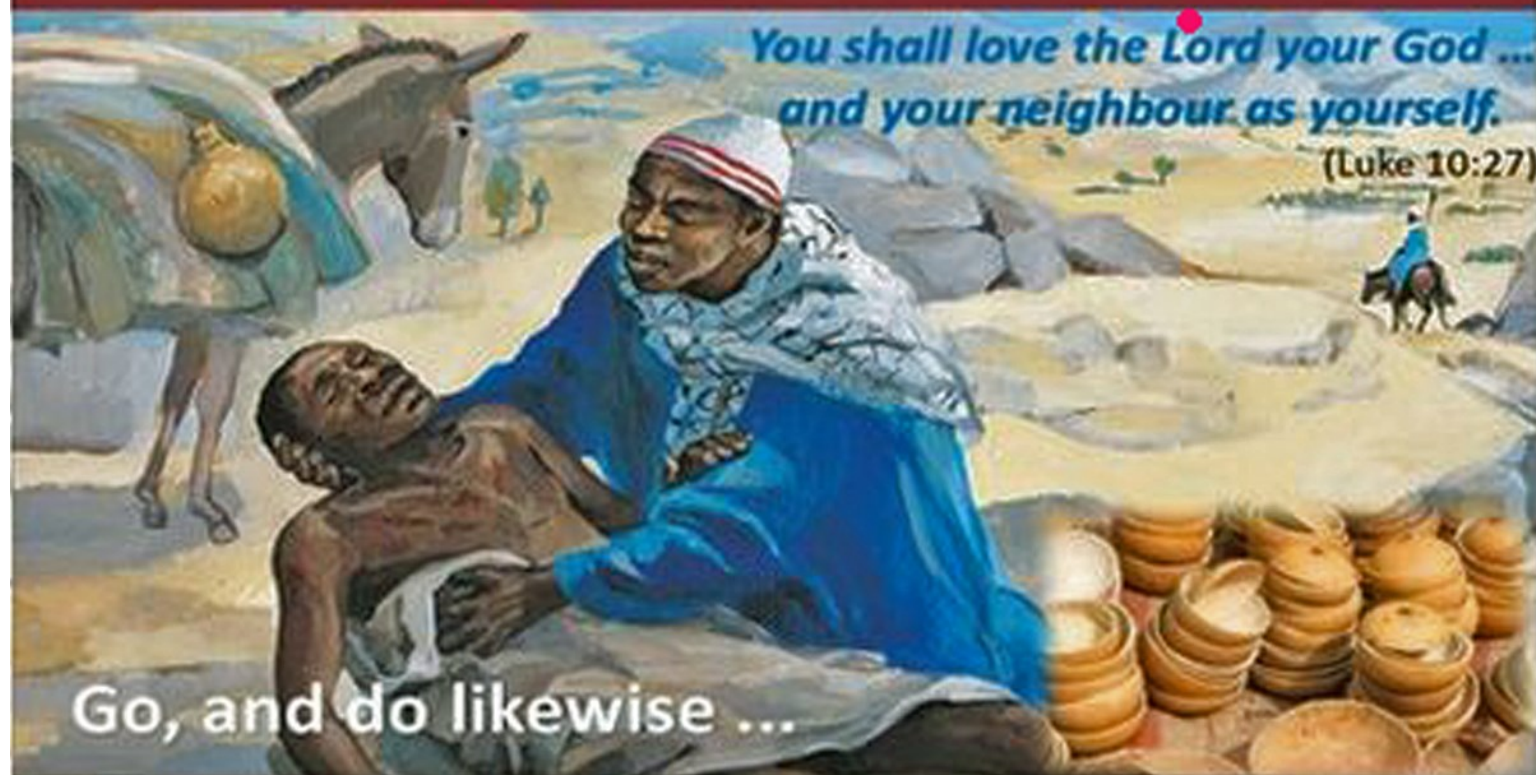
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