



# 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.*

"The light came into the world, but  
people preferred darkness to light."  
(Jn 3:19)

March 10, 2024 | Fourth Sunday in Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 | Eph 2:4-10 | Jn 3:14-21

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

"The floor is lava!" We used to play this game as children, and it still seems popular today: you arrange furniture and other objects in such a way as to make it from point to point, and even room to room, without touching the floor. There may be more than one way to go, but the crux of the matter is that you have to use these waypoints to stay alive in the game. Following Jesus is somewhat similar, although obviously infinitely more serious and important! He himself, through his sacrifice on the cross, opened the doors of salvation to us – he has provided the ways and means to live free from death. His sacrifice is the only thing that makes it possible for us to enter heaven. In other words, he has arranged the spiritual furniture, made clear those waypoints, and, differing from children who play the lava game, is ready and willing to help us at any time to move safely and confidently along the journey. St Paul writes, "we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them."

**ENGAGE** Today we are about halfway through Lent. If you haven't yet taken advantage of the rich opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross with your family, do so this week. Most parishes pray the stations on Fridays during Lent, and perhaps other days as well. This ancient tradition of our Church is a beautiful and meaningful way to walk the Way of the Cross with our Lord.  
*We adore you, O Christ, and bless you. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the whole world.*

## GO EVANGELIZE

### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

St. Paul also writes, "by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God." And in today's Gospel, St. John writes these words we know so well. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." Both testaments include words of comfort, but John here also includes a call to action. Notice the word "might." Like "may," which is found in other translations, it indicates possibility, probability, and contingency. In other words, it is offered – freely given! – but we must accept. And acceptance means, just as the prophets shared with the Israelites, we need to follow God's commands. It means that in our words and deeds we act from and in love of God and love of one another. For "whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."

MARCH 10	MARCH 11	MARCH 12	MARCH 13	MARCH 14	MARCH 15	MARCH 16
10a Mass 12p Mass 1-4p Adoration 7p Mass	9a CWL Quilters 6:30p The Search Faith Study 7p RCIA	8:30a Mass 7p CWL Mass 7:30p CWL Meeting	8:30a Mass 7p Adoration	8:30a Mass 1:30p Senior Cards 6p First Communion Prep	8:30a Mass 9a-12p Adoration 6p Stations of the Cross 6:30p High School Youth Group	11a-12p Confession 5p Mass

## † Stations of the Cross—Fridays in Lent 6pm †

## Parish Mission & Penitential Service

Tuesday, March 19  
7pm  
Guest speaker  
Fr. David Tumback

Wednesday, March 20  
7pm  
Reconciliation &  
Adoration



*"As we gather here today, we acknowledge we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another."*

## WE PLEDGE 5%

Hope Restored has an 8 bed safe house in Saskatoon for women and girls wanting to exit the sex trade. Our home provides support, hope and most importantly, that "safe place to go." In just one year, the program has a graduate who is leaving to further her education. The remaining women are working hard to recover from their years of exploitation, through individual and group counseling. Our mission is to make a measurable impact with those who are sexually exploited and trafficked through education, partnerships, funding and programs. Thank you for your support. [www.hoperestoredcanada.org](http://www.hoperestoredcanada.org)

## LET US PRAY

- For the sick and all those that care for them, today we pray for: Wes Lang, Gerald Loster, Greg Clemence, Father Marc Mireau, Betty Anne Tomney, Bob Kudel, Quinn Gorman, Trev Yager, Jeff Haugen, John Bohnke
- For all those who have died, today we remember: Father Bernard de Margerie, Michael Cherepacha
- And on the anniversary of death, Harvey Chatlain, Joseph Wang Sr., Adelina Tubera

*We pray to the Lord*

### MARCH 28

#### Holy Thursday

7pm (livestream)

Incense will be used

**Followed by Adoration  
until midnight with night  
prayer at 11:30 pm**

### MARCH 29

#### Good Friday

3pm (livestreamed)

6pm

### MARCH 30

#### Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer

9:30am

Easter Vigil

8pm (livestream)

Incense will be used

### MARCH 31

#### Easter Sunday Mass

10am

12 noon (livestream)

\*no 7pm Mass



**Help us decorate this Easter** by purchasing an Easter Lily in memory or honour of a loved one. Put your name and your loved ones name along with \$20.00 in an envelope and drop it off at the office during the week or Hospitality desk on the weekend.



**Couch, bed, and table and chairs needed.** Another refugee couple arrived on February 23 and we're trying to help them set up an apartment. If anyone has a spare couch, bed or table and chairs, please let Karen at the office know. Thank you so very much.



### Parish Life Call for Volunteers!

The Parish Life Committee has begun the planning process for the two events that could be **THE BEST FUN YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WILL HAVE THIS SUMMER: Family Day and Vacation Bible School!** SEATS on our Planning Committees are EMPTY, and we NEED and WELCOME your INPUT! Please contact Lynn leremondi@rcdos.ca, 306-375-1425 to have your name added to either or both of the committees. We look forward to hearing from you!



Please join us for our next general meeting on **March 12 beginning with Mass at 7 pm** and meeting to follow. **OUR MISSION: The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.** We are celebrating a new two-year theme: "Here I am Lord, Send me!" CWL is open to all women of the parish 16 years and older. Come, see what we are about.

President: Melina Palendat (306) 668-2520 [holyspiritcwl@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiritcwl@gmail.com)



**It's a mystery!** If you have envelope box #59 please contact the office. That number is assigned to a different family in our system! Please let us know right away so we can get it sorted out. Thanks!

### 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.*

**PASTOR • Fr. Joseph Salihu** [jsalihu@rcdos.ca](mailto:jsalihu@rcdos.ca)

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR • Fr. Greg Smith-Windsor**

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Please visit [holyspiritsaskatoon.ca](http://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](mailto:finance@holyspiritsaskatoon.ca) (it is directly deposited, no password needed). Please put your full name and envelope number in the message box along with any special offering designation.
- 3. Parish Offertory:** <https://dscf.ca/parish-offertory/>
- 4. Mail envelopes to the church:** 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon, SK, S7J 3V7
- 5. Drop envelopes off at church:** Put envelopes into the office door mail slot.
- 6. Place envelopes in the offertory basket at Mass**



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

Fill out this [form](#) online

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



# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

*Fridays in Lent 6pm*

Join in person or on livestream





# SAVE THE DATE

## LENT PARISH MISSION

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**DATE**

Tues March 19, 2024



**TIME**

7PM



**LOCATION**

Holy Spirit Parish  
114 Kingsmere Pl



**GUEST SPEAKER**

Fr. David Tumback  
All are welcome

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# EASTER TRIDUUM

## **Holy Thursday – Mar. 28**

- 7 pm *(also livestreamed)*
  - *Incense will be used*
- *Adoration to follow until midnight with night prayer at 11:30 pm*

## **Good Friday – Mar. 29**

- 3 pm *(also livestreamed)*
- 6 pm

## **Easter Vigil – March 30**

- 9:30 am Morning Prayers
- 8 pm *(also livestreamed)*
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## **Easter Sunday – March 31**

- 10 am
- 12 noon *(also livestreamed)*

\*there is no 7 pm Mass on Easter Sunday

## **Joyous Time of Year**

May the glory  
and the promise  
of this joyous time of year  
bring peace  
and happiness to you  
and those you hold most dear.

And may Christ,  
Our Risen Saviour,  
always be there by your side  
to bless you  
most abundantly  
and be your loving guide.

*Author Unknown*

*Hallelujah!*  
**HE IS Risen**



# Diocesan Bulletin

March 10, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

*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

**A Diocesan Cenacle of Prayer** with adoration, the rosary, benediction, hymns and various other prayers will be held 3 p.m. **Wednesday, March 13** at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Cres., Saskatoon; for info: Edna (306) 382-1680.

**An Easter Tea** and bake sale will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, March 16** at Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church auditorium, 10th St. E. and Munroe Ave., Saskatoon. Admission: adults \$5; 12 years and under, free.

**Inspire Our Nation: Inspiring Youth to Dream Toward Their Future** will be held **March 15-16** at Elim Church, 419 Slimmon Road, Saskatoon. Sessions feature music, games, teaching, and inspiring stories as well as workshop topics on youth leadership, mental health, sports, etc. Register at: [www.inspireournation.com/saskatoon-2024](http://www.inspireournation.com/saskatoon-2024) or contact Kaitlyn Cey at [kaitlyn@inspireournation.com](mailto:kaitlyn@inspireournation.com) (306) 914-1401.

**A Croatian Mass** will be celebrated at 5 p.m. **Sunday, March 17** at St. Philip Neri Parish, 1902 Munroe Ave. S. Saskatoon. Rev. Domin Vladic of Calgary is a celebrant. There will be potluck supper and fellowship after Mass. For more information, please contact Lydia at (306) 242-9214.

**A Lenten Parish Mission** with Fr. David Tumback will be held 7 p.m. **Tuesday, March 19** at Holy Spirit Parish, 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon.

**Prairie Centre for Ecumenism Annual General Meeting** will be held at 7:30 p.m. **Tuesday, March 19** at Queen's House, 601 Taylor St. W., Saskatoon, everyone is welcome. Guest speaker is Lutheran Bishop Sid Haugen. Online option available; RSVP to [admin@pceecumenism.ca](mailto:admin@pceecumenism.ca) or call (306) 653-16333.

**Hope in Healthcare** - Are you a Catholic healthcare professional striving to live out your faith in your career? The Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan, in partnership with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, presents an evening of fellowship to explore challenges and opportunities in living our vocations, given a healthcare environment that includes practices such as euthanasia (MAID). This evening will be held 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, March 19** in the library at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon.

*Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon presents*

## Spring Congress 2024

### "Make Every Sunday Matter!"

**9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 13**

*Cathedral of the Holy Family, Saskatoon*

**Speakers: Fr. Simon Lobo and Fr. Isaac Longworth**

The diocesan event on **March 13** is open to everyone: clergy, parish staff, lay leaders, and the general public – come and be inspired to "Make Every Sunday Matter!"

(A clergy-only day will be held 9 a.m. to noon **March 14**.)

**\$25/ day (includes lunch) / Register online:**

<https://form.jotform.com/232554814618258>

### "Encounter"

**7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 13**

Includes worship, Eucharistic adoration, and a talk by Fr. Isaac Longworth, followed by a time of fellowship.

**Free-will offering / Register online:**

<https://form.jotform.com/240446250130240>

or call (306) 659-5858 for information or registration.

**PPK - Priest, Prophet, King Ministry to Men** will be held **Wednesday, March 20** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, beginning at 6 p.m. with adoration and confession; 7 p.m. celebration of Mass, followed by a talk at 8 p.m. The Catholic men's night will include socializing (food and drink will be available).

**What Happens in the Old Testament? A Journey Through the Hebrew Scriptures** will be offered 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Saturday, March 23** at Queen's House in Saskatoon. \$70 (includes lunch). Find more information and registration at: [www.queenshouse.org/programs](http://www.queenshouse.org/programs).

**Loving Through Loss Couples Workshop** will be held 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Saturday, April 20** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, to help bereaved couples understand how the trauma of losing a child affects the family dynamic and how to love each other through the complexity of this great loss. Offered through Red Bird Ministries [www.redbird.love](http://www.redbird.love) – to register, contact Marilyn Jackson at [mjackson@rcdos.ca](mailto:mjackson@rcdos.ca) or (306) 659-5836.



# Message Board

**CCCB Journey Through Lent - Video reflections by Bishop Mark Hagemoen** continue each week of Lent from now until Palm Sunday as part of an online series from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) to provide spiritual inspiration and guidance on preparing well for Easter. Find the weekly videos posted on the CCCB website at: [www.cccb.ca/oec/journey-through-lent](http://www.cccb.ca/oec/journey-through-lent).

**Prison Ministry** - Volunteers are needed at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre to assist with liturgies, prayer, leading the rosary, and other Catholic outreach at the prison. If the Holy Spirit is inspiring you to respond to the Gospel call to visit those who are in prison (*Matthew 25:36*), please contact diocesan coordinator of prison ministry Dianne Anderson at [danderson@rcdos.ca](mailto:danderson@rcdos.ca) or (306) 659-5845 for more information. Training and support will be provided! (*Prison ministry is supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

**Marriage Preparation** will be offered 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays for six weeks starting **April 2** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Martensville, SK. Cost is \$150 per couple. For information, contact the parish office at (306) 931-3111 or e-mail [ihmp@rcdos.ca](mailto:ihmp@rcdos.ca).

**Catholic Engaged Encounter (CEE)** is an intensive weekend of marriage preparation, in which each couple is given opportunities to learn more about one another as they engage in meaningful discussions between themselves, dealing with all aspects of married life. The next weekend will be held **April 26-28** at picturesque St. Peter's Abbey in Muenster. Contact [CEEmuenster@sasktel.net](mailto:CEEmuenster@sasktel.net) or for more information, see: [ceewest.com](http://ceewest.com).

## Employment opportunities

### Employment Opportunity – Migration Office Coordinator:

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon is seeking a full-time, permanent Coordinator for the Office of Migration, working in the area of refugee sponsorship, with the position based at the Catholic Pastoral Centre in Saskatoon, beginning July 1, 2024. Details: [rcdos.ca/employment](http://rcdos.ca/employment). To apply: email resumé and cover letter to [jekeng@rcdos.ca](mailto:jekeng@rcdos.ca) using the subject line "Migration Office Coordinator" before **midnight, March 31, 2024**.

**Saskatoon Pregnancy Options and Support Centre seeks a Bookkeeper** experienced with Ceridian and QuickBooks to work one day per week. Contact [dee@saskatoonpregnancyoptions.com](mailto:dee@saskatoonpregnancyoptions.com) for more information.

**CWL Clothing Depot in Saskatoon is seeking to fill a part-time position** in the non-profit thrift store immediately (with the potential for full-time hours). Anyone interested should contact Bea at the Clothing Depot by bringing a resume to the store, 619- 20th St. W., or call (306) 242-5042.



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## Lenten Confessions / Easter Schedules

Find information about penitential celebrations, confession opportunities and Easter Triduum celebrations at many parishes across the diocese of Saskatoon on the diocesan website at:

[rcdos.ca/lent-and-easter](http://rcdos.ca/lent-and-easter)

**An outdoor Way of the Cross** in downtown Saskatoon will again be held starting at 9:45 am **Good Friday, March 29** starting at the Court of King's Bench courthouse on Spadina Crescent and ending at St. Paul Co-Cathedral. For more info or if you are interested in volunteering as a crowd marshal, contact Myron Rogal in the diocesan Office of Justice and Peace at (306) 659-5841 or [mrogal@rcdos.ca](mailto:mrogal@rcdos.ca).

**Take Action:** Senator Julie Miville-Dechéne has introduced Bill S-210 to require websites to verify that users are adults before accessing pornographic content. Bill S-210 has passed second reading in the House of Commons and is now referred to committee for further study. For info, see: <https://defenddignity.ca/government-advocacy/protect-youth-from-pornography-exposure-bill-s-210/>. or for more info contact Myron Rogal in the diocesan Office of Justice and Peace at: [mrogal@rcdos.ca](mailto:mrogal@rcdos.ca) or (306) 659-5841.

**Teen Aid Contests – Grade 12 Speech Scholarship** on the topic "What is the Beauty of Chastity?" with submissions due by **March 31**; e-mail 1,000 word speech, school name and contact information to [teenaidsk@gmail.com](mailto:teenaidsk@gmail.com) – prizes are \$1,000 for first place; \$500 for second; \$300 for third. **Teen Aid Saskatchewan also presents a Grade 8 artwork contest** challenging students to create a two-dimensional, original art piece expressing the "Beauty of Chastity." Submissions are due by **March 15**. For more information about contests, contact: [teenaidsk@gmail.com](mailto:teenaidsk@gmail.com)

**Diocesan Prayer** - We pray as a diocesan family for the members of agrarian communities around the world who band together to protect their rights: may they find solutions to common issues related to agriculture, food and natural resource management. (*Prayer adapted from Development and Peace-Caritas Canada Create Hope: Reaping Our Rights resources.*)

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### Training next-generation farmers in Indonesia

In rural Indonesia, young people are abandoning agriculture to work in cities. Over time, this could threaten food sovereignty.

Our partner PAYOPAYO empowers village communities to work together to find solutions to common challenges related to agriculture, food, energy, natural resource management and the engagement of youths, especially women.

This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Karno Batiran, the executive director of PAYOPAYO. Learn more at [devp.org/lent](https://devp.org/lent).

### Prayers of the Faithful—March 10—Fourth Sunday of Lent

For the members of agrarian communities who band together to protect their rights, that they find solutions to common issues related to agriculture, food and natural resource management, we pray to the Lord.



**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY!**  
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## SOLIDARITY SNAKES & LADDERS

### HOW TO PLAY //

You will need:

- A die
- A coin, button or distinct object for each player

Take turns rolling the die and moving along the game board. If you land on the bottom of a ladder, follow the instructions for LADDERS below. If you land on the tail of a snake, follow the instructions for SNAKES below.

For a richer gaming experience with additional reading and engaging videos, follow these instructions online at [devp.org/snakesandladders](https://devp.org/snakesandladders) to be able to click on the links.

### LADDERS

<p><b>3</b> After Typhoon Haiyan (2013), Development and Peace – Caritas Canada cofounded a civil society coalition that helped 600+ Philippine families plan, design, build and manage the <a href="#">Pope Francis Village</a>. Climb the ladder to celebrate <b>Subsidiarity</b>, whereby grassroots organizations conceive and pursue their own development.</p>	<p><b>6</b> A Montreal youth group's <a href="#">cheese sale raised \$11,000</a> to support Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's pursuit of the <b>Preferential option for the poor</b>. Climb the ladder to affirm this principle of reaching, accompanying and empowering the most vulnerable communities in the Global South.</p>
<p><b>8</b> Houses built in 2015 by one Haitian community recovering from a hurricane with the help of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's partner ITECA <a href="#">withstood even an earthquake</a> in 2021! Climb the ladder for the solidity of their <b>Participation</b>.</p>	<p><b>14</b> Hundreds of students across Ontario held a <a href="#">"Dress Down, Speak Up"</a> day, raising awareness about the impacts of sweatshops and fast fashion. Climb the ladder to encourage the raising of voices for <b>Economic justice</b>.</p>
<p><b>23</b> Hundreds of Canadians have pledged to make their home, school or workplace a <a href="#">bottled-water-free zone</a>, because water is a human right, not a commodity! Climb the ladder in affirmation of the <b>Common good</b>.</p>	<p><b>25</b> On October 15, 2021, Honduran land defender <a href="#">Victor Vásquez was released from prison</a> after a long campaign by our partner CEHPRODEC that Development and Peace – Caritas Canada supported! Climb the ladder to hail those who fulfill the <b>Ecological responsibility</b> of caring for the Earth, our common home.</p>
<p><b>32</b> Students at Notre Dame College School (Welland, Ont.) raised over \$20,000 during their annual Pilgrimage Walk to support Development and Peace – Caritas Canada partners. Climb the ladder for this act of <b>Solidarity</b> and think about <a href="#">organizing a walk</a>!</p>	<p><b>42</b> In 2022-2023, 314 new <a href="#">Share Year-Round</a> donors signed up! They give monthly because they believe in our mission to uphold the <b>Dignity of the human person</b>. Climb the ladder to celebrate their steadfast support.</p>

**45** In June 2023, a Development and Peace – Caritas Canada partner won the Environmental Peacebuilding Association Award for reporting on the environmental impact of armed conflict in the Middle East. Climb the ladder to celebrate their work for **Peace**.

**47** Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's Colombian partner the *Asociación Campesina de Antioquia* (ACA, Peasant Association of Antioquia) helps peasant communities affected by armed conflict to defend their lives and territories and to build a culture of peace through filmmaking and art. Climb the ladder to celebrate this exercise of **Rights and responsibilities**.

## SNAKES

**21** Around the world, human rights and environmental activists face great risks. In 2022, a record [401 human rights defenders were murdered](#). Nearly half of them had been working for land, environmental and Indigenous peoples' rights. Go down the snake and watch our [video about the Guapinol defenders](#).

**28** In 2022, armed conflict claimed 238,000 lives (a 96% annual increase) and cost the global economy \$17.5 trillion. Go down the snake to mourn this destruction; watch our [video on forced migration](#); and say a prayer for the victims of conflict around the world.

**31** In 2018, pollution from an open pit iron ore mine made the waters of the Guapinol river in Honduras unfit for household or agricultural use. Share the grief of [communities fighting to protect their land, water and resources](#) from unscrupulous mining and agri-business companies by going down the snake.

**33** The [collapse of the Rana Plaza sweatshop complex](#) killed 1,100+ garment industry workers in Bangladesh in 2013. Go down the snake to acknowledge our role in labour exploitation in the Global South. Do a little research to discover the [supply chain \(human chain\)](#) behind your clothes.

**36** Over 110 million people worldwide—the most ever—have been forced to flee their homes because of war, persecution, climate change, poverty, natural disasters or ill-conceived “development” projects. Go down the snake to decry this forced displacement. Revisit our [Share the Journey](#) campaign to learn more about this issue.

**38** Pakistan contributes less than 1% to global greenhouse gas emissions but suffers terrible effects of climate change. In 2022, unprecedented rains [flooded a third of the country](#), killing 1,700 and leaving over 2 million people homeless. Go down the snake to contemplate the unfairness of the most impoverished peoples bearing the worst impacts of climate change.

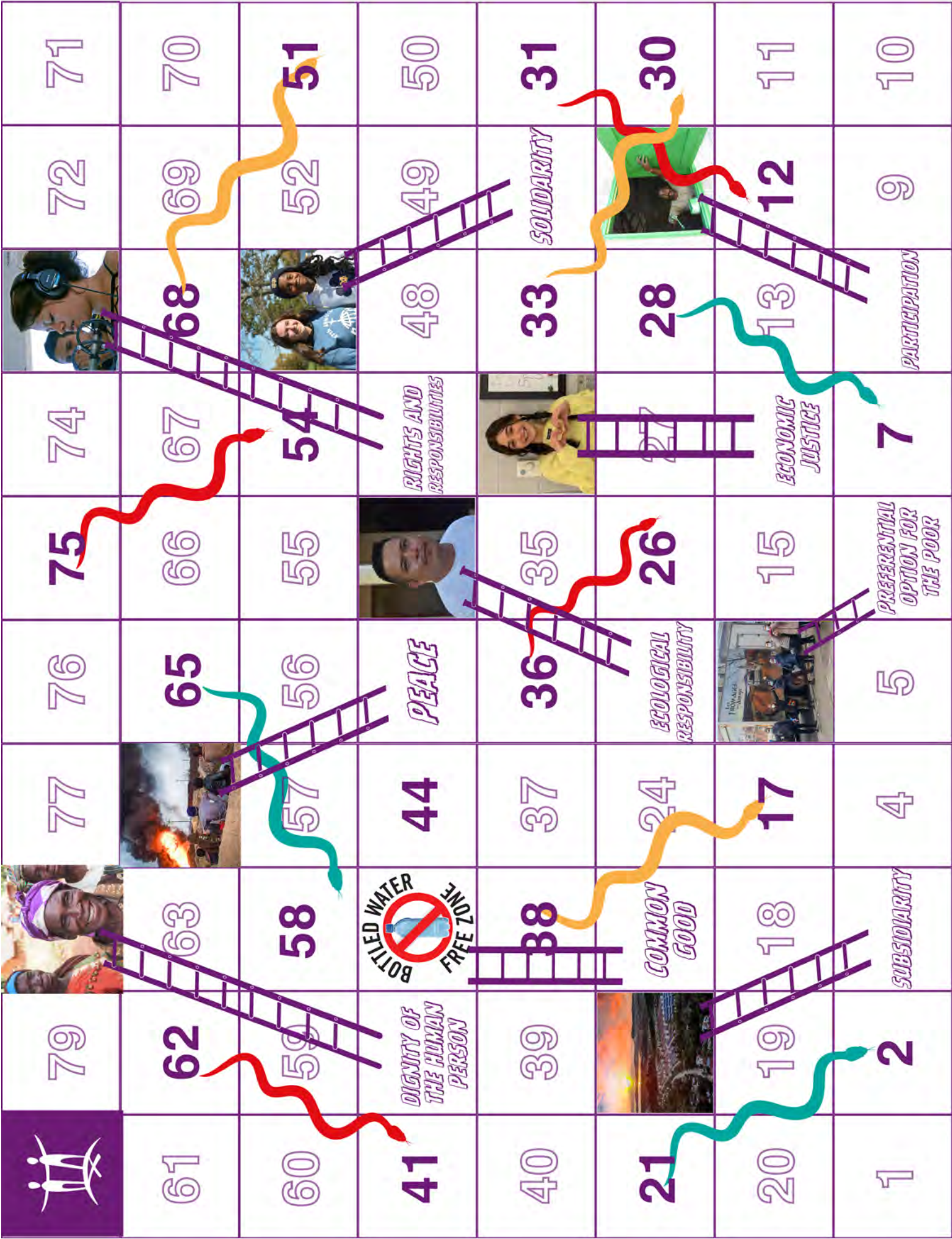
**62** In 2013, [Typhoon Haiyan](#) killed more than 6,000 people and left some 4 million homeless in the Philippines. Go down the snake for all the communities having to face the effects of climate change, including more extreme, frequent and unpredictable hurricanes, droughts and floods.

**65** The world has lost almost 75% of its crop varieties. Crop genetic diversity is vanishing at a rate of about 2% per year. In North America alone, we've lost 90% of our fruit and vegetable varieties over the past century! Go down the snake to lament the [loss of biodiversity](#) around the world.

**68** Climate change-linked heat waves, droughts and water resource losses have caused great difficulty for peasant farming communities in the [Tigray region of Ethiopia](#). Go down the snake for farmers who are losing their crops to adverse weather patterns.

**75** By 2023, up to 783 million people were facing hunger. That's a tenth of the human family! Go down the snake in sorrow for the unjust distribution of the Earth's bounty and resolve to support the small family farmers who produce 70% of the world's food supply.







# Beloved

Adult Faith Formation Lenten Retreat

Queen's House  
Retreat & Renewal  
Centre

601 Taylor Street West

March 09TH  
2024

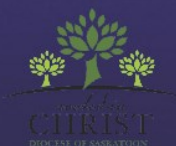
10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

\$30 Per Participant - Lunch Included

Guest Speaker:

*Fr. Joseph Salihu*

"Beloved, Let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him."  
1 John 4:7,9



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TWENTY TWENTY FOUR

# *Grade 12* *Speech Scholarship*

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# AGM/Convention

**APRIL 6, 2024**

Holy Spirit Parish, 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon, SK

## Featuring:

**Amanda Achtman**

*Dying to Meet You Project*

**Scott Hayward**

*Right Now*

**Jake Klassen**

*NCLN (National Campus Life Network)*

**Mike Schouten**

*We Need A Law*

Start Time: 9:00 am

Opening Remarks

Greetings

Presentation 1: 9:30 – 10:15

Refreshment Break: 10:15 – 10:30

Presentation 2: 10:30 – 11:15

Presentation 3: 11:20 – 12:05

Lunch: 12:05 – 1:30

Break-Out Sessions: 1:30 – 2:30

2:40 – 3:40

Refreshment Break: 3:40 – 3:50

AGM: 3:50 – 4:45

Banquet: 6:00 – 9:00

Register online at [saskprolife.com](http://saskprolife.com)





# Bringing Home the Word

**Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)**

**March 10, 2024**

## You Decide

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

**W**e normally take great pride in making our own decisions. When we did this as children, it was a sign we were growing up; as adolescents, it was a proclamation of independence. Now as adults, when making decisions, we demonstrate we are self-directed. The problem doesn't seem to lie in decision-making itself, but in the options given to us. And there is the rub. Often these options are not of our choosing. This can cause decision-making to be very difficult.

## Sunday Readings

**2 Chronicles 36:14–16, 19–23**

But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy.

**Ephesians 2:4–10**

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast.

**John 3:14–21**

[Jesus said,] "Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."

Today's Gospel is all about making decisions. Options are placed before us. We either choose Jesus and the extraordinary way of life he has outlined for us, or we go along with the movements of society. This could include making money at any cost, denying hospitality to those who knock on our door, or harboring an attitude of superiority over others. We either choose to live in the light with the insights our faith provides, or we simply accept the values that bombard us each day through the media, namely: Me first. What's mine is mine. What's in it for me? Not in my back yard.

If we look carefully, we will realize the way of life Jesus promotes is based on the dignity of each person, who is made in the image and likeness of God. Actions that dismiss, demean, damage, or destroy human life are contrary to the teaching, life, and example of Jesus. Accepting his way brings forth a new society called "the reign of God." Rejecting it will likely keep society as is. Which will it be? You decide. †

***We either choose Jesus and the extraordinary way of life that he has outlined for us, or we go along with the movements of society.***

## A Word from Pope Francis

The coming of Jesus into the world leads to a choice: whoever chooses darkness will face a judgment of condemnation; whoever chooses light will have a judgment of salvation....This is what we are called to do with greater dedication during Lent: to welcome the light into our conscience, to open our hearts to God's infinite love....

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 14, 2021



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Have you ever compromised your religious values in order to get by in life?
- Might God be asking you to choose something new?

# Sacrificers Are Fed By Their Own Sacrifice

John Shea

When I was a young child, my grandfather used to play a game with me as old as the dawn of time. He would take a cookie in his hand and show it to me. He proceeded to put both hands behind his back and then bring them to the front. Both hands were closed into fists.

"If you can guess what hand the cookie is in, you can have it," he would say. I would walk around his hands trying to catch a glimpse of the cookie. But his hands were large, and the cookie was well-tucked inside. Finally, I would venture a guess and tap a hand. Both hands would open and turn over, flat as plates.



On each hand was half a cookie. The scoundrel had broken the cookie in half behind his back.

I would say, "Pop, you cheated!" But by that time he had eaten one of the halves. With his mouth full, he would say to me, "You had better hurry."

I think we break both bread and life like that, half for us and half for others. Jesus ate the bread he broke and fed himself on his own life. Sacrificers are fed by their own sacrifice. This is a secret we seldom acknowledge. There is more love when we give it away rather than keep it, more love for those who give it and more love for those who receive it. In the world of Spirit, what is shared does not divide. It becomes more abundant. †

Source: *Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter*, 2008

## Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "Understanding Sin Today" by Richard M. Gula, SS

We talk about sin differently today because the relational model of the moral life has replaced the legal model. One thing that hasn't changed, though, is our concept of God's love and mercy. We do not believe God wants us to be weighed down with a distorted sense of guilt and responsibility. Rather, we believe we are invited to participate more fully in the creative power of God. He accomplishes this by calling us to reconciliation, to reconnect with our best selves, with others, with the world, and with himself. The sacrament of reconciliation is an opportunity and invitation to heal the brokenness in our lives and to set relationships right. †

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## PRAYER

*So that in all that we say  
and do, we may choose  
to witness to God's love  
for all life, we pray—  
Lord, let us be like you.*

The Redemptorists

## WEEKDAY READINGS

March 11–16

**Monday**, Lenten Weekday:  
Is 65:17–21 / Jn 4:43–54

**Tuesday**, Lenten Weekday:  
Ez 47:1–9, 12 / Jn 5:1–16

**Wednesday**, Lenten Weekday:  
Is 49:8–15 / Jn 5:17–30

**Thursday**, Lenten Weekday:  
Ex 32:7–14 / Jn 5:31–47

**Friday**, Lenten Weekday:  
Wis 2:1a, 12–22 / Jn 7:1–2, 10, 25–30

**Saturday**, Lenten Weekday:  
Jer 11:18–20 / Jn 7:40–53

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deepen your faith.

10 March 2024

## WORD OF THE WEEK

### Joy <sup>ˈjɔɪ</sup>

A fruit or mark of the activity of the Holy Spirit in the life of the faithful. While pleasure comes through the senses and happiness from human interaction, Christian **joy** is experienced in loving God and neighbor.

Pronunciation: <https://tinyurl.com/Take5-joy>

### CONTEXT

**Joy** is a net of love by which we catch souls.

—Saint Teresa of Calcutta

**Joy**, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter.

—Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

The gospel is a proclamation of **joy**. Ideologies don't make people smile, but the gospel is a smile. It makes you smile because it touches your soul with the Good News.

—Pope Francis

### WHY IT MATTERS

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen once divided the world into those who have found God and those who are still hungering, thirsting, and seeking. Religious practices in themselves may or may not bring a person to genuine holiness. But the life that exhibits true **joy** proves to be radiant with the life of God.

From *Gaudium et spes*, the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World: "The Lord is the goal of human history, the focal point of the longings of history and of civilization, the center of the human race, the **joy** of every heart and the answer to all its yearnings."

### RELATED WORDS

Rejoice | Alleluia | Fruits of the Spirit

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

### Will my faith make me happy?

The biblical idea of happiness is linked to *beatitude* (Latin for "bliss"). Jesus offers beatitudes in his Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's gospel. Often the primary word of each beatitude is translated as *blessed*. A more literal rendering might be the cry, "Happy you!" who are just, pure of heart, merciful, a peacemaker, and so on. God is the source of happiness, therefore doing as God does brings bliss.

So, the short answer to the question is, yes, living according to God's will makes you happy. It's the only thing, in fact, that does; or as Saint Thomas Aquinas declared, "God alone satisfies." Saint Paul lists **joy** as one of nine fruits of the Holy Spirit. Saint Francis de Sales went so far as to warn against giving in to excessive sadness as it's a counter-witness to the **joy** that comes in the life of faith.

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

## REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, LAETARE SUNDAY (MARCH 10)

### Rejoice and be glad

Most of us aren't crazy about being told to "cheer up." Yet today is called Laetare ("rejoice") Sunday because even though it's Lent, the church urges us to cheer up in the words of Isaiah 66:10: "Rejoice with Jerusalem all you who love her." We may feel affection for the memory of biblical Jerusalem or concern for the current sorrows of the city. But it's the heavenly city, where justice and peace reign, that gives us reason to rejoice.

READINGS: 1 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21 (32 <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/031024-YearB.cfm>). "Whoever lives the truth comes to the light."

### FAITH IN ACTION

Remember our **joy** and hope lies in the land where Christ rules.