



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.*



April 7, 2024 | Second Sunday of Easter | Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 4:32-35 | 1 Jn 5:1-6 | Jn 20:19-31

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

We tend to beat up St. Thomas for his doubt, when what is really most amazing in the scene from today's Gospel is his understanding, and the first public pronouncement of, Jesus Christ's divinity. He gets it. And he proclaims it without hesitation: "My Lord and my God." I think about what Thomas' face might have looked like at that moment, and I imagine a countenance of conviction alongside humility - joyful tears in the eyes that reflect awe and wonder. The truth behind his realization and understanding is that God is faithful, God is loving, God is merciful. Of course, *knowing* that with our heart and mind needs to be translated into *doing* with our every action. The early Christian communities seemed to have lived this well, happily sharing their possessions and selling what they didn't need. Not because they had been forced to, but because the "commandments [were] not burdensome" for those who loved God. God loved us first, and by his grace, and his mercy, we are commanded and empowered to love one another.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

God is merciful - Divine Mercy. And that is what we celebrate today, in addition to the second Sunday of Easter. The first Divine Mercy Sunday observance occurred in the year 2000, when St. John Paul II canonized Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska. The Polish sister received private revelations from the Lord about his great mercy in the 1930s, and she outlined these in a diary she kept at the instruction of her confessors. A passage from her diary says: "The graces of my mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is - trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive." (1578) The apostles in today's passage told Thomas that they had *seen the Lord* - the resurrected Lord. They trusted that Jesus' messages to them were true and that they indeed need not fear. The message of Divine Mercy should likewise comfort us and also provide a model for our actions. In the same way the apostles helped Thomas to trust and come to deep knowledge and understanding, let us strive to be "of one heart and mind" with our fellow disciples and love them as we have been loved by God.

PRAY The words of St. Faustina's diary have been used to create the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. This prayer is said using a rosary, but with some differences in the prayers. Once you know the words, the chaplet is a simple prayer to recite, and it is traditionally said at 3 p.m. in remembrance of Jesus' merciful act of dying on the cross for us. If you have never recited the chaplet, try praying it this week.

APRIL 7	APRIL 8	APRIL 9	APRIL 10	APRIL 11	APRIL 12	APRIL 13
10a Mass 12p Mass 7pm Mass <i>No Adoration</i>	9a CWL Quilters 7P RCIA	8:30a Mass 7p CWL	8:30a Mass 7p Adoration	8:30a Mass 1:30p 50+ Cards 6p First Communion Mass 7p Parish Life Committee	8:30a Mass 9-12a Adoration	11a-12p Confessions 5p Mass CWL Clothing Drive

Enter the draw for the framed Divine Mercy picture until 7pm on Sunday April 7.

2024 AGM and Pancake Breakfast Sunday, May 5 at 12pm

following a special 11am Mass

Nominations are now open. Please send your nominations to holyspiritsaskatoon.ca

***PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL NOT BE MASS AT 10AM OR 12PM ON MAY 5**



WE PLEDGE 5%

Care and Share is an outreach program that coordinates support for children in Saskatoon's 17 community elementary schools. The program assists St. John's Ambulance in offering a babysitting course to 12 year old youths in the community schools to help them gain first aid skills. Care and Share also supports a dignity fund. If a child does not have the dignity of underwear or socks, shoes or weather appropriate clothing to wear, this fund is used to purchase what they need. This is offered to any children in the city that need assistance. Personal hygiene supplies like soap, shampoo and toothbrushes are also provided. Thank you for your support. www.careandsharesaskatoon.com

LET US PRAY

- ◆ For the sick and all those that care for them, today we pray for: Teresa Hydromako, Emily Kotyk, Miriam Yalbir, Gerald Loster, Betty Anne Tomney, Bob Kudel, Quinn Gorman, Trev Yager, Jeff Haugen, John Bohnke
- ◆ And on the anniversary of death, Peter Spehar, Bismarck Okwor

We pray to the Lord

***Congratulations to all those who were welcomed into the church at the Easter Vigil.
Please continue to pray for our newly baptised and confirmed and their families.***

Edes Atakpu	Yedidiah Hougbo	Luis Del Torro Badillo			
Cole Beaugard	Rachelle Hoyt	Samrawit Geti	Adriana	Ella	Samuel
Deanna Chmait	Chauncey Bertrand	Brooke Martinson	Amelia	Ellaria	Xavier
Madeline Christoff	Seniyyaha Bertrand	Jasmine Schewaga	Arnold	Levi	
Pernel Hill	Crystal Beaugard	Kyle Wright	Avril	Martin	



Time for Spring Cleaning!! The CWL will be holding a drive for the CWL Clothing Depot on the weekend of **APRIL 13 AND 14**. All clothing and gently used household items will be appreciated. President: Melina Palendat (306) 668-2520 holyspiritcwl@gmail.com



"Here I am Lord, Send me!" CWL is open to all women of the parish 16 years and older. **Please join us for our next general meeting on April 9, 2024. Mass at 7 pm, meeting to follow.**

2024 membership fees are due. Please check to see if yours is up to date.

Saskatoon Diocesan CWL Annual Convention: Monday, April 22, 2024, Little Flower Catholic Church, Leader, Saskatchewan

All members are invited to attend the annual convention of the Saskatoon diocesan council. There will be a bus taking delegates to Leader and leaving Holy Spirit Church parking lot at 5:45 am on the morning of the 22nd. Registration, meals and bus transportation is a total of \$90.00. Guest speaker will be Colin Laroque, Department Head of the Soil Sciences Department at the University of Saskatchewan who will share with us, The Gifts of the Forest. A perfect way to celebrate Earth Day. Please consider joining us for this event. **Please call Margaret by Monday, April 8th if you are interested. (306) 227-8930.**

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



Clergy Pension and Retirement Fund

"For the last several years our diocese has taken up an annual collection to help meet the needs of our retired and elderly priests. The collection is during the Easter season: a time when we give thank to Jesus Christ for His Resurrection, and its celebration and expression in Christ our Saviour who is Priest, Prophet, and King." Read the Bishop's letter at rcdos.ca or pick up a hard copy in the Place of Welcome. Donation envelopes will be available or donate online at dscf.ca. Please give generously!



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

NO ADORATION APRIL 7

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

kwormsbecker@rcdos.ca or call 306-374-1425



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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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**



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



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April 3, 2024

SUPPORT FOR OUR CLERGY PENSION / RETIREMENT FUND

“I am the good shepherd. I lay down my life for the sheep.” (see John 10: 14, 15)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I begin by acknowledging and thanking God for the priests of the Diocese of Saskatoon who seek to serve well the Lord and the People of God. Our clergy come from our own Diocese and also from other dioceses in other countries. They commit to serve the people that make up our parishes, along with many others who seek the ministry of our priests. While many retire from about age 68 to 75 years, they never retire from fulfilling Sacramental ministry, and continue to assist our parish communities and also other settings – including our health care facilities.

For the last several years our diocese has taken up an annual collection to help meet the needs of our retired and elderly priests. The collection is during the Easter season: a time when we give thank to Jesus Christ for His Resurrection, and its celebration and expression in Christ our Saviour who is Priest, Prophet, and King.


It is fitting at this time that we take time to reflect on the lifetime of service given by our priests who are our spiritual “fathers” and consider their future needs. Each year, people from across our diocese have expressed the care they have for our priests and their future needs. I thank you most sincerely for donating over \$160,000 last year. The average age of our priests is around 51 years. Now is the time to plan for the future, as we call forth new candidates to consider God’s call to ordained ministry. *I am also pleased to indicate that we are seeing expanded interest of young men interested in discerning a vocation to the priesthood in our diocese.*

Please give as generously as you are able to this year’s collection. Your gift will be invested in the Clergy Pension Fund. With your help, our retired and elderly priests will have a modest pension, health and dental benefits, and an annual retreat.

Your prayers are vital. I ask you to pray for our priests, and for vocations to the priesthood. Be assured that our priests are praying for you.

Sincerely in Christ,

✠ Most Reverend Mark A. Hagemoen
Bishop of Saskatoon

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

Meet Our Newly Baptized and Confirmed RCIA and RCIA for 2024!



Hi my name is **Luis**, I was born and raised in a Catholic household, was baptized as a baby and now I am taking the next step of confirmation and first communion. These last months I have felt very close to God and RCIA has helped me to make this connection. I have grown my connection with God and will continue to do so, thank you for taking me into this big great Family Holy Spirit Parish.

My name is **Cole**. I am 14 years old. I am in grade 9. I love to play hockey. I enjoy playing video games, hanging with my friends. I have attended Catholic school since kindergarten. I am excited to finally join the Catholic church.



My name is **Crystal**. I grew up in the Evangelical churches. God has always been a big part of my life. I was baptized at 17 in the Alliance Church. My husband was born Catholic and we have now been married 15 years and we have 4 children. Over the years I have had many conversations about the Catholic faith. I started working in the office for many different schools in the Catholic school division for the past 4 years. I just feel like the time is right to join the church.

Pernel - I am grateful to have taken this journey with RCIA and for being welcomed into the Holy Spirit Parish community. This journey has deepened my faith in God, nurtured my friendship with Jesus and taught me about the love of the Holy Spirit. Thank you, Erin, for your knowledge, and special thank you to Dylan Pelletier for sponsoring me as I travelled this new path in my life.



Edes - My name is Edes, an IT professional who wants to study Nursing to help take care of other people. I was born Catholic by Catholic parents who also had Catholic parents, but we later became Pentecostals. I am glad to be back to the Mother Church to enjoy its sacraments, to the greater glory of God supported by my husband Charles, sponsor Marian, daughter Kobimdi and RCIA teacher Erin.

Brooke - I grew up in Lloydminster, Alberta, and attended Catholic school from Kindergarten through 12th grade. After completing my university studies and moving to the city, I felt that something was missing in my life. Despite trying various parishes, I couldn't find the right fit until I discovered Holy Spirit, which welcomed me with open arms. My sense of belonging and connection to the Catholic faith has only grown stronger throughout my journey in RCIA. I am immensely grateful to my sponsor Simone Gareau and my godparents Roxanne and Gil Daoust for their unwavering support throughout my faith journey.



Madeline - Maddie is originally from Vancouver and moved to Saskatoon in 2020. She will soon graduate from the University of Saskatchewan. She has family ties to the Catholic faith and is very excited to receive the sacraments!

My name is **Kyle**, and I have thoroughly enjoyed participating in the RCIA program. As an infant, I was baptized in the Roman Catholic Church but unfortunately did not complete the other sacraments. Today, as a husband and father of three, I want to raise my children in the Catholic faith and be the best dad I can be. Thanks to the RCIA program, I have learned more about the Catholic Church and grown in my faith. I look forward to receiving the Eucharist and Confirmation this Easter. I am very grateful for the RCIA program and the welcoming community of Holy Spirit Parish



Yedidiah - I am 16 years old, I came from Togo which means that I also speak French. I decided to get baptized to get close to God, and strengthen my relationship with Him.

My name is **Chauncey** and I am a new member of Holy Spirit Parish. I was baptized in the Roman Catholic Church as a baby. Growing up Catholic, I found when I became an adult I had lost touch with my worship and faith and I felt like there was something missing from my life. Thanks to the RCIA program, I can re-establish my faith and grow a closer relationship to God. I finally feel like I found the missing puzzle piece and am grateful to be a part of the RCIA program.



My name is **Jasmine**. I grew up surrounded by people that practiced the Christian faith, RCIA allowed me to learn and understand what that meant. I feel very blessed and feel closer to God. I was encouraged by my husband to join RCIA for our daughter and to raise her with the values of a Catholic. I am thankful to have been part of the RCIA journey.

Hi everyone, I am **Rachelle**. I grew up in Acadia Valley, a small town in Alberta. I am the oldest of three children, and have always loved meeting new people. I am currently in my last year of my Education degree. My years of education and moving around led me to believe in things that are bigger than myself and wanting to understand God's teachings, love and purpose in my life. I am excited to continue on this new chapter of my faith journey, trusting in God's guidance every step of the way.



My name is **Seniyyaha** I recently joined Holy Spirit Parish. My upbringing in a Catholic home began at birth. I wanted to confirm my religion as an adult since, as a youth, I had lost touch with it and felt like something was missing. RCIA gave me the opportunity to accomplish this. I've grown in my understanding of the importance of worship and in my connection with God. I have gained tremendously from my experience and will keep learning more about the Catholic faith. I am grateful that Holy Spirit Parish has accepted me into your community.

Deanna—I have my roots in Lebanon where my parents born. I have two sisters and a brother. I have two amazing boys and six grandchildren ranging from 17 years old to 1 years old. I joined the RCIA program because I wanted a closer connection to God the same way I used to have when I was young.

*O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.- Ps 63*



Hi, my name is **Sam (Samrawit)** and I will be receiving my Confirmation. As a child I was preparing to for my Confirmation, but our moved to Canada postponed the sacrament. I feel now is the time for me to receive this sacrament because it is very important to me.



Adriana goes to École Lakeview and she's in grade 5. She loves her school very much. Adriana loves doing crafts and baking. Most of all she loves spending time with her siblings, soccer, roadblox and learning to play her guitar.

Amelia is in grade 2. She loves her school teacher and friends. Amelia is into cooking and making delicious treats. Also loves helping mom in the kitchen. She enjoys playing with her siblings and playing dress up.

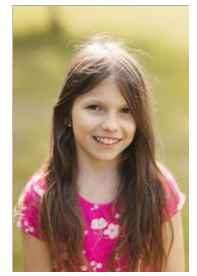


Arnold goes to St. Therese of Lisieux school. He likes to play basketball.



Avril is a Grade 3 student at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Elementary School in Saskatoon. She is bubbly, outgoing and an energetic little girl. Avril loves drawing, sketching and is starting to broaden her interest into the digital arts. Animals are her second passion. She enjoys being active and loves riding her bike, hiking, swimming, boating and soccer. Avril is completing her sixth year of dance and her second year of competition. She likes ballet, hip hop and jazz but seems to prefer tap above all. Avril believes her time with RCIC has helped open the door to the understanding, tranquillity, fellowship and peace (and music) that nourishes the soul and rests the mind.

My name is Ella, I am 10 years old. I am in grade 4. I enjoy doing gymnastics, playing with friends. My Favorite singer is Taylor Swift. I have been attending Catholic school since kindergarten. I am excited to finally be joining the church.

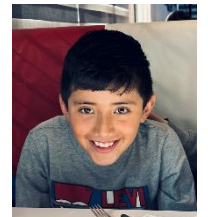


Ellaria is 9 years old and in Grade 4. She is a big sister to Belle and a little sister to Phoenix and Trinity. She loves soccer and playing board games and spending time with family. She has been looking forward to her baptism and to this next step in her life.



Levi – My name is Levi, I am 13 years old. I am in grade 7. I have played hockey since I was 5 years old. I also enjoy hanging with friends and playing video games. I have attended Catholic school since kindergarten. I am excited to finally join the Catholic Church.

Martin is 10 years old. He goes to St. Bernard School. He is in grade 5. Martin loves Legos, the universe and history.



Samuel is 12 years old. He attends St. Bernard School where he is in Grade 7. He loves movies, video games. He is so organized.



Xavier is in Grade 3 and currently attends St. Kateri Tekakwitha Elementary School. He is bright, active and an overall nice guy. Xavier enjoys the outdoors and is often found on his scooter, sledding, swimming, boating, hiking or doing driveway chalk art. In his down time he likes playing video games, reading and looking over his Pokeman card collection. He is eagerly waiting to show off his hip hop moves at his first provincial dance competition in April and then on to his third year of Flag Football. Xavier has enjoyed his time with RCIC and is nervously excited for his baptism and the continuation of his faith journey thereafter.

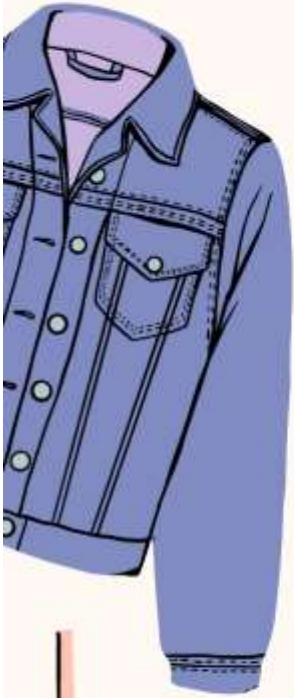


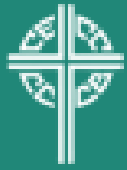
Holy Spirit CWL

Clothing Drive

April 13 and 14, 2024

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Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care

DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION

Horizons of Hope will be held from

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays, April 10, 17, 24, and May 1

at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon.

Register at: waldbilligdiane@gmail.com or call the Hospital Chaplaincy Office for more info: (306) 659- 5839. (Hospital Chaplaincy is supported through the BAA.)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care is a free workshop which deals with people or families who are diagnosed or confronted with a life limiting diagnosis. It is designed to help each of us – caregivers, the sick and the dying, and family members – to find support and concrete assistance.

Gathering together to share meaningful conversations to better understand palliative care so that our parishes and families become Compassionate communities, rooted in the mercy and tenderness of the living Christ.



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Upcoming Events

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - The All Saints Atrium at St. Philip Neri Parish in Saskatoon is hosting a "Come and See" event from 1 to 2 p.m. **Saturday, April 13:** anyone over the age of 16 is invited to learn more about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program for young children. See how adults and children journey in faith pondering scripture and liturgy in a peaceful environment specially prepared for them, called "the atrium."

Theology on Tap: For Young Adults 19 to 35 will be held 5 to 7 p.m. **Monday, April 15,** at Louis' on Campus, with guest Bishop Michael Smolinski, the new bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon. Find Theology on Tap at www.facebook.com/saskatoonTonT or for more information, e-mail Michael MacLean in Campus Ministry at St. Thomas More College: mmaclean@stmcollege.ca.

"Loving Through Loss" for couples who have experienced the death of a child – The Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon presents a "Loving Through Loss" Couples Workshop 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Saturday, April 20** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre library, 2nd floor of the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. This workshop helps couples understand how the trauma of losing a child affects the family dynamic and how to love each other through the complexity of loss. This is a safe space for bereaved couples to enter into the vital questions pivotal in moving forward towards healing. Please go to <https://form.jotform.com/240526469224255> to register for this Red Bird Ministries program, or contact Marilyn Jackson, mjackson@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5836. (*Grief ministry is supported through the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

Divine Mercy Sunday

3 p.m. April 7 - "Jesus I Trust in You"



A diocesan Divine Mercy prayer service will be held **3 p.m. Sunday, April 7** Cathedral of the Holy Family 123 Nelson Rd, Saskatoon

Please note that this is NOT a Mass, rather it is a Holy Hour of special prayers, hymns, and reflections, including the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Everyone is welcome.

The Divine Mercy devotion is centred on the mercy of God and trust in Jesus Christ, growing out of the revelations and writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938).

PPK - Priest, Prophet, King Catholic Ministry to Men will be held **Wednesday, April 17** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, beginning at 6 p.m. with adoration and confession, then 7 p.m. Mass, followed by a presentation at 8 p.m. For more information, contact AJ Vicente at arnel@holymfamilycathedral.ca.

Millennium Pro-Life Cross Foundation Annual General Meeting will be held 7 p.m. **Wednesday, April 24** at Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church Auditorium, 10th Street and Munroe Ave., Saskatoon.

Christian Life Program - Couples for Christ invites all to a spiritual journey through Christian Life Program 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays from **April 27 to June 15** at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 3339 Centennial Drive, Saskatoon, SK. For more info, contact Bro. Jaime Guadalupe (306) 617-9165 or Bro. Rio Salado (306) 998-4841.

CWL Clothing Depot AGM – The CWL Clothing Depot is holding its Annual General Meeting at 7 p.m. on **Monday, April 29** at St. Peter the Apostle Parish, 1121 Northumberland Ave., Saskatoon (use main church entrance to be directed to the gym from the welcoming area.) All Catholic Women's League members are invited to attend to hear reports for the past year.

Message Board

Diocesan Cenacle of Prayer includes adoration, the rosary, benediction, hymns and various prayers, 3 pm. **Wednesday, April 10** at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Crescent, Saskatoon. Info: Edna at (306) 382-1680.

Spring Courses at St. Therese, Bruno, SK: Week-long certificate courses for adults and older teens help build understanding of Catholic teaching, strengthen faith, and enrich life. Schedule: **April 15-19** – choose between “Formation of Catholic imagination” or “Divine plan for relationships, marriage, family”; **April 21-26** – choose between “New apologetics” or “Holistic sexuality (TeenSTAR).” See: www.St-T.ca/SC23 or call (306) 369-2555.

Teen Aid Saskatoon fund-raising banquet will be held at 5 p.m. **Sunday, April 21** at Fr. Paul Donlevy Hall at Saint Anne Parish, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon. To reserve tickets, visit eventbrite.ca or contact teenaidsk@gmail.com.

Columbus Bosco Homes Annual Joe Kammermayer Memorial Dinner will be held **Thursday, April 25** at St. Patrick Parish Hall, 3339 Centennial Drive, Saskatoon, in support of the Farm School and programs that provide essential support to at-risk children and families in our community. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m.; tickets are \$50 each. Contact: Lorne Keller (306) 227-7576.

Marriage Preparation will be offered at 7 p.m. Tuesdays **April 23 to June 4** at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Crescent, Saskatoon, SK. For more information or to register, contact Liz at marriageprep@stpaulcocathedral.ca.

A Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend for couples preparing for marriage will be held **April 26-28** in Muenster, SK. Topics covered during the weekend include; self-awareness, values and ideals, community, sexuality, communication, Natural Family Planning, vocations, sacraments, prayer and unity. Fee includes meals and accommodations at picturesque St. Peter's Abbey. Contact: CEEmuenster@sasktel.net or see: www.ceewest.com.

Bishop's Dinner – A Grateful Gathering of People of Mission will be held **Thursday, May 2** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, with guest speaker Gordon Martell, including cocktails at 5:30 pm. a gala dinner at 6 p.m., followed by entertainment, awards, and silent auction. Tickets \$175; see: dscf.ca/bishopsdinner or call (306) 659-5851 for more information.

Saskatchewan CWL Social Justice Award for young women between the ages of 18-35 years is a \$1,000 award to finance participation in a reputable social justice activity at home or abroad (may be given to one candidate or divided). **Deadline to apply is May 10.** Contact Mary Nordick at m.nordick@sasktel.net or (306) 374-5612.



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Truth and Reconciliation

CONTINUING THE WALK

Adult Faith Encounter Dessert Night

7 pm Thursday, April 18

Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Rd, Saskatoon

Join us as former National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations **Phil Fontaine** and Archbishop Emeritus **James Weisgerber** share their personal journey of walking together toward reconciliation, and becoming brothers.

Tickets \$20; register online at:

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or for more information, contact Adult Faith

Coordinator Astrid Alas at 306-659-5858.

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 or (306) 659-5845 for more information. Training and support will be provided. (*Prison ministry is supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

Marriage enrichment: An adult faith Date Night for married couples will be held 7:00 pm **Saturday, May 25** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, featuring Rita and Daniel Taylor speaking on “Learning to Let God Lead.” Tickets are \$20/ couple; register online at: <https://form.jotform.com/231799371565267> or call adult faith coordinator Astrid Alas at (306) 659-5858.

Diocesan Prayer - We pray as a diocesan family for all those dealing with mental health challenges. May we reach out in love and support to all those who are suffering.

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Hi, I'm Anna Miller. I am a mama of four kiddos (ages 9-16) and taught middle years in Catholic schools for 20 years. My passion and calling is to support pre-teen and teen girls on their special journey through adolescence with skills and mindsets that empower them to make excellent decisions and build powerful, loving connections with God, others and themselves.

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Bringing Home the Word

Second Sunday of Easter (B)
April 7, 2024

I Want Proof

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Who doesn't? It's not simply that we are children of the scientific age in which proof is essential. Concrete evidence gives us a sense of security; it helps us understand how things work. Even in ordinary human relationships, we want proof. A tune from *My Fair Lady* demands, "Don't talk of love...show me." It's very difficult to live without a certain degree of surety. Consequently, we should not be surprised at Thomas' insistence: "I want proof!"

Thomas is often described as lacking faith. This isn't the full story. The reason the other disciples believed was because

they had an experience of the risen Lord. Before that experience they were hiding behind locked doors. Thomas was absent; we are not told why. Whatever the reason, he also wanted an experience of the risen Lord. He was not content to base his believing on their word alone. In a sense, more was being asked of Thomas than the others.

Thomas is the patron of all of us whose faith in the risen Lord is based on the word of others rather than on our own unique revelatory experience. Who of us wouldn't want some mystical experience? We are called to believe without seeing. Yet, this isn't strictly true—we can see evidence of the resurrection. The best proof is revealed in the lives of millions of people who commit themselves to God and who strive to live with integrity. †

Sunday Readings

Acts 4:32–35

With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all.

1 John 5:1–6

Whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith.

John 20:19–31

[Jesus said,] "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

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A Word from Pope Francis

Today is the day to ask, "...Do I, who have so often been fed by the Body of Jesus, make any effort to relieve the hunger of the poor?" Let us not remain indifferent. Let us not live a *one-way faith*, a faith that receives but does not give...

HOMILY, ROME, APRIL 11, 2021



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Were there people who taught you your faith just by how they lived?
- Who looks to you as a person of faith in the risen Jesus?

Doubt as a Doorway to Faith

Richard B. Patterson

Somewhere between college and the present, I seem to have lost the faith of my youth. The strong emotions I would feel at midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. The intense desire to serve God. The deep guilt and fear when I would fall into sin. Somewhere along the way I lost that faith. I would wonder, what happened?

At times I blamed the loss on my sisters' deaths. Perhaps it was because my job as a psychologist brought me into contact with so much suffering. Or maybe the nuns were right; maybe it was because I went to a secular school after college. I've come to see that probably all those factors were involved. And more.

I miss that faith. That certainty. Knowing where I stood. The warm



feelings of connection with the Divine. As I began to doubt, I feared that doubts were sinful or at least a sign of weakness. I would occasionally hear relatives whisper about someone who "lost the

faith." Such whisperings were tinged with a bit of judgment.

I have read a lot over the years and have found help and comfort from many writers: Thomas Merton. C. S. Lewis. Henri Nouwen—all men of deep faith. A faith I lack. One day it dawned on me that each of these men whom I envied had gone through moments of significant doubt. Is it not conceivable that the rich faith they articulated would in some way have only been possible through doubt? In other words, rather than being the enemy of faith, could it not be possible that doubts could in fact be a doorway to a deeper faith? †

From *Turtle on the Fencepost: Finding Faith Through Doubt* by Richard B. Patterson, available at Liguori.org

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "Why Catholics Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday" by Albert McBride, O.Praem.

On October 6, 2006, an armed man entered an Amish schoolhouse in Nickel Mines, Pennsylvania. He chased out the little boys and lined up the 10 little girls in front of the blackboard. He shot all of them and then killed himself. Five of the girls died. After the medics and police left, the families of the fallen carried their slain children home. They removed their bloody clothes and washed the bodies. Then they walked to the home of the man who killed their children. They told his widow they forgave her husband for what he had done, and they consoled her for the loss of her spouse. They buried their anger before they buried their children. Amish Christians believe that God's forgiveness depends on extending forgiveness to other people. That's what the mercy of God is all about. That mercy is why we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. †

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Lord Jesus, as you promised mercy, live in us that we may forgive those who wronged us and seek forgiveness from those we have wronged, we pray. Amen! Alleluia!

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WEEKDAY READINGS

April 8–13

Monday, The Annunciation of The Lord:
Is 7:10–14; 8:10 / Heb 10:4–10 / Lk 1:26–38


Tuesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 4:32–37 / Jn 3:7b–15

Wednesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 5:17–26 / Jn 3:16–21

Thursday, St. Stanislaus:
Acts 5:27–33 / Jn 3:31–36

Friday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 5:34–42 / Jn 6:1–15

Saturday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 6:1–7 / Jn 6:16–21

Bringing Home
the **Word** 

April 7, 2024

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WORD OF THE WEEK

Annunciation \ə-,nən-sē-ā-shən\

From Latin, “to bring news,” the angelic proclamation to Mary of Nazareth that she would be the mother of Jesus. Mary’s submission to this divine plan is simply given: “Let it be done to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38). Her “yes” is often referred to as Mary’s *fiat* (Latin for “let it be done”).

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

CONTEXT

The mystery of the **Annunciation** reveals the depth of God’s love for us, and his desire to be in relationship with us.

—Henri Nouwen

The **Annunciation** is the revelation of the mystery of the Incarnation at the very beginning of its fulfillment.

—Pope John Paul II, Redemptoris Mater

The importance of the **Annunciation** is underscored by the fact that this is the first mystery of the Rosary and is celebrated by the Angelus as well.

—David Bryan

WHY IT MATTERS

Unlike many saving acts that are unilaterally achieved by the divine will, in the **Annunciation** a woman is invited to participate in the saving event that has consequences for all people and all time. Mary’s yes is universal and limitless. At the **Annunciation**, Mary perfectly consents to God’s will, then bears the Son, and is filled with the Spirit, which, as theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar notes, is wholly trinitarian.

From Pope Paul VI’s *Marialis Cultus* (“Devotion to Mary”): [The **Annunciation** observance] was and is a joint one of Christ and of the Blessed Virgin: of the Word, who becomes Son of Mary, and of the Virgin, who becomes Mother of God.

RELATED WORDS

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What do I need to know about Mary?

There is the biblical Mary of Nazareth, who fulfills Isaiah’s Emmanuel prophecy by giving birth to a child who is “God with us.” Her Magnificat canticle foreshadows Jesus’ proclamation that the mighty will be brought down while the poor are lifted up. Mary plays other noteworthy roles: advocating for a miracle at Cana, being present at the cross, and participating in the Spirit’s reception at Pentecost. Finally, as Mary is the first disciple of her son, she is the ideal model for all of us.

The church teaches four doctrines about Mary. Two declarations declare her a virgin as well as the Mother of God. Two later doctrines teach that Mary was conceived immaculately (sinless) and that, at the point of death, was assumed body and soul to heaven.

Devotionally, Mary plays a large role in popular piety. Her icon has been venerated since the early centuries in the East. By means of the Rosary, litanies, and pilgrimage, people of many lands feel a special closeness to the mother of Jesus who is mother to all.

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

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (APRIL 8)

The three best words

Mary is the mother of the church and the model of all Christians. At the message of an angel, she believed beyond all reason and offered her life in service of God’s plan. Her response, “let it be,” is the answer of every disciple who trusts in God’s word to make all things new. In the season of Lent, God invites us to believe that we, too, are called to that service.

READINGS: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38 (545 <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/040824.cfm>). “*May it be done to me according to your word.*”

FAITH IN ACTION

Though we are sinners, we must live in hope of God’s forgiveness and trust that God will work through us to bring about the fulfillment of an eternal plan to save the world.