



Holy Cross Parish

Divine Mercy Sunday

Bulletin #17

April 7, 2024

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@ 306-757-1325 for Baptism, 1st Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Marriage, Funerals, and other concerns.

We acknowledge that Holy Cross Parish is located on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional homeland of the Nêhiyawak (Cree), Nahkawé (Saulteaux) and Nakota and homeland of the Métis Nation, Dakota and Lakota.

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HC Office Hours:

Monday—Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Masses

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am

Tuesday 7:00pm

Wed. 9:00am

Thur. 9:00am

Friday 9:00am

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Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4: 32-36 / 1 John 5:1-6 / John 20: 19-31 (44)

MONDAY

April 8

Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10

Heb 10:4-10

Lk 1:26-38

TUESDAY

April 9

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:32-37

Jn 3:7b-15

WEDNESDAY

April 10

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17-26

Jn 3:16-21

THURSDAY

April 11

St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

Acts 5:27-33

Jn 3:31-36

FRIDAY

April 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:34-42

Jn 6:1-15

SATURDAY

April 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 6:1-7

Jn 6:16-21

SUNDAY

April 14

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

1 Jn 2:1-5a

Lk 24:35-48

The Thomas Dilemma

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

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ill is a widower, now in his eighties. He calls every once in a while, partly to talk but really wanting to know how he can convince his grown children and grandchildren to come back to church. He tells me they're good people, but he would like them to have faith. It's been a mainstay in his life, he tells me, something that has gotten him through many difficulties. He loves his family but says their life would be so much richer if they had an active faith life. I try to tell Will he can't argue them into faith. At most he can share with them how faith has been a blessing in his life, hoping that it might then spark an interest in them.

The disciples in the Gospel story about "Doubting Thomas" experienced Will's dilemma. They were unable to convince Thomas that the Lord had risen. He insisted that he would only believe when he could put his fingers and hands into Jesus' wounds, which of course is just what happens the next time they are gathered. For Thomas, words were not enough; he needed the experience.

Sometimes that's true for us. We've heard the truth, but we haven't experienced the truth as real or relevant or something we cannot live without. The experience of grave need and then surrendering to God is what many need to remain faithful. Meanwhile, the faithful pray for those who do not believe, especially those we dearly love. ●

Reflect

Have you ever surrendered to faith even when you were filled with doubt?

Jesus said to [Thomas], "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

JOHN 20:29



What's Happening at Holy Cross

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

March 31, 2024—Mary Marcotte
Easter—Fr. Norm Marcotte

Welcome to any new parishioners. Please register with the
 Parish Office Mon.-Friday, 9am-12 noon
 Or call 306-757-1325

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 6—14, 2024

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Sat.	April 06	For the intentions of John and Marie Lebersback, offered by Len & Loretta Jelinski.
Sun.	April 07	For the repose of the soul of Richard Wasserle, offered by Len & Loretta Jelinski.
Tues.	April 09	For the repose of the soul of Marcella O'Connell, offered by Ron Adams & Family.
Wed.	April 10	For the repose of the soul of Nancy Falastein offered by Judy Miazga.
Thurs.	April 11	For the repose of the soul of Stan Mushowski, brother-in-law of Jeanine Wild, offered by Jeanine and family.
Fri.	April 12	Funeral of Anne Ell.
Sat.	April 13	PRO POPULO
Sun.	April 14	For the repose of the soul of Sara Dermott, offered by Michelle & Family.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

A SYNODAL CHURCH

Following the Zoom listening session held Saturday, April 6 entitled "*How can we be a synodal church in mission?*" a further session is being held on this coming Saturday, April 13 to listen to the Draft Report prepared by the Archdiocese of Regina which will incorporate the results of the April 6 feedback from parishes in this diocese.

Come and learn what your fellow parishioners feel about the plans for the future direction of our Catholic Church and have a say before the final report is concluded and sent to the Vatican.



Did you know?

According to the World Health Organization the precious unborn continue to be slaughtered for convenience in the name of "choice" at the rate of 200,000 babies per day, globally.

Please continue to pray for an end to this scourge of abortion.

Source: LifeSiteNews, March 30, 2024



KNIGHTS KORNER

APRIL EVENTS

Tuesday, 16th – 7:00 pm, **Silver Rose celebration** (after 6:30 pm mass) followed by 7:30 pm Monthly Council meeting.

Sunday, 21st – 10:00 AM, **Pancake Breakfast** (immediately after 9:00 AM Mass).



Adults: \$10, Student: \$5,
 Children Under 6: Free

What does it take to become a Knight of Columbus?

Find out by filling out an information request ballot at the K of C information table located in the Gerein Centre of the Church. You will be contacted by a Knight from the Gerein Council.

Donations/Revenue

March, 2024	Offerings	15,068.45
March, 2024	E-transfers	3,000.00
March, 2024	Automatic Debit	3,264.00
Calendar Raffle		2,761.15
Donations		1,500.00
Votive Stand		231.75
St Mary's Offset		1,835.00
Miscellaneous		15.00
Funeral		400.00
Easter Flowers		930.00
Total December		29,005.35

Welcome to any new parishioners. Please register with the Parish Office. Fill in the blanks below and drop it into the collection basket or email the office (hc.office@holycrossregina.ca). Let's get started!

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Mass of Choice:

Sat evening 5:00 pm

Sun morning 9:00 am

What's Happening at Holy Cross 2

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Jesus, I Trust in You



Sister Mary Faustina Kowalska was a young, cloistered nun of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland when Jesus first appeared to her on February 21, 1922. Jesus told her: "Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy. ... Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God."

He was clothed in a white robe, with two rays of light emanating from His heart — one red and one white, representing the blood and water that came forth from His pierced side at His crucifixion. He requested that this image be painted with the signature, "Jesus, I trust in You", and promised that even the most hardened sinners who would revere this image would be saved. Our Lord told Faustina of His great desire that the first Sunday after Easter be dedicated as the "Feast of Mercy" and that this image of His mercy be known and venerated by the whole world.

Our Lord appeared to Sister Faustina, whom He called His "apostle of mercy", many other times. At the direction of her confessor, Faustina documented all of her dialogues with Christ in her "**Diary: Divine Mercy in My Soul**". Though it is private revelation it received ecclesiastical approval from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in 1979.

In addition, Pope John Paul II recognized in Sister Faustina's writings a message that was truly from Christ, and relevant to all mankind in every day and age. On April 30, 2000, the first Sunday following Easter, Pope John Paul both canonized Sister Faustina Kowalska and declared in his homily of that day his own desire that the "Second Sunday of Easter ... from now on throughout the world will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday.'"

At the Mass for Faustina's canonization, Pope John Paul prayed for her intercession and asked that we join him in this prayer: "Divine Mercy reaches human beings from the Heart of Christ crucified. Today, fixing our gaze with you on the face of the Risen Christ, let us make our own your prayer of trusting abandonment and say with firm hope: '**Jesus, I trust in You!**'"

Our Lord gave St. Faustina a set of prayers to invoke His mercy to be prayed on standard rosary beads. This is the "**Chaplet of Divine Mercy**". Prayer cards with this message may be picked up on the table in the Gerein Centre.

From Simply Catholic, Divine Mercy

PARISHIONERS' CORNER

BIRTHDAYS! Birthday wishes this week are for Sandra Morris on Tuesday, April 9, and Bevan Sthamann on Saturday, the 13th. Many blessings to you for a year of good health and happiness.

Funeral mass for long time parishioner Anne Ell will be held this Friday, April 12th, 1:00 pm at Holy Cross. Sincere condolences to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Cathleen Devraj is off to Medjugorje again with Irene Wald and a group of about 18 people from around the city (and two US daughters of a parishioner). We pray that their experience will be a faith-filled one.

Please pass along news of our parishioners for this column to share so we can all pray for or celebrate with them. Call Martin at 306-347-0929 or text Joyce at byapple@sasktel.net. Happy Easter Season!



CWL News

CWL Diocesan Meeting – April 26, 27, 28 in Assiniboia.

CWL Provincial Meeting will be held June 2 & 3 in North Battleford.

CWL National Meeting will be held August 11 – 14 in Saskatoon.

THANK YOU to all who donated baby products and female products for Visitation House and Carmichael Outreach.

Our next CWL General Meeting will be held Tuesday May 7th. Mass at 7 p.m. followed by a short meeting. Strawberry Social and Bunko to follow! Please plan to attend!

Fall into Spring
 Craft and Trade Show
 HOSTED BY
 HOLY CROSS
 CWL
 APRIL 20TH, 2024
 SOUTH LEISURE CENTER
 170 SUNSET DRIVE
 REGINA, SK
 10 AM - 4 PM

What's Happening in the Archdiocese 2



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March 28, 2024

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am writing this note on Holy Thursday, as we are about to enter into the holiest days of the Church year: the celebration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. We do so at a time when there is much suffering and insecurity in the world. The wars in Ukraine and the Middle East are so brutalizing. The deep polarization in our society is increasingly crippling. The struggle for a sense of belonging and community, coupled with internal challenges of all sorts, is the experience of so many, including so many young people today. We bring all of those struggles with us as we enter into Good Friday and Easter liturgies.

In times of great challenge, it is important to get our bearings, to remember who we are, who God is, and to see a bigger picture of what is happening in our day and in our history. Jesus' ministry was centred on God's great love for us human beings, and not only when we had our acts together. In Jesus, God embraces us with our struggles, the failures of our past, our doubts and insecurities, and calls us to trust in a forgiving love that can set us free. His death was a complete giving of self, revealing a boundless love beyond our imagining. From the cross, the Lord forgave those who were putting him to death, looked after his mother and disciples, and promised the repentant thief that he too would be welcomed into the Kingdom - surely a gesture that can inspire hope for all of us.

Jesus' resurrection is God's definitive word to a wounded and broken humanity. God's love absorbs it all, in order to embrace us all. Not even the rejection and crucifixion of the Word who created all things is enough to overturn God's love. There is a hope that rises from the tomb which is greater than any discouragement or despair we can feel. There is a life that rises from the tomb which can restore our weariness and alienation. There is a path which opens up from the death and resurrection which offers hope to our world, and allows us to be witnesses and instruments of a love that the world and its people so desperately need.

This Easter, I would encourage you to take some time to pray with the Resurrection appearances of Jesus: as he appears to Mary Magdalene and asks her to share the news that he has risen from the dead; as he comes to the community and then to Thomas, who struggles to believe; as he walks alongside the two despairing disciples on the road to Emmaus and reawakens their hope; and as he comes to Peter, who is out fishing, just as he was when they first met, calling forth his love, and inviting him once more to follow. Take some time to ponder those encounters, and if you can, even for just a few minutes, put yourself in the shoes of those disciples who encountered the Risen Lord; and feel anew something of the depth of joy, forgiveness and life that Jesus wishes to bestow upon each and every one of us.

Grace and peace in the Risen Lord!

✠ Donald J. Bolen
Archbishop of Regina

What's Happening in the Archdiocese

STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN BITS

Divine Mercy Sunday

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." - Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

TF #395: Holly Taylor Coolman on Parenting - Part One

In this part one of two episodes, Dr. Brett Salkeld visits with Dr. Holly Taylor Coolman on her most recent book, "Parenting: The Complex and Beautiful Vocation of Raising Children." Discussing her theologically and biblically rich approach to raising children in the modern world.

Discover more in Dr. Coolman's book "Parenting: The Complex and Beautiful Vocation of Raising Children," available at Amazon or, even better, through your friendly local bookstore.

<https://www.amazon.ca/Parenting-Complex-Beautiful-Vocation-Children/dp/1540961494>

<https://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/holly-taylor-coolman-on-parenting-part-1>

The Myriam Family of the Prairies invites you for a day retreat for adults on April 20th.

From 10h00 to 4h00

With Father Scott Lewis, JS

The Gospel of John

Father Scott Lewis will be our guest speaker and will share his passion and knowledge of the Gospel of Saint John. Don't miss it!

The retreat will include talks, sharing, Mass, Holy hour, and lunch, in the beauty of nature and the silence of the countryside at our house of prayer in McLean, Sk, 45 km East of Regina.



WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Sharing our concern for strengthening marriage and family life, a pressing and urgent challenge at this time, the national leadership team for World Wide Marriage Encounter has some good news. A virtual WWME experience will be offered on April 19-21st, which will make it possible for couples in more remote areas to take their relationship to a higher level. It has the power to transform relationships as much as an in-person experience.

All couples need do is get on the WWME website and register, and they can benefit from the experience right in their homes.

Uncover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, transformational marriage.

The Marriage Encounter experience is a heart haven that helps you listen, share, and connect more deeply. There is no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be.

April 19-21, Virtual Experience, Edmonton based Questions?

Doug & Candice Chappell, 1-778-479-7900

Doug.candice.chappell@wwme.org

[Apply at wwme.org](http://wwme.org)

Emmaus Women's Peer Support

In partnership with Emmaus Support Mental Health Ministries (<https://emmaussupport.ca/>), we will begin an Emmaus Women's Peer Support Group at Holy Rosary, offering a safe space for women navigating the complexities of mental health and mental illness. Whether battling anxiety, depression, or any other challenge, you're not alone. Find comfort in our community of shared experiences, and empathy, as we journey towards healing and hope through Jesus together. Beginning Tuesday, April 9 at 7 pm in the O'Neill room.

Email Bronwyn.angley@outlook.com to RSVP and with any questions you may have.

SANTA MARIA FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

to enhance the lives of Santa Maria residents

**An evening of Italian Food, Fine Wine & Friendship
Saturday, April 20 at 6:30 pm**

This meal is a virtual zoom event you can enjoy at your own house (or someone else's) eating and drinking your own food (home cooked or bought) while you watch with friends (or without) sommelier Greg Harasen pair wines with the enticing Italian meals you are selecting.

Tickets \$50 per household.

Deadline April 10.

E-transfer smf@saskhealthauthority.ca

Information will then be sent to you about meal choices, recommended wines & how to access this zoom event.

What's Happening in the Archdiocese 3

Regina *Let your soul sing*
Philharmonic
Chorus

Glory & Angels

Artistic Director
Evanne Wilhelm

Vivaldi - *Gloria*
Carr - *Requiem for an Angel*

FEATURING SPECIAL GUESTS
Victoria Stroeder, Soprano; Avery Lafrentz, Soprano
Solveig Hovestad, Alto
David Playtak, Baritone; Michael Hawkes, Baritone

Saturday, April 20th, 2024, 7:30 p.m.
Knox-Metropolitan United Church

Tickets Adults \$35 | Students \$15 | Children \$5
Tickets available at The Paper Umbrella, from chorus members and online at
reginaphilharmonic.com

   

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH
Seminar on Will Planning
Monday, April 8 at 2pm & 7pm

Camp Monahan's Annual Yard Sale

Save the Dates!

We take everything but your mattress; please call Pam to arrange your drop off at 306-570-9334 or cammonahan@sasktel.net. If you have transportation or mobility issues, pickups can be arranged in city limits. Yard Sale runs from May 23rd to May 26th at 424 Mullin Ave, proceeds to Camp Monahan.

SALAD & DESSERT NIGHT

Thursday, April 25
Resurrection Parish, 3155 Windsor Park Rd.

Doors open 5:00 pm; dessert 6:00 pm

Raffles, 50/50, Mandolin orchestra
Tickets \$25

Contact: Joan at jmrink@sasktel.net
Or Debbie at debbiebulych@gmail.com

Proceeds to the Cuernevaca Project

Charismatic Prayer Gathering

Resurrection Parish

Upcoming Dates:

April 21, May 26, June 23

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Come Alive! You are invited! Come and experience Christ's loving embrace through music, praise, worship, teaching, prayer, and fellowship! Mark your calendars now. Hope to see you there!

HOLY TRINITY GARAGE SALE

April 26 & 27

RUMMAGE SALE



Thursday April 18, 12-5:00

Friday April 19, 10-5:00

Saturday April 20, 9:30-3:30

Christ the King Parish Hall - 3239 Garnet Street

NET CANADA retreat

games

small groups

prayer & more!

MORE DETAILS BELOW

Saturday, May 4th

Holy Cross Parish

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Grades 6 to 12

All youth from the

Archdiocese are welcome



NET 2024 Traveling team

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER

CALL OR TEXT SHERI AT 306-533-2561

OR EMAIL LAURA AT VINCENT-LAURA@LIVE.COM

Cost \$20 per/person or \$50 for a family of 3 or more - includes pizza lunch