



Holy Cross Parish

2nd Week of Advent

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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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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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2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 / 2 Peter 3:8-14 / Mark 1:1-8

Monday

December 11
Advent Weekday
Is 35:1-10
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday

December 12
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17 or
Rv 11:19a;
12:1-6a, 10ab
Lk 1:26-38 or
Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday

December 13
St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Is 40:25-31
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday

December 14
St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Is 41:13-20
Mt 11:11-15

Friday

December 15
Advent Weekday
Is 48:17-19
Mt 11:16-19

Saturday

December 16
Advent Weekday
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday

December 17
Third Sunday of Advent
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11
1 Thes 5:16-24
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

When Will We Be Satisfied?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In 1992, *Forbes* magazine published an issue titled "Why Do We Feel So Bad When We Have It So Good?" It featured articles by such luminaries as newsman Dan Rather, President George H. W. Bush, and author John Updike. Many of the writers reflected upon our passion for more and our hunger to live in affluence and how that fails to satisfy. In so many ways, we as a nation find ourselves seeking distractions from living with ourselves lest we be confronted by our ultimate loneliness. As a nation we are addicted to entertainment and smartphones, to drugs and pornography, to finding something new. We are confronted by rising suicide rates and a pervasive, deep-seated anger. Why are we not satisfied?

John the Baptist called the people of his day to repent, which is another way of asking them—and us—to look at life differently. Advent is really about getting in touch with our deep longing for more, a part of our human condition that ultimately is only satisfied by God. We have been created to long for more, a longing that feels like loneliness, a longing that seeks to be satisfied. In the end, we can only find a sense of peace in the midst of such longing by accepting that it can never be fully satisfied in this life. Like the spirituality of Alcoholics Anonymous, accepting rather than fleeing from our human reality becomes a path to new life. ●

Reflect

How do you deal with loneliness and a longing for more out of life?

John [the] Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

MARK 1:4

What's Happening at Holy Cross

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER
Sunday, Dec. 3—Bryant & Chelsea Adams

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 Dec. 2-10, 2023		
Sat.	Dec. 9	PRO POPULO
Sun.	Dec. 10	For the repose of the soul of Lena Proznick formerly of Holy Cross, aunt of Dorothy & Kristy White, and offered by Dorothy and Kristy.
Tues.	Dec. 12	For the repose of the soul of Juan Opulencia offered by Josie Howard.
Wed.	Dec. 13	For thye repose of the soul of cecile Halbgewachs offered by Judy Miazga.
Thurs.	Dec. 14	PRO POPULO for December 16 & 17.
Fri.	Dec. 15	For the repose of the soul of Margaret Frank offered by Dolores and family.
Sat.	Dec. 16	For the repose of the soul of Alma Dizy offered by Ted and family.
Sun.	Dec. 17	For the repose of the soul of Elise Asher, parishioner of St, Philip Neri, Saskatoon, aunt of Dorothy & Kristy White.



Did you know ... that in the StatCan Vital Statistics Death database, the cause of death of a person undergoing Medical Assistance in Dying is not listed as MAiD but as the disease or injury that initiated the train of morbid events leading directly to death. As such, MAiD deaths are coded to the underlying condition for which MAiD was requested. (*source: StatisticsCanada/Canada.ca*)

*In other words, MAID deaths are not even recorded on the death certificates of Canadians. Can we even know the true numbers of MAID deaths calculated yearly in Canada?

Once MAID is open to the mentally ill in 2024, how will their deaths be recorded?

A TIME OF RECOLLECTION
 an Advent mini-retreat

Saturday, December 16
 9:00 am—noon

Opening remarks
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 Adoration
 Liturgy of the Hours for Sat. Dec. 16
 Speaker: **Dr. Brett Salkeld**, Theologian for the
 Archdiocese of Regina
 Period of Silence
 Benediction
 11:00 am Mass
 11:50 am Fellowship

Christmas Flowers for Holy Cross Parish



Christmas flowers are purchased from donations by parishioners in honour of deceased or living members of their families. If you wish to make a contribution, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection baskets. Tributes will be published in the Christmas bulletin.

PARISHIONER'S NAME: _____
 ENV. # _____
 Mailing Address: _____

Phone No. _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Paid by cash, cheque, or e-Transfer (bookkeeper.holycross@sasktel.net—Christmas flowers)

Publish my gift in the Christmas Bulletin: Yes No

In Memory of: (Name of deceased loved one) _____ In Honour of: (Name of living loved one) _____

Through the kindness of: _____

What's Happening at Holy Cross 2



KNIGHTS KORNER

The Knights of Columbus at Holy Cross once again is asking for your support and generosity in a Food Drive for the Marian Centre and Visitation House. Black Collection Boxes are in both the Gerein Centre and the Douglas Ave. entrances for non-perishable food items. The food drive continues until Dec. 16/17 weekend.

Please note the preferences from the Marian Center and Visitation House have changed. Lists of items are posted in the Gerein Centre and on the collection boxes.

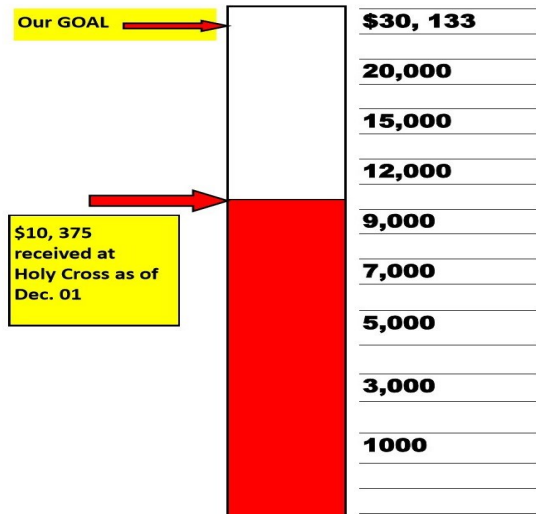
The Regina Chapter of the Knights of Columbus is the new host of the **Christmas Carol Festival** (formerly known as the Rotary Carol Festival). The Festival will take place on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 11 and 12, from 7-9 pm at the Knox Metropolitan United Church. There is no entry fee but donations are most welcome.

Profits raised will go towards the Salvation Army, the Regina Food Bank, Access Communications Children's Fund, and the K of C *Coats for Kids* program.

Come, get in the spirit, and enjoy choirs from around the city singing their favorite Christmas carols.



Archbishop's Appeal 2023 Our Holy Cross Goal Collection as of Dec. 01



Thank you very much. If you have not yet made your donation, please do so over the next couple of weeks. We have donated \$10,375 or 34% of our goal.



Carol Festival

December 11 - 12, 2023
Knox Metropolitan United Church
2340 Victoria Ave | Regina, SK

7 - 9 PM

FREE ADMISSION • DONATIONS ACCEPTED • EVERYONE WELCOME

Watch Live on AccessNow TV and online

YOUR DONATIONS SUPPORT:

- Sask K of C Charitable Foundation
In support of Coats for Kids Program
- THE SALVATION ARMY
- Access Communications Children's Fund
- regina foodbank

DONATIONS WELCOME

PAYABLE TO:
Sask K of C Charitable Foundation
kofcfestival@gmail.com

MAIL CASH OR CHEQUE TO:
K of C Carol Festival, c/o Gerard Woyrnaraki
3433 Valley Green Way, Regina, SK S4V 1L4
Please ensure your Full Name, Address & E-Mail are included with your donation.
TAX RECEIPTS PROVIDED FOR DONATIONS OF \$20 OR MORE

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PARISHIONERS' CORNER

Happy birthday wishes this week go to Ursula Roesch on Friday, the 15th, and to Glenys Sylvestre on Sunday, the 17th. Our apologies to Dolores Pentz who we said had a birthday on Sunday, the 8th. It was actually on Friday, the 8th. We hope you didn't miss out on any well wishes because of that. God's blessings to our special ladies this week.

Keep in mind the dates and times for the novena of masses, the recollection morning, and other seasonal get-togethers this month. Details may be found elsewhere in this bulletin, the page of Advent services, and monthly calendar.

Those nasty cold-weather viruses are sneaking around again. Our friend Cathleen spent a couple of days in the hospital but is back home, her usual busy self on the phone and email.

August Flegel, father-in-law of our Martin (father of his wife Marie) passed away Dec 1. He had worked at Holy Cross in the early 1990s before moving to Christ the King. His funeral Mass will be Wed. Dec. 13 at 11 am at Christ the King Parish. Please keep his wife Cecile and his children in your prayers.

Daniel Gerein, husband of Phyllis, from Queen Victoria Estates has passed away. Please remember Daniel in your prayers.

Remember to let us know of any parishioner news we can share. Call Martin at 306-347-0929 or Joyce at 306-789-1983.

We, therefore, deceive ourselves in not allotting more time to the study of divine truths.

... St. Apollinaris



CWL NEWS

At the meeting Tuesday before our Christmas Party, some financial business was conducted. First, appreciation was expressed to all the ladies who participated in the Christmas Bake Sale last weekend. It was reported that the bake sale and raffle table together brought in \$1,352 which was split evenly and donated to Holy Cross and the Peru Mission orphanage.

The cabbage rolls, which were intended for sale at the bake sale, were all pre-sold and earned a profit of \$914.

Along with other donations a motion passed to donate \$1,000 to Holy Cross for the purchase of a new computer for the church power point.

Twenty-one dozen muffins were collected for Sacred Heart School. There will not be a meeting of the CWL in January but we will still collect all offerings for the first Tuesday of next month and deliver them to the school. Thank you again for your faithfulness to these young children.

The party followed the business meeting. Fr. Carlos was presented with a Christmas gift; the K of C men who had organized the lighting and blessing of the Creche joined us for some goodies. Thanks to Wendy Kraushaar and Denise Johner for their donation of prizes; Rita Gareau, Marcella McDonald, Shirly Devers and Karen Sthamann were the beneficiaries. Liz Matika made small "Cross in My Pocket" gifts for everyone.

If you have not already paid your CWL membership fees of \$42, please do so. There is a collection basket at the front of the church.

Please consider joining our CWL as we continue our charitable ministry and service to our community. We meet the first Tuesday of the following months October–December, February–June.

Merry Christmas!

Another View of Advent

The Archdiocese's Newsletter writes about Advent as follows:

... Advent means coming. During the four weeks before Christmas we look forward to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and to our Christmas celebration of his coming as our saviour over 2,000 years ago. Advent is a period of four weeks of prayer and preparation, of renewal and of looking forward to the coming of the Lord Jesus among us.

Three saints are special friends during Advent: Mary, Joseph and John the Baptist. They are good examples of faith. They believed what God said and lived each day for the Lord. We ask these saints to help us to prepare the way for Jesus in our life.

The four themes are Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Advent is not a time of penance like Lent. It is a season of renewal, when God invites us to let Jesus come into our hearts. It is a season of quiet expectation; we live it in the expectation of the fullness of joy to come.

Let us not lose sight of the true meaning of the season. (Adapted from "Advent: Hope and Joy" CCCB, Friday, Sept. 2006.)

Special Donations this month:
CWL Dollar a Month
Dec. 25—Christmas Day

FOUND

A women's or girl's ring in the church after the Saturday Mass. If it is yours, please call the office to identify it at 306-347-0929 or email to pastoral.assistant@holycrossregina.ca.

2024 DONATION ENVELOPES
are available to pick up in the Gerein Centre.



2 weeks remain until Christmas!

If you'd like a small gift to slip into a Christmas card for your friend, why not think Calendar raffle ticket? An unexpected \$25 gift any time during the year is most welcomed by most of us.



... Or it makes a  good stocking stuffer!

Holy Cross

2024 Calendar Raffle



Tickets \$20

Includes a 2024 Catholic memo calendar



52 weekly winners of \$25
4 special draws of \$100 —

New Year's Day, Easter Sunday
Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Christmas Day

All draws open to every ticket holder

What's Happening in the Archdiocese


EVENTS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Advent Musica Sacra

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2:00 pm
Campion College, 2nd Floor Chapel

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love: Meditations on Advent

Songs for a Winter's Night

Sunday, Dec. 10, 7:00 p.m. 
Sisters in Song Women's Choir
Christ Lutheran church, 4825 Dewdney Ave.

Admission by donation.

Christmas Baking Trays

For Cuernavaca Project
\$35 large tray, \$20 small tray

Call Debbie 306-533-2118 or Joan 306-533-1648
debbiebulych@gmail.com or jmrink@sasktel.net

Tourtieres—Meat Pies (white or whole wheat crust)

Saint-Jean-Baptiste Parish, 2517—25th Ave.
Large pies \$20, small pies \$9

Phone 306-586-5006, text 306-539-5086.
baptiste@accesscomm.ca. Give order & phone number.

Stewardship Bulletin Bit

“Prepare the way of the Lord...” - Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

NATION DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

On 12 December, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, the Church in Canada celebrates the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. This year, we take a moment to recall the Holy Father's Penitential Pilgrimage to Canada in July 2022, and in particular his words of prayer offered at Lac Ste. Anne.

The prayer may be found in the Archdiocesan Newsletter posted on the bulletin board in the Gerein Centre.

Journey Through Advent

Sign up for a weekly Advent series with weekly reflections, music, prayer, resources and other activities to enhance your Advent Journey. These weekly reflections will be emailed each week during Advent. Sign up here archregina.flocknote.com/ArchdioceseofRe5 or emailmgurash@archregina.sk.ca

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Advent Reflection Series Online

Tuesdays, Dec. 12, 10-10:40 am

Peace on Earth, Led by Fr. Scott Lewis, SJ

Register at campioncollege.ca/uncategorized/peace-on-earthadvent-scripture-reflections-online/ A zoom link will be sent to all registered participants.

A Time of Recollection

Saturday, Dec. 16—9:00 am 'til noon

Holy Cross Parish, 315 Douglas Ave. East

A mini-retreat: Theologian Dr. Brett Salkeld speaker. Exposition, Liturgy of the Hours, Mass, fellowship.

Live-in Day Retreat

Saturday, Dec. 16—10am-4pm

McLean, SK (45 min. east of Regina)

Fr. Scott Lewis, SJ—"Living Water: Heavenly Bread"
To register call Sr. Stephanie Beaulieu, 306-761-0528
Or pss.prairies@famillemyriam.org

Advent Recollection: Reconciliation, Adoration, and Healing

Sunday, Dec. 17—5:00-7:30 pm

St. Cecelia Parish, 5020-7th Ave.

Led by Fr. Sathi Antony, St. Gerard Parish, Yorkton.
Refreshments & fellowship 7:30 pm.

Daily Adoration at the St. Faustina Shrine and EADM Chapel

Saint Faustina's Shrine and EADM Chapel
484 Hamilton Street

Monday-Thursday, Noon—4:00 pm, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 2:00—4:00 pm.

2025 JUBILEE: HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE

Join Bishop Stephen Hero and Father Maurice Fiolleau of Prince Albert on a Pilgrimage to Rome, Vatican City and Assisi from December 10—18, 2025 during the 2025 Jubilee Holy Year. Mass will be celebrated daily.

Visit the Seven Jubilee Churches, the Catacombs, be part of the Pope's Sunday Angelus and blessing, and attend the weekly Wednesday Papal Audience.

Travel to Assisi where Mass will be celebrated at the Basilica.

Free time to see the sights of Rome during the Advent season. Rome will be bursting with beautiful Nativity scenes, Christmas markets and colorful lights.

A province-wide ZOOM presentation will be held on this coming **Tuesday, December 12**. If you are interested in being part of the ZOOM presentation, please contact Tom Brothwell at the CAA Office in Prince Albert to get the link to the meeting. His email address is: tom.brothwell@caask.ca.

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina
will gather in joy and thanksgiving for the
Ordination of



DANIEL MALONE

TO THE

Transitional Diaconate

By the Most Rev. Donald J. Bolen

Archbishop of Regina

On

Monday, December 18, 2023

1:00 PM

at

Holy Rosary Cathedral

Regina, SK

Livestream: youtube.com/ArchdioceseRegina

10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>The Second Sunday of Advent</p> <p>On this Second Sunday of Advent, light two violet candles on your Advent wreath and ask God for the strength to be like John the Baptist, preparing the way of the Lord."</p>	<p>"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Mark 1:10</p>	<p>Today is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe who appeared to Juan Diego as a pregnant indigenous woman. Pray for all pregnant women and mothers and look for ways that you can walk with moms in need: Walking with Moms in Need</p>	<p>In the bustle of the holiday season, spend some time this week in silence and prayer, possibly before the Blessed Sacrament, to prepare your heart to receive the Lord at Christmas.</p>	<p>According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up before Christmas and remains in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany. Share this blessing with your family and friends.</p>	<p>"For the believer, the Word of God is not simply a text to read. The Word of God is a living presence, it is a work of the Holy Spirit that comforts, instructs, gives light, strength, relief, and a zest for life. To read the Bible, to read a piece, one or two passages of the Bible, is like a short telegram from God that immediately goes to the heart." Pope Francis, Audience, December 21, 2022</p>	<p>Las Posadas, a reenactment of Mary and Joseph seeking shelter before the birth of Jesus, traditionally begins today. Pray for migrants seeking shelter around the world.</p>