



Holy Cross Parish

3rd Week of Advent

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Saturday 5:00pm

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Wed. 9:00am

Thur. 9:00am

Friday 9:00am

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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.

3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11 / 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 / John 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday

December 18
Advent Weekday
Jer 23:5-8
Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday

December 19
Advent Weekday
Jgs 13:2-7,
24-25a
Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday

December 20
Advent Weekday
Is 7:10-14
Lk 1:26-38

Thursday

December 21
Advent Weekday
Sg 2:8-14 or
Zep 3:14-18a
Lk 1:39-45

Friday

December 22
Advent Weekday
1 Sm 1:24-28
Lk 1:46-56

Saturday

December 23
Advent Weekday
Mal 3:1-4,
23-24
Lk 1:57-66

Sunday

December 24
Fourth Sunday of Advent
2 Sm 7:1-5,
8b-12, 14a, 16
Rom 16:25-27
Lk 1:26-38

Making Room for God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The story of John the Baptist is the story of taking a back seat to Jesus, of fading into the background so that Jesus might be the light. Fading out of the picture is something we may find ourselves doing more than once in our lives. Sometimes it's also a choice we have to make, even when it's painful.

Actor Nick Nolte talked about what it was like for him when he turned seventy; how his body would hurt and how painful it was to get out of bed some mornings. He told of how he cried when a longtime friend passed away and of the sadness death brings. But the worst part, he said, is coming to the realization that your children have grown up, are on their own, and don't need you the way they once did. His son has a family, and for him the family comes first, as it should. That's the painful part, Nolte says, the letting go of your children because they are no longer yours; in reality, they never were.

From the perspective of faith, why do we need to fade into the background? To leave room for the hand of God in life, that's why. So that God can do what God does best, and so that we don't get in the way of it all. That is a task not only at the end of life but for all of life. ●

Reflect

When has it been difficult for you to fade into the background?



[John] was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

JOHN 1:8

What's Happening at Holy Cross

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER
Sunday, Dec. 17—Len & Loretta Jelinski

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. 16-24, 2023		
Sat.	Dec. 16	For the repose of the soul of Alma Dizy, offered by Ted Dizy and Family.
Sun.	Dec. 17	For the repose of the soul of Elise Asher, Parishioner of St. Philip Neri, Saskatoon, aunt of Dorothy and Kristy White.
Tues.	Dec. 19	For the intentions of Evelyn Kraushaar—"Our world is brighter for her being here," offered by Garry and Wendy Kraushaar.
Wed.	Dec. 20	At the QVE: For the repose of Daniel Gerein, offered by Phyllis and Dolores.
Thurs.	Dec. 21	For the repose of the soul of Ed Mann, Sr., offered by Ed & Jeanine Mann.
Fri.	Dec. 22	For the repose of the soul of Barran Elger, offered by Ursula Roesch.
Sat.	Dec. 23	For the repose of the soul of Helen DeSouza, offered by Michelle & Family.
Sun.	Dec. 24	CHRISTMAS EVE PRO POPULO



We've been concentrating on Euthanasia these past few weeks, especially since March 17, 2024 will see the institution of MAiD to the mentally ill. And there has already been mention of further expanding it to "mature" children.

But this is a season of Hope and Joy and we'd like to think of the good work done by Pro-Life organizations in educating people about the precious life that God creates and advocating for pre-born babies. And of the groups that assist new mothers who want to keep their babies but just need a little help.

As we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, may we pray for all those groups who work so hard for life and support them, and for new moms and dads who've sacrificed to save their little one. As one new mom said, "I didn't realize the depth of love I could have for my baby."

May there be many happy birthdays.



Guadete Sunday! The third Sunday of Advent; a time of Joy when we can see "the light at the end of the tunnel"; the time for the birth of the Christ Child, so long awaited, now so near.

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." (Philippians 4:4-5)

2024 DONATION ENVELOPES
 may be to pick up now in the
 Gerein Centre



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) _____



KNIGHTS KORNER

This is the last weekend of the Knights of Columbus Food Drive for the Marian Centre and Visitation House. Thank you to all who participated in helping these organizations to make this Christmas season a little more enjoyable for those not as fortunate as ourselves.

Contemplation is nothing else but a secret, peaceful and loving infusion of God which, if admitted, will set the soul on fire with the Spirit of Love.
 John of the Cross



1 week remains 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 a welcome surprise by most of us. ... And it makes a great stocking stuffer!



Holy Cross

2024 Calendar Raffle



Tickets \$20
 Includes a 2024 Catholic memo calendar



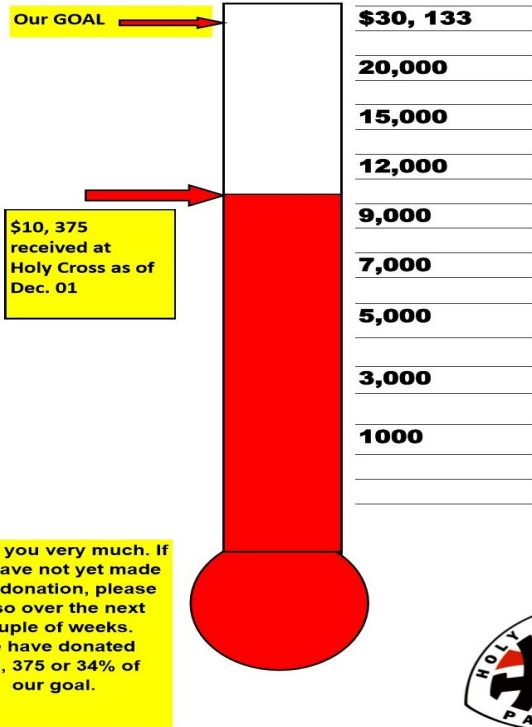
52 weekly winners of \$25
4 special draws of \$100 —

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

All draws open to every ticket holder



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



PARISHIONERS' CORNER

We have two Christmas Eve babies to send happy birthday wishes to—Gene Lauman and Harvey Kennedy. (Do you still feel a little neglected on your special day so close to a huge Christmas celebration?) May God bless you with a happy and healthy year ahead.

Novena masses begin Saturday, Dec. 16 and every day until Dec. 23, even Monday and Saturday mornings.

Jacey Kukura wrote to say thank you to everyone at Holy Cross who supported her with \$900 in donations toward her tuition at (school), including the CWL and individual parishioners. Though she still needs to raise more she is very grateful to Holy Cross and wishes everyone a Very Merry Christmas.

The Sound of Freedom Movie about the fast growing human trafficking enterprise brought in \$460 which has been donated to Hope Restored Canada, a Saskatoon-based organization that provides support to both males and females who have been exploited and trafficked.

info@hoperestoredcanada.org

The Marian Centre would like to extend their thanks to all who have contributed towards their need of men's clothing in the past months. Their clothing room is now well supplied with men's winter clothing which they share with those who come to them in need. They request at this time that further donations of clothing be suspended until April 1st. Again, thank you!

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

What's Happening at Holy Cross 3

THE 'O' ANTIPHONS

The 'O' Antiphons begin today. They are liturgical antiphons prayed from December 17th to the 23rd, prayed with the Magnificat at Vespers (or Evening Prayer) and also included in the Alleluia verse at Mass. Each antiphon begins with the invocation 'O' and bears a Messianic title: O Wisdom, O Lord (Adonai), O Root of Jesse, O Key of David, O Rising Sun, O Desire of Nations, O Emmanuel.

Originating from the 8th century, the author is unknown, but they are unparalleled in beauty capturing the longing for the coming of our Lord. O Come and tarry not! The Church recognizes our eagerness and impatience for the coming of Christ. In one week, centuries of the long expectation for the Messiah are summed up in seven short antiphons.

The antiphons beg God with mounting impatience to come and save His people. The order of the antiphons climb dramatically through our history of Redemption.

In the first, **O Sapientia** (Wisdom), we take a backward flight into the recesses of eternity to address Wisdom, the Word of God. In the second, **O Adonai** (Lord), we have leaped from eternity to the time of Moses and the Law of Moses (about 1400 B.C.).

In the third, **O Radix Jesse** (Root of Jesse), we have come to the time when God was preparing the line of David (about 1100 B.C.). In the fourth, **O Clavis David** (Key of David), we have come to the year 1000.

In the fifth, **O Oriens** (Rising Sun), we see that the line of David is elevated so that the peoples may look on a rising star in the east, and hence in the sixth, **O Rex Gentium** (Desire of Nations) we know that He is king of all the world of man. This brings us to the evening before the vigil, and before coming to the town limits of Bethlehem, we salute Him with the last Great O, **O Emmanuel** (God-with-us), (from *He Cometh* by Fr. McGarry).

As Elsa Chaney in *Twelve Days of Christmas* states, "They seem to sum up all our Advent longing as they paint in vivid terms the wretched condition of mankind and his need of a Savior."

The "O" Antiphons are the verses for the ancient hymn *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*. The first letter of the Messianic titles: Emmanuel, Rex, Oriens, Clavis, Radix, Adonai, Sapientia —spell out Latin words **EROCRAS**, meaning, "Tomorrow, I will come."

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What's Happening in the Archdiocese

Stewardship Bulletin Bits

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." – 1 Thessalonians 5:16 – 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

CATHOLIC ADVENT SERVICES

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.

Holy Hour of Adoration & Prayer for Mental Health Emmaus Family Support

Thursday, Dec. 28, 7:00-8:00 pm
Holy Trinity Parish, 5020 Sherwood Dr.

Christmas can be a time of loneliness and depression. Unite in faith and seek consolation, peace and support. For more information visit www.emmaussupport.ca.

NEW YEAR'S DAY LEVEE

The faithful of the Archdiocese
are cordially invited to
the Archbishop's New Year's Levée
to be held a

Holy Rosary Cathedral

January 1, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

And to receive the Archbishop's blessing
for the beginning of the New Year

*(Please note, the elevator is not functioning
at this time. The only way to access
the hall will be stairs)*

Archbishop's Appeal

In order to ensure you receive the tax receipt for your donation to the Appeal please mail cheques to the Archdiocese by Dec. 23.

Other gifts made through your parish may be made up to Dec. 31; please note that these donations are for the Archbishop's Appeal.