



# Holy Cross Parish

**7th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Bulletin #12**

**February 23, 2025**

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## Contact the office

@ 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.

## PARISH STAFF TEAM

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## HC Office Hours:

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

## Masses

Sat. 5:00 pm  
Sun. 9:00 am  
Tues. 7:00 pm  
Wed. 9:00 am  
Thur. 9:00 am  
Fri. 9:00 am

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## 7th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25++ / 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 / Luke 6:27-38**

### MONDAY

February 24  
Weekday  
Sir 1:1-10  
Mk 9:14-29

### TUESDAY

February 25  
Weekday  
Sir 2:1-11  
Mk 9:30-37

### WEDNESDAY

February 26  
Weekday  
Sir 4:11-19  
Mk 9:38-40

### THURSDAY

February 27  
Weekday  
Sir 5:1-8  
Mk 9:41-50

### FRIDAY

February 28  
Weekday  
Sir 6:5-17  
Mk 10:1-12

### SATURDAY

March 1  
Weekday  
Sir 17:1-15  
Mk 10:13-16

### SUNDAY

March 2  
Eighth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Sir 27:4-7  
1 Cor 15:54-58  
Lk 6:39-45



But to you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

LUKE 6:27-28

## A New World Order

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**he American experiment of 1776 ushered in the dawn of a new world order, one that would redefine how nations functioned and interacted. The computer age brought about an upheaval in how we interact with one another personally—a new world order in human communication. Saint Paul wrote to the Corinthians about how Adam was the first being who ushered in human life, and how Jesus was the new Adam, who ushered in a new life-giving spirit. Jesus initiated a new world order, one that redefined what it meant to be human and contained a new spiritual dimension. “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you...give to everyone who asks of you...do to others as you would have them do to you.... Be merciful, just as [also] your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:27-36).

The fact that there are many who think this is not a practical or useful way to live—to say nothing of whether it is desirable or even possible—does not negate its power to transform human relationships as well as our very own spirits. None of us do it as well as we might hope, which only attests to the fact that we live with a foot in each of two worlds—the earthly one and the heavenly one. Empowered by God's Spirit, we are still growing into the people God created us to be. ●

### Reflect

**Is there someone you are struggling to forgive? What is stopping you?**

# What's Happening at Holy Cross

## CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER

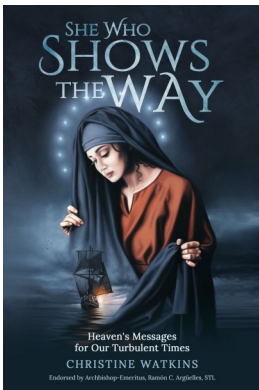
Winner of the February 16, 2025 draw was Dorothy Bresciani.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 22—Mar. 02, 2025

Sat.	Feb. 22	For the repose of the soul of Cecile Boutin, offered by Rita Gareau.
Sun.	Feb. 23	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
Tues.	Feb. 25	For the repose of the soul of Ann Preiner, offered by Margaret Preiner.
Wed.	Feb. 26	For the repose of the soul of Leona Sauer offered by Judy Miazga.
Thurs.	Feb. 27	For the repose of the soul of Ed Schroeder offered by Judy Miazga.
Fri.	Feb. 28	
Sat.	Mar. 1	For the repose of the soul of Rose Marie Fchet.
Sun.	Mar.. 2	<b>PRO POPULO</b>

This week's featured new Library book.  
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**She Who Shows the Way: Heaven's Messages for Our Turbulent Times** by Christine Watkins (Author)



Our Mother Knows when we most need Her, and we need Her Now. We are living in the end times, not the end of the world, but the end of an age. Those who wish to remain faithful to the Gospel are seeking heaven's guidance in order to weather and safely navigate the unparaleled storms ahead.

In this extraordinary and anointed book of messages from Mother Mary and occasionally from Jesus,

through inner-locutions to one of her most unlikely children, she has responded. Look to Mary to find solace; only there will you find the help you need. I know many of you find this hard to understand. You feel it has not worked for you. I promise you these graces will flow. In your next attendance at Mass, offer up your pains, your sufferings to the risen Eucharist, and await the blessings.

## PARISHIONERS' CORNER

Birthdays this week—Gladys Herzberger on Sunday, the 23rd; Jane Beach and Gerald Workman on Monday, the 24th. Congratulations, everybody!

***May the Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace.***

Thank you to everybody who signed up to help out preparing soup or sandwiches for the Poor Man's Supper on Fridays during Lent. There are still 2 or 3 openings that need to be filled. Check out the schedule in the Gerein Centre if you are able to help.

The CWL will be collecting more muffins for Sacred Heart School next week—good, home-made baking for this frigid winter.

Lent is only a couple of weeks away and blessed palms are now being collected to burn for ashes to use on Ash Wednesday. Baskets are available as you enter church.

Please let us know about any parishioner news so we can pass it on to others for prayers in need or in celebration. Contact Martin at 306-347-0929 or [pastoral.assistant@holycrossregina.ca](mailto:pastoral.assistant@holycrossregina.ca) OR Joyce Murphy at 306-789-1983 or [byapple@sasktel.net](mailto:byapple@sasktel.net).

## MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

Thinking of one day going to Medjugorje?  
Join us April 4-14 for a pilgrimage.  
Lower airfare presently there.

Daily Mass at St. James Church  
(St. James, patron saint of pilgrims)  
Rosary on Apparition Hill  
Stations of the Cross on Cross Mountain  
Visit Cenacola—rehab for young men  
Professional guide

For more information call Cathleen Devraj at 306-789-0705 or email [cdevraj48@gmail.com](mailto:cdevraj48@gmail.com).



If you'd like to send a petition to Our Lady, Cathleen is going to gather requests and present them to the seers and have them offer the petitions to Our Lady when their pilgrimage group is in Medjugorje this April. Just put your petition in a sealed envelope and drop it in the red box on the small table at the front of the church.

# What's Happening at Holy Cross 2



**KNIGHTS KORNER**  
37 Years of Service to Holy Cross  
1988—2025



**CWL NEWS**



## THANK YOU!

We extend a heartfelt thank you to all the Holy Cross Parishioners and friends who attended our Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup>. There were 59 people who contributed to the success of this event. Your support is truly appreciated.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Our Council would like to acknowledge the following organizations for their recent Thank You cards resulting from the donations made to them: Marian Centre, Santa Maria Senior Citizens Home and ALS Society of Saskatchewan. The Gerein Council supports these organizations for their work and worthy causes they provide in our community.

## 2025 MEMBER DUES

This is a continued reminder that a request for payment of membership dues has been sent to Council members for 2025. For those affected, kindly remit your dues at your earliest convenience. Payment options are outlined in the notices. For those who have paid their member dues to date, thank you!

## March Events

- Wed. Mar. 5—Ash Wednesday Mass, 7:00pm
- Fri. Mar. 7—Poor Man's Supper 5:30pm followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:45pm and Mass at 7:00pm
- Sat. & Sun., Mar. 8 & 9—Shamrock sales at masses for the support of Camp Monahan.
- Wed. Mar. 12—Kof C Regina Chapter mtg., 7:00pm, St. Basil Church

## 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.

*The decisive battle between the Lord and the kingdom of Satan will be over marriage and the family.*  
... ChurchPop, Feb. 15, 2025 quoting Sister Lucia, seer of Fatima

## COLLECTING PALMS!



Please deposit your last year's blessed palms in the baskets provided at either entrance of the church before March 4th. They will be burned that evening and the ashes used for Ash Wednesday.

The next CWL meeting is on Tuesday, the 4th of March. We will be collecting muffins for Sacred Heart School again. If you bring any before that time, please leave them in the freezer in the Gerein Centre kitchen.

Other events of interest in March are:

- March 22—Regina CWL Regional Meeting at St. Mary's with 3 councils hosting—Holy Cross, St. Mary's, Little Flower.
- March 29—Saturday evening Mass music and ministries (for 5th Sunday)
- March 30—Holy Cross AGM following Sunday morning Mass

## PRO-LIFE NEWS

The Federal Government is exploring "Advanced Requests for MAiD", which presently is not legal in Canada.

When euthanasia (MAiD) was legalized Canadians were told that the law would be limited to competent adults who are capable to consent and freely choose. Euthanasia by advance request undermines these principles. Even though a person makes an advance request, the person when killed by euthanasia is not a competent adult, is not capable of consenting and cannot freely choose. Therefore, euthanasia by advance request is technically euthanasia without consent.

Once a person becomes incompetent, they are not legally able to change their mind, meaning that some other person will have the right to decide when the person dies even when that person is happy with life.

\*Who will make that decision?

Source: Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, Dec. 19, 2024, Alex Schadenberg

## Charismatic Prayer Gatherings

Resurrection Parish  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

### Upcoming Dates:

**February 23. March 23, May 4, June 22**

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!

# What's Happening at Holy Cross 4

## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

### Lenten Initiative

Pastoral Council has received a request from a parishioner to help a young man in our community. This young man (we will call him "Abraham") has immigrated to Canada from Nigeria and has settled in Regina. The reason he immigrated was that the government in Nigeria changed and surviving there had increasingly become an economical hardship. He wants to create a better life here for his family. He is married with three children and his family remains behind until he is able to establish himself here. They own a small store that his wife runs with the help of a neighbourhood boy. However, some months the sparse income from this store does not cover the familial expenses. Therefore, Abraham does his best to send money home to them. He says that \$20 CDN goes a long way in Nigeria.

Abraham attends the University of Regina and is working hard to obtain his Liberal Arts degree. He hopes to convocate in April. He arrived here in April 2023 and was able to find a job. However, since then the Canadian government has changed its rules for foreign students. They no longer allow students to work more than 24 hours per week resulting in a shortage in income. After rent, utilities and groceries are paid, there is not much left to send home to his family.

This is where Holy Cross Parish comes in. Abraham has been attending this church for the past couple of years. He was born and raised in a Roman Catholic home in Nigeria and finding a church in Regina was important to him. He can walk to Church during the summer but attendance during our cold winters can be sporadic unless he can get a ride. He believes that God has blessed him throughout his life and he likes to attend Church to praise God and thank Him for blessings received.

Pastoral Council discussed the above-mentioned request and came up with a plan of action. We would like to help Abraham out by doing the following:

There is not normally a collection at Mass on Ash Wednesday. However, the Church does allow for a special collection if it falls within the parameters of our Lenten almsgiving. Fr. Carlos has approved this special collection and all proceeds will go to Abraham.

The glass jars that Social Action has placed at both doors – any loose change collected in those jars during Lent will go to Abraham.

Social Action will match any funds donated to this cause to a maximum of \$200.

Thank you for your time and, if you can contribute to this initiative, please do so. If this is not your cup of tea or you have other plans for your Lenten almsgiving, that is okay, too.

May God bless you during Lent, a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

*It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions.*

Pope Francis, January 20, 2014

### **ADORATION**

For peace in the world

HOLY CROSS PARISH  
315 Douglas Ave. East

Every Tuesday at 6 pm

# What's Happening in the Archdiocese

## Stewardship Bulletin Bits

**"Blessed are you when people hate you... exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man." - Luke 6:22**

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Wednesday, March 19th (1:30 pm)**

**at Holy Trinity parish hall (5020 Sherwood Dr.)**

**we will be joined by  
Regina City Police members for a presentation  
on FRAUD AWARENESS.**

## MyGen Youth Rally

Young people in grades 9 -12 (mature grade 8's also welcome) from around the Archdiocese are invited to come together for a celebration of community and faith at this year's "My Gen" Youth Rally.

This one-day event is free of charge and happens on Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> at Archbishop M.C. O'Neill High School in Regina. It starts at 9:00 am and ends at 11:00 pm. It will be a day of music, talks, games, prayer, service projects, sacraments and community. Further info and registration link can be found at: [www.mygenrally.ca](http://www.mygenrally.ca) Spots ARE limited!



**Who?** For youth 13-17 years old  
**When?** Starting Friday March 7th at 5h00 pm  
Ending Saturday March 8th at 3h00 pm  
**Where?** At the Myriam Family of the Prairies, McLean,  
45 km east of Regina  
**Cost:** Suggested donation 25\$  
**To register,** please contact Sr. Stephanie  
306-761-0528  
[pss.prairies@famillemiriam.org](mailto:pss.prairies@famillemiriam.org)

## St. Martin de Porres Parish – Drive Through Turkey Fundraising Dinner Sunday, March 2nd

Smitty's catering provides the food which includes turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, coleslaw and dessert.

Tickets are \$35 each and can be purchased at the parish office (4720 Castle Road), or by e-transfer ([st.martinsadmin@sasktel.net](mailto:st.martinsadmin@sasktel.net)). **Deadline to purchase tickets: Sunday, Feb. 23.**

## Life in Abundance as Proclaimed by a Universal Christ

### A 7-Episode video series with Father John Weckend

Father John shares some of his reflections on a cosmic and more universal approach to 'The Christ'. It brings a broader approach to the dogma of the Incarnation and how it affects our life and spirituality.

Episode 6 is now available.

The remaining episodes will be released weekly on Friday at 7:00 am.

Use one of these ways to watch:

[Father John Weckend YouTube Channel.](#)

On YouTube, search [@FatherJohnWeckend](#).



## Transformation through Reconciliation

**MAR 1 - MAR 22**  
**Saturdays, 10am - 12pm**  
 Parish Centre, Christ The King  
 3239 Garnet Street, Regina  
 (after 9am Mass)



free registration  
[www.christtheaking.ca](http://www.christtheaking.ca)

In Part 3 of our adult catechism "Deep Dive" Series we will be exploring the mystery of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

Participants are invited to explore the profound healing and grace offered through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will embark in thoughtful discussions and reflective exercises to deepen our understanding of forgiveness and the importance of reconciling with God and one another.

Join us as we discover the path to healing, mercy, and a renewed relationship with God and our community.



### Afternoon Lenten Reflection

The Marian Centre will be hosting an afternoon of Lenten reflection on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, from 2 pm to 4:30 pm. In light of this Jubilee Year of Hope, one of our Madonna House priests, Fr. Denis Lemieux, will give a presentation on "Hope as our Anchor". Following his presentation, there will be a period for silent reflection, communal sharing and then a social. We hope you will be able to join us.

### TF #439: Brett Salkeld and Thomas Harmon on Ordo Amoris – Part One

In this multi-part series, Dr. Brett Salkeld sits down with Thomas P. Harmon, Scanlan Foundation Chair and Professor of Theology, to explore how Thomas Aquinas' Ordo Amoris—the order of love—can help us understand the moral dimensions of immigration policy.

As the new U.S. administration introduces sweeping changes in outreach and border policies, this conversation examines how properly ordered love informs our responsibilities toward the stranger, the vulnerable, and the political community as a whole.

[thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/brett-salkeld-andthomas-harmon-on-or-do-amoris-part-1](http://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/brett-salkeld-andthomas-harmon-on-or-do-amoris-part-1)

## FRIENDSHIP WITH JESUS RETREAT

**FEB 24 - MAR 24**  
**7pm Mondays**  
**REGISTER by FEB 20**

free, limited spots  
 Christ the King, Regina  
 registration required  
[www.christtheaking.ca](http://www.christtheaking.ca)

Deepen your  
 Relationship with God  
 & Strengthen your  
 Prayer Life

Experience the "Inner Peace in Friendship with Jesus", as we prepare ourselves for the Lenten season.

It is an unique opportunity to experience the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

## INTERNATIONAL DINNER

Little Flower Parish - 420 College Avenue  
 Saturday, March 8 @ 6 pm.

Adults \$30 / Children (7-12) \$12  
 Children (6&under) Free

All proceeds to benefit parish projects

### Dinner Menu

- \* Spring Rolls
- \* Bruschetta
- \* Vegetable Pakora w/Chutney
- \* Chicken Tikka Masala
- \* Pork Adobo
- \* Banh Tet
- \* Fried Rice & White Rice
- \* Corn with Peppers
- \* Caesar Salad
- \* Bread Pudding
- \* Gulab Jamun in Syrup
- \* Ice Cream
- \* Choice of Beverages

Jesse Stradeski  
 as Elvis



- \* 50/50
- \* Prize Alley
- \* Wear your ethnic attire

Tickets Advance Purchase Only  
 Parish Office 306-522-8583 / Gord 306-596-4767