



Holy Cross Parish

4th Sunday of Orinary Time Bulletin #9 February 2, 2025

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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.

<u>Masses</u>

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

9:00 am

Fri.

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4th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME—THE PRESENTATION

Malachi 3:1-4 / Hebrews 2:10-11, 13b-18 / Luke 2:22-40

MONDAY

February 3 Weekday Heb 11:32-40 Mk 5:1-20

TUESDAY

February 4 Weekday Heb 12:1-4 Mk 5:21-43

WEDNESDAY

February 5 St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Mk 6:1-6

THURSDAY

February 6 St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 Mk 6:7-13

FRIDAY

February 7 Weekday Heb 13:1-8 Mk 6:14-29

SATURDAY

February 8 Weekday Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Mk 6:30-34

SUNDAY

February 9 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11 Lk 5:1-11

Blessings of **Many Shapes**

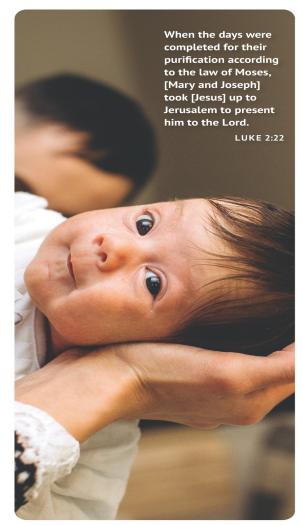
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

t is always a blessed and holy occasion when parents bring their child to the parish church for baptism. They gather family and friends and proudly present their child to both God and the faith community. Somewhere in the midst of it all, they will wonder who their child will become, what their child's gifts and talents will be, and what hopes and dreams their child will have. Yet like Simeon, who blessed the Holy Family in the Temple, they will also realize that life is not always favorable to us. As Simeon foretold, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many...and you yourself a sword will pierce" (Luke 2:34-35).

Although we recognize that suffering is a part of everyone's life, and we would never wish it upon a child, we might hope that the child does not run from every suffering, for it becomes the path to wisdom and compassion—perhaps the only path. We might also wish on the child a bit of loneliness, for it teaches us to treasure friends. And amid hoping for the blessing of success, losing can also be a gift and a blessing, for it is how we learn to deal with failure and understand the important lesson that we cannot always have our own way. Failure can be the seed of humility. Fortunately, while doing our best as parents, we must allow God to decide how our children will be blessed and what will nurture their growth into the image of Jesus. We simply present them to God from whom they came. •

-Reflect-

Call to mind someone you love deeply and remind yourself that God loves him or her even more.



What's Happening at Holy Cross

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER

Winner of the January 26, 2025 draw was Artur Biegler.

		MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 1—9, 2025
Sat.	Feb. 1	PRO POPULO
Sun.	Feb. 2	For the repose of the soul of Terry Fink, offered by Phyllis & Harvey Kennedy.
Tues.	Feb. 4	For the intentions of Gerry Heymen, offered by the Liturgy Committee.
Wed.	Feb. 5	For the repose of the soul of Al Baronas, offered by Joyce Murphy.
Thurs.	Feb. 6	For Christians in the Middle East, offered by Cathleen Devraj.
Fri.	Feb. 7	PRO POPULO for Feb. 8-9.
Sat.	Feb. 8	For the repose of the soul of Richard Wasserle on the 1st anniversary of his passing, offered by Eva Wasserle
Sun.	Feb. 9	For the repose of the souls of John, Oliver, Peter & Mary Meegan, offered by Aidan Meegan.



CWL NEWS





After the Christmas break regular monthly meetings resume this Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 7:30 pm in the Gerein Centre following adoration and the Mass. Muffins will again be collected for Sacred Heart School at that time. Thank you to those who remembered last month, even though we had no meeting in January.

Please consider joining our membership as we continue our charitable ministry and service to our community. Other than various fundraising activities we do to support our charitable donations, such as, cabbage roll making, the recent Christmas Market and Harvest Supper, we provide service for funeral receptions, ministry for 5th Sunday masses, \$500 scholarship for a high school graduate of a Holy Cross parishioner, and muffins for an inner city school, to name a few.

We meet the first Tuesday of the months of October – December and February – June. Please join us.

2024 Tax receipts are now available to pick up in the Gerein Centre.

PRO-LIFE NEWS

A glossary of terms:

<u>Euthanasia</u>—The deliberate ending of someone's life, with or without that person's consent, in order to eliminate suffering. The individual who commits euthanasia must, therefore, intend to kill the person and must cause the death, for example, by lethal injection.

Assisted Suicide—knowingly and intentionally providing a person with the knowledge or means required to commit suicide, including counselling about lethal doses of drugs, prescribing such lethal drugs or supplying the drugs. Catholic teaching considers assisted suicide or euthanasia unacceptable due to the belief that life is a gift from God, and that we are stewards of this gift, not owners of life. Just as we do not decide the time and circumstances of our births, nor do we decide this of our deaths. To do so impacts the nature of this gift of life both to ourselves and to those around us.

<u>Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD)</u> - A Canadian legal term that encompasses both euthanasia and assisted suicide in specific circumstances outlined in the law.

Source: Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan.

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.



ADORATION

For peace in the world HOLY CROSS PARISH 315 Douglas Ave. East Every Tuesday at 6 pm First Friday, Feb. 7 8:00 am

Are you registered at another parish? Please let us know so we can update our records. Send an email to Rita at bookkeeper.holycross@sasktel.net or call the office at 306-347-0929

What's Happening at Holy Cross 2



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

2025 MEMBER DUES

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

February Events

Wed. Feb. 5—Chapter meeting 7:00 pm St. Basil's Church

Sun. Feb. 16—Pancake Breakfast 10:00 am Tues. Feb. 18—Monthly Council meeting following 7:00 pm mass

Thurs. Feb. 20—4th Degree Social, 6:00 pm, St. Basil's

A SPECIAL INVITATION!

Knights of Council 9859 and Brother Knights are cordially invited by the Jamaican Community to attend a celebration in honor of our late Brother Huntley O'Connor. The event will be held Sunday, Feb. 16 at 7:00 pm at 1600 Broadway Ave. Please arrive by 6:30 pm for seating.

FORMAL ATTIRE—Sashes, please

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.

PARISHIONERS' CORNER

No birthdays to celebrate this week—

Fr. Carlos did Blessing of the Throats this weekend. Next weekend he will do Anointing of the Sick after the homily. With all the colds and flu of this winter many of us will probably want to take advantage of this opportunity.

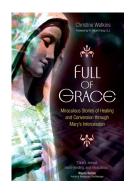
Lent: planning is underway for the Poor Man's Supper held each Friday at five o'clock during Lent, followed by Stations of the Cross and Mass. You will be approached in the next few weeks by Knights of Columbus members to take a turn making soup or sandwiches. This is a nice way to observe Lent in a special community event.

There are five new books in the Library, donated by Cathleen Devraj.

- Full of Grace—miraculous healings and conversions;
- ◆ Of Men and Mary—a murderer, a sweet lamb, and a man who died and lived again;
- In Love with True Love—Sister Nicolina;
- She Who Shows the Way—inner-locutions and messages for the end times; and
- ◆ Transfigured—drugs, homelessness, Planned Parenthood, redemption (Fr. Don Calloway says, "This is one of the greatest conversion stories ever written.")

See more details elsewhere in the bulletin.

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 or Joyce Murphy at 306-789-1983 or byapple@Sasktel.net.



Full of Grace: Stories of Miraculous Healing and Conversion Through Mary's Intercession by Christine Watkins (Author), Robert Faricy (Foreword)

In this work, Watkins tells her own dramatic story of miraculous healing and conversion to Catholicism, along with the stories of five others, including a homeless drug addict, a stripper, and a modern-day hero.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS
Book #1

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 3

MONSIGNOR GEREIN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

POOR MAN'S SUPPER

In the Gerein Centre
Every Friday During Lent
From March 7th to April 11th
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm followed by
Stations of the Cross at 6:45 pm and Mass at 7:00 pm
Everyone Welcome





MONSIGNOR GEREIN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Revised Fri Jan 31 POOR MAN'S SUPPER

Fridays during Lent

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Date	Soup	Egg Salad	Salmon / Tuna	Peanut Butter & Jam				
		(3 sandwich loaves)	(3 sandwich loaves)	(2 sandwich loaves)				
Mar. 7 Liturgy L&	Lynn & Gerry	Dan & Shirley Devers						
Mar. 14 PC	John & Marie Lebersback	Neil & Lori Garchinski						
Mar. 21 KofC	Cathleen Devraj	Helen Herauf						
Mar. 28 Chal. Girl		Neil & Lori (2loaves)	(4 loaves extra)	(3 loaves extra)				
Apr. 4 CWL								
Apr. 11 Altar		G & E Woynarski		Pam Richaud				

Supper 5:30 pm followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:45 pm and Mass at 7:00 pm. Additional help would be appreciated for set up and take down, serve soup, make extra sandwiches if needed.

Challenge Girls will do Stations of the Cross on March 28 (green) and we expect to DOUBLE (at least) attendance. Therefore we have to increase soup[& sandwiches. 2024 attendance was increased by about 40 people. Attendees are expected to make a donation for the meal.

Stewardship Bulletin Bits

The Presentation of the Lord

"Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested." – Hebrews 2:18

When we join a support group, there is comfort in sharing our pain with people who have experienced the same thing; they understand what we are going through. The next time you experience suffering, talk to Jesus. He has experienced more suffering than most of us; He understands. Plus, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Only He can fill the hole you feel in your heart.

TF #436: Living In The Psalms - Part 3

Join Deacon Eric Gurash for part three of Living in the Psalms. This week, discover the over-arching theme of the Psalms and examine how to approach the Psalms from a personal, lived perspective. Deepen your understanding of how to see and hear the Psalms through the lens of metaphor, parallels and repetition and how these tools of Hebrew poetry can help connect the Psalms to our daily lives. https://thinkingfaith.lbsyn.com/living-in-the-psalms-part-3



Join us for an afternoon of cribbage – Sponsored by the 55+ group

Our Lady of Peace Parish 425 Broad Street North

Friday, January 31, 2025

Friday, February 14, 2025

For more information or to pre-register please contact Erna at 306-221-1567 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Doors open 12:15 pm Cost - \$5.00 person

Refreshments and dainties included

Please use north
___ entrance



7 games will be played

Payouts on 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

Change partners every round

Life in Abundance as Proclaimed by a Universal Christ



A 7-Episode video series with Father John Weckend

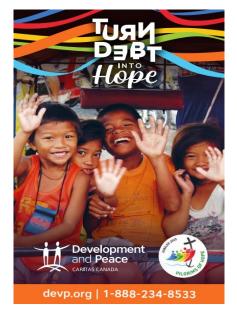
Father John shares some of his reflections on a cosmic and more universal approach to 'The Christ'. It brings a broader approach to the dogma of the Incarnation and how it affects our life and spirituality.

Episode 3 is now available.

Each of the remaining episodes will be released weekly on Friday. Use one of these ways to watch:

Father John Weckend YouTube Channel.

On YouTube, search @FatherJohnWeckend.Scan the QR Code.



Turn Debt Into Hope – Worldwide Caritas Campaign Workshop

Our Holy Father has called us all to journey on a pilgrimage of hope this year of Jubilee. But, at the same time, there are over 3.3 billion people in our world who live in countries wracked with spiraling national debt costs. Pope Francis calls on all the Catholic faithful to journey towards Jubilee justice this year, by taking a stand to promote fairness in international debt relief amid the climate crisis.

Join Development and Peace – Caritas Canada <u>members</u> as we respond to this call in our Parish and Diocesan communities. Regina-and-area's Share Lent Workshop will be on February 8th at Holy Child Parish in Regina at 1:00 PM. All are welcome!

Can't attend in person? See below for two options for online workshops (these will be both online and in-person):

February 1st at 10:00 am - 11:15 am <u>Click to Register</u> (Saskatoon workshop) February 15th at 10:00 am - 11:15 am <u>Click to Register</u> (PA workshop)

Contact: Mike LeBlanc at 306-205-2334 or mleblanc@devp.org. Visit devp.org. for more info.

First Friday Adoration

The First Friday/First Saturday vigil in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be held Friday, Feb. 7 at St. Mary's Church in Regina. Priests will be available for confession at 6:30 P.M. before Holy Mass as well as after Mass. Mass will occur at 7:00 P.M. followed by the all-night vigil ending with Mass at 8:00 A.M. on Saturday.

Come and See Weekend

Has the thought of becoming a Sister ever crossed your mind? The Sisters of the Presentation of Mary are inviting young women (18+) to a Come and See weekend from **Feb 14th at 7pm to Feb 17th at 3pm.** This retreat will be held at Mary's House, 141 Dalhousie Crescent, here in Saskatoon. This is an opportunity to discern God's call in your life and to learn more about the spirituality and charism of the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary.

For more information or to register, please contact Sr. April Mireau, pm at 306-531-9937 (cell) or aprilmireau@gmail.com. If you are interested, please register by Feb 8th. Come away for a weekend with Jesus. It starts on Valentine's Day!

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION - Feb. 7

For World Peace 8:00am Adoration, 8:30am Rosary 9:00am Mass Holy Cross Parish, 317 Douglas Ave. East



MADE FOR GREAT +NESS

A CATHOLIC MEN'S EVENT

Featuring AARON RESLER, MfG planning team member and active parishioner at Holy Family Parish

Friday, February 7 from 6:00 to 8:30 PM

Meal Served at 6:00 Presentation and Chat at 6:30 Devotions and Confession at 7:30 Conclusion and Fellowship at 8:30

Our Lady of Peace Parish 425 Broad Street N Regina, SK



StTherese.ca/events 306-369-2555

The Eucharist, Christ's Real Presence

Jan 22 & 29, Feb 5 & 12
7 - 9 pm
Christ The King Parish
Parish Center, 3239 Garnet Street, Regina



In Part 2 of our Adult Formation Series on the Sacraments...

come explore the mystery of the Eucharist and its transformative power in our lives

we will deepen our understanding and appreciation of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith

REGISTER ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE



CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE WEEK

Through stories, reflections and prayer, National Catholic Health Care Week 2025 encourages us to reflect on the interconnectedness between health and the environment—and inspires us to harness our collective will and gifts to promote justice and compassionate care and to transform health with care that fully embraces awe, wonder and concern for creation.

National Catholic Health Care Week takes place this month across Canada, and it echoes the 2025 Jubilee: *Pilgrims of Hope.* Pope Francis has emphasized the importance of those who serve in healthcare saying, "Works of mercy are also works of hope that give rise to immense gratitude."

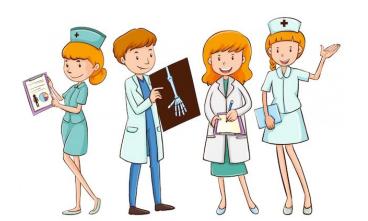
The Compassionate Healers Mass awakens the gospel by helping us remember the healing ministry of Christ lived through family members who support elderly, sick and less-able people and the service of medical professionals, counsellors, spiritual care practitioners, and all those who respond to the vulnerable with their many faces.

Take a moment to consider those who

- Support ailing loved ones in their own home
- Volunteers in our care facilities
- Serve as nurses, doctors and care aides
- Offer spiritual care and social support
- Work as administrators or building managers
- Provide technical support and food services
- Respond to the needs of the poor
- Visit the lonely
- Extend support and counsel to the addicted
- Attend to the wounds of victims of crims
- And walk with Christ in the person of the prisoner.

To highlight the importance of Catholic Health Care the bishops of all the Roman Catholic Dioceses of Saskatchewan have agreed to hold the annual Compassionate Healers mass in conjunction with <u>National Catholic Health Care Week (NCHCW)</u> which takes place from Sun., Feb.2 – Sat., February 8, 2025.

The Archdiocese of Regina will be holding the Compassionate Healers Mass at 11:00 am on February 9, 2025, at Holy Rosary, Cathedral 2104 Garnet St, Regina. Archbishop Donald Bolen presiding.



Free Webinar: Caring for Our Common Home

From February 2 to 8, 2025, Canada will celebrate the sixth annual National Catholic Health Care Week. This is a time to recognize the mission and contributions of Catholic health teams and ministries across the country.

This year's theme, *Caring for Our Common Home*, highlights the profound connection between human health and the health of the planet.

You are invited to join a free webinar on **February 6**, **2025**, **from 12:00 – 1:30 pm**, featuring information and inspiring stories from Catholic health care. Please see the attached poster and the link below to register:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/17rf8Y5JSLuYTVgYyamxTA#/registration

Additionally, weekly resources, including daily prayers and reflections, are available to help you explore how our individual and collective actions can promote a healthy world where all can thrive. These materials can be accessed on the CHAC website:

https://www.chac.ca/en/national-catholic-health-care-week/

Thank you for supporting this important week of reflection and celebration.

Two bumper stickers I saw on the same vehicle in front of me:

I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
I wished the buck stopped here, as I could use a few.

Jubilee 2025 brainstorming session: Addressing Ecological Debt in the Jubilee Year

KAIROS Regina invites you to join a conversation about ways that we might participate in the Jubilee 2025 debt reduction campaign. KAIROS Canada is working together with other agencies to address third world debt, particularly debt due to climate-related loss and damage. While we are still learning about this campaign, KAIROS Regina is reaching out to other church and civil society groups in Saskatchewan with an invitation to brainstorm about ways to participate in the Jubilee 2025 campaign.

You are invited to join our in-person brainstorming session: **Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025, 10 am to 12 noon at Harmony United Church** (former Sunset United, 177 Sunset Drive, Regina).

Share Lent 2025

The Development & Peace Share Lent workshop for the Regina area will be held at Holy Child, 2636 7th Ave. E. at 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 8. All are welcome to attend!

To register or for more information contact Marian at 306-552-8318 or at mariangrady@sasktel.net.



We Are now celebrating a Jubilee Year in 2025

What did Jubilee mean to our Jewish brethren in the time of Jesus?

The Jubilee is the year that follows the passage of seven "weeks of years" This meant seven cycles of sabbatical years(Sabbath of The Land", is the seventh year of the seven-year agricultural cycle mandated by the Torah), or 49 total years. This fiftieth year deals largely with land, property, and property rights. According to regulations found in the Book of Leviticus, certain indentured servants would be released from servitude, some debts would be forgiven, and everyone was supposed to return to their own property in jubilee years.

For Catholics the Year of Jubilee is a biblical concept deeply rooted in Scripture and Tradition, offering the faithful a time of renewal, forgiveness, and celebration. It began on Christmas Eve (December 24), 2024, and ends on January 6, 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. During this time, special blessings (including indulgences) will be available to the faithful who participate in designated pilgrimages, prayers, and sacraments.



At the Myriam Family of the Prairies located in McLean, SK Please register with Sr. Stephanie

at 306-761-0528 or pss.praireis@famillemyriam.org Free will offering t





Made to Be - a Catholic women's group presents:

Rest

Adoration Confession. Prayer Ministry, and Fellowship

4th Sundays from 7:30-9:00 pm

January 26 - St. Martin de Porres parish February 23 - Holy Family parish March 23 - St.Martin de Porres parish April 27 - Holy Family parish



join us on WhatsApp

