



Holy Cross Parish

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Bulletin #8 January 26, 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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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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3rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 / 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 / Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

MONDAY

January 27
Weekday

Heb 9:15, 24-28
Mk 3:22-30

TUESDAY

January 28
St. Thomas

Aquinas,
Priest and Doctor
of the Church
Heb 10:1-10
Mk 3:31-35

WEDNESDAY

January 29
Weekday

Heb 10:11-18
Mk 4:1-20

THURSDAY

January 30
Weekday

Heb 10:19-25
Mk 4:21-25

FRIDAY

January 31
St. John Bosco,

Priest
Heb 10:32-39
Mk 4:26-34

SATURDAY

February 1
Weekday

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19
Mk 4:35-41

SUNDAY

February 2
The Presentation

of the Lord
Mal 3:1-4
Heb 2:14-18
Lk 2:22-40 or
2:22-32

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region.

LUKE 4:14



The Stories of Our Lives

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Every family has stories of times past when unique and curious happenings gave color to family life. They are part of each family's lore, told again and again with as much gusto as when they were told for the first time. Though everyone has heard them countless times, telling these stories still reminds us of who we are as family, lest we forget. This is why the faith community, the family of the Church, tells stories from the Bible every time we gather. We've heard them before many times, but we tell them because they are part of our history, part of who we have been, and part of who we are as God's people, lest we forget.

The stories in sacred Scripture are not just stories of past lives; they are also stories of our own lives.

The story of Moses standing before the burning bush in awe of God's presence is also our story as we come upon nature's beauty or experience the birth of a child. The story of Joseph, the son of Jacob sold into slavery by his brothers, may also be our story of being betrayed by someone we love. Zacchaeus climbing a tree to see Jesus is our story of longing to see and know God in our lives and in our homes. The story of the good shepherd is the story of God seeking us out, forgiving us, and carrying us back to life. We recognize the stories of sacred Scripture as our stories. ●

Reflect

What stories from Scripture comfort you, and which ones challenge you?

What's Happening at Holy Cross

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

Winner of the January 19, 2025 draw was Dorothy Bresciani.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 25 –FEB. 2, 2025

Sat.	Jan. 25	PRO POPULO
Sun.	Jan. 26	For the repose of the soul of Jim Butchko, offered by Phyllis & Harvey Kennedy.
Tues.	Jan. 28	For the intentions of Wendy Kraushaar, offered by the Liturgy Committee.
Wed.	Jan. 29	For the repose of the soul of Donna Mendres offered by Judy Miazga.
Thurs.	Jan. 30	
Fri.	Jan. 31	For Andy & Margaret Frank in remembrance, by Dolores & Family.
Sat.	Feb. 1	PRO POPULO
Sun.	Feb. 2	For the repose of the soul of Terry Fink, offered by Phyllis & Harvey Kennedy.



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. 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

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

Birthdays to celebrate this week—Genelle Nicholson on Monday, Jan. 27 and Wendy Kraushaar on Saturday, Feb. 1. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

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.

For any parishioners wishing to participate, Fr. Carlos will do Blessing of the Throats after next weekend masses Feb. 1 and 2. In addition he will also do Anointing of the Sick after the homily on the following weekend Feb. 8 and 9. With all the colds and flu of this winter many of us will probably want to take advantage of these opportunities.

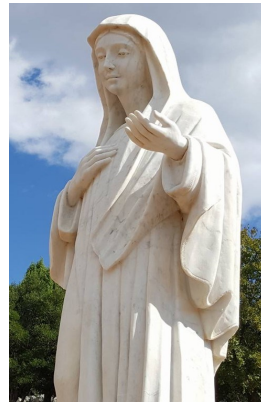
There is a dearth of news to pass along this week; happily, no sad news but no celebrations either. Maybe this is the slowdown after the busyness of Christmas celebrations and before Lent which is creeping up early in March.

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.

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



ADORATION

For peace in the world

HOLY CROSS PARISH
315 Douglas Ave. East

Every Tuesday at 6 pm

For more information call Cathleen Devraj at 306-789-0705 or email cdevraj48@gmail.com.

What's Happening at Holy Cross 2

PRO-LIFE NEWS

Two of our parishioners went to last Sunday's talk by Dr. David Kopriva at Our Lady Peace on end-of-life questions and our Catholic Faith, the sacredness of human life, the use of MAiD vs palliative care in an effort to end suffering. They provide a short report here:

It was explained that the intent of MAiD is murder, the killing of an innocent person whether by direct intervention or by providing the means. The intent of palliative care is to make the patient comfortable and pain free. If that should mean the shortening of life due to the medications required, it is not the intent. And that's the difference for Catholics, the intent.

There are now MAiD teams operating in hospitals ready to be called upon. We know that taking our own lives is not the answer. We should also know that we do not have to accept treatment which is more burdensome to us than the illness we may have. It is to our benefit to speak to our political representatives about supporting more palliative care, and just as importantly, to press for conscience rights for our medical personnel.

Faith-Based Advance Health Care Directive booklets were provided to attendees. They may be obtained from the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan, phone 306-955-2427, email cath.health@sasktel.net, or www.chassk.ca.

From the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops: "Our position remains unequivocal. Euthanasia and assisted suicide constitute the deliberate killing of human life in violation of God's commandments; they erode our shared dignity by failing to see, to accept, and accompany those suffering and dying. Furthermore, they undermine the fundamental duty we have to take care of the weakest and most vulnerable members of society. Human life must be protected from conception to natural death, at all stages and in all conditions."

REMINDER:

Any vehicle parked in a "wheelchair" designated parking space **MUST** display a "handicap" sign. Please respect these reserved parking spots.

GREEN RIBBON SUNDAY



The Regina Pro Life Association is calling on all parishioners to participate in the Green Ribbon Sunday Campaign, which remembers the Morgentaler decision of January 28, 1988, when the Supreme Court of Canada struck down **all laws** regarding abortion. Since then, there have been more than 4 million abortions in Canada.

Please take a green ribbon and bookmark which are available at the church entrances. We encourage you to wear them until the 28th of January, but you can certainly wear them longer. The bookmarks include a prayer for the end to abortion that we kindly ask you to pray daily.



CWL NEWS

Regular monthly meetings resume on the first Tuesday of each month beginning Feb. 4 at 7:30 pm in the Gerein Centre. Muffins will again be collected for Sacred Heart School at that time. Thank you to those who remembered 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.

The objective of our life is the kingdom of God, but we should carefully ask what we should aim for. If we do not look very carefully into this we will wear ourselves out in useless strivings. For those who travel without a marked road there is the toil of the journey and no arrival at a destination.

St. John Cassian

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 in the Archdiocese

Stewardship Bulletin Bits

**“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared...”
Nehemiah 8:10**

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now, here's the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

TF #436: Living In The Psalms - Part 2

Join Deacon Eric Gurash for part two of the four-part series Living in the Psalms. This week, discover how the five books of the Psalms weave together the story of salvation history, reflecting the experiences of Israel through times of exile, kingship, and restoration. Explore how these ancient prayers continue to shape our spiritual journey, offering hope, healing, and the assurance of God's steadfast love.

<https://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/living-in-the-psalms-part-2>

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.

The Introduction and Episode 1 were online January 17.

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.



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

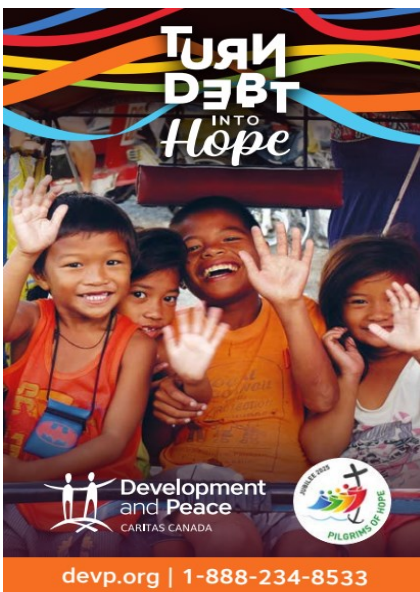
**Please use north
entrance**



7 games will be played

Payouts on 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

Change partners every round



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 members 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 [Click to Register](#) (Saskatoon workshop)

February 15th at 10:00 am – 11:15 am [Click to Register](#) (PA workshop)

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

What's Happening in the Archdiocese 2

2025 HERITAGE PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO POLAND



JUNE 17th to JULY 1st 2025

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, December 15th, 2024 at 4:00 pm

In St. Anthony's church basement – 2275 Atkinson Street

Escorted by Society of Christ Fathers, Fr. Gerry Grupczynski of Las Vegas, Fr. Richard Philiposki of Saskatoon & Fr. Karol Twarowski from Regina.



BOLESŁAWIEC • LEGNICA • WROCLAW • AUSCHWITZ • BIRKENAU • WADOWICE • ZAKOPANE
LUDZIMERZ • KRAKOW • LAGIEWNIKI • WIELCZKA • CZĘSTOCHOWA • WARSAW • GDANSK
NIEPOKALNOW • LICHEN • POZNAN • SWIEBODZIN • FRANKFURT

Price per person is approximately \$4,300 (double occupancy), and includes transportation, accommodations, daily breakfast and dinner, admissions to attractions, tour guide and local guides, driver and pastoral services of priest chaplains.

2025 PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

Plans are in the works for a pilgrimage to Poland from June 17 to July 1, 2025 led by Society of Christ priests from Saskatoon, Regina and Las Vegas. This trip provides the opportunity to visit various religious and historical sites, from the Baltic Sea in the north to the Tatra Mountains in the south. These include Wadowice (home town of St. John Paul II), the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Łagiewniki, Częstochowa (home of the Black Madonna), Legnica (site of a Eucharistic miracle), Malbork castle (UNESCO World Heritage site), Auschwitz concentration camp, Gdansk shipyard (home of the Solidarity movement), Wieliczka salt mine (UNESCO World Heritage site), Krakow, Warsaw, Gdansk, Zakopane (mountain resort) and more!

This guided tour will be led in English by Polish guides. Limited seats are available. An informational meeting will be held in the basement of St. Anthony's church (2275 Atkinson St.) on Sunday, January 5th at 4:00 pm. For more information, please call Theresa at 306-550-7649.

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/join/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.

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



What's Happening in the Archdiocese 3

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.”

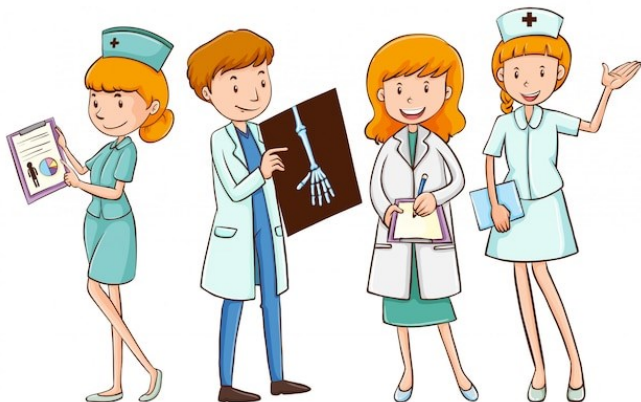
The Compassionate Healers Mass awakens the gospel by helping us remember the healing ministry of Christ lived through family members who support elderly, sick and less-able people and the service of medical professionals, counsellors, spiritual care practitioners, and all those who respond to the vulnerable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

Take a moment to consider those who

- Support ailing loved ones in their own home
- Volunteer 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 crimes
- 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 National Catholic Health Care Week (NCHCW) 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.



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



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.

Charismatic Prayer Gatherings

Resurrection Parish

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Upcoming Date: February 23.

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!