



# Holy Cross Parish

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

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@ 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

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am

Tuesday 7:00pm

Wed. 9:00am

Thur. 9:00am

Friday 9:00am

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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60:1-6 / Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Matthew 2:1-12

### MONDAY

January 8

*Baptism of the Lord*

Is 55:1-11

1 Jn 5:1-9

Mk 1:7-11

### TUESDAY

January 9

*Weekday*

1 Sm 1:9-20

Mk 1:21-28

### WEDNESDAY

January 10

*Weekday*

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20

Mk 1:29-39

### THURSDAY

January 11

*Weekday*

1 Sm 4:1-11

Mk 1:40-45

### FRIDAY

January 12

*Weekday*

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a

Mk 2:1-12

### SATURDAY

January 13

*Weekday*

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a

Mk 2:13-17

### SUNDAY

January 14

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Jn 1:35-42

## The Seekers

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**live at a parish in downtown Milwaukee.** From my window I watch the world pass by, everyone below in search of one thing or another. Students from the local university seek an education, business folk look for a sale, street people often look for a place to spend the night, teenagers hope to find love. Yet beneath all of those longings, in each one there is a deeper hunger that wonders what life is all about and the hope that they might find it. Hidden amidst it all, the real hunger is for God, a longing sewn into our being, sometimes recognized but too often not.

The story of the *Magi* is a story of seekers making their way from afar in hopes of finding the promised one, a newborn king. Perhaps they knew of this child's divine nature, more likely not, yet it was ultimately that same hunger that exists in all of us that drove them, a deep desire to know God.

Every serious religion seeks to experience God in life and tells the stories of those who have done so. There are Christian mystics like St. John of the Cross and St. Teresa of Ávila, Jewish mystics of the Kabbalah tradition, the Sufis of Islam, Native Americans who go on vision quests, the Hindus who practice yoga, as well as the Buddhists and Taoists and Confucians. Like the Magi, we all seek to find God. ●

Arise! Shine, for your light has come,  
the glory of the LORD has dawned upon you.

ISAIAH 60:1

## Reflect

**Does it make sense to you to say that your deepest hunger is for God?**

**CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS**

**Sunday, Dec. 24—Marie Lebersback  
Christmas Day—Denise Johner**

**Sunday, Dec. 31—Dan Devers  
New Year's Day—Carol Colvin**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEKS OF JAN. 6 - 14, 2024**

		<b>MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEKS OF JAN. 6 - 14, 2024</b>
Sat.	Jan. 6	PRO POPULO
Sun.	Jan. 7	For the intentions of Andrew & Margaret Preiner, offered by Dwayne Varga.
Tues.	Jan. 9	For the repose of the soul of Richard Deis, offered by Dolores and Family.
Wed.	Jan. 10	
Thurs.	Jan. 11	For the repose of the soul of Robert Mann, offered by Ed and Jeanine Mann.
Fri.	Jan. 12	
Sat.	Jan. 13	PRO POPULO
Sun.	Jan. 14	For the intentions of Len Jelinski, offered by Holy Cross Liturgical Committee.

**PARISHIONERS' CORNER**

We hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and have recuperated from all the holiday celebrations. Certainly those Sunday masses and special holy days of obligation presented opportunities for those blessings day after day.

Birthdays: we missed a couple in December—Alfreda Sali on Dec. 22nd, Lori Garchinski on the 28th and Becky Giesbrecht on the 29th. Sorry, ladies. I hope you didn't miss out on Fr. Carlos's special end of the month, end of the year blessing. Belated happy birthday.

And this month of January 2004 we have the birthdays of Christal Monckton on Friday, the 12th and Denise Johner on next Sunday, the 14th. May God bless you all abundantly.

Ed Deck had a fall before Christmas, breaking his hip. Fr. Carlos went to see him at the General Hospital this week and said he was in good humor and was expecting him to do well. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Ruth Robillard suffered her own health problem over the Christmas holidays when she was returning from Calgary. However, she has conquered and is back home, even seen out taking advantage of the Boxing Day sales. Please keep Ruth in your prayers also.

There were four calendar raffle draws over the holidays, including two for \$100, won by Denise Johner for Christmas and by Carol Colvin for the first of the New Year.

The rest between Christmas and New Year's seems to have helped Fr. Carlos. His cold seems much improved.

Jack and Gladys Herzberger attended the Archbishop's New Year's Day Levee. (Jack was looking forward to the hors d'oeuvres, he said.) It was also a celebration of their meeting at a church dance 60 years ago.

Holy Cross is a community, a family, and families keep up to date on the well being of their members. Let's pass along news of our parishioners so we can pray for or celebrate with them. Call Martin at 306-347-0929 or Joyce at 306-789-1983, or [byapple@sasktel.net](mailto:byapple@sasktel.net). Don't be afraid to leave a message.



**EPIPHANY—"A WISE GIFT"**

It was no accident that Mary and Joseph ended up in Bethlehem to give birth to the baby Jesus. Bethlehem, the City of David, was where Joseph was from, and it is because of Joseph's earthly fatherhood of Jesus that he falls into the line of David, as the prophets foretold.

In the Book of Numbers, Balaam the prophet, says that, "A star shall advance from Jacob," (Nm 24:17); Jacob, being the son of Isaac, who was the son of Abraham.

Places, names, and lineage are not arbitrary details in scripture. They reveal a deeper truth of who God is and how He has planned all creation.

"We Three Kings" is our offertory hymn today, referencing the magi, or "wise men", who travelled far to see the "King of kings". They were wise indeed to see the significance of who Jesus is.

We, too, would be "wise" to come to a deeper love and understanding of who He is. Our presence before God in His house is a gift He treasures, greater than frankincense, myrrh, or gold. Perhaps in this New Year we can push ourselves to be present before Him even through "field and fountain, moor and mountain" obstacles are in our way (in various forms in our modern world) preventing us from spending more time with Him.

*From bulletin of Sts. Anne & Joachim Catholic Church, Fargo, ND*

## What's Happening at Holy Cross 2

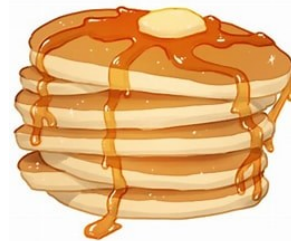
Donations/Revenue		
December, 2023	Envelopes	19,255.20
Intial/Christmas offering	-	2,485.00
December, 2023	E-transfers	5,650.00
December, 2023	Automatic Debit	3,079.00
Coffee		110.00
Donations	CWL	1,680.00
	Holy Cross Choir	500.00
	K of C	1,360.00
Votive Stand		236.70
St Mary's Offset		1,215.00
Miscellaneous (flowers, missals)		245.00
Hall Rental		125.00
<b>Total December</b>		<b>35,940.90</b>



One stormy day a little girl's mother noticed that whenever her daughter saw lightning flash she would look up and smile. Intrigued, her mother asked her why she did that. The little girl replied, "Whenever I see God taking my picture, I smile for Him."



## Pancake Breakfast



**Date: Sunday, January 21**

**After 9:00 am Mass**

**Location: Gerein Centre**

**Adults: \$10, Student: \$5, Children Under 6: Free**

### BAKE MUFFINS FOR SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Dolores will be taking muffins to Sacred Heart School breakfast program January 10. Please bring your fresh or frozen muffins to the church for

**TUESDAY January 9.**

This program will run to the end of the school year...bake away!!!



*Therefore Choose Life: My Journey from Hopelessness to Hope* by Tyler Dunlop, "the homeless, hopeless Orillia man" who was seeking euthanasia gained international attention for all the wrong reasons. Now he hopes to make a similar impact for all the right reasons. Look for this book in our library in the next few weeks.

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We know that mental illness is the next reason for the introduction of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) in March of this year. Now the Canadian Society of Addiction Medicine in BC at their annual conference considered a framework for assessing eligibility for MAiD of people with substance-abuse disorders.

"A Canadian government committee report recommended expanding the law to include euthanasia for children ("mature minors") and euthanasia for incompetent people by advanced request.

"Recent stories indicate that Canadians are dying by euthanasia for reasons of poverty, homelessness, disability, a lack of access to medical treatment and mental illness. This is a national tragedy. We need a caring culture, not a killing culture."

*From The EPC Newsletter, No. 254, Nov. 2023*





**The Love That Is God:  
An Invitation to Christian Faith**

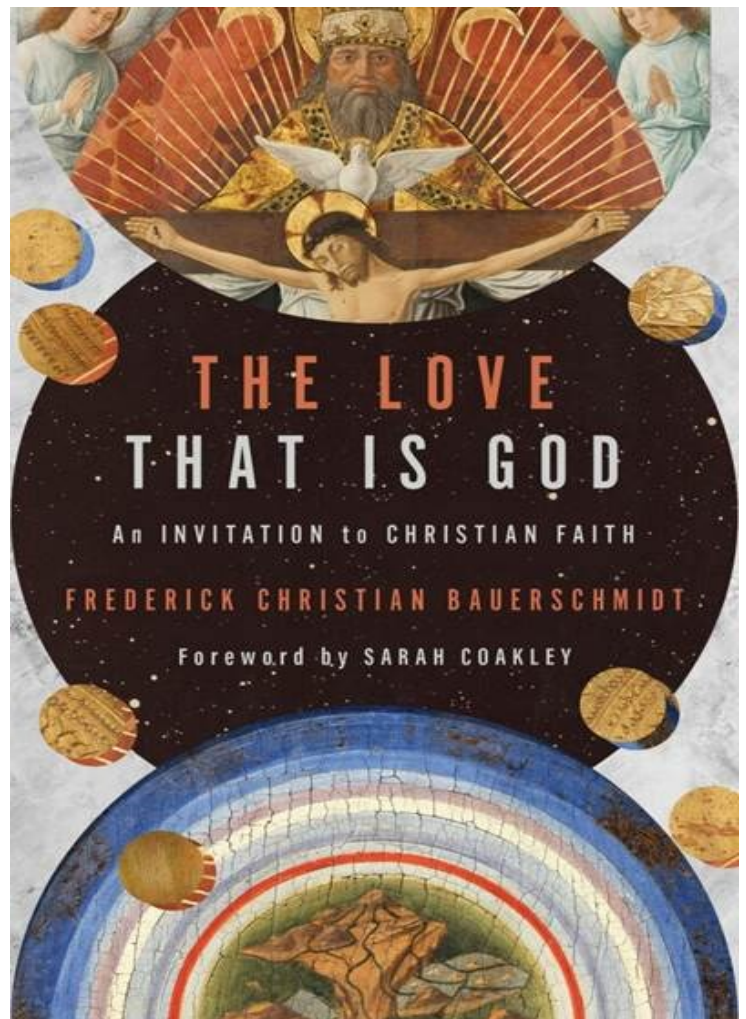
The Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina invite you to join Frederick Bauerschmidt in conversation about his book "The Love That is God: An Invitation to Christian Faith."

**Sunday, Jan. 14 at 7pm**  
**St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, 1861 McIntyre Street, Regina**  
**All are welcome.**

"God is love is the radical claim of Christianity," writes Frederick Bauerschmidt at the beginning of this little meditation on the essentials of Christian faith. In a rich yet accessible style reminiscent of C. S. Lewis and G. K. Chesterton, Bauerschmidt breathes life back into that claim, drawing from Scripture, great Christian and non-Christian writers of the past, and his own lived experience to show just how counter-cultural and subversive Christianity is actually meant to be.

Eschewing the abstract and dogmatic in favour of the relational and inviting, he offers something for everyone, from lifelong churchgoers and students of religion to the growing population of "nones" among younger generations who are increasingly seeking spiritual fulfillment outside of institutional Christianity.

For further information contact Nick Jesson, [jesson@ecumenism.net](mailto:jesson@ecumenism.net), 306-580-8094.



**Martin's Testimony** I have read this book. It is excellent, looking at God's love in 5 principals. Deacon Frederick was named the 2023 winner of the **Michael Ramsey Prize**. The prize was inaugurated in 2005 in recognition of the central role that theological writing plays in the discipleship and flourishing of God's church. It is worth 15,000 pounds (an Anglican award). Deacon Frederick is an American Catholic and he will be instructing the deacons-to-be that weekend on the practices and duties of a deacon, as well as understanding of what the hearts of deacons should and could be. I highly recommend this event!

Santa Maria Senior Citizens Home  
4215 Regina Avenue

**Snowflake Tea & Bazaar**

Everyone Welcome  
January 20 & 21, 2024  
10 am to 3 pm

Pies and Tea/Coffee - \$5	Artwork Raffle
Cash/Cheque only	Door Prize
Treasure Table	50/50

*Be who you are and be that well.*  
... St. Francis de Sales

**Death Notification from the Archbishop's Office**

We are saddened to announce the passing of Fr. Gary Lindenbach on the morning of Sunday, December 31, 2023.

May Fr. Gary rest in the peace of Christ. May the Holy Spirit grant comfort to the family and friends of Fr. Gary, the people he served, and his brother priests.

Please remember him in your prayers, and may flights of angels take Fr. Gary to his place of rest.