



Holy Cross Parish

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

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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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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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2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

GENESIS 15:5-12, 17-18 / PHILIPPIANS 3:17 - 4:1 / LUKE 9:28b-36

MONDAY

March 17

Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10

Lk 6:36-38

TUESDAY

March 18

Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16-20

Mt 23:1-12

WEDNESDAY

March 19

*St. Joseph,
 Spouse of the
 Blessed Virgin
 Mary*

2 Sm 7:4-5a,
 12-14a, 16

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
 or Lk 2:41-51a

THURSDAY

March 20

Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10

Lk 16:19-31

FRIDAY

March 21

Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-

13a, 17b-28a

Mt 21:33-43,
 45-46

SATURDAY

March 22

Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

SUNDAY

March 23

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

Lk 13:1-9

Embrace the Darkness

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The darkness can be unsettling. As a child, my nightly bedtime ritual included checking beneath my bed as well as in the dark hall closet. One could never know what denizens of harm might be lurking there, hidden in the shadows. As adults, the darkness we fear is no longer what lies hidden about our home. Rather, the darkness we attempt to escape is the unknown forces that have the power to overturn our lives. It is the death of someone we love that plunges us into fear and loss, forcing us to somehow make our way, alone and unsure. It is the frightening medical diagnosis that has the ability to dismantle our planned future. It is the financial security that dissolves before our very eyes. In such darkness, we grope blindly to find our way.

The Book of Genesis notes that a trance came upon Abram, a terrifying darkness that enveloped him. The gospel relays how Peter, James, and John became frightened atop Mt. Tabor when they found themselves in a cloud that obscured their sight. Yet, the darkness became for each of them a place in which they came to know their God in a totally new way; it set them on a new path of faith. It is then that we, too, are forced to surrender trust in our own wisdom. Unable to see clearly what is in store for us, we can only rely on a new path, trusting that we will be accompanied by our God. ●

Reflect

When has life's darkness brought me to a new and deeper faith in God?

Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

LUKE 9:35



What's Happening at Holy Cross

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER

Winner of the March 9, 2025 draw was Dorothy Bresciani.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 15-23, 2025

Sat.	Mar. 15	For the repose of the souls of Alma & Ted Dizy, offered by the Family.
Sun.	Mar. 16	For the repose of the soul of Christina Thibault, offered by Rick & Yvonne Mulrooney & Family.
Tues.	Mar. 18	PRO POPULO for March 15/16.
Wed.	Mar. 19	For the repose of the soul of Beverly Nicholas, offered by Judy Miazga.
Thurs.	Mar. 20	For the repose of the soul of Rose Marie Fchet.
Fri.	Mar. 21	For the repose of the soul of Leo Deis, offered by Dolores & Family.
Sat.	Mar. 22	PRO POPULO
Sun.	Mar. 23	For the repose of the soul of Bernard Chomyn, offered by Bob & Helen Herauf & Family.

PARISHIONERS' CORNER

Happy Birthday to Sonia Kress and Gerard Woynarski on Friday, March 21 and to Quinn Bell and Bill Genert on Saturday, the 22nd.

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.

The funeral for Dorothy White will be held on Saturday, May 10. We will mention this again nearer the date. Again, our sincere condolences to her family and prayers for her soul. May she rest in peace.

The funeral for Tony Schneider was held at Holy Cross on Saturday with Marlene Hinz providing the music. Tony and his wife Lorraine were long-time members of Holy Cross.

Another former Holy Cross parishioner and CWL member was Barb Osiowy who passed away recently. Her funeral will be held at Resurrection Parish on Friday, March 21 at 11:00 am.

Don't forget the Poor Man's Supper this Friday and every Friday at 5:30pm, followed by Stations of the Cross and Mass. Man, those homemade soups are so good!

And the Annual General Meeting with potluck brunch after Mass on Sunday, March 30.

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- PETITIONS

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.



CWL NEWS

Events during MARCH:

- **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** and potluck brunch following Sunday morning Mass

Please consider joining our membership as we continue our charitable ministry and service to our community. We meet the first Tuesday of the months of October – December and February – June. Please join us.

PARISH COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting. The AGM and potluck brunch is scheduled for Sunday, March 30 after the 9:00am mass. Please plan to attend to listen in on the conversations about what goes on behind the scenes here at Holy Cross. Take part in those conversations, have your say in who represents you on the Parish Council, or jump right in yourself.

PRO-LIFE NEWS

Quebec has now passed the one million mark in the number of abortions. Abortion has resulted in 1,055,000 missing children since 1969. Quebec, once upon a time, was a God-fearing province that was responsible for the spread of the Christian faith across Canada. Quebec now has a fertility rate of 1.36, the lowest on record.

Source: Canadian Pro-Life News Bits, Feb. 21, 2025, Pete Baklinski

You heard last weekend that the Finance Minister of the federal government was to consider recommendations to remove the charitable status of anti-abortion organizations. There is not an even playing field when it comes to the treatment of those who are pro-abortion and those who believe in the sanctity of life.

What's Happening at Holy Cross 2



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

THANK YOU!



We extend a heartfelt thank you to all Holy Cross parishioners and friends who contributed to the benefit of Camp Monahan by purchasing Shamrocks. We are pleased to report that from your generosity our Council will be providing Camp Monahan with just over \$200. Your support is truly appreciated.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our Council will be holding a membership drive at the **March 15th & 16th Masses**. Our members will be available to provide information and answer questions. We invite all interested Catholic men to consider becoming a Knight, supporting our priests, parish and community.

If you can't participate on March 15th or 16th, you can join online today by visiting kofc.org/join. When prompted for a "Preferred Council Number" please enter Council 9859. Use promo code "BLESSEDMCGIVNEY" to receive your first year of membership free. Please contact Len Jelinski, Grand Knight at 306-352-6231 or Gerard Woynarski, Financial Secretary at 306-536-9841 with any questions.

March Events

Tues. Mar. 18—Monthly Council mtg. following 7:00 pm Mass.

Fri. Mar. 21—Way of the Cross, following Poor Man's Supper at 5:30pm

Sun. Mar. 30—KofC Ministries at 9:00 am Mass.

2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you have not paid your membership dues for this year, please do so as soon as possible.

Poor Man's Supper - March 21	
Soup	Cathleen Devraj
Egg Salad	Helen Herauf
Salmon/Tuna	Reg Hinz
Peanut Butter & Jam	Mary-Anne & Don Harazny



Become a Member at Large?

Pastoral Council is seeking new members at large. They are elected to Pastoral Council without portfolio (meaning they are not responsible for a specific committee). They agree to serve the parish by contributing their vision to the discernment work of Pastoral Council and assist with parish activities when possible, and over time may become interested in leading a committee. We need new voices and ideas at the Pastoral Council table. Please pray on this and consider giving some/more of your time for our parish. If you are able, please call the office to leave your name with Martin. Thank you!

MORE KNIGHTS—CLOTHING DRIVE!

Starting this weekend the Knights of Columbus are once again sponsoring a Lenten Food Drive for the Marian Centre and Visitation House. We are asking for non-perishable food item donations. In addition to canned and dry goods, we are also asking for root vegetables, such as potatoes, carrots, turnips, onions and parsnips. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

The Food Drive will take place from Saturday, March 8 to Sunday, April 13. Collection bins will be at both Ger-ein Centre and Douglas Avenue entrances.



Counting down six weeks to enjoy an evening of visiting and chances to win prizes and a 50/50 pot. Cocktails 5:00 pm followed by buffet at 5:30 pm Adults- \$30, Youth under 12- \$20, Children under 6 Free E-transfer to bookkeeper.holycross@sasktel.net Or at church after mass. Looking for prizes and some entertainment.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

LENTEN INITIATIVE—A reminder about our special fundraising effort this Lent for our parishioner Abraham.

In addition to a collection for him on Ash Wednesday, all loose change collected from the glass jars at the church entrances during Lent will go to Abraham, and the Social Action Committee will match any funds donated to this cause to a maximum of \$200. The Knights of Columbus have also stepped forward to help us by donating some of the foods collected in their Lenten food drive.

To donate directly to this initiative:

Cash—Put in an envelope with Abraham written on it and deposit in collection basket.

Cheque—made out to Holy Cross Parish with Abraham written in the memo part and place in collection basket.

E-Transfer to: bookkeeper.holycross@sasktel.net with Abraham written in comment section.

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

LENTEN ACTIVITIES 2025

Mar. 21 – Fri. Poor Man's Supper, 5:30 p.m. Free will offering. Stations of the Cross , 6:45 p.m. (K. of C.). Mass to follow.

Mar. 27 - Parish Reconciliation, 7:00p.m. Several priests will be available.

Mar. 28 – Fri. Poor Man's Supper, 5:30p.m. Free will offering. Stations of the Cross 6:45p.m. (Challenge Girls). Mass to follow.

April 04– Fri. FIRST FRIDAY. Adoration Exposition, 4:00p.m., Benediction, 4:45 p.m. Poor Man's Supper, 5:30 p.m. Free will offering. Stations of the Cross, 6:45 p.m. (CWL). Mass to follow.

April 05 – Sat. Lenten Recollection 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with Kevin Philip. Adoration, Liturgy of the Hours, Recollection Talk, Benediction, Mass and Lunch.

April 05 – Saturday Evening Mass, 5:00 p.m.

April 11- Fri. Chrism Mass, 3:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary Cathedral.

April 11– Fri. Poor Man's Supper, 5:30 p.m. Free will offering. Stations of the Cross 6:45 p.m. (Altar servers). Mass to follow.

April 12 & 13 – Palm Sunday Mass, Sat. 5:00 p.m. and Sun. 9:00 a.m.

April 17- Thurs. Holy Thursday One Mass only, 7:00 p.m. (bring bells to ring). Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to follow.

April 18 – Fri. Stations of the Cross, 2:30 p.m. Good Friday Service, 3:00 p.m.; Vigil of the Cross/Tenebrae starting at 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

April 19 – Sat. Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m. (bring bells). Blessing of Easter Baskets followed by reception in the Gerein Centre.

April 20 – Sun. Easter Sunday Mass, 9:00 a.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets; Coffee and fellowship to follow.



What's Happening in the Archdiocese

Stewardship Bulletin Bits

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." - Genesis 15:7

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

The Myriam Family invites you to a day retreat

The adventure of my spiritual journey;

The illuminative phase

Talk, Mass, adoration, lunch, prayer ministry, fellowship.



March 22nd 2025
From 9h30 to 4h00
At our home in McLean, SK
Free will offering

To register

Call Sr. Stéphanie at 306-761-0528 or
pss.prairies@famillemiriam.org

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 29th 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 Spots ARE limited!



MB
Made to Be

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



Living Hope: A Conversation on Euthanasia & Hope

Join us for *Living Hope* with Amanda Achtman on **Wednesday, March 26, at 7:00 PM at St. Anne's Parish, Regina.**

Amanda, an advocate for life and ethical healthcare, has worked to prevent the expansion of euthanasia in Canada. She will be joined by Bishop Donald Bolen, healthcare professionals, and individuals personally impacted by MAiD for an evening of reflection, testimony, and discussion on protecting human dignity and fostering hope.

This **free event** is open to the public. All are welcome!

SPRING SUPPER SPECTACULAIRE

Holy Child Parish, 2636- 7 Ave E Regina
Sunday, March 23 @ 5 pm.

Guest speaker: Archbishop Don Bolen
Roast beef, cabbage rolls, and perogies
by Charlotte's Catering

Adults \$40. Children under 12—\$10

Tickets: Faye @ 306 527-9363

Carol @ 306 536-1663

E- transfer: hcsocialjustice@sasktel.net

EMAIL SCAM ALERT !!!

We've seen an increase in phishing emails falsely claiming to be from Archbishop Donald Bolen or other clergy of the Archdiocese of Regina. Please be aware that neither Archbishop Bolen nor any of our clergy will ever contact you requesting private funds, gift cards, or other personal financial assistance.

What's Happening in the Archdiocese 2

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.christtheking.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

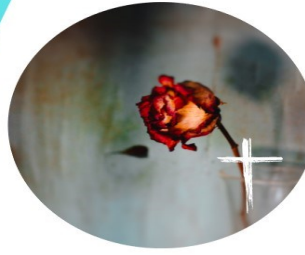
The Marian Centre will be hosting an afternoon of Lenten reflection on Sunday, March 30th, from 2 pm to 4:30 pm. In light of this Jubilee Year of Hope, one of our Madonna House priests, Fr. Denis Lemieux, will give a presentation on "Hope as our Anchor". Following his presentation, there will be a period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

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: Women's Study

The Women's Commission of the Archdiocese of Regina invites you to a special three-part study of the **Final Document of the Synod on Synodality**. This is an opportunity to come together as women of the Church to explore the key themes of Communion, Participation, and Mission, deepening our understanding and engaging in meaningful discussion.

Why Join?

Gain familiarity with the Synod's final document
Discuss its potential impact on our Church and lives
Share your voice and reflections in a welcoming space.



*Mental Health
Way of the Cross
and Mass
With a Reflection
from Amanda
Achtman*

Friday, March 28
7:00 pm
Christ the King
Parish
3239 Garnet Street



emmaussupport.ca

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.**

CAMPION COLLEGE

April 18, 7:30 pm—Lenten Musica Sacra: "A Passing Darkness" at Campion College Chapel, U of R. Cecilia Voices conducted by Dr. Melissa Morgan.

May 7, 5:30 pm—Alumni of Distinction Gala

Synod on Synodality cont'd

Event Details:

Session 1: The Heart of Synodality – Called by the Holy Spirit to Conversion

April 2, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Presentation by Fr. Raymond Lafontaine, followed by discussion and reflection

Session 2: The Conversion of Relationships & Processes

April 9, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Session 3: Forming a People for Missionary Discipleship

April 16, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

This study offers a unique chance to engage with the Synod's vision and reflect on how it shapes our faith, community, and role as women in the Church. We hope you'll be part of this important conversation.

The RSVP will be available soon.

We look forward to journeying together. Questions?

Email womenscommissionregina@gmail.com