

Holy Cross Parish

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT Bulletin #16 March 23, 2025

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We acknowledge that Holy Cross Parish is located on Treaty 4 Territorv. 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

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3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 / 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 / Luke 13:1-9

MONDAY

March 24 Lenten Weekday 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Lk 4:24-30

TUESDAY

March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

WEDNESDAY

March 26 Lenten Weekday Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19

THURSDAY

March 27 Lenten Weekday Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23

FRIDAY

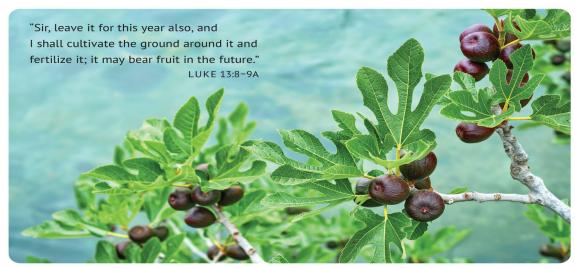
March 28 Lenten Weekday Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34

SATURDAY

March 29 Lenten Weekday Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14

SUNDAY

March 30 Fourth Sunday of Lent Jos 5:9a, 10-12 2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



A Gardener God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

harles Baudelaire was a French poet and essayist in the mid-1800s. He once observed that life is like a hospital in which each patient is possessed by the desire to change beds. In other words, he thought everyone seemed to think life would be so much better if only they had a different set of circumstances, a different job, a different marriage, a different place in life. Like trees, however, not everyone grows and matures at the same pace. There are forty-year-olds who still act and think like teenagers, and there are ten-year-olds who have an attitude toward life like that of an elder. Over time, we all grow into the lives we're given.

In this week's Parable of the Barren Fig Tree, some think God is like the owner who planted the tree, as

if God is impatient with us to begin bearing fruit and quick to uproot us if we fail. A case could be made, however, for God to be the gardener who patiently fertilizes and nurtures. In the beginning, it was God who had a garden called Eden, filled with all kinds of trees and plants among which God walked with Adam and Eve in the cool of the evening. After the resurrection, it was Mary Magdalene who went looking for the body of Jesus and mistook him for the gardener. It is God who hovers over us, watering and nudging and nurturing, waiting until in God's good time, we begin to bear fruit.

Reflect-

What needs nurturing in my life, and what needs weeding out?

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER

Winner of the March 16, 2025 draw was Charles Kuntz.

		MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 22-30, 2025
Sat.	Mar. 22	PRO POPULO
Sun.	Mar. 23	For the repose of the soul of Bernard Chomyn, offered by Bob & Helen Herauf & Family.
Tues.	Mar. 25	For the repose of the soul of Dorothy White, offered by Garry & Wendy Kraushaar.
Wed.	Mar. 26	For the intentions of Marilyn Dery, offered by Garry & Wendy Kraushaar.
Thurs.	Mar. 27	For the intentions of Stella Anderson, offered by Joyce Murphy.
Fri.	Mar. 28	For the intentions of Mark Carney.
Sat.	Mar. 29	For the repose of the soul of Jean Bissonnette, offered by Rita Gareau.
Sun	Mar. 30	PRO POPULO

PARISHIONERS' CORNER

Happy birthday to Darcy Butchko who celebrates on Monday, the 25th, and to Garry Kraushaar on Friday, March 28th.

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.

A late notice: Helen Greff has passed away. Her funeral is 2:00pm at Resurrection this Saturday. Please pray for her and her family.

There are a couple of events to take part in this week—Reconciliation before Easter at 7:00 pm Thursday, and the Poor Man's Supper Friday and every Friday at 5:30pm, followed by Stations of the Cross and Mass.

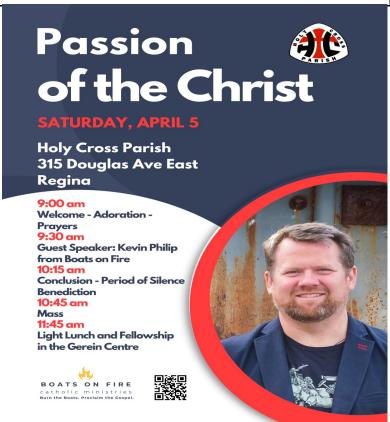
And the Annual General Meeting with potluck brunch after Mass next Sunday, March 30. There is a sign-up sheet on the small table near the entrance to the Gerein Centre to give us an an idea of how many will be attending and what item they wish to bring for brunch.

You may have seen Joyce Murphy sporting a new, black cast on her right arm. She broke her wrist, and, no, she didn't slip on the ice, she fell out of Marie Lebersback's car. (She was trying to close the door.) The "spring chicken" obviously thought she could still pull off making a quick grab for the door. It was a surprized Marie who turned from putting her seatbelt on, to find that Joyce who was there, was there no longer.

It's officially Spring and thoughts turn to gardens, and especially flowers—Easter flowers. If you would like to make a donation to provide flowers for our Easter celebrations, please fill out the form found on page 4 of 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 passistant@holycrossregina.ca OR Joyce Murphy at 306-789-1983 or pyapple@sasktel.net.

WANTED: USED REFRIGERATOR FOR CHURCH
BASEMENT! CONTACT Wayne Rutten at 306-789-8151



PARISH COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting. The AGM and potluck brunch is scheduled for Sunday, March 30 after the 9:00 am mass. Please plan to attend.

For the potluck, please let us know what you intend to bring. There are sign-up sheets at both entrances to the church.

Find out the parish's financial situation—parishioners' donations/ fundraising, how your money was spent, what each committee has done this past year for the good of the parish. We need new voices and new ideas around the Pastoral Council table. You can have a say; you can suggest changes; you can suggest improvements. This is your parish and it exists for you.



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

THANK YOU!

We extend a heartfelt thank you to all the Holy Cross Parishioners and friends who attended our Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 16th. There were 55 people who contributed to the success of this event. Your support is very much appreciated.

March Events

Fri. Mar.28—Poor Man's Supper 5:30 pm & Stations of the Cross.

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

April Events

Wed. Apr. 2—Regina Chapter mtg. 7:00 pm St. Basil's Church.

Fri. Apr. 4—Poor Man's Supper 5:30 pm and Stations of the Cross

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.



Poor Man's Supper - March 28				
Soup	Trudy & Wayne Rutten &			
	Margaret Preiner &			
Egg Salad	Neil & Lori Garchinski			
Salmon/Tuna	Maggie & Edwin Pepper			
Peanut Butter & Jam	Joyce Murphy			

PRO-LIFE NEWS

Did you know?

Right now, Canada's fertility rate has fallen to a new low of 1.26 children, far below the 2.1 replacement level. This means that there are fewer and fewer children who grow up to be the necessary tax base to sustain our social systems. A shrinking fertility rate spells eventual economic disaster. In a way, children are our country's economic engine. Without them, we go nowhere. Demography is destiny.

Source: Canadian Pro-Life News Bits, Peter Baklinski, March 14, 2025.

Meanwhile, Manitoba has announced that contraception will be publicly financed as healthcare. This issue was also on the table in Ottawa as a national issue for coverage of diabetic medications and devices as well as contraception for all Canadians.

KNIGHTS FOOD DRIVE!

The KofC is 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 continue until Sunday, April 13. Collection bins are at both Gerein Centre and Douglas Avenue entrances.



Counting down five 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 <u>bookkeeper.holycross@sasktel.net</u>
Or at church after mass.

Looking for prizes and some entertainment.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

LENTEN INITIATIVE—Our special fundraising effort this Lent for our parishioner Abraham continues.

In addition to a collection 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 to a maximum of \$200. The Knights of Columbus will also provide some of the foods collected in their Lenten food drive.

To donate directly to this initiative:

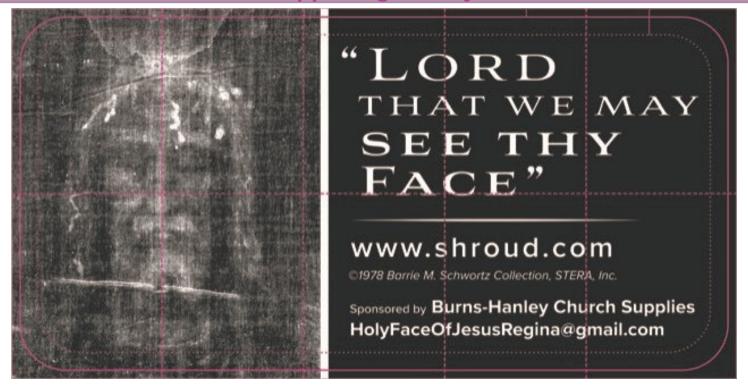
Cash—Put in an envelope with Abraham written on it and deposit in collection basket.

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

E-Transfer to:

<u>bookkeeper.holycross@sasktel.net</u> with Abraham written in comment section.

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



The *Holy Face of Jesus* taken from the *Shroud of Turin* can be seen on a billboard on Lewvan Dr at Dewdney Avenue from the 31st March to 28th April. This is the fastest growing Catholic devotion.

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.

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!

EASTER FLOWERS 2025



Easter flowers for our church are supplied through the generous donations given by parishioners in memory of deceased loved ones or in honor of the living.

If you wish to make such a memorial donation, complete this form and place it along with your gift in an envelope clearly marked *Easter Flowers*. Place the envelope in the collection basket or give to the Parish Office. OR pay by eTransfer to

<u>bookkeeper.holycross@sasktel.net</u> marked **Easter Flowers** and include necessary information.

All memorials will be published in the Church bulletin over the Easter season unless otherwise requested. Final acceptance date: Wednesday, April 16 at noon. Thank You!

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LENTEN ACTIVITIES 2025

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 1

Beth Jacob Synagogue presents From Surviving to Thriving

an evening with Holocaust survivor

Born in 1942 in the lasi ghetto, Romania, Abraham Silverman survived thanks to the bravery of those around him. After his father was sent to a slave labor camp, his pregnant mother found refuge with residents who believed that saving Jewish children meant saving the future.

Liberated in 1944, his family fled Communist Romania, before finally immigrating to Canada in 1949. From the horrors of war to a new beginning in Saskatchewan, Abraham's story is one of resilience, hope, and survival against all odds. Abe made it his life mission to fight any form of hate, racism and anti-semitism and remains active in this mission to this day.

> Sunday, April 27th, 2025 **Regina Apostolic Church** (808 Assiniboine Ave E. Regina) 6:30 pm (doors open at 6 pm)

> > Space is limited, General Admission: \$18 Students Admission: \$10

You can purchase your ticket by calling Beth Jacob Synagogue during office hours (306)-757-8643,

Visit the Beth Jacob Synagogue website or click the link on our Facebook









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

Our Lady of Peace Parish

information or to pre-register please contact Erna at 306-221-1567

425 Broad Street North Friday, May 23, 2025 Friday, June 6, 2025

1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Refreshments and dainties included

Doors open 12:15 pm

Please use north entrance



Cost - \$5.00 person

7 games will be played Payouts on 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Change partners every round





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



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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!

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!

Referring to abortion as "health care" is like calling slavery "human resources".

Kevin Sorbo, Canadian Pro-Life News Bits, Campaign Life Coalition

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

What's Happening in the Archdiocese 2

13 Tuesday Devotions in Honor of St. Anthony.

Each year many faithful from around the city seek the intercession of Saint Anthony, and attend our 13 Tuesday Devotions, which began in 1933. We can turn to St. Anthony to help us find what we've lost, but let's not stop at our car keys or important documents. What about times when we've lost our faith, when we've lost our way or when we've lost all hope? Let us bring these matters to St. Anthony, and we might discover that what we find is even better than what we thought we lost. Saint Anthony's Roman Catholic Parish (2275 Atkinson Street) invites you to the Thirteen Tuesday Devotions in Honour of Saint Anthony, beginning March 18th at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Please join Resurrection Parish's social justice committee on April 4th at 7 pm for the 4th Annual Diocese English Live Stream of the Way of the Cross Through the Voice of Victims Supporting Victims of Clergy Sexual Abuse. You can participate in person or online at: https://youtube.com/ live/1m2azbEorSY?feature=share



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



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.

STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN BITS

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now, I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none." - Luke 13:7

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have, or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, but we are also called to develop and nurture our gifts and return them with an increase. We are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.



What's Happening in the Archdiocese 3

Thinking Faith S02 E01: New Beginnings, Exploring Vocations, and the Latin Mass

Thinking Faith now on video! Deacon Eric and Dr. Brett Salkeld celebrate their first video podcast with a lively discussion. They tackle last few Conquest Boys Club questions including how to become Pope, and why the Latin Mass seems to appeal to young Catholics reflecting on balancing tradition with a vibrant faith community.

Tune in for insight, humor, and heartfelt conversation! https://youtu.be/IITL26xBD60?
si=B7JbCCBScQ2BmJk2

Find past episodes at https://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/ or wherever you listen to your podcasts.

Archdiocese of Regina RENEW Lent

RENEW your Lent with weekly reflections, music, prayer resources, and other Lenten activities to enhance your Lenten journey, from Ash Wednesday to Holy Week. Sign up at archregina.sk.ca/news or email communications@archregina.sk.ca.



4th Annual English Live Stream Event

The Cross Through the Voice of Victims



Supporting Victims of Clergy Sexual Abuse

Please join the Resurrection Parish Social Justice
Committee on April 4^{th,} at 7 pm., in person or online, as
they host the fourth annual diocese English Way of the
Cross Through the Voice of Victims.

Resurrection Parish 3155 Windsor Park Road Regina

Live Stream link:

https://youtube.com/live/1m2azbEorSY?feature=share

Way of the Cross Program here



COME, BE BEARER OF MY HOPE!

With the Myriam Family

A lenten reflection on hope:

Hoping against hope 2

• Talk, song and animated adoration

Wednesday March 26th At Little Flower parish 7h00 to 8h30



FOR REGISTRATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH AT 306-522-8583 littleflowerregina@sasktel.net