

Holy Cross Parish

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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 9:00 am

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8th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sirach 27:4-7 / 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 / Luke 6:39-45

MONDAY

March 3 Weekday Sir 17:20-24 Mk 10:17-27

TUESDAY

March 4 Weekday Sir 35:1-12 Mk 10:28-31

WEDNESDAY

March 5 Ash Wednesday JI 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY

March 6 Thursday after Ash Wednesday Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25

FRIDAY

March 7 Friday after Ash Wednesday Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15

SATURDAY

March 8 Saturday after Ash Wednesday Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32

SUNDAY

March 9 First Sunday of Lent Dt 26:4-10 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13



Blindsided

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

here are days when the darker side of who we are rises up and slaps us in the face. One evening, I decided to go to see a film. I bought a ticket, made my way into the theater, and found a seat that would give me an unobstructed view of the screen, one that had patrons on either side of the open seat in front of me. Fairly sure that no one would sit in front of me, I felt good about my maneuver. A few minutes before the film began, a group of four walked down the aisle, looking for a string of open seats in the crowded theater. One of them stopped at my row and asked if I would move down a seat. Immediately, I realized my predicament. If I moved, I'd be behind someone tall, with my vision of the screen blocked.

I'd spend the film gazing through someone's head. I said no. The woman who had asked was taken aback, said so, and then moved on. Just as quickly, I found myself shocked by my own selfishness. Where had that come from? Was I really not who I thought I was? I discovered that there are hidden pieces of who we are that seldom come to light, and when they do, we cringe. If we are fortunate, the Lenten journey we begin on Ash Wednesday might reveal to us what it is that lives in our hearts. •

Reflect

What can I do for Lent that may help me see myself more clearly?

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER

Winner of the February 23, 2025 draw was Alfreda Sali.

		MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF Mar 02-09, 2025				
Sat.	Mar. 01	For the repose of the soul of Rose Marie Fauchet.				
Sun.	Mar. 02	PRO POPULO				
Tues.	Mar. 04	For the repose of the soul of Yvonne Wagner, offered by Rita Gareau.				
Wed.	Mar. 05	ASH WEDNESDAY				
Thurs.	Mar. 06	For the repose of the soul of Ed Schroeder offered by Don & Brenda Schroeder and family.				
Fri.	Mar. 07	PRO POPULO for Mar 08-09				
Sat.	Mar. 08	For the repose of the soul of Josefina Ignacio offered by Leah Neufeld on behalf of Juliette Lopez				
Sun.	Mar. 09	For the intentions of Holy Cross Choir offered by the Liturgy Committee.				

PARISHIONERS' CORNER

Birthdays this week—Edwin Pepper on Monday, March 3; Loretta Jelinski on Tuesday, the 4th; and Jeanine Wild on Friday, the 7th.

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.

Don't forget your old palms to be burned this coming Tuesday for Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday Mass at 7:00 p.m.

First Friday Adoration at 8:00 a.m., Mass at 9:00

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.



CWL NEWS

The next CWL meeting is on Tuesday, the 4th of March. We will be collecting muffins for Sacred Heart School again. If you bring any before that time, please leave them in the freezer in the Gerein Centre kitchen.

Other events of interest in March are:

- 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 following Sunday morning Mass

COLLECTING PALMS!

Please deposit your last year's blessed palms in the baskets provided at either entrance of the church before March 4th. They will be burned that evening and the ashes used for Ash

Wednesday.

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.



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.

This week's featured new Library book. #5

TRANSFIGURED: Patricia Sandoval's Escape from Drugs, Homelessness, and the Back Doors of Planned Parenthood by Christine Watkins (Author), Patricia Sandoval (Author), Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC (Foreword)



Why would Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, say that the world, especially Catholics, need to read this story of redemption?

Why would he claim that *Transfigured* is one of the most powerful conversion stories ever written?

Because Patricia Sandoval's life story is an unusually gripping, hard-to-put-down ride along a journey that leads to an extraordinary triumph of God's mercy—the mercy that waits patiently for all of us.

Patricia came from a broken home, good and bad boyfriends, three abortions, a job at Planned Parenthood (where she was told never to reveal what she saw), followed by methamphetamine addiction and homelessness. The way that Jesus came to her in the streets will leave you breathless, as will the heights to which God has since carried her.

If you know of someone who believes they cannot be forgiven or return to Church, this is the book to give them.

PRO-LIFE NEWS

SHOULD WE BE WORRIED?

For years, there have been clear signals that euthanasia providers in Canada may be breaking the law and getting away with it. That is the finding of the officials who are responsible for monitoring euthanasia deaths to ensure compliance in the province of Ontario. Newly uncovered reports reveal that these authorities have thus far counted over 400 apparent violations——and have kept this information from the public and not pursued a single criminal charge, even against repeat violators and "blatant" offenders.

Why is this allowed to happen?

Source: New Atlantis, Nov. 11, 2024, Alexander Rankin, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, Alex Schadenberg



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

SHAMROCK SALES

Knights of Columbus members from our Council will be selling Shamrocks in support of Camp Monahan next weekend, Sat. Mar 8th & Sun. Mar 9th, after each mass. Please support this worthy cause so the events that Camp Monahan provides for youth in the Diocese can continue. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

2025 MEMBER DUES

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

March Events

Wed. Mar. 5—Ash Wednesday Mass, 7:00pm Fri. Mar. 7—Poor Man's Supper 5:30pm followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:45pm and Mass at 7:00pm

Sat. & Sun. Mar. 8 & 9—Shamrock sales at masses for the support of Camp Monahan.

Sat. & Sun. Mar. 15 & 16—KofC membership drive

Sun. Mar. 16—Pancake Breakfast 10:00am

Tues. Mar. 18—KofC Council meeting, following 7pm

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

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.



SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Lenten Initiative

Pastoral Council has received a request from a parishioner to help a young man in our community. This young man (we will call him "Abraham") has immigrated to Canada from Nigeria and has settled in Regina. The reason he immigrated was that the government in Nigeria changed and surviving there had increasingly become an economical hardship. He wants to create a better life here for his family. He is married with three children and his family remains behind until he is able to establish himself here. They own a small store that his wife runs with the help of a neighbourhood boy. However, some months the sparse income from this store does not cover the familial expenses. Therefore, Abraham does his best to send money home to them. He says that \$20 CDN goes a long way in Nigeria.

Abraham attends the University of Regina and is working hard to obtain his Liberal Arts degree. He hopes to convocate in April. He arrived here in April 2023 and was able to find a job. However, since then the Canadian government has changed its rules for foreign students. They no longer allow students to work more than 24 hours per week resulting in a shortage in income. After rent, utilities and groceries are paid, there is not much left to send home to his family.

This is where Holy Cross Parish comes in. Abraham has been attending this church for the past couple of years. He was born and raised in a Roman Catholic home in Nigeria and finding a church in Regina was important to him. He can walk to Church during the summer but attendance during our cold winters can be sporadic unless he can get a ride. He believes that God has blessed him throughout his life and he likes to attend Church to praise God and thank Him for blessings received.

Pastoral Council discussed the above-mentioned request and came up with a plan of action. We would like to help Abraham out by doing the following:

- 1) There is not normally a collection at Mass on Ash Wednesday. However, the Church does allow for a special collection if it falls within the parameters of our Lenten almsgiving. Fr. Carlos has approved this special collection and all proceeds will go to Abraham.
- 2) The glass jars that Social Action has placed at both doors any loose change collected in those jars during Lent will go to Abraham.
- 3) Social Action will match any funds donated to this cause to a maximum of \$200.

The Knights of Columbus have stepped forward to help us in this initiative. They will be having a food drive in the future and will donate some of the collections to Abraham. Below are some of the foods that he is familiar with:

Rice Beef/Chicken Carrots Bread Muffins

He has no food allergies and is appreciative of anything you can contribute.

I also received an enquiry about tax receipts. Unfortunately, we will be unable to issue tax receipts because Abraham is not a registered charity with CRA. You will be giving from the kindness of your heart.

To donate directly to this initiative:

Cash—Put in an envelope with Abraham written on it.

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

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

Thank you for your time and, if you can contribute to this initiative, please do so. If this is not your cup of tea or you have other plans for your Lenten almsgiving, that is okay, too.

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

It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions.

What's Happening in the Archdiocese

Stewardship Bulletin Bits

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." - Luke 6:43

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts to bear good fruit for the glory of His name.

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.

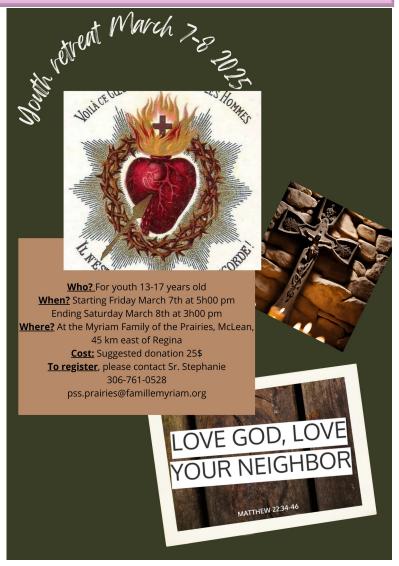
First Friday Adoration

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

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!



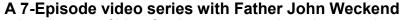
ADORATION

For peace in the world

HOLY CROSS PARISH 315 Douglas Ave. East

First Friday, March 7, 8am
Every Tuesday at 6pm

Life in Abundance as Proclaimed by a Universal Christ



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 7 is now available.

The remaining episodes will be released weekly on Friday at 7:00 am. Use one of these ways to watch:

<u>Father John Weckend YouTube Channel.</u>
On YouTube, search @FatherJohnWeckend.



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.

TF #440: Brett Salkeld and Thomas Harmon on Ordo Amoris – Part Two

Join Dr. Brett Salkeld and Thomas Harmon as they continue their deep dive into Ordo Amoris—the "order of love." In this second installment of a three-part series, they explore how properly ordering our Ilves shapes our moral and spiritual lives, drawing on philosophy, theology, and real-world examples.

Tune in for an engaging discussion on how love, rightly ordered, leads us closer to truth and authentic freedom. https://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/brett-salkeld-and-thomas-harmon-on-ordo-amoris-part-2

FRIENDSHIP WITH JESUS RETREAT

FEB 24 - MAR 24 7pm Mondays

REGISTER by FEB 20

free, limited spots Christ the King, Regina registration required www.christtheking.ca

Deepen your Relationship with God & Strengthen your Prayer Life

Experience the "Inner Peace in Friendship with Jesus", as we prepare ourselves for the Lenten season.

It is an unique opportunity to experience the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

INTERNATIONAL DINNER

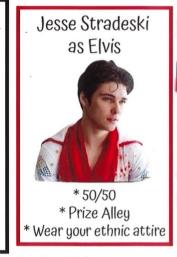
Little Flower Parish - 420 College Avenue Saturday, March 8 @ 6 p.m.

> Adults \$30 / Children (7-12) \$12 Children (6&under) Free

> All proceeds to benefit parish projects

Dinner Menu

- * Spring Rolls
- * Bruschetta
- * Vegetable Pakora w/Chutney
- * Chicken Tikka Masala
 - * Pork Adobo
 - *Banh Tet
- * Fried Rice & White Rice
 - * Corn with Peppers
 - * Caesar Salad
 - * Bread Pudding
- * Gulab Jamun in Syrup
 - * Ice Cream
- * Choice of Beverages



Tickets Advance Purchase Only Parish Office 306-522-8583 / Gord 306-596-4767

What's Happening in the Archdiocese 3

2025 PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

There are still some spots available for the June 17 to July 1, 2025 Pilgrimage to Poland 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 (hometown 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.

Our final registration meeting will be held on Sunday, March 2 at St. Anthony's Parish (2275 Atkinson Street), at 12:15 pm, after the 11:00 am Mass. Come for a coffee and description of the trip given by Fr. Richard Philiposki. For more information, please call Theresa Dyczkowski at 306-550-7649.

2025 HERITAGE PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO POLAND



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.







BOLESLAWIEC - LEGNICA - WROCLAW-AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU-WADOWICE-ZAKOPANE LUDZIMERZ-KRAKOW-LACIEWNIKI-WIELCZKA-CZESTOCHOWA-WARSW-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.

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.

This Lent, Turn Debt into Hope



2025 is a Jubilee year. A year in which Pope Francis invites us to "forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them." (Spes non confundit, 16). Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is responding to this call through the global *Turn Debt into Hope*

campaign. Here are a few ways you can join us:

- 1) **Donating** online at <u>devp.org/give</u> or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on April 6, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 79 projects in 34 countries around the world!
- 2) Get the Mini-magazine and follow the Solidarity Calendar with your family. Discover all the resources at devp.org/lent/resources.

May God the Holy Spirit move within us and give us eyes to see with, ears to hear with, and hands that God's work might be done.

... St. Dominic

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: <u>hcsocialjustice@sasktel.net</u>

Light in the Darkness Prayer Service for Victims of Clergy Sexual Abuse

All are welcome to join us on March 14th at 7 pm at Holy Child Parish 2636 -7th Ave E. for an evening prayer service, Light in the Darkness, to support victims of clergy sexual abuse.

May the graces of the Jubilee year enable us to enter into a synodal relationship that demonstrates a commitment to restoring justice, trust and healing for those who bear the deep wounds of clergy sexual abuse. Coffee and conversation in the hall afterwards.

March 2025

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