



Holy Cross Parish

Fouth 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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Masses

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am

Tuesday 7:00pm

Wed. 9:00am

Thur. 9:00am

Friday 7:00pm

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2 Chronicles 36:14-17a, 19-23++ / Ephesians 2:4-10 / John 3:14-21

MONDAY

March 11

Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21

Jn 4:43-54

TUESDAY

March 12

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Jn 5:1-16

WEDNESDAY

March 13

Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8-15

Jn 5:17-30

THURSDAY

March 14

Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14

Jn 5:31-47

FRIDAY

March 15

Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

SATURDAY

March 16

Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20

Jn 7:40-53

SUNDAY

March 17

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34

Heb 5:7-9

Jn 12:20-33



**And this is the verdict,
that the light came into the world,
but people preferred darkness to light,
because their works were evil.**

JOHN 3:19

The Saving Game

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

A long time ago, I came across a piece that I still remember because it's pretty much a commentary on how life is for most of us.

It goes something like this: At the age of ten, we think we can live forever. When we're twenty, we think we can save the world. When the big thirty rolls around, we think we can save the company. When the fortieth birthday arrives, we think we can save our children. Then, when we're fifty, we think we can at least save our marriage. And by the time we're sixty, we think we should just save aluminum cans.

A bit flippant perhaps, but it reminds me that even given my own best efforts, I really do not save much of anything. It is always God who does the saving, not me.

It's a conversation replayed in our heads again and

again. We find ourselves unwittingly thinking that if we do all the right things, when we die and go to heaven, then God will have to take us in. If we say the right prayers and follow all the rules, then we will have earned salvation. Yet then we will have saved ourselves and there will have been no need for God's gracious goodness. Then we will have lifted ourselves up by our own bootstraps and not by the Lord Jesus.

Then we will proclaim ourselves as the light to overcome darkness, and it will not be the death and resurrection of the Lord which does so. ●

Reflect

How have you been saved and how do you need saving now?

What's Happening at Holy Cross

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER
March 3, 2024—Bernie Kowalski

Welcome to any new parishioners. Please register with the Parish Office Mon.-Friday, 9am-12 noon
 Or call 306-757-1325

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEKS OF MARCH 9-17, 2024		
Sat.	Mar. 9	PRO POPULO
Sun.	Mar. 10	For the repose of the soul of Helen De Souza, offered by Lourdes & family.
Tues.	Mar. 12	For the repose of the soul of Cal Murphy on the anniversary of his birthday, offered by Joyce
Wed.	Mar. 13	For the repose of the soul of Jennifer Ochieng, offered by Rita.
Thurs.	Mar. 14	For the repose of the soul of Ray Kloschinski (uncle of Mike), offered by Mike & Sandra Morris.
Fri.	Mar. 15	PRO POPULO for March 16-17.
Sat.	Mar. 16	For the repose of the soul of Alma Dizey, offered by Ted and family.
Sun.	Mar. 17	For the repose of the soul of Bernard Chomyn, offered by Bob & Helen Herauf.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YET?

The Liturgy Committee is planning for the Easter Triduum and will need your help to make it a beautiful and meaningful celebration. Volunteers are needed as follows:

Holy Thursday

- Presentation of the Holy Oils (3)**
- Washing of the feet (12)**
- Adoration - 4:30-8:00 pm**

Good Friday

Vigil of the Cross - 5:00-10:00 pm

The Triduum is the highlight of the Catholic Christian calendar. Your participation will make it so much more significant for yourself and for us all.

There will be sign-up sheets in the Gerein Centre to let the Liturgy Committee know who they can depend upon for this celebration. If numbers are short we will be happy to offer you a special, personal invitation.

Book Review: by Irene Wald

"Therefore Choose Life" was written by Tyler James Dunlop. This man writes an honest description of his life experiencing homelessness, alcoholism and mental illness. He was inspired to write this book after a news report posted on-line about his desire for MAiD. It was the Government of Canada, after all, that was planning to include the mentally ill for MAiD that was to roll out in March of 2024.

Why is Tyler's story relevant to Pro Life? When life becomes unbearable, especially for the most vulnerable of society, and death is offered as compassion, all of us lose a sense of responsibility in caring for one another. Life may be difficult for many and even unbearable for some, but when a person loses the meaning for life and society offers death as a solution.....maybe we have lost sight of who we are and how we are supposed to connect with one another. Life matters!

SPRING FUNDRAISING SUPPER

Sunday, April 7, 5:30 pm
Serbian Club, 2775 Avonhurst Drive

Chicken breast buffet, 2 salads, potatoes, rolls
Silent auction, 50/50 Adults \$30, children \$25

Pay by eTransfer to bookkeeper.holycross@sasktel.net
 or after Mass in the Gerein Centre

STATIONS OF THE CROSS LEADERSHIP	
Mar. 15	Parish Council
Mar. 22	Altar Servers



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

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KNIGHTS KORNER

Don't forget the KofC Vocations Endowment which supports the \$30,000 costs for education of seminarians throughout Saskatchewan. Monsignor Gerein Council #9859 is a full participant in this fundraising campaign. Feel free to contact any KofC member for more information or to make a contribution.

Thank you for your consideration for the future of priests for our Archdiocese of Regina and Saskatchewan.

Mar. 15 - Poor Man's Supper	
Soup	John & Marie Lebersback
Egg Salad	Susan Leier
Salmon/Tuna	Rita Gareau
PB & Jam	Mary-Anne & Don Harazny
Fridays of Lent, 5:30pm Gerein Centre Free will offering Stations of the Cross 6:45pm Mass 7:00pm	

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

The Lenten Food Drive for the Marian Centre and Visitation House continues until March 24/ 25.

Collection Boxes are in both the Gerein Centre and the Douglas Ave. entrances for non-perishable food items. Foods preferred are:

<u>Marian Centre</u>	<u>Visitation House</u>
Cheez Whiz	Pasta
Peanut Butter	Soups
Coffee	Tuna/Salmon/Chicken
Strawberry Jam	Pork and Beans
Grape Jam	Canned Fruit
Marmalade	Canned Vegetables



Date: Sunday, March 17
After 9:00 am Mass
Location: Gerein Centre

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

Camp Monahan SHAMROCK DRIVE

Weekends of March 9,10 and 16,17



What does it take to become a Knight of Columbus?

Find out by filling out an information request ballot at the KofC Information Table located in the Gerein Centre of the church. You will be contacted by a Knight from the Gerein Council.

PARISHIONERS' CORNER

BIRTHDAYS! Birthday wishes yesterday went to Ruth Robillard. Dwayne Varga celebrates on Wednesday, March 13th. Congratulations to you both, good health and many blessings for the year ahead.

Home-made soups at the Poor Man's Supper last Friday were noodle and a vegetable barley by Susan Leier, and the usual non-meat sandwiches for supper last Friday. There was a wonderful crowd that day as the Challenge Girls joined us for supper with their moms and dads and smaller brothers and sisters and then led us in Stations of the Cross. Total number of people in attendance was 77, with the Challenge families making up about 40 of them. Please join us this Friday and experience the blessings to be had.

Fr. Thomas's father, Toma Thanh Nguyen, passed away on Feb. 29th in Calgary at age 90. Please remember him, Fr. Thomas and family in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

Just a reminder that the Chrism Mass to bless the new holy oils for Easter takes place at Holy Rosary Cathedral next Monday, March 17. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Martin's wife Marie, who lost her father August Flegel, a few months ago, has now lost her mother Cecile as well. Our sincere condolences to them both and to their family. Funeral mass will be held at 3:00 pm Friday, March 22 at Christ the King Parish.

Dan Devers has been doing hospital visits on behalf of the KofC. He asks that we continue our prayers for the recovery to full health for Nancy Falastein.

Trudy Rutten's sister Katherine Lemieux passed away on March 5 in BC. Our condolences to Trudy and Wayne and family on their loss. Katherine and her family were among the founding members of Holy Cross Parish. May she rest in peace.

Thursday morning Mass-goers celebrated Jeanine (Jeannie) Wild's 91st birthday with her with birthday cake, coffee & blessings. (Thanks to her daughters.)

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 byapple@sasktel.net.

VOLUNTEERS

For all volunteers required to get criminal record checks: Please go online to reginapolice.ca/records. Here you may choose to make your request online or book an in-person visit to the police station. The cost for the record check is \$10 for volunteers, plus \$9.95 plus tax for online applications. For in-person visits the cost is \$10 only but you must make an appointment online at this site. You must be a resident of Regina to use this service; all information required is listed on the site as well. Reimbursement for these costs may be made from Holy Cross upon request.



CWL News

News from the CWL Meeting

March 5

Ladies, the schedule for the cabbage roll making crew is:

Friday, March 15 at 8:00 am—PREP

Saturday, March 16 at 9:00 am—cabbage roll making

A package of 2 doz. Cabbage rolls sells for \$25. To order call Marie at 306-527-2300.

It was noted that sometimes it is difficult to get enough people to help serving funeral lunches. If anyone from the parish, even though not a CWL member, would be willing to assist, please let Loretta know. She can be reached at 352-6231.

Melanie and Meagan Fenrick, who sell Epicure spice products, have booked space at the South Regina Library for a "Fall Into Spring" trade show on Saturday, April 20. This is a fundraiser for Holy Cross CWL for the various charities we support. It will run from 10am to 4pm. They have confirmed 21 of 28 tables available at this date. More information TBA.

The collection for Baby and Mom items for Visitation House and Carmichael Outreach will continue until the March 23/24 weekend.

Baby items would include diapers, wipes, diaper creams, shampoo, powder, lotions, etc.

For Mom, items such as shampoo/conditioner, body wash, soap, toothbrushes/paste, feminine hygiene products.

There will be a CWL Diocesan meeting April 26,27,28 in Assiniboia, and the National Convention will be held in Saskatoon August 11 to 14.

Last but not least, 30 doz. Muffins were collected for Sacred Heart School. Many thanks to all our faithful bakers and to our regular delivery gal, Dolores Deis.



WHAT ALMSGIVING REALLY MEANS

The concept of almsgiving goes much deeper than giving money to a worthy cause. Jesus' teachings encourage us to reach out to people in need with our time and talents. Lent gives us the opportunity to cultivate a spirit of generosity, to share what we have and who we are.

LENT'S LITURGICAL SOMBERNESS

We are asked to fast and abstain from rich foods during Lent; so, too, do we give up the Gloria and Alleluia in the Liturgy. We omit floral decorations and some churches omit instrumental music during these 40 days. In the past crosses and statues were draped in purple cloth throughout Lent.

Lack of the usual joyful elements at the Mass and removing distractions from church interiors was one way to focus our minds on God's call to a deeper interior life with His Son. The more somber and austere atmosphere, the sobriety, the frugality of spirit, helps to purify the soul and focus the mind.

From Fr. Francis Hoffman/Staff, simplycatholic.com,

CATHOLIC TERMINOLOGY

INCENSE—Holy Smoke

RELICS—People who have been going to Mass for so long, they actually know when to sit, kneel, and stand.

USHERS—The only people in the parish who don't know the seating capacity of a pew. (We used to have that problem.)

TEN COMMANDMENTS—The most important Top Ten list.



EASTER FLOWERS 2024

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 bookkeeper.holycross@sasktel.net 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 5 at noon.

In Memory of _____

(Name of deceased)

In Honor of _____

(Name of the living person who is being honored)

Requested by _____

Amount _____ Envelope # _____

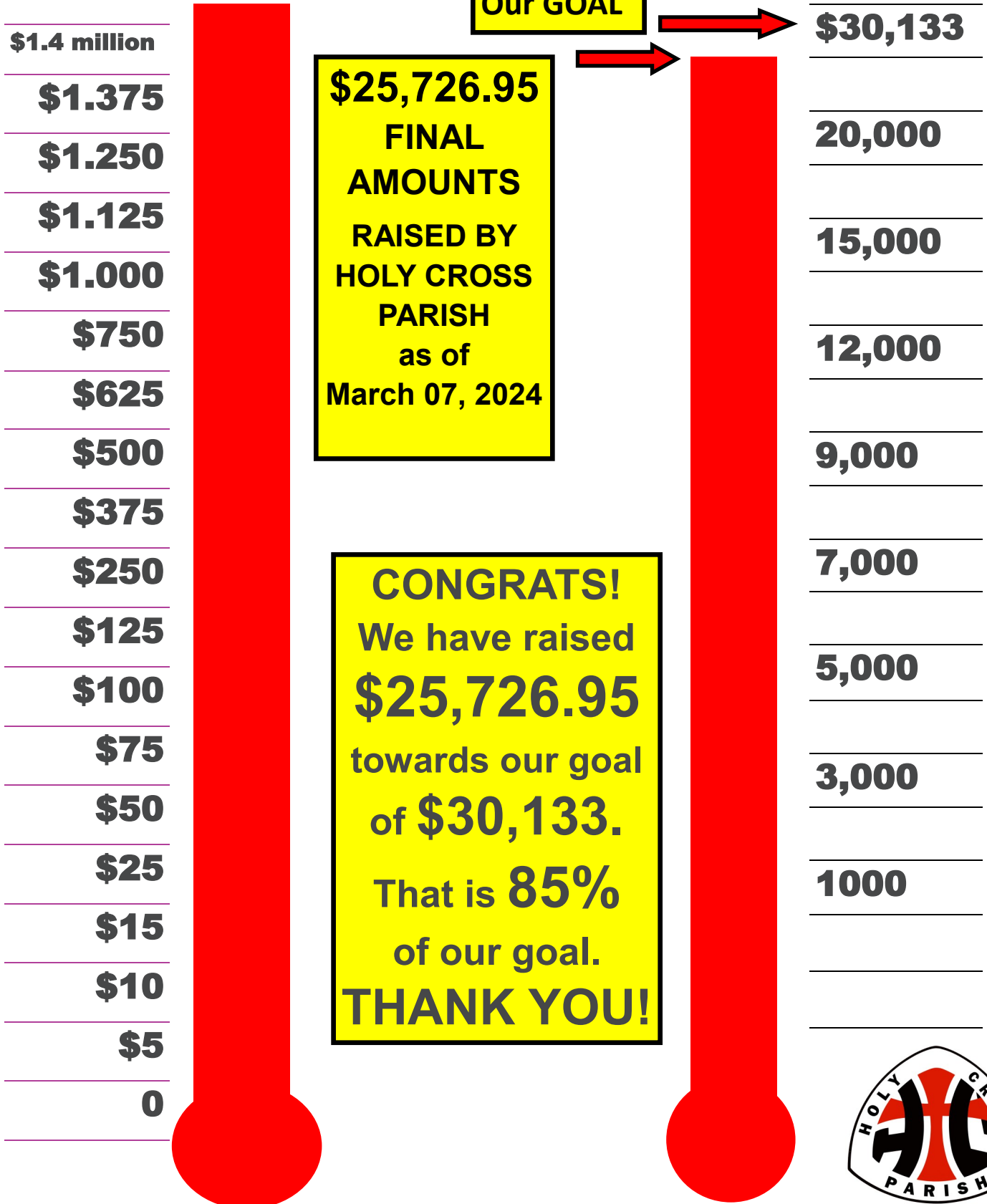
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Holy Cross

The Archbishop's Appeal 2023 OVER \$1.4 million as of



Stewardship Bulletin Bits

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts; that we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

SANTA MARIA FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

to enhance the lives of Santa Maria residents

An evening of Italian Food, Fine Wine & Friendship
Saturday, April 20 at 6:30 pm

This meal is a virtual zoom event you can enjoy at your own house (or someone else's) eating and drinking your own food (home cooked or bought) while you watch with friends (or without) sommelier Greg Harasen pair wines with the enticing Italian meals you are selecting.

Tickets \$50 per household. **Deadline April 10.**

E-transfer smf@saskhealthauthority.ca

Information will then be sent to you about meal choices, recommended wines & how to access this zoom event.

CAMP MONAHAN

Camp Monahan is getting ready for summer! Both camper Registrations and job applications are now open for our 2024 season. Please check our website for more information: www.campmonahan.ca. Camp Monahan AGM is scheduled for April 1st at 7:00. Please call our office at 306-522-1047 or email us at camp-monahan@sasktel.net for the link to the meeting.

HOLY FAMILY RAISE THE ROOF GALA

Saturday, March 16th

Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 5020 Sherwood Dr.
Kick off the Capital Campaign!

Doors open 6:30 pm Roast beef supper 7:15 pm
Silent Auction, 50/50 & door prize draws

Entertainment by Chris Henderson
(three-time SCMA Male Artist of the Year recipient)

Tickets are \$75 each (\$40 income tax receipt)
Call David or Claudette 306-924-0992, email davidbeitel@sasktel.net. Family & friends welcome (only 200 tickets available)

LENTEN PRAYER LUNCHES

Our Lady of Peace Parish
425 Broad St. North

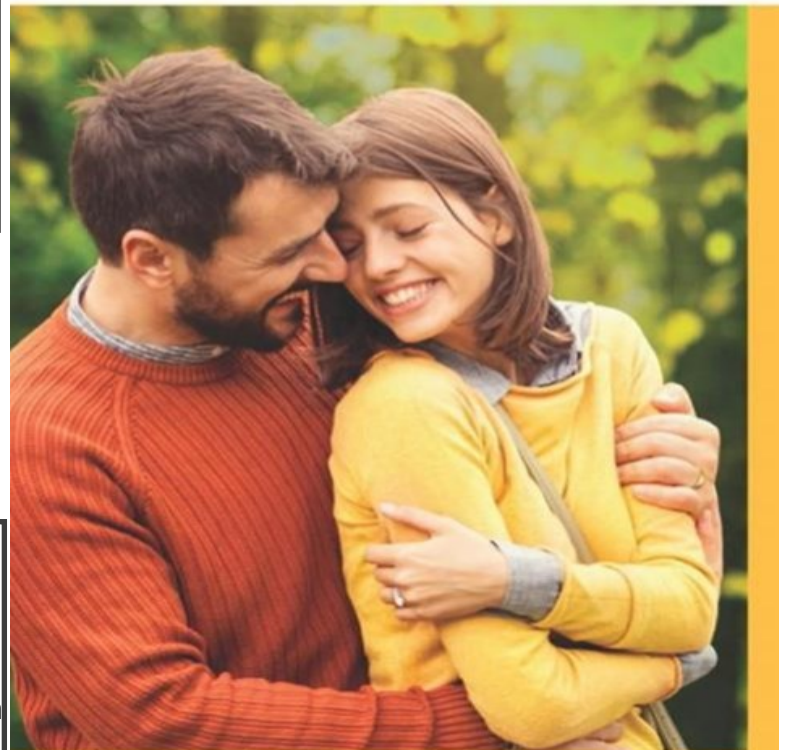
12:15 pm prayer, followed by soup lunch
Fridays beginning Feb. 16

Free will offering
Proceeds to Development and Peace

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Sharing our concern for strengthening marriage and family life, a pressing and urgent challenge at this time, the national leadership team for World Wide Marriage Encounter has some good news. A virtual WWME experience will be offered on April 19-21st, 2024, which will make it possible for couples in more remote areas to take their relationship to a higher level. It has the power to transform relationships as much as an in-person experience.

All couples need do is get on the WWME website and register, and they can benefit from the experience right in their homes.



Uncover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, transformational marriage.

The Marriage Encounter experience is a heart haven that helps you listen, share, and connect more deeply. There is no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be.

April 19-21, 2024, Virtual Experience, Edmonton based Questions?

Doug & Candice Chappell, 1-778-479-7900

Doug.candice.chappell@wwme.org

Apply at wwme.org