



Holy family Parish

Bulletin — December 16th & 17th, 2023

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All Masses will be celebrated in the hall.

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesday 7 pm (Adoration begins at 6 pm),
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 10 am.

Father is available to hear confessions Tuesday during Adoration, after Daily Mass, Saturdays before the 5:00 pm Mass and by appointment.

Holy Family Parish is located on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional lands of the Nêhiyawak, Nahkawé, and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples.

Third Sunday of Advent

Genuine Christian faith does not make us long-faced; it should make us enthusiastic and happy. Even in Lent, the most serious season of the Church's year, the Sunday at the midpoint of the journey to Easter has a theme of rejoicing. In the same way, on this third Sunday of Advent, our liturgy takes up a joyous theme.

In our first reading, from Isaiah, the prophet is filled with joy. He has the anointing of the Spirit to bring, in the name of God, 'good news' of encouragement, healing, freedom, and an outpouring of God's special favour. This message is especially for 'the poor' – those who have no security except in God. Originally addressed to God's people in their exile – this proclamation was read by Jesus in the synagogue of Nazareth. And he added, 'This text is being fulfilled today, even as you listen'. As the text continues, the prophet 'exults for joy', using marriage themes to express the covenant bond of love between the chosen people and their God; and he looks forward to their renewed life becoming an inspiration to all the nations of the world.

The second reading from 1 Thessalonians – the earliest writing of the Christian Scriptures – is chosen for our Advent liturgy, no doubt, because it rises to a climax with its reference to 'the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ'. But it is a good choice, because it takes up today's theme of joy. Paul's reference to those things that unite that early Christian community provides a useful check list as we evaluate the life of our own communities: 'constant prayer', thankfulness to the Father, offered in and through Christ; an openness to the promptings of the Spirit that comes through members who are in tune with God's ways ('the gift of prophecy'); and the 'peace' that is the fruit of all these shared blessings. True joy comes with the experience of what we are made for; the joy brought by



Christian faith, the joy all true believers have experienced, the joy that only God can give, comes through the things Paul speaks of.

John the Baptist is again our Advent guide, in today's gospel reading from John. Because he has revived the ways of Israel's prophets he has caused quite a stir, and the authorities of Jerusalem send interrogators who ask him to give an account of himself. His selfless response is disarmingly frank: he is not the messiah; he is not one of the old prophets come back to life; he is not the New Moses of Israel's expectations. His role is that of a herald, 'a voice crying in the wilderness', that announces one who stands among the crowd, still 'unknown' to them. The description of his witness in this passage leaves his hearers hungry to know more of the one to whom this great figure shows such reverence – a prelude to a great theme of John's gospel, 'the true light' that is going to transform a darkened world.

Today's liturgy can serve to remind us of today's call to a 'New Evangelisation' – bringing the true joy of the light of Christ to a world in which there is so much darkness and pain. When the task seems beyond us, let us remember with the old prophet, that we are working for God's future; let us understand with Paul that it is first and foremost the quality of our lives together that will bring people to share our faith; and let us learn from the Baptist that the effectiveness of our outreach will depend upon the unselfish commitment we have made to the Saviour and what he stands for.

John Thornhill, sm
TheEmmausSeries.com

One of our top responsibilities as Catholic/Christians is to bring someone into the fold who might otherwise be lost. Have I witnessed to someone recently about Jesus and His Church?

From Today's Reading

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-11. The prophet is speaking to the people of Israel soon after the end of the Babylonian Exile, (late 6th century BC). The Israelites are struggling to rebuild their lives, their cities and the temple. The Prophet Isaiah is sent by God to give witness and a message of hope to the people that their struggles are not in vain and that they will receive a "year of favor from the Lord." Jesus quotes Isaiah's same words in Luke's Gospel and says, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Luke 4:21)

Responsorial Psalm from Luke 1:46-54. This hymn is not from a Psalm as is the norm. Rather, it is the great Magnificat of the Virgin Mary (also from Luke's gospel). Here Mary is witnessing to the greatness of God and pointing out the favor bestowed on her, a lowly servant. We should consider Mary as a role model of great humility and follow her lead in witnessing to those around us about the wonderful graces and blessings received from God.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians (5:16-24). Here also, Paul is witnessing to the greatness of God and exhorting his flock to lead not just good lives but exemplary lives in preparation for the "coming of the Lord Jesus Christ." Credit: stclareroseville.org

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Lucien Bussiere	Ava Novacosky
Fr. Pat Murphy	Sr. Patricia Orban

*May God's grace and blessings
comfort and console those who
we love and who are in need.*

STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN BITS: December 17, 2023 - Third Sunday of Advent

*"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances,
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." – 1 Thessalonians 5:16 – 18*

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Please let us know if you have any mobility challenges and would require assistance or accommodations during the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day masses at Riffel High school. Please contact the parish office at office@holymfamilyregina.com or Wes Kotyk at wkotyk@sasktel.net to discuss so that we can do our best to accommodate your needs.

THANK YOU!! With your support, the Holy Family Quilters raised \$2000 at their Quilts and More Sale in November.



They would like to express their gratitude to everyone who purchased items from them as well as parishioners who donated items to the sale.

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank everyone who volunteered at Country Thunder in July. We were able to raise \$7161 in support of the Raise the Roof campaign.

The Marian Centre would like to extend our thanks to all who have contributed towards their need of men's clothing in the past months. Our clothing room is now well supplied with men's winter clothing, which we share with those who come to us in need. We request at this time that further donations of clothing be suspended until April 1st. Again, thank you!

The 2024 Catholic Missions Calendars (\$5) and Sunday Missals (\$6) are now available from the parish office.

REJOICE! An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture YEAR B The season of Advent is upon us...a time of preparation and joyful expectation. Do you want to learn to hear God speak to you as Mary and Joseph did?

There are still a few Rejoice journals left! They can be purchased at the church office at a discount for **\$15.00 each**.

Resources for Families We invite you to go to rejoiceprogram.com and click on downloadable resources. [Scroll down to Rejoice! Daily reflections and activities for children.](#) Here, you will find a children's guide which provides short reflections, a weekly song and challenge for each day in advent to help families journey together through Advent and experience the birth of Jesus in an extraordinary way.

WEEKLY BIBLE READING GUIDE

December 18th

Monday

Jeremiah 23:5-8
Psalm 72
Matthew 1:18-24

December 19th

Tuesday

Judges 13:2-7,24-25
Psalm 71
Luke 1:5-25

December 20th

Wednesday

Isaiah 7:10-14;8:10
Psalm 24
Luke 1:26-38

December 21st

Thursday

Zephaniah 3:14-18
Psalm 33
Luke 1:39-45

December 22nd

Friday

1 Samuel 1:24-28
Canticle 1 Samuel 2:
1,4-5,6-7,8
Luke 146-56

December 23rd

Saturday

Malachi 3:1-4;4:5-6
Psalm 25
Luke 1:57-66

December 24th

Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Advent
2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16
Psalm 89
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-28
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Vigil - Nativity of the Lord
Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 89
Acts 13:16-17,22-25
Matthew 1:1-25

DONATIONS: Holy Family Parish relies on the charity and self-sacrifice of our parishioners to maintain and operate the church. Thank you for your generosity and kindness!

The 2024 Sunday Offering Envelopes are now available for pickup in the foyer.

Please do not use envelopes from previous years, thank you!

—**Envelope:** Holy Family has resumed passing collection baskets during mass. After hours, envelopes can be dropped in the mail slot at the front of the church.

—**Pre-authorized debit:** Contact the office if you would like to set this up.

—**E-transfer:** finance@holymfamilyregina.com

—**Online donations through Canada Helps:** <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/24871>

—**Mail to:** Holy Family Parish, 1021 McCarthy Blvd. N., Regina, SK, S4X 3P9

A FRIENDLY REMINDER If you donate a lump sum and would like the money to go towards different collections (i.e. General, Building Fund, Refugee Committee, Annual Appeal, etc.) please clearly note how much you would like allocated to each category.

This will ensure your donations are properly assigned. Thank you!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY will be held at all weekend Masses. Please note, Children's Liturgy **will not** be held during the weekends of December 23/24 or 30/31. It will resume in the new year during the weekend of January 6/7.

EDGE Youth in grades 5 – 8 are invited to join in the fun at Edge! Our next gathering is **Wednesday, January 10th at 7-8:30 pm** at Holy Family Parish. To register scan the QR Code to the right. Contact the office if you'd like to help out with this fun ministry!



SOURCE is an opportunity for high schoolers to gather for an evening of food, faith and friendship! The next gathering will be at Christ the King Parish on **Sunday, January 7th at 6 pm**. Updates: www.christtheking.ca/source.

DONATIONS FOR FLOWERS AND DÉCOR You can help beautify the hall by giving to our Flower and Décor Fund. Monetary donations are most appreciated at this time. Donations can be made by cash, cheque or e-transfer to finance@holymfamilyregina.com. Be sure to note that it is for FLOWERS in the memo or on the envelope. Your help to spruce up the hall (and Riffel gym for the Christmas Masses) is truly appreciated!



52 REASONS TO TALK ABOUT THE CWL Our core values of faith, service, social justice guide us as we follow Catholic teaching, provide service locally, nationally and internationally, and work to advocate for social justice. Let's start the conversation! This week's word to describe the CWL is:

TRUTH *We are more than sandwich makers! Yes, service is part of our ministry – as we feed many in sadness, friendship and celebration – but we are so much more. Did you know members of the Catholic Women's League donate more than a million dollars to charities across the country per year as well as thousands of volunteer hours? Truth be told – we can do more – with you on our team!*

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL SILVER COLLECTION Ladies, thank you for your generosity once again! Through the free will offering, enough donations were collected at our Christmas social to give each of the ten St. Jerome families an additional \$30 Superstore gift card. Thank you to everyone who came to the social and for your generosity.

BAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT! Many thanks to all of the bakers & many parishioners who generously supported our Christmas bake sale!



SAVE YOUR EMPTIES! The Holy Family Refugee Committee is having a bottle drive. Save your empty pop cans, milk jugs, bottles, etc. & they will come pick them up from your home on **January 6, 2024**. Empties must be in a bag or box and left on your doorstep. To have someone pick up your recycling either email patty.gianoli@sasktel.net or phone Patty at 306-535-8251 or Donna at 306-535-3618. A sign up sheet will also be available.

ARCHDIOCESAN UPDATES:

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

For persons with disabilities ~ We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

PASTORAL CENTRE CHRISTMAS HOURS

The Archdiocese of Regina Pastoral Centre will be closed to the public for Christmas beginning Monday, December 25. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd. Staff from the Finance and Appeal Offices will be present occasionally between December 27th to 29th. Deliveries can be left in the mailbox at Blessed Sacrament parish, 2049 Scarth St. If you need to contact someone from the finance or appeal department, please find their contact info here archregina.sk.ca/grouppage/staff-contacts/. Merry Christmas from Archbishop Don and all of the staff at the Pastoral Centre!

CHAPLAINCY POSITION

The Regina Correctional Centre has a job posting currently open on SaskTenders for one vacant chaplaincy contract at RCC. The contract is for 20 hours per week, and is for five years starting in January of 2024. The posting is now live: <https://sasktenders.ca/content/public/Search.aspx> Competition # RCC2023-12b. More information at the employment page at <https://archregina.sk.ca/employment/>

EMMAUS FAMILY SUPPORT HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION AND PRAYER FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Join us at Holy Trinity Parish in Regina on **Thursday, December 28**, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm for a Holy Hour of Adoration and Prayer focused on mental health during this Christmas season. The Christmas season can be a particularly challenging time for anyone living with mental health challenges. While the public focus of the season is

on joy, peace, and hope; depression, anxiety, and other mental health challenges can be exacerbated by the additional stress and even loneliness that some experience. All are welcome to join us for this hour of quiet reflection and communal prayer with the Blessed Sacrament as we unite in faith and seek consolation, peace, and support. For more information and support, visit www.emmaussupport.ca

NEW YEAR'S DAY LEVÉE

The faithful of the Archdiocese are cordially invited to the Archbishop's New Year's Levée to be held at Holy Rosary Cathedral, 3125-13th Ave., Regina on **January 1, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.** And to receive the Archbishop's blessing for the beginning of the New Year. *(Please note, the elevator is not functioning at this time, the only way to access the hall will be stairs)*

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Getting married? Want a weekend away to focus on your relationship? Catholic Engaged Encounter uses a method of marriage preparation that has been used in hundreds of dioceses throughout the world since 1976 and was Vatican approved by Pope John Paul II. A weekend will be held at Briercrest in Caronport on **January 12-14th, 2023.** For more info or to register visit www.ceewest.com, Contact Kim and Vance Weber at eeregina@gmail.com if you have any questions.

GRIEFSHARE SESSIONS

Christ the King Parish, 3239 Garnet Street, Regina SK Sessions take place from 2 – 4 p.m. on January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 5, 14, 19, 26, April 9 & 16 Please contact lucyklindaann@gmail.com to register.

[View all updates at: archregina.sk.ca/archdiocesan-weekly](http://archregina.sk.ca/archdiocesan-weekly)

MASS INTENTIONS

December 19th - December 24th, 2023

Tuesday, December 19th

+Dennis Gillies r/b Gail & Gord Gillies

Wednesday, December 20th

+Marie Theresa Hien r/b Khang Nguyen

Thursday, December 21st

Holy Family (Thanksgiving) r/b Khang Nguyen

Friday, December 22nd

Fr. Shanxiao Truong (Thanksgiving) r/b Khang Nguyen

Saturday, December 23rd

+Prisca, Loriana & Moises Pascual r/b Dory Amio

Sunday, December 24th

9 am: Melissa Steppler r/b Denis & Irene Auger

11 am: Pro Populo

7 pm: +Juanito & Teodora Pasucal r/b Dory Amio

PARISH UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Date	Time	Activities
Mon., Dec. 18th	7:00 pm	No Mass Private Function
Tues., Dec. 19th	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Adoration Mass KC Christmas Social (Foyer)
Wed., Dec. 20th	10:00 am	Mass
Thurs., Dec. 21st	10:00 am	Mass
Fri., Dec. 22nd	10:00 am 12 - 4 pm	Mass Office Closed
Sat., Dec. 23rd	5:00 pm	Mass
Sun., Dec. 24th	9:00 am 11:00 am 7:00 pm	Mass Mass Vigil Mass <i>(in the Riffel Gym)</i>



Celebrating
Christmas
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Weekday Masses

December 26 to 29 - No Masses

January 2 to 5 - No Masses

The regular weekday Adoration & Mass
schedule resumes Tuesday, January 9.

Office Hours

The church office will be closed
December 25 - January 2.

The office will re-open
Wednesday, January 3 at 9:00 am.

No Children's Liturgy December 23/24/25
and December 30/31/January 1.

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 24

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

Christmas Eve Vigil - Sunday December 24

7:00 pm Mass in the RIFFEL Gym

Christmas Day - Monday, December 25

10:00 am Mass in the RIFFEL Gym

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 30

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 31

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

New Year's Eve Vigil - Sunday, December 31

7:00 pm mass

New Year's Day - Monday, January 1

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

Masses will be held in the hall unless noted otherwise.

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Christmas Mass Times

A list of the Christmas Mass times along with Advent Reconciliation times can be found at archregina.sk.ca/christmas-mass-times/. The Midnight Mass from Holy Rosary Cathedral will be livestreamed to youtube.com/ArchdioceseRegina

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*The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina
will gather in joy and thanksgiving for the
Ordination of*



DANIEL MALONE

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By the Most Rev. Donald J. Bolen
Archbishop of Regina

On

Monday, December 18, 2023

1:00 PM

at

Holy Rosary Cathedral
Regina, SK

Livestream: youtube.com/ArchdioceseRegina

Pastoral Centre Christmas Hours

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Stewardship Bulletin Bit

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HOLY FAMILY FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

**Submitted to the Parish Pastoral Council
meeting on December 4, 2023**



October & November were very active months, with meetings with representatives from Stantec & PCL to set the scope of their work and then to discuss the findings of their inspections and to receive some of the initial ideas for how to replace the ceiling and to enlarge the altar.

Next was two or three meetings with the various “Raise the Roof” committees to continue to develop our plans on how to move forward with both the design of the project and the financing of the project. Holidays and illness have slowed this whole process down. We have further meetings planned for December to receive their final inspection report and discuss initial drawings and ideas for the renovation project. PCL is presently doing a costing and will present their cost estimates to us at that time.

We did complete an open house parish meeting on Thursday, November 30, 2023; with 75 parishioners in attendance. We presented outlines of how the process has moved forward from the collapse of the ceiling to this point. There were several comments and questions asked by parishioners; and I am sure we will have more once everyone goes home and has a chance to digest all the info that was presented. The parish team are going to put the complete presentation on the website this week, and we will be putting timely communication points in the bulletin on a regular basis. If you have suggestions for this, please email to me so that we can see how they might fit. Our plan is to have another open house meeting in early January 2024 when we have some of the cost estimates and drawings; so that people can see what we are planning.

Several questions about “How Much” & “How do we Pay”! David Cundall had an excellent presentation (*please see next page*) on how a funding pyramid is the best method to achieve our goal. He and his team are now developing the Pledge forms and a methodology for “Parishioners to bequeath funds to the parish in their wills!” This is something that HFP has not done in the past; but other parishes have used to generate substantial funds over the years.

On the financial side, our donations are up approximately \$16K from last year. Sunday envelopes, and loose collections show the largest increases. This is because of several new families coming into the parish and using these methods to donate. Our direct deposit method is up about 3%. Much of this is attributable to the large increase in donations to the building fund, I won’t have exact details until we close the books in the new year.

Our expenses are tracking very well, with most near or under budget. We just received invoices for the Priest Pension fund and Diocesan Assessment. These were only received last year at year end. Our Diocesan Assessment is up approximately \$7500 because of our larger collections.

Our Finance Team is developing some methods to segregate the “Raise the Roof” funds; so that we can track these independently and more easily. I also plan to remove these funds from our General Revenue account, so that we have a clearer picture of where we are with operations. As of October 31, 2023, we have a small surplus but there are some timing issues with staff salaries etc that will bring this to breakeven.

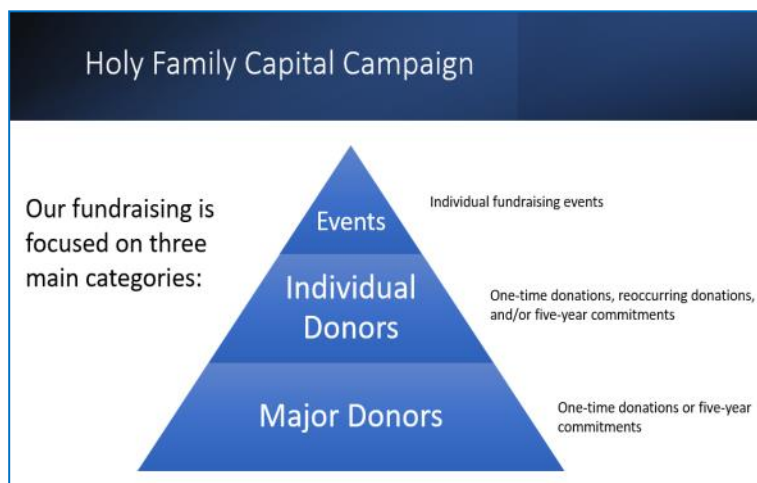
I anticipate that we will continue to see larger donations over the Advent and holiday season, as people make contributions prior to December 31/23 to receive receipts for income tax. We will be putting this into the bulletin and website over the next few weeks.

Please continue to pray hard, look to the future, and bring ideas to create and sustain our vision.

Respectfully Submitted;

David Carvell, Finance Chairperson

During the meeting with parishioners on November 30, 2023, David Cundall presented an outline of Holy Family's Capital Campaign. The following slides were shown during the meeting.



Holy Family Capital Campaign

Fundraising Current State

Focused on fundraising planning work:

- We have worked with the Archdiocesan Giving team to develop a capital campaign strategy
- We are coordinating internally (E.g. Knights of Columbus)
- We have developed a major donor list
- We are reaching out to potential major donors

Holy Family Capital Campaign

Fundraising Next Steps

1. Determine the fundraising scope
2. Develop the communications material
3. Begin the Public phase of fundraising

You will begin hearing much more about fundraising soon!

The slides presented by Dwayne Gelowitz at the meeting on November 30th, can be viewed on the Holy Family Parish website. Dwayne's presentation outlined how the process has moved forward from the collapse of the ceiling to this point.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU EVERYONE!!

Dave Beitel, Chairman of the Holy Family Parish Knights of Columbus council, presented a cheque to Fr. Wilfred at the November 30th meeting. With all the support and help received from 37 volunteers we were able to raise \$7161.00 for the Raise the Roof fund for the repair of the church's nave.

We would like to thank the following people that volunteered at Country Thunder Craven between July 12 to July 15: Emily Amor-Cole, Claudette & David Beitel, Travis Boehme, Corrine & Mike Bzdell, David & Leona Carvell, Ali & Blair Debruyne, Lorrie Frazz, Sheri Frohlick, Gordon & Loraine Garratt, Donna & Dwayne Gelowitz, Brooklynn Gyoerick, Colleen & Ed Haddock, Christina Hagel, Val Hanson, Brent Hebert, Neil & Shelley Holterman, Janet Jost, Sandy Jost, Jason Kaip, Murray Knoll & Melinda Toth, Jim Langen, Wilfred McLean, Mike & Penny Nijman, Kerri Storms, Barb Troy-Hebert, Lorna & Tim Zulkoski.

Bambinelli Sunday

Third Sunday of Advent

**Saturday, December 16
& Sunday, December 17**



Bring the Baby Jesus figure from your family's Nativity to Mass at Holy Family Parish and have it blessed!

Then, take it home, wrap it, place it under your Christmas Tree.....

And on Christmas morning, let the first present you unwrap be the Baby Jesus, the true reason for the season!

Bambinelli Sunday, was instituted by St. Pope John Paul II during his Papacy to remind families about the joyous event of Baby Jesus' arrival in the manger. The tradition follows that on the Third Sunday of Advent children gather with their families in St. Peter's Square and bring figures of the Christ Child from their family's Nativity scene where they are blessed by the Pope!

Rejoice!

An Advent Pilgrimage into
the Heart of Scripture

YEAR B

**“Seeking to learn from Mary and Joseph
how to hear God’s word as they did.”**

Once again we have the opportunity to walk together as a parish family, opening our hearts to hear what God is saying to us in this hectic, perhaps difficult or lonely, but Blessed season.

**The popular Rejoice program by Father Mark Toups
will once again be available to our Parish family.**

The new journal for year B follows the same format as in past years:

A word, a reflection, and prayer prompts, along with the supplementary short 10 minute videos presented by Father Mark Toups, Sister Josephine Garret and Father Josh Johnson. Together, they will help us explore the Sunday readings through Advent and guide us deeper into the heart of Christ and learning to hear God’s voice.

The short 10 minute videos will be shown after each mass in Advent, or can be accessed online: rejoiceprogram.com

**The new journals are available at the parish office
for \$15.00 each. Supplies are limited.**

Resources for Families We invite you to go to rejoiceprogram.com and click on downloadable resources. Scroll down to [Rejoice! Daily reflections and activities for children](#). Clicking on that caption will take you to the children’s guide which provides short reflections, weekly song and challenge for each day in advent to help families journey together through Advent and experience the birth of Jesus in an new way.

EDGE

We think we're on the edge
of something great here.

Grades 5 – 8 welcome

7:00 – 8:30pm at Holy Family Parish
1021 McCarthy Blvd. N.

So, are you coming for an adventure?



Scan the QR code to register today! Join us in a fun, safe place where you will find a solid Catholic community, get answers to your questions about faith, and, most importantly, experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. Welcome!

TENTATIVE DATES FOR 2024 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

WEDNESDAYS:

January 10th & 24th

April 10th & 24th

February 7th & 28th

May 8th & 22nd

March 13th & 27th

June 5th & 19th

Watch the website, Facebook page and bulletin for updates and info. We typically gather at the church but have been known to go skating, sledding and for hikes!

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**1:30 PM to 3:30 PM
Live Entertainment
Coffee & Goodies
\$5.00. & \$6.00 for
Non-members.
Everyone welcome!!
For more info contact
Betty @ 545-3402**

DANCE

EVERY SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

Our Lady of Peace Church

425 Broad St North

Advent Recollection: Reconciliation, Adoration, and Healing

December 17, Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

5 pm to 7:30

St. Cecilia Parish, Regina

In the holy Advent season, experience a time of enlightenment through adoration and healing with Jesus who brought light to the world.

During this busy time of preparing for Christmas, pause and take advantage of this recollection opportunity.

Led by Fr. Sathi Antony, St. Gerard Parish, Yorkton

- Holy Mass – 5 pm.
- Adoration and individual Reconciliation – 5:45 pm.
- Release prayer for personal healing, from darkness to light – 7 pm.
- Refreshments and fellowship – 7:30 pm.



Fr. Sathi Antony



St. Cecilia Parish, 5020 – 7th Avenue, Fr. Oliver Inchody, Parish Administrator

Mobilizing the Community to End Human Trafficking & Child Exploitation



ZOOM Workgroup/January 6th/8:30 A.M. PST/PDT

Please Register Here:

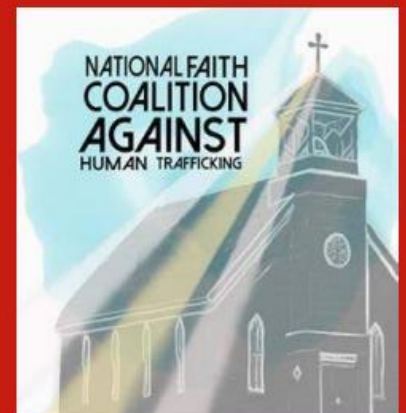
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mobilizing-the-community-to-end-human-trafficking-child-exploitation-tickets-770886952627?aff=oddtcreator>

Workgroup - We will start with a short presentation from the book "How You Can Fight Human Trafficking, Over 100 Ways to Make a Difference," which outlines what everyone, from a stay at home mom, to a health professional, a ride share driver, etc. to what entities like churches and schools can do. Then everyone on the call will be invited to share what they are doing that is working to mobilize their community. You will hear from people from all over the the U.S. and Canada, on what is making a difference.

Our Facilitator— Susan Patterson is a North American Leader in the fight against human trafficking and child exploitation. She is the author of the book "How You Can Fight Human Trafficking, Over 100 Ways to Make a Difference" and "The Role of the Church in Ending Human Trafficking, a Step by Step Guide on How to Take Effective Action." Susan was trained as a motivational speaker which taught her that unless you share with people specifically the "How" in order to take action, very little gets done. The focus will be on simple actions that take very little resources and time. This is what people need to get started.

History Has Shown Us That Social Justice Issues Have Been Resolved Once a Critical Mass of People Engage in Taking Action

We Build Critical Mass by Teaching Everyone Their Part.





Santa Maria Senior Citizens Home

4215 Regina Avenue

Snowflake Tea & Bazaar

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

Pies and Tea/Coffee - \$5

Cash/Cheque only

Treasure Table

Artwork Raffle

Door Prize

50/50