



Holy family Parish

Bulletin — December 9th & 10th, 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.

Advent Reconciliation is Thursday starting at 6pm.

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.

Second Sunday of Advent

As we prepare to celebrate the Lord's 'coming' at Christmas, our Advent liturgies invite us to a fuller appreciation of the great plan of God – a plan that will reach its climax with the inauguration of God's final Kingdom, in the 'second coming' of the Saviour.

We read again from the final chapters of the Book of Isaiah. This amazing passage helps us to understand the wonder and joy with which the apostolic generation read the texts of the Old Testament, and recognised that they had been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Their faith in Christ, they proclaimed, was 'according to the Scriptures' (Lk 24:27; 1 Cor 15:4 etc.) In this passage, the message of God's generous ways already finds a sublime and inspiring expression: 'Console my people, console them, speak to their hearts'; let the 'joyful messenger' proclaim God's presence in their midst; God will lead the exiled people home through the wilderness, in a new Exodus; Israel's God will be 'like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering the lambs in his arms'.

This Old Testament text provides the background for the gospel reading, which is the opening passage of Mark's gospel – 'the beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ the Son of God'. It is echoed by Mark, in his quotation from 'the book of the prophet Isaiah' (His quotation, in fact, combines two other Old Testament texts with the words from Isaiah). John the Baptist appears as the 'messenger' foretold. He 'prepares a way' for the Saviour, who – in his Paschal Mystery – will lead God's people in the final Exodus of God's great plan. He will prove himself a 'Good Shepherd' to a people



'harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd' (Mt 9:36). Mark's description of the Baptist – wearing 'a garment of camel skin' and living on 'locusts and wild honey' – presents him as another Elijah: the old prophet whose witness to the unique divinity of the God of Israel made him a legendary model of the prophet's role. John's 'baptism of repentance' prepared for the coming of the Saviour; and all generations of Christians have been inspired by his humble 'Advent' witness to the one would 'baptise with the Holy Spirit' – 'I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals'.

2 Peter, from which our other reading comes – with its reference to the 'Second Coming' of the Saviour – is one of the last texts of the New Testament to be written. It reflects the mood of the early Church, as it comes to terms with the fact that they faced an indefinite wait before the Lord's promised return. Like them we must bow before the mystery of God's ways, maintaining an alert faith in the certain, but unknowable, final return of the Saviour. If we must look forward to our familiar world coming to an end – as foretold in the dramatic imagery of the prophets – we should not be frightened, because creation will be transformed in a 'new heaven and new earth', in which all the things we hold dear will be filled with the 'righteousness', or incomparable goodness, of God's ways.

John Thornhill, sm
TheEmmausSeries.com

What obstacles do I have that might prevent Jesus from coming to me at Christmas?

From Today's Reading

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11. The prophet is speaking to the people of Israel soon after the end of the Babylonian Exile, (late 6th century BC). The Israelites are returning with new hopes and dreams and a new determination to be faithful and obedient to God. So the prophet is preaching to them to open their hearts and clear away anything that would prevent the God of Israel from entering and being with them in spirit. This was only partially successful. What would be your response today?

Responsorial Psalm 85:9-14. Here the psalmist continues the message of Isaiah above, telling his people and us that if we give our hearts to God, He will give us blessings beyond our wildest dreams, beginning with peace and all the other spiritual blessings to follow.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14. In this seldom read letter, Peter admonishes us to be prepared for the coming of the Lord at our own death, as well as at the end of the world. If we look to this life only, what will we have when Christ comes for us? This world will eventually pass away, so why hang on to things of this world?

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THOSE IN NEED OF WELL-BEING

Jean & John Boyko	Daniel Riabchyk
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Gerry & Sharon Bohay	Andrew Ziegler
Cec & Harvey Hartness	

OUR BELOVED DEPARTED

Lynn Greaves	Joe Novacosky
Maria Feroz Din	Chris Novacosky
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 10, 2023 - Second Sunday of Advent

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?



THANK YOU!! Once again, the generous response of parishioners to *double your donation*, was overwhelming! In November, the total amount of donations totaled a whopping \$16,295, including the \$5000 promised by the anonymous donor.

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



All faithful are invited to attend Holy Family's Advent Reconciliation on **Thursday, December 14th at 6:00 pm**. Extra priests will be available to allow everyone who would like to receive this healing sacrament the opportunity to do so. The children in the Sacramental Preparation program will receive their First Reconciliation.

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. On the Third Sunday of Advent, the faithful take their Bambinelli (Baby Jesus figurines) to St. Peter's square for a blessing by the Pope.

All parishioners of Holy Family Parish - especially the children - are invited to bring the Baby Jesus from their Nativity at home to Mass on **December 16th and 17th** for a special blessing by Fr. Wilfred. 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!



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 11th

Monday

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalms 85

Luke 5:17-26

December 12th

Tuesday

*Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Patroness of the Americas*

Zechariah 2:10-13

Canticle Judith 13:18-20,

R. 15:9

Luke 1:39-47

December 13th

Wednesday

St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

Isaiah 40:25-31

Psalms 103

Matthew 11:28-30

December 14th

Thursday

*St. John of the Cross,
Priest, Doctor*

Isaiah 41:13-20

Psalms 145

Matthew 11:11-15

December 15th

Friday

Isaiah 48:17-19

Psalms 1

Matthew 11:16-19

December 16th

Saturday

Sirach 48:1-4,9-11

Psalms 80

Matthew 17:10-13

December 17th

Sunday

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11

Luke 1:47-54 R. Isa 61:10

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8,19-28

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@hollyfamilyregina.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



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@hollyfamilyregina.com or Wes Kotyk at wkotytk@sasktel.net to discuss so that we can do our best to accommodate your needs.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY will be held at all weekend Masses.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY is next weekend! Bring the Baby Jesus from the nativity scene at home to Mass for a special blessing by Father.

EDGE Youth in grades 5 – 8 are invited to join in the fun at Edge! Our next gathering is **Friday, December 15th at 7-8:30 pm**. We will be having a Christmas party! To register scan the QR Code to the right.



THANK YOU! There were 24 families that joined in our first **Advent Wreath Making** evening. What a blessing it was to have all of these families from the parish gathered together. Many thanks to Kara and the girls from Blaze for serving refreshments, to Sr. Amie and Sr. Yna for helping out and to Fr. Wilfred for blessing the wreaths!

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@hollyfamilyregina.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 Let's start the conversation!

This week's word to describe the CWL is:

PEACE *The Catholic Women's League helps members grow in their relationship with god and with each other, a true peace. Find peace with us.*

BAKE SALE The CWL will be holding a bake sale in the lower meeting room after all Masses **this weekend!** Baking donations may be brought to any of the 3 masses or Saturday afternoon at 4 pm. Proceeds from the sale are in support of our charitable activities and council activities.



CHRISTMAS SOCIAL Ladies, you're invited to bring a guest, your favourite dessert or appetizer to share and join us in the foyer after the 7 pm Mass for an evening of Christmas caroling, food and fellowship on **Tuesday, December 12th!** We are asking for a free will offering which will be used to purchase a gift card for each St. Jerome family that will be receiving a Christmas hamper. See you there!



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. popevideo.org

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

To date, our parish has raised \$27,227.10. Our goal is \$46,034. We are so grateful for your generous support. In the coming weeks, as our Archbishop's Appeal comes to a close, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a one-time donation or consider giving monthly.

If you have any questions regarding the Appeal, don't hesitate to contact the Development office by emailing: annualappeal@archregina.sk.ca or call (306)352-1684.

SUPPORT THE CUERNAVACA PROJECT

Do You Want To Help? The Cuernavaca Project can benefit from your donation of SARCAN recyclables at any Sarcana location in Regina. Please remember the key word "project" when you use the Drop & Go option. Thank you!

MYRIAM FAMILY LIVE-IN-DAY RETREAT

Join us for a day retreat including talks with Fr. Scott Lewis SJ, Mass and adoration. Lunch will be provided. **December 16th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm** at our house of prayer in McLean, SK, 45 km East of Regina. Free will donations are accepted.

Fr. Scott Lewis S.J. is Associate Professor Emeritus of Regis College at the University of Toronto and is currently on the faculty of Campion College in Regina, Sk.

To register, please contact Sr. Stéphanie Beaulieu at 306 -761-0528 or email pss.prairies@famillemyriam.org Directions to our location will be given at the moment of registration.

ADVENT RECOLLECTION

All are welcome on **Sunday, December 17th** beginning with Holy Mass at 5:00 pm, at St. Cecilia Parish, 5020 - 7th Avenue, Regina.

In the holy Advent season, experience a time of enlightenment through adoration and healing with Jesus who brought light to the world. Led by Fr. Sathi Antony from St. Gerard Parish in Yorkton, Sk.

ORDINATION OF DANIEL MALONE TO TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina will gather in joy and thanksgiving for the Ordination of Daniel Malone to the Transitional Diaconate By The Most Rev. Donald J. Bolen, Archbishop of Regina on Monday, December 18, 2023 at 1:00 PM at Holy Rosary Cathedral Regina. Livestream: youtube.com/ArchdioceseRegina

GRIEF SHARE 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 12th - December 17th, 2023

Tuesday, December 12th

+Edward Kowalski r/b Jean Boyko

Wednesday, December 13th

+Chris Novocosky r/b Aaron & Andrea Resler

Thursday, December 14th

+Ava Novocosky r/b Aaron & Andrea Resler

Friday, December 15th

+Joe Novocosky r/b Aaron & Andrea Resler

Saturday, December 16th

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

Sunday, December 17th

9 am: Pro Populo

11 am: Aaron Resler (Birthday) r/b Andrea Resler

PARISH UPCOMING ACTIVITES

Date	Time	Activities
Mon., Dec. 11th	6:30 pm	No Mass Sacramental Prep (Hall)
Tues., Dec. 12th	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Adoration Mass CWL Christmas Social (Foyer)
Wed., Dec. 13th	10:00 am	Mass
Thurs., Dec. 14th	10:00 am 6:00 pm	Mass Parish Advent Reconciliation
Fri., Dec. 15th	10:00 am 12 - 4 pm 7:00 pm	Mass Office Closed EDGE (UMR)
Sat., Dec. 16th	10:00 am 5:00 pm	R.C.I.A. (UMR) Mass (<i>Bless Bambinelli & Children's Liturgy</i>)
Sun., Dec. 17th	9:00 am 11:00 am 1:30 pm	Mass (<i>Bless Bambinelli & Children's Liturgy</i>) Mass (<i>Bless Bambinelli & Children's Liturgy</i>) Blaze (UMR)

STAY IN THE KNOW! Scan the QR code with your smartphone and sign-up to receive the weekly bulletin in your email inbox.





CWL CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

All the ladies of the Parish are invited to attend the annual CWL Christmas party. Please feel free to bring a guest.

**Tuesday, December 12
beginning with Mass @ 7 PM
in Holy Family Hall**

Mass will be followed by a Christmas Carol sing-along, everyone is invited to stay and join in.

Afterwards, refreshments, food and socializing will take place in the foyer.

Please bring a plate of appetizers or dessert to share.

We have chosen as our charity to help the 10 families from St. Jerome in need of a happier Christmas.

We are asking you for a free will cash offering. Whatever is collected will be divided equally to each family.

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.

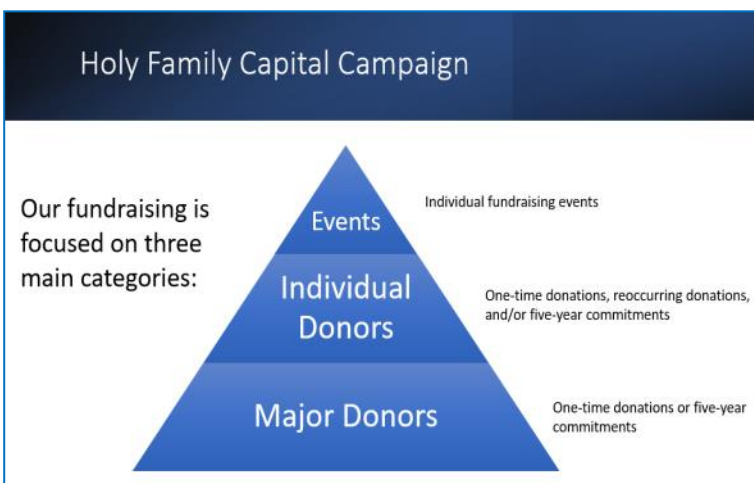
I anticipate that we will continue to see larger donations over the Advent and holiday season, as people make contributions prior to December 31/23 to receive receipts for income tax. We will be putting this into the bulletin and website over the next few weeks.

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.

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Archdiocese of Regina

Bulletin

December 10, 2023

Second Sunday
of Advent

National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples

On 12 December, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, the Church in Canada celebrates the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. This year, we take a moment to recall the Holy Father's Penitential Pilgrimage to Canada in July 2022, and in particular his words of prayer offered at Lac Ste. Anne:

"Lord, as the people on the shores of the Sea of Galilee were not afraid to cry out to you with their needs, so we come to you, Lord ... with whatever pain we bear within us. We bring to you our weariness and our struggles, the wounds of the violence suffered by Indigenous brothers and sisters. In this blessed place, where harmony and peace reign, we present to you the disharmony of our experiences, the terrible effects of colonization, the indelible pain of so many families, grandparents and children. Lord, help us to be healed of our wounds. We know, Lord, that this requires effort, care and concrete actions on our part; but we also know that we cannot do this alone. We rely on you and on the intercession of your mother and your grandmother. Yes, Lord, we entrust ourselves to the intercession of your mother and your grandmother, because mothers and grandmothers help to heal the wounds of our hearts."

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

Journey Through Advent

Sign up for a weekly Advent series with weekly reflections, music, prayer, resources and other activities to enhance your Advent Journey. These weekly reflections will be emailed each week during Advent. Sign up here archregina.flocknote.com/ArchdioceseofRe5 or email mgurash@archregina.sk.ca

CCCB's Journey Through Advent

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents Journey through Advent with the Most Rev. Bishop Jon Hansen, CSsR, Bishop of Mackenzie-Fort Smith. Join us as we reflect on the Scriptures for the Sundays of Advent 2023. cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/

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



DANIEL MALONE

TO THE

Transitional Diaconate

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

On

Monday, December 18, 2023

1:00 PM

at

Holy Rosary Cathedral
Regina, SK

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Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intentions - December

Let us pray that people with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions offer inclusion programs that enhance their active participation. popevideo.org

Stewardship Bulletin Bit

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

*The Archdiocese of Regina is located on Treaty 4 Territory,
the traditional lands of the Nêhiyawak, Nahkawé,
and Nakota, and homeland
of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples.*



Celebrating
Christmas
at **Holy Family Parish**

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.

1021 McCarthy Blvd. N., Regina - 306-949-7678

Roman Catholic Church - www.holyfamilyregina.com - office@holyfamilyregina.com

Christmas Hamper Appeal

The St. Jerome School community needs our help!

Once again, our parish is working alongside the school to provide gift cards to help **10** families have a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

Pick an envelope off the Christmas tree in the foyer and consider adding a **\$25** gift card to your order during your next shopping trip.

We are unable to accept toys at this time.



Gift cards can be dropped off in the basket by the tree, in the collection basket or the church office. We are also accepting donations by cash, cheque or e-transfer. Be sure to indicate on the envelope or e-transfer memo that it is for the **Christmas Hampers**.

All donations must be received by the church office no later than **Thursday, December 14th. THANK YOU!**

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

6:30 – 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 2023 are as follows:

**Fridays: October 6th & 20th
November 3rd & 17th
December 1st & 15th**

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!

youth@holyfamilyregina.com www.holyfamilyregina.com



HOLY FAMILY CWL COUNCIL - 2024 MEMBERSHIP FORM

- Please complete this form and enclose your membership fee of **\$45.00** in an envelope marked "Holy Family CWL".
- Please complete all fields so we can ensure we have correct contact information.
- You may return it in one of the following manners:
 - in the collection basket at mass or
 - dropped in the mail slot at church,
 - Or mailed to: **Holy Family CWL, 1021 McCarthy Blvd N, Regina, SK S4X 3P9**
- Fees may be paid by: cash, cheque or etransfer if you prefer. Please send your etransfer to hfcwlRegina@gmail.com
- You may use this same email address to submit your completed membership form.
- Any questions, please contact Claudette Beitel (Membership/Organization) at 306-924-0992. Or, visit our national website, www.cwl.ca

NAME: (Please Print): _____ TELEPHONE: _____

MAIL ADDRESS: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

BIRTHDATE (for our Council Calendar, year not required): Month _____ Day _____

If a renewing member, has your contact information changed in the past year? Yes _____ No _____

Are you a new CWL member? Yes _____ No _____

Or, are you transferring from another council? If so, name of previous Council _____

Your membership # _____

Membership Type (please indicate):

Active *member pays dues, may attend meetings, serve on committee(s), has voting privileges, and has opportunities for personal and spiritual development of the CWL.*

Partially Active *member pays dues but may not always attend meetings or functions, has voting privileges, willing to help when needed on a task-by-task basis, want to be part of the organization and make a difference however have limited time to offer.*

Inactive/Financially Supportive *member pays dues to support the national organization and the local council, has voting privileges, unable to be fully or partially active currently however may become more involved in the future, wish to stay informed of events and educational updates through the League website and The Canadian League magazine.*

Please indicate which pillar(s) you would be interested in helping out with:

FAITH _____ **SERVICE** _____ **SOCIAL JUSTICE** _____

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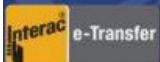


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Advent Recollection: Reconciliation, Adoration, and Healing

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.

