



Holy Cross Parish

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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 9:00am

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 / 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 / John 1:35-42

A Haunting Question

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

“What are you looking for?” asks Jesus of the two disciples who come to see who he is and what he is about. They are Jesus’ first words in John’s Gospel, and that’s what the entire Gospel of John is about, an answer to that piercing question.

I spent the week living with that question, never really finding an answer that seemed to fit, or perhaps I got too many answers, all of them somehow falling short. Why do I spend an hour early each morning sitting in the silence? I read some Scripture, but then mostly I sit with the silence. Many are the times when my mind drifts to other times and places and daydreams. Sometimes the silence is scattered with boredom; at other times it stumbles with prayerful words; and sometimes in the silence I look for answers to the plaguing whys of life. Mostly, though, I sit in the silence. I’d like to call it prayer, but then I wonder if I’m simply floundering in wishful thinking. So I return to that haunting question—“What are you looking for?”

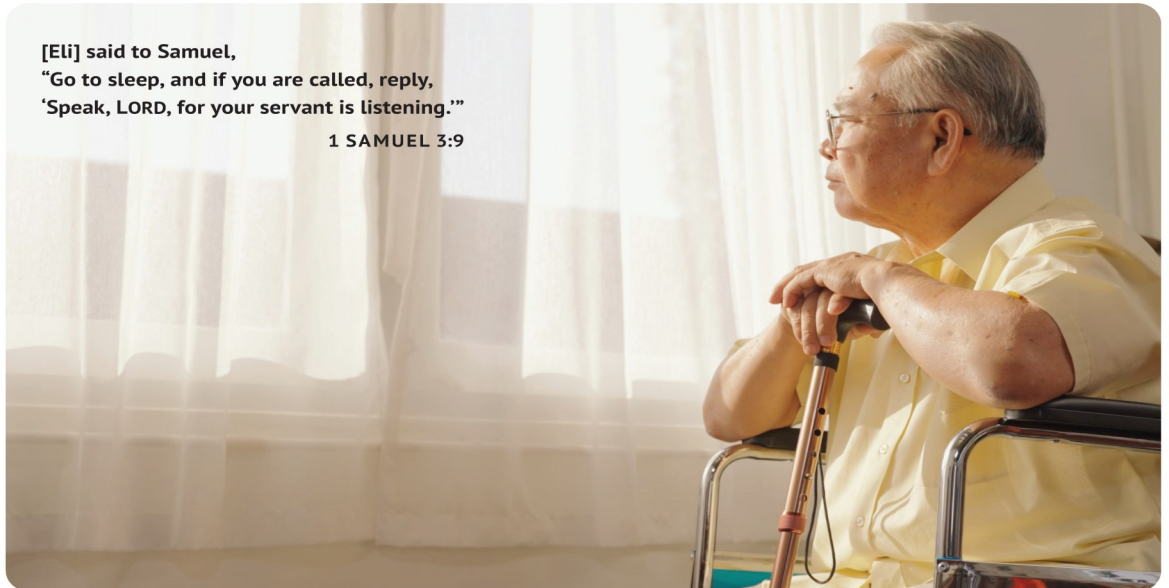
I think perhaps the answer is similar to what I look for when I gather with friends. Sometimes the get-together is engaging, but not always. Sometimes it is memorable, but not always. Sometimes we just hang out, and that can be enough. Ultimately relationships keep me grounded. That also is why I spend time in the silence. It’s what I’m looking for when I pray—to be in relationship with God, to be grounded lest I drift away and grow lost. ●

Reflect

When you pray, what are you looking for?

[Eli] said to Samuel,
“Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply,
‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’”

1 SAMUEL 3:9



- MONDAY**
January 15
Weekday
1 Sm 15:16–23
Mk 2:18–22
- TUESDAY**
January 16
Weekday
1 Sm 16:1–13
Mk 2:23–28
- WEDNESDAY**
January 17
St. Anthony, Abbot
1 Sm 17:32–33, 37, 40–51
Mk 3:1–6
- THURSDAY**
January 18
Weekday
1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7
Mk 3:7–12
- FRIDAY**
January 19
Weekday
1 Sm 24:3–21
Mk 3:13–19
- SATURDAY**
January 20
Weekday
2 Sm 1:1–4, 11–12, 19, 23–27
Mk 3:20–21
- SUNDAY**
January 21
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jon 3:1–5, 10
1 Cor 7:29–31
Mk 1:14–20

What's Happening at Holy Cross

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER
Jan. 7—Glenys & Chuck Sylvestre

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 JAN. 13 - 21, 2024

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Sat.	Jan. 13	PRO POPULO
Sun.	Jan. 14	For the intentions of Len Jelinski, offered by Holy Cross Liturgical Committee.
Tues.	Jan. 16	For the repose of the soul of Alma Dizey, offered by Ted and Family.
Wed.	Jan. 17	
Thurs.	Jan. 18	For the repose of the soul of Don Moncur offered by Lori Garchinski (her uncle).
Fri.	Jan. 19	PRO POPULO for Jan. 20-21.
Sat.	Jan. 20	For the repose of the soul of Helen DeSouza, offered by Maria and Family.
Sun.	Jan. 21	For the intentions of Terry Weber, offered by Dwayne Varga.

PARISHIONERS' CORNER

More January birthdays: Today, the 14th, Denise Johner and Thursday, the 18th, Bernie Kowalski. May God bless you with a happy, healthy year ahead.

Two former parishioners are in the health news again. It's one thing after another for Fr. Richard's housekeeper, Eileen Goddard, who ended up in hospital with kidney stones. She is home again. Brenda Achtemichuk is home. Eugene said visitors are welcome in the afternoons but please call ahead.

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 306-789-1983, or byapple@sasktel.net. Don't be afraid to leave a message.



Continuing on from last week's article discussing MAiD for mental illness only, one physician-supporter of expanding MAiD to drug addicts said, "It's not fair to exclude people from eligibility purely because their mental disorder might either partly or in full be a substance-use disorder. It has to do with treating people equally.

You can see from the above comment how this discussion is being framed—fairness and equality of opportunity to kill yourself. Euthanasia is supposed to be the last resort. No more. What happened to a physician's oath to heal and "do no harm"? Where are we going?

From The EPC Newsletter, No. 254, Nov. 2023

Therefore Choose Life: My Journey from Hopelessness to Hope by Tyler Dunlop, "the homeless, hopeless Orillia man" who was seeking euthanasia gained international attention for all the wrong reasons. Now he hopes to make a similar impact for all the right reasons. Look for this book in our library in the next few weeks.



Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Date: Sunday, January 21
 After 9:00 am Mass

Location: Gerein Centre

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

Social Action Committee Collection

The Church's social doctrine, in consideration of the privilege accorded by the Gospel to the poor, repeats over and over that "the more fortunate should renounce some of their rights so as to place their goods more generously at the service of others." IV.158

Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God. III.184 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*

In our own small way, we would like to help fulfil these social teachings of the Church. The Social Action committee will be placing glass jars at both entrances to the church. We invite you to search your pockets when you enter and donate any loose change you may have. This loose change will be collected and re-distributed to various local charities throughout the year. Thank you so much for supporting this endeavor. May God bless you for your generosity!

CWL NEWS

MUFFIN REPORT: 14 doz. Muffins were delivered to Sacred Heart School this month. Many thanks to all the bakers.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

April 3—13

Join us for Daily Mass, Rosary on Apparition Hill, Stations of the Cross on Cross Mountain, Visit to Cenacola Community, Visit to visionary - Professional Guide, if available.

For more details call Cathleen Devraj 306-789-0705 or email cdevraj48@gmail.com.

Stewardship Bulletin Bit

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" - John 1:38

When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God

CATECHISM LESSON THIRTY-SEVEN

What is Confirmation?

Watch Videos: www.archregina.sk.ca/group/catechetical-support-parishes/

Catechism Text: CCC nos. 1285, 1288, 1289 & 1303

Sacred Scripture: John 20.22 & 23, Acts 1.5, 7 & 8, 2.1-4

St. Angela Merici: To keep the ancient way and customs of the Church, established and confirmed by so many saints under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. And live a new life.

Pope Francis: Confirmation is a gift from God and helps us to live as Christians.

FAQ: What is the doctrinal or teaching authority of the Catechism?

It is part of the Church's official teaching in the sense that it was requested by the Holy See, prepared and revised by bishops and promulgated by the Holy Father as part of his ordinary Magisterium. Pope John Paul II ordered the publication of the *Catechism* by the Apostolic Constitution, *Fidei Depositum*, on October 11, 1992. John Paul II also stated that the *Catechism* "is given as a sure and authentic reference text for teaching Catholic doctrine."

Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intentions - January

Let us pray that the Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church. *In his video message, Pope Francis, through the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, asks that we "recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian communities, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions within the Catholic Church.* <https://thepopevideo.org/>

CAMPION KNIGHTS ROCK VII

Join the Campion community on Friday, Jan. 26 at 7 pm for Campion Knights Rock VII, to be held at the Lazy Owl, 3737 Wascana Parkway, Riddell Centre, Regina. This student-led concert is raising funds for Campion student bursaries featuring THE XIPHOID PROJECT and SED CONTRA. It is in partnership with The Knights of Columbus and the Campion College Students' Union.

Buy tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/campion-knights-rock-vii-tickets-780944545157>

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

**Sunday, January 21, 3 pm,
St. Cecilia Parish, 5020 – 7th Avenue.**

Rosemont Area Ecumenical group of churches invites you to join the Service. If you are unable to attend in person, join the livestream at www.stcecregina.com

The 2024 theme, chosen by an ecumenical team from Burkina Faso is "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself".

Based on Luke 10:27, the international theme and materials call Christians to act like Christ in loving like the Good Samaritan, showing mercy and compassion to those in need, regardless of their religious, ethnic, or social identity.



Catechesis of
the Good Shepherd
Association of Canada

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me one who is to rule Israel (Micah 5.1 & 2).

In the atrium, the children have been pondering this Mighty God, King of Kings, Prince of Peace, who is so small and born in such a small place like Bethlehem. God gives us this tiny baby. He is God. He is our Shepherd King. He is our ruler. He comes for us because he loves us.

As adults, we sometimes think we have God figured out. I wonder what little thing the Good Shepherd is leading you to? What little thing inspired wonder and awe in you during the Christmas season?

For more information, contact Regina's Good Shepherd Catechists at: regina.cgs33@gmail.com or visit the catechesis webpage at: <https://archregina.sk.ca/group/catechetical-support-parishes/> and click on the

Regina Philharmonic Chorus
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Artistic Director
Evanne Wilhelm

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With uplifting audience participation, favourite hymns, sacred songs,
silent auction, treats and warm drink!

FEATURING SPECIAL GUESTS
Karen Martin, soprano | Lyle Buddecke, trumpet
Luther College High School Treble Chorus
Tanya Bergen, piano and organ

Sunday January 28th, 2024, 2:30 P.M.
Knox-Metropolitan United Church

Tickets \$25
Tickets available from chorus members and online at
reginaphilharmonic.com

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**The Love That Is God:
An Invitation to Christian Faith**

The Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina invite you to join Frederick Bauerschmidt in conversation about his book "The Love That is God: An Invitation to Christian Faith."

**Sunday, Jan. 14 at 7pm
St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, 1861 McIntyre
Street, Regina
All are welcome.**

"God is love is the radical claim of Christianity," writes Frederick Bauerschmidt at the beginning of this little meditation on the essentials of Christian faith. In a rich yet accessible style reminiscent of C. S. Lewis and G. K. Chesterton, Bauerschmidt breathes life back into that claim, drawing from Scripture, great Christian and non-Christian writers of the past, and his own lived experience to show just how counter-cultural and subversive Christianity is actually meant to be.

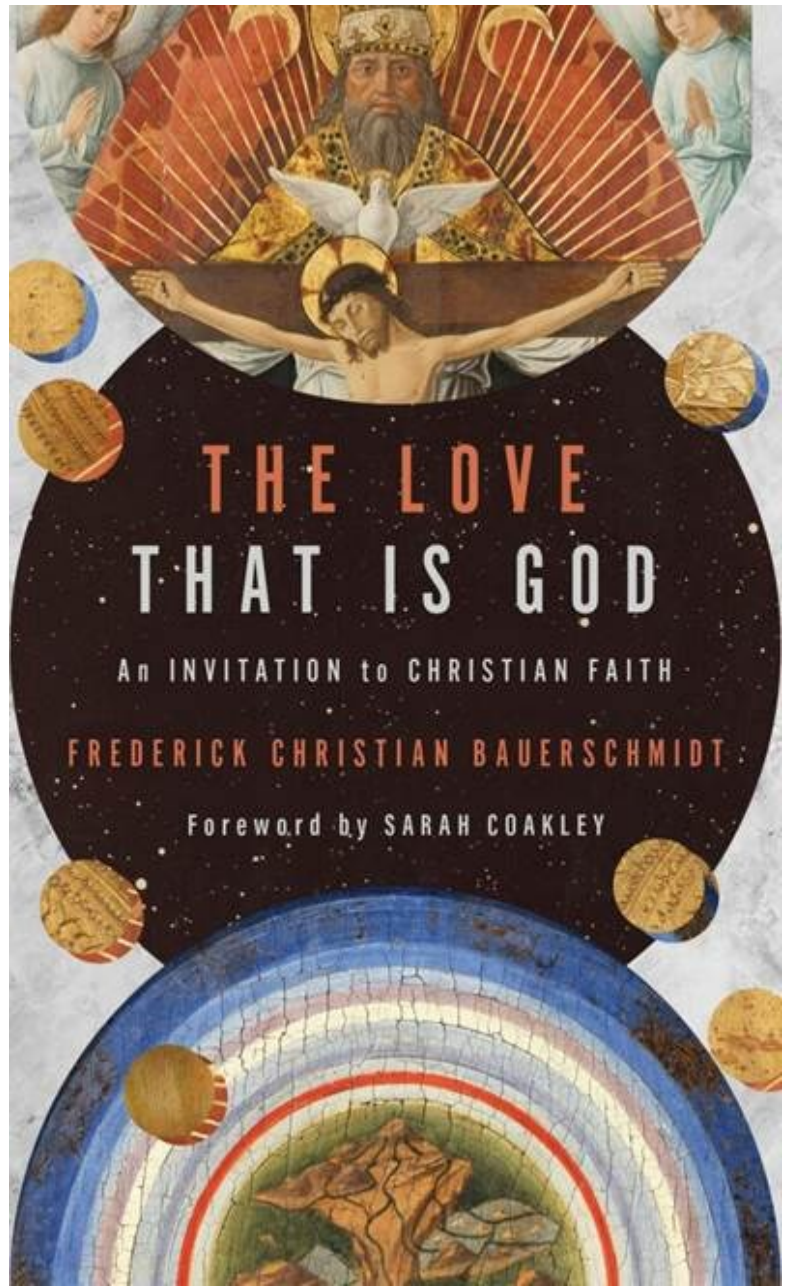
Eschewing the abstract and dogmatic in favour of the relational and inviting, he offers something for everyone, from lifelong churchgoers and students of religion to the growing population of "nones" among younger generations who are increasingly seeking spiritual fulfillment outside of institutional Christianity.

For further information contact Nick Jesson, jesson@ecumenism.net, 306-580-8094.

Martin's Testimony I have read this book. It is excellent, looking at God's love in five principles.

Deacon Frederick was named the 2023 winner of the **Michael Ramsey Prize**. The prize was inaugurated in 2005 in recognition of the central role that theological writing plays in the discipleship and flourishing of God's Church. It is worth 15,000 pounds (an Anglican award). Deacon Frederick is an American Catholic and he will be instructing the deacons-to-be that weekend on the practices and duties of a deacon, as well as understanding of what the hearts of deacons should and could be. I highly recommend this event!

God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.



Santa Maria Senior Citizens Home
4215 Regina Avenue

Snowflake Tea & Bazaar

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

Pies and Tea/Coffee - \$5

Cash/Cheque only

Treasure Table

Artwork Raffle

Door Prize

50/50