



Holy Cross Parish

1st Sunday of Advent

Bulletin #1

December 1, 2024

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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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Monday—Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Masses

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 9:00am
Tuesday 7:00pm
Wed. 9:00am
Thur. 9:00am
Friday 9:00am

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1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jeremiah 33: 14-16/ 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 / Luke 21:25-28, 34-36(3)

MONDAY

December 2
Advent Weekday
Is 2:1-5
Mt 8:5-11

TUESDAY

December 3
St. Francis Xavier,
Priest
Is 11:1-10
Lk 10:21-24

WEDNESDAY

December 4
Advent Weekday
Is 25:6-10a
Mt 15:29-37

THURSDAY

December 5
Advent Weekday
Is 26:1-6
Mt 7:21, 24-27

FRIDAY

December 6
Advent Weekday
Is 29:17-24
Mt 9:27-31

SATURDAY

December 7
St. Ambrose,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
Is 30:19-21,
23-26
Mt 9:35-10:1,
5a, 6-8

SUNDAY

December 8
Second Sunday
of Advent
Bar 5:1-9
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
Lk 3:1-6

The Waiting Time

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Advent is a time of hope but also a time of waiting. Different than wishing, hope is the belief that, one day, all will be well. Teenagers eagerly wait to be out on their own, believing then all will be well. Students are eager to graduate and get away from papers to write, books to read, and exams to take—then all will be well. Some singles long to find a partner, marry, and settle down, believing—then—all will be well. Always there is the faith that, although life may not now be what we wish, the future will bring a time when all will be well. We are inveterate people of hope.

Yet life is a process that cannot be rushed. Author Annie Dillard once watched a butterfly hatch from a cocoon. A bit impatient, she decided to gently warm

the cocoon and so hasten the process. It worked, except by rushing the process the butterfly's wings were undeveloped, too weak to fly. All that we hope and long for in life must happen at its own pace, faithful to the process.

How, then, do we negotiate the waiting? The Gospel's encouragement is to pray, but not for what we want. Rather, we are to pray for the strength to stand with hope before the Son of Man, trusting that God will bring forth the goodness we need. Though it may be different than what we seek, it will be what we need. ●

Reflect

How can you better enjoy times of waiting?

May the Lord make you
increase and abound in love
for one another and for all...
to be blameless in holiness
before our God and Father at
the coming of our Lord Jesus
with all his holy ones.

1 THESSALONIANS 3:12-13



What's Happening at Holy Cross

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER

The winner of the November 24, 2024 draw was - Erna & Gerard Woyarski

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30—DEC. 8, 2024

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Sat	Nov. 30	PRO POPULO
Sun.	Dec. 1	For the repose of the soul of Brenda Achtemichuk, offered by Bob, Helen & Janelle Herauf.
Tues.	Dec. 3	For the repose of the souls of MaryAnn and Maureen Kuntz, offered by Charles & family.
Wed.	Dec. 4	For the repose of the soul of John Lambert, offered by Leona & Family.
Thurs.	Dec. 5	For the repose of the soul of Brenda Achtemichuk, offered by Michael & Sandra Morris.
Fri.	Dec. 6	For the repose of the soul of Alice Kulyk offered by Judy Miazga.
Sat.	Dec. 7	PRO POPULO
Sun .	Dec. 8	For the repose of the soul of Lena Proznick (great-aunt of Kristy & Jennifer White), offered by the White Family.

PARISHIONERS' CORNER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to —

Dan Devers on Mon. Dec. 2, and Dolores Deis on Fri. Dec. 6.
May the Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let His Face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace.

Condolences to Bob & Helen Herauf on the death of Bob's brother Wilfrid last week. Funeral took place at Resurrection Parish on Thursday. May he rest in peace.

And sad news. Huntley O'Connor, who has struggled with health problems for some time now, had a stroke on Monday evening and passed away. His funeral will be **1:00pm Monday, December 30** We offer our prayers for his soul and condolences to his wife Grace. God rest his soul.

It has been a hard week, We found out that Shirley Sebastian passed Nov. 18. There will be a private memorial at a later date. And Anna Ollenberger passed this past Thursday. Funeral arrangements are pending.

In need are prayer are Bill and Jan Genert. Bill will be undergoing heart surgery in early December. Your prayers will be most welcome.

Also in need of prayers are Terry and Yvonne Fink. After their concerns for their young grandson who had been injured in a rodeo accident, Terry now has his own medical issues. Please keep him in your prayers.

Good news: Gretta-Lynn Ell is now home after successful back surgery. Prayers continue for a full recovery.

There's only a month left 'til Christmas. The Christmas Bake Sale is coming up this weekend. See the CWL News column for schedules and for cabbage roll making.

And when the year ends, it's time for a new calendar raffle for 2025. Tickets are ready and there will be someone available to sell from now until New Year's Eve at both entrances to the church.

Please let us know about any parishioner news so we can pass it on to others for prayers in need or in celebration. Contact Martin at 306-347-0929 or Joyce Murphy at 306-789-1983 or byapple@sasktel.net.

Holy Cross CALENDAR RAFFLE 2025

Tickets \$20

Includes a 2025 Catholic memo calendar



\$1,700 cash prizes

52 weekly winners of \$25

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New Year's Day, Easter Sunday
Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Christmas Day

All draws open to every ticket holder

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ADORATION Holy Cross Parish
For peace in the world
Every Tuesday at 6 pm followed by
Mass at 7 pm & First Friday, Dec. 6 am
followed by Mass at 9 am

2025 DONATION ENVELOPES

Are available now to pick up from the table in the Gerein Centre.

What's Happening at Holy Cross 2



CWL NEWS

Dec. 3, Tues.—CWL Christmas Party (please bring a guest). It's a busy evening: 6:00 pm adoration, 7:00 pm mass, Light Up for *Christ*, followed by a short business meeting and party. Members are asked to bring a savory or sweet appetizer for the party.

Gifts will be collected for the Marian Centre staff. And asking for a \$3 donation for Teen Parents. Please plan to attend.

Last but not least, we will still collect muffins for Sacred Heart School that evening. **Muffins** may be dropped off in the freezer in the Gerein Centre kitchen at any time..

Dec. 5 & 6, Thurs. & Fri. after 9:00am Mass—**cabbage roll making** in the Gerein Centre for the Christmas Bake Sale. Preparing cabbage leaves and meats will be done Thursday; making the cabbage rolls themselves will be done Friday. All ladies are welcome to join in.



Dec. 7 & 8, Sat. & Sun—

Christmas Bake Sale.



Parishioners wishing to make a donation, please bring your baking to the church at 10 am Sat. or before the masses both days.

CWL memberships of \$42 are now being collected for 2025. Please place your cash or cheque (made out to Holy Cross CWL) in an envelope marked CWL Fees. Include your name, any change of mailing address, email, or phone number. Place the envelope in the designated basket marked "CWL" in the church or drop it off at the office.

Please consider joining our membership, as we continue our charitable ministry and service to our community. We meet the first Tuesday of the months of October – December and February – June.

It's weird being the same age as old people.



KNIGHTS KORNER
36 Years of Service to Holy Cross
1988-2024

CLOTHING DRIVE

Let the Knights of Columbus help you to thin out your closet of clothing you no longer wear or want. The Knights at Holy Cross will be collecting clothes from Nov. 9 to Dec.1. Men's clothes will be delivered to the Marian Centre, while women's and children's clothes will be given to Visitation House. Containers will be located in the Gerein Centre and the Douglas Ave. entrance.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. If you have any questions please contact Don Harazny at dharazny@sasktel.net.

CHRISTMAS DINNER & SOCIAL

All Gerein Council members and their families are invited to attend the 2024 Christmas Dinner & Social on Saturday, Dec. 14 following the 5 pm mass. Executive Knights will be contacting members about their intentions to attend. We look forward to the fraternity and having a joyous time!

DECEMBER EVENTS

Tues. Dec. 3—Light Up for Christ! The Creche outside the front of the church will be lit up following 6pm adoration and 7pm mass. Social will follow in the lower Gerein.

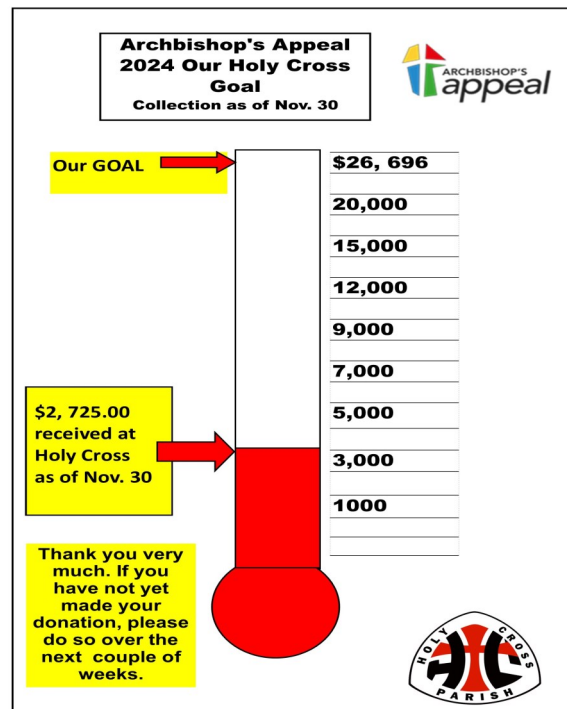
Wed. Dec. 4 - 7:00 pm. Chapter meeting at St Basil's Church.

Fri. Dec. 14—6:00 pm. Christmas Dinner/Social.

Tues. Dec. 17—7:30 pm monthly Council meeting.

What does it take to become a Knight of Columbus?

Find out by filling out an information request ballot at the K of C information table located in the Gerein Centre of the Church. You will be contacted by a Knight from the Gerein Council.



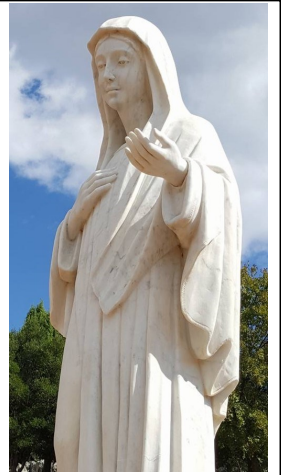
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MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

Thinking of one day going to Medjugorje?
Join us in early April for a pilgrimage there.

Daily Mass at St. James Church
Rosary on Apparition Hill
Stations of the Cross on Cross Mountain
Visit Cenacola—rehab for young men
Professional guide

For more information call Cathleen Devraj at 306-789-0705 or email cdevraj48@gmail.com. Leave your name and contact information. You will be contacted once the dates are in place.



PRO-LIFE NEWS

CANADA, THE KILLING FIELDS OF THE WORLD

Currently, under Canadian law, those who are at least 18 years old and “suffering intolerably” with a medical condition are eligible for MAiD. Our government keeps expanding eligibility, so MAiD has become a slippery slope of horrific outcomes. In eight short years our Supreme Court/legislators have made Canada the killing fields of the world, second only to the Netherlands.

Once those doors to death are opened over a nation, there's a peculiar shift that occurs in the hearts of its people. Cardinal Thomas Collins of Toronto explains: “Just as sometimes callouses grow on the physical body, they can form on the human conscience. And what people were once rightly sensitive to being as wrong, they've come to accept. Familiarity breeds contempt.

And familiarity also allows people to accept what was unacceptable.”

Source: Kristen MacDonald, *A Powerful “NO” to Canada's Killing Fields*, Nov 26, 2024; Mark Mallett *“The Now Word”*.

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someone who can drive at night.**

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ADVENT

The universal Church begins the new liturgical year with the arrival of the season of Advent, a season with two main themes: looking backward and looking forward. In Advent, the Church recalls Christ's identity as Redeemer and Savior as foretold by the prophets — chief among whom is St. John the Baptist. His role was to prepare the people for the first advent of the Messiah, especially through his preaching of repentance and conversion. These are two primary themes of which we should be cognizant as we prepare to meet the Lord when he comes.

Advent has been a part of the Catholic Church calendar since before the year 604 AD as there is evidence of a sermon on that subject by Gregory the Great who died in that year. A Church synod had determined Advent to be observed like the days of Lent. Advent was far more penitential than it is today.

After the Second Vatican Council, emphasis changed from penance to spiritual preparation for Jesus' birth. Even though the Church adopts violet vestments and foregoes the Gloria at mass, our liturgical readings call us to anticipate Jesus' birth, sharing the joy of John the Baptist and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Advent does not mean “expectation” as some may think. It is a translation of the Greek word “parousia” which means “presence”, or more accurately, “arrival” - that is, the beginning ...

In any event the Catholic Encyclopedia tells us Advent is a time when Catholics are admonished to “prepare themselves worthily to celebrate the anniversary of the Lord's coming into the world ...”

Source: Fr. Reginald Martin, *“What are Advent's Origins?”*, Elizabeth Scalia, Michael R. Heinlein, *SimplyCatholic*.



What's Happening in the Archdiocese

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL

Bulletin Reflection

As Advent begins, Jesus urges us to be vigilant, preparing our hearts for His coming. This season is a time of hopeful anticipation and active readiness. Contributing to the Archbishop's Appeal is a meaningful way to prepare, supporting ministries that bring Christ's light to others. Our unified generosity ensures that the message of hope reaches those who need it most. By staying awake and attentive through acts of kindness and support, we not only ready ourselves but also help prepare the world to receive the joy of the Savior's birth.

Prayer of Intercession

We lift up our clergy in prayer, asking for strength and guidance in their ministry. May they lead their parishioners toward unity in faith, and may those discerning a call to the priesthood find clarity and encouragement.

The Archbishop's Appeal Canada Post Strike

Because of the current Canada Post strike, the Archbishop's Office has asked that you drop off your donations to the Archbishop's Appeal in the regular collection at your parish. That will be forwarded to the Archdiocese so that you will be able to claim your donation for the 2024 tax year.

Alternatively, you can check with archreginask.ca/grouppage/donate-archbishops-appeal for other donation methods if you so desire.

Thank you to all who have already contributed to this year's Appeal and to those who are still prayerfully discerning their gift. Your support helps us continue the vital work of ministry and outreach in our Archdiocese.

Stewardship Bulletin Bit

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (Luke 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those that are closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

CHRISTMAS BAKING TRAYS

Cookies, squares, tarts

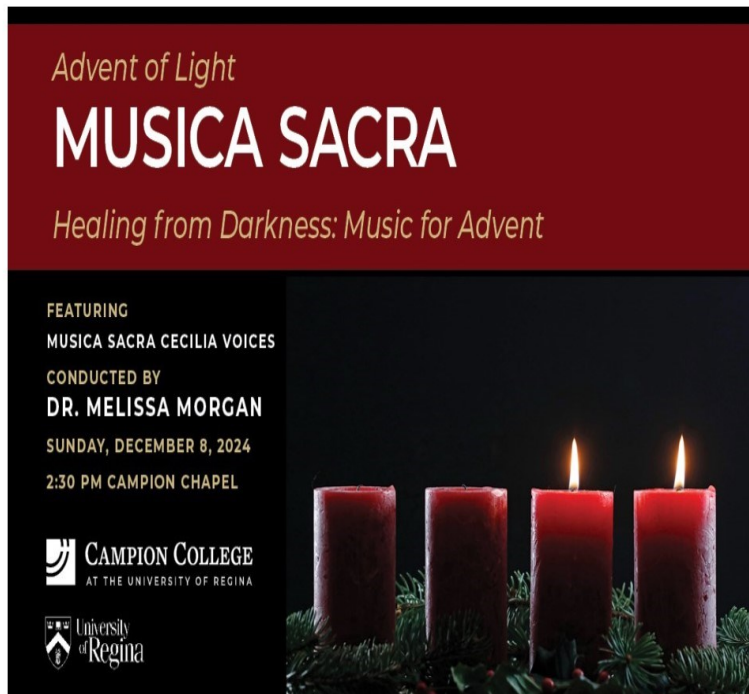
36-40 piece tray \$35 24-26 piece tray \$20
Contact Debbie debbiebulych@gmail.com, 306-533-2118
Or Joan jmrink@sasktel.net, 306-533-1648

Proceeds to Cuernavaca Project in Mexico

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Legion of Mary

Weekly meetings: Saturdays after the 9:00 AM morning Mass. Venue: O'Neil room, Holy Rosary Cathedral. Contact 306-201-4229 or 306-539-3553 for more information.

Experience the transformative power of music and meditation at the Campion College Advent of Light Musica Sacra, Healing from Darkness: Music for Advent concert. Join the Campion community on Dec. 8 at 2:30 p.m. in the beautiful 2nd-floor Campion College Chapel, located on the University of Regina campus, for a soul-stirring performance by the Musica Sacra Cecilia Voices, conducted by the talented Dr. Melissa Morgan, Music Dept. Head at U of R. Don't miss out on this unforgettable event!



TF #429: Pilgrims of Hope - Together in Mission with Fr. Raymond Lafontaine Part

This week on Thinking Faith, we are pleased to conclude our series featuring our recent diocesan gathering with Fr. Raymond Lafontaine, along with a few parting thoughts from our Archbishop Donald Bolen.

Fr. Raymond, a priest from the Archdiocese of Montreal, spent six months with the Archdiocese of Regina starting in May 2024. During his study leave, he visited countless parishes and groups, connecting with priests, pastoral staff, and lay leaders while observing and learning how we "walk together" as a synodal church on mission. Most recently, he participated as a table facilitator at the 2nd Synodal Assembly in Rome in October.

In this series of talks, he shares some of the background leading up to the final gathering in Rome and examines "What did the Spirit speak to the Church through the Synod?" "How far did we progress on the synodal path, and how can we deepen our commitment to walking together in communion, participation, and mission?"

<https://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/pilgrims-of-hope-together-in-mission-with-fr-raymond-lafontaine-part-3>

What's Happening in the Archdiocese 2



PAROISSE
SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE



SALE OF TOURTIÈRES 2024 (FRENCH CANADIAN MEAT PIES)

a tourtière makes a wonderful meal anytime - a thank you gift for friends and neighbors - for co-workers or your boss - as a hostess gift ...

WHAT?

Tourtières, white or whole wheat crust



COST?

large tourtière – 20\$
small tourtière – 9\$



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The Myriam Family of the Prairies invites you

Dec. 7—9:30 am to 4pm

A Family Retreat with the Miriam Family—The Secret of Hope. Includes family morning prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament, talks, mass, skits, games, crafts, joy!

All at our beautiful site in the beauty of nature and the silence of the countryside at our house of prayer in McLean, SK, 45 km east of Regina.

To register, and to get location directions, please contact Sr. Stephanie at 306-761-0528 or by email pss.prairies@famillemyriam.org.

St Peter's CWL Presents

Wrap it up for the Holidays

Craft & bake sale

Friday Dec 6 – 10:00a.m to 8:00p.m.
Saturday Dec 7 – 10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.

Location: St. Peter Parish hall
100 Argyle St North in Hall downstairs

Concession:

Hot dogs - \$5.00 with beverage
\$4.00 no beverage

Smokie, perogies, cabbage roll, onions, sour cream- \$10.00 with beverage
\$9.00 no beverage

Gluten free available

Entrance: on South side of church across from O'Neill School

Parking also on West side of the church

Camp Monahan CHRISTMAS DINNER

Saturday December 7, 2024

Holy Child Parish Hall
Cocktails and Silent Auction 5:30
Supper 6:30 Brisket Dinner by Schmitty's
Smoked Meats and Catering
Dance 8:00 with music by Cross Fire

Tickets \$40 available online or by contacting our office (306) 522-1047 campmonahan@sasktel.net

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Knox-Met United Church
2340 Victoria Avenue, Regina

December 14, 2024 | 3 pm

TICKETS: \$20 ADULT | 18 AND UNDER FREE

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SCHEDULE OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS DECEMBER 2024

Light up for Christ!

Lighting of the Christmas Creche

Tuesday, Dec. 3 following 7:00 pm Mass

Christmas Novena Masses

Day 1	9:00 am	Monday, Dec. 16
Day 2	7:00 pm	Tuesday, Dec. 17, following adoration at 6 pm
Day 3	9:00 am	Wednesday, Dec. 18 11:00 am at Queen Victoria Estates, preceded by reconciliation
Day 4	9:00 am	Thursday, Dec. 19
Day 5	9:00 am	Friday, Dec. 20
Day 6	9:00 am	Saturday, Dec. 21
Day 7	9:00 am	Sunday, Dec. 22
Day 8	9:00am	Monday, Dec. 23
Day 9	9:00 am	Tuesday, Dec 24

Parish Advent Reconciliation

7:00 pm Friday, Dec. 13

Parish Advent Recollection

9:00 am Saturday, Dec. 14

9:00 am Opening Remarks

Adoration: Exposition

Liturgy of the Hours - Deacon Martin

Introduction of speaker Deacon Eric Gurash

*Deacon Eric—**"Discovering Peace and Hope this Advent."***

presentation, period of silence, Benediction

11:00 am Mass

Lunch and fellowship.

Christmas Masses

Tues. Dec. 24	8:30 pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
Wed. Dec. 25	9:00 am	Christmas Day Mass
Tues. Dec. 31	7:00 pm	New Year's Eve Mass (Adoration at 6:00 pm)
Wed. Jan. 1	9:00 am	New Year's Day Mass

