



# Holy Cross Parish

**3rd Sunday of Christmas Bulletin #6 January 12, 2025**

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@ 306-757-1325 for Baptism, 1st Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Marriage, Funerals, and other concerns.

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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## HC Office Hours:

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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## 3rd SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS—THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 / Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

### MONDAY

January 13  
 Weekday  
 Heb 1:1-6  
 Mk 1:14-20

### TUESDAY

January 14  
 Weekday  
 Heb 2:5-12  
 Mk 1:21-28

### WEDNESDAY

January 15  
 Weekday  
 Heb 2:14-18  
 Mk 1:29-39

### THURSDAY

January 16  
 Weekday  
 Heb 3:7-14  
 Mk 1:40-45

### FRIDAY

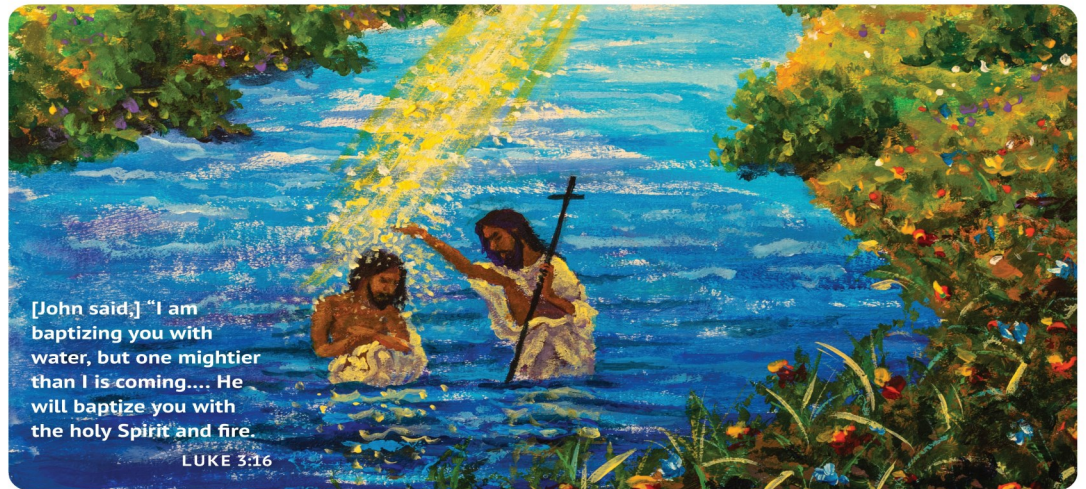
January 17  
 St. Anthony, Abbot  
 Heb 4:1-5, 11  
 Mk 2:1-12

### SATURDAY

January 18  
 Weekday  
 Heb 4:12-16  
 Mk 2:13-17

### SUNDAY

January 19  
 Second Sunday  
 in Ordinary Time  
 Is 62:1-5  
 1 Cor 12:4-11  
 Jn 2:1-11



[John said,] "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming.... He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire."

LUKE 3:16

## Spirit-Trained

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**he Spirit that descended upon Jesus is the same Spirit with which we have been baptized. In one way or another, it calls us out into the world, into the lives of others. At times, that call is a passionate desire that burns like fire "eager to do what is good," as Paul wrote to Titus (Titus 2:14). It shows itself as a call to the work we do in life—perhaps parenting, teaching, medical work, or creating jobs through business. The Spirit beckons us into making the world a better place in which to live.

Sometimes, however, the Spirit's voice echoes with calls made to us by others. Teachers are urged to become principals. Employees are recognized as potential managers and supervisors. People receive requests to volunteer in community or school projects. At other times, the Spirit calls us through the needs of life. A child may need to care for an aged parent. A family may have a child with special needs. One-sided relationships may call for a listening ear that saps our patience.

Saint Paul wrote to Titus that, in all of this, we are being trained by God's Spirit to live life as follows: temperately, with a sense of balance, perhaps between giving and receiving; justly, because life is not all about us; and devoutly, for there is a power greater than ourselves (Titus 2:12). It may help to realize that those in training do not always perform their work perfectly. It is the nature of being trained. Trust the Spirit to train you well. ●

### Reflect

**How is the Spirit training you to make the world a better place?**

# What's Happening at Holy Cross

## CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

Winner of December 29, 2024 draw was Jeanine Wild (correction)  
 Winner of the \$100 New Year's Day 2025 draw was Kelly Murphy  
 Winner of the January 5, 2025 draw was Cheney Lambert

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 11--19, 2025

Sat.	Jan. 11	For the repose of the soul of Brenda Achtemichuk, offered by Phyllis & Harvey Kennedy.
Sun.	Jan. 12	PRO POPULO
Tues.	Jan. 14	For the intentions of Dolores Deis, offered by Susan Leier.
Wed.	Jan. 15	For the repose of the soul of Huntley O'Connor, offered by Ed and Jeanine Mann.
Thurs.	Jan. 16	For the repose of the soul of Terry Fink, offered by Bob, Helen & Janelle Herauf.
Fri.	Jan. 17	For the repose of the soul of Huntley O'Connor, offered by Dolores Deis.
Sat.	Jan. 18	For the repose of the souls of Alma & Ted Dizy, offered by the Family.
Sun.	Jan. 19	For the repose of the soul of Huntley O'Connor, offered by Phyllis & Harvey Kennedy.



**KNIGHTS KORNER**  
 37 Years of Service to Holy Cross  
 1988—2025

### 2025 MEMBER DUES

This is a reminder that membership dues have been sent to Council members for 2025. For those impacted, kindly remit your dues at your earliest convenience. Payment options are outlined in the due's notices. Thank you!

### January Events

Thurs. 16th—4th degree business meeting 6:00 pm,  
 Holy Cross  
 Sun. 19th—Pancake breakfast 10:00 am  
 Tues. 21st—Council meeting 7:30 pm

### 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.

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Jesus steps into the Jordan River and into His mission of redemption through this public religious act. The descent of the dove symbolizes the anointing of the Holy Spirit, which Jesus receives as the Christ, Greek for "the Anointed One".

This mark of divine blessing is accompanied by the voice of the Father in heaven who proclaims, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Mt 3:17). This mysterious utterance reveals Jesus as the Son of God, the One sent from the Father to accomplish the salvation of the human race.

In this dramatic scene we already grasp the identity and function of the Most Blessed Trinity — we see the Father as the One who begets and sends the Son to redeem the human race, the Son as the obedient servant who accomplishes the will of the Father, and the Holy Spirit as the Sanctifier who empowers the mission of redemption.

*Simply Catholic*

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sunday, January 16



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

### GREEN RIBBON CAMPAIGN JANUARY 28

The Regina Pro Life Association is calling on all parishioners to participate in the Green Ribbon Sunday Campaign, which remembers the Morgentaler decision of January 28, 1988, when the Supreme Court of Canada struck down **all laws** regarding abortion. Since then, there have been more than 4 million abortions in Canada. Please pick up a green ribbon/bookmark which are available at the church entrances. We encourage you to wear them until the 28<sup>th</sup> of January, but you can certainly wear them longer. The bookmarks include a prayer for the end to abortion that we kindly ask you to pray daily.

## What's Happening at Holy Cross 2

### PARISHIONERS' CORNER

We have only one birthday to celebrate this week—Christal Monckton on Sunday, Jan. 12.

**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.**

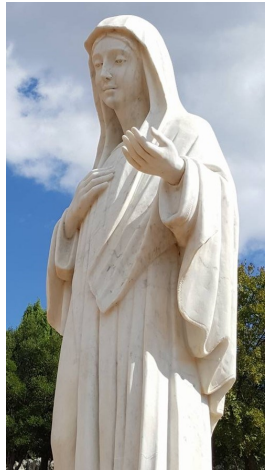
We offer condolences to Yvonne and Richard Mulrooney on the death of Yvonne's mother Christina Thibault in Wakaw, SK at the age of 102. Yvonne said that being of Irish stock, she was given as close to a glorious Irish wake to say goodbye as they could provide. May she rest in peace.

With vacations and illness and other reasons sometimes disrupting our Sunday Mass music schedule, we'd like to thank Loretta Jelinski for often stepping in at the last minute to play the organ for us. Thank you, Loretta, for being so generous with your time and talent.

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 [pastoral.assistant@holycrossregina.ca](mailto:pastoral.assistant@holycrossregina.ca) or Joyce Murphy at 306-789-1983 or [byapple@Sasktel.net](mailto:byapple@Sasktel.net).

### MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

Thinking of one day going to Medjugorje?  
Join us April 4-14 for a pilgrimage there.  
Lower airfare presently.  
Daily Mass at St. James Church  
(St. James, patron saint of pilgrims)  
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  
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**From a poster found in a church in France:**

**“When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear “the call of God”. However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving.”**

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The 2025 theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU), prepared by the monastic community of Bose in Northern Italy, “Do you believe this?” (John 11:26), takes its cue from the dialogue between Jesus and Martha when Jesus visited the home of Martha and Mary in Bethany following the death of their brother Lazarus, as narrated by the evangelist John. As 2025 marks the 1700th anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council of Nicaea, Christians around the world are called to witness together to this faith in the resurrection, which is for us the source of hope and joy, to be shared with all peoples.

#### Sunday, January 19, 3:00 pm

Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 5020 Sherwood Dr., Regina. This service is planned by “Friends in Faith”, consisting of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic, New Hope Lutheran, Norman Kennedy Presbyterian, and St. James United churches.

#### Sunday, January 26, 2:30 pm

Christ the King Catholic Church, 3239 Garnet St., Regina. This service is planned together with the Regina Council of Churches. Those interested in joining a joint choir for January 26, please come to the rehearsal at 1:30pm at Christ the King.

### PRO-LIFE NEWS

The British Columbia Civil Liberties Association that led the push for the 2015 decriminalization of physician-assisted suicide in Canada is now warning it has become too easy to obtain MAiD.

In a Zoom call at a town hall on Sept. 27, 2023 a BCCLA litigation lawyer noted that her work with the group “may very well involve adopting either a modified or a new policy around our position on MAiD in light of the fact ... that it's being abused.”

Other BCCLA members noted their concern by the whole coercive dynamic that's inherent with disabled people and their health-care providers. They were particularly alarmed by reports of MAiD being used in prisons while incarcerated people were shackled to their beds, the program's lack of legal oversight, disproportionate representation of impoverished people receiving assisted suicide, and health-care practitioners offering assisted suicide when patients asked for support for living.

Executive Director of BCCLA Liz Hughes call the reports of intolerable social circumstances driving MAiD death “unacceptable”.

*Extracted from article by Chris Knight, special to National Post, Dec. 19, 2024.*

# What's Happening in the Archdiocese

## 2025 PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

Plans are in the works for a pilgrimage to Poland from June 17 to July 1, 2025 led by Society of Christ priests from Saskatoon, Regina and Las Vegas. This trip provides the opportunity to visit various religious and historical sites, from the Baltic Sea in the north to the Tatra Mountains in the south. These include Wadowice (home town of St. John Paul II), the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Łagiewniki, Częstochowa (home of the Black Madonna), Legnica (site of a Eucharistic miracle), Malbork castle (UNESCO World Heritage site), Auschwitz concentration camp, Gdansk shipyard (home of the Solidarity movement), Wieliczka salt mine (UNESCO World Heritage site), Krakow, Warsaw, Gdansk, Zakopane (mountain resort) and more!

This guided tour will be led in English by Polish guides. Limited seats are available. An informational meeting will be held in the basement of St. Anthony's church (2275 Atkinson St.) on Sunday, January 5th at 4:00 pm. For more information, please call Theresa at 306-550-7649.

## Stewardship Bulletin Bits

January 12, 2025

### The Baptism of Our Lord

*"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...' "* - Luke 3:16

The Catholic Catechism states that *"Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will."* In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

### "Ministering to Young People" Workshop

If you are a teacher, catechist, priest, volunteer, chaplain, parish worker, youth minister or someone who just cares about the spiritual health of young people....please join us! The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Archdiocese of Regina invites you to spend a day learning, praying and being encouraged. We will gather at Holy Family Parish in Regina on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 3:30. Lunch will be provided. To register, please email us at [oyyam@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:oyyam@archregina.sk.ca) ALSO: We are happy to take this workshop on the road. If you can gather a half dozen or so folks in your area, we will happily come!

## 2025 HERITAGE PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO POLAND



**JUNE 17th to JULY 1st 2025**

### INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, December 15th, 2024 at 4:00 pm

In St. Anthony's church basement – 2275 Atkinson Street

Escorted by Society of Christ Fathers, Fr. Gerry Grupczynski of Las Vegas, Fr. Richard Philiposki of Saskatoon & Fr. Karol Twarowski from Regina.



BOLESLAWIEC • LEGNICA • WROCLAW • AUSCHWITZ • BIRKENAU • WADOWICE • ZAKOPANE  
LUDZIMERZ • KRAKOW • LAGIEWNIKI • WIELCZKA • CZESTOCHOWA • WARSAW • GDANSK  
NIEPOKALNOW • LICHEN • POZNAN • SWIEBODZIN • FRANKFURT

Price per person is approximately \$4,300 (double occupancy), and includes transportation, accommodations, daily breakfast and dinner, admissions to attractions, tour guide and local guides, driver and pastoral services of priest chaplains.

## The Eucharist, Christ's Real Presence

Jan 22 & 29, Feb 5 & 12

7 - 9 pm

Christ The King Parish

Parish Center, 3239 Garnet Street, Regina



In Part 2 of our Adult Formation Series  
on the Sacraments...

come explore the mystery of the  
Eucharist and its transformative power  
in our lives

we will deepen our understanding and  
appreciation of the Eucharist, the  
source and summit of our faith

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## What's Happening in the Archdiocese 2



NATIONAL VISITATION OF THE RELICS OF  
St. Jean de Brébeuf and of St. Kateri Tekakwitha  
Join us on Sunday, January 26, 2025  
at Resurrection Parish  
Mass 11:00 am

Veneration of the Relics following Mass until 2:30 pm

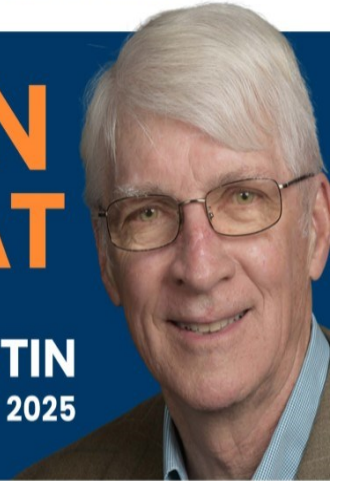


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# LENTEN RETREAT

WITH

DR. RALPH MARTIN  
March 7-9, Anno Domini 2025



**LODGING** on-site accommodations, or at your choice of area hotels  
**MEALS** served in the St. Therese Institute dining hall (ages 0-5 eat free)  
**CHILDCARE** for kids aged 0-5 (until all available spots are reserved)

Spend the first weekend of Lent 2025 with Dr. Ralph Martin of Renewal Ministries  
at the **St. Therese Institute** in Bruno, SK - just one hour east of Saskatoon.  
Programming runs 7:00PM Friday, March 7 (check-in after 2:00pm) - 12:00pm Sunday, March 9

Register early to secure your spot:

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## 2025 DE MARGERIE LECTURES ON CHRISTIAN RECONCILIATION AND UNITY

# Here Comes Nicaea 2025



2025 DE MARGERIE LECTURER  
Rev. Dr. Sandra Beardsall

Here Comes Nicaea 2025:  
Are we Ready to Share the Apostolic Faith Together?

Thursday, Jan. 23, 2025  
7:00 pm, Campion College  
3737 Wascana Parkway, Regina

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The two lectures complement each other and will be available both in-person and via livestream at: <https://bit.ly/Demargerie2025>

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