



Holy Cross Parish

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time **Bulletin #7** **January 19, 2025**

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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

Sat. 5:00 pm
Sun. 9:00 am
Tues. 7:00 pm
Wed. 9:00 am
Thur. 9:00 am
Fri. 9:00 am

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2nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 62:1-5 / 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 / John 2:1-12

MONDAY

January 20
Weekday
Heb 5:1-10
Mk 2:18-22

TUESDAY

January 21
St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Heb 6:10-20
Mk 2:23-28

WEDNESDAY

January 22
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Heb 7:1-3, 15-17
Mk 3:1-6

THURSDAY

January 23
Weekday
Heb 7:25-8:6
Mk 3:7-12

FRIDAY

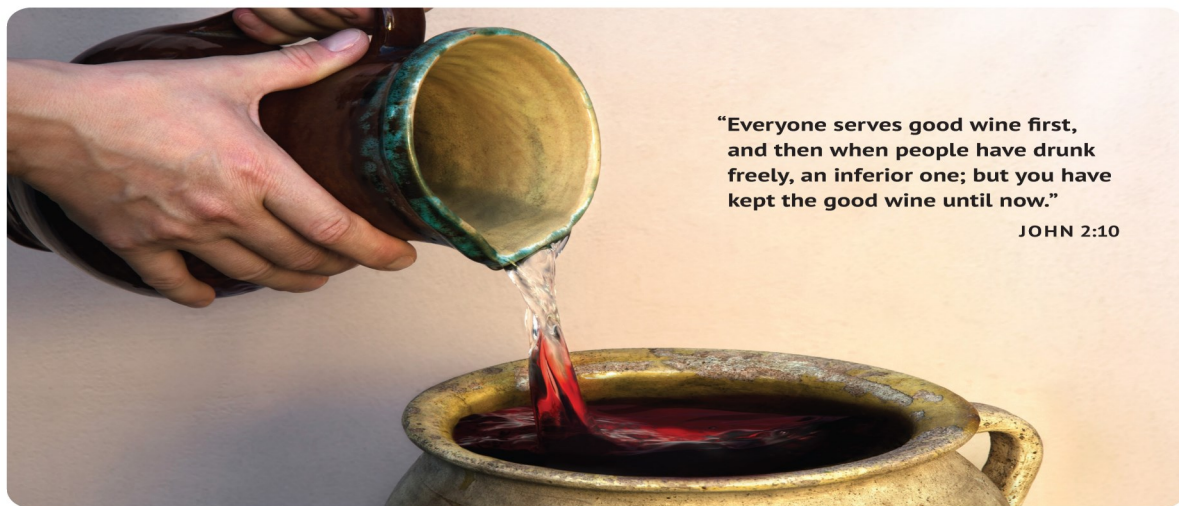
January 24
St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Heb 8:6-13
Mk 3:13-19

SATURDAY

January 25
The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22
Mk 16:15-18

SUNDAY

January 26
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



"Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now."

JOHN 2:10

When Water Becomes Wine

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

For all of us, at one time or another, life seems to run out of wine. We look at our relationships and find ourselves saying, "There's no more wine." It may be a friendship of five years or a marriage of twenty-five years, but, for some, the wine runs out. For others, it is the job that loses its challenge. Or, one day, the foreman gathers everyone to announce that the plant is closing. In a moment, all has turned into vinegar; there is no more wine. For others still, it is when retirement suffocates the future, choking all that once gave meaning.

However, there are also those times when hope is reborn, when we feel "espoused" not only by life but also by God, when the ordinary turns extraordinary—and the water becomes wine. It is the phone call offering a new job after we have collected unemployment checks for months. It is falling in love when we have given up on the notion. It is conceiving a child after years of barren waiting. It is someone who listens, finally, when no one else would. It is at times like these—and many others as well—when we are caught off-balance and trip into God unwittingly, saved from drudgery and redeemed to live a life enriched, when water is turned into wine. It is a deeply felt joy that reveals God's presence. ●

Reflect

Is there an area in your life where you need "new wine"?

What's Happening at Holy Cross

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

Winner of the January 12, 2025 draw was Karen Whitney.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 18 –26, 2025

Sat.	Jan. 18	For the repose of the souls of Alma & Ted Dizey, offered by the Family.
Sun.	Jan. 19	For the repose of the soul of Huntley O'Connor, offered by Phyllis & Harvey Kennedy.
Tues.	Jan. 21	For the intentions of Margaret & Andy Preiner, offered by the Holy Cross Choir.
Wed.	Jan. 22	For the repose of the soul of Christina Thibeau, offered by Leona Begrand.
Thurs.	Jan. 23	PRO POPULO for Jan. 17 & 18.
Fri.	Jan. 24	
Sat.	Jan. 25	For the repose of the soul of Terry Fink, offered by Bob, Helen & Janelle Herauf.
Sun.	Jan. 26	For the repose of the soul of Jim Butchko, 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

Sun. 19th—Pancake breakfast 10:00 am
Tues. 21st—Council meeting 7:30 pm

February Events

Wed. Feb. 5—Chapter meeting 7:00 pm St. Basil's Church

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.

PARISH COUNCIL

An update on the Pictorial Directory: Data for the directory was checked by the Parish Council committee responsible and sent to IPC Canada Photo Services on Dec. 12 to prepare a draft. IPC requires 30 working days for this stage. Following our review and any corrections, we expect to have the printed copy of the directory by the end of February.

Knights of Columbus

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 19

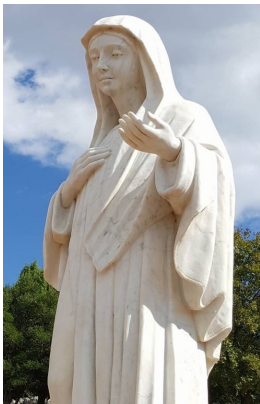


**Adults: \$10,
Student: \$5,
Children Under 6: Free**

Are these yours? Pick them up in the Gerein Centre.



MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE



**Thinking of one day going to Medjugorje?
Join us April 4-14 for a pilgrimage.
Lower airfare presently there.**

**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 or email cdevraj48@gmail.com.

What's Happening at Holy Cross 2

PARISHIONERS' CORNER

Birthdays to celebrate this week—Bernie Kowalski on Saturday, Jan. 18 and Agnes Horvath on Tuesday, Jan. 21

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.

For any parishioners wishing to participate, Fr. Carlos will do Blessing of the Throats after the weekend masses Feb. 1 and 2. In addition he will also do Anointing of the Sick after the homily on the following weekend Feb. 8 and 9. With all the colds and flu of this winter many of us will probably want to take advantage of these opportunities.

The directory has been completed and sent to IPC on December 12 to prepare a draft. IPC requests 30 working days for this. After our review, IPC will print the final directory and send to us, which we hope will be before the end of February.

If you're interested in the National Visitation of the Relics of Canadian Martyrs St. Jean de Brebeuf and St. Kateri Tekakwitha on Sunday, Jan. 26, please note there has been a change of venue to Resurrection Parish. See the new poster in this bulletin for more details.

Paula Lafontaine is experiencing a difficult time and would appreciate your prayers.

Unfortunately, this information came to us belatedly but St. Anne's parishioner Dr. David Kopriva will be speaking about end-of-life questions as it pertains to the Catholic Faith, the sacredness of human life and the use of MAiD in an effort to end suffering. What is the alternative? If you can make it to Our Lady Peace Parish this Sunday morning around 11:00 am, he will be speaking on this topic and have a Q&A session. A poster with more information may be found in this bulletin in the Archdiocese section.

There is another poster on separation and divorce in the bulletin this week. Though this may be helpful for those going through this difficulty they should keep in mind that this is not a Catholic event and is sponsored by the Regina Apostolic 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 pastoral.assistant@holycrossregina.ca or Joyce Murphy at 306-789-1983 or byapple@Sasktel.net.

We are led to God by desire, drawn as if pulled by a rope.

St. Gregory of Nyssa



PRO-LIFE NEWS

Now that Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) is being accepted as "health care" in Canada, several Canadian doctors now seek to push for euthanasia by organ donation.

Rob Sibbald, an ethicist at the London Health Sciences Centre in Ontario suggested blurring the lines on the "dead donor rule", a long-standing, medical ethics guideline requiring that donors die of another natural cause before doctors harvest their organs. He stated, "We're so invested in this dead donor rule. That rule has become so ingrained in the medical community that we hold it out as a foundational principle .. and I think just as likely there are people who question that value now."

Sibbald further suggested that death may not occur at one particular moment in time, and said the "best use" of organs from patients who are "going to receive a medically assisted death" could be to harvest them while the victim is alive. (Note Sibbald's language use of "victim".)

Canada is now the top country for organ donation via euthanasia.

[One cannot help but wonder, when MAiD is being promoted in Canadian hospitals, who really benefits?]

Source: Logan Washburn, The Federalist Jan. 8, 2025

GREEN RIBBON SUNDAY



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 take a green ribbon and bookmark which are available at the church entrances. We encourage you to wear them until the 28th 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.

If you can start the day without caffeine,
If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
If you can conquer tension without medical help,
If you can relax without alcohol,
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,
Then you are probably the Family Dog.

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.

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.

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.



BOLESŁAWIEC • LEGNICA • WROCLAW • AUSCHWITZ • BIRKENAU • WADOWICE • ZAKOPANE
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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

REGISTER ON OUR
PARISH WEBSITE



What's Happening in the Archdiocese 2



Made to Be - a Catholic women's group presents:

Rest

Adoration, Confession, Prayer Ministry, and Fellowship

4th Sundays from 7:30-9:00 pm

January 26 - St. Martin de Porres parish

February 23 - Holy Family parish

March 23 - St. Martin de Porres parish

April 27 - Holy Family parish



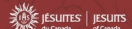
Join us on WhatsApp

RELICS OF CANADIAN MARTYRS



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



Charismatic Prayer Gatherings

Resurrection Parish

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Upcoming Dates: January 19, February 23, March 23, May 4, June 22 Come Alive!
You are invited! Come and experience Christ's loving embrace through music, praise, worship, teaching, prayer, and fellowship! Mark your calendars now. Hope to see you there!



Join us for an afternoon of cribbage –
Sponsored by the 55+ group

Our Lady of Peace Parish

425 Broad Street North

Friday, January 31, 2025

Friday, February 14, 2025

For more information
or to pre-register
please contact Erna at
306-221-1567

1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Doors open 12:15 pm Cost - \$5.00 person

Refreshments and dainties included

**Please use north
entrance**



**7 games will be played
Payouts on 1st, 2nd and 3rd place
Change partners every round**

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Starts February 6
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ADORATION

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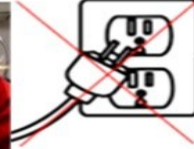
Every Tuesday at 6 pm

What's Happening in the Archdiocese 3



Dr. David Kopriva
Surgeon, Regina

IS THERE AN ALTERNATIVE TO MAID?



The Catholic Church is strongly opposed to medical assistance in dying (MAiD) and euthanasia. The Church believes all human life is sacred, from conception to natural death, and everyone should be protected. The Church also offers hope and mercy to those who are suffering. The Catholic Church believes that causing death to eliminate suffering is morally unacceptable and constitutes murder. No one wants to see their loved ones suffer – or for ourselves to suffer needlessly? So what is the answer? Dr. David Kopriva, a local surgeon and parishioner of St. Anne Catholic Parish in Regina, will speak to this question – and help answer questions you may have on the topic. **Dr. David will be at Our Lady of Peace Parish speaking briefly at both Masses on the weekend of January 18th and 19th. Immediately following the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday January 19th he will speak further to the topic. (about a one hour session).** This will be an opportune time to ask questions and hear what the Church has to offer as an alternative to MAiD.

HERE COMES NICAEEA 2025!

Rev. Dr. Sandra Beardsall is an ordained minister in the United Church of Canada. She was Professor of Church History and Ecumenics at St Andrew's College, Saskatoon for 24 years. Her research and writing brought together historical, pastoral, and ecumenical concerns in the service of ministry, ecclesiology, and the search for Christian unity, with a special concern for local ecumenism. She has served on national ecumenical dialogues and is a member of the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches. She lives in Saskatoon.

Here Comes Nicaea 2025:

Are we Ready for Visible Unity?

**Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 7:00 pm,
St. Thomas More College, 1437 College Drive,
Saskatoon**

The goal of "visible unity" lies at the heart of ecumenical endeavour. It animated the Council of Nicaea, and it continues to engage Christians today. Can we agree on what it means? Are we ready to embrace it? What would it take? And would the visible unity of Christians make a difference – in our churches, and in the world?

Here Comes Nicaea 2025:

Are we Ready to Share the Apostolic Faith Together?

Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Campion College, 3737 Wascana Parkway, Regina

Those gathered at Nicaea sought to transmit the proclamation of the earliest Christian evangelists faithfully. It was not an easy task. It continues to perplex those who seek Christian unity. What does the faith of Nicaea teach us about living together as Christians today?

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

The De Margerie Lectures are sponsored by the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism, St. Thomas More College, Campion College, the Saskatoon Theological Union, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, and the Archdiocese of Regina. For more information contact Dr. Gertrude Rompre at grompre@stmcollege.ca or Nicholas Jesson at jesson@ecumenism.net