



Holy Cross Parish

Epiphany of the Lord **Bulletin #5** **January 5, 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

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

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2nd SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS—EPIPHANY

Isaiah 60:1-6 / Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Matthew 2:1-12

MONDAY

January 6
Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 3:22–4:6
Mt 4:12–17, 23–25

TUESDAY

January 7
Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:7–10
Mk 6:34–44

WEDNESDAY

January 8
Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:11–18
Mk 6:45–52

THURSDAY

January 9
Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:19–5:4
Lk 4:14–22a

FRIDAY

January 10
Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5–13
Lk 5:12–16

SATURDAY

January 11
Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14–21
Jn 3:22–30

SUNDAY

January 12
The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1–4, 6–7 or
Is 40:1–5, 9–11
Acts 10:34–38 or
Ti 2:11–14; 3:4–7
Lk 3:15–16, 21–22



Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

MATTHEW 2:1B–2

In Search of God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We are always in search of something or other, it seems—an intangible something that tends to shift and change over the course of our lives, like the tumbling pieces of a kaleidoscope. Sometimes, it is love we seek. Other times, meaning. Or inner peace, freedom from anxiety or guilt. Or perhaps freedom from all that ties us down. And sometimes, it is God we seek. Like the Magi, we too are on a quest for the Holy One.

One afternoon, Tom, a high-school sophomore, stopped by. He asked if we could talk about God—or, more exactly, about what God was like. He had been in a study hall, waiting for the bell to ring, when the person behind him asked, "When you die, do you think you're going to see God?" Tom said he thought he would, but then the other student replied, "Well, you won't, because God doesn't have a body. There isn't something to see."

The bell rang, Tom said, and they never finished the conversation. Tom wondered whether God had a body or not, and, if not, then what was God like? Tom was searching for a God that made sense amidst galaxies and black holes and light years of time, but also a God who was personal and knowable and lovable. He wasn't sure how to put the two together. He had become one of the Magi on a journey to find God. ●

Reflect

Where are you on your journey to know and discover God?

What's Happening at Holy Cross

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER

The winner of the December 22, 2024 draw was Stephanie Wolfe.
 Winner of the \$100 Christmas draw was Joyce Murphy.
 Winner of December 29, 2024 draw Was Kelly Murphy.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 4-12, 2025

Sat.	Jan. 4	PRO POPULO
Sun.	Jan. 5	For the repose of the soul of Brenda Achtemichuk, offered by Ed & Jeanine Mann.
Tues.	Jan. 7	For the repose of the soul of Huntley O'Connor, offered by Susan Leier
Wed.	Jan. 8	
Thurs.	Jan. 9	For the grace of healing & conversion for Colette Capek, offered by Ed & Jeanine Mann.
Fri.	Jan. 10	For the repose of the soul of Jacob Kokoruz, offered by Rita Gareau.
Sat.	Jan. 11	For the repose of the soul of Brenda Achtemichuk, offered by Phyllis & Harvey Kennedy.
Sun.	Jan. 12	PRO POPULO



KNIGHTS KORNER
 37 Years of Service to Holy Cross
 1988-2025

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all Council Brother Knights and your families, as well as to all Holy Cross parishioners. May you all have a blessed and prosperous 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

- Wed. 8th—Chapter meeting 7:00 pm, St. Basil's Parish
- Sat. 11th—Take down of Nativity scene 1:30 pm
- 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.

Epiphany



Donations/Revenue		
December 2024	Offerings	18,511.75
December 2024	Christmas	3,656.00
December 2024	E-transfers	5,440.00
December 2024	Automatic Debit	3,304.00
Coffee		125.00
Votive Stand		30.00
St Mary's Offset		1,525.00
Missals		179.00
Funeral		200.00
Christmas Flowers		820.00
Gerein Centre Rental		75.00
Total December		33,865.75

REMINDER:

Any vehicle parked in a "wheelchair" designated parking space MUST display a "handicap" sign. Please respect these reserved parking spots.

PRO-LIFE NEWS

For years, there have been clear signals that euthanasia providers in Canada may be breaking the law and getting away with it. That is the finding of the officials who are responsible for monitoring euthanasia deaths to ensure compliance in the province of Ontario. Newly uncovered reports reveal that these authorities have thus far counted over 400 apparent violations—and have kept this information from the public and not pursued a single criminal charge, even against repeat violators and "blatant" offenders.

Why is this allowed to happen?

Source: New Atlantis, Nov. 11, 2024, Alexander Rankin; Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, Alex Schadenberg.

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SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Submitted by Rita Gareau



On Dec. 21st my son and I delivered the food that was gathered for our Adopt-a-Family program to Nadia. She told me that she used to live with her parents and two boys on Mullen Ave. and had received help from us (Martin) in the past. When her father passed away in September 2024, her mother moved to BC to be with her sister and, all of a sudden, Nadia and the boys were out on the street. She managed to find a room in a small house in Coronation Park for her and Austin. Aidan was attending university on scholarship (Indigenous social work) so he moved in with a friend. Nadia is very proud of her two boys. She was also extremely grateful for our gifts and said that, thanks to you, many people would have a great Christmas. She wanted me express her gratitude to everyone for your generosity. FYI, along with all the donated food, the three of them each received Christmas gifts and Social Action contributed a \$150 Walmart gift card. I would also like to add my thanks to all of you. Your generosity was overwhelming and very much appreciated. My heart was overflowing.

Pocket Change

From July 1st to Dec 31st, we collected \$216.05 in the glass jars for distribution to local charities. Social Action topped this amount up to \$250.00 and we distributed \$125.00 each to Carmichael Outreach and Chili for Children. Thank you for dropping your extra change into our jars. Such an inconsequential action can truly lead to some good being done in the community. You guys rock!!

Principle of Catholic Social Teaching – Common Good

“The demands of the common good... the provision of essential services to all, some of which are at the same time human rights: food, housing, work, education and access to culture, transportation, basic health care, the freedom of communication and expression, and the protection of religious freedom.”

Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, 166

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and wish all of you a happy and healthy 2025.

God Bless!!

PARISHIONERS' CORNER

Birthdays for this week are Chelsea Adams and Aaron Liska on Sunday, Jan. 5.

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 hope everyone had a wonderful, holy and happy Christmas. May the whole of 2025 be the same.

The first calendar raffle winner of the new year and a \$100 prize was Kelly Murphy.



Thanks to Darcy Butchko and the Environment Committee who did its usual beautiful arrangement of flowers for our Christmas mass celebrations. They even put the lights on every tree. Most of us don't do that awful job any more. Thank you, ladies. It's makes for a lovely, warm atmosphere for a joyful season.

Our thanks also to Jacob for coming back to work in the late evening during these holidays to have

everything cleaned up and reordered for a Mass the next morning. Much appreciated.

Alex and Mary Banga have had great success in keeping their children and grandchildren involved deeply in the Catholic Church. We've heard about Mark who is now working at the well-known Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. Daughter Kirsten Joubert is a leader of the young girls' Challenge Club which uses Holy Cross as its base for meetings each Friday while her husband Mark is involved with the boys' Conquest. And now grandson Jackson Joubert, to whom we gave some support for his missionary efforts beginning right out of high school, sends us an enthusiastic report on the work he is doing. It is found in the bulletin on page 6.

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.

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CWL NEWS

There is no CWL meeting this month but muffins are still being collected for Sacred Heart School. Thanks to those who found time over the Christmas rush to remember those students and provided some muffins. They will be delivered this Monday or Tuesday.

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.



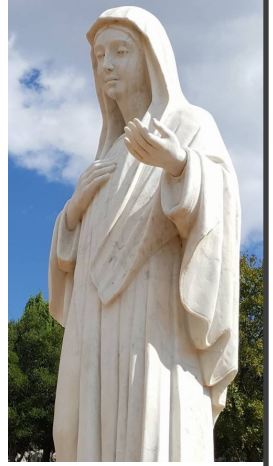
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MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

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
or email cdevraj48@gmail.com.



The directory has been completed and sent to IPC to publish a draft. Normally, we would receive it in a couple of weeks to revise and return, and then a few more weeks to receive our copies. Considering that Christmas is in that time frame, we hope all this can be done shortly around the end of January.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS			
Date	Name of Donor	In Memory of:	In Honour of:
08-Dec	Bob & Helen Herauf	Bernard & Olga Chomyn Simon & Agatha Herauf	
08-Dec	Joyce Murphy	Cal Murphy	
16-Dec	Ursula Roesch	Al Roesch	
16-Dec	Wendy Kraushaar		Evelyn Kraushaar
16-Dec	Rita Gareau	Larry & Jean Bissonnette; Yvonne Wagner	
17-Dec	Susan Leier & family	Terry Leier	
18-Dec	Connie Todd	Todd & Woroneski families	
19-Dec	Wayne & Trudy Rutten	Rutten & Grill families	
20-Dec	Genelle Nicholson	Chris, Joan & Ed Nicholson; Val & Art Sastaunik	
20-Dec	Jack & Gladys Herzberger	Terry Fink	
20-Dec	Jack & Gladys Herzberger	Jim Butchko	
20-Dec	Ed Deck & family	Clem Deck	
23-Dec	Geri Huber	Vern Huber	
23-Dec	Pam Richaud		My children & their families
23-Dec	Dan & Shirley Devers, Joan Stulberg	Frank Stulberg, John Devers, Nancy Falastein, Janelle Devers, Chris Gavin	
23-Dec	Mike & Cec Duperreault	Marjorie, Gordon, Doddie & Glen	
23-Dec	Charlotte M. Hendren	Jim Hindren	Don, Kevin, Nathan & Lauren
23-Dec	Edwin & Magdalena Pepper	Our parents	Our children
23-Dec	Irene Wald	Maria & Ambrose Wald	
23-Dec	Dolores Deis	Anton & Margaret Frank, Leo Deis, John & Lana Deis	

What's Happening in the Archdiocese

Stewardship Bulletin Bits

The Epiphany of the Lord

...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."
Matthew 2:11

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.



**MADE
FOR
GREAT
-NESS**

A CATHOLIC MEN'S EVENT

Featuring **Fr. Warren Dungen**, Pastor for St. Basil's Parish in Regina and for the Montmartre Ukrainian Catholic District.

Friday, January 10th from 6:00 to 8:30PM

Meal Served at 6:00

Presentation and Chat at 6:30

Devotions and Confession at 7:30

Conclusion and Fellowship at 8:30

St. Basil's Ukrainian Catholic Parish
1747 Toronto Street
Regina, SK

To kick off the new year, Fr. Warren Dungen will lead us in a discussion on Mentors and their impact on our lives. I have benefited greatly from the blessing of a handful of mentors in my life, and any success or growth I've had directly stems from their witness and friendship.

If you don't have a mentor or a mentee, my brothers ... what are you waiting for? Our ministry provides us all with an excellent opportunity to foster a mentor/mentee relationship that will supercharge your life--take advantage of it and ask the Lord to lead you to the right one and he will guide you.

Remember to bring a man with you to our event at St. Basil's, and have an excellent 2025!

Kevin



SASKATCHEWAN PRO-LIFE 2025 MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE

Due to the postal strike the SPLA membership renewal letter is being held at the printer's. At this time, it is very possible that, even with a resolution to the strike, our renewal notice will not reach our members before the end of the year. We ask that, if possible, members renew online at the website www.saskprolife.com or by e-transfer to: info@saskprolife.com

Also, due to the strike, we will not be mailing out our Christmas greeting and year-end donation request letter. If you would like to make a donation to SPLA for the 2024 tax year, please contact our office for instructions 306.992.6941 or 306.352.3480 or email info@saskprolife.com Donations to Saskatchewan Pro-Life Association are not tax deductible. Donations to Saskatchewan Pro-Life Educational Trust are eligible for a tax deduction. We are eternally grateful for the support we receive – prayers, words of encouragement, letter writing, active participation in events and monetary.

Your help is always needed as we seek to protect the most vulnerable among us and to build a culture that cherishes every life at all stages.

Blessings,
Frances Stang
Saskatchewan Pro-Life Association.

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**



Dear Parishioners of Holy Cross Parish,

Merry Christmas! I wanted to share an update with you on my missionary work in Ontario. At the end of October, we ran a weekend ECYD camp for boys. Fr. Patrick O'Loughlin from Atlanta was in Ontario and attended the camp. It was a great experience, and we had a lot of fun. It was the first middle-school weekend camp that I had been too since I was in grade 8, and it was really interesting to be the one leading and running the camp as opposed to being a participant.

After the camp was over, we joined the Legionary priests on their getaway. Fr. Pierre, our superior, knows some people who have places in Muskoka, and one generously lent us his lake house to stay in. It was beautiful there! The fall colours were magnificent, the lake was pristine, and our time there was incredible. We had dinner with the people who own the lake house and got to know them better. The fathers played some music on guitar, banjo, and harmonica, and we had a great time.

After our getaway, we got right back to work. In early November we finished our first round of confirmation retreats and we've done more than two dozen so far. From November 15-17, I was fortunate to attend a Come-and-See discernment retreat at St. Augustine's seminary in Toronto. It was a notable trip for me. I got to see seminary life, meet the seminarians, ask lots of questions, and see for myself what the seminary is like. It really changed my perspective and answered a lot of my questions, specifically about the formation of diocesan priests.

During the third week of November, we began our school visits. Some of the grade 7 teachers whose classes we visited for our confirmation retreats enjoyed the retreats so much that they invited us to come back on a monthly basis and do a religion class. It was a great opportunity to get back into the schools and see some of the kids after their confirmation. We had a fruitful first visit and are excited to have more in the future.

From November 22-24, we had our Christ the King missions. It was a special mission since it was an overnight mission, and so we stayed in an AirBnB with some of the teenage boys that signed up. Friday night was games, adoration, and a formation activity. Saturday was a regular day mission, and Sunday we celebrated the feast of Christ the King. It was a joyous event! We had Mass and a social afterwards.

Previously, on November 10, we had a Regnum Christi discernment day, and it was then that I decided to associate with Regnum Christi. At the Sunday Mass, myself and 11 others associated with Regnum Christi. During the social, I joined the Padres band as a bassist and played some Christ the King related songs. Per capita, we had the largest celebration of Christ the King and the

most associations in the entire North American territory, and so the Legionaries were very tired but happy at our success. It's wonderful to see how the Lord is still calling people into deeper relationship.

At the end of November, Joe (my missionary teammate in Oakville) and I went to a "Test your Call" discernment retreat at the Legionary novitiate house in Cheshire, Connecticut. Out of the nine participants in the retreat, six were fellow missionaries from all over the United States. We had a great time in Cheshire, and I got to talk with Br. Gabriel Kawula who is a friend from Prince Albert who joined the seminary this past fall, as well as Br. Christian Patterson, from Regina, who is in his third year. I was able to chat more with the brothers there and get some more insight into novitiate life.

On Saturday, November 14th, we had our final mission for the year. It was a shoebox mission, and the missionaries made dozens of shoeboxes full of toiletries to hand out to the homeless. It was a fantastic way to end our first semester of mission work. Like last time, I've made a Google Drive folder with some photos from the past two months. Here's the link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CN_ACsa-5Mb1kxw6rW6Y9Qs1G3M3BLLR/view?usp=sharing

Thank you once again for your support through donations and prayers. If you have any prayer requests, please let me know and I would love to include them in my prayers. Please keep me in your prayers and know that I will be praying for you.

Merry Christmas!

In Christ,

Jackson Joubert

ADORATION

For peace in the world

HOLY CROSS PARISH
315 Douglas Ave. East

Every Tuesday at 6 pm