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Fr. Chinh Vu (Pastor)

**The Roman Catholic Parishes
 of
 St. Joseph & St. Agnes**
“HEAVEN BEGINS IN THE EUCHARIST”
 (POPE FRANCIS)

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 17, 2023

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Parish Council

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| Chair Person | Lila Schneider |
| Vice Chair | Vacant |
| Deanery Rep | Bob Kardash |
| Ecumenism | John Dean |
| Liturgy | Cheryl Behrns |
| School of Religion | Bill Rieger |
| Social Justice | Jodi Eberle |
| Stewardship | Gwen Herman |
| Pastoral Care | Ken & Diane Fahlman |
| Parish Council Sec | Roseann Anderson |
| Youth Ministries | Vacant |
| Parish Coordinator | Vacant |

- Finance Council**
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| Chairperson | Bob Kardash |
| Accountant/Treasurer | Cathy Poelzer |
| Building & Grounds | Mike Schneider |
| Members at Large | Russel McCallum |

- Representatives**
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| CWL President | Lynne Kardash |
| Knights of Columbus | Pat Leibel, GK |



*Pope Francis' December 2023 Prayer Intention:
 For persons with disabilities: We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.*

New Year's Day Levée

The faithful of the Archdiocese are cordially invited to the Archbishop's New Year's Levée to be held at Holy Rosary Cathedral 3125-13th Ave., Regina January 1, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. And to receive the Archbishop's blessing for the beginning of the New Year

(Please note, the elevator is not functioning at this time, the only way to access the hall will be stairs)

MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED
SATURDAY @ 7:00 pm
SUNDAY @ 10:30 am



HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS

Catholic chaplains visit patients and their families to address any spiritual needs, to pray, to provide a friendly face and comforting presence, to talk about people's fears and concerns, to bring Communion, and to contact a priest for anointing of the sick.

**Pasqua Hospital, (306) 519-1380. General Hospital (306) 519-1405
 Wascana Rehabilitation Centre 306 530-6511**



ST JOSEPH PARISH

*Welcomes all
Parishioners & Visitors*

School of Religion
Classes 9:15 am
 Contact for more information
 Bill Rieger 306-539-8781
st.j.catechism.balgonie@gmail.com
 Or
stjoseph1@sasktel.net 306-771-2387
Your support is greatly appreciated!

Dear Friends in Christ

We are quickly approaching the beginning of a new liturgical year. Advent is a time of year to prepare our hearts and homes for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a time for Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. We would like to take this opportunity to share our regular Mass times and our Christmas and New Years Mass Schedule.

**St. Joseph's Parish: Saturdays @ 7PM
Sundays @ 10:30 AM**

Sunday December 24th 4th Sunday of Advent

- 9 AM St. Agnes Pilot Butte
- 10:30 AM St. Joseph Balgonie

Christmas Eve Mass

- 8 PM St. Joseph

Monday December 25th

- 9 AM St. Agnes
- 10:30 AM St. Joseph

Sunday December 31st

- 9 AM St. Agnes
- 10:30 AM St. Joseph

Monday January 1st

- 9 AM St. Agnes
- 10:30 AM St. Joseph

May your heart be lifted in praise this Christmas for the wonderful gift of Jesus and the Joy he brings to our lives. May you have the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of His love at Christmas and always.

Many Blessings,
 Father Chinh and St. Joseph's Parish Council

**Welcome to
Children's Liturgy**

at the 10:30 am Mass

Catechism lessons
 First Holy Communion AND Confirmation will begin in early January 2024.

Anyone interested in preparation for these sacraments, please contact Bill Rieger at st.j.catechism.balgonie@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Calling all ladies!
 St Joseph CWL council calls on you!! If you are a member, fees are due. They are \$40.00. eTransfer is available using:
stjosephcwlbalgonie@gmail.com
 (Please do not send payment to St. Joseph's Church)

Please contact Membership Executive Joanne Donais at 306-526-5577 or our President Lynne Kardash at 306-530-6328 with any questions you have. We are always looking for new members. We welcome all ladies 18 and over to join this wonderful organization! Looking forward to meeting new members.

Stewardship Bulletin Bites

December 17, 2023

3rd Sunday of Advent

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:16 – 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

Emmaus Family Support Holy Hour of Adoration and Prayer for Mental Health

Join us at Holy Trinity Parish in Regina on Thursday, December 28, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm for a Holy Hour of Adoration and Prayer focused on mental health during this Christmas season. The Christmas season can be a particularly challenging time for anyone living with mental health challenges. While the public focus of the season is on joy, peace, and hope; depression, anxiety, and other mental health challenges can be exacerbated by the additional stress and even loneliness that some experience. All are welcome to join us for this hour of quiet reflection and communal prayer with the Blessed Sacrament as we unite in faith and seek consolation, peace, and support. For more information and support, visit www.emmaussupport.ca

Pastoral Centre Christmas Hours

The Archdiocese of Regina Pastoral Centre will be closed to the public for Christmas beginning Monday, December 25. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd. Staff from the Finance and Appeal Offices will be present occasionally between **December 27th to 29th**. Deliveries can be left in the mailbox at Blessed Sacrament parish, 2049 Scarth St. If you need to contact someone from the finance or appeal department, please find their contact info here archregina.sk.ca/grouppage/staff-contacts/. Merry Christmas from Archbishop Don and all of the staff at the Pastoral Centre!

Altar Servers - Youth and Adult

St. Joseph’s is accepting applications for adult and youth altar servers. Please note, proof of confirmation is required to be included with the application and adults applying will require a Criminal Record Check to be completed. Attendance at training sessions is required prior to serving. If you or your child(ren) are interested in becoming an altar server at St. Joseph’s please contact Ken Fahlman at (306) 552-9044 or Bill Rieger at (306) 539-8781 to receive an application form or if you have any questions.

Archbishop’s Appeal Donation Timeline for Year-End Donations

Dec 23, 2023

Last day for parishioners to mail donations in to the Archdiocese for the 2023 Appeal (Please note: Gifts will be accepted until Dec 31 but to ensure that they arrive before the end of the year, gifts should be in the mail by Dec 23)

Dec 31, 2023

Last day for parishioners to submit donations to the parish for the 2023 Appeal. This includes cash and cheques (payable to parish), credit cards, auto-debits, and cheques (payable to Archdiocese of Regina).

Dec 31, 2023

Last day for parishioners to donate via e-transfer or online via CanadaHelps for the 2023 Appeal.

Personal donations and parish submissions can be dropped off at Blessed Sacrament during the last week of December. Please note, that the Pastoral Centre will be closed from December 25th- January 1st. Personal donations and parish submissions can be dropped off at Blessed Sacrament during this time.

St. Agnes, Pilot Butte

Adoration with Benediction blessing Thursdays 6:30pm-7:30pm and Nightly Monday Dec. 18 through Fri. Dec 22nd 6:30pm-7:30pm before Christmas. Make time to adore and receive His blessing.

‘Hills and Valleys Faith Time’

Mondays 1pm-3pm beginning January 8th. This is YOUR shoulder tap invitation to explore our faith, visit, watch a short video or just relax in our Lord’s house with Deacon Arron and others. Invite a friend or two!

GriefSHARE Sessions at Christ the King

3239 Garnet Street, Regina SK

Sessions 2 – 4 p.m.

Jan 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, Mar. 5, 14, 19, 26, Apr 9, 16

Registration open now. Please contact

lucyklindaann@gmail.com



Catechesis of
the Good Shepherd
Association of Canada

A seed has been planted in the heart of the diocese. Holy Rosary Cathedral is home to Regina's first Catechesis of the Good Shepherd "atrium." An "atrium" is a place for children to wonder at the depths of the Good Shepherd's love for them. The teaching materials in the atrium are specifically designed for children to ponder scripture and liturgy, set apart for children to discover, contemplate, and wonder about God. We -- Cassandra, Farrah, Katherine, and Angela -- have completed formation to become catechists in this method of sharing the Gospel with children. We look forward to sharing segments in the Archdiocese bulletin about our work, what the children do, and how God is speaking to us alongside them. Stay tuned for news and stories. We "wonder" with the children and invite you to "wonder" with us! For more information, contact regina.cgs33@gmail.com Or visit the catechesis webpage at: <https://archregina.sk.ca/group/catechetical-support-parishes/> and click on the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd image icon.

Donating Note:

St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph RC Church, or St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church.

Please use one of these acceptable payees when writing your donation cheques to the Parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity to St. Joseph

- Options For Donating to St. Joseph Parish

Please visit our parish website: www.stjosephbalgonie.ca

Under Giving and Sharing button, click on Donate button for

Donation Options:

Credit Card or Debit Card.

Please indicate if Donation is for Operating or Building Fund

We now offer E-transfer

Please email donation to: Stjosephbalgonie@gmail.com

PRE-AUTHORIZED DONATIONS

Is Pre-Authorized Donations (PAD) an option for you? You may choose a monthly automatic debit to your bank as an alternative to the weekly Sunday Collection & Building Fund donation envelopes. PAD forms are available in the church foyer or at the parish office.

If your preference of payment is PAD - submit your form in a sealed envelope and drop it in the collection basket or directly at the parish office - Attention: Cathy Poelzer
For more info contact Cathy Poelzer 306-533-7002

St. Joseph is seeking a KITCHEN COORDINATOR to provide general oversight of the kitchen and management of the kitchen facilities. Delegation of food preparation duties to cooks, the purchase of food and maintain kitchen cleanliness.

For more details
email stjoseph1@sasktel.net or
contact Lila Schneider or Bob Kardash

Requests for an announcement to be included in the bulletin, please email the information to ppcsecretary@gmail.com prior to Wednesday @ 5:00 pm.



NEW PARISHIONERS/ CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please complete this form and place in the collection basket

Name(s) _____ Phone: _____ Email _____

Address _____ Date _____

- New Change of Address Wish to have Church Envelopes Wish Home Visit