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**The Roman Catholic Parishes
of
St. Joseph & St. Agnes**

“HEAVEN BEGINS IN THE EUCHARIST”
(POPE FRANCIS)



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 24, 2023

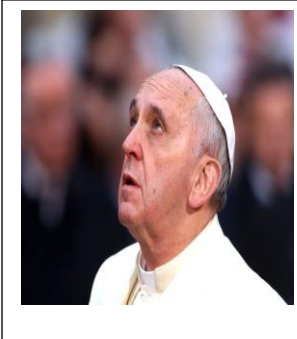
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Parish Council

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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.*



Father Chinh

We are excited that you are back for Masses this weekend!

Daily **Masses** will be celebrated at **8:00am**
Tuesday December 26th to Friday December 29th

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*

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

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!

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.

Christmas Mass Livestream

Midnight Mass (Holy Rosary Cathedral)

Christmas Day 10:00 AM

New Year's Day

(Mary the Holy Mother of God): 10:00 AM

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

Stewardship Bulletin Bites

December 24, 2023

4th Sunday of Advent

“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!” – Luke 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ’s light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18 - 25

The 2024 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is on the theme "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself" based on Luke 10:25-37. This year's theme was prepared by an ecumenical team in Burkina Faso.

Local neighbourhood services and other observances are encouraged at any time of the year.

Local Service: Sun. Jan. 21, 3 pm at Lakeview United Church, 3200 McCallum Ave., Regina

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

St. Agnes, Pilot Butte

Adoration with Benediction blessing Thursdays 6:30pm-7:30pm. 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!

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.

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!

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

Children have an attraction towards reality. Israel is real. Mary is real. She spends the first Advent on a long southbound road to Bethlehem. The children in the atrium are spending their Advent thinking about Mary, about Gabriel’s words to her, about Isaiah’s prophecies concerning her and about the baby inside of her. I wonder...if God is so big, why would he send a baby who is so small? As we approach Christmas, wonder alongside us! For more information, contact the Archdiocese’s Good Shepherd Catechists at 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.

The Marian Centre would like to extend our thanks to all who have contributed towards their need of men’s clothing in the past months. Our clothing room is now well supplied with men’s winter clothing, which we share with those who come to us in need. We request at this time that further donations of clothing be suspended until April 1st.

Again, thank you!

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