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Fr. Chinh Vu (Pastor)

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



FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 3, 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.*

Reconciliation
Thursday December 7th
7PM at St. Joseph

All are welcome to attend a Mass celebrated
by Archbishop Don Bolen
Friday December 8th
10AM at St. Joseph
The Mass is to celebrate the liturgical right of
Admission to the Candidacy for Ordination as
Permanent Deacon for Ken Fahlman

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.

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 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

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.

Advent Recollection: Reconciliation, Adoration, and Healing

December 17, Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

St. Cecilia Parish, 5020 – 7th Avenue, Regina

In the holy Advent season, experience a time of enlightenment through adoration and healing with Jesus who brought light to the world. During this busy time of preparing for Christmas, pause and take advantage of this recollection opportunity.

Led by Fr. Sathi Antony, St. Gerard Parish, Yorkton

- Holy Mass – 5 pm.
- Adoration and individual Reconciliation – 5:45 pm.
- Release prayer for personal healing, from darkness to light – 7 pm.
- Refreshments and fellowship – 7:30 pm.

The Archdiocese of Regina is happy to present:
Bridging the Unbridgeable Gap: Beyond Polarization in the Church and in Society with Fr. Ron Rolheiser
Monday, December 4, 7:00 – 8:30 PM at
Resurrection Parish, Regina.

Livestreamed: www.youtube.ArchdioceseRegina

The Myriam Family of the Prairies invites you

To a Live-in-Day retreat

With Fr. Scott Lewis SJ

What? A day retreat including talks with Father Scott Lewis, Mass and adoration. Lunch will be provided.

When? December 16th from 10h00 to 4h00

Where? At our house of prayer in McLean, SK,

Cost? free will donation

Fr. Scott Lewis S.J. is Associate Professor Emeritus of Regis College at the University of Toronto and is currently on the faculty of Campion College in Regina, Saskatchewan. He served in the U.S. Navy for several years and entered the California Province of the Society of Jesus in 1979. After ordination in 1987, he studied Scripture in Rome, obtaining the Licentiate in Sacred Scripture from the Pontifical Biblical Institute and the Doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Gregorian University. He taught and worked for two years in Jerusalem before coming to Toronto in 1997. From 2008 to 2014, he was director of the Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre in Pickering (Manresa) in addition to his teaching duties at Regis. Fr. Lewis presents insights on the Sunday Gospel readings each week in the Catholic Register. His expertise is in the Gospel of John, the Letters of Paul, the Bible and Religious Violence, and the history of exegesis. Fr. Lewis lectures on Scripture and gives retreats both in Canada and internationally. His latest publication is 'How Not to Read the Bible', Novalis Press.

For registration, please contact Sr. Stéphanie Beaulieu at 306-761-0528

or email pss.prairies@famillemyriam.org

Directions to our location will be given at the moment of registration.

Archbishop's Appeal

The theme this year is **Abundant Trust:**

This year's goal is \$1.4 million.

Our Parish Goal is 12,511.00

We are so grateful for your generous support. In the coming weeks, as our Archbishop's Appeal comes to a close, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a one-time donation or consider giving monthly.

Bulletin Reflection

Today is the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Christ the King will restore all creation and restore his kingdom to the Father. The risen people of God will rejoice in a new heaven and a new earth. In 2020, Pope Francis also declared this day World Day of Youth. Saint John Paul the Great had this to say to young people: "It is Jesus you seek when you dream of happiness; he is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; he is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is he who provokes you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is he who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is he who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle. It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be grounded down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal." Your support of the Archbishop's Appeal contributes to the office of youth and young adult ministry so that through the programming, retreats, and work of the staff, all the youth of our archdiocese may come to experience and believe these words.

Prayer of Intercession

Through donations to the Archbishop's Appeal, Spiritual Care would continue to serve those most in need and comfort those struggling with loss or isolation.

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