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

**“CONVERSION TO THE EUCHARIST”**  
 (POPE FRANCIS)

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent**

**WAITING FOR THE LORD**

**December 1, 2024**

**Church Hall Bookings**

Margaret Kiel  
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**Parish Council**

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| Chair Person        | Lila Schneider      |
| Vice Chair          | Vacant              |
| Deanery Rep         | Lila Schneider      |
| 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              |
| Kitchen Coordinator | Lisa Fuchs          |
- Finance Council**
- |                      |                                |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Chairperson          | Roseann Anderson               |
| Accountant/Treasurer | Cathy Poelzer                  |
| Building & Grounds   | Mike Schneider                 |
| Members at Large     | Russel McCallum<br>Bob Kardash |
- Representatives**
- |                     |                |
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| CWL President       | Lynne Kardash  |
| Knights of Columbus | Pat Leibel, GK |

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

**Daily Mass at 8:00 am**  
**Tuesday to Friday**

**First Friday and Saturday Mass**  
**8:00 am followed by adoration**



*Pope Francis' December, 2024*

*Prayer Intention:*

***For pilgrims of hope***

*Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.*

**From the readings:**

The purpose of Advent is to help us prepare for Christmas. One cannot understand the message of Christmas unless we are familiar with at least the broad outlines of the history of salvation.

The Advent liturgy relives in a microcosmic way the history of Israel, viewing it through the eyes of Christian faith. It shows that all of that history was pointing and leading towards Jesus. He was the one who fulfilled the messianic prophecies.

Advent takes us back in time so that we may appreciate the greatness of what we are heirs to. We are the heirs to the promises God made to the prophets. Advent helps us to appreciate the great blessings God has given us in Christ.

Today's First Reading points to the first coming of Christ. It says that the Messiah will be descended from the stock of David, and his reign will be marked by wisdom, justice, and integrity.

The Gospel deals with the Second Coming of Christ. The early Christians believed that the Second Coming was near, and would be preceded by cosmic signs. The disciples are urged to await the Lord's coming with confidence, diligence and prayer.

How to prepare for the Second Coming of Christ is also the topic of the Second Reading.

**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*



**DONATING NOTE:**

*Thank you for your  
Continued generosity to St. Joseph*

For Options for Donating to St. Joseph Parish  
Please visit our parish website: [www.stjosephbalgonie.ca](http://www.stjosephbalgonie.ca)  
Under Giving and Sharing button, click on Donate button for

**Donation Options:**

**Credit Card, Debit Card or eTransfer**

Please email donation to: [Stjosephbalgonie@gmail.com](mailto: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 –

For more info contact Cathy Poelzer 306-533-7002

Calling all ladies! St Joseph CWL council calls on you!!

Our council is always looking for new members. We welcome all ladies 18 years and over. CWL is the largest Women's Organization in Canada. Our CWL donates funds to other organizations in our community to help those in need. We have a new membership drive at this time, if you join our counsel your fee for the year 2025 will be just \$20.00. Please consider joining us.

If you are already a member our yearly fees for 2025 are due. The fee is \$40.00 for the year. Please etransfer all money to [stjosephcwlbalgonie@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephcwlbalgonie@gmail.com). Cheques please make them out to St.Joseph CWL. Joanne Donais will be at the back of the church on Sundays to take any money.

**Catechism Classes**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION**

Dec 7<sup>th</sup> – Retreat/Rehearsal  
Dec 14<sup>th</sup> – Reconciliation

On the Catechism dates noted above:

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be at 9:00am followed by adoration.
- Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be at 9:45am

All parishioners are welcome to join in the Exposition, adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Sacrament Registration**

First Holy Communion/ Confirmation to begin early January 2025.

Anyone interested in preparation for these Sacraments please contact Bill Rieger at 306-539-8781

**Advent Reflection at St. Joseph Parish**

**Date: Sunday Dec 8<sup>th</sup>**

Start at 9:20 am Coffee and Muffins in the hall  
Reflection from 9:30 am to 10:00 am  
Regular Sunday Mass at 10:30 am

**Guest Speaker: Fr Frank Obrigewitsch**

**Topic: Our Journey**

Please join us to help prepare for the upcoming Christmas Season!

**Tuesday December 3, 2024**

There will be NO morning Mass

**Stewardship Bulletin Bit**  
**December 1, 2024**  
**1st Sunday of Advent**

*“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” (Luke 21:28)*

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those that are closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

**Archbishop’s Appeal**  
**Bulletin Reflection**

As Advent begins, Jesus urges us to be vigilant, preparing our hearts for His coming. This season is a time of hopeful anticipation and active readiness. Contributing to the Archbishop’s Appeal is a meaningful way to prepare, supporting ministries that bring Christ’s light to others. Our unified generosity ensures that the message of hope reaches those who need it most. By staying awake and attentive through acts of kindness and support, we not only ready ourselves but also help prepare the world to receive the joy of the Savior’s birth.

**Prayer of Intercession**

We lift up our clergy in prayer, asking for strength and guidance in their ministry. May they lead their parishioners toward unity in faith, and may those discerning a call to the priesthood find clarity and encouragement.

**Youth Ministry Workshop**

On **Saturday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 - 4:00**, at the diocesan center, the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is having a workshop for the training, support and collaboration of those who work in ministering to young people, with lunch provided. It is our hope that as many people as possible who are involved in ministering to the young people of our archdiocese, would be willing to bring their minds and hearts to this table of sharing. We are also more than willing to take this workshop on the road! Invite us to come to your community!

TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE OR ASK QUESTIONS PLEASE SEND EMAIL TO: [oyyam@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:oyyam@archregina.sk.ca)

During Advent our parish will be supporting Sofia House. Saskatchewan has the highest rates of domestic violence in all of Canada and Sofia House is an organization that supports these women and children. Sofia House is currently at capacity in their second stage shelter which is housing that bridges the gap between emergency shelters and a life of independence for these families. There are 20 single mothers along with their children in second stage housing and we will be collecting donations to support these families during Christmas. Each family will be provided with the food items for a Christmas meal along with the gift of a family board game. Sofia House is asking for donations of the following dry goods:

Boxed stuffing, boxed mashed potatoes, gravy packets, canned vegetables (corn, green beans, peas, carrots, etc), canned cranberries, canned pie filling, sparkling juice, aluminum turkey roasters, ziplock bags and plastic wrap.

As well as board games suitable for families.

We will have collection bins at the back of the church starting November 24<sup>th</sup> until Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Please keep these women and children in your prayers. We will also send each family a Christmas card sharing that we have prayed for them and wishing them a Merry Christmas. Thank you!

**A Family retreat With the Myriam Family!**

The secret of Hope

**December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 9:30 to 4:00**

At our beautiful site in the peace of the countryside near McLean, 45 km East from Regina.

The retreat will include family morning prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament, talks, Mass, skits, games, crafts, joy!

To register, please call Sr. Stephanie at 306-761-0528 Or email [pss.prairies@famillemyriam.org](mailto:pss.prairies@famillemyriam.org)

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage**

Join us in early April for a Pilgrimage to Medjugorje. Daily Mass at St James church, Rosary on Apparition Hill, Stations of the Cross on Cross Mountain Visit Cenacola - rehab for young men Professional guide. For more information, call and leave your name. You will be contacted once the dates are in place. Cathleen Devraj



**Campion Events**

- Experience the transformative power of music and meditation at the Campion College Advent of Light Musica Sacra, Healing from Darkness: Music for Advent concert. Join the Campion community on Dec. 8 at 2:30 p.m. in the beautiful 2nd-floor Campion College Chapel, located on the University of Regina campus, for a soul-stirring performance by the Musica Sacra Cecilia Voices, conducted by the talented Dr. Melissa Morgan, Music Dept. Head at U of R. Don't miss out on this unforgettable event!

**Campion's Advent Scripture Webinars "Visualizing Our Salvation: the Annunciation in the Medium of Art"**

- Join Fr. Scott Lewis, SJ, for an Online Advent Scripture Course, Visualizing Our Salvation: Annunciation in Arts & Scripture. Held on Dec. 12 and 19, 2024 at 10 am. For more information or to register, visit <https://campioncollege.ca/general/campus-ministry-advent-scripture-webinar/>

**TF #429: Pilgrims of Hope - Together in Mission with Fr. Raymond Lafontaine Part 3**

This week on Thinking Faith, we are pleased to conclude our series featuring our recent diocesan gathering with Fr. Raymond Lafontaine, along with a few parting thoughts from our Archbishop, Donald Bolen. Fr. Raymond, a priest from the Archdiocese of Montreal, spent six months with the Archdiocese of Regina starting in May 2024. During his study leave, he visited countless parishes and groups, connecting with priests, pastoral staff, and lay leaders while observing and learning how we "walk together" as a synodal church on mission. Most recently, he participated as a table facilitator at the 2nd Synodal Assembly in Rome in October. In this series of talks, he shares some of the background leading up to the final gathering in Rome and examines "What did the Spirit speak to the Church through the Synod?" "How far did we progress on the synodal path, and how can we deepen our commitment to walking together in communion, participation, and mission?" <https://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/pilgrims-of-hope-together-in-mission-with-fr-raymond-lafontaine-part-3>

**Archbishop's Appeal: Alternate Donation Options Amid Canada Post Strike**

We recognize that the ongoing Canada Post strike may impact your plans to contribute to this year's Archbishop's Appeal, especially as we near the end of the year when many wish to ensure their donations count toward 2024 charitable giving. To ensure your generous gifts are received in a timely manner, we encourage you to consider alternate donation methods, which can be found online at [archregina.sk.ca/grouppage/donate-archbishops-appeal](http://archregina.sk.ca/grouppage/donate-archbishops-appeal).

Donations can also be dropped off at your local parish or delivered directly to the Archdiocese of Regina Offices at 200-2151 Scarth Street in Regina.

For after-hours convenience, donations may be dropped off securely at:

- **Resurrection Parish** (3155 Windsor Park Rd)
- **Christ the King Parish** (3239 Garnet St)
- **Holy Family Parish** (1021 McCarthy Blvd)

Thank you to all who have already contributed to this year's Appeal and to those who are still prayerfully discerning their gift. Your support helps us continue the vital work of ministry and outreach in our Archdiocese.

**Christmas Baking Trays** 36 to 40 piece tray of assortment of cookies, squares, tarts \$35. Tray of 24 to 26 pieces: \$20. Order by Dec. 8 with pickup in Regina. Contact Debbie [debbiebulych@gmail.com](mailto:debbiebulych@gmail.com) 306-533-2118 or Joan [jmrink@sasktel.net](mailto:jmrink@sasktel.net) 306-533-1648. Proceeds to the Cuernavaca Project in Mexico.

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

**NEW PARISHIONERS/ CHANGE OF ADDRESS**  
Please complete this form and place in the collection basket

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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