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

“CONVERSION TO THE EUCHARIST”
 (POPE FRANCIS)

3rd Sunday in Advent

THE LORD IS NEAR

December 15, 2024

Church Hall Bookings

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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

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| Chairperson | Roseann Anderson |
| Accountant/Treasurer | Cathy Poelzer |
| Building & Grounds | Mike Schneider |
| Members at Large | Russel McCallum
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 prophet Zephaniah, writing in the seventh century BC, bids Jerusalem to rejoice because salvation is near (First Reading). God stands in her midst and will deliver her from her enemies. God is portrayed, not only as a king and warrior, but also as a loving bridegroom, who steadfastly loves his unworthy and unfaithful bride.

The theme of joy is even more emphatic in the Second Reading. Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice because the Lord is near. (Paul was thinking about the Second Coming, which he believed was near). So, there is no need to worry. If they need anything, they are to pray for it, and the peace of God will be with them.

The theme of the nearness of the Lord is also at the heart of the Gospel. John the Baptist tells the people what they must do in order to prepare for the Lord's coming and to escape this searching judgement. At the same time, he makes it clear that he is subordinate to Jesus.

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

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

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

Sacrament Registration

Registration is being accepted for catechism classes for First Communion and Confirmation. Contact Bill Rieger at 306-539-8781 or st.j.catechism.balgonie@gmail.com

Forms can also be found at the back of the church. Classes will begin on January 12th, 2025.

Catechism Classes

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Jan 12th – Baptism
 Jan 19th – The Holy Spirit
 Jan 26th – Growing in Holiness
 Feb 2nd – Mary Mother of God
 Feb 9th – Prayer

Additional dates will be added in future bulletins

On the Catechism dates noted above:

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be at 9:00am followed by adoration.
- Classes start at 9:15 with Opening Prayers in front of the Blessed Sacrament
- 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.

Advent Recollection: Reconciliation, Adoration, and Healing

December 15, Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

5 pm to 7:30 pm

St. Cecilia Parish, 5020 7th Avenue

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. Francis (Prince) Kurisinkal, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Montmarte.

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

Stewardship Bulletin Bit
December 15, 2024
3rd Sunday of Advent

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (Philippians 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

Archbishop's Appeal
Bulletin Reflection

When the crowds ask John the Baptist, "What should we do?" he advises them to share with those who have none and act justly. This guidance is timeless, urging us to respond to God's call through generosity and fairness. Supporting the Archbishop's Appeal is a direct way to act on this advice. Our shared contributions fund vital ministries that provide for the less fortunate and promote social justice. In uniting our resources, we answer the question posed to John, actively participating in the joyful preparation for Christ's coming.

Prayer of Intercession

That we would grow in our understanding of what it means to be Many People united in the heart of Christ. That we would live out the call to unity, and open our hearts to the beauty of Christian generosity through this year's Archbishop's Appeal.

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
306-789-0705 cdevraj48@gmail.com.

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 24th until Sunday December 15th.

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!

TF #431: Meet the Archivist with Rae Horseman - Part 2

This week on Thinking faith we dust off the stacks and pour through ancient tomes as we step into the fascinating world of history, records and storytelling with Rae Horseman, the Archivist for the Archdiocese of Regina. In this two-part series Rae shares captivating stories from the archives, explains how historical records shape our understanding of faith and community, and highlights the importance of preserving the legacy and stories of our local Church for future generations.

<https://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/meet-the-archivist-with-rae-horseman-part-2>

Feast Day of the Holy Innocents Third Annual Rosary Gathering

On **December 28, 2024 at 7:00pm** we will gather across the drive from the Legislative Building to pray the Rosary in atonement for the sins of abortion. We are calling upon our Gracious Mother Mary to change the hearts and minds of those who create and uphold the unjust law of allowing abortion on our province.

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. 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.

2025 PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

Plans are in the works for a pilgrimage to Poland from June 17 to July 1, 2025, led by Society of Christ priests from Saskatoon, Regina and Las Vegas. This trip provides the opportunity to visit various religious and historical sites, from the Baltic Sea in the north to the Tatra Mountains in the south. These include Wadowice (home town of St. John Paul II), the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Łagiewniki, Częstochowa (home of the Black Madonna), Legnica (site of a Eucharistic miracle), Malbork castle (UNESCO World Heritage site), Auschwitz concentration camp, Gdansk shipyard (home of the Solidarity movement), Wieliczka salt mine (UNESCO World Heritage site), Krakow, Warsaw, Gdansk, Zakopane (mountain resort) and more! This guided tour will be led in English by Polish guides. Limited seats are available. An informational meeting will be held in the basement of St. Anthony’s church (2275 Atkinson St.) on Sunday, December 15th at 4:00 pm. For more information, please call Theresa at 306-550-7649.

A Holy Hour for Mental Health

Join us at Christ the King Parish in Regina on Thursday, December 19, from 7:00 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.

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 306-533-2118 or Joan 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 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