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

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

**PREPARING A WAY FOR THE LORD**

**December 8, 2024**

**Church Hall Bookings**

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**Parish Council**

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 Bob Kardash

**Representatives**

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 Baruch delivers a comforting message to Sion (First Reading). Her sorrows are ended and her children all be restored to her from exile. God will level a highway to facilitate their return, and bring about a great restoration. Even though the actual return from exile fell far short of the picture painted here, it did point the way to the messianic era.

This leads into the Gospel where Luke introduces us to the Messiah and his herald, John the Baptist. To underline the universality of salvation, Luke sets the event within the framework of world history. In the manner of an Old Testament prophet, John undertakes to prepare the people for the coming of the Saviour by calling them to repentance.

The Second Reading deals with the final coming of Christ. In his love for his fellow Christians, Paul urges them to prepare for the Second Coming by pure and blameless lives.

**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

**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](mailto: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 12<sup>th</sup> – Baptism  
 Jan 19<sup>th</sup> – The Holy Spirit  
 Jan 26<sup>th</sup> – Growing in Holiness  
 Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mary Mother of God  
 Feb 9<sup>th</sup> – 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 8, 2024**  
**2nd Sunday of Advent**

*“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...” (Philippians 1:9-10)*

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that “gift” truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your “obligation” to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less “stuff” and spend more time with those you love.

**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.

**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](mailto: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 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!

**TF#430: Meet the Archivist with Rae Horseman - Part 1**

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.

[thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/meet-the-archivist-with-rae-horseman-part-1](http://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/meet-the-archivist-with-rae-horseman-part-1)

**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/>

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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