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

“CONVERSION TO THE EUCHARIST”
 (POPE FRANCIS)

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 12th, 2025

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 |
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- Finance Council**
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| Chairperson | Roseann Anderson |
| Accountant/Treasurer | Cathy Poelzer |
| Building & Grounds | Mike Schneider |
| Members at Large | Russel McCallum
Bob Kardash |
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- Representatives**
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| CWL President | Lynne Kardash |
| Knights of Columbus | Pat Leibel, GK |



*Pope Francis' January, 2025
 Prayer Intention:*

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

From the readings:

In the First Reading (Isaiah), the prophet assures the exiles in Babylon that God is coming to save them. The prophecy was fulfilled in the return from exile, but more especially in the coming of Jesus.

John the Baptist was clearly a prophet. Since the spirit of prophecy had long been absent from Israel, John's appearance raised expectations. The question arose: Could he be the Messiah? John denied that he was the Messiah, but declared that the Messiah was at hand. Thus, he prepared the way for Jesus.

Baptism was a defining moment in the life of Jesus — it marked the beginning of his public mission. Luke always presents Jesus as praying before making major decisions. It is no surprise then that we find him praying during his baptism. In response to his prayer, the holy Spirit descends on him in bodily form at the beginning of his mission, just as it will come in visible form on the apostles at Pentecost at the beginning of their mission. The Father puts his seal of approval on Jesus and on the mission he is about to begin.

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

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



ST JOSEPH PARISH

*Welcomes all
Parishioners & Visitors*

**Welcome to
Children's Liturgy**



January 12, 19, 26

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

While Father is home, there will be
No Weekday Morning Masses until his
return.

Weekday morning Masses will resume
Tuesday March 4, 2025



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.

Stewardship Bulletin Bit

January 12, 2025

The Baptism of Our Lord

“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’” - Luke 3:16

The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

TF #434: Lights in the Darkness - Navigating the January Blues

Deacon Eric Gurash discusses the challenges of the "January Blues," exploring many struggles during these cold, dark winter days. With a blend of compassion and practical wisdom, he shares faith-filled insights and simple self-care practices to help bring light and hope into the first month of the new year. Whether you're feeling weighed down by the season or looking for ways to start the year with a renewed sense of purpose, discover encouragement and practical tips for nurturing your soul and your well-being. <https://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/lights-in-the-darkness-navigating-the-january-blues>

“Ministering to Young People” Workshop

If you are a teacher, catechist, priest, volunteer, chaplain, parish worker, youth minister or someone who just cares about the spiritual health of young people....please join us! The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Archdiocese of Regina invites you to spend a day learning, praying and being encouraged. We will gather at Holy Family Parish in Regina on Saturday, January 25th from 10:00 – 3:30. Lunch will be provided. To register, please email us at oyyam@archregina.sk.ca ALSO: We are happy to take this workshop on the road. If you can gather a half dozen or so folks in your area, we will happily come!

Campion is hosting a Scripture Webinar

“Life in the Early Church,” with Fr. Scott Lewis, SJ. Jan. 15, 22, 29 & Feb. 5 @ 10 am. To register, visit, <https://campioncollege.ca/student-services/campus-ministry/>

**Here Comes Nicaea 2025:
2025 De Margerie Lectures on Christian
Reconciliation and Unity**

Rev. Dr. Sandra Beardsall is an ordained minister in the United Church of Canada. She was Professor of Church History and Ecumenics at St Andrew’s College, Saskatoon for 24 years. Her research and writing brought together historical, pastoral, and ecumenical concerns in the service of ministry, ecclesiology, and the search for Christian unity, with a special concern for local ecumenism. She has served on national ecumenical dialogues and is a member of the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches. She lives in Saskatoon.

Here Comes Nicaea 2025: Are we Ready for Visible Unity?

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

7:00 pm, St. Thomas More College, 1437 College Drive, Saskatoon

The goal of “visible unity” lies at the heart of ecumenical endeavour. It animated the Council of Nicaea, and it continues to engage Christians today. Can we agree on what it means? Are we ready to embrace it? What would it take? And would the visible unity of Christians make a difference – in our churches, and in the world?

Here Comes Nicaea 2025: Are we Ready to Share the Apostolic Faith Together?

Thursday, January 23, 2025

7:00 pm, Campion College, 3737 Wascana Parkway, Regina

Those gathered at Nicaea sought to transmit the proclamation of the earliest Christian evangelists faithfully. It was not an easy task. It continues to perplex those who seek Christian unity. What does the faith of Nicaea teach us about living together as Christians today?

The two lectures complement each other and will be available both in-person and via livestream at:

<https://bit.ly/Demargerie2025>

The De Margerie Lectures are sponsored by the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism, St. Thomas More College, Campion College, the Saskatoon Theological Union, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, and the Archdiocese of Regina. For more information contact Dr. Gertrude Rompré at grompre@stmcollege.ca or Nicholas Jesson at jesson@ecumenism.net

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The 2025 theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU), prepared by the monastic community of Bose in Northern Italy, "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26), takes its cue from the dialogue between Jesus and Martha when Jesus visited the home of Martha and Mary in Bethany following the death of their brother Lazarus, as narrated by the evangelist John. As 2025 marks the 1700th anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council of Nicaea, Christians around the world are called to witness together to this faith in the resurrection, which is for us the source of hope and joy, to be shared with all peoples.

Sunday, January 19, 3:00 pm

Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 5020 Sherwood Dr., Regina. This service is planned by "Friends in Faith", consisting of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic, New Hope Lutheran, Norman Kennedy Presbyterian, and St. James United churches.

Sunday, January 26, 2:30 pm

Christ the King Catholic Church, 3239 Garnet St., Regina. This service is planned together with the Regina Council of Churches. Those interested in joining a joint choir for January 26, please come to the rehearsal at 1:30pm at Christ the King.

The Catholic Church is strongly opposed to medical assistance in dying (MAiD) and euthanasia. The Church believes all human life is sacred, from conception to natural death, and everyone should be protected. The Church also offers hope and mercy to those who are suffering. The Catholic Church believes that causing death to eliminate suffering is morally unacceptable and constitutes murder. No one wants to see their loved ones suffer - or for ourselves to suffer needlessly? So what is the answer? **Dr. David Kopriva**, a local surgeon and parishioner of St. Anne Catholic Parish in Regina, will speak to this question - and help answer questions you may have on the topic. Dr. David will be at **Our Lady of Peace Parish** speaking briefly at both Masses on the weekend of January 18th and 19th. **Immediately following the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday January 19th** he will speak further to the topic. (about a one hour session). This will be an opportune time to ask questions and hear what the Church has to offer as an alternative to MAiD.

Relic Visit

National Visitation of the relics of St. Jean de Brébeuf and of St. Kateri Tekakwitha on January 27, 2025 in Campion College Chapel. Talk and veneration from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Grief to Grace

Through a 5 day program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, Grief to Grace helps those who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse in their family of origin, their community, from spouses/partners, and/or coworkers or supervisors, find healing and journey to wholeness. The next program in Canada is **May 20- 25 in Kelowna**. For more information please email griegtogracekelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to [250-808-6403](tel:250-808-6403).

Inviting girls age 11-14 and their moms to a **Mother-Daughter Retreat**
St. Peter's Abbey, Muenster
September 12-14, 2025

Explore together the gifts of feminine identity, chastity and marriage through biblical wisdom and the teachings of Pope St. John Paul II.

Read more: philomenaretreat.org
Email for details: laurencayer@sasktel.net

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

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Name(s) _____ Email _____

Address _____ Date _____

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