



December 10, 2023

CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY FAMILY

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

During this liturgical period the Church proposes the figure of John the Baptist for our meditation. For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he spoke of: The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

The whole of John's life is determined by this mission, even from his mother's womb. This is to be his vocation. His whole purpose will be to prepare, for Jesus, a people capable of receiving the Kingdom of God. At the same time he is to give public testimony of Him. John will not seek personal fulfilment through his work but has come to prepare a perfect people for the Lord. He will not do it because it appeals to him, but because it was for this very purpose he was conceived. This is what all apostolate is about: forgetting oneself and fostering a true concern for others.

Whilst being fully conscious of the mission which has been entrusted to him, John knows that before Christ he is not even worthy to carry his sandals, which was what the least of the servants used to do for their master; anybody could do that task. The Baptist does not hesitate to proclaim that he is of no importance compared with Jesus. He does not even identify himself according to his priestly parentage. He does not say, 'I am John, son of Zachary of the priestly tribe of ...' 'On the contrary, when they ask him, Who are you?', John says, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness; prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. He is no more than that - the voice. He is only the voice that announces Jesus. That is his mission, his life, his personality. His whole being is defined by Jesus, as should be the case in our own lives, in the life of any Christian. What is important in our lives is Jesus.

You know, says St. Augustine, what each one of you must do in his own home, with his friend, his neighbour, his servant, his superior, his subordinate. You also know the way in which God provides the opportunity, and the way He opens the door with his word. Do not be content, then, to live at peace with yourselves until you have won them all for Christ, for you have been won for Christ.

Our great joy will be that of having brought to Jesus, as John the Baptist did, many who were far away or indifferent. We should never forget that it is God's grace, and not our human strength, that can move souls towards Jesus. As nobody can give what he does not have, the effort to grow in our interior life becomes more urgent, so that all those we meet and pass on the road can be infected by our superabundant love for God.

In Conservation with God, Francis Fernandez



PARISH NEWS



Attend our Christmas party meeting Wednesday, December 13 at 7 pm. Ladies, share your favorite goodies! It's a **finger food appetizer Pot Luck** starting at 7 pm this Wednesday! There will be plenty, so come even if you are unable to bring anything! **Come and enjoy!** Draws will be made for the four Raffle prizes. We will recognize the third month of the unborn baby. Pray that babies do not get aborted. Remember to submit your prayer request into the prayer bowl. A member will pray over it all month. Prayer Bowl info will be available. **The Pin Ceremony, where we celebrate our new and milestone members, will take place in the chapel after mass. Carol singing will conclude the evening. And we thank Cathy for the December newsletter!** Advent reminds us that we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.



Ask a man to participate in the Knights of Columbus this December and receive a turkey from our State Council. Seriously. **rist in C**
KofC 8215 Christmas Social and Scotch night Tuesday Dec 19 2023 at 7:30 PM for brothers and their wives. Bring your favorite scotch to share!

Christmas Hampers 2023

We have partnered once again with the Salvation Army and some of our city parishes to provide toys and monetary donations for hampers. We will be accepting toys valued at \$25 for any newborn to 17 along with non perishable food items and monetary donations. Our deadline is

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023

HELP BRING CHRISTMAS

TO THE REGIONAL PSYCHIATRIC CENTRE
We will be accepting *socks, notebooks, chocolate bars, pens and decks of cards* for inmates. The deadline for donations this year will be December 17.

FOR FURTHER INFO: 306-659-5800,
INFO@HOLYFAMILYCATHEDRAL.CA



Awaken adult faith program: "Praying as Catholics"

– Registration is underway for this in-person series to be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on **four Tuesday evenings in January** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family. Prayer for Catholics is a way of living out our entire life and the way that we communicate with God. Join us to explore four ways to pray as Catholics:

Jan. 9: Centering Prayer with Fr. Kevin McGee

Jan. 16: Eucharistic Adoration with Father Gerard Cooper

Jan. 23: Praying With the Sacred Scripture with Verbum Dei sisters

Jan. 30: Marian Prayer (speaker to be announced)

Cost: \$40/person for the series. Register online at:
<https://form.jotform.com/231799051119257>

ADVENT PENITENTIALS

- **St. Francis Xavier: Tuesday, Dec. 12 @ 5:30p.m.**
 - **Holy Spirit: Wednesday, Dec. 13 @ 7p.m.**
 - **Saint Anne: Friday, Dec. 15 @ 7p.m.**
 - **Saint Joseph: Friday, Dec. 15 @ 7p.m.**
 - **Our Lady of Lourdes: Tuesday, Dec. 19 @ 7p.m.**
 - **Saint Augustine: Wednesday, Dec. 20 @ 7p.m.**
- *Schedule for nearby parishes, see Diocesan bulletin for the times and places.**

Marriage Preparation 2023 March 8 & 9 2024

To register email
Fr. Gerard Cooper:
gcooper@rcdos.ca



Breathe Catholic marriage conference in Saskatoon-
Is it time to "Breathe" fresh air into your marriage?
Make room on your calendar and recharge your relationship at the Breathe Catholic Marriage Conference, **March 8-9, 2024** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family in Saskatoon. Find information and registration at: <https://www.catholicmarriageandfamily.com/> Early-bird registration if registering before Dec. 31 is \$275 per couple (regular price \$375).



Christmas Mass Times

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24th
4:30 PM
7:30 PM
MIDNIGHT

CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25th
11:00 AM

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

December 31st
9:00 AM
11:00 AM

MARY MOTHER OF GOD

December 31st
6:30PM
January 1st
11:00AM

CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY FAMILY
ENCOUNTER
your God
JOIN US FOR
MUSICAL
ADORATION EVERY
THURSDAY!
7-8:30PM

Please Note:

December 14th Adoration will begin at 7:30pm due to the School Christmas Concert ending at 7:00pm.

Confessions will begin at 7:00pm



Holy Family Refugee Committee is delighted to announce that the two sisters, **Sediqa and Shokorya** have arrived in Saskatoon and are settled in their apartment. **Senay and Frehiwet** are finished their first year of settling in Canada and they have everything they need and Senay has a job.

Thank you to our Holy Family parishioners for your donations of money and household goods. Thank you to our refugee team who are busy helping our people settle. We are a small team and we welcome any new volunteers who would like to join us. Please leave your name with the parish office.

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Simbang Gabi 2023

HOLY FAMILY CATHEDRAL

DATES	DAY	TIME
DEC 15	Friday	7PM
DEC 16	Saturday	7PM
DEC 17	Sunday	6:30PM
DEC 18	Monday	7PM
DEC 19	Tuesday	7PM
DEC 20	Wednesday	7PM
DEC 21	Thursday	7PM
DEC 22	Friday	7PM
DEC 23	Saturday	7PM

WEEKLY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass Times

Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am, & 6:30pm

Weekday Mass Times

Monday -Saturday: 12:15pm

Wednesdays: 7:00pm

Mass @ Sherbrooke: Fridays at 10:15pm

Reconciliation

Thursday: 7pm - 8:30pm

Friday: 11am - 12noon

Saturday: 11am - 12noon

Eucharistic Adoration:

Musical Adoration: Every Thursday 7pm - 8:30pm

1st Friday: **BELOVED** 7pm - 9pm

Rosary & Devotion to Our Lady of

Perpetual Help: Wednesdays @ 6:00pm

Rosary: Saturday 11:45am - 12noon

If you are unable to attend regular Reconciliation times, please phone the office to make an appointment: 306-659-5800

Clergy, Staff, & Council Members

Bishop of Saskatoon - *Most Rev. Mark Hagemoen*

Pastor Rector - *Fr. Gerard Cooper*

Faith Formation Minister - *Andy Korvemaker*

Coordinator for Evangelization & Discipleship - *AJ Vicente*

Financial Secretary - *Linda Bobowski*

Facilities Manager - *Jim Nakoneshny*

Administrative Assistant - *Johanna Fashola*

Pastoral Council Chair - *Angie Possberg*

Finance Council Chair - *Denis Sirois*

Contact us!

Baptism (Infants): andy@holycathedral.ca

Christian Initiation (RCIA): andy@holycathedral.ca

Confirmation & First Eucharist: hfsacraments.ca

Covenant of Care: Parish Office: 306-659-5800

Marriage: gcooper@rcdos.ca

Marriage Preparation: March 2024 - gcooper@rcdos.ca

Reconciliation by appointment: info@holycathedral.ca

Communion to Homebound: info@holycathedral.ca

or call 306-659-5800.

Facility Rentals: jim@holycathedral.ca

Mass Intentions next week

Monday, December 11

12:15 pm Mass for +Mariya Balanayak

Tuesday, December 12

12:15 pm Mass for +Venugopal

Wednesday, December 13

12:15 pm Mass for Paula Wilkie

7:00 pm Mass for +Rosita Ulrich

Thursday, December 14

12:15 pm Mass for +Charito & +Teofilo
Gonzalez

Friday, December 15

12:15 pm Mass for Carmen Moore

Saturday, December 16

12:15 pm Mass for Private Intention

Expected Livestream Schedule:

Mass will be available at
Saskatoonmass.com for other
Parishes.

Please Include in your Prayers

This list is for those who are in need of prayer, whether they be sick or well, living or deceased. If you would like your name or a name of a loved one to be listed, please call the parish office: 306-659-5800

Gerald Barrie	Principe and Family	Jean Lux
Pearl Stratulat	Maryann Babylonia	Kayden Kot
David Taylor	†Noel Daniels	Perla Lansangan
†Rod Sulik	Ray Leidl	
Wanda Woznik	Martha Leidl	
MaryAnne Zadworny -	Gerald Marcotte	

Adsumus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for the 2021- 2023 Synod



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