December 1, 2024

CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY FAMILY

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



I draw your attention once again to the beautiful Advent banners that hang in the sanctuary of the Cathedral. As I look upon them I am reminded of the journey that is set before us this Advent that is leading us to an encounter with Jesus. They remind us on this first Sunday of Advent that we are embarking on a new liturgical year, a year of the Lord's favor, who will unfold for us along the journey the sacramental graces of our baptism. That we are walking on the road with him and though him and in him is a truth we celebrate every time we participate in the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith. I like the reality that the banner depicts that this road takes us on a journey through the valleys and hills, for Jesus has come as the Good Shepherd who seeks to find the lost sheep and carry them home on his shoulders.

This past week I came upon the writings of St. Catherine of Laboure, who was given a mission by Our Lady to cast the Miraculous Medal that bares the inscription, "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee." I love that little prayer as I find myself pondering its invitation to have recourse to Mary, that is to run-back to Mary through the winding paths of our hearts to her Immaculate Heart that has a straight path to Jesus. That when I am wondering about, Mary my Mother draws me quickly to her Son's Sacred Heart of refuge. What a beautiful image for this Advent as Mary journeys with us to prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming.

This year marks for us a special Jubilee year, which Pope Francis has called a pilgrimage of Hope, it will begin on Christmas Eve and end the following year with Epiphany. Dioceses throughout the world will join together in celebration on the feast day of the Holy Family, which holds great significance for our parish, to herald in this year of grace and favor.

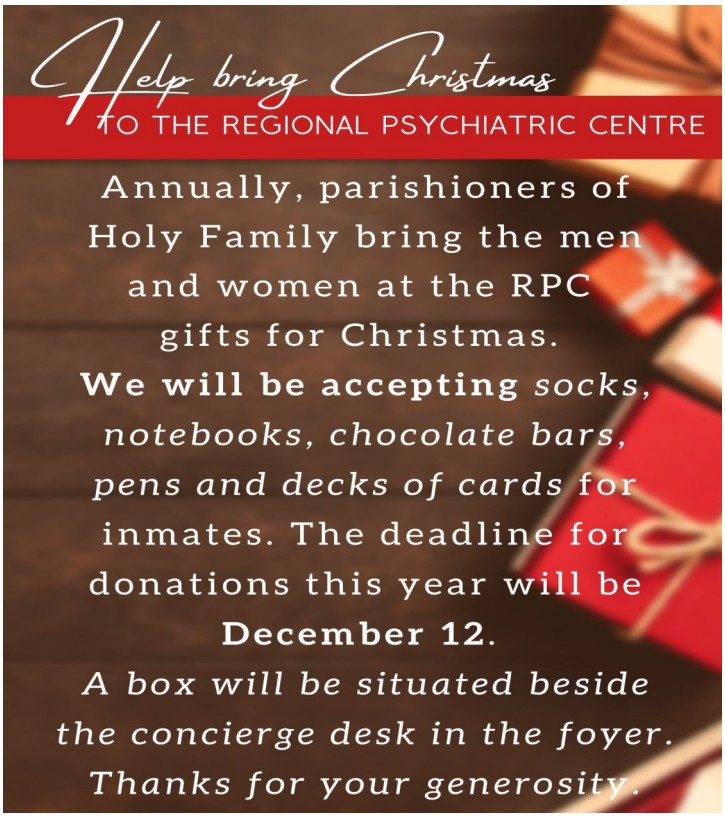
This is the first ordinary jubilee since the Great Jubilee of 2000. A Jubilee is a special holy year of grace and pilgrimage in the Catholic Church. Ever since 1300, when Pope Boniface VIII instituted the first Holy Year, it was initially celebrated every 100 years. Then following its biblical precedent - the jubilee Year in Israel - it was celebrated every 50 years; and finally every 25 years. However, the Pope can call for extraordinary jubilee years more often, such as in the case of the 2016 Year of Mercy called by Pope Francis or the 2013 Year of Faith by Pope Benedict XVI.

The word "jubilee" is derived from the Hebrew word yovbel, which means "ram's horn," since it was precisely the sound of the horn which was used as a trumpet that indicated to everybody the beginning of the jubilee year. The book of Leviticus tells us of the significance of the jubilee year, a year of liberation "par excellence," which is at the end of seven weeks of years, the 50th year. You shall count seven weeks of years – seven times seven years – such that the seven weeks of years amount to forty-nine years. Then, on the tenth day of the seventh month let the ram's horn resound; on this, the Day of Atonement, the ram's horn blast shall resound throughout your land. You shall treat this fiftieth day as sacred. You shall proclaim liberty in the land for all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, when each of you shall return to your own property, each of you to your own family. This fiftieth year is your year of jubilee; you shall not sow, nor shall you reap the aftergrowth or pick the untrimmed vines, since this is the jubilee. It shall be sacred for you. You may only eat what the field yields of itself (25: 8-12)

Rev. Fr Gerard Cooper

PARISH NEWS

BAKE SALE today! Thank you to ladies for supplying delicious baked goods for sale. Thank you to Heather Garman and helpers who worked the bake sale. May you all enjoy the delicious treats! **Membership drive**: If you missed it, e-transfer cofhfcwl@gmail.com or leave $45 at the office. Join the sisterhood of Catholic women who grow in faith, and witness to the love of God through ministry and service. We reassure members that doing good work together is both socially and spiritually enriching. Thank you to members who gave a report on the **CHAS** conference and **Compassionate Care** Conference. **Human trafficking** awareness day details will be announced when finalized with the Salvation Army. Bibles from the Symphony Sale were given to **Prison Ministry** and the **Prairie Harm Reduction** Centre. Myrna Kanigan, director of programs at **Family Service Saskatoon**, will speak at our meeting **December 11** (familyservice.sk.ca). Please donate: new socks, toques, scarves, body wash, deodorant, tampons/pads, shampoo, toothbrush/paste, coffee cards, Giant Tiger gift cards, movie passes, Walmart gift cards. **Here I am Lord, Send me (Isaiah 6:8)** Bring potluck nibbles to share for lunch for 2024 Christmas Party.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR our famous Pancake Breakfast TODAY, as well The Holy Family Craft Guild will be having their sale with us, please come and support them!

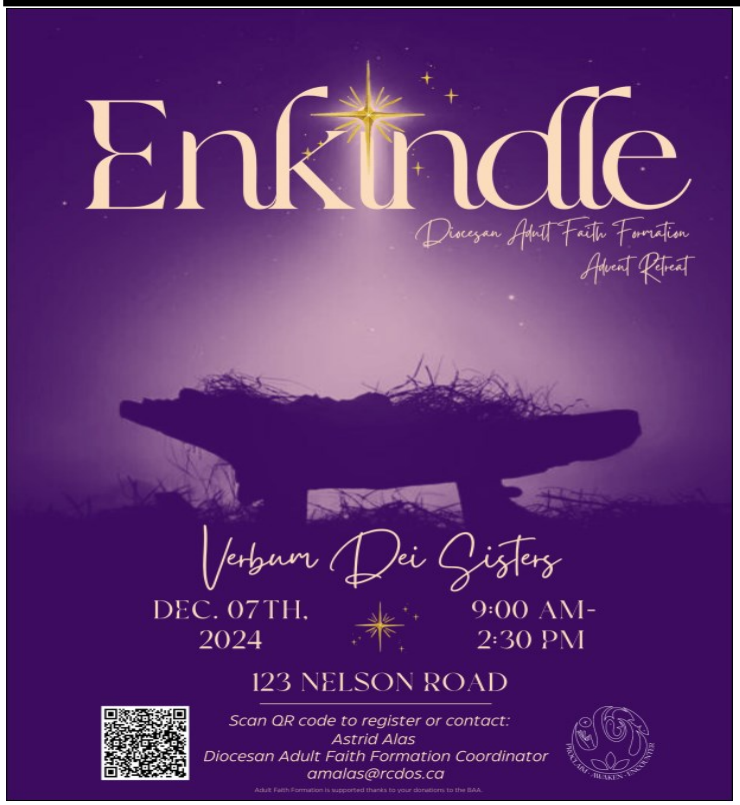
We will be having our Cash Calendars for sale, there are only 5,000 being sold, so your chances of winning weekly, monthly and quarterly cash prizes are very good! We will be having our EXECUTIVE MEETING THIS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1st STARTING AT 7 PM IN THE BISHOP POCOCK ROOM. We will also be taking orders for this years " Keep Christ in Christmas Nativity Wooden Sets", they will be $85.00, so please keep us in mind and have one of these NATIVITY SCENES IN YOUR YARD THIS YEAR! Also, if you have been wanting to be a Knight in our Council, please get in touch with one of our members and we can discuss how we can get your Dream of being a Knight possible!

Thanks and please feel free to call me or any of our members! God Bless!!

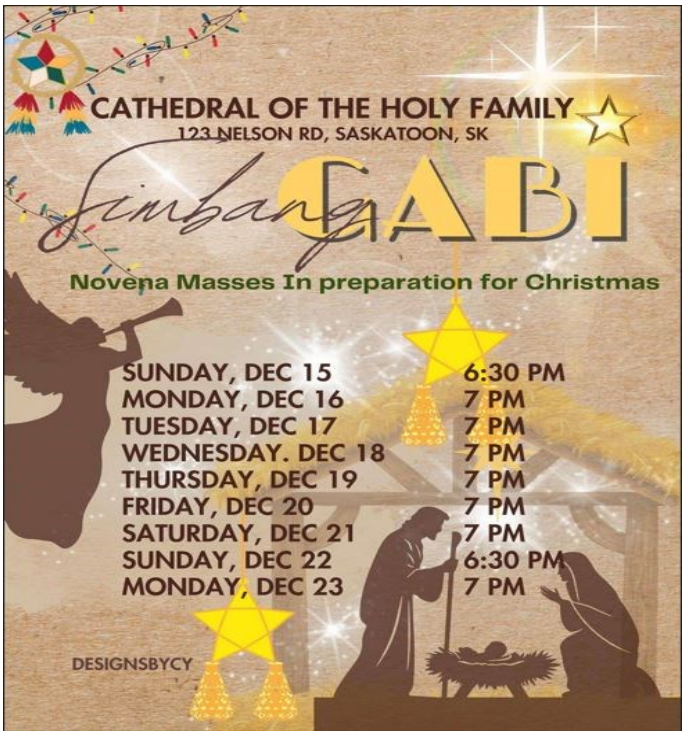
Sir Grand Knight - Wayne Koshman
(email: koshmanw@gmail.com)



DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY









Advent Reconciliation Times

BELOVED

Friday, December 6 — 7:00 PM – 9:00PM

ENCOUNTERS

Thursday Evenings — 7:00 PM – 8:30PM

REGULAR RECONCILIATION

Fridays @ 11AM – 12:00PM, Saturdays @ 11AM – 12:00PM

Christmas Mass Times

CHRISTMAS EVE	
December 24th	**4:30 PM**
	7:30 PM
	MIDNIGHT
CHRISTMAS DAY	
December 25th	**11:00 AM**
MARY MOTHER OF GOD	
December 31st &	**7:00PM**
January 1st	**11:00AM**



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 9
12:15pm

Cathedral of the Holy Family

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 10:15am

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*
Associate Pastor - *Fr. Joe Nelo Penino*
Faith Formation Minister - *Andy Korvemaker*
Coordinator of Evangelization to Families - *Conchita Fonseca*
Financial Secretary - *Linda Bobowski*
Facilities Manager - *Jim Nakoneshny*
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Pastoral Council Chair - *Jonas Taillon*
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Contact us!

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Confirmation & First Eucharist: *hfsacraments.ca*
Covenant of Care: Parish Office: *306-659-5800*
Marriage: *gcooper@rcdos.ca*
Marriage Preparation: March 2025 - *gcooper@rcdos.ca*
Reconciliation by appointment: *info@holyfamilycathedral.ca*
Communion to Homebound: *info@holyfamilycathedral.ca*
or call *306-659-5800.*
Facility Rentals: *jim@holyfamilycathedral.ca*

Mass Intentions next week

Monday, December 2
12:15 pm Mass *for Tracy Harper*

Tuesday, December 3
12:15 pm Mass *for Kevin Kaufmann*

Wednesday, December 4
12:15 pm Mass *for +Mary M^c^Avoy*
7:00 pm Mass *for +John Sahaluk*

Thursday, December 5
12:15 pm Mass *for +Patricia Ackerman*

Mass Intentions next week

Friday, December 6
12:15 pm Mass *for + Rechiel Sulmeron*

Saturday, December 7
12:15 pm Mass *for Bev Chomiak*

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

Kayden Kot	Melissa GO	Ethel Zapatra
Perla Lansangan	Nori Cheong	Isa Glodoveza
Zenitha Joppa Atebe	Lauren Novak	Jannette Magdugo
Eileen Materi	Russ Gill	+Pius Ojong Okpa
Rosalind Matchett	+Toribio Ramos	Perry Antosh



Holy Family Prayer

Most Beloved Sacred Heart of Jesus, As you are the Father's Beloved Son in whom he is well pleased, May we serve others in love as we have been served in love.

Most Blessed Immaculate Heart of Mary As All generations call you blessed through your fiat, May we too move with haste to share the gift of God's love to others.

Most Betrothed Chaste Heart of St. Joseph As you took Jesus and Mary into your home, May we foster free, faithful, fruitful and total love in our family.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

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