CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY FAMILY

THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the city of David called Bethlehem… He went to be registered with Mary to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child." Lk 2:1-5



How quickly the Gospel for Christmas narrows our attention from the whole world to Nazareth, then to Bethlehem and finally to Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. As we celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord our gaze too becomes focused on the child lying in the manger. We are here today with Jesus in the creche, every other moment fades into the distance, if you have been far from him this year, perhaps far from home, far from family, today you are here with him, he saves you, he rescues what is lost, forsaken, abandoned. He comes today reaching for your faith, to believe again that all is possible with God, that is why you have come here to this place, your faith has guided you, not a random chance, not just going along with the crowd, you are physically here, however you got here, whatever that journey, Emmanuel – God is near to you. Here he is the word made flesh. This is the place the divine word goes out and comes back to him, here at Christ's Mass he receives all from the Father and gives it back to him, notice His heart, gentle humble and meek, filled with gratitude and thanksgiving, giving glory to the Father returning it all to him. He is in this moment, a moment out of time from all eternity, and yet in time for us, he is giving himself, and what should I say let this hour pass me by, no it is for this hour that I have come, to be given to the Father. How beautiful, the grandeur of this awe filled moment, so he invites us to stay here with me for a while.

When I was in Bethlehem not long ago I went into the Church of the Nativity and was surprised by the little door through which pilgrims had to enter the Church, at first, I wasn't sure if I was going to fit, a little bit like Whinny the Pooh! But dropping to one knee and turning my body sideways I was able to enter. The gift of Christmas is Christ coming into our world, but it is also the gift of grace that transforms us to fit into the Kingdom of Heaven. How profoundly St Luke articulates this in the Gospel when he in a few short moments after revealing the birth of our Lord opens the heavens. Listen to his excitement as he looks up with the shepherds in the fields and sees the majesty of the angels:



"And suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors." Lk 2:13-14

May the Lord Jesus who unites Heaven and Earth,
transforming the hearts of believers everywhere,
fill you with His grace this Christmas Day!

Blessings and Merry Christmas, Fr. Gerard

PARISH NEWS



Solemn Opening of the Jubilee Year of 2025

Cathedral of the Holy Family

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Dec 29, 2024 – 9:00 am Mass

Cathedrals around the world on the Feast Day of the Holy Family will be celebrating the opening rite for the Jubilee Year of 2025. Everyone is invited to gather at the Cathedral of the Holy Family in the Bishop LaGatt Hall, where the opening ritual will begin with opening prayers, reading of the gospel and a few paragraphs from Pope Francis Bull of Indiction of the Jubilee Year. The *collectio* will be followed by a pilgrim procession to the doors of the cathedral led by the cross, which will be held high for a moment of veneration, and then placed in the sanctuary for public veneration for the duration of the Holy Year. The baptismal font will then be blessed and everyone will pass through the main doors and be sprinkled with the holy water as a reminder of baptism.



2025 Sunday Offertory / Donation.

Envelopes are available for pickup by the Concierge Desk.

Contact Linda at the parish office for more details.

PARISH HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day)	Closed
Thursday, Dec. 26 (Boxing Day)	Closed
Wednesday, Jan. 1 (Stat)	Closed
Thursday, Jan. 2	Regular office hours resume



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

For Children's and Youth Ministry

Thurs 16 Jan 6:30pm

Join us on Thursday 16th January 2025

For an evening of fellowship (and food)

Explore how you can serve the youth and children of the parish and meet other like minded people

THURSDAY, 16TH JANUARY, 2025



Scan the QR code to register *or receive more information*

Email for more info

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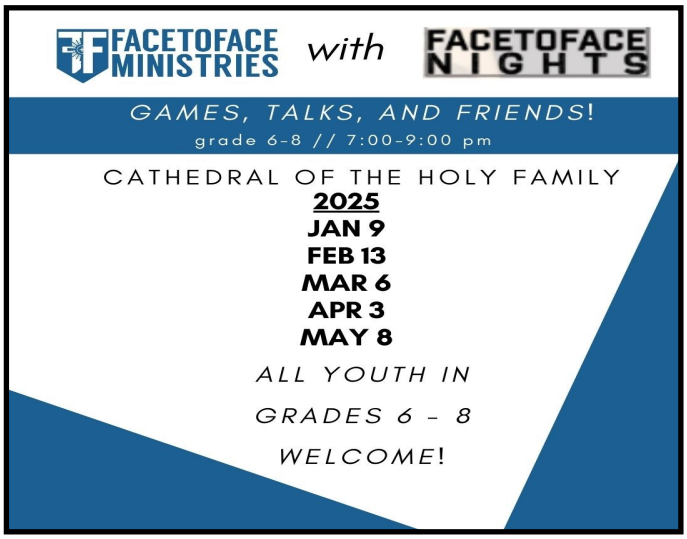
DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY



Christmas Mass Times

CHRISTMAS EVE	
December 24th	4:30 PM 7:30 PM MIDNIGHT
CHRISTMAS DAY	
December 25th	11:00 AM
HOLY FAMILY JUBILEE	
December 29th	9:00 AM 11:00AM 6:30PM
MARY MOTHER OF GOD	
December 31st & January 1st	7:00PM 11:00AM









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*
Administrative Assistant - *Johanna Fashola*
Pastoral Council Chair - *Jonas Taillon*
Finance Council Chair - *Denis Sirois*

Contact us!

Baptism (Infants): *andy@holyfamilycathedral.ca*
Christian Initiation (RCIA): andy@holyfamilycathedral.ca
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 23
12:15 pm Mass *for +Harvey Laroque*
Tuesday, December 24
4:30 pm, 7:30 pm and Midnight Mass
Wednesday, December 25
11:00 am Mass
Thursday, December 26
12:15 pm Mass *for +Stanton Spendelow*
Friday, December 27
12:15 pm Mass *for +Doug Nieman*
Saturday, December 28
12:15 pm Mass *for +Doug & +Maria Sigmon*

Mass Intentions next week

Monday, December 30
12:15 pm Mass *for +Jovan Von Esmabe*
Tuesday, December 31
12:15 pm Mass *for +Reynaldo De Leon*
Wednesday, January 1
11:00 am Mass
Thursday, January 2
12:15 pm Mass *for Sr. Phyllis Kapaslinski*
Friday, January 3
12:15 pm Mass *for Bev Chomiak*
Saturday, January 4
12:15 pm Mass *for Kevin Kaufmann*

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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