



May 4, 2025

CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY FAMILY

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



PILGRIMS OF HOPE: OUR HOPE IS IN THE CHURCH, IMAGE OF THE TRINITY

Every year we go through the same experience at the Easter Vigil of trying to light the new Paschal Candle with a kindle stick from the blessed fire that will be used to bring the Light of Christ into the Cathedral. This year was no exception as the sacristan, two priests, and the bishop were all humbled by the mighty power of the brisk Saskatchewan wind that kept blowing out the stick. As soon as you pulled the stick out of the fire to light the candle the wind would extinguish it, but as I returned it to the fire it caught flame again. Needless to say we had to stay close to the fire to light the candle! Listen to the opening prayer we prayed last Sunday: "God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the Paschal Feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own." How true it is of our faith that as we stay close to the mysteries of Christ and his Church we are set ablaze with the Spirit, and as that branch withers and fades apart from the vine, so does our faith apart from Christ and his Church.

In the Jubilee Year of 2000, Pope St. John Paul II, chose Cardinal Francis Xavier Nguyen to give the papal retreat. The text of those Spiritual Exercises were compiled into the book, Testimony of Hope, that describe the agonizing pain of isolation and abandonment he experienced as a prisoner in various Communist prisons over thirteen years, and the hope that sustained him in the Risen Christ. In his spiritual exercise the cardinal recalls: "It is difficult to imagine with how much anxiety our faithful in Vietnam – during the years of greatest trial – defying threats of punishment or imprisonment for listening to *foreign and reactionary propaganda, tuned into Vatican Radio in order to hear the heartbeat of the universal church and be united with the successor of Peter. I was in isolation in Hanoi when one day, a policewoman brought a small fish for me to cook. As soon as I saw the wrappings, I immediately felt a start of joy, but I was careful not to show this externally. My happiness was not because of the fish, but because of the pages of newspaper in which it was wrapped: two pages of the L' Osservatore Romano. At that time, when the Vatican newspaper arrived at the post office in Hanoi, it was often confiscated and sold at the market as paper. Those two pages had been used to wrap the little fish. Calmly, without bringing attention to myself, I washed those sheets of newspaper to remove the smell, and then dried them in the sun and preserved them as a relic. For me in that unbroken regime of isolation, those pages were a sign of communion with Rome, with Peter, with the Church, and an embrace from Rome. I would not have been able to survive without an awareness of being part of the Church. Today we live in a world that rejects the values of the civilization of life, of love, and of truth; our hope is the Church, Image of the Trinity.*"

How blessed we are to live with such examples and mentors of faith today. In the past century we have seen the world torn apart by world wars, genocide, abortion, euthanasia, ideological warfare, secularization, de-Christianization, but just think of the great leaders of faith that have emerged in the last century. When religious vocations seemed to be disappearing the Spirit breathes life into the Church through her saintly souls like Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Pope John Paul II to inspire a youthful spirit of self-sacrifice. Let us look upon this century not with dismay and bewilderment, as though we were a smoldering wick, now is the great springtime of faith. Let us once again turn to the work of the Spirit in the Acts of the Apostles and witness the faithfulness of God in every age to kindle the faith of his people by the recurrence of the Paschal Feast and outpouring of the Holy Spirit. For left to ourselves, "without the Holy Spirit, God is distant, Christ is in the past, the Gospel is a dead letter, the Church is a simple organization, authority is domination, mission is propaganda, worship is the summoning of spirits, and Christian action the morality of slaves... But in him... the Risen Christ is here, the Gospel is the power of life, the Church means trinitarian communion, authority is a liberating service, mission is Pentecost, liturgy is memorial and anticipation, human behavior is deified." May your eyes be open to the Spirit who fills us with the gift of God, so that indeed we may be light in the darkness. Fr. Gerard

PARISH NEWS



Here I am Lord, Send me (Isaiah 6:8) May is the month of **Mary**. Rosary pamphlets will be given out. **Thank you to all ladies who helped with and attended the wonderful CWL Diocesan Convention!!** Mass collection was \$1082 which will be donated to Grow Hope SK. Presentations were from Hope's Home, Hope Restored Canada, Human Trafficking Awareness and IWIN. Guest Speaker Sr. Cindy Lewans spoke on Connecting with People Living with Dementia. Next year the convention is May 4 in Rosetown. Next CWL meeting is 7 pm May 14. Needs are always ongoing. **God gifts the called, He doesn't call the gifted.**



Hello parishioners of the Cathedral of Holy Family, we would like to thank you for your support in all the events of the Knights of this parish!

Upcoming events are our Famous Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 25th, after the 9am & 11am masses, as well the Steak Night Fundraiser for the Knights of Columbus Blackstrap Youth Camp, will be held at Blackstrap Youth Camp, on Thursday, June 12th, 2025, Dinner @ 7:00 pm, tickets are \$30.00/person, this is a fundraiser for the Camp, please email me. We will be having our Election for Executive Officers for the 2025/2026 Columbian Year, if you would like more information, please feel free to contact me at koshmanw@gmail.com. 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)



with



GAMES, TALKS, AND FRIENDS!

grade 6-8 // 7:00-9:00 pm

CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY FAMILY

**NEXT FACETOFACE NIGHTS
MAY 8**

ALL YOUTH IN
GRADES 6 - 8
WELCOME!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Join Anytime - FREE - Registration Online

**KIDS
4CHRIST**

**Monthly - K to Grade 5
Next Gathering - May 20th**

Tuesday, 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Future - Jun 10, Oct 14, Nov 18, Dec 9



**Monthly - Grade 6 to 8
Next Gathering - May 15th**

Thursday 7pm to 9pm

Future - Jun 19, Oct 16, Nov 20, Dec 11

**GAME
NIGHT**

**Special Event - Grade 9 to 12
May 27th**

Tuesday 7pm to 9pm

Challenge the Squad!

For more information and to register for events visit
holyfamilycathedral.ca/youth



FOR INFORMATION ON YOUTH PROGRAMS
CONCHITA@HOLYFAMILYCATHEDRAL.CA

KINDNESS MOVEMENT 316

1. Our goal is to make at least 316 blessing bags that you can take to give to the less fortunate.

*Kindness
MATTERS*

**SPREAD
KIND
NESS**

2. You can donate: socks, granola bars, trail mix or fruit bars (bars that don't melt) from April 6th to May 15th.

DONATION BIN IS LOCATED AT THE MAIN DOORS OF THE CATHEDRAL

DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY



FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations
to
all who received their
First Communion

We are praying for you!



Flores de Mayo Procession

May 25, 2025
after the 11am Mass

Note: Parents and participants who are interested in having their children dress up to showcase the many titles of Mary and some important persons who have connections with Mama Mary are asked to attend the information session on

Monday, May 5th at 7pm

FAMILY SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MAY 4TH
10:00AM – 11:00AM

Calling all families!
Join us for a time of fun,
music and games.
No registration required

In The Hall
After the
9am Mass



**SCHOOLS
WIN+WICE**
ONLINE LOTTERY 50/50

AN INVITATION
Just for Women

Feminine Genius III

BREAKFAST TALK

Topic:

UNLEASH
Your Feminine Genius

Keynote Speaker:
Sr. Malou Tibayan
Verbum Dei Missionary

Testimony:
Raissa Bugyi
Executive Director-DSCF

May 14, 2025- (Wednesday)

8:30 am-10:15 am (doors open at 8:00 am)

Holy Family Cathedral - 123 Nelson Road Saskatoon, SK

Free will donation

<https://form.jotform.com/SaskatoonDiocese/femininegenius3>

Scan the QR code
or call

Sr. Malou Tibayan: (306) 371-7434



Priests' Pension
& Retirement Fund

Please consider making a gift to the Priests' Pension and Retirement Fund in gratitude for the dedicated priests who have been and continue to be our spiritual leaders and friends. A mail-in form was included in a recent Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation newsletter or go online to find more information or to donate:



dscf.ca/priest-pension-fund
or contact the Diocese of Saskatoon
Catholic Foundation, 123 Nelson Road,
Saskatoon, S7S 1H1; (306) 659-5846.

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@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 2025 - 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, May 5

12:15 pm Mass for *Edokwe Family*

Tuesday, May 6

12:15 pm Mass for *+Charmaine Labrecque*

Wednesday, May 7

12:15 pm Mass for *+Lena Kuzyk*

7:00 pm Mass for *+Hugette Diebel*

Thursday, May 8

12:15 pm Mass for *+Freddy Fonseca*

Mass Intentions next week

Friday, May 9

12:15 pm Mass for *+Paterno Montes*

Saturday, May 10

12:15 pm Mass for *+Bob Schneider*

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

Perla Lansangan

Zenitha Joppa Atebe

Eileen Materi

Rosalind Matchett

Melissa GO

Nori Cheong

Russ Gill

+Toribio Ramos

Ethel Zapatra

Isa Glodoveza

Jannette Magdugo

+Pius Ojong Okpa

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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