



May 11, 2025

CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY FAMILY

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



PILGRIMS OF HOPE: STANDING BEFORE THE THRONE AND THE LAMB

Franciszek Gajowniczek may not be a name which rings a bell for most people. He was one of the few Jews who survived the infamous death camp of the Nazis in Auschwitz, Poland. The surviving inmates of those gruesome camps were finally liberated by the Allied forces in 1941. Every day he lived after 1941, he lived with the knowledge, "I live because someone died for me." Every year on August 14, he travelled to Auschwitz in memory of the man who took his place. We know that man as the Franciscan priest, St Maximilian Kolbe. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who died for me. Ordinarily, the shepherd's calling was not to die for the sheep but to live for the

sheep. But our Lord Jesus' charge was different and unique. He is the One who "lays down His life for the sheep."

The secret of this Shepherd's willingness to die for His sheep is to be found in the second reading. The Book of the Apocalypse tells us that this Shepherd is also a lamb that has been sacrificed. We often fail to recognise the theological profundity of this switch. The Shepherd becomes one of the sheep whom He leads, the Creator chooses to become one of His creatures, God becomes man. And it is in this form which He chooses to save humanity. And this is no ordinary lamb or cute cuddly pet which He becomes. This is a special type of lamb which is meant to be offered at the Temple as a sin offering. It is interesting that this discourse on the Good Shepherd takes place within the Temple where animal holocausts were offered to atone for the sins of the petitioners. The mystery of the atonement is that Jesus uses the sacrificial system to defeat the sacrificial system. He lets Himself be a victim, but He goes willingly, thereby showing humanity that the sacrifice system is powerless. Thus, we are saved through the one sacrifice which alone can atone for our sins, the sacrifice of the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world; the Lamb who is also a Shepherd. This incredible transformation takes place on the cross. It would appear that on the cross, life is taken, victory is defeated, God is crucified. But our Lord did not stay on the cross. God died, but He rose again. The devil did not have the final say. Loss was thwarted. Victory reigned. The Lamb that was slain became the Shepherd again.

The Book of the Apocalypse provides us with this amazing vision that the slain Lamb rules again, arrayed in glory and surrounded by His subjects who had also followed His path of sacrificing their lives, washing themselves in His blood, and now share in His glory. Our Lord makes it very clear that the first identifying mark of His sheep is that, they hear His voice. "Hearing" is not merely auditory perception in scriptures but a spiritual understanding that responds in faith. One cannot claim to be a sheep that belongs to the Lord if one refuses to obey and submit to His authority. But, it is not enough that the Lord's sheep should "listen" to His voice. He also calls them to follow, wherever He lovingly leads them. Our Lord also emphasised that "if anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me" (Luke 9:23). We begin to see that the cross is not just something which the Good Shepherd embraced for the sake of His sheep but also something which the sheep must be willing to accept, if they truly wish to belong to Him. Where the Shepherd goes, the sheep must follow. It is here that we come to realise that being a sheep of the Good Shepherd is no benign image exuding cuteness and cuddliness. Rather, it carries a highly subversive connotation which may end in rejection, alienation and persecution from those who oppose the Shepherd. St John Vianney once said, "Do not try to please everybody. Try to please God, the angels, and the saints—they are your public." And often when we choose to please God, we end up displeasing others. But Christians are not called to be popular. We are called to be faithful. Easter is about life that died to live again.

PARISH NEWS



Saskatoon Diocese theme: Jubilee 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope" intended to inspire reflection on faith, hope and the call to care for others particularly the poor (Psalm 65). May is the month of Mary. **Rosary pamphlets** were given out. The Rosary is usually said before mass at 11:45 on Saturday. Follow online: dailytvmass.com: Holy rosary app. "Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the rosary, shall receive signal graces." Our 8 month pre-born baby continues to gain weight, developing a layer of fat that will keep her warm after birth. Praying for **Palliative Care** was May 4-10. Members were asked to pray individually at home. **Thank you to all ladies who helped at gatherings** especially in the kitchen. We are a group of ladies who strive to **SERVE** others. The Provincial Conference is June 1 and 2 in Weyburn. Several of our members will be attending. This **Wednesday, May 14, 7 pm**, is **CWL** meeting in the church. All ladies welcome!



Hello parishioners of the Cathedral of Holy Family, Happy Mother's Day! May all our mothers have a wonderful day!!

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. 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. Our Council is once again offering Scholarships to the Daughters & Son of our Council Members for their first year Post Secondary Studies. If you are interested in applying, please send an email to Allan.Ronellenfitsch@sasktel.net before July 31st, our selection committee will announce in the fall. God Bless!!

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

Parish Annual General Meeting Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 7pm Bishop Klein Room

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATION 2025



Nominations for Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) are now open. Nominees must be a registered member of the Cathedral of the Holy Family, understands the purpose of the PPC, is committed to the whole mission of the parish community, communicates well in all aspects: listens to others, reflects on what is seen and heard, and shares ideas with clarity, works well with groups: supports, affirms, and respects others and their gifts and is prepared to creatively solve problems and to undertake new initiatives. **Nominations will end on June 4, posted on June 8 and election will take place on June 15.** To submit your nomination please email info@holyfamilycathedral.ca or phone the parish office: 306-659-5800. Please include your name & contact information (phone and/or email) and the name and contact information of the person(s) you are nominating.



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**

DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY



FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations
to
all who received their
First Communion

We are praying for you!



Micah Mission is excited to announce the second annual Remember Me Campaign on Sunday, May 25 to raise funds for Circle of Support and Accountability (CoSA). (CoSA) plays a vital role in creating supportive environments for individuals reintegrating into society after incarceration. You're invited to donate \$5.00 on May 25 to help restore lives and build stronger, safer communities. Learn more: <https://themicahmission.org/index.php/events/>

MAY 24 11:00 - 13:30

SUMMER SLAM PARTY

FOR ALTAR SERVERS

TRAINING - LUNCH - GAMES

TO REGISTER OR TO JOIN THE ALTAR SERVERS MINISTRY EMAIL...
CONCHITA@HOLYFAMILYCATHEDRAL.CA



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.

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



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 12

12:15 pm Mass for *Penelope Sanz*

Tuesday, May 13

12:15 pm Mass for *+Elena Bungabong*

Wednesday, May 14

12:15 pm Mass for *Carmen Moore*
7:00 pm Mass for *+Linda Aguile & Dado Mendoza*

Thursday, May 15

12:15 pm Mass for *Lucette Kerner*

Mass Intentions next week

Friday, May 16

12:15 pm Mass for *Liam Moore*

Saturday, May 17

12:15 pm Mass for *Chidozie Edokwe*

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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