

# 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



#### PILGRIMS OF HOPE: THE HOLY ROSARY A SURE SIGN OF HOPE AND COMFORT

The Holy Rosary awakens us to heavenly realities culminating in the Assumption and Coronation of Our Lady as Queen of Heaven. In the person of Mary, we see that a human creature, sanctified and full of grace coming from the Redeemer, can rise up to heaven, in body and soul. And if Our Lady can do so then, by the same efficient causality of divine grace, so can we. So the Preface for the Assumption says: "the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of your Church's coming to

perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to [God's] pilgrim people". Indeed, the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary all point to the end for which every faithful Christian hopes. For in these mysteries we contemplate the promise that is given to us by the Risen Lord, and which Our Lady has already experienced in her own body and soul: it is the promise of our homecoming to God. As St Thomas says: "Christ by once ascending into heaven acquired for Himself and for us in perpetuity the right and worthiness of a heavenly dwelling-place."

But lest we think heaven is guaranteed us, even if we were to turn from God and reject his grace through unrepented mortal sin, the Holy Rosary reminds us that heaven is something that we have still to hope for. And we can only hope in something that we do not yet have, something that we are not certain that we possess, and which can be lost. The way the Rosary reminds us of this is in a phrase repeated over and over again: "Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death". Why this emphasis on the hour of death? Because it is crucial that we die in the state of grace, that is, that we persevere in friendship with God until the very end. And this final perseverance in grace is not something that we will on our own efforts and merits but which is only given to us by God's grace. As St Thomas says: we need "the gratuitous help of God sustaining man in good until the end of life".

The great Dominican theologian, Garrigou-Lagrange explains, moreover, that following the teaching of the Council of Trent, "we cannot in advance be certain of receiving this gift, but we can and should hope firmly for it, battling against temptation, and working out our salvation by the practice of good works". When we forget this and take heaven for granted, we no longer struggle but drift through life with what St James would call a dead faith. Hence, as Chesterton put it: "a dead thing can go with the stream, but only a living thing can go against it." The movement of the fingers as we say the Rosary is thus meant to be deliberate, conscious, and living. This kind of movement, whether through the fingers or by praying the rosary while walking, by focusing on the mysteries of our salvation enables us then to go against the stream of our sinful desires and temptations, and to reach out for heaven.

The Rosary's repeated cry to the Mother of God, "pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death" is thus a cry for divine help that we will not fall away from God and that we will have the grace of final perseverance. It is a cry of hope and of confident trust in Our Lady who is the Mediatrix of all graces. Moreover, prayer, as Pope Benedict said, is a "school of hope" because it stirs up our desire for grace, for heaven, for salvation. Quoting St Augustine, he says: "[Augustine] defines prayer as an exercise of desire. Man was created for greatness—for God himself; he was created to be filled by God. But his heart is too small for the greatness to which it is destined. It must be stretched. [So] 'by delaying [his gift], God strengthens our desire; through desire he enlarges our soul and by expanding it he increases its capacity [for receiving him]'." As prayer, therefore, the Holy Rosary draws us out of ourselves and out towards God; we dare once more to look out on the vista of eternal life.

### PARISH NEWS



Here I am Lord, Send me (Isaiah 6:8) The Church dedicates October to the Holy Rosary and invites everyone to renew devotion to praying the Rosary. CWL provides pamphlets

at each mass on October 5. The Pamphlets are also on the shelf by the stairs. Pope Leo XIII said there **is no more excellent way of praying.** Our next meeting is Wednesday, **October 8 at 7 p.m.** in the Bishop Klein Room. We will watch a video about Truth & Reconciliation, enjoy Bannock and jam for a snack and have our regular business meeting with reports from the President as well as the Faith, Service, and Social Justice committees. CWL meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. All women welcome!! We pray for young people, for their families and teachers, and for all who are beginning a new year.

Catholic Youth Clubs: Challenge for girls in Grades 3 - 12, and Conquest for boys in Grades 3 up, begin Oct.

3. Challenge girls meet Fridays 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Holy Spirit Parish, 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon.

Register at https://form.jotform.com/
252383380271253 or contact skchallengegirls@
gmail.com or (306) 715-7646. Conquest boys meet 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. on Fridays, usually at St.

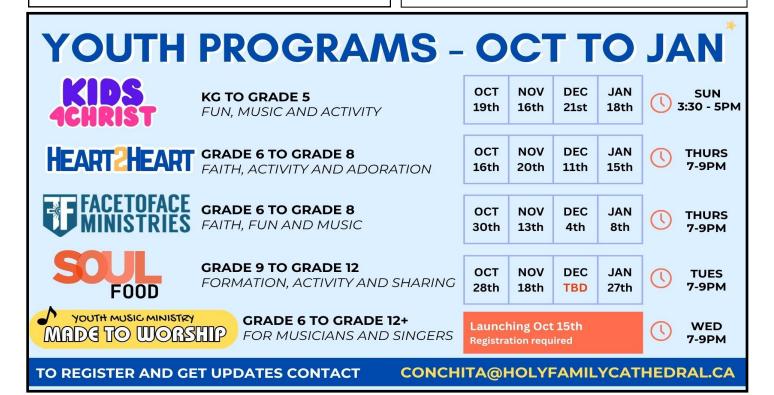
Matthew School in Saskatoon. Register for Conquest online at https://conquestsaskatoon.com or for more info, e-mail: conquest.saskatoon@gmail.com.

The Knights of Columbus from Council #8215 here at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, would like to thank you for your support in all the events we

are a part of! We are having our Knights Executive meeting this Tuesday, October 7th, starting at 7 pm, looking forward to seeing you all there! If you are wanting to become a Knight, we will be glad to discuss with you the next steps and if you are thinking about the Knights, we would be glad to discuss with you as well! I ask that every Knight ask one Catholic Gentlemen to become a Knight, we are the 2nd largest Council in Saskatchewan, and we would like all 257 of our members to ask one person to become a Knight and we would be the largest Council! Please contact me at koshmanw@gmail.com, if you have any questions. Thanks, SIR Grand Knight Wayne Koshman

#### **Information Session on Prostate Cancer**

On Monday, October 20th from 7-9 pm in the Bishop Klein Room - The Knights of Columbus Council #8215 of the Cathedral of the Holy Family in collaboration with the Saskatoon Prostate Cancer Support Group <a href="https://www.pcssaskatoon.ca/">https://www.pcssaskatoon.ca/</a> will hold an information session to learn about Prostate Cancer. This session will be led by Dr. Kishor M. Wasan, one of our Knights of Columbus who is currently on the Scientific Advisory Board of Prostate Cancer Foundation Canada.



## **DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY**



Endow is a Catholic apostolate that calls women together to study important documents of the Church and the lives and writings of the saints. Through Endow groups, women encounter their identity, grow in faith, and discover their mission in life.

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# LETTER TO WOMEN

Pope St. John Paul II

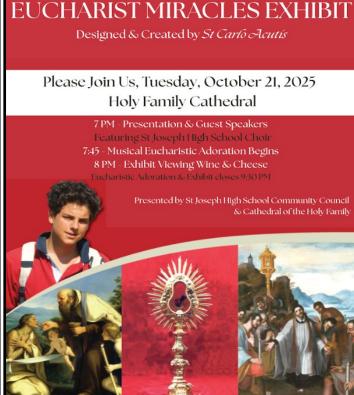


Cathedral of the Holy Family Thursdays | 7:00-8:30pm beginning Oct 23rd

(see the parish website exact dates)

To sign up please contact Alicia and Sue at holyfamilywwp@gmail.com





## 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

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#### 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, October 6

12:15 pm Mass for +Lana Profett-

Fahlman

Tuesday, October 7

12:15 pm Mass for Eva Prytula

Wednesday, October 8

12:15 pm Mass for Carmen Moore 7:00 pm Mass for +Margarite &

+Charlie Schmitt

Thursday, October 9

12:15pm Mass for +Leonel Parent

#### Mass Intentions next week

Friday, October 10

12:15 pm Mass for +Charles

Amaechi

10:15 am Mass @ Sherbrooke for

Glodoveza Family

Saturday, October 11

12:15 pm Mass for *Penelope Sanz* 

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

Zenitha Joppa Atebe +Toribio Ramos +Braydon Bretzer
Eileen Materi Ethel Zapata + Peter Fashola
Rosalind Matchett Isa Glodoveza Ben Friske

Melissa GOJannette MagdugoConchita FonsecaNori Cheong+Pius Ojong OkpaSophie IrlbeckRuss GillPerry AntoshPilar Glodoveza



#### **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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