



August 23, 2026

CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY FAMILY

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



I think of the special love with which Jesus is looking upon you. Yes, the Lord loves you and calls you his friends. He goes out to meet you and he wants to accompany you on

your journey, to open the door to a life of fulfilment and to give you a share in his own closeness to the Father. For our part, we have come to know the immensity of his love and we want to respond generously to his love by sharing with others the joy we have received. Certainly, there are many people today who feel attracted by the figure of Christ and want to know him better. They realize that he is the answer to so many of our deepest concerns. But who is he really? How can someone who lived on this earth so long ago have anything in common with me today?

The Gospel we have just heard suggests two different ways of knowing Christ. The first is an impersonal knowledge, one based on current opinion. When Jesus asks: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?", the disciples answer: "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets". In other words, Christ is seen as yet another religious figure, like those who came before him. Then Jesus turns to the disciples and asks them: "But who do you say that I am?" Peter responds with what is the first confession of faith: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God". Faith is more than just empirical or historical facts; it is an ability to grasp the mystery of Christ's person in all its depth.

Yet faith is not the result of human effort, of human reasoning, but rather a gift of God: "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven". Faith starts with God, who opens his heart to us and invites us to share in his own divine life. Faith does not simply provide information about who Christ is; rather, it entails a personal relationship with Christ, a surrender of our whole person, with all our understanding, will and feelings, to God's self-revelation. So Jesus' question: "But who do you say that I am?", is ultimately a challenge to the disciples to make a personal decision in his regard. Faith in Christ and discipleship are strictly interconnected. And, since faith involves following the Master, it must become constantly stronger, deeper and more mature, to the extent that it leads to a closer and more

intense relationship with Jesus. Peter and the other disciples also had to grow in this way, until their encounter with the Risen Lord opened their eyes to the fullness of faith.

Jesus' responds to Peter's confession by speaking of the Church: "And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church". What do these words mean? Jesus builds the Church on the rock of the faith of Peter, who confesses that Christ is God. The Church, then, is not simply a human institution, like any other. Rather, she is closely joined to God. Christ himself speaks of her as "his" Church. Christ cannot be separated from the Church any more than the head can be separated from the body (cf. *1 Cor* 12:12). The Church does not draw her life from herself, but from the Lord.

Dear young friends, as the Successor of Peter, let me urge you to strengthen this faith which has been handed down to us from the time of the Apostles. Make Christ, the Son of God, the centre of your life. But let me also remind you that following Jesus in faith means walking at his side in the communion of the Church. We cannot follow Jesus on our own. Anyone who would be tempted to do so "on his own", or to approach the life of faith with that kind of individualism so prevalent today, will risk never truly encountering Jesus, or will end up following a counterfeit Jesus.

Having faith means drawing support from the faith of your brothers and sisters, even as your own faith serves as a support for the faith of others. I ask you, dear friends, to love the Church which brought you to birth in the faith, which helped you to grow in the knowledge of Christ and which led you to discover the beauty of his love. Growing in friendship with Christ necessarily means recognizing the importance of joyful participation in the life of your parishes, communities and movements, as well as the celebration of Sunday Mass, frequent reception of the sacrament of Reconciliation, and the cultivation of personal prayer and meditation on God's word. Friendship with Jesus will also lead you to bear witness to the faith wherever you are, even when it meets with rejection or indifference. We cannot encounter Christ and not want to make him known to others. So do not keep Christ to yourselves! Share with others the joy of your faith.

Pope Benedict XVI



DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

Summer Pilgrimages 2026

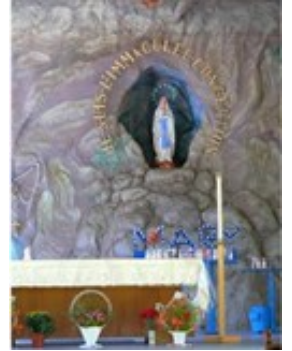
St. Laurent Pilgrimage - Sept. 8

Located 12 km East of Duck Lake on grid #783 or via Highway turn East at the Our Lady Statue.
GPS 52.85242576575959, -106.09293788005374

Theme: Walking With Mary On Sacred Ground: A Journey of Memory, Mission, and Reconciliation

6:00 pm to 6:45 pm - Priests available for Sacrament of Reconciliation. (Grotto)
6:15 pm to 6:45 pm - Rosary/Bouquet Offering. (Grotto)
7:00 pm - Eucharistic Celebration with Msgr. Maurice Fiolleau, Priests, and Deacons. (Grotto)
8:00 pm - Birthday Cake and Coffee. (Food Booth)

***Everyone is invited to bring a rose to offer to Mary. Roses are available at the Candle Booth for \$3.00 each on a first come, first serve basis.*



Millennium Cross Pilgrimage – Sept. 13

The 100-foot Millennium Cross is located 10 kms north of Aberdeen on Highway 40. The annual pilgrimage at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 includes praying of the rosary, speakers, displays.

Guest speaker is Fr. Bassim Shoni, Pastor of Sacred Heart Chaldean Catholic Church in Saskatoon.

Bring lawn chairs umbrellas insect repellent. Watch for updates at: <https://millenniumcross.ca>.

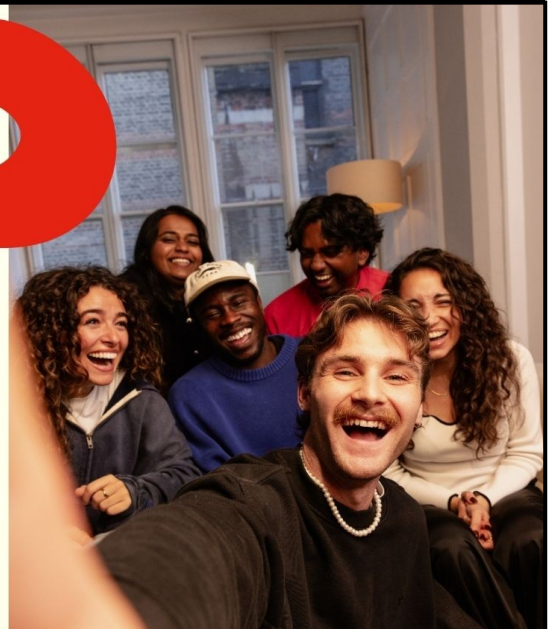
Alpha for Adults (18+)
The Good News in a Good Way!
Unpack the
faith together.

- Meet new people
- Enjoy a light lunch
- Unpack a big question
- Have an open conversation

Launching Oct 18th to Dec 20th
Every Sunday at 12:15pm
Bishop Klein Room

Alpha

Scan to Register
\$ 20 fee per person





Thank You!

— TO ALL OUR —

AMAZING VOLUNTEERS

FOR THE CATHEDRAL LANDSCAPE PROJECT

Your time, hard work, and dedication have helped transform our grounds into a beautiful, welcoming space for our parish family and visitors.

Your service is a blessing!

God Bless You! ♥



CATECHISM CORNER

THE SACRISTY: WHAT HAPPENS BEHIND THE SCENES BEFORE HOLY MASS?

Have you ever wondered what happens before the priest walks into the church and the opening hymn begins? Much of the preparation takes place quietly in the **sacristy**, where the sacred vessels, vestments, books, and other items needed for worship are prepared.

THE PRIEST PREPARES

Before Mass, the priest prepares himself spiritually and physically through prayer and reflection. He then puts on the appropriate liturgical vestments. These are more than ceremonial clothing—they express the sacred character of the ministry and the celebration.

THE SACRED VESSELS AND BOOKS

The sacristan and ministers prepare the **chalice, paten, ciborium, cruets**, and other vessels needed for Mass. The **Roman Missal** is prepared with the prayers and instructions for the celebration, while the **Lectionary** contains the Scripture readings for the day.

THE SANCTUARY AND MINISTERS

The altar is prepared with its cloth, candles, and other necessary items. If incense is used, the thurible and incense are also prepared. Altar servers and other ministers vest, review their responsibilities, and prepare themselves to serve.

A FINAL MOMENT OF PRAYER

Before the procession begins, the priest and ministers may pray together or individually. Then, when everything is ready, they process into the church.

What the congregation sees is only the beginning. Much preparation has already taken place quietly behind the scenes.

THE LESSON FOR US

The sacristy reminds us that **holy things deserve preparation**. Just as the priest and ministers prepare for Mass, we too should prepare our hearts:

- Arrive early.
- Silence your phone.
- Examine your conscience.
- Spend a few moments in prayer.
- Prepare to listen to God's Word.
- Prepare to encounter Christ in the Eucharist.

The better we prepare, the more attentively we can enter into the mystery being celebrated.

Next time you see the priest process into the church, remember: **the Holy Mass has already begun in the hearts of those who prepared for it.**

PARISH NEWS



MENTORSHIP. Mentorship includes guidance, inspiration and encouragement. The Catholic Women's League is a sisterhood of mentors willing to walk with you. Come be a part of the journey! Join us for our welcome back meeting September 9, 2026 at 7:00 pm. All women are welcome!

- Thank you to the members that have volunteered to serve as ministers at the celebration Mass September 20, 2026, especially to our sister Diane Waldbillig who is coordinating the ministries. Diane exemplifies mentorship to our members!
- Celebrate 75 years of leadership at Holy Family Parish on September 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. where we will have our welcome back gathering. Birthday cake kits will be assembled for the food bank. Items needed: boxed chocolate cake mix, prepared canned icing, balloons, napkins and candles.
- Please pray and give thanks for our CWL sisters that serve at funerals and parish events. They inspire us with their faithful service.

All enquiries can be sent to cofhfcwl@gmail.com

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SPEAKERS



MOST REV. MURRAY CHATLAIN
Archbishop of Winnipeg and Ecclesiastical Advisor for Jesus Youth Canada



CHEV. DR. EDWARD EDEZHATH
International Speaker

STREAMS

-  FAMILY
-  YOUNG ADULTS
-  YOUTH
-  KIDS

29 August 2026 SAT

9:30 am - 8:30 pm

Heritage Common, 703B 2nd St E, Hespurn, SK

639-382-6273 306-715-5559

 contact.sk@jesusyouth.ca



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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

(If you are unable to attend regular Reconciliation times, please phone the office to

make an appointment: 306-659-5800)

Eucharistic Adoration:

Musical Adoration: Every Thursday 7pm - 8:30pm

1st Friday: **SUMMER BELOVED** 11am - 12:15pm

Rosary & Devotion to Our Lady of

Perpetual Help: Wednesdays @ 6:30pm

Rosary: Saturday 11:45am - 12noon

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 - *Regene Sumalinog*

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

Reconciliation by appointment: info@holycathedral.ca

Communion to Homebound: info@holycathedral.ca

Facility Rentals: jim@holycathedral.ca

Mass Intentions next week

Monday, Aug 24

12:15 pm Mass for *†Gerald Detillieux*

Tuesday, Aug 25

12:15 pm Mass for *†Milagros Rosaldo*

Wednesday, Aug 26

12:15 pm Mass for *†Sheila Francis*

7:00 pm Mass for *Bella Breit*

Mass Intentions next week

Thursday, Aug 27

12:15 pm Mass for *Christine & John Marcus Asenuga*

Friday, Aug 28

12:15 pm Mass for *Brandy Rye*
10:15 am Mass @ Sherbrooke for
†Patrick Thibault

Saturday, Aug 29

12:15 pm Mass for *Emma Possberg*

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

†Toribio Ramos

Rosalind Matchett

Hyacinth Fonseca

Maryan Principe &

†Pius Ojong Okpa

Melissa Go

Isa Glodoveza

Family

†Braydon Bretzer

Nori Cheong

Pilar Glodoveza

Zenitha Joppa Atebe

†Peter Fashola

Russ Gill

Joelle Buckle

Lucas Hilderman

†Cesar Flores

Rose Friske

Sophie Irlbeck

Jackie Hilderman

Jannette Magdugo

Ben Friske

Sharon Therens

Robert Huebert

Eileen Materi

The Cathedral of the Holy Family Parish Pastoral Council Presents

FALL SUPPER

Saturday, September 26th, 2026

Supper starts at 5:30 pm

Doors open @ 5:00 pm

Tickets

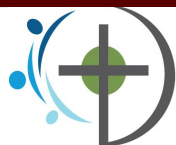
Regular - \$20
5-10 years - \$10
Children (4 & under) - Free

Menu

Roast Turkey, Stuffing,
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Vegetable, Salad, Dessert,
Coffee & Juice

Tickets AVAILABLE at the
Parish office starting
September 6th, 13th and 20th
after Sunday Masses, and at
the parish office on weekdays.

Tickets go on sale Sunday, September 6th!



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We are Holy Family

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