CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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November 8, 2026

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coming Up This Week

SUNDAY SUNDAE
After Mass
November 8th

JESUS YOUTH NITES
Nov 9th, 6:00PM - 7:30PM

CWL MEETING
Nov 11th, 7PM

REMEMBRANCE DAY
Nov 11th

KIDS4CHRIST
Nov 15th, 3:00PM - 4:30PM

SUNDAYS MASS TIMES
9AM 11AM 6:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES
Mon-Sat: 12:15PM
Wed: 7:00PM
@ Sherbrook: Fri: 10:15AM

RECONCILIATION
Thu: 7PM - 8:30PM
Fri & Sat: 11AM - 12NN

MUSICAL ADORATION
Thu: 7pm - 8:30PM

BELOVED
1st Fridays: 7PM - 9PM

ROSARY & DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF PERPERTUAL HELP
Wed: 6PM

ROSARY
Sat: 11:45AM - 12NN



As we journey through this month of remembrance and prayer for all the faithful departed, my memory goes back to the months spent with my mom in the palliative care unit of St. Paul's hospital. It was my last year of seminary, and I remember the agony of having to leave my family at the end of August to return for studies. I made it through the first couple of months with weekly phone calls and a return visit home at Thanksgiving. Everyone was so supportive and kind through this difficult journey of finishing studies and being present to my dying mother. It was at the beginning of the month of December while studying at my desk that the rector came up to my room as soon as I saw him I knew something was up for I had never seen him at my door before. He shared with me the news that my mom had gone into a coma, and that the doctor had informed the family to make the call to gather everyone. So arrangements are made for my travel the next morning and I traveled straight to the hospital to be at my mom's side. The family is all there gathered around her, and they make room for me at the head, I reach out instantly for her hand and say mom, and her eyes open, gazing lovingly upon me, and she calls me by name, Gerard. I look at my family to clarify her condition, and they are all standing there puzzled, she had not responded for days and the doctor had indicated that the moment was near. It was not to be for another six months, what a beautiful gift. During that time the Church was so good to fly me home every month for a week to be at her side.

During those months I remember feeling while praying at her side the loneliness of death. That I could not walk with her through death's door. But I remember also the confidence I had in knowing that Jesus was with her, that He was the one calling her, for He had called her all her life and she had come to know through all those years how to come to Him. In fact, her whole life was one of sharing this with us, how to trust in Him through our prayer, how to love Him through caring for one another, and most importantly perhaps that His grace was enough.

I was reading recently a book by Hans Urs von Balthasar, The Moment of Christian Witness, that talks about the loneliness of death as taken on by Christ who surrendered the Spirit, the eternal bond of communion into the Father's hands on the cross, "love in all its diversity and multiplicity must be simplified and reduced to its essentials in this one unifying point, so that in streaming out from this point it may have an eternal supply from which to spring. For this reason there is no togetherness in faith on earth that could not have come from the ultimate loneliness of the death on the Cross." That is why in Christian baptism we are immersed into the waters, cutting us from every communication in this world to bring us to the source of where true communion begins. Consequently, faith itself must necessarily stand face to face with Christ's abandonment by God and the world. Thus, for von Balthasar, the Christian as isolated being really does exist, and is very biblical as Abraham believes in his total loneliness with Isaac, or Moses appearing before God in the burning bush, the prophets in their mission, St. Paul blinded to everything. "The sense of mission, great or small, which every Christian possesses, originates from the same point. It is something that like the gifts of grace is not distributed from within the community, but is given to each according to faith that God has bestowed on them. Only as an individual can a Christian be called to the service of the Church, and as a member of the Church be called to the service of the world. As an individual who stands alone, no one can replace or take over that responsibility entrusted to us personally from God."

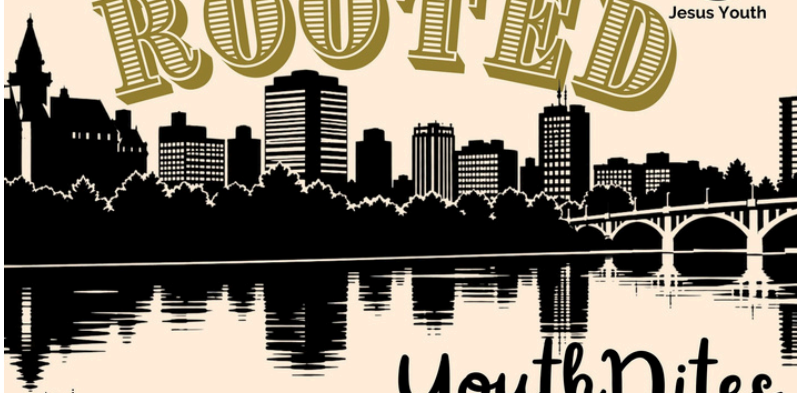
In today's gospel the wise virgins took flasks of oil so that when the bridegroom calls you will be ready to go out and meet him. May you be ever ready to respond to the Lord's call in your life, and may we be a communion of so great a cloud of witnesses of Christ's gift of Himself, that unites us to the very mystery of the communion of God. - **Fr. Gerard**

DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

Saskatoon

ROOTED

Jesus Youth



Youth Nites

6:00-7:30

Mondays (see dates below)

Bishop Klein Room
Cathedral of the Holy Family

Ages 15-25

DATES : OCT 5 NOV 9, 16, 23, 30 DEC 7, 14

REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED

November: Month of All Souls

During the month of November, the Church prays for the faithful departed. Please feel free to write the names of your faithfully departed loved ones in our Book of Remembrance. The Book is located in the back of Main Worship area by the votive candles.



Campaign Life COALITION

will be selling

FRUITCAKES & RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS

on

22 November AFTER EVERY mass



Christmas Cards

$15 - 1 Pack of 10 Cards
$40 - 3 Packs of 10 Cards

Fruitcakes

$20 - 1 Pound Cake
$30 - 2.5 Pound Cake

For further information please contact Celine Hounjet at celine@sasktel.net

Help bring Christmas

TO THE REGIONAL PSYCHIATRIC CENTRE

Annually, parishioners of Holy Family bring the men and women at the RPC gifts for Christmas.

Financial donations

will be accepted at the parish office (and online) to purchase *socks, notebooks, chocolate bars, and pens*. The deadline for donations this year will be **December 16**.

A box will be situated beside the concierge desk in the foyer.

Thanks for your generosity.

CATECHISM & PARISH NEWS

CATHOLICS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO KEEP THE ASHES OF THEIR CREMATED LOVED ONES AT HOME

Can Catholics keep the cremated remains of their departed loved ones in their homes? According to the Catholic Church, the answer is generally NO.

As we observe All Souls' Day, we are reminded of our duty to pray for the souls of the faithful departed and entrust them to God's mercy, with the hope of eternal life.

While some families choose to preserve their loved ones' ashes in urns, scatter them in meaningful places, divide them among relatives, or transform them into jewelry and other keepsakes, the Catholic Church teaches that cremated remains must be treated with dignity and respect.

According to the Vatican's 2016 instruction *Ad resurgendum cum Christo*, cremated remains should be placed in a sacred and designated place, such as a cemetery, church, or other appropriate sacred location.

The Church does not permit the scattering of ashes, their division among family members, or their transformation into commemorative objects. Keeping cremated remains at home is also generally not permitted, except in grave and exceptional circumstances with permission from the local Ordinary.

This teaching is rooted in our Catholic belief in the resurrection of the body. Even after death, the human body deserves respect because it was once a temple of the Holy Spirit.

REMEMBER: We honor our departed loved ones not by keeping their ashes as possessions, but by remembering them in prayer, offering Masses for their souls, and entrusting them to the loving mercy of God.

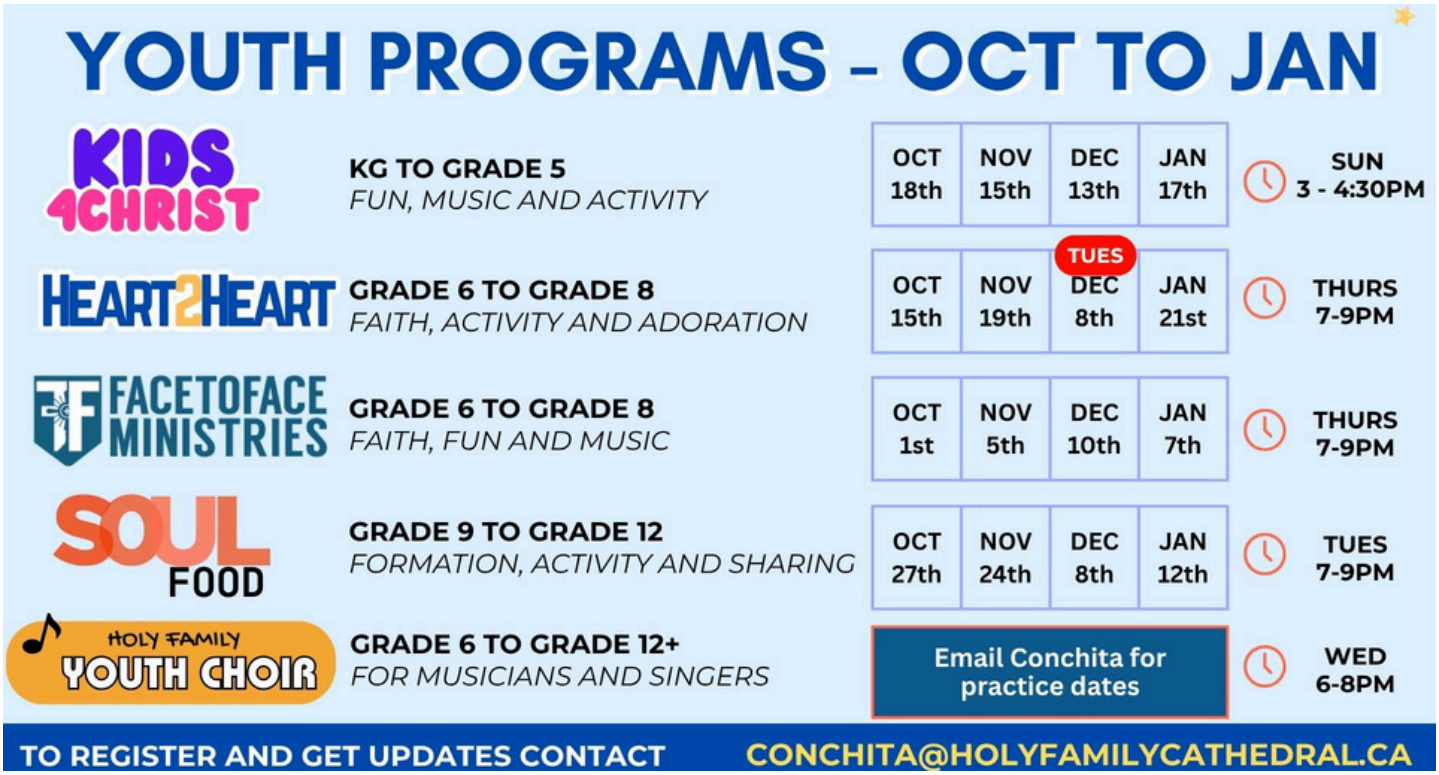


SOCIAL JUSTICE. Called by sacred scriptures, church teachings and tradition, Catholic Women's League members commit themselves to furthering God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Join us on this exciting journey to create God's justice here and now! Our next meeting is November 11, 2026 at 7:00 pm

- Annual budget and policy review meeting will be held November 8, 2026 10:15-11:45 in the Bishop Klein room. Please make an effort to attend.
- Christmas project 2026. Bring a gift for the Connection Center Kinship celebration to the November 11, 2026 meeting. NEW gifts ($20-30) suitable for a grandmother. Our goal is 40 gifts!
- Membership Sunday is November 15. Fees are now due for members. $45.00 can be paid by cheque, cash, or e-transfer (cofhfcwl@gmail.com). The local council receives $4.50 of the fees, the rest are distributed to National, Provincial, Diocesan councils and insurance.
- Bake Sale will be the first Sunday of Advent November 29, 2026.

All enquiries can be sent to cofhfcwl@gmail.com

PARISH LIFE & INFORMATION



Mass Intentions

Monday, November 9
12:15 pm Mass for *†Glenn Woytowich*

Tuesday, November 10
12:15 pm Mass for *†Christopher Novecosky*

Wednesday, November 11
12:15 pm Mass for *Miguel Angel Estrada Campos*
7:00 pm Mass for *Special Intention*

Thursday, November 12
12:15 pm Mass for *†Louise Haubold*

Friday, November 13
12:15 pm Mass for *Leslie Santos*
10:15 am Mass @ Sherbrooke for *Special Intention*

Saturday, November 14
12:15 pm Mass for *†Alfredo Forrosuelot*

Prayer Requests

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
†Pius Ojong Okpa
†Braydon Bretzer
†Peter Fashola
†Cesar Flores
†Anthony Ifejilimalu
†Austin Gerein
†Sophie Irlbeck
†Vivian Krogstad
Eileen Materi
Melissa Go
Nori Cheong
Russ Gill
Rose Friske
Ben Friske
Hyacinth Fonseca
Isa Glodoveza
Pilar Glodoveza
Joelle Buckle
Rosalind Matchett
Sharon Therens
Jannette Magdugo
Zenitha Joppa Atebe
Robert Huebert
Maryan Principe & family

Clergy, Staff, & Council Members

Bishop of Saskatoon - *Most Rev. Mark Hagemoen*
Pastor Rector - *Fr. Gerard Cooper*
Associate Pastor - *Fr. Joe Nelo Penino*
Intern Seminarian - *Matthew Witzaney*
Faith Formation Minister - *Andy Korvemaker*
Coordinator of Evangelization to Families - *Conchita Fonseca*
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Contact Us

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