CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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November 29, 2026

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Coming Up This Week

CWL BAKE SALE
Nov 29th, after AM masses

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

CHOIR FOR KINDNESS
Dec 1st, 7PM

BELOVED
Dec 4th, 7PM - 9PM

ADVENT RETREAT
Dec 5th, 9AM - 2:30PM

SUNDAY 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



Advent begins not with sentimental anticipation of a baby in a manger, but with a sober warning: “So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming … if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep.” At the heart of His warning is spiritual sleep or sloth, counted as one of the seven deadly sins. What is sloth? It’s translated from the Greek word akedia, meaning indifference or negligence. So, sloth is not merely laziness; it is more properly understood as sorrow or indifference. St Thomas Aquinas speaks of sloth as sorrow for spiritual good. In other words, we find doing anything good or even doing anything for that matter, as extremely burdensome. It’s no longer the cross when everything feels like a cross, even the simplest of tasks. Some modern commentators have attempted to describe it as the “I could care less” or “I don’t care” attitude we see so prevalent in our day and age.

And so, what our Lord is warning in today’s gospel is not just sleeping on the job for someone who should be at work. The danger is not merely physical drowsiness; it is the far more deadly condition of complacency and idleness. We can keep busy with a thousand things—work, family, even parish activities—and still be spiritually asleep. Because sloth leads to the abandonment of God, the blinding of His light in our otherwise darkened world, the solution is to throw ourselves deliberately and consciously into the hands of God, with great humility, recognising our poverty and seeking His miraculous grace to give us grateful, loving, and passionate hearts. The prophet Isaiah gives us the proper posture for this season. It begins with a sincere confession that our sins have cut ourselves from God and then humbly acknowledge: “Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.”

It has often been said to the point of sounding cliche that Advent is a season of Hope. But I’m going to say it again. Hope is not trusting that better things are coming, we have no claim on this but that our God will not disappoint us as how He has remained faithful to us in the past despite our waywardness and sloth. We remain clay, not finished pottery. And that is good news. If we were already fired and set, there would be no room left for the Potter’s hands. But because we are still soft, still formable, still unfinished, God can continue to mould us into the image and likeness He intended from the beginning. Each Advent is precisely such an opportunity: a fresh season in which the Divine Potter takes us once more onto the wheel, presses out the lumps of sin and self-will, and reshapes us according to His design. Let us, then, yield ourselves this Advent—not as finished products proudly displayed, but as living clay, ready to be remoulded by the patient and loving hands of God. **(Fr. Michael Chua)**

DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY





Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 12

at Holy Family Cathedral

Noon Mass

12:15 PM

Rosary Procession

4:30 PM

3rd Sunday of Advent Mass

5:00PM

followed by food and entertainment. There may even be a special appearance by an authentic mariachi band. All parishioners are welcome to join for this evening of faith, culture and fellowship!

CWL HEAVENLY SWEET BAKE SALE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH
AFTER
9AM AND 11AM MASSES

Cash, cheque & e-transfer accepted

All proceeds will be used to support various CWL service projects

WELCOME, NEW KNIGHTS! We are delighted to welcome six new members to our Council! If you are considering becoming a Knight, we would love to hear from you. Simply introduce yourself to one of our Brother Knights, and we will be happy to help you get started.

WOODEN NATIVITY DISPLAYS – $90.
Our beautiful wooden Nativity displays are available again this year! Contact Rob Magnell or speak with any of our Brother Knights to place an order.

We are grateful for the continued generosity, time, and commitment of our Brother Knights in serving our parish and community. Whether you are a longtime member, a new Knight, or considering joining, you are always welcome! **Vivat Jesus!**

Rob Magnell, Grand Knight robert.magnell@sasktel.net

CATECHISM & PARISH NEWS

“A FRESH START. A NEW BEGINNING. A QUIET INVITATION FROM GOD.”

Advent.... a season many Catholics often overlook because of the rush of Christmas shopping, parties, and busyness. But Advent is actually the Church’s gentle way of tapping our shoulder and saying:
“Child, pause for a moment. Something sacred is happening.”
Advent is not just about counting the weeks before Christmas. It’s about opening our hearts again... slowly, quietly, humbly.

What is Advent? Advent comes from “*advenire*” meaning “to come.” We wait for:

1. Christ who came (His birth in Bethlehem)
2. Christ who comes (in the Eucharist, in prayer, in daily life)
3. Christ who will come again (His second coming)

It’s like the Church is teaching us how to wait with hope, not with impatience. Why does it matter today? Because many of us are tired… overwhelmed… distracted. Some families are struggling. Some hearts are restless. Some faith feels routine. Advent reminds us: “God enters slowly. God enters gently. But He enters.... if we make room.”

How do we start? Very simple ways: Light the Advent wreath and pray as a family. Go to Mass more consciously. Spend a few minutes of silence each day. Be kinder, calmer, more intentional. Let go of grudges....even just one. Pray before opening your phone. Do one good deed no one will see.

What does the 1st candle mean? The 1st candle is the Candle of Hope. Not wishful thinking... but Christian hope that says: “Lord, I trust that You will come into my life again…even if this year was difficult.”

What does God want from us this Advent? Not perfection. Not huge promises. Not spiritual fireworks.

Just this: A little space in our crowded hearts so Jesus can be born there again.

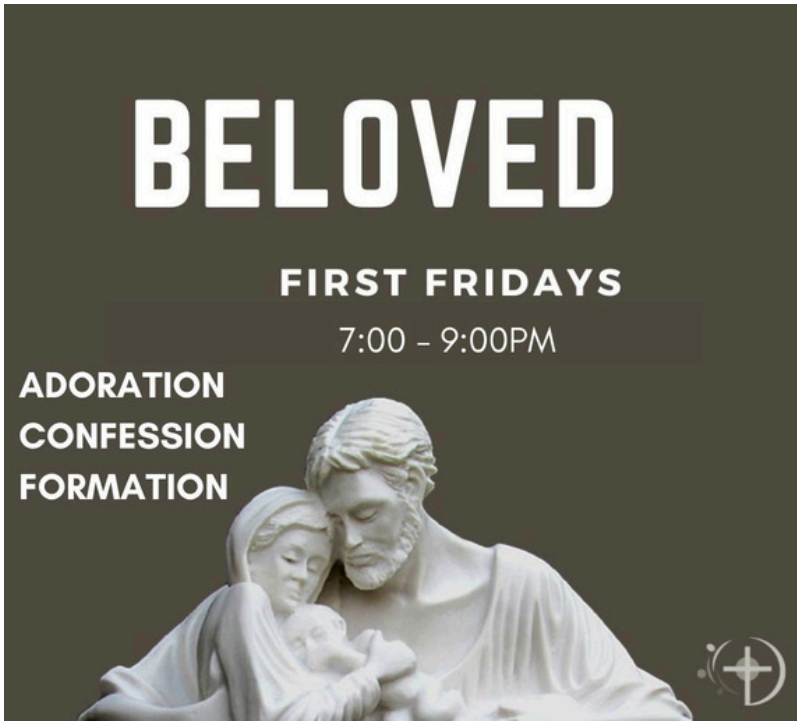
A Short Advent Prayer: “Lord Jesus, as we begin this season of Advent, teach my heart to hope again. Help me slow down, listen, and prepare for Your coming. Be born in my family, in my worries, in my plans, and in the quiet places of my heart. Amen.”



STRENGTH. The strength of belonging to a sisterhood of thousands of women is powerful and our impact makes a difference in our parishes, communities, country and beyond. The Catholic Women’s League is the largest women’s organization in Canada. Imagine the many gifts and talents shared for the good of others. There is strength in numbers.

- All women are welcome to join us for our Christmas appetizer potluck on December 9 at 7:00 pm. We will be honouring our milestone members.
- We still need gifts for our Christmas Project 2026. We are partnering with Sons and Daughters to bring cheer to their annual Kinship Celebration. Our goal is to provide 40 NEW unwrapped gifts (value $20-30) for these selfless Kokums (Grandmothers) who often provide a home for a multitude of children to keep siblings together and out of the foster care system. Drop off unwrapped gifts in the bin labelled CWL Christmas Service Project 2026, which will be located in the foyer between November 6- 30. Suggested ideas: cosy mitts, toques, scarves, lotions, candles, bath salts etc, travel mugs, tea or coffee baskets, slippers, puzzles, journal/pen sets.

PARISH LIFE & INFORMATION





Mass Intentions

Monday, November 30
12:15 pm Mass for *Wayne Hagel*

Tuesday, December 1
12:15 pm Mass for *†Bill Ormshaw*

Wednesday, December 2
12:15 pm Mass for *†Leo Weinkauf*
7:00 pm Mass for *†Cesar Flores*

Thursday, December 3
12:15 pm Mass for *Sr Maryam Josephine of the Child Jesus*

Friday, December 4
12:15 pm Mass for *†Sandra Zakerson*
10:15 am Mass @ Sherbrooke for *†Genevieve Andrade*

Saturday, December 5
12:15 pm Mass for *Carla Santos*

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
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*
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Contact Us

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