



Diocesan Bulletin

Nov. 30. 2025 - First Sunday of Advent

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*In all things we are rooted in Christ,
in His desire to bring God's love to all peoples.*

Upcoming Events

Ecumenical Advent weekly service online: Join the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism to prepare hearts for Christmas through weekly prayer and reflection with worship leaders from different Christian denominations, held online via Zoom at 7 p.m. **Dec. 2, Dec. 9 and Dec. 16.** More info at: <https://pcecumenism.ca/news-events/> or register online at: <https://bit.ly/PCEAdventPrayer>.

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle includes adoration, the rosary, benediction, hymns and prayers, 7:30 p.m. **Thursday, Dec. 4** at St. Michael Catholic Church, #18-33rd St. E., Saskatoon. Info: Edna at (306) 382-1680.

Choir for Kindness - Christmas concerts in support of St. Mary Parish Mission and Outreach will be held 7 p.m. **Thursday, Dec. 4** at Holy Cross High School, 2115 McEown Ave., Saskatoon, and at 7 p.m. **Friday, Dec. 5** at St. Theresa Parish, 208 Little Flower Ave., Rosetown, SK, featuring an evening of music (including by Fr. Kevin McGee, pastor of St. Mary Parish), community and Christmas spirit. Tickets are \$10 at the door, with all proceeds going to help St. Mary Mission and Outreach Ministry bring warmth and dignity to those in need this winter.

A Contemplative Mass led by Fr. Kevin McGee, will be held 5 p.m. **Friday, Dec. 5** at St. Mary Parish, 211 Ave. O S., Saskatoon. The rhythm of the Contemplative Mass is a gentle, steady flow, marked by 20 minutes of silence after communion to allow space for reflection and recognition of the intimate presence of Christ. Relax and rest in God.

African Canadian Catholic Community Advent Mass and Potluck will be held 2 p.m. **Sunday, Dec. 7** at St. Francis Xavier Church, 222 Willow Street, Saskatoon (corner of Hilliard Street and Melrose Avenue). Bring something to share at the potluck get-together after Mass or just come and enjoy the meal and the company.

Advent: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Parishes across our diocese have various opportunities for confession during Advent, including special Penitential Services with individual confessions.

Watch for updates to Advent-Christmas schedules at:

rcdos.ca/christmas

“Rejoice!” Advent Retreat

A diocesan adult faith Encounter event

Saturday, Dec. 6

9 am to 2:30 pm

Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Rd, Saskatoon

Led by the Verbum Dei Sisters

Cost is \$30 (includes lunch); Register online at:

<https://form.jotform.com/SaskatoonDiocese/adventretreat>

or contact Adult Faith Coordinator Astrid Alas at:

amalas@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5858.

Inspired by Philippians 4:4 “Rejoice in the Lord always,” this retreat includes reflective prayer sessions, inspiring talks by the Verbum Dei Sisters, and moments of silent contemplation.

Adult Faith is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Join in Prayer for Catholic Health Care: There will be an hour of adoration (with confession available) at 10 a.m. **Thursday, Dec. 11** at St Paul's Hospital Chapel (third floor of the B Wing) in Saskatoon to praise God for the gift of Catholic health care, to ask for God's mercies to be poured upon the staff, the patients and their families, and to ask for the protection of Catholic health care for years to come.

Women's Vocation Discernment Night will be held 7 p.m. **Thursday, Dec. 11** at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 1235-12th Street, Saskatoon for young women of different walks of life who want to stop and reflect on their journey with the Lord together. No registration required. Info: Sr. April Mireau at aprilmireau@gmail.com or (306) 531-9937.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe: All are welcome at 7 p.m. **Friday, Dec. 12** to joyfully celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, hosted by Saint Anne Parish TRC at Saint Anne Parish Hall, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon. The evening begins with praying the Chaplet of Our Lady of Guadalupe, followed by a presentation by special guests from Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Saskatoon. Gather in faith, friendship, and devotion to honour our Blessed Mother.

Croatian Christmas Gathering – There will be Mass in the Croatian language celebrated by Fr. Domin Vladic from Calgary at 5 p.m. **Sunday, Dec. 14** at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, 1902 Munroe Ave. S., Saskatoon. Pre-Mass activities begin at 2 p.m.; potluck meal follows.

Message Board

Christmas at the Prison - The diocesan office of Restorative Ministry is seeking monetary donations to purchase identical small gifts to distribute at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre as a way of sharing the joy of the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ with those in prison, letting them know that they are not forgotten. Please drop labelled monetary donations into the parish collection or send to the attention of the Restorative Ministry Office at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, S7S 1H1, or donate online through the "designated ministry" form on the Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation website at: <https://dscf.ca/designated-ministry-support/>.

Giving Tuesday Dec. 2: This year, the Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation is inviting support for more families in need through the Christmas hamper programs at St. Mary and St. Patrick parishes in Saskatoon. Make a Giving Tuesday gift at: <https://dscf.ca/giving-tuesday>.

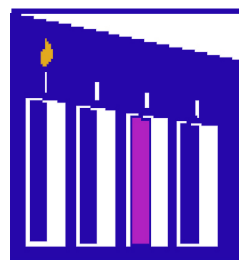
A "Journey Through Advent" Video Series featuring reflections on the readings for each Sunday in Advent, is again available from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) in both English and French on their website: www.cccb.ca.

Martensville Parish Christmas Garage Sale will be held 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. **Sunday, Nov. 30** at the church hall, 300-8th Avenue, Martensville, SK.

Christmas Tea and Bake Sale at St. Mary Parish, Ave. O and 20th Street, Saskatoon will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, Dec. 6** with baking, door prizes, raffles, snack lunch. Everyone is welcome. Admission is \$3.

A Winter Bingo Night will be held at 7 p.m. **Friday, Dec. 12** (doors open at 6 p.m.) at St. Patrick Parish, 3339 Centennial Dr., Saskatoon. For tickets call (306) 384-1100.

Donations for Christmas Sale: The CWL Clothing Depot in Saskatoon is seeking donations of new items for its annual Christmas sale. These donations help those who are struggling to make ends meet, giving a joyous opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts for loved ones. Donation drop off times are Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the back-alley door of 619-20th Street West, Saskatoon – please ring the Clothing Depot doorbell.



Diocesan Prayer - We pray as a diocesan family for all those suffering loss, experiencing struggles, grief, sickness, or poverty. Loving God, we pray that you would inspire and equip us to be a community of caring and support that provides help and healing to all.



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Synod on Synodality Implementing a SYNODAL WAY of Proclaiming Christ and God's Kingdom Today

Synod Implementation in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon was recently launched by Bishop Mark Hagemoen. "Synodality is a process in the Church today described as walking together through mutual listening, dialogue, and discernment, to determine God's will for us."

Bishop Mark Hagemoen, Homily, Nov. 23, 2025

Find information resources, and a video at:

<https://rcdos.ca/synod>

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada (DPCC) Webinar "From Belém to Canada: COP30, promises and realities" will be held at 12:30 p.m. **Saturday, Dec 6** with Anne Catherine Kennedy, DPCC Program Officer for Brazil and Colombia and a panel: Gabrielle Dupuis, president of the DPCC national council, Bishop Jon Hansen of Mackenzie-Fort Smith, who is a member of the in-Canada programs committee of the national council of DPCC; and Dean Dettloff, DPCC Advocacy and Research Officer. Register at: <https://devp.org/en/evenements/>.

Schools Win Twice lottery in support of Catholic education: Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools (GSCS) Foundation presents an online lottery and 50/50 draw to support educational excellence, spiritual growth, student and staff leadership, service and compassion in Catholic schools of the GSCS division. Tickets will be on sale until **Wednesday, Dec. 3**; see <https://schoolswintwice.ca/>.

Share the Spirit: The Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan is holding a Share the Spirit 50/50 lottery, with a draw date of **Friday, Dec. 5**. Ticket prices are: \$25/each; \$70/three; \$100/five in support of spiritual, educational, cultural, and social initiatives of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy in Saskatchewan. Tickets can be purchased online, see: www.ucfsask.rafflenexus.com.

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