



Holy Cross Parish

December 24, 2010 through to January 2, 2011

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CHRISTMAS - Nativity of the Lord

Reflection:

On the first Sunday of Advent, Paul told the Romans that "salvation is nearer now, the night has advanced, the day is at hand." Now, on Christmas morning, John tells us how apt Paul's imagery is: the Word is the "True light" -- the "light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." Come full circle, the theme of light and darkness has been fully played out now that the ends of the earth have seen "the salvation of our God" {Isaiah}. This Christmas you must share "glad tidings" with those who have already heard them, and this good news must be experienced by those who have found more secular ways to celebrate it.

Questions:

December 25- Nativity of the Lord:

Will you act with joy this Christmas season?

December 26-Holy Family-

What can you do this week to help someone in your household

or circle of friends feel more secure and loved?

January 1-Mother, Mary of God:

Do you, like Mary, consider yourself blessed? How?

January 2-The Epiphany of the Lord:

When the Magi met Christ, they opened their hearts and their treasures to give them gifts. What gifts do you bring to Christ?

Prayer:

Lord, by your Son we have been called to a more intimate relationship with you. By your words we are formed. A holy day has dawned upon us. The glory of an only Son coming from the Father, filled with enduring love, calls us out of our darkness and brings us into the light of day.

Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

WEEKLY READINGS-December 26-January 9

Sunday, December 26-Feast of the Holy Family:

1st: Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14 **2nd:** Colossians 3.12-21
Gospel: Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23 (page 70-72)

Mon: 1 John 1.1-4 John 20.2-8

Tues: 1 John 1.5-2.2 Matthew 2.13-18

Wed: 1 John 2.3-11 Luke 2.22-35

Thurs: 1 John 2.12-17 Luke 2.36-40

Fri: 1 John 2.18-21 John 1.1-18

Sat: Mary, Mother of God:

1st: Numbers 6.22-27 **2nd:** Galatians 4.4-7
Gospel: Luke 2.16-21 (Page 82-84)

Sunday, January 2-Epiphany of the Lord:

1st: Isaiah 60.1-6 **2nd:** Ephesians 3.2-3, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12 (Page 90-92)

Mon: 1 John 3.22-4.6 Matthew 4.12-17, 23-25

Tues: 1 John 4.7-10 Mark 6.34-44

Wed: 1 John 4.11-18 Mark 6.45-52

Thurs: 1 John 4.19-5.4 Luke 4.14-22

Fri: 1 John 5.5-13 Luke 5.12-16

Sat: 1 John 5.14-21 John 3.22-30

Sunday January 9-Baptism of the Lord:

1st: Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7 **2nd:** Acts 10.34-38
Gospel: Matthew 3.13-17 (Page 93-95)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donations received on December 18/19, 2010

Sunday Envelope: \$3,774.00

Loose: \$181.65

QVE Sunday Envelope: \$153.00

Stewardship

The world asks, "What does a man own?"
Christ asks, "How does he use it?"



For unto us is born this day a Savior! In response to so great a love, only the gift of my whole self will do. You have given us Yourself, dear Lord; in love and thanksgiving, I commit myself afresh to You.

2010 CONTRIBUTIONS: Deadline December 31

If you wish to make a contribution towards 2010 for tax purposes, please ensure your donation has been received at the parish office before **12 noon on December 31**. Thank you for supporting our parish!

2010 COMMITTEE REIMBURSEMENT: Please hand all requisition forms into the parish office by noon on December 31. This will help to make sure that all 2010 expense can go through in the appropriate year!

Thank-you for your cooperation.

CWL NEWS:

- ⇒ CWL membership fees of \$20 are now due.
- ⇒ Monday January 17, executive meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- ⇒ Tuesday, Feb 1, mass 7 pm followed by general meeting. We will be hosting a Shower for Birthright. We are collecting for our hampers. Boxes are located at both entrances. **All parishioners are invited to participate.** Specific items needed are: baby food, receiving blankets, diapers, clothes (mostly newborn), new and used will be greatly accepted.

K OF C: "I Am My Brother's Keeper"

- ◇ 2011 Membership fees are now due. Please send payment to Leonard Kolb.
- ◇ **Canadian Blood Services** have requested our assistance during the Christmas Season. They require 4800 blood donations during the month of December to meet the needs of hospital patients. We are urged to give serious consideration to this request since donations are generally slow this time of year. If you are healthy, between the ages of 17 and 71, & weigh at least 110 lbs. you are eligible to donate. The clinic at Broad St. and Broadway Ave. will be open Friday, Dec. 24th, 8 am–12 noon, Tuesday, Dec. 28th, 4 pm–8 pm, Wednesday, Dec. 29th, 8 am–12 noon, 4 pm–8 pm, Thursday, Dec. 30th & Friday Dec. 31st, 8 am–12 pm. Please call CBS 1-888-236-6283 to book an appointment. **One donation can save up to three lives.** For further details call Don at 545-2955.

ARCHDIOCESAN HISTORY BOOKS: Beautiful hard cover, glossy color pictures. Cost is \$30 each or 2/\$50. They can be purchased at the office during regular office hours.

Welcome to all who have come to celebrate with us at Holy Cross this Christmas Season!



MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE: The next pilgrimage to Medjugorje is April 7-20, 2011 with the Centre for Jesus and Mary in BC. For information call Cathleen at 789-0705.

Did you know. . . . The Sunday readings are being brought together with the Prayers of the Faithful, Father's homily, the question of the week and the reflection on the front of the bulletin. We hope this helps to enhance your experience at the Sunday liturgy.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: There will be NO children's liturgy on December 25/26, and January 1/2. We will resume on January 8/9 (2nd Sunday).

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER:

This week's winner is Jeannine Wild.

The 2011 raffle tickets are only available until December 31. Tickets on sale after all masses or call Karen & Bevan at 789-7674. SLGA #10-0509. Don't miss out!



KNITTING TREE TOTAL: Thank you to everyone who helped with the donations of knitting. In total there were 180 toques, 47 pairs of mitts, 41 scarves, 56 headbands, 15 pairs of socks and 4 hat & mitt sets. We filled 5 large garbage bags which were dropped off at 5 community schools in Regina.

WHIST: Please join us for all the fun & fellowship on Friday, January 14 and 28 at 1 p.m.

NEW TO PASTORAL COUNCIL: Welcome to our two new council members. Dan Devers and Chelsea Graham who are the new Stewardship co-chairs.

Christmas Season Mass Schedule:

Sunday, Dec. 26, Feast of the Holy Family: **10:00 a.m.**

December 31: **5:00 p.m.**

January 1, Feast of Mary, the Mother of God: **10:00 a.m.**

January 2, Epiphany of the Lord: **10:00 a.m.**

OFFICE HOURS:

The office will be closed: December 27-28 & January 3

Holiday Hours: December 24-31: 9 a.m. - noon

Regular Office Hours resume Jan. 4: 9 a.m. - noon, 1-4 p.m.

Please note: Father Thomas will be away December 27-30.

Pastor's Message

Christmas is a time to reflect on the LOVE of God for us.

In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.
(1Jn. 4:9-10)

In order to celebrate Christmas with its real meaning, let us open our hearts to welcome Jesus. If the Son of God was born hundreds or thousands of times in Bethlehem but was not born in our hearts, what profit is there for us?

Through the mystery of Christmas, let us send the message of love to each other, to our family, our relatives, our friends and our neighbors. In this way, Christmas will be truly meaning for us, and once again we welcome Jesus who comes down from heaven and stay with us.

On behalf of Sandra, Louise, Heather, Alf and Erna I wish you the Peace and Joy of God's Love this Christmas. May the New Year, 2011, bring you His Peace and Love as well. May we continue to grow as Church. Thanks for your co-operation, your help and your encouragement since I have been with you. Also, a special thanks for many good wishes and gifts received.

God Bless You All,
Fr. Thomas Nguyen



*The parish staff and Pastoral Council members wish you a Blessed Christmas Season
and an abundance of God's Blessings throughout the year.*

Thank you to all who have left goodies for the staff!

Holy Cross Youth

On behalf of our Parish Team thank-you to ALL of the youth who make our parish so vibrant. Holy Cross has three very active youth groups and two extraordinary leadership teams along with a fabulous youth choir. If you are ages 4-104 and you would like to take part as a participant, leader or helper please email ym.holycross@sasktel.net and let Louise know.



OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

NEW YEAR'S DAY LEVÉE: The faithful of the Archdiocese are cordially invited to the Archbishop's New Year's Levée to be held at Holy Rosary Cathedral Hall on January 1, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.. Please come and meet the Archbishop and exchange New Year's greetings. Refreshments in the hall.

FACE TO FACE RETREAT: Join us at St. Joseph's Parish in Balgonie, on January 22-23. This is a two day high energy Catholic retreat. Come renew or discover meaning in a relationship with God. See poster for more details or visit www.f2f.ca, registration forms available at both entrances.

GENTLY USED GIFT BAGS: Sacred Heart Students are in need of gently used gift bags. The bags will be used for their 2011 Santa Store purchases. Please drop bags off at the school. We appreciate your tremendous support.

ST. MARTIN'S FUNDRAISER: Join us on January 29 for our annual Roast Beef dinner. Tickets \$35 (\$10 tax receipt), proceeds to Capital Expenditures. Raffle Prizes, Jewelry on Ice, Silent Auction, Entertainment by Christ the King Players. Cocktails 6 pm, dinner 7 pm, Tickets are available after January 8 from St. Martin Parish Office. See posters for more information.



THE ARCHBISHOP OF REGINA

Christmas 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Religious of the Archdiocese and my brother Priests,

On the first Christmas, when Jesus was born, angels announced this event with words of hope and encouragement; "Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people..." Those words were spoken into the darkness of the night, for they were spoken to people who suffer from what we call "dark times". As we all well know, there is no one of us who is free from this darkness of worry and trouble. And so we long for words which can brighten our lives and give us hope. We look for good news. We hope for messages which will bring us happiness. We look for a word which will ease our worries and erase our troubles.

And so God speaks His word to us in this holy celebration of birth and new life. That word surrounded its first hearers with light and led them to a place where they looked upon a brand new baby. All of us have beheld new born babies. And when we look upon them we see the bright promise of life. We see hope. We feel the joy of life and we experience love. "Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Christ, the Lord."

There are many "words" of promise in this Feast of the Nativity of the Lord. We hear of light in the darkness, of great joy and rejoicing, good news, loving kindness and goodness, steadfast love and faithfulness of God towards us. But the most important "word" was the child himself.

St. John begins his Gospel saying: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...The Word became flesh and lived among us." Jesus is that Word of God. And Jesus is "the Light." The message of Christmas is: "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it." For each of us, that light shines into our own personal darkness.

The Word that God speaks to us is a sigh of love. When we go through the dark times in life, God whispers in our souls a word of comfort and hope and the darkness is overcome. When we struggle to find meaning in our life, God whispers in our souls a word of support and love and so lights up the path that lies ahead of us. That word is Jesus.

We have many fears and worries. May we all find comfort and assurance in the love that is proclaimed in the celebration of Christmas: God's indestructible love for us and the longing of our hearts to whisper our words of love to God in return.

Christmas teaches us that, because of our belief, we are one family. By the will of God we have become children of God "through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit." We are never alone, for God our Father loves us and, with Jesus, comes to us has made his home in us.

May these blessings of the Son of God, born for us in Bethlehem, fill the lives of each of you and of those you love.

Yours Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+ Daniel J. Bohan".

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Christmas Flowers

Thank you to the following parishioners who contributed to the **Christmas Flower Fund**:

Through the kindness of

Esther Hubenig
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Dorothy Bresciani
Gladis Maier
Theresa Davies
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In Honour of

Leo & Dolores Deis & Family
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A special thank you to our parishioners from Dutch Growers and Rona Home Centre for the donation of the beautiful poinsettias and to all those who contributed anonymously.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

December 26, 2010 to January 9, 2011

Sun-Dec 26	10:00 AM	MASS Feast of the Holy Family	Mon-Jan 3		Office Closed
Mon-Dec 27		Office Closed	Tues-Jan 4	7:00 PM	MASS (Carlene Walters)
Tues-Dec 28		Office Closed	Wed-Jan 5	7:00 PM	MASS (M L Feruglio)
Wed-Dec 29	9 AM-Noon	Office Open		7:30 PM	Choir Practice
	7:30 PM	Choir Practice		7:30 PM	Prayer Group
	7:30 PM	Prayer Group Meeting	Thurs-Jan 6	8:00 AM	MASS (Loredana Fochesato)
Thurs-Dec 30	9 AM-Noon	Office Open		8:30 AM	Study Group
Fri-Dec 31	9 AM-Noon	Office Open		7:00 PM	Baptism Class
		Deadline - donations/receipts	Fri-Jan 7	8:00 AM	MASS (Bruna & Mario Fuchesato)
	5:00 PM	MASS		8:30 AM	Adoration
Sat-Jan 1	10:00 AM	MASS Mary, Mother of God	Sat-Jan 8	4:15 PM	Reconciliation
Sun-Jan 2	10:00 AM	MASS Epiphany of the Lord		5:00 PM	MASS
				5:00 PM	Confirmation Meeting G5/6
				5:00 PM	Global Alpha Bake Sale
			Sun-Jan 9	9:00 & 11:00 AM	MASS
				9 & 11 AM	Global Alpha Bake Sale

NOTE: No weekday masses from December 27-30

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	December 31, 2010 5:00 p.m.	January 1, 2011 10:00 a.m. Mary, Mother of God	January 2, 2011 10:00 a.m. Epiphany of the Lord
ALTAR SERVER CAPTAINS	Kevin Todd	Michael Ardelan	Robyn Tocker
MINISTRY TEAM CAPTAINS	Judy Miazga	Susan Askin	Eugene Achtemichuk & Ed Deck
USHERS	Gord Eistetter	Merv Schuster	Merv Schuster
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY UNTIL JANUARY 8/9, 2011		
MUSIC		Holy Cross Choir	Joyful Noise
COLLECTION COUNTERS	Team 6 Al & Ursula Roesch (Gene Lauman & Vivian Klein)		

2nd Sunday - Baptism of the Lord

January 8/9, 2011	5:00 P.M.	9:00 A.M.	11:00 A.M.
ALTAR SERVER CAPTAINS	Robin Tocker	Kevin Todd	Natasha Bigeau
MINISTRY TEAM	Mary-Anne & Don Harazny	Phyllis Kennedy	Sharie & Bernie Ryma
USHERS		Merv Schuster	Roy Taylor
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Brenna/Tim Patenaude	Jan/Will Genert	Melanie Nargang
MUSIC	Hauck	Anthem	Holy Cross Choir
COLLECTION COUNTERS	Team 8 Henry & Barb Patenaude (Jim & Susan Mahoney)		

The next bulletin will be January 8/9, 2011