

Holy Cross Parish

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34th Sunday in Ordinary Time **BULLETIN #44** **November 22, 2026**

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We acknowledge that Holy Cross Parish is located on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional homeland of the Nehiyawak (Cree), Nahkawe (Saulteaux) and Nakota and home of the Metis Nation, Dakota & Lakota.

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New HC Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday 8:30am-4:30pm
Office closed 12:00pm-1:00pm
Friday 8:30-Noon

Masses

Sat. . 5:00pm
Sun. 9:00am
Tues. 7:00pm
Wed. 9:00am
Thur. 9:00am
Fri. 9:00am

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34th Sunday in Ordinary Time – CHRIST, THE KING

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 / 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 / Matthew 25:31-46

Monday
November 23
Weekday
Rv 14:1–3, 4b–5
Lk 21:1–4

Tuesday
November 24
Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Rv 14:14–19
Lk 21:5–11

Wednesday
November 25
Weekday
Rv 15:1–4
Lk 21:12–19

Thursday
November 26
Thanksgiving Day (USA)
Sir 50:22–24
1 Cor 1:3–9
Lk 17:11–19

Friday
November 27
Weekday
Rv 20:1–4, 11–21:2
Lk 21:29–33

Saturday
November 28
Weekday
Rv 22:1–7
Lk 21:34–36

Sunday
November 29
First Sunday of Advent
Is 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7
1 Cor 1:3–9
Mk 13:33–37



Living the Beatitudes

MIGUEL DULICK

For his last sermon, Jesus revisits his first. In the Sermon on the Mount, if you are poor, or in mourning, or meek; if you hunger and thirst for righteousness; if you are merciful or clean of heart or a peacemaker or even persecuted, you are blessed! Now, Jesus reframes the Beatitudes as blessings bestowed, ultimately, on Jesus himself, in the persons of his "least brothers" with very specific needs: I was hungry; I was thirsty; I was a stranger; I was naked; I was sick; I was in jail. "Whatever you did, you did for me!"

Indeed, Jesus may be anticipating the last few days of his own life, when he will himself know every need: he will be hungry, thirsty, displaced, naked, hurt, and jailed, at least for one wicked night. Who "did" for him?

Once, I visited friends with their first baby. They said, "Oh, Miguel, we admire you so much. You're always helping people." This—while they're holding their newborn!

I just laughed and quoted Jesus: "When I was hungry, when I was thirsty, homeless, naked, sick, in prison.... You do *all* of this every day with your baby—except for the jail thing! Who is more 'least' than a newborn?"

"We never thought of it like that."

"Yes! Your baby is Jesus!"

And maybe Jesus is always a baby. Even Michelangelo's *Pieta* depicts Jesus as the size of a child in a teen mother's lap. ●

Reflect

Who are the "least" in my world? Is there anyone I'm ignoring?

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CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER(s)
November 15 – Shannon Murphy

Mass Intentions November 22 – 29, 2026

Sun.	Nov. 22	For the grace of healing for Edwin & Maggie Pepper, offered by Knights of Columbus.
Tues.	Nov. 24	Lay service
Wed.	Nov. 25	Lay service
Thurs.	Nov. 26	For the repose of the soul of Emil & Rita Rondeau, offered by Ed & Jeanine Mann.
Fri.	Nov. 27	Lay service
Sat.	Nov. 28	PRO POPULO
Sun.	Nov. 29	For the grace of healing for Harvey & Phyllis Kennedy, offered by Knights of Columbus.

NOTICE !!

Following is the schedule for Masses and Services at Holy Cross until Fr. Carlos returns.

Tues. Wed. Fri. – lay services

Thurs. – Fr. Danilo

Sat. Sun. – Fr. John Weckend

Our thanks to Lay Ministers Connie Todd, Dan Devers, & Pat Schiissler



2026 CHRISTMAS FOOD & CLOTHING DRIVE

This Christmas the Knights of Columbus along with the Social Action Committee are collecting items for the Marian Centre, Visitation House and Regina Catholic Schools. We will be collecting from Saturday, November 21 to Sunday, December 13. You are invited to give as you are able. Every little bit helps.

Lists for what each organization needs can be found by the collection bins situated at both entrances.

Thank you so much for your generosity in supporting these programs!!

A Novena of Prayer
FOR ALL OUR ILL PARISHIONERS

O great St. Peregrine, you have been called "The Mighty", "The Wonder Worker" because of the numerous miracles you have obtained from God for those who have had recourse to you.

For so many years you bore in your own flesh a cancerous disease that destroys the very fibre of your being, and who had recourse to the source of all Grace when the power of man could do no more. You were favored with the vison of Jesus coming down from His Cross to heal your affliction. We appeal to you to ask for Our Lady's intercession and to God for the healing of Martin, Alfreda, Harvey, and Ruth, as well as any other parishioners struggling with illness. We entrust them all to you.

Aided in this way by your powerful intercession, we shall sing to God, now and for all eternity, a song of gratitude for His great goodness and mercy.

Amen.

The new Living in Christ Sunday Missals are now available at both entrances. A $5 donation is appreciated to help cover costs.

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CWL NEWS

Cabbage roll making will be this week, Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26 & 27 with prep of cabbage & onions on Thursday and rolling on Friday following the 9:00 am Mass. **We will need lots of volunteers on Friday and everyone is invited to join us.** For pre-orders call Marie Lebersback at 306-527-2300.

For those who have still not paid their 2027 fees of $42 for CWL membership, you may still do so by placing your cash or cheque (made out to Holy Cross CWL) in an envelope marked CWL fees. Include your name, any change of mailing address, email or phone number. Place the envelope in the designated basket marked CWL in the church or drop it off at the office.

CWL is responsible for 5th Sunday ministries for Mass on Sunday, Nov. 29.

The Christmas social with potluck appetizers will be held at our next meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 1 following 6:00 pm Adoration and 7:00 pm Mass. Bring a guest. Gifts will be collected for the Marian Centre staff. We're also asking for a $3 donation for Teen Parents. Ladies and guests, please plan to attend.

Don't forget our Muffin Program for Sacred Heart School; please bring your muffins.

Our Christmas Bake Sale & Raffle is scheduled for Dec. 5 and 6 weekend.

Please consider joining our membership as we continue our charitable ministry and service to our community. We meet the first Tuesday of the months of October to December and February to June.

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PRO-LIFE NEWS

Government to Expand Euthanasia to Those Incapable of Consent

The federal government announced that they would introduce legislation to prevent the implementation of euthanasia for mental illness as the sole criterion. At the same time, they plan to pass legislation that will allow for advance directives for people with dementia so they can be medically killed when they lose capacity to consent if they have indicated beforehand their willingness to die at some later date when their health deteriorates.

Advance directives occur when a person who is legally competent declares their wish to be killed when they can no longer consent due to deteriorating conditions. This means that the patient is being euthanized without consent. It will allow doctors/ practitioners to kill someone who has become incompetent based on advance request. Their incompetence means they are not legally capable of changing their minds and rejecting their previously signed advance directive.

Advance directives raise other issues, such as, who will decide and when the decision will be made to kill a patient who is no longer competent – at the first sign of deterioration that calls into question competence, after a year, or after a decade? Advance directives give incredible power to physicians or family members to decide the moment of death for non-consenting patients.

Source: Campaign Life Coalition, Oct. 26, 2026.



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The Kondzielewski Report

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, hospital visits and Masses.

My medical journey started Sunday, October 25th when I passed out at home and went by ambulance to the Regina General Hospital. It was then discovered that I had blood clots on my lungs. Further investigation discovered there was a stricture at the base of my esophagus and pathology confirmed that it was cancerous.

This was the reason I had had several months difficulty eating and keeping food down. The cancer is what caused my swallowing difficulties. We have now received a plan which involves chemo therapy and immunity therapy and surgery after that. I am starting treatment in a week.

Here's what I've learned:

- Triptonyns are not a tasty Italian dessert.
- The most compassionate, attentive care we can receive comes from the staff in our health system
- NG tubes (nose tubes for feeding) are not fun.
- CT scanners are really cool
- Potassium is easy to add to your potted plants or garden; much less comfortable when it is ministered through your veins.

Thank you again. Marie and I and our family are humbled by your compassion and prayers. I ask that you continue to pray for me and my family and I continue to pray for all of you.

Deacon Martin and Marie.

Social Action Corner

413 million Christians live in countries where religious freedom is severely violated.

- Of these, approximately 220 million live in countries where they are directly exposed to persecution.
- An estimated 75% of religiously motivated violence is directed against Christians

This past Wed. Nov 18 was dedicated to Red Wednesday, a day aimed at highlighting the persecution and injustice suffered by Christians, while promoting respect and tolerance between people of different religions. It is called Red Wednesday because the colour red represents the blood of martyrs and signifies solidarity with those who cannot freely practice their faith. We at Holy Cross recognized this day by praying the Rosary in solidarity with the persecuted and including a prayer intention for them during the Liturgy service.

Religious freedom is a fundamental human right protected by Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We encourage you to keep all persecuted Christians in your prayers:

I pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted because of their faith. May they remain faithful to You. Shield them from harm and grant them courage in the face of opposition. Amen.

May we all recognize and be thankful for the rights and freedoms guaranteed by our great country, Canada.

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CALENDAR RAFFLE 2027

Tickets $20

Includes a 2027 Catholic Memo Calendar



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52 weekly draws of $25

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Though we celebrate Christ the King today, we are reminded that this is also World Youth Day. Pope Francis, in a statement to youth, said, "Dear young people, cry out with your life that Christ live, that Christ reigns, that Christ is the Lord! If you keep silent, I tell you the very stones will cry out!

Luke 19:40

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KNIGHTS KORNER

38 Years of Service to Holy Cross

1988 - 2026

The Knights of Columbus Carol Festival will be held on Mon. Nov 30 &Tues. Dec. 1 at Knox Met United Church. Your support will be truly appreciated as the proceeds from the festival are donated to the following charities: Chili For Children, Access Communications, Children's Fund, Carmichael Outreach, and Coats for Kids program from Sask K of C

For the Carol Festival to be successful volunteers are needed. Brother Knights are encouraged to help, and parishioners are welcome to volunteer as well. Please contact Gerard Woynarski by email at geconsulting@sasktel.net or call 306-536-9841 if you can volunteer.

THANK YOU. We extend a heartfelt thank you to all Holy Cross parishioners and friends who attended our Pancake Breakfast on Sun. Nov. 15. There were 61 people who contributed to the success of this event. Your support is very much appreciated. A portion of this month's proceeds will be used to support the upcoming K of C Carol Festival.

Upcoming Events

Sat. Nov. 28 – 5:00 pm Mass ministries

Mon. Nov. 30 - 7:00 pm, Carol Festival at Knox Metropolitan United Church

Tues. Dec. 1 – 7:00 pm, Carol Festival, Knox Met

Wed. Dec. 2 – 7:00 pm, Chapter Meeting, St. Basil's Church

Tues. Dec. 8 – 7:30 pm *Light Up for Christ,* following 7:00 pm Mass.

What does it take to become a Knight of Columbus? Find out by filling out an information request ballot at the K of C Information Table located in the Gerein Centre. You will be contacted by a Knight from the Gerein Council.

Parishioners' Corner

This week's birthdays are for Susan Leier, celebrating on Wed. Nov. 25; Ann Carr and Bob Herauf on Thurs. Nov. 26; and Candide Wollbaum on Fri. Nov. 27. Congratulations, everybody.

May the Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and grant you Peace.

We hope you enjoyed last week's presentation on Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Queen of Heaven series. This coming Friday, Nov 27 we will see an examination of Our Lady's visit to Lourdes and to the young girl Bernadette Soubirous.

We have had so many parishioners struck down with cancer and other illnesses that some parishioners have taken it upon themselves to call for a novena for their healing to St. Peregrine, the patron saint of those with cancer. The prayer is on page 2 of this bulletin and will be recited following the Rosary and St. Michael prayer before each Mass. The novena will begin with this Sunday Mass, whether Sat. 5pm or Sun. 9 am, and ending nine days later. If you are not at Mass during the week, we ask you to say the prayer at home.

We hope you will all take part in this appeal to St. Peregrine to ask for Mary's intercession and for Jesus to heal our ailing parishioners.

We've had a couple more of our parishioners who have moved into assisted living here in Regina so you may be seeing less of them here at Holy Cross. Jeanine Wild has moved out to Trinity Manor way out Dewdney Avenue East. And Ruth and Albert Robillard have moved to Harbor Landing Village on James Hill Rd.

Ed Deck is next door to us at Victoria Park. It's a shame we lose contact with friends when they are no longer here with us at Holy Cross. Ed, I think, is one of those who would love to have more company from old friends.

Does the above inspire anyone to put together a group who would enjoy visiting our cherished elders who've become isolated from the second family we used to be to them?

Happy ***Christ, the King*** Sunday. This ends the Liturgical Year and we begin the New Liturgical Year and Advent next week when we prepare for the birth of the Baby Jesus and His second coming.

ADVENT DATES

Advent begins	Sun. Nov. 30
CWL Christmas Party	Tues. Dec. 1
CWL Bake Sale	Dec. 5 & 6
Light Up for Christ	Tues Dec. 8
Reconciliation	Fri. Dec. 11
Recollection	Sat. Dec. 12
Advent Novena	Dec. 16-24 daily
K of C Christmas Social	Sat. Dec. 19

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Stewardship Bulletin Bits

"…whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." - Matthew 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.



Archbishop's Appeal

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that our love for God is shown through the way we care for one another. When we welcome the stranger, serve those in need, and offer compassion to others, we are serving Christ Himself.

The prophet Ezekiel shares the image of God as a loving shepherd who seeks out, gathers, and cares for His people. We are called to reflect that same care and compassion in our own lives. Through our prayers, actions, and generosity, we help bring God's love to those around us.

The Archbishop's Appeal is one way we can respond to this call, supporting ministries that serve the vulnerable, strengthen our communities of faith, and share the hope of Christ with others. Thank you for the many ways you help care for God's people and build His kingdom.

CHRIST THE KING



The Feast of Christ the King was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 after the First World War, amid the rise of Communism in Russia and the 16th centenary of the Council of Nicaea." The name of the Feast was changed in 1969 to the "Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe" and moved to the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year.

Being King of the Universe means He is king over everyone, not just Christians. His universe is not a democracy; He is higher than all earthly powers and our allegiance belongs first to Him, though we are to obey earthly rulers unless they contradict the law of Christ.

We are not our own, but our individual wills and our hearts are to submit to His service and glory. As Scripture says, our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit who is within. "You are not your own; you were bought at a price." *1 Corinthians 6:19-20.*

The final note: The Christ the King statue in Poland is one of the largest statues of Jesus in the world, three meters higher than Christ, the Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

ChurchPOP, About the Feast of Christ the King, Nov. 22, 2025; 6 Truths About Jesus that Confound ……Nov. 19, 2016

ADVENT JOURNEY

Sign up for a weekly Advent series with weekly reflections, music, prayer, resources and other activities to enhance your Advent Journey. We will email these reflections each week during Advent.

Sign up here: bit.ly/JourneyThroughAdvent

Or email: mgurash@archregina.sk.ca.