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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Masses

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

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Ezekiel 37:12-14 / Romans 8:8-11 / John 11:1-45

I Am the Resurrection

ANN M. GARRIDO

The prophets before Jesus had long spoken of God's dreams for our world. In seasons of darkness and despair, they would offer snapshots of hope for what it would be like in the "kingdom of God." Those who were blind would see. Those unable to walk would dance. Those imprisoned would be free. And those who had died would be raised to life again.

In today's gospel, we hear that Martha shared in the prophets' hope. When Jesus tells her that her brother Lazarus will rise, she replies, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." In other words, Martha believes in the coming "kingdom of God." But then, Jesus stuns her with his response: "I am the resurrection and the life." That is, "I am the kingdom of God."

Origen of Alexandria—a third-century theologian—spoke of Jesus as the *autobasileia*. The term comes from two Greek words: *auto*, meaning "self," and *basileia*, meaning "kingdom." It was his way of expressing that Jesus was the fulfillment of all that the prophets had preached. He was all of God's dreams for us manifest, not as had been anticipated in a future time, but in a living person.

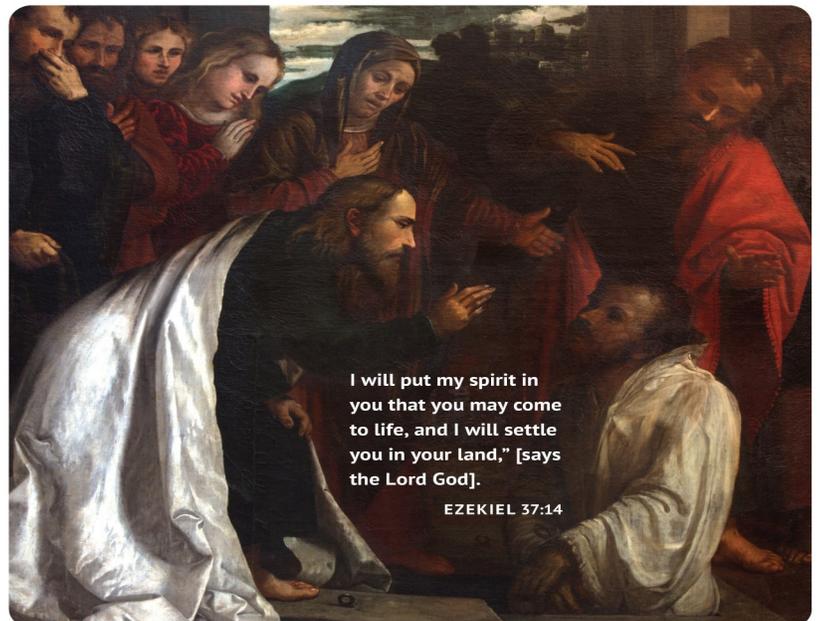
We still wait for God's dreams to be realized on a global scale, but, like Martha, we have seen what that realization will look like already in our experience of Jesus. With Martha, we can confess that he is "the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." ●

Reflect

Where do I see signs or snapshots of the kingdom of God?



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



I will put my spirit in you that you may come to life, and I will settle you in your land," [says the Lord God].

EZEKIEL 37:14

MONDAY

MARCH 23

Lenten Weekday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17,

19-30, 33-62 or

13:41c-62

Jn 8:1-11

TUESDAY

MARCH 24

Lenten Weekday

Nm 21:4-9

Jn 8:21-30

WEDNESDAY

MARCH 25

The Annunciation

of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10

Heb 10:4-10

Lk 1:26-38

THURSDAY

MARCH 26

Lenten Weekday

Gn 17:3-9

Jn 8:51-59

FRIDAY

MARCH 27

Lenten Weekday

Jer 20:10-13

Jn 10:31-42

SATURDAY

MARCH 28

Lenten Weekday

Ez 37:21-28

Jn 11:45-56

SUNDAY

MARCH 29

Palm Sunday

of the

Passion of the Lord

Mt 21:1-11

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Mt 26:14-27:66 or

27:11-54

What's Happening at Holy Cross 2

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER

March 15, 2026—Chris & Kristen Rutten

MASS INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 21-29, 2026

Sat.	Mar. 21	PRO POPULO
Sun.	Mar. 22	Thanks to God for good marks on my exams, offered by Henry Osigwe.
Tues	Mar. 24	In memory of Leo Deis, offered by Dolores Deis and family.
Wed.	Mar. 25	
Thurs.	Mar. 26	For the repose of the soul of Clare Campbell Wiebe, offered by Garry & Wendy Kraushaar.
Fri.	Mar. 27	PRO POPULO
Sat.	Mar. 28	For continued healing for Loretta Jelinski, offered by the Holy Cross Choir.
Sun.	Mar. 29	For the intentions of Eldon & Gretta Lynn Ell, offered by Dan & Shirley Devers.

POOR MAN'S SUPPER

Every Friday during Lent

5:30 pm Soup & Sandwiches



By Donation

6:45 pm Stations of the Cross

7:15 pm Mass

FRIDAY, Mar. 27—VOLUNTEERS

Poor Man's Supper

Soups
Sandwiches

Egg Salad (3)
Tuna/Salmon (3)
PB & Jam (2)

Mary-Anne & Don H
Don & Helen McIntee
Len & Loretta Jelinski
Pamela Richaud

Stations of the Cross

Knights of Columbus

REMINDER—MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals operates in poverty-stricken areas of the world, some in Canada. This organization provides one meal a day to all students and gives them a reason to continue their education. It also supports their local communities by sourcing food from their local agriculture.

What a way to raise up and empower our global children!!

If you would like to contribute to this cause, you can do so by:

Cash or cheque into the collection baskets. A tax receipt will be issued if either is placed into an envelope identifying yourself and that it is to go to Mary's Meals. Please make all cheques out to Holy Cross Parish & write Mary's Meals in the memo section of the cheque. Any loose cash will not receive a receipt.

E-transfer to bookkeeper.holycross@sasktel.ca – identify the purpose (Mary's Meals) in the message portion. A tax receipt will be issued.

Social Justice jars at each entrance to the Church. Place any loose change or donation that you wish to make into the jars. A tax receipt will not be issued.

Thanks again for your generosity and support of this program. God bless!!

LENTEN & EASTER EVENTS

Poor Man's Supper	5:30 PM	Fri.	Mar. 27	by donation
Stations of the Cross	6:45 pm	Fri.	Mar. 27	followed by Mass
Chrism Mass	2:00 pm	Fri.	Mar. 27	at Cathedral
Palm Sunday	5:00 pm	Sat.	Mar. 28	
Palm Sunday	9:00 am	Sun.	Mar. 29	
Holy Thursday	7:00 pm	Thurs.	Apr. 2	Adoration 8-10 pm
Good Friday	2:30 pm	Fri..	Apr. 3	Stations of the Cross
	3:00 pm			Communion Service
	4:00-8:00 pm			Vigil of the Cross
	8:00-10:00 pm			Tenebrae
Easter Vigil	8:30 pm	Sat.	Apr. 4	<i>[bring bells]</i>
Easter Sunday	9:00 am	Sun.	Apr. 5	

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

As Catholics we are obliged to join the Church around the world in the only two days of fast and abstinence—**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.**

For Catholics aged 14 years and older, every Friday in Lent is a day of abstinence from meat.

From the age of 14 until the age of 60 all Catholics are obliged by the law of fasting, which is eating two small meals and one regular meal, with no food in between meals.

What's Happening at Holy Cross 4



KNIGHTS KORNER
38 Years of Service to Holy Cross
1988—2026

THANK YOU!

We extend a heartfelt thank you to all the Holy Cross parishioners who attended our Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 15. There were 58 people who contributed to the success of this event. Your support is truly appreciated.

Also, our Council is pleased to announce the continued support of Father Carlos's Medjugorje Pilgrimage with a special purpose donation from this month's Pancake Breakfast.

Sask K of C Vocations Endowment

Our Council introduced the K of C Vocation Endowment fundraising campaign in support of Saskatchewan Seminarians. This is a reminder that the details of the K of C Charitable Foundation Vocations Endowment project are available in brochures at each Church entrance. They are also available on the K of C information table in the Gerein Centre and a copy is available in the Holy Cross website (holycrossregina.ca). More details about the Vocations Endowment can be found at the Foundation's website: saskkofc.foundation/sask-k-of-c-vocations.

Donations may be placed in the Sunday collection or in the basket on the K of C table in the Gerein Centre.

Gerein Council appreciates all donations for the support of our Seminarians. Thank you to those parishioners and Bro. Knights that have already made contributions to this worthy cause.

2026 MEMBER DUES

This is a reminder that the 2026 membership dues notices have been sent to Council members. For those affected, kindly remit your dues at your earliest convenience. Payment options are outlined in the notices. Thank you to those Brother Knights who have already paid this year's dues!

UPCOMING MARCH EVENTS

Friday, March 27—Poor Man's Supper, 5:30 pm, Upper Gerein, Stations of the Cross by the K of C, followed by Mass)

Sunday, March 29—9:00 am Mass, Ministries by K of C.

What does it take to become a Knight of Columbus?

Fill out an information request at the K of C table located in the Gerein Centre. You will be contacted by a Knight from the Gerein Council.



PARISHIONERS' CORNER

Celebrating birthdays this week are Quinn Bell and Bill Genert on Sunday, March 22; Darcy Butchko and John Hammond on Wednesday, the 25th; Shannon Benoit and Gary Kraushaar on Saturday, the 28th. Happy birthday to all!

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 give you peace.

It was great to see the increased number of people attending the Poor Man's Supper each Friday and staying for Stations of the Cross and Mass. There's been an increase of about 20 people each week. This Friday, the 27th, will be the last for this Lent.

Remember to keep these boys and their families in your prayers at the Easter Viigil: Kelvin, son of Henry and Nancy Dinh, who will be confirmed, and Beck, son of Shane and Amber Garritty, who will be both confirmed and receive 1st Eucharist. Prayer cards for your refrigerators are now available and on the table leading into the Gerein Centre.

Unfortunately, we have heard of the death of parishioner Steve Tonita. His funeral is Saturday, April 11 at 11:00am. Fr. John Weckend will be celebrating the Mass. Please pray for his soul and for his wife Peggy and family.

Don't forget to tell us about any important events going on in your life where we can pray for you and with you or help you celebrate. Contact Deacon Martin at pastoral.assistant@holycrossregina.ca or 306-347-0929 OR Joyce Murphy at byapple@sasktel.net or 306-789-1983.



LAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED

Would you be interested in becoming a Lay Presider for those people in senior homes who are not able to come to church for Mass? The Holy Cross Team requires an infusion of some people who would be willing and able to proclaim the Word of God and provide Holy Communion to the shut-ins.

Many of these people have been faithful attendees at Mass all their lives, and then in their old age, or illness, find themselves without the sustenance of the Body of Christ.

Training and mentoring are provided. It is a very satisfying position and the people are very appreciative of your service.

If you think you may be interested, talk to Dan Devers or Connie Todd for more information.

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LITURGY COMMITTEE



The Liturgy Committee is looking for parishioners to volunteer for many of our Triduum Masses. Please sign up in the Gerein Centre or contact the office.

Needs are for Holy Thursday Mass April 2:

- Presentation of Holy Oils (3 people)
- Washing of Feet (12 people)
- Adoration after Mass until 10:00 pm

Vigil of the Cross Friday, April 3:

- Adoration after Service until 10:00 pm

OTHER NEWS:

There will be a special collection at the request of Archbishop Don on Holy Thursday for Peter's Pence, funds for the Pope's mission in service of the Church. There are no regular envelopes printed for this day, so if you wish to have a tax receipt issued, please use another envelope with your name and address supplied.



CO-OP TAXI RIDE-A-CAB Program at Holy Cross Parish



This is to remind parishioners that a taxi ride service program is available at our Parish. Contact Martin at the Parish Office for details and to request a CO-OP Taxi business card if a ride is needed. The card includes an account number associated with the Ride-a-Cab program.



CWL NEWS

CABBAGE ROLLS FOR EASTER!!

Thank you to the many cabbage roll makers last Thursday and Friday having these cabbage rolls ready for Easter.

They are selling at \$30 for a bag of two dozen. If they have not already sold out and you would like to purchase a bag or two, give Marie Lebersback a call at 306-527-2300 or see her after Mass this Sunday.

EASTER FLOWERS 2026



Easter flowers for our church are supplied through the generous donations given by parishioners in memory of deceased loved ones or in honor of the living.

If you wish to make such a memorial donation, complete this form and place it along with your gift in an envelope clearly marked **Easter Flowers**. Place the envelope in the collection basket or give to the Parish Office. OR pay by eTransfer to

bookkeeper.holycross@sasktel.net marked **Easter Flowers** and include necessary information.

All memorials will be published in the Church bulletin over the Easter season unless otherwise indicated. Final acceptance date: **Wednesday, April 1 at noon**. Thank you.!

In Memory of

(Name of deceased)

In Honor of

(Name of the living person who is being honored)

Requested by

Amount _____ *Envelope #* _____

_____ Please do not publish my gift.

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The Exact Year, Month, Day and Hour When Jesus Died

We know that the high priest Caiaphas instigated Jesus' crucifixion. Caiaphas served from A.D. 18 to 36. Jesus was crucified during Pontius Pilate's reign, between A.D. 26 to 36. We know He died in the 15th year of Tiberius Caesar's rule, which reduces the range to between A.D. 29 and 36. He was crucified on a Friday before the Passover meal. There were only two Friday evenings on which Passover began between A.D. 29 and 36 - April 7, A.D. 30 and April 3, A.D. 33. Since Jesus' ministry spanned three Passovers, A.D. 30 is out. That leaves Friday, April 3, A.D. 33. The gospels recorded His death at "the ninth hour", which is around 3:00 p.m.

Source: @Life Truth Way, The Editors, ChurchPOP, March 16, 2026



YOU ARE INVITED!

THE EASTER TRIDUUM (TRI-doo-um)

The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday begins the three days of the Easter Triduum, actually one celebration over those three days.

1. **Holy Thursday** one sees a re-enactment of Jesus' example of service and humility by washing the feet of His disciples. Following communion there is a procession with the Eucharist to the tabernacle for Adoration until 10 pm.
2. **Good Friday** we begin with Stations of the Cross at 2:30 pm followed by a Service proclaiming the Passion of the Lord and veneration of the Cross. There is a brief communion service and Vigil of the Cross until 8 pm.
At 8 pm there will be **Tenebrae**, an ancient candle-lit service of the Passion as seen through Mother Mary's eyes. Candles light the church and are extinguished one by one as the service progresses.
3. **The Easter Vigil** begins at 8:30 pm on Saturday with the **Service of Light**, lighting of the new fire and Easter candle; **Liturgy of the Word: Liturgy of Baptism** and renewal of Baptismal promises, Confirmation; and **Liturgy of the Eucharist**.

A reception follows Mass, and Easter breads will be blessed.

PRO-LIFE NEWS

Alberta's Government House Leader Joseph Schon held a press conference recently to announce Alberta legislative initiatives for the upcoming government session. One of the initiatives will be a Bill to regulate specific parts of the MAiD/euthanasia law that apply to the oversight of the Alberta Government.

"We will protect vulnerable Albertans by regulating any medical assistance in dying performed in Alberta. Our Government is taking steps to protect vulnerable Albertans by prohibiting MAiD in Alberta for select groups, including mature minors, individuals with a mental illness or disorder as their sole underlying condition; individuals making advance requests; and adults without healthcare decision-making capacity," he announced.

Other changes will increase oversights and regulate healthcare workers involved in referring, assessing, and performing MAiD. The press conference did not mention specific regulations' however, Canadian provinces have the power to regulate MAiD within their jurisdiction.

Source: Alex Schadenberg, "Alberta announces MAiD/euthanasia oversight Bill", Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, February 25, 2026

Tenebrae
a service of shadow and light

Good Friday
April 3rd, 2026
8:00 pm

Keeping Vigil
with the
Blessed Virgin Mary
and
Remembering
her
Seven Sorrows

Holy Cross Parish
315 Douglas Ave E

with Music by: Neil, Quinn, Rebecca,
Terry, Theresa & Tom
Readings and Reflections by: Allyson, Dan & Mike

What's Happening in the Archdiocese

1st Annual ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER

We're excited to invite your parish to the **1st Annual Archbishop's Dinner**, a special evening to celebrate the people, parishes, and faith communities of our Archdiocese. It will be an opportunity to connect with one another and acknowledge the important work happening in our parishes and across the diocese.

Friday, May 8
Conexus Arts Centre, Regina
Cost per Ticket: \$60

To help us plan, please let us know how many people from your parish **may be interested in attending**. If possible, reply by March 20. We will hold that number of tickets for your parish, but there is **no obligation to purchase them**. This simply helps us estimate attendance and plan accordingly.

Registration will open in the coming weeks. You can respond by emailing:

bmoser@archregina.sk.ca or calling the main office at 306-352-1651.

We hope many from your parish will be able to join us for this special evening of celebration, gratitude, and community!

There is also a sign-up interest sheet available in the Gerein Centre if you think you may like to attend.

MARRIAGE PREP CLASSES

Holy Family Parish is holding Marriage Preparation Classes this spring! The classes will be on April 11, 18 & 25 (Saturdays) at 6:30 pm. The fee is \$50/couple. Register at www.holyfamilyregina.com/sacraments/marriage

40-HOURS FOR LIFE

FEBRUARY 18 – MARCH 29, 2026

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Regina General Hospital – 14th Ave.

40 Hours for Life. Spend an hour each day during Lent praying for the unborn babies who are scheduled for death at the Regina General Hospital. Meet at 14th Avenue.

STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN BITS

“Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’” John 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard, and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord?

When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives, and we become “partakers of the divine nature”.



CAMP MONAHAN AGM

Camp Monahan AGM will be held **April 19 at 1:00 PM**. We are recruiting new Board Members who are eager to support and inspire our campers. **Contact our office to register and get involved.**

Registration:

Spring has sprung and so has **Camp Monahan registration!**



Open to campers **ages 6–12**, our camp is the perfect place to grow in **faith**, build lasting **friendships**, and enjoy amazing **adventures** this summer!

POSTPONED

Walking with One Another: Faith and Mental Health

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the "Walking With One Another: Faith and Mental Health" workshop planned for Saturday, March 28 at Resurrection Parish has been postponed. Details concerning the rescheduling of this important mental health event will be shared in the coming weeks.



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ME ALREADY
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2026

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Lenten greetings to each and all of you. We are now entering the second half of the Lenten Season, and preparing to celebrate Solidarity Sunday, a time to give special attention to the Lenten call for almsgiving and reaching out to those in need.

Lent also invites us to consider the ways we are being called to repentance. This examination of conscience should happen not only as individuals but also as communities on local and international levels. God is always faithful and loving; human beings can use their freedom to harm the earth and hurt each other. In this period of reflection, we are invited to open our eyes to the stark contrast that divides the people of God in our own communities and in other parts of the world. Some have healthy living and working conditions, while others are cruelly denied basic human rights by powerful structures of sin. Some have access to participation in governance, thereby affecting policy decisions that play out in their own lives, their families, and their communities, while others are seemingly shut out of all public knowledge and kept in places of darkness. Finally, if wronged, some can access justice while others lack even basic legal rights.

Through Share Lent, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, offers the chance to stand in Solidarity with countless of our sisters and brothers working for justice around the world. The theme of this year's campaign, *On Track for Justice*, follows the story of several Brazilian communities seriously affected by a 900 km mining railroad which connects an immense iron oxide mine in the Serra Norte Mining Complex in the Amazon rainforest with the port city of São Luís in Maranhão. Every day, trains nearly four kilometres long pass by the communities along the railroad, impeding movement, damaging houses by vibrations, and spilling toxic dust from uncovered rail carts. This dust affects the local people's health, their daily life, and the local environment, like vegetation and water.

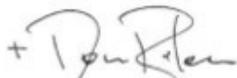
Thanks to your generous support through Development and Peace, and the efforts of its partner organization "*Justicia Nos Trilhos*" (Justice On The Rails), the communities along the railroad have come together to demand justice. The most affected community, Piquiá de Baixo, has been safely relocated away from the majority of the adverse effects. For other communities, the fight for justice is ongoing. As in many other places around the world, the poor are being asked to pay the price, while corporations make a profit.

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Our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV, in his Apostolic Exhortation, *Dilexi Te*, reminds us that “By her very nature the Church is in solidarity with the poor, the excluded, the marginalized and all those considered the outcast of society. The poor are at the heart of the Church” (111). Placing the poor at the heart of our churches means calling to mind the reality that Christ’s poverty “was a radical poverty, grounded in his mission to reveal fully God’s love for us” (18). This is the basis of all Christian outreach, which in large and small acts of love “works miracles and knows no limits” (120).

Let us work for justice in our communities, both locally, and on a global scale. Let us love people, not money, and use resources to build up the common good. I urge you to support the Share Lent 2026 Campaign in your parishes and communities. By showing our solidarity in this manner, we can work together to improve the lives of people all over the world and strengthen the love that holds the Body of Christ together.

Yours in Christ,



✠ Donald J. Bolen
Archbishop of Regina

To support Share Lent 2026, go to devp.org/give or drop off marked envelopes at your local parish.
Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Drqvnqi7WyM>



How to give

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Send a cheque to:
Development and Peace — Caritas Canada
555 René-Lévesque Boul. West, 8th Floor
Montreal, QC H2Z 1B1

On track for JUSTICE

Share Lent 2026

Development and Peace
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The graphic features a group of diverse people, including adults and children, standing in front of a building with large windows. The background is a vibrant green and purple color scheme with tropical leaf patterns.