



Holy Cross Parish

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Baptism 1st Eucharist
 Confirmation Reconciliation
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 other concerns

We acknowledge that Holy Cross Parish is located on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional homeland of the Nêhiyawak (Cree), Nahkawé (Saulteaux) and Nakota and homeland of the Métis Nation, Dakota and Lakota.

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NEW HC: Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday 8:30 am—4:30 pm
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Masses

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

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Monday

October 19
Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs
 Eph 2:1-10
 Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday

October 20
Weekday
 Eph 2:12-22
 Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday

October 21
Weekday
 Eph 3:2-12
 Lk 12:39-48

Thursday

October 22
Weekday
 Eph 3:14-21
 Lk 12:49-53

Friday

October 23
Weekday
 Eph 4:1-6
 Lk 12:54-59

Saturday

October 24
Weekday
 Eph 4:7-16
 Lk 13:1-9

Sunday

October 25
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Ex 22:20-26
 1 Thes 1:5c-10
 Mt 22:34-40

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6 / Thessalonians 1:1-5ab / Matthew 22:15-21



Sidestepping Side-taking

ANN M. GARRIDO

Jesus had to know something was up when both the Pharisees and the Herodians approached him together. Pharisees and Herodians were never together. Herodians survived by cooperating with the Roman Empire. The Pharisees found such cooperation an affront to God's law.

"Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" they asked. It was a trap. If he answered "no," the Herodians could report him to the Romans for fomenting rebellion. If he answered "yes," the crowd watching would see Jesus as a sellout to an unpopular foreign power. But Jesus did not take the bait. He refused to give a "yes" or a "no," instead allowing onlookers to see that his Pharisee and Herodian challengers were carrying the Roman coin in their pockets—hence participating in the Roman economy—whereas he did not even possess the coin they were asking about. He was living and working for a different ruler altogether. Their question was outside his realm of concern.

So often we, too, can find ourselves trapped in heated political conversations where questions are asked in such a way that they seem to allow only a yes-or-no answer. The askers want to reveal, "Are you with us or are you against us?" as if there are no other options. As followers of Jesus, we know that there are issues of ultimate concern for us—"battle hills worth dying on." Jesus himself had one: Calvary. But Jesus himself did not feel as if he needed to take a stand on every hot political issue of his day. Sometimes he sidestepped those conversations. So can we.●

Reflect

When confronted, do I prefer to "take the bait" or find common ground?



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 THE AUTHORS
 OF OUR PARISH
 COMMUNITY

What's Happening at Holy Cross 2

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS October 11, 2026—Jane & Bob Beach

MASS INTENTIONS for October 17—25, 2026

Sat.	Oct. 17	PRO POPULO
Sun.	Oct. 18	In memory of all deceased family members of the Grill & Rutten families, offered by Wayne & Trudy Rutten families.
Tues.	Oct. 20	For the repose of the soul of Grace O'Connor, offered by Judy Miazga.
Wed.	Oct. 21	PRO POPULO for Oct 17 & 18
Thurs.	Oct. 22	For the repose of the soul of Grace O'Connor, offered by Shelly Miazga.
Fri.	Oct. 23	For the repose of the soul of Dan Crosby, offered by Jeanine Wild and Family.
Sat.	Oct. 24	PRO POPULO
Sun.	Oct. 25	For the intentions of Susan Deis (on her birthday) offered by Dolores.



HOLY CROSS PARISH HARVEST SUPPER

Charlotte's Catering
Turkey, salads and trimmings

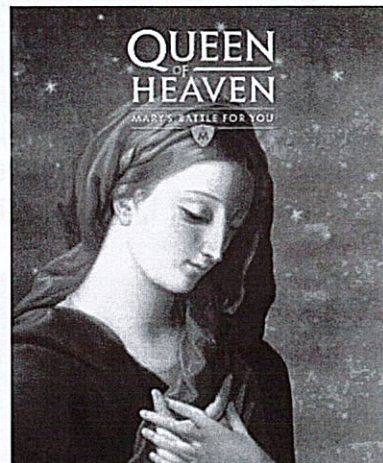
Sunday, October 18
Reserved seating 5:00 pm
Resurrection Parish Hall
3155 Windsor Park Road

\$30 Adult
\$12 Youth (6-12)
Free—Child (under 6)
50/50 draw and cash bar



Payment by: Cash or cheque (made out to Holy Cross Parish)
There are not physical tickets for Harvest Supper but you can register by e-transfer to bookkeeper.holycross@sasktel.net or complete a registration envelope available in Gerein Center.
(NOTE number of guests for each order & who you wish to sit with)

Order deadline Tuesday, Oct. 13
Call Wayne 306-789-8151 or Pat 306-533-4180



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HOLY CROSS PARISH
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FOR A 7 WEEK VIDEO
SERIES ENTITLED
"QUEEN OF HEAVEN
MARY'S BATTLE FOR
YOU"

BEGINNING THE 4TH WEEK OF OCTOBER
TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION,

CALL OR TEXT 306-535-3290

EACH VIDEO IS APPROX. 30 MINUTES AND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A TIME OF DISCUSSION

There are two options to viewing this video series in the Gerein Centre beginning Thursday, Oct. 22 at 7 pm or Friday, Oct. 23 around 10 am following the 9 am Mass during our regular coffee get together.



Holy Cross is looking for a lawn care provider for next summer. Duties include mowing, fertilizing, power raking the lawn and sprinkler blowout. Training provided. If you are interested, or know of someone who may be interested, please contact the office at 306-757-1325.

Thank you, but no more pill bottles, please. They are no longer required at this time.

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KNIGHTS KORNER

38 Years of Service to Holy Cross
1988—2026

K of C Cash Calendar

The K of C SK Charitable Foundation has once again established the Cash Calendar fundraiser opportunity for K of C Councils. **The earnings from the calendars will be used to support our Council's charities.**

Calendars may be purchased from Council members for \$40, which provides a chance to win \$100 weekly, \$225 monthly, \$1,500 twice during the year \$5,000 at mid-year and \$10,000 at the end of the year.

If you wish to purchase a cash calendar, contact **Wayne Rutten by email at rutten.w@sasktel.net** or by calling at **306-535-7038**.

Please note that this is a **first come, first served** opportunity, as there are only a limited number of calendars available.

Membership Drive

The Knights of Columbus exists to protect the Catholic family by strengthening the Catholic men. We empower men to become better husbands, better fathers, and better disciples of Jesus Christ. All practicing Catholic men, 18 and older, are invited to join our Council.

We will be holding a membership drive at the Oct. 25th 9:00am Mass at Holy Cross Church. K of C members will be available to provide membership information and answer any questions. We invite all interested Catholic men to take this opportunity to become part of the Knights supporting our priests, parish and community.

If you are unable to participate on Oct. 25th, you can join online today by visiting koofc.org/join. When prompted for a "Preferred Council Number" enter **Council 9859**. Use promo code "**BLESSEDMCGIVNEY**" to receive your first year of membership free. Please contact Gerard Woynarski, Financial Secretary, at 306-536-9841 with any questions.

Our Council will be hosting an exemplification on Oct. 27 at Holy Cross to allow any potentially new Knights to complete their registration.

K of C Carol Festival

The Carol Festival will be held on Oct. 30 and Dec. 1 this year at Knox Metropolitan Church. All church and school choirs are invited to participate. If your choir is interested, please contact Andrij Lazurko, KofC Carol Festival Coordinator, at Andrijl@smemc.ca.

October Events

Tues. Oct. 20—7:45 pm, monthly Council meeting (after 7:00 pm Mass)

Sun. Oct. 25—10:00 am Pancake Breakfast

Tues. Oct. 27—7:00 pm Mass & Exemplification

Fable of the Porcupine

It was the coldest winter ever. Many animals died because of the cold. The porcupines, realizing the situation, decided to group together to keep warm. This way they covered and protected each other, but the quills of each one wounded their closest companions.

After awhile they decided to distance themselves one from the other and they began to die, alone and frozen. They had to make a choice: either accept the quills of their companions or disappear from the Earth.

Wisely, they decided to go back to being together. They learned to live with their companions in order to receive the heat that came from their combined bodies. This way they were able to survive.

The best relationship is not the one that brings together perfect people, but when each individual learns to live with the imperfections of others and can admire the other person's good qualities.

The moral of the story is:

Just learn to live with the little pricks in your life!



PARISHIONERS' CORNER

Birthdays this week: **Megan Fenrick** on Tues. Oct. 20; **Melanie Fenrick** and **Loraine Ferrara** on Wed. Oct. 21. Happy day to you 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 grant you Peace.

Our Harvest Supper is today at Resurrection Church Hall. See you there.

Have you signed up yet for the Queen of Heaven videos? Come to Mass Friday morning, grab a coffee and a goodie afterwards, and watch. It's a 7-week series, half an hour long. Enjoy your fellow parishioners, coffee and goodies, and discuss the video if you like, or not.

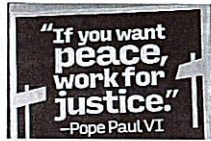
It is through you that we are able to let our parishioners know about those who may be in need, or help them celebrate. Please let us know.

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What's Happening at Holy Cross 4

SOCIAL ACTION CORNER



CWL NEWS

Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church

The Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church is a body of teaching that applies Gospel values to social, economic, and political life, promoting human dignity, justice, solidarity, and the common good.

Solidarity: Solidarity is the moral commitment to the common good, rooted in the belief that all people belong to one human family and share equal dignity. It calls for active efforts toward justice, peace, and the flourishing of all members of the human family.

Principals:

- **One human family:** Regardless of national, racial, ethnic, economic, or ideological differences, we are responsible for one another.
- **Beyond feelings:** Solidarity is not just compassion; it is a *firm and persevering determination* to work for the common good (St. John Paul II, *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis* 38).
- **Justice and peace:** At its core, solidarity seeks justice as the path to peace

Recognizing equal dignity: Solidarity requires seeing every person as a neighbor equal in dignity and acting to help them reach their full potential.

This pillar of Social Doctrine builds on the previous two pillars of human dignity and common good. It pushes us not only to consider and take care of each other but to actively work for the common good by challenging structures that perpetuate poverty and exclusion. We must recognize our global obligation and our shared responsibility for justice and peace. We must confront injustice. We must seek justice as a means to peace. We must live up to our commitment to the poor. The Eucharist commits Catholics to recognize Christ in the poorest and stand with them.

Reflection:

Do I provide resources (financial, talent, time, comfort) to communities in need? Do I support organizations like Development & Peace or Caritas who are helping our neighbours in the global south and across the world? Do I support organizations who work at addressing and eliminating structural causes of poverty and inequality?

A Holy Cross CWL \$500 scholarship is again being offered to 2026 high school graduate students who are continuing with higher education and who are members of Holy Cross Parish. Contact the Parish Office for applications; closing date is Nov. 15, 2026.

CWL membership fees of \$42 are being collected for 2027. Please place 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.

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—December and February—June.

Christmas at Maple Creek

Join us for "Christmas at Maple Creek" at the Briercrest College in Moose Jaw

Sunday, Nov. 30 at 2:30 pm

Turkey supper following the performance

Engleheim Tours—\$95

Bus departure time TBA

Sign-up sheet in the Gerein Centre to indicate your interest.

PRO-LIFE NEWS

On Oct. 7 Justice Minister Sean Fraser announced the Federal Government will not proceed with plans to expand MAiD to people whose sole underlying medical condition is mental illness. Legislation is to be introduced this fall to maintain their exclusion indefinitely.

But questions remain, and the "right to die" debate will continue before, during and long after legislation is in place. After all, we live in a society where it is easy to help people die, and so much harder to help people live. Susan Martinik makes the claim that the debate allowing MAiD for mental illness raises two key questions: Is the request for MAiD always a desire to die? Or, could it be a veiled "ask for help" to live?

* Whatever happened to suicide prevention?

Source: Susan Martinik, *Epoch Times*, "Is MAiD a Demand for Death or a Cry for Help?", Oct. 10, 2026

What's Happening in the Archdiocese

Pre-Congress Synod Conversation on Ecumenism

In conjunction with the ArchRegina Congress, you are invited to join a pre-Congress synod conversation on ecumenism/Christian unity.

Catholic doctrine understands that all who are baptized are incorporated into the one mystical body of Christ. Thus, despite the wounds of history, all baptized Christians are one people of God, the Church. The Second Vatican Council teaches that elements of sanctification and truth have been preserved in varying degrees by other Christian communities, and calls us to be open to receiving these gifts. All of the baptized share in this ministry of unity.

**7 to 9 pm on Friday, October 30, 2026
at Holy Trinity Parish, 5020 Sherwood Dr., Regina.
All are welcome. No registration required.**

**For more info, contact Nick Jesson at
jesson@ecumenism.net**

* As part of the global synod implementation, a series of synod conversations are planned. Come join in the conversation around these important questions: In what ways does our baptismal identity as ambassadors of Christ, entrusted with God's ministry of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:18-20), shape how we encounter, listen to, and respond to Christians of other traditions—especially when differences or misunderstandings arise?

* What "wounds" from history or current divisions have you encountered in relations with other Christians, and how might processes of repentance and healing begin in our community?

* What gifts from other Christian traditions—such as their spiritualities, theologies, or social commitments—have enriched your faith, and how can we receive them with gratitude?

* What concrete actions can you propose to make ecumenism a lived reality in your parish and community?

ALSO: please register to attend the **ArchRegina Congress** at Resurrection Parish, October 31, 10am to 3pm. See <https://archregina.sk.ca/event/archregina-congress-2026/>

STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN BITS

***"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's. –
Matthew 22:21***

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything; we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us to "give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." It is a simple yet powerful reminder that our lives, our gifts, and our blessings ultimately belong to God. We are called to honour Him not only with our words, but also through the way we live, serve, and care for others.

St. Paul also gives thanks for the faith, hope, and love of the Christian community—qualities that continue to strengthen the Church today. Every act of generosity, whether through our time, talents, or financial support, helps reflect God's love in the world.

As we continue the Archbishop's Appeal, may we prayerfully consider how each of us can share the gifts God has entrusted to us, helping to build a stronger and more compassionate Church for all.

Our Lady Peace Parish 425 Broad Street North

Join us for an afternoon of Cribbage!

Friday, October 30

1:00—3:30 pm (Doors open 12:15 pm)

Please use north entrance

COST—\$8.00 per person

Refreshments & dainties included

50/50

7 games will be played

Payouts on 1st, 2nd & 3rd place

Change partner every round

Payouts on the 1st four playable 24 hands

Payout on a playable 29 cribbage hand

***For more information or to pre-register, please
contact Erna at 1-306-221-1567.***

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Thank you for your continued support

***Soon as the earliest light we see
We lift our souls, O Lord, to Thee;
To Thee, sweet source of living light,
In song and prayer our hearts unite.***

St. Hilary of Poitiers



What's Happening in the Archdiocese 2

ArchRegina Congress: Blessings Remembered, Hope Renewed

What might God be inviting our parish communities to become, and where do we begin?

Join us for our annual Archdiocese of Regina Congress on October 31 at Resurrection Parish from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM (with an optional Mass at 9:00 AM).

Keynote Guest Speaker: Sr. Nathalie Becquart, Undersecretary of the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops (via Zoom).

Together we'll continue to explore God's vision for the Church and consider what that vision might look like in our parishes. Through prayer, communal discernment, and creative activities, we'll reflect on our blessings, name our challenges, and share our hopes and ideas for the future. Together, we'll identify practical, pastoral next steps for our parishes and our diocese and set a path forward as we prepare for our Archdiocesan Synod Assembly in May 2027.

Please register by Monday, October 26, to mgurash@archregina.sk.ca or call 306-352-1651.

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