



# Holy Cross Parish

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EASTER SUNDAY

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## HC Office Hours:

Monday—Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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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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## EASTER SUNDAY

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Colossians 3:1-4 / John 20:1-18++

### MONDAY

April 6  
Octave of Easter  
Acts 2:14, 22-33  
Mt 28:8-15

### TUESDAY

April 7  
Octave of Easter  
Acts 2:36-41  
Jn 20:11-18

### WEDNESDAY

April 8  
Octave of Easter  
Acts 3:1-10  
Lk 24:13-35

### THURSDAY

April 9  
Octave of Easter  
Acts 3:11-26  
Lk 24:35-48

### FRIDAY

April 10  
Octave of Easter  
Acts 4:1-12  
Jn 21:1-14

### SATURDAY

April 11  
Octave of Easter  
Acts 4:13-21  
Mk 16:9-15

### SUNDAY

April 12  
Second Sunday of Easter  
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)  
Acts 2:42-47  
1 Pt 1:3-9  
Jn 20:19-31

MIGUEL DULICK

**W**e celebrate Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring, which is also the first Sunday after Passover. The whole history of the world comes to this point, and today's gospel catches the eternal thrill of that day. A desperate Mary Magdalen cannot find her Lord in the tomb. Thinking that his body has been stolen, she alerts the apostles. Peter and John go running, and a moment of unforgettable suspense follows as first Peter and then John enter the tomb. The details are significant. They saw the burial cloths there and "the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place" (John 20:7). Thieves would not have taken

the time to unwrap the body and fold the face cloth. These details are intended to point to the truth of the resurrection. They saw and believed!

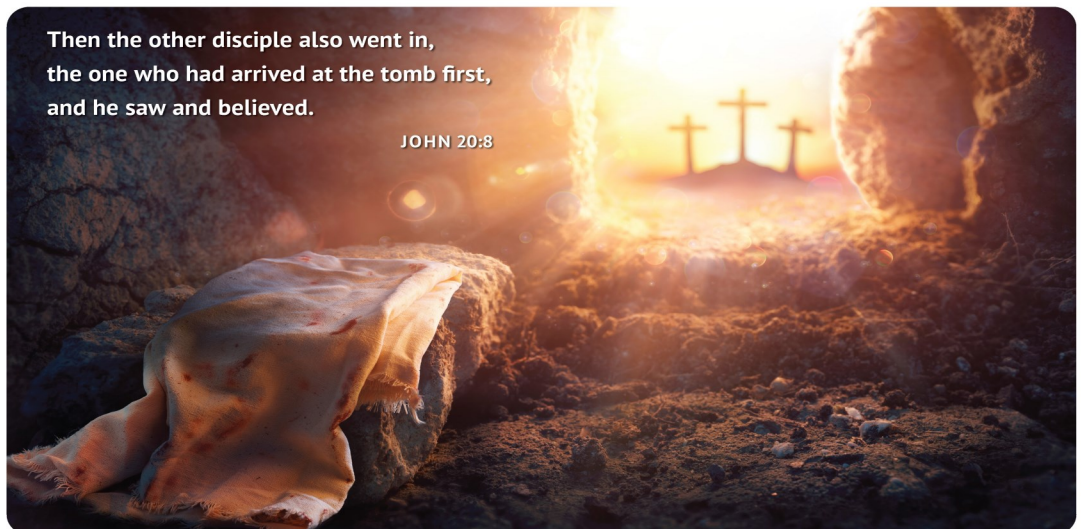
The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles follows the story of the centurion Cornelius, the first prominent pagan convert. (His story is fascinating—take time to read it this week.) Peter gives a speech including a kind of catechism that had been standardized in a formula repeated at least six times in Acts. This proclamation, or *kerygma*, incorporates the message and the motivation for a change of life. God anointed Jesus, raised him from the dead, and promised that all who believe in him will be forgiven their sins and rise with him. Happy Easter! ●

### Reflect

Why do I believe in the resurrection, and how does my belief impact my life?

Then the other disciple also went in,  
the one who had arrived at the tomb first,  
and he saw and believed.

JOHN 20:8



## What's Happening at Holy Cross 2

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER  
March 29, 2026—Brian Ackerman

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 5—11, 2026

Sat.	Apr. 4	<b>PRO POPULO Easter Vigil</b>
Sun.	Apr. 5	For the intentions of Ed & Marj Jelinski, offered by Holy Cross Lay Ministry Team.
Tues	Apr. 7	In memory of John & Lena Deis, offered by Dolores & family.
Wed.	Apr. 8	For the intentions of Mark Carney.
Thurs.	Apr. 9	For the intentions of Chris Fahlman, offered by Martin.
Fri.	Apr. 10	PROP POPULO for April 11, 12.
Sat.	Apr. 11	In memory of Emiralda Miflang (anniversary), offered by Mario Miflang & family.
Sun.	Apr. 12	For the intentions of Eldon & Gretta Lynn Ell, offered by Dan & Shirley Devers.

# Happy Easter!

*To all Parishioners of  
Holy Cross Parish from  
Fr. Carlos, Martin, Rita  
and Jacob.*

### PARISH COUNCIL

Can you help?

Holy Cross could use some new parishioners to help out and relieve those who have given their time and talent for many years. There are many areas where you could help. We could match you with something you would be comfortable with and according to your availability. If you could help, or if you have questions, comments or suggestions, please call me at 306-757-4281. Thank you!

Brigitte Leibel  
Pastoral Council Vice-Chair



### 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.

### HOLY CROSS AGM & & POTLUCK BRUNCH

**Sunday, April 19 following 9 am Mass  
In the Gerein Centre**

**Please come to hear about what  
occurred over the past year at Holy  
Cross.**

**Bring a little something to share. It  
always ends up being a delicious brunch  
with lots of variety.**

**All are welcome!**

# What's Happening at Holy Cross 3



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

## THANK YOU

Our Council wishes to thank all those Knights, Knights family members and parishioners who contributed to this year's Poor Man's Suppers. A total of 299 individuals attended and donated \$1,868.00. The donations will benefit the Council's continued charity work as well as the CWL, because our Council provides 50% of the net proceeds to the Holy Cross CWL.

Our Council truly appreciates the support and generosity!

## Sask K of C Vocations Endowment

Our Council recently 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](http://holycrossregina.ca)). More details about the Vocations Endowment can be found at the Foundation's website: [saskkofc.foundation/sask-k-of-c-vocations](http://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.

Our 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.

## APRIL EVENTS

Wednesday, April 8—7:00 pm, Regina KofC Chapter Meeting, St. Basil's Church.

Tuesday, April 21—Monthly Council meeting, 7:45 pm (after 7 pm Mass)

## What does it take to become a Knight of Columbus?

Find out by filling out an information request ballot at the KofC Information Table located in the Gerein Centre. You will be contacted by a Knight from the Gerein Council.

## 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



Our next regular monthly CWL meeting is on Tuesday, April 7—7:00 pm Mass, meeting to follow.

Remember, ladies, to bring your muffins for Sacred Heart School. Thank you.

Marie Lebersback

## PRO-LIFE NEWS

The Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario's MAiD Death Review Committee (MDRC) released another report on Ontario's euthanasia deaths. There were 103 euthanasia deaths of persons with dementia. As in previous reports, it outlined some concerning cases, one of which was of an 80 year old woman who died by euthanasia after a family member made the request. The doctor accepted that the woman consented to be killed by a squeeze of the hand.

The report further indicated that there were 418 non-compliant euthanasia deaths in Ontario.

*Source: Alex Schadenberg, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, October 15, 2025*

## MARY'S MEALS

If you have not yet made a contribution to Mary's Meals and would like to do so, following are different payment methods that are accepted. A followup report will be in next week's bulletin.

**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](mailto: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. Thanks again for your generosity and support of this program. God bless!!

# What's Happening at Holy Cross 4

## Memorial Easter Flowers

Name of Contributor	In Memory of:	In Honour of:
Jack & Gladys Herzberger	Elaine Pitzel	
Eva Wasserle	Richard Wasserle	
Genelle Nicholson	Chris Nicholson; Val & Art Sasta	
Mike & Cec Duperreault	Doddie, Gloria, Guy, Jackie	
Bob & Helen Herauf & family	Olga & Bernard Chomyn; Simon & Agatha Herauf	
Louise Hornung & family	Ike Hornung	
Edwin & Magdalena Pepper	Our parents	Our children
Margaret Preiner	Andrew Preiner	
Irene Wald	Maria & Ambrose Wald	
Charlotte Hendren & family	James Hendren	
Pamela Richaud	Deceased Richaud & Dechief relatives	
Ursula Roesch	Al Roesch	
Susan Leier	Terry Leier	
Connie Todd	Woroneski & Todd families	
Yvonne Fink	Terry Fink	
Jeanette Pageot	Dennis Pageot	
Darlene Marchuk	William & Denis Graval	
Brigitte Leibel	Stephane & Rene Rottiers	
Albert & Ruth Robillard	Rosella Robillard	
Rita Gareau	Larry & Jean Bissonnette; Yvonne Wagner; Gabrielle Gareau	
Wayne & Trudy Rutten	Rutten & Grill families	
Garry & Wendy Kraushaar		Evelyn Kraushaar

### Confusion of where the word "Easter" comes from.

Easter is unequivocally the solemn feast celebrating the resurrection of Christ. How the word Easter came to be is an interesting process. In the original language of the gospels, the Greek word <pascha> is used for the Aramaic form of the Hebrew word <pesach>, which means Passover. During the first three centuries of the Church, <Pasch> referred specifically to the celebration of Christ's passion and death; by the end of the fourth century, it also included the Easter Vigil; and by the end of the fifth century, it referred to Easter itself. The term signified Christ as the new Passover Lamb. According to St. Bede, a historian of the Middle Ages, the title Easter seems to originate in English around the eighth century A.D. The word Easter is derived from the word <Eoster>, the name of the Teutonic goddess of the rising light of day and Spring, and the annual sacrifices associated with her. If this is the origin of our word Easter, then the Church "baptized" the name, using it to denote that first Easter Sunday morning when Christ, our Light, rose from the grave and when the women found the tomb empty just as dawn was breaking.

Another possibility: the early Church referred to Easter week as <hebdomada alba> ("white week"), from the white garments worn by the newly baptized. A mistranslating of the word to mean "the shining light of day" or "the shining dawn," and therefore used the Teutonic root <eostarun>, the Old German plural for "dawn", as the basis for the German <Ostern> and for the English equivalent "Easter". In early English translations of the Bible made by Tyndale and Coverdale, the word "Easter" was substituted for the word "Passover," in some verses.

Even though the etymological root of "Easter" may be linked to the name of a pagan goddess or pagan ceremonies, the feast which the word describes is Christian without question. Any confusion, therefore, rests with etymology, not theology. Fr. Saunders is president of Notre Dame Institute and associate pastor of Queen of Apostles Parish, both in Alexandria

## What's Happening at Holy Cross 5

### PARISHIONERS' CORNER

Birthdays this week: JoAnne Bresciani on Monday, April 6 and Sandra Morris on Thursday, April 9. Happy birthday to you both!

***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.***

A big thank you for all the time and effort undertaken by the Liturgy Committee, including Environment, Music Groups and Hospitality, to provide a meaningful experience throughout Lent and the Easter Triduum. Fantastic job.

We've had a rash of falls, 'flu, colds, bronchitis and pneumonia this winter. Maybe we could all think especially of our parishioners in our prayers for those still impacted and for all of us for good health this spring.

A fairly large contingent of Holy Cross parishioners and Fr. Carlos are heading off to Medjugorje right after Easter—on Monday, April 6. Please remember all of them in your prayers for a safe and spiritually nourishing trip to where Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, has been appearing since March of 1984. God be with them.

A note from Ruth Robillard to parishioners: *"Thank you for your thoughtfulness and kindness - cake and coffee - on receiving my city award. I am so grateful and thankful for your support over all these years. Ruth."*

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](mailto:pastoral.assistant@holycrossregina.ca) or 306-347-0929 OR Joyce Murphy at [byapple@sasktel.net](mailto:byapple@sasktel.net) or 306-789-1983.



### THANK YOU !!

**A huge "thank you" to Belgian Cleaners who have been dry cleaning the liturgical vestments for Holy Cross for many years.**

**You are much appreciated. A very Happy Easter to you and yours.**

### PALM SUNDAY PALMS

#### Do's and Don'ts

Blessed palms are not just a liturgical souvenir; they're sacramentals, and as such, deserve to be treated with reverence. The Vatican's Directory of Popular Piety and the Liturgy says that blessed palms "are kept, above all, as a testimony of faith in Christ, the messianic king, and in his Paschal Victory."



- ◇ Do put them somewhere visible. You may say a prayer as you do so: "Bless, O Lord, our home. May Your Son Jesus and the Virgin Mary reign in it. Give us peace, love, and respect ... be You, the King of our home. Amen."
- ◇ Do make a small cross by folding the palm fronds and display it.
- ◇ Do return them to the church next Lent to be burned for ashes for Ash Wednesday. What begins as a sign of royal welcome ends as a sign of mortality and repentance—and then begins again.
- ◇ Don't treat them as ordinary objects and just throw them in the trash. Do burn them or bury them if you are unable to return them the church.
- ◇ Don't use them for superstitious purposes as if they were amulets, for "curative purposes or to keep evil spirits at bay." Sacramentals derive their spiritual power from the Church's prayer and the faith of the person using them. They are a call to faith.

Your blessed palms are a small but powerful sign of the Paschal Mystery. From Palm Sunday to Ash Wednesday, they trace the arc from triumph to death to new life—the same arc we are all called to walk with Christ.

Keep them well. Pray with them. And when the time comes, let them become ashes.

*Source: The Editors, ChurchPOP, March 30, 2026*

## What's Happening in the Archdiocese

### STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN BITS

***"This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead."* Acts 10:40-41**

The first disciples were people who witnessed the risen Christ in the flesh. The author of Acts emphasizes that they ate and drank with the risen Christ. How we take care of each other "in this life" is an important part of our spiritual life. Stewardship is not about having pious thoughts, but about making life better for others in the flesh.

### NEW PRIVATE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

A new private, independent Catholic high school is proposed for Regina. The Chesterton Academy of Regina is projected to open in Fall 2027 for Grades 9 & 10. The school will offer a classical education rooted in the Catholic faith and focused on strong academics, character, and faith

You are invited to an upcoming information night on Thursday, April 16 at 7:00PM at Christ the King Parish, 3239 Garnet Street.

Come learn what makes a Chesterton education different—and why families across North America are choosing it.



You are cordially invited to the

# 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER

Friday May 8, 2026

Conexus Arts Centre, Regina, SK  
Doors Open 5:30pm  
Buffet Dinner, Entertainment and  
Remarks from Archbishop Donald Bolen  
\$60.00/person or Table of 8 - \$480.00

Registration information available via [archregina.sk.ca](http://archregina.sk.ca),  
Call 306-352-1651 or QR code below  
Dietary options may be available on request

Join us for this special evening of celebration, gratitude,  
and community!

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### HOLY TRINITY

#### GARAGE SALE & BAKE TABLE

Friday, April 24, 12—7 pm  
Saturday, April 25, 10 am—2 pm

Holy Trinity Church  
5020 Sherwood Drive, Regina

### DYING WITH CHRIST—LIVING WITH HOPE

Dying with Christ – Living with Hope is a faith-filled program that speaks to one of the most important topics of our human experiences. Led by theologians and Christian healthcare professionals, this series offers meaningful insight into suffering, grief, dying, the duty to care, and how we can enter more deeply into the Christian hope of dying with Christ.

CMDA Canada is offering three live online opportunities to participate in this three-session series. Participants will not only experience the program firsthand but will also be equipped to bring it to their own communities, parishes, and ministry settings. A Chance to bring Christ's message of hope to our world.

#### Spring 2026 Online Series Options:

- Thursday, April 23, 30, & May 7 — 6:00 pm CT
- Tuesday, May 19, 26, & June 2 — 7:00 pm CT
- Monday, June 15, 22, & 29 — 5:30 pm CT

**Register:** [cmdacanada.org/event/dying-with-Christ-living-with-hope-spring-series/](http://cmdacanada.org/event/dying-with-Christ-living-with-hope-spring-series/) Questions? Contact Brad MacKinnon via email: [bmackinnon@cmdacanada.org](mailto:bmackinnon@cmdacanada.org)

We look forward to journeying with you.

### 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.**  
[cammonahan@sasktel.net](mailto:cammonahan@sasktel.net)

[www.cammonahan.ca](http://www.cammonahan.ca)

**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!

## *What's Happening in the Archdiocese 2*

### **BISHOP DON'S GOOD FRIDAY/ EASTER MESSAGE, 2026**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Warm greetings in the crucified and risen Lord!

We enter the Holy Week this year at a time when much of the world is impacted by war between nations, crippling internal conflicts, deep economic and social instability. These are turbulent times, and we enter into Holy Week and the Triduum mindful of the great tensions in the world around us. Our Holy Week and Easter celebrations can help us keep a faith perspective on the world events swirling around us, and tell us something about how Jesus interacts with the power structures of his day, guiding how we as Christians are called to do likewise.

On Palm Sunday we heard the Passion narrative according to St. Matthew, and on Good Friday, we will hear St. John's account. So much in these accounts is about Jesus's interaction with those with political power and about how he exercises his authority. When Jesus is arrested in the garden of Gethsemane, Peter wants to fight back to defend him, and takes up his sword. Jesus tells him to put his sword away. One who lives by the sword will die by the sword. He asks rhetorically, could he not ask the Father to send down legions of angels to protect him? Yet he does not.

We have different accounts of Jesus being brought forth before the high priest. In John's Gospel, when asked about his teaching and his mission, he says simply, ask those who I taught, they will tell you what I said. One of the temple guards hits him saying, "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" Jesus responds, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?"

In standing before Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor, we again have differing accounts. In Matthew, Jesus does not respond to Pilate. In John's Gospel there is a dialogue between them. At one point, when Jesus does not answer, Pilate asks, "Do you not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and I have power to crucify you?" Jesus challenges that his power is only temporal, and not of his own making, not lasting.

Finally, when he is crucified, we hear jeering responses from onlookers, saying "if you are the Son of God, and come down from the cross!" And again, "he saved others; he cannot save himself.... Let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him."

Dear friends, as we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection, let us learn from the Lord, and from these accounts of his passion.

First, Jesus does not run away from the persecution he faces. God is not in fact powerless in this situation. Flights of angels could have rescued Jesus. God's power is ultimately revealed in the resurrection. But Jesus chooses not to use divine power – in the sense of force – to confront injustice, to come down from the cross. That would in effect be to take leave of his human nature, to step back from the Incarnation. And it would also be to step back from what he came to do and to reveal, which is the fulness and depth of God's love for humanity, and God's desire to transform and redeem the world by love.

Second, Jesus rejects the notion that we respond to violence by violence. One who lives by the sword dies by the sword. That is faithful to what he taught in the Sermon on the Mount. He does confront the soldier who hits him, and elsewhere in his teaching, we do see him resist and confront injustice and evil, but he does not do so by violence. He confronts in order to bring change.

Finally, his response to injustice and political force is ultimately to remain faithful to why he came: to serve and to give himself fully – this is my body broken, my blood poured out for you- and to trust in the Father, who raises him from death to life, revealing in a lasting and definitive way that with God, love conquers hate, cruelty and misuse of power do not have the last word, and love ultimately reigns supreme. Dear friends, this is what we celebrate in every Eucharist, and what we celebrate in a very special way in the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter.

May we as Christians, individually and as communities, give courageous witness to this message of love, this way of carrying authority, this way of confronting injustice in our tumultuous world of today.

Christ is Risen, trampling on death by death. Love and life have the last word. Let us rejoice! Happy Easter to all of you! + Donald Bolen Archbishop of Regina



*He is Risen!*

