

Holy Cross Parish

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1st Sunday in Advent **BULLETIN #1** **November 29, 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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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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1, 3-8 / 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 / Mark 13:33-37

Monday
November 30
St. Andrew, Apostle
Rom 10:9–18
Mt 4:18–22

Tuesday
December 1
Advent Weekday
Is 11:1–10
Lk 10:21–24

Wednesday
December 2
Advent Weekday
Is 25:6–10a
Mt 15:29–37

Thursday
December 3
St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Is 26:1–6
Mt 7:21, 24–27

Friday
December 4
Advent Weekday
Is 29:17–24
Mt 9:27–31

Saturday
December 5
Advent Weekday
Is 30:19–21, 23–26
Mt 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6–8

Sunday
December 6
Second Sunday of Advent
Is 40:1–5, 9–11
2 Pt 3:8–14
Mk 1:1–8

Beginning with the End

ANN M. GARRIDO

Today marks the beginning of a new liturgical year, but you would not guess it by today's gospel passage, which speaks of the end of time. Time's "end" is an important theme throughout Scripture. Unlike other ancient peoples, the Hebrews intuited that time was not locked in an eternal cycle. Time was "going somewhere." God had a purpose for history; a dream yet to be realized. Commonly in Scripture, this "end" is described as "the Lord's Coming" or, in New Testament Greek, "the *Parousia*." History exists that God might enter and fill time with the divine presence, making Earth God's home.

In the verses immediately preceding today's gospel reading, the disciples have been asking Jesus what this Coming will look like and when it will occur. Are there clues they should look for so they might be ready when it happens? Today, we hear Jesus emphasize that there is no way to know. Rather, they should *always* be prepared for God to come home. They should live each day with the "end" in mind.

Advent is a time of preparation for the feast of Christmas—recalling how God came to make a home with us in the person of Jesus Christ two thousand years ago. But even more so, it is a time of preparation for the *Parousia*, when what took place in the person of Jesus will take place within all of creation. When, as Paul says, God will be "all in all" (1 Corinthians 15:28).

As the liturgical year begins anew, may we, too, enter this season with the "end" in mind. God is still at work in history, seeking a home within us and within our time. ●

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CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER(S)
November 22 – Jane & Bob Beach

Mass Intentions November 29 – Dec. 6, 2026

Sun.	Nov. 29	For the grace of healing for Harvey & Phyllis Kennedy, offered by Knights of Columbus.
Tues.	Dec. 1	Lay service
Wed.	Dec. 2	Lay service
Thurs.	Dec. 3	In remembrance of Leo Deis, offered by Dolores & family.
Fri.	Dec. 4	Eternal repose of the soul of Betty Anne Campbell, offered by Leona Begrand.
Sat.	Dec. 5	PRO POPULO
Sun.	Dec. 6	Eternal repose of the soul of Larry Bissonnette, offered by Rita Gareau.

NOTICE!!

Following is the schedule for this week's Masses and Lay Services at Holy Cross

Tues. Wed. – lay services

Thurs. – Fr. Danilo

Fri. Sat. Sun. – Fr. Carlos

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

The CWL Christmas party with potluck appetizers will be held at our upcoming meeting this 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.

If you have still not paid your 2027 membership fees, please do so as soon as possible. Pay by 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.

Don't forget our Muffin Program for Sacred Heart School this month. The muffins will be collected and delivered the following day.

Our Christmas Bake Sale & Raffle is this coming weekend, Dec. 5 and 6 weekend. Come prepared to scoop up some good baking.

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.

ADVENT DATES

Advent begins	Sun. Nov. 29
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

First Friday
Adoration
For Peace in the World
8 am Dec. 4

Christmas Flowers for Holy Cross Parish



Christmas flowers are purchased from donations by parishioners in honour of deceased or living members of their families. If you wish to make a contribution, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection baskets. Tributes will be published in the Christmas bulletin. Have your requests in to the office by **Mon. Dec. 21 noon.**

PARISHIONER'S NAME_____

Mailing Address _____

Phone No _____ Amount enclosed __$_____

Paid by _____ cash _____ cheque, or

_____ e-Transfer to bookkeepler.holycross@sasktel.net (memo: Christmas flowers)

Publish my gift in the Christmas bulletin: _____ Yes _____ No

In Memory of (Name of Deceased) In Honour (Name of Living One)

_____ _____

Through the kindness of _____

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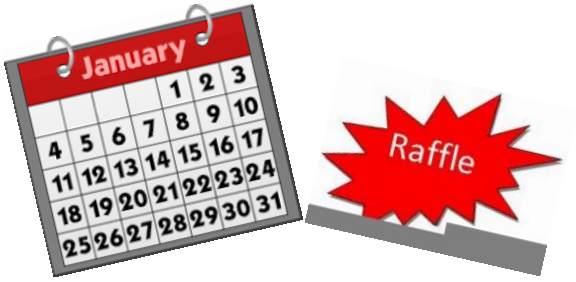
CALENDAR RAFFLE 2027

Tickets $20

Includes a 2027 Catholic Memo Calendar



$1,700 cash prizes

52 weekly draws of $25

4 special draws of $100 for New Year's, Easter, Feast of the Holy Cross & Christmas

All draws open to every ticket holder

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Parishioners' Corner

This week's birthdays are for **Cindy Anderson, Jeanette Pageot, & Elise Paquin** all on Mon. Nov. 30; **Dan Devers** on Wed. Dec. 2, **Lori Romanski** on Thurs. Dec. 3, and **Dolores Deis** on Sun. Dec. 6. 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.

This brings to an end our novena of masses to St. Peregrine, that he petitions Our Lady and Our Lord Jesus for healing of our ill parishioners. Thank you for participating. We pray that this novena may prove auspicious in prayer answered.

This is the first week in the new Liturgical Year, cycle B, and the first week of Advent. There will be a novena, recollection, and reconciliation all planned to help us prepare for the coming of the Baby Jesus, but also to recognize that we prepare for His second coming as well. We hope you will all take some time to slow down, calm down, and give our Lord the prayer time and adoration we owe Him.

Martin is not sitting idly at home, it seems. He's dropped off a selection of his personal library for us. In addition to theology, church answers and history, you will find many works on the moral, ethical and cultural concerns of our times. As he says, "They are a gift to you who continue to grow in your faith and are interested in what ails our world." Thank you, Martin, for your generosity and love.

Fr. Carlos returns to us this week and we thank Fr. John Weckend, Fr. Danilo, and our lay presiders, Connie, Dan & Pat, for for providing the Blessed Sacrament for us without interruption and for keeping our community of Holy Cross involved and participating. A big thanks also to those parishioners who kept our church clean - Wayne, Gerald, Ron, Ray to name a few - while caretaker Jacob has been away.

ADVENT

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 3:2)

The Old Testament people of God waited for centuries for the coming of the Messiah, the Redeemer of Israel. We wait for four weeks of Advent for the coming of the Baby Jesus at Christmas.

Advent has traditionally been a time of increased prayer, fasting and good works. Unfortunately, Advent today has been supplanted by "the Christmas shopping season" and the stress we put upon ourselves leads to no longer enjoying the Feast when it comes and is gone the next day. Not so the Catholic Church. She fasts first and feasts later, dramatically building the suspense to its climax until the Savior comes with the birth of Christ. Then we celebrate for another 12 days until Epiphany.

In its symbolism the Church stresses the penitential and preparatory nature of Advent. The priests wear purple vestments and the Gloria is omitted during Mass. The only exception is Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday, when priests wear rose-colored vestments. Gaudete Sunday is designed to encourage us to continue our prayer and fasting, because we can see that Advent is half over and the prize is near.

Other symbols associated with Advent are the wreath made of evergreen boughs and its four Advent candles, three purple and one pink, following the same pattern as the priest's vestments, the lighting of the candles corresponds to the four Sundays of Advent.

Source: Scott P. Richert, "Adent Meaning, Tradition and practices", Catholic Answers June 25, 2019



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

K of C Carol Festival

FINAL REMINDER: This year's K of C Carol Festival will be held on Mon. Nov. 30 & Tues. Dec. 1, at Knox Met United Church, 7:00 – 9:00 pm each evening. 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 Charitable Foundation.

Coats for Ksids

On Fri. Nov. 20th, our Council delivered 24 coats (12 girls and 12 boys) to St. Augustine Community School as part of the Knights of Columbus COATS FOR KIDS program. Our Council supports this youth community program on an annual basis by purchasing winter coats (total of $400.00) for needy children in our community. A special presentation of the coats was made to St. Augustine students by our Council's Grand Knight Mike Morris, Trustee Wayne Rutten and Bro. Gerald Workman (see photo below). A special thank you to St. Augustine Social Director who assisted in arranging this opportunity for our Council.



Upcoming Events

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.



PRO-LIFE NEWS

Federal Justice Minister Sean Fraser says Canada plans to maintain a ban on access to MAiD for people suffering solely from mental illness … but will "open the door" to advance consent in cases where a person's illness will eliminate their capacity to make that decision in the future.

In response, Dr. Ferrier stated, I am aware of no evidence that a document, signed years in advance indicating one's wishes for an unknown future time, bears any resemblance to the free and informed consent that medical ethics requires. It is not adequate consent, in my view, and putting it into law does not make it so."

*[Dr. Ferrier is an attending physician in the division of geriatric medicine at the McGill University Health Centre.]

Source: Catherine Ferrier, Special to the Montreal Gazette, Oct. 22,2026

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Stewardship Bulletin Bits

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.



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.

Archbishop's Appeal

In today's readings, we are reminded of our need for God's presence and our call to remain watchful and faithful. In the Gospel, Jesus encourages His disciples to stay awake and be ready, trusting that God is always at work in their lives.

The season of Advent invites us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ—not only as we celebrate His birth, but also by recognizing His presence with us each day. Isaiah's prayer reminds us that God is our loving Father who shapes and guides us, while St. Paul encourages us to remain confident in the gifts and grace God has given us.

As we begin this season of hope and anticipation, may we open our hearts to Christ and look for opportunities to share His love with those around us through prayer, kindness, and generosity.

Prayer of Intercession

For all of us, that during this Advent season we may remain watchful for Christ's presence, growing in faith, hope, and love as we prepare our hearts to welcome Him.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

The First Friday/First Saturday Vigil in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be held October 2nd and 3rd at St. Mary's Church in Regina. Priests will be available for confession at 6:00 pm before Holy Mass as well as after Mass. Mass will occur at 7:00 pm, followed by the all-night vigil ending with Holy Mass at 8:00 am on Saturday morning.

Do not wish to be anything but what you are and try to be that perfectly.

… St. Francis de Sales

Where is the Hail Mary in the Bible? 7

THE HAIL MARY PRAYER			
Prayer	**Biblical Support**		**Explanations**
Hail Mary, full of Grace	Luke 1:28	And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you."	The Angel Gabriel greets Mary a with very respectful greeting useful for royalty. The text doesn't say "Mary" after Hail but it is implied. Gabriel then proclaims Mary full of Grace, full of God's own life and love.
The Lord is with thee	Luke 1:28	And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you."	This is word for word. The Angel Gabriel said that the Lord is with Mary; she is full of His Grace, His own life.
Blessed art though among women	Luke 1:42	… cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.	Elizabeth, still inspired by the Holy Spirit. She is inspired by the third person of the Blessed Trinity to proclaim that Mary is the most blessed among all women.
And blessed is the fruit of they womb, Jesus	Luke 1:42	… cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.	Elizabeth, still inspired by the Holy Spirit, proclaims that the fruit of Mary's womb, the developing Jesus, is blessed. The text doesn't say "Jesus" after womb, but it is implied; the fruit of her womb is Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God	Luke 1:43	And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?	Mary is full of God's Grace; this would make her holy. Mary is the mother of the Lord Jesus Christ who is the second person of the Holy Trinity. Since Jesus is God, she is the mother of God-Man Jesus, not the mother of the Trinity.
Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.	James 5:16	Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful.	St. James tells Christians to pray for one another. All the baptized are members of the body of Christ (1Cor 12:12-14), therefore it is right to pray for other members of the body. James goes on to say that the prayers of the righteous have great power. What human (other than Jesus) is more righteous than the Blessed Mother? Though she is in Heaven she still hears the prayers of her children on Earth and intercedes for them.

… Source: Christ the King Parish bulletin, Regina, July 30, 2023

HOLY CROSS PARISH

SCHEDULE OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS – DECEMBER 2026

35TH PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY OF FR. CARLOS JIMENEZ

Join us in celebrating the 35th Priestly Ordination Anniversary of our Pastor, Fr. Carlos, on MONDAY, **DECEMBER 7**, with a **MASS OF THANKSGIVING AT 9:00 AM**. As an advance celebration, cake will be shared with everyone after Mass on **DECEMBER 6**. All are warmly invited to join in this joyful occasion!

LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST!

Join us for the **Lighting of the Christmas Crèche on December 8, 2026**, the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

6:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 PM – Holy Mass, followed by the Lighting of the Christmas Crèche

Let us welcome the Christmas season by celebrating Christ, the Light of the World!

PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION

7:00PM – Friday, December 11, 2026

PARISH ADVENT RECOLLECTION

9:00 AM – Saturday December 12, 2026
- Opening Remarks
- Adoration: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Liturgy of the Hour
- Introduction of Speaker – Deacon Joe Laing
- Period of silence, Benediction

11:00 AM – Holy Mass
- Lunch and Fellowship

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES

Day 1 – 9:00 AM Wednesday, December 16
Day 2 – 9:00 AM Thursday, December 17
11:00 AM at Queen Victoria Estates, preceded by reconciliation
Day 3 – 9:00 AM Friday, December 18
Day 4 – 9:00 AM Saturday, December 19
Day 5 – 9:00 AM Sunday, December 20
Day 6 – 9:00 AM Monday, December 21
Day 7 – 7:00 PM Tuesday, December 22, following adoration at 6 PM
Day 8 – 9:00 AM Wednesday, December 23, following adoration at 6 PM
Day 9 – 9:00 AM Thursday, December 24



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Thursday, December 24	11:30 PM	Sing Along
	12:00 AM	Christmas Vigil Mass
Friday, December 25	9:00 AM	Christmas Day Mass
Friday, January 1, 2027	9:00 AM	New Year's Day Mass