



Holy Cross Parish

Second Sunday of Lent

Bulletin #11

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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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Saturday 5:00pm

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Wed. 9:00am

Thur. 9:00am

Friday 7:00pm

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 / Romans 8:31b-35, 37++ / Mark 9:2-10

MONDAY

February 26

Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10

Lk 6:36-38

TUESDAY

February 27

Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16-20

Mt 23:1-12

weDNESDAY

February 28

Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18-20

Mt 20:17-28

THURSDAY

February 29

Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10

Lk 16:19-31

FRIDAY

March 1

Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

SATURDAY

March 2

Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

SUNDAY

March 3

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17

or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

1 Cor 1:22-25

Jn 2:13-25

Transfigurations in a Mutilated World

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

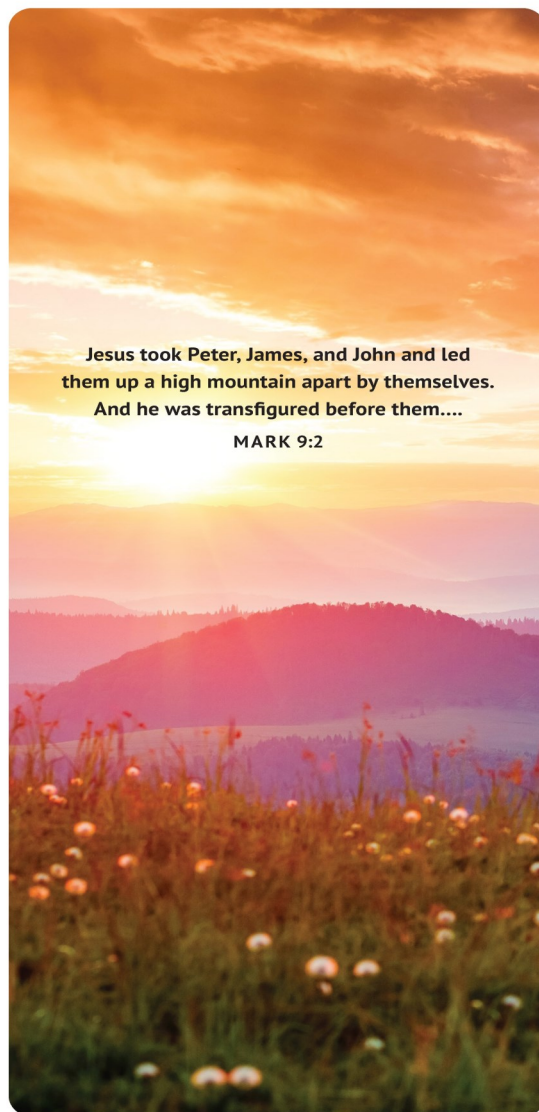
I've never met anyone who thought today's story in Genesis of Abraham and Isaac to be a good story. Abhorred, they ask, "Why would God test someone by asking him to sacrifice his son?" But what if we change the question and ask, "Why would the Hebrew people include that story in their most holy writings? Why would they tell it over and over?" Because of the ending—that's why. Like a movie we watch over and over even though we know how it ends, we watch it, in part, because the ending is satisfying.

The ending of the Abraham/Isaac story shows God is not interested in death and human sacrifice, contrary to the gods of that time. The God of the Hebrews is a God of Life—that's the surprise ending they love, and they keep telling it over and over lest they forget. For them, the part about the testing is simply a means to that unbelievable ending when God insists upon life, contrary to false gods.

In his poem "Try to Praise the Mutilated World," Adam Zagajewski writes of life's Godly moments in a world we have mutilated by violence, greed, division, and more. He muses on tender moments when we fall in love, on laughter until our sides hurt, on nature's dazzle, on the sweet taste of wine—all simple moments of a life-giving God transfigured in a mutilated world, for our God insists upon life. ●

Reflect

Remember and give thanks for the moments of this past week that made you smile.



Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them....

MARK 9:2

What's Happening at Holy Cross

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER

February 18, 2024—Elaine Pitzel

Welcome to any new parishioners. Please register with the Parish Office Mon.-Friday, 9am-12 noon
Or call 306-757-1325

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEKS OF FEB. 24-MAR. 03, 2024

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Sat.	Feb. 24	PRO POPULO
Sun.	Feb. 25	For the repose of the soul of Dianne Gatrell, offered by Darcy.
Tues.	Feb. 27	For the repose of the soul of Richard Wasserle, offered by Dorothy Bresciani.
Wed.	Feb. 28	For the intentions of Maddie Uhren, offered by Judy Miazga.
Thurs.	Feb. 29	For the repose of the soul of Richard Wasserle offered by Charlotte & Nick Pavlinsky.
Fri.	Mar. 1	
Sat.	Mar. 2	PRO POPULO
Sun.	Mar. 3	For the repose of the soul of Hector Bresciani (anniversary of his death) offered by Dorothy and family.



CWL News

Muffins due Mar. 5



The CWL is collecting baby products and female personal hygiene products for Visitation House and Carmichael Outreach. The collection runs now until March 5 at the next monthly meeting. Items that will be appreciated are:

For Baby

Diapers
Wipes
Diaper cream
Shampoo
Powder
Lotions, etc.

For Mom

Shampoo/Conditioner
Body Wash
Soap
Toothbrushes/Paste
Feminine hygiene products
etc.

Mark your calendars!

Cabbage rolls will be for sale in March. More details to follow.

What Do Ashes Signify?

When God drove our first parents from the Garden, he reminded Adam, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Gn 3:19). When we received the ashes on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday, it was a reminder of our mortality and the seriousness of the Lenten pilgrimage we are on.

In the Old Testament ashes signified sorrow and repentance; Job repented in dust and ashes; Jesus said, "Woe to you ... if the mighty deeds done in your midst had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would long ago have repented in sackcloth and ashes" (Mt 11:21).

Fr. Reginald Martin, SimplyCatholic.com/Lent/Ashes

A Few More Tips to Make Lent More Meaningful

Slow Down – Set aside 10 minutes a day for silent prayer or meditation. It will revitalize your body and your spirit.

Read a good book – You could choose the life of a saint, a spiritual how-to, an inspirational book, or one of the pope's new books.

Be kind – Go out of your way to do something nice for someone else every day.

Get involved – Attend a Lenten lecture or spiritual program.

Volunteer at your parish – Whether it's cleaning the church or helping with the food drive, it will give you a chance to help others.

Reach out – Invite an inactive Catholic to come to Stations of the Cross, Confession or Mass with you anytime during Lent.

Pray – Especially for people you don't like and for people who don't like you.

Tune out – Turn off the television and spend quality time talking with family members or friends.

Clean out closets – Donate gently used items to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Donate – Pick a Catholic mission and decide how you can help by sending money, clothing or supplies.

... from SimplyCatholic.com/lent

Welcome to any new parishioners. Please register with the Parish Office. Fill in the blanks below and drop it into the collection basket or email the office (hc.office@holycrossregina.ca). Let's get started!

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Mass of Choice:

Sat evening 5:00 pm

Sun morning 9:00 am

PARISHIONERS' CORNER

BIRTHDAYS! Edwin Pepper on Sunday, March 3rd; Loretta Jelinski on Monday, the 4th; Huntley O'Connor, Tuesday, the 5th; and Jeanine (Jeanie) Wild (91) on Thursday, the 7th. Congratulations to all, good health and many blessings for the year ahead.

There were fantastic home made soups and loads of good sandwiches for supper last Friday. Join us this Friday for the Poor Man's Supper, Stations of the Cross and Mass. It's a great way to make a small sacrifice (though ladies will be happy they don't have to cook and we all enjoy the camaraderie with fellow parishioners). We had 26 people join us last week and hope many more of you will take advantage of this opportunity to improve your Lenten experience.

We missed a 50th anniversary for Rick and Yvonne Mulrooney on Friday, Feb.16. Congratulations, best wishes and blessings for many more years of married bliss!

Maggie Pepper and Ruth Robillard could do with a few prayers from us at this time for recovery from knee surgery and improvement in their health.

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their pancake breakfast last Sunday. 57 parishioners stayed to enjoy the usual tasty offering.

Holy Cross is a community, a family, and families keep up to date on the well being of their members. Let's pass along news of our parishioners so we can pray for or celebrate with them. Call Martin at 306-347-0929 or Joyce at 306-789-1983, or byapple@sasktel.net

STATIONS OF THE CROSS LEADERSHIP	
Mar. 1	Challenge Girls
Mar. 8	Liturgy Committee
Mar. 15	Parish Council
Mar. 22	Altar Servers



Did You Know?

The Archdiocese of Montreal is suing the government of Quebec over a law passed in 2023 that would force Catholic hospices to commit assisted suicide, contrary to the Fifth Commandment and Catholic teaching. Originally, Quebec law allowed hospices to refrain from offering MAID on their own premises. However, an amendment was made to the law requiring hospices to commit MAID on request. The law took effect Dec. 2, 2023 and contains no religious or conscientious objection clause.

Many Catholic hospices and health care institutions across Canada are now under attack to provide MAID on their premises. Archbishop Lepine is defending the right to refuse MAID on church properties as it violates the Canadian Charter and Quebec Charter and violates Catholic teaching.

Source: LifeSiteNews, Feb. 19, 2024

WHAT WAS THE TRANSFIGURATION?

Following Jesus' prediction to the apostles of His Passion and stating the difficult demands of His discipleship, came the account of Jesus' Transfiguration. This clearly revealed Jesus' divinity for a moment and allowed His glory to shine forth for the encouragement of the three apostles who were present.



The Transfiguration was foreshadowed in the Old Testament by God's revelation of Himself to Moses on Mount Sinai. The Ignatius Catholic Study Bible (Gospel of Matthew) lists several parallels between the two epiphanies in Exodus & Matthew's Gospel:

- Each takes place on a mountain
- Each occurs on a 7th day
- Each shows forth the glory of God's presence
- Each reports God speaking through a cloud

Moses and Elijah are the key representatives of the Law and the Prophets. Their coming to talk with Jesus shows Him to be the fulfillment of God's revelation to them. Only St. Luke speaks of the subject of their conversation, of Jesus' "exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem."

It was important for the apostles to know that Jesus did not simply endure His passion; He accomplished it, by totally submitting Himself to it.

... from *SimplyCatholic.com*, Fr. Ray Ryland/Transfiguration

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CATHOLIC TERMINOLOGY

- AMEN**—The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.
- BULLETIN**—Your receipt for attending Mass.
- CHOIR**—A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the Parish to lip sync.
- HOLY WATER**—A liquid whose chemical formula is H₂Oly.
- JESUITS**—An order of priests known for the ability to found colleges with good basketball teams.

COMING!

HOLY CROSS SPRING SUPPER

Sunday, April 7

Serbian Club, 2775 Avonhurst Drive

Adults \$30, children \$25



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THANK YOU!

We extend a heartfelt thank you to all the Holy Cross Parishioners and friends who attended our Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Feb 18th. There were 57 people who contributed to the success of this event. Your support is truly appreciated.

SASK KofC VOCATIONS ENDOWMENT WEEKEND

In 2018 the Bishops of Saskatchewan partnered with the Sask. K of C Charitable Foundation to create the Sask K of C Vocations Endowment. The proceeds from this Endowment are disbursed on an annual basis equally to each seminarian throughout all Saskatchewan Dioceses, Eparchy and Abbey to help defray the \$30,000.00 per year it costs to educate each Seminarian.

In support of the K of C Vocation Endowment, the Knights of Columbus Gerein Council will participate with our Parish in a fundraising campaign during the weekend of February 24/25, 2024.

More details about the Vocation Endowment, including photos of the Seminarians from Saskatchewan, can be found at the Foundation's website <https://saskkofc.foundation/sask-k-ofc-vocations/>.

The Bishops, Dioceses, KofC and Catholic faithful thank you in advance for your generous Prayers and financial assistance in support of the formation and development of Seminarians.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

The Lenten Food Drive for the Marian Centre and Visitation House continues until March 24/ 25.

Collection Boxes are in both the Gerein Centre and the Douglas Ave. entrances for non-perishable food items. **Foods** preferred are:

Marian Centre

- Cheez Whiz
- Peanut Butter
- Coffee
- Strawberry Jam
- Grape Jam
- Marmalade

Visitation House

- Pasta
- Soups
- Tuna/Salmon/Chicken
- Pork and Beans
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetables

POOR MAN'S SUPPER

Fridays of Lent, 5:30pm
Gerein Centre

Stations of the Cross 6:45pm
Mass 7:00pm

Mar. 1 - Poor Man's Supper	
Soup	Albert & Ruth Robillard
Egg Salad	Dan & Shirley Devers
Salmon/Tuna	Grace O'Connor
PB & Jam	Jack & Gladys Herzberger

Stewardship Bulletin Bits

"Here I am!" he answered."- Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say, "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy; most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.



TF #389: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd with Cassandra Ursu and Angela Montano

This week on *Thinking Faith*, we hear from Cassandra Ursu and Angela Montano with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd catechetical ministry at Holy Rosary Cathedral. They discuss what CGS is and how its unique, Montessori-based approach helps children discover and deepen a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Find out more about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at <https://www.cgsac.ca/>

<https://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/catechisis-of-the-good-shepherd-with-cassandra-ursu-and-angela-montano>

Santa Maria is looking for hearts to fill!

Does your life need a project that helps fill your heart? Are you searching for a meaningful way to spend an hour or two a week? Would you like to volunteer and help support your community? Do you value smiles, laughter, teas and chats?

The residents of Santa Maria Senior Citizens Home could use your support. No one should have to age alone. We want to ensure that everyone has a friend to count on for visits.

We are actively recruiting for both our Recreation program and our Spiritual Care visiting program. These programs directly support the residents who live here. If you are kind, patient, and dependable, we could use your help.

Your time will have a heartfelt impact and with as little as one hour a week or 4 hours a month, you can be proud and know you have made a difference!

Connect today for more information and to talk about opportunities.

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FIRST FRIDAY/FIRST SATURDAY—March 1,2

In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
And Immaculate Heart of Mary
St. Mary's Church, 2026 Winnipeg St.
6:30pm Confession, 7:00pm Holy Mass Friday &
Overnight vigil, 8:00am Holy Mass Saturday

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION - March 1st For World Peace

8:00am Adoration, 8:30am Rosary
9:00am Mass
Holy Cross Parish, 317 Douglas Ave. East

DAILY ADORATION

St. Faustina's Shrine & EADM Chapel
484 Hamilton St.

Mon to Thurs, noon-4:00pm
Fri, Sat, Sun, 2:00pm—4:00pm
Rosary 2:30pm, Litany to St. Faustina,
Chaplet of Mercy

Charismatic Prayer Gathering

Resurrection Parish

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

February 25, April 21, May 26, June 23

Come Alive! You are invited!

Come and experience Christ's loving embrace through music, praise, worship, teaching, prayer, and fellowship! Mark your calendars now. Hope to see you there!

Suffering and the Pascal Mystery

with Deacon Eric Gurash

Join us for a faith-enriching evening as Deacon Eric Gurash reflects on the heart of our Christian faith: the Pascal Mystery. This event will take place at Holy Family Parish on Thursday, February 29, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Deacon Gurash will delve into the depths of the Pascal Mystery as discovered within Scripture and our human experience. He'll shed light on the Pascal Mystery's connection to human suffering, offering perspectives from Popes Benedict XVI and Saint John Paul II.

All are welcome to attend this engaging journey into the foundational aspects of our Christian belief, touching upon themes of redemption, resurrection, and the transformative power of Christ's sacrifice. We look forward to seeing you there.



Igniting the Spirit of Reconciliation

Join us at the Neil Balkwill Centre (2420 Elphinstone Street) for the art show, 'Igniting the Spirit of Reconciliation.' Featuring 94 artworks representing each of the 94 Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's final report, the pieces were created by students of Balcarres Community School and Vibank Regional School.

The exhibit is brought to Regina by the Truth and Reconciliation Committee of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese. Don't miss this special presentation:

Feb 26: (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm): Presentation by Susan Beaudin on Sacred Treaty Relationships.

Registration is required due to limited space. Email trcsask@gmail.com to register. Snacks and refreshments provided.

SNOWFLAKE WINTER WARM-UP, DINE-IN

**Our Lady of Peace Parish
4225 Broad St. North**

5:00-6:00 pm by Charlotte's

Turkey—Feb. 25

Tickets: \$25 Adults, \$15 Children 7-12, Free 6 & Under

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call or text Dennis 306-530-2370**

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POOR MAN'S SUPPER

**Holy Cross Parish, 315 Douglas Ave. East
Fridays during Lent**

5:30 pm soup & sandwiches

6:45 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm Mass

Free will offering

Msgr. Gerein Council 9853, Knights of Columbus

LENTEN PRAYER LUNCHES

Our Lady of Peace Parish

425 Broad St. North

12:15 pm prayer, followed by soup lunch

Fridays beginning Feb. 16

Free will offering

Proceeds to Development and Peace

The sacrament of the Mass is not a re-creation of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for the love of us, but the actual sacrifice He accomplished over two thousand years ago, and we are there.

TASTE OF THE PHILIPPINES

**Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church
5020 Sherwood Drive**

Saturday, March 2

Cocktails 6:30 pm / Supper 7 pm

**(Parish hall, north door
elevator may not be available)**

**Tickets: Adults \$25, 7-12 yrs. \$12 and 6 & under
free Cash Bar: wine, beer, 50/50 draw**

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Join us in dressing tropically!**

**For tickets, call Debbie at 306-545-7654
Or stop into the church office Mon-Fri 9 am – 3 pm**

HOLY FAMILY PARISH GALA

Saturday, March 16th

**Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 5020 Sherwood Dr.
Kick off the Capital Campaign!**

**Doors open 6:30 pm Roast beef supper 7:15
pm Silent Auction, 50/50 & door prize draws**

**Entertainment by Chris Henderson
(three-time SCMA Male Artist of the Year recipient)**

**Tickets are \$75 each (\$40 income tax receipt)
call David or Claudette 306-924-0992**

email davidbeitel@sasktel.net.

Family & friends welcome (only 200 tickets available)