

December 8, 2024



BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

2049 Scarth Street, Regina, SK S4P 2H5
www.blessedsacramentregina

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:10 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

TODAY'S MUSIC

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SATURDAY 5:10 PM • SUNDAY 10 AM

Processional: Journey Song # 297
People Look East

Responsorial Psalm: CBW III #22
God has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Preparation of the Gifts:
Journey Song # 296 *Come, O Long Expected Jesus*

Eucharistic Accl: CBW 227-232.

Communion Procession: Journey Song #781 *Seed, Scattered and Sown*

Recessional: Journey Song # 287 *The Advent of our King.*

CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE

December 23rd, 5 PM

- Communal Reconciliation Service

December 24th, 5:10 PM

- Mass for Christmas (*caroling before*)

December 25th, 10 am

- 10 AM Mass for Christmas Day

Mary, Mother of God • January 1st

- 10 AM Mass for New Year's Day

Daily Mass this week

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 12:05 PM
December 9th to 13th

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before Mass: weekdays at 11:30 am, Saturdays at 4:30 pm

Sacrament of Initiation / Baptism, Confirmation & Communion: *These sacraments require preparation. Please contact the parish office.*

Sacrament of Marriage: *Please contact the parish office at least one year before proposed date of marriage.*

Anointing of the Sick: *after First Friday Mass, January 3rd, or by request.*

PARISH OFFICE

Regular Hours • Tuesday to Friday • 11:00–2:00 PM

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Caretaker Teklesenbet Mebrahtu (*contact via parish office*).

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DONATIONS FOR 2024

Tax Receipts

Note: Tax receipts for the current year will be available in mid-January. If you wish to have your donation included for those receipts, donations **must be received by Dec 31st**.

ENVELOPES/DONATIONS IN 2025

Packets of envelopes for the coming year are available in the front entrance area of the church. In the coming year, we urge more parishioners to adopt the pre-authorized debit method of donating regularly. Automatic withdrawals from one's chequing account on a weekly/monthly basis is the most efficient and cost effective way to donate to the Parish and it helps the Parish best manage financial contributions. Forms for *Pre-Authorized Donations* are found at the entrances to the church. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Donation envelopes for Christmas flowers for the Church are available at both entrances of the Church. Place your envelope in the collection baskets or in the donation box. Memorial cards for flowers will be placed in the church. *Flower donations are due December 16th*. Thank You.

DONATIONS

Donations to Blessed Sacrament Parish can be sent via **E-transfer (interac)** to:

blessed.sacrament@sasktel.net

Auto-Deposit Forms are available at the entrances of the church or at:

blessedsacramentregina.ca/donations/



If you wish to direct your donation to the Building Fund or the Painting Project specifically, please indicate on your cheque or transfer.

Advent Wreath Year A

IF YOU are setting up an Advent wreath in your home this year, here are some prayers you could say while you light its candles. You may say these before or after a meal, when waking up, before going to bed, or whenever you and the members of your household gather for prayer. Before you say the prayer, read and talk over the Gospel reading you heard at Sunday Mass that week.

Week 1: O God, who invite us to stay awake because we do not know the day the Lord will come, let this candle signify the dawn of the day when your Son will come again. Help us to avoid doing things we want to hide and to live always as children of the light. Through Christ our Lord.

Week 2: O God, who sent John the Baptist to tell us to prepare the way of the Lord, let these two candles light the way for us. Help us to walk now and always in a straight path to you. May love of God and love of neighbor light our way. Through Christ our Lord.

Week 3: O God, who promised that the least one born into the Kingdom of God is greater than John the Baptist, fill us with joy as we light the rose candle. Make us happy when we serve you, and let us see the light of your glory. Through Christ our Lord.

Week 4: O God, who sent an angel to comfort Joseph in his dream, comfort us when we are afraid. Turn our darkness into light. Let these four candles warm our hearts as we await the coming of Emmanuel, God-with-us. Through Christ our Lord.



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Bulletin

Second Sunday of Advent



Journey Through Advent

Sign up for a weekly Advent series with weekly reflections, music, prayer, resources and other activities to enhance your Advent Journey. These weekly reflections will be emailed each week during Advent. Sign up here archregina.flocknote.com/ArchdioceseofRe5 or email mgurash@archregina.sk.ca

Archbishop's Appeal

John the Baptist calls us to “prepare the way of the Lord.” His message is one of repentance and active preparation. We can help pave the way for Christ in our community. Our contributions remove obstacles and fill valleys—metaphorically speaking—by funding programs that address spiritual and material needs. Together, we make the crooked paths straight, creating a welcoming environment for all to experience God’s saving grace. Let us embrace this call to action, uniting our efforts to herald the coming of the Lord.



Youth Ministry Workshop

On **Saturday, Jan. 25th from 10:00 -4:00**, at the diocesan center, the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is having a workshop for the training, support and collaboration of those who work in ministering to young people, with lunch provided. It is our hope that as many people as possible who are involved in ministering to the young people of our archdiocese, would be willing to bring their minds and hearts to this table of sharing. We are also more than willing to take this workshop on the road! Invite us to come to your community! **TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE OR ASK QUESTIONS PLEASE SEND EMAIL TO: ooyam@archregina.sk.ca**

Archbishop's Appeal: Alternate Donation Options Amid Canada Post Strike

We recognize that the ongoing Canada Post strike may impact your plans to contribute to this year's Archbishop's Appeal, especially as we near the end of the year when many wish to ensure their donations count toward 2024 charitable giving. To ensure your generous gifts are received in a timely manner, we encourage you to consider alternate donation methods, which can be found online at archregina.sk.ca/grouppage/donate-archbishops-appeal.

Donations can also be dropped off at your local parish or delivered directly to the Archdiocese of Regina Offices at 200-2151 Scarth Street in Regina.

For after-hours convenience, donations may be dropped off securely at:

- Resurrection Parish** (3155 Windsor Park Rd)
 - Christ the King Parish** (3239 Garnet St)
 - Holy Family Parish** (1021 McCarthy Blvd)
- Thank you to all who have already contributed to this year's Appeal and to those who are still prayerfully discerning their gift. Your support helps us continue the vital work of ministry and outreach in our Archdiocese.

From the Archivist

- St. Joseph's Church in Moose Jaw is looking for chairs with kneelers for their Chapel space. If a parish has any to spare, please contact the archivist at the Archdiocese of Regina: rhorsman@archregina.sk.ca.
- Are you shopping for a history enthusiast this Christmas? Have you ever wanted to know more about the Archdiocese of Regina? The archives has a bundle of archdiocesan history texts for sale. For \$30, receive 3 book titles bundled in a Christmas ribbon, ready to enjoy over the coming winter months or to give away as a gift. Reserve your copies before December 6th, 2024, while supplies last: archives@archregina.sk.ca . Book bundles are for pick up only at the Archdiocese of Regina Diocesan Centre (on December 13th, 2024).

Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions - December For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope. popevideo.org

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TF #430: Meet the Archivist with Rae Horseman - Part 1

This week on Thinking Faith we dust off the stacks and pour through ancient tomes as we step into the fascinating world of history, records and storytelling with Rae Horseman, the Archivist for the Archdiocese of Regina. In this two-part series, Rae shares captivating stories from the archives, explains

how historical records shape our understanding of faith and community, and highlights the importance of preserving the legacy and stories of our local Church for future generations. thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/meet-the-archivist-with-rae-horseman-part-1

2025 Pilgrimage to Poland

Plans are in the works for a pilgrimage to Poland from June 17 to July 1, 2025, led by Society of Christ priests from Saskatoon, Regina and Las Vegas. This trip provides the opportunity to visit various religious and historical sites, from the Baltic Sea in the north to the Tatra Mountains in the south. These include Wadowice (home town of St. John Paul II), the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Łagiewniki, Częstochowa (home of the Black Madonna), Legnica (site of a Eucharistic miracle), Malbork castle (UNESCO World Heritage site), Auschwitz concentration camp, Gdansk shipyard (home of the Solidarity movement), Wieliczka salt mine (UNESCO World Heritage site), Krakow, Warsaw, Gdansk, Zakopane (mountain resort) and more! This guided tour will be led in English by Polish guides. Limited seats are available. An informational meeting will be held in the basement of St. Anthony's church (2275 Atkinson St.) on Sunday, December 15th at 4:00 pm. For more information, please call Theresa at 306-550-7649.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage

Join us in early April for a Pilgrimage to Medjugorje. For more information, call and leave your name. You will be contacted once the dates are in place. Cathleen Devraj 306-789-0705 cdevraj48@gmail.com.

Online Scripture Course

With by Fr. Scott Lewis SJ
Visualizing Our Salvation: The Annunciation in Art & Scripture

10:00 - 11:00am
(Regina SK local time)

December 12th & 19th, 2024

To register, contact Campus Ministry
Kelly.Bourke@uregina.ca

CWL Corner

- Save the Date, the 102nd Regina Diocesan Convention will be held on Saturday, May 3rd, 2025, at St. Joseph's in Moose Jaw.
- Leadership formation opportunity. The Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation, CWLF is accepting applications for the 2025-2026 Catholic Women's Leadership program. This eleven-month online program is open to all catholic women who have leadership gifts and are seeking a deeper understanding of transformative leadership. Deadline to apply is Dec 15, 2024. More information may be found at cwlfcanada.ca/ and the application is available at form.jotform.com/241684734994270
- The Regina Diocesan CWL has a newsletter. Our first edition was published in October 2024. The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. Wonderful things are happening in CWL councils across the diocese. Join us in Faith, Service and Social Justice. For more information please contact Linda at regina.diocesan.cwl@gmail.com.

ArchRegina Weekly Report



The weekly report is published every Friday and features top stories, reflections, Catholic news, from our Archdiocese and around the world.

Stay connected and inspired throughout the year! Subscribe to our other email publications and follow us on social media for the latest Catholic News, inspirations, and updates on Archdiocese of Regina events and activities. Let's journey together in faith!"

Advent of Light

MUSICA SACRA

Healing from Darkness: Music for Advent

FEATURING
MUSICA SACRA CECILIA VOICES
CONDUCTED BY
DR. MELISSA MORGAN
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024
2:30 PM CAMPION CHAPEL



Stewardship Bulletin Bit

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (Philippians 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.