



December 7, 2025

CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY FAMILY

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near" Mt 3:1

What a contrast between on the one hand the magnificent rolling titles of the men of power in the Gospel – emperor, governor, tetrarch, pontiff – and on the other the simplicity of the reference to John the Baptist, in the wilderness! Our religion does not begin in palaces, but in the desert. What is significant about that? It's significant that the environment where our faith took its rise was the sort of place where people tend to feel most exposed, vulnerable, on the edge of existence. Many people cannot stand being alone; they have to be accompanied, even if only by a disembodied voice from a radio set or over the Internet. And this is strange, because there's nothing necessarily boring about being alone. The reason why is that as older Catholic works of spirituality used to take for granted, we each have an 'inner life'. The idea of the 'inner life' has rather fallen on hard times: chased out of Church usage by the emphasis on practical Christianity so typical of modernity.

Each of us carries about an interior world which is alive with memories, impressions, feelings, attitudes, arguments, dispositions towards other people, and all the rest. What at any given moment each of us is doing in the outer world is likely to be duller than that inner world with all its inheritance from our personal past as well as the power of thought to range across time and space. So why is it that we shudder at the idea of a summer in the Sahara, or a crash-out in the Kalahari? Is it because we have a shrewd suspicion that, in a place like that, a desert place, a John the Baptist sort of place, we would have to come to terms with ourselves in a way we wouldn't much care for?

This is very much a John the Baptist kind of prickly proposal. Plainly enough, he was a person who made others uncomfortable. John the Baptist belongs with what the German philosopher Hegel called the 'practitioners of the negative'. Sometimes, negatives – negations – are needed in order to clear a way for what positives – affirmations – really mean. That is as true in its own way of living as it is of thinking. Sometimes, or indeed often, and in a fallen world this may even mean habitually, we need to clear out junk to make way for true goods. In biblical language, then, the job of the holy Forerunner of the Lord was to 'preach a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins'. That was obviously intended to have positive consequences. But nonetheless it was still primarily a negative undertaking. John's task was to place his finger on people's weak spots and keep it there until they noticed.

It's not just a question of identifying our bad deeds, our obviously blameworthy deeds. It's also a matter of our good, apparently praiseworthy deeds, since these too can have an uninspiring background. In his monastic Rule, St Augustine notes how frequently pride steals in to ruin even good deeds. There must be some labour of the negative before we can be ready for the ultra-positive, the Gospel of the Kingdom. We have to go in for a bit of deconstruction, to clear away the rubble of complacency and self-deception. Otherwise, we shall not have a path clear in our lives for the Incarnate One to come and enter where he is needed, and wanted, by those who should be waiting for him, yearning for him, rather than reassuring themselves that they are alright as they are.

Fr Aidan Nichols OP

PARISH NEWS



Here I am Lord, Send me (Isaiah 6:8) Remember: CWL Christmas meeting is Wednesday, December 10 at 7 pm. Bring clean blankets, boots, or winter coats in good condition for St. Mary's Outreach Warm up Shelter Project. Also, individual snacks and chocolate bars. That is our **Christmas project** at this time. Thank you to all who donate items to the House in the entrance way. Please remember to bag or box items so there are no loose items. Thank you to all who donate to the Regional Psych Centre. White socks, chocolate bars and notebooks are all appreciated! We are still looking for 3 more people interested in joining the **Funeral Hospitality Coordinating team**. Contact cofhfcwl@gmail.com if you would like to help out. Your help is needed. Snacks for the December 10 meeting? Bring a small amount of your favorite! It will be a party!



2026 Sunday Offertory / Donation

Envelopes are available for pickup by the Concierge Desk.



The Knights of Columbus from Council #8215 here at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, would like to thank you for your support in all the events we are a part of! We are having our famous Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, December 14th, this will be the last one of the Calendar Year!

If you are wanting to become a Knight, we will be glad to discuss with you the next steps and if you are thinking about the Knights, we would be glad to discuss with you as well!

Being that we are the Council of the Cathedral we should be the largest Council!

I ask that every Knight ask one Catholic Gentleman to become a Knight, we are the 2nd largest Council in Saskatchewan and we would like all 267 of our members to ask one person to become a Knight and we would be the largest Council!

Our mission is to be a Good FATHER, a Good Husband and a Good Catholic, this is what we can do for you! Please feel free to contact me at koshmanw@gmail.com, if you have any questions. Thanks, SIR Grand Knight Wayne Koshman

CHRISTMAS FAMILY & FRIENDS POTLUCK PARTY

REGISTRATION REQUIRED - NO FEE, JUST BRING FOOD



SCAN HERE TO REGISTER
OR SIGN UP AT THE FRONT DESK
OR EMAIL



27 DEC
1PM - 5PM

GAMES FOR ALL AGES
MUSIC, DANCING
AND MUCH MORE!

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DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 12

Mass @
7:00pm

Cathedral
of the
Holy Family

Fellowship to follow



Solemnity of the
Immaculate
Conception of the
Blessed Virgin
Mary

December 8
12:15pm

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Simbang Gabi 2025
NOVENA MASSES IN PREPARATION
FOR THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
at The
CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY FAMILY
123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon S7S 1H1

Monday	Dec 15	7 pm.	MASS CELEBRANTS
Tuesday	Dec 16	7 pm.	Msgr. Don Vito Pavlano
Wednesday	Dec 17	7 pm.	Fr. Gerard Legazpi (Zenon Park)
Thursday	Dec 18	7 pm.	Fr. Joe-nel Penaflorida Penino
Friday	Dec 19	7 pm.	Fr. Arnold Bolima
Saturday	Dec 20	7 pm.	Fr. Joe-nel Penaflorida Penino
Sunday	Dec 21	6:30 pm.	Fr. Joseph Salihu
Monday	Dec 22	7 pm.	Fr. Gerard Cooper
Tuesday	Dec 23	7pm.	Fr. George Canto (Melfort)
			Bishop Mark Hagemoen

EVERYONE IS WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN FELLOW PARISHIONERS FOR REFRESHMENTS AFTER EACH MASS.

FOR MINISTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND SPONSORSHIP/HOSTING ONE OF THE SIMBANG GABI NIGHTS, PLEASE CONTACT EITHER:

DOREEN CANILLAS (dcanillas@yahoo.com) OR MARGARETT (YAYO) PRADO (margarettluisa@gmail.com)

YOUTH CHRISTMAS EVENTS

No Fee, just bring your fav Christmas treats to share
Registration required
conchita@holyfamilycathedral.ca

SoulFood Christmas Special- G9-G12 Dress Code: Sparkle and Light!	9TH DEC 7PM-9PM
Heart 2 Heart Christmas - G6 to G8 Dress Code: Merry and Bright!	11TH DEC 7PM-9PM
Kids4Christ Party! K to G5	
21ST DEC 12:30PM - 2:00PM	
Dress Code: Red and Green!	



Christmas Mass Times

CHRISTMAS EVE December 24th	4:30 PM
	7:30 PM
	MIDNIGHT
CHRISTMAS DAY December 25th	11:00 AM

ADVENT PENITENTIALS

Holy Spirit: Dec 10 @ 7p.m.

St. Augustine: Dec 17 @ 7p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes: Dec 18 @ 7p.m.

Saint Anne: Dec 19 @ 7p.m.

*Schedule for nearby parishes,
see Diocesan bulletin for the times and places.

WEEKLY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass Times

Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am, & 6:30pm

Weekday Mass Times

Monday - Saturday: 12:15pm
Wednesdays: 7:00pm

Mass @ Sherbrooke: Fridays at 10:15am

Reconciliation

Thursday: 7pm - 8:30pm
Friday: 11am - 12noon
Saturday: 11am - 12noon

Eucharistic Adoration:

Musical Adoration: Every Thursday 7pm - 8:30pm
1st Friday: BELOVED 7pm - 9pm

Rosary & Devotion to Our Lady of

Perpetual Help: Wednesdays @ 6:00pm

Rosary: Saturday 11:45am - 12noon

If you are unable to attend regular Reconciliation times, please phone the office to make an appointment: 306-659-5800

Clergy, Staff, & Council Members

Bishop of Saskatoon - *Most Rev. Mark Hagemoen*

Pastor Rector - *Fr. Gerard Cooper*

Associate Pastor - *Fr. Joe Nelo Penino*

Faith Formation Minister - *Andy Korpemaker*

Coordinator of Evangelization to Families - *Conchita Fonseca*

Financial Secretary - *Linda Bobowski*

Facilities Manager - *Jim Nakoneshny*

Administrative Assistant - *Johanna Fashola*

Pastoral Council Chair - *Jonas Taillon*

Finance Council Chair - *Denis Sirois*

Contact us!

Baptism (Infants): andy@holyfamilycathedral.ca

Christian Initiation (RCIA): andy@holyfamilycathedral.ca

Confirmation & First Eucharist: hfsacraments.ca

Covenant of Care: Parish Office: 306-659-5800

Marriage: gcooper@rcdos.ca

Marriage Preparation: March 2025 - gcooper@rcdos.ca

Reconciliation by appointment: info@holyfamilycathedral.ca

Communion to Homebound: info@holyfamilycathedral.ca

or call 306-659-5800.

Facility Rentals: jim@holyfamilycathedral.ca

Mass Intentions next week

Monday, December 8

12:15 pm Mass for *+Lana Profeit-Fahlman*

Tuesday, December 9

12:15 pm Mass for *+Eugene Thera*

Wednesday, December 10

12:15 pm Mass for *Carmen Moore*
7:00 pm Mass for *Intentions of CWL Members*

Thursday, December 11

12:15 pm Mass for *Penelope Sanz*

Mass Intentions next week

Friday, December 12

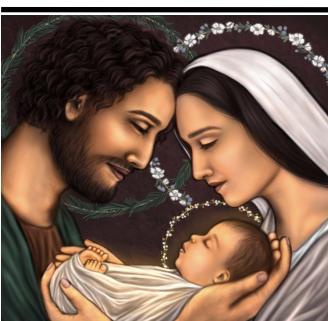
12:15 pm Mass for *Olivia Ojukwu*
10:15 am Mass @ Sherbrooke for *+Justus Dupuis*

Saturday, December 13

12:15 pm Mass for *+Cyril Fonseca*

Expected Livestream Schedule

Mass will be available at Saskatoonmass.com for other Parishes.



Holy Family Prayer

Most Beloved Sacred Heart of Jesus, As you are the Father's Beloved Son in whom he is well pleased, May we serve others in love as we have been served in love.

Most Blessed Immaculate Heart of Mary As All generations call you blessed through your fiat, May we too move with haste to share the gift of God's love to others.

Most Betrothed Chaste Heart of St. Joseph As you took Jesus and Mary into your home, May we foster free, faithful, fruitful and total love in our family.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer. Amen.



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