



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 'interior 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 all-right 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](mailto: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!

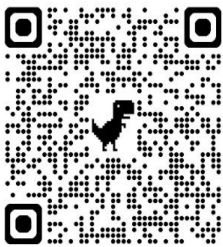
**Being that we are the Council of the Cathedral we should be the largest Council!**

**I ask that every Knight ask one Catholic Gentlemen 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 the 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](mailto: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!**

[CONCHITA@HOLYFAMILYCATHEDRAL.CA](mailto:CONCHITA@HOLYFAMILYCATHEDRAL.CA)

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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**

**Cathedral  
of the  
Holy Family**

**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

| Day       | Date   | Time     | Mass Celebrants                 |
|-----------|--------|----------|---------------------------------|
| Monday    | Dec 15 | 7 pm.    | Msgr. Don Vito Pavilando        |
| Tuesday   | Dec 16 | 7 pm.    | Fr. Gerard Legazpi (Zenon Park) |
| Wednesday | Dec 17 | 7 pm.    | Fr. Joe-nel Penaflores Penino   |
| Thursday  | Dec 18 | 7 pm.    | Fr. Arnold Bolima               |
| Friday    | Dec 19 | 7 pm.    | Fr. Joe-nel Penaflores Penino   |
| Saturday  | Dec 20 | 7 pm.    | Fr. Joseph Salihu               |
| Sunday    | Dec 21 | 6:30 pm. | Fr. Gerard Cooper               |
| Monday    | Dec 22 | 7 pm.    | Fr. George Canto (Melfort)      |
| Tuesday   | Dec 23 | 7pm.     | 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](mailto:conchita@holyfamilycathedral.ca)

**SoulFood Christmas Special- G9-G12**  
*Dress Code: Sparkle and Light!*

**9TH DEC  
7PM-9PM**

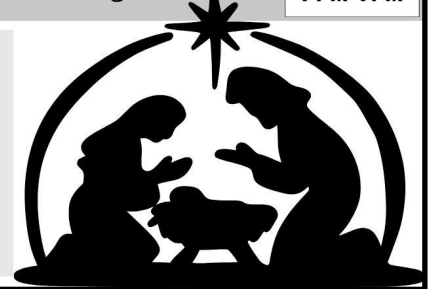
**Heart 2 Heart Christmas - G6 to G8**  
*Dress Code: Merry and Bright!*

**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 Korvemaker*

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@holycathedral.ca](mailto:andy@holycathedral.ca)

Christian Initiation (RCIA): [andy@holycathedral.ca](mailto:andy@holycathedral.ca)

Confirmation & First Eucharist: [hfsacraments.ca](http://hfsacraments.ca)

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

Marriage: [gcooper@rcdos.ca](mailto:gcooper@rcdos.ca)

Marriage Preparation: March 2025 - [gcooper@rcdos.ca](mailto:gcooper@rcdos.ca)

Reconciliation by appointment: [info@holycathedral.ca](mailto:info@holycathedral.ca)

Communion to Homebound: [info@holycathedral.ca](mailto:info@holycathedral.ca)

or call 306-659-5800.

Facility Rentals: [jim@holycathedral.ca](mailto:jim@holycathedral.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](http://Saskatoonmass.com) for other Parishes.

## Please Include in your Prayers

*This list is for those who are in need of prayer, whether they be sick or well, living or deceased. If you would like your name or a name of a loved one to be listed, please call the parish office: 306-659-5800*

Zenitha Joppa Atebe

+Toribio Ramos

+Peter Fashola

Eileen Materi

Isa Glodoveza

Ben Friske

Rosalind Matchett

Jannette Magdugo

Conchita Fonseca

Melissa GO

+Pius Ojong Okpa

Sophie Irlbeck

Nori Cheong

Perry Antosh

Pilar Glodoveza

Russ Gill

+Braydon Bretzer



## 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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