



December 14, 2025

# CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY FAMILY

## 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Today we are celebrating the third week of Advent. In the First Reading the prophet Isaiah invites the entire world to rejoice over the coming of the Lord who brings salvation to his people. He comes to open the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf, to heal the lame and the mute. Salvation is offered to everyone but the Lord manifests particular tenderness for the most vulnerable, the most fragile, the poorest of his people. From the words of the Responsorial Psalm, we learn that there are other vulnerable people who deserve a special gaze of love from God: they are the oppressed, the hungry, the sojourners, the orphans and the widows. They are the inhabitants of yesterday's and today's existential peripheries. In Jesus Christ, God's salvific love becomes tangible: "the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them." These are the signs that accompany the fulfilment of the Kingdom of God. No trumpet call or military triumph, no judgment or condemnation of sinners, but rather freedom from evil and the proclamation of the Good News of mercy and peace.

This year too we are preparing to celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation, of Emmanuel, the "God-with-us" who works miracles in favour of his people, in particular of the poorest and the most fragile. These miracles are the "signs" of the presence of his Kingdom. And since those who live on the existential peripheries continue to be numerous, we must ask the Lord to renew the miracle of Christmas each year, offering ourselves as instruments of his merciful love for the least. In order to prepare ourselves suitably for this new outpouring of grace, the Church offers us the Time of Advent during which we are called to rekindle the expectation in our hearts and intensify our prayers. To this end, in the richness of their different traditions, the particular Churches have introduced a variety of devotional practices.

For centuries in the Philippines, there has been a novena in preparation for Christmas called Simbang-Gabi (Night Mass). Over the course of nine days, the Filipino faithful meet in their parishes at dawn for a special Eucharistic celebration. In the last decades, thanks to Filipino migrants, this devotion has crossed national boundaries and has reached other countries. Simbang-Gabi has also been celebrated in the Diocese of Rome for years and today we are celebrating it here together in Saint Peter's Basilica. Through this celebration, we wish to prepare for Christmas according to the spirit of the Word of God which we have heard, staying steadfast until the definitive coming of the Lord. We wish to commit ourselves to manifesting God's love and tenderness towards everyone, in particular towards the least. We are called to be the leaven of a society that is often no longer able to appreciate the beauty of God and to experience the grace of his presence.

And you, dear brothers and sisters who have left your land in search of a better future have a special mission. May your faith be "leaven" in the parish communities to which you belong. I encourage you to increase the opportunities for encounter, to share your cultural and spiritual wealth, at the same time letting yourselves be enriched by the experiences of others. We are all invited to build together that communion in diversity that is a distinctive trait of the Kingdom of God inaugurated by Jesus Christ, Son of God made man. We are all called to practice charity together towards those who live on the existential peripheries, offering them our diverse gifts, so as to renew the signs of the presence of the Kingdom of God. We are all called to proclaim the Gospel together, the Good News of salvation in all the languages so as to reach as many people as possible. May the Holy Child, wrapped in poor swaddling clothes and placed in a manger who we are preparing to adore, bless you and give you the strength to bear witness joyfully. **Pope Francis**

# PARISH NEWS



Here I am Lord, Send me (Isaiah 6:8) *Thank you* to all who donated items to St. Mary's Outreach Warm up Shelter Project. Much appreciated.

Items can still be donated to the Regional Psych Centre. The Funeral Hospitality Coordinating team is still looking for more helpers. Contact [cofhfcwl@gmail.com](mailto:cofhfcwl@gmail.com) if you would like to help. We pray for the unborn child. At 4 months taste buds are working. Fine hair begins to grow on head, eyebrows and eyelashes. Rapid eye movements have been recorded – a sign of dreaming. CWL executive needs your help! Two positions are available – vice president and correspondence. Consider enriching your life by becoming involved. Contact [cofhfcwl@gmail.com](mailto:cofhfcwl@gmail.com). We thank God for the gift of faith, for the love of family and friends, for leaders who work to bring peace to the nations, for the good food and water we have, and for the gift of a grateful heart.



## 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, if you still want a Nativity Scene, we will have them for sale, along with our Cash Calendars!

We are planning a Christmas Social, it will be held on Tuesday, January 13th, 2026, starting at 7 pm, all members are invited, as well we are inviting all members of the C.W.L. to join us, there will be Cards, food, drinks, Karaoke and of course good people. We are also going to have the first Fish Fry Supper, it will be Friday, March 27th, there will be two seatings (4:30 pm & 6:30 pm), max 300 people at each seating, more information to follow!

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

CONCHITA@HOLYFAMILYCATHEDRAL.CA



27 DEC  
1PM - 5PM

GAMES FOR ALL AGES  
MUSIC, DANCING  
AND MUCH MORE!

ORGANIZED BY JESUS YOUTH 

# DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY



*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

**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 Penaflorida Penino
Thursday	Dec 18	7 pm.	Fr. Arnold Bollima
Friday	Dec 19	7 pm.	Fr. Joe-nel Penaflorida 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	7 pm.	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:

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



## Christmas Mass Times

### CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24th

4:30 PM

7:30 PM

MIDNIGHT

### CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25th

11:00 AM

### MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

December 31st

5:00 PM

January 1st

11:00 AM

## ADVENT PENITENTIALS

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

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

Saint Anne: Dec 19 @ 7p.m.

\*See Diocesan bulletin for the times and places.

What is on

# FORMED

TODAY?

## ADVENT WEEK 3



Have you signed up for formed yet?

- Create your FREE account
- Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup)
- Search for us (e.g. "holy family saskatoon").
- Sign up with your name and email address.

## 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!



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## ENCOUNTER

*your God*

JOIN US FOR  
MUSICAL  
ADORATION EVERY  
THURSDAY!  
7 - 8:30 PM



Please Note:

Adoration/Confession will follow the Simbang Gabi Mass on Dec 18 around 7:45pm until 9pm. No Adoration/Confession on Dec 25 and Jan 1.

# 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 Hageman*

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](mailto:andy@holyfamilycathedral.ca)

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

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

or call 306-659-5800.

Facility Rentals: [jim@holyfamilycathedral.ca](mailto:jim@holyfamilycathedral.ca)

## Mass Intentions next week

### Monday, December 15

12:15 pm Mass for *+Rosa Vu Thu*

### Tuesday, December 16

12:15 pm Mass for *TOFM Members*

### Wednesday, December 17

12:15 pm Mass for *Olivia Ojukwu*

7:00 pm Mass for *+Rosa Thu Vu*

### Thursday, December 18

12:15 pm Mass for *+Harvey & Dora Kristjanson*

## Mass Intentions next week

### Friday, December 19

12:15 pm Mass for *Chantelle Anderson*

10:15 am Mass @ Sherbrooke for  
*+Sarah Gilbourne*

### Saturday, December 20

12:15 pm Mass for *+Don Raven*

## 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

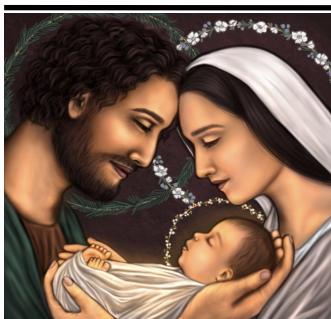
Nori Cheong

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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*We are Holy Family*

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