



December 22, 2024

CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY FAMILY

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



We are in the Christmas Novena which in many Christian communities is celebrated with liturgies rich in biblical texts, all oriented to fostering the expectation of the Saviour's Birth. Indeed, the whole Church focuses her gaze of faith on this Feast that is now at hand, preparing herself, as she does every year, to join in the joyful singing of the Angels. Because of the atmosphere that distinguishes it, Christmas is a universal celebration. In fact, even those who do not profess themselves to be believers can perceive in this annual Christian event something extraordinary and transcendent, something intimate that speaks to the heart. It is a Feast that praises the gift of life. The birth of a child must always be an event that brings joy; the embrace of a newborn baby usually inspires feelings of kindness and care, of emotion and tenderness. Christmas is the encounter with a newborn baby lying in a humble grotto.

In the darkness of the night of Bethlehem a great light really was lit: the Creator of the universe became flesh, uniting himself indissolubly with human nature so as truly to be "God from God, Light from Light" yet at the same time a man, true man. What John calls in Greek "ho logos" translated into Latin as "Verbum" also means "the Meaning". Thus we can understand John's words as: the "eternal Meaning" of the world made himself tangible to our senses and our minds: we may now touch him and contemplate him. The "Meaning" that became flesh is not merely a general idea inherent in the world; it is a "Word" addressed to us, knows us, calls us, guides us.

To many people, and in a certain way to all of us, this seems too beautiful to be true. In fact, here it is reaffirmed to us: yes, a meaning exists, and has power: it is God. A good God who must not be confused with any sublime and remote being, whom it would never be possible to reach, but a God who made himself our neighbour and who is very close to us, who has time for each one of us and who came to stay with us. It then comes naturally to ask ourselves: "However could such a thing be possible? Is it dignified for God to make himself a child?". If we are to seek to open our hearts to this truth that illuminates the whole of human existence we must bend our minds and recognize the limitations of our intelligence. In the Grotto of Bethlehem God shows himself to us as a humble "infant" to defeat our arrogance. Perhaps we would have submitted more easily to power and wisdom, but he does not want us to submit; rather, he appeals to our hearts and to our free decision to accept his love. He made himself tiny to set us free from that human claim to grandeur that results from pride. He became flesh freely in order to set us truly free, free to love him.

Dear brothers and sisters, Christmas is a privileged opportunity to meditate on the meaning and value of our existence. The approach of this Solemnity helps us on the one hand to reflect on the drama of history in which people, injured by sin, are perennially in search of happiness and of a fulfilling sense of life and death; and on the other, it urges us to meditate on the merciful kindness of God who came to man to communicate to him directly the Truth that saves, and to enable him to partake in his friendship and his life. Therefore let us prepare ourselves for Christmas with humility and simplicity, making ourselves ready to receive as a gift the light, joy and peace that shine from this mystery. Let us welcome the Nativity of Christ as an event that can renew our lives today. *Pope Benedict XVI*

PARISH NEWS



Here I am Lord, Send me. (Isaiah 6:8) Our meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. Thank you to Diane for taking our prayers in the prayer bowl home to pray over. It is a privilege to pray for others. We commit the prayers to Lord Jesus. **Membership fees are \$45.** Use e-transfer cofhfcwl@gmail.com or leave it at the office. Join the sisterhood of Catholic women who grow in faith, and witness to the love of God through ministry and service. We donated \$500 to EGADZ, \$1,000 to St. Mary's Parish and \$500 to Salvation Army for Christmas hampers. Thank you to all who baked and bought at the bake sale! Diane has created a **Compassionate Visiting** group. Volunteers will call on our members who need companionship or connection. If you know of a member who is sick or alone, email cofhfcwl@gmail.com. **Executive positions** are available. Consider volunteering/sharing the position. Thank you to Willie and Donna for suggesting many different and interesting organizations which we supported. We wish everyone a happy, merry Christmas season! ***Luke 2:11 For to you is born this day in the town of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord!***



2025 Sunday Offertory / Donation

Envelopes are available for pickup by the Concierge Desk.

Contact Linda at the parish office for more details.



MERRY CHRISTMAS parishioners of the Cathedral of Holy Family, we would like to thank you for your supporting all the events of the Knights of this parish! Also, if you have been wanting to be a Knight in our Council, please get in touch with one of our members and we can discuss how we can get your Dream of being a Knight possible! Please feel free to call me or any of our members! God Bless!! Sir Grand Knight-Wayne Koshman (email: koshmanw@gmail.com)

PARISH HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day)	Closed
Thursday, Dec. 26 (Boxing Day)	Closed
Wednesday, Jan. 1 (Stat)	Closed
Thursday, Jan. 2	Regular office hours resume

Christmas Eve Choir

Come join us singing in the choir for Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve! We will be singing traditional Christmas Carols before and during Mass. We will meet at 11:20pm on December 24. If you have questions, please contact Shaun Bzdel for further information.

FAMILY SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5
10:00AM – 11:00AM

Calling all families!
Join us for a time of fun,
music and games.
No registration required

In The Hall
After the
9am Mass



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

For Children's and Youth Ministry

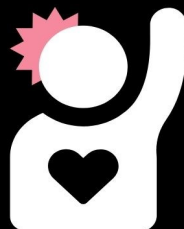
Thurs
16 Jan
6:30pm

Join us on Thursday 16th January 2025
For an evening of fellowship (and food)

Explore how you can serve the youth and children of the parish and meet other like minded people

THURSDAY, 16TH
JANUARY, 2025

Scan the
QR code to
register
or receive
more
information



Email for more info
conchita@holycathedral.ca

DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY



Christmas Mass Times

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24th

4:30 PM

7:30 PM

MIDNIGHT

CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25th

11:00 AM

HOLY FAMILY JUBILEE

December 29th

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

6:30 PM

MARY MOTHER OF GOD

December 31st &

January 1st

7:00 PM

11:00 AM

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PRESENTS

BELOVED

FIRST FRIDAY

Jan 3rd, 2025 7:00-9:00 PM

ADORATION
CONFESSION
FORMATION



**FACETOFACE
MINISTRIES**

with

**FACETOFACE
NIGHTS**

GAMES, TALKS, AND FRIENDS!

grade 6-8 // 7:00-9:00 pm

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2025

JAN 9

FEB 13

MAR 6

APR 3

MAY 8

ALL YOUTH IN

GRADES 6 - 8

WELCOME!

For more information contact
conchita@holycathedral.ca

Free
Entry

KIDS 4CHRIST

Kids Club K-G5

Bring your little ones to a world
full of faith, fun and adventure!



REGISTER
NOW

Kindergarten to Grade 5
Parents are encouraged to
attend with their children



GRADE 6 TO GRADE 8

No Registration required
For more information contact
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Launching 23rd Jan
Thurs 7pm - 9pm

HEART2HEART

Faith + Fun + Fellowship

Once a month



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

Christian Initiation (RCIA): andy@holycathedral.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@holycathedral.ca

Communion to Homebound: info@holycathedral.ca

or call 306-659-5800.

Facility Rentals: jim@holycathedral.ca

Mass Intentions next week

Monday, December 23

12:15 pm Mass for +Harvey Laroque

Tuesday, December 24

4:30 pm, 7:30 pm and Midnight Mass

Wednesday, December 25

11:00 am Mass

Thursday, December 26

12:15 pm Mass for +Stanton
Spendelow

Friday, December 27

12:15 pm Mass for +Doug Nieman

Saturday, December 28

12:15 pm Mass for +Doug & +Maria
Sigmon

Mass Intentions next week

Monday, December 30

12:15 pm Mass for +Jovan Von Esmabe

Tuesday, December 31

12:15 pm Mass for +Reynaldo De Leon

Wednesday, January 1

11:00 am Mass

Thursday, January 2

12:15 pm Mass for Sr. Phyllis
Kapaslinski

Friday, January 3

12:15 pm Mass for Bev Chomiak

Saturday, January 4

12:15 pm Mass for Kevin Kaufmann

Expected Livestream Schedule

Mass will be available at 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

Kayden Kot

Perla Lansangan

Zenitha Joppa Atebe

Eileen Materi

Rosalind Matchett

Melissa GO

Nori Cheong

Lauren Novak

Russ Gill

+Toribio Ramos

Ethel Zapatra

Isa Glodoveza

Jannette Magdugo

+Pius Ojong Okpa

Perry Antosh



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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