



April 26, 2026

CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY FAMILY

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Franciszek Gajowniczek may not be a name which rings a bell for most people. He was one of the few Jews who survived Auschwitz. The surviving inmates of those gruesome camps were finally liberated by the Allied forces in 1941. Every day he lived after 1941, he lived with the knowledge, "I live because someone died for me." Every year on August 14, he travelled to Auschwitz in memory of the man who took his place. We know that man as the Franciscan priest, St Maximilian Kolbe. Ordinarily, the shepherd's calling was not to die for the sheep, but our Lord Jesus' charge was different. He is the One who "lays down His life for the sheep."

The secret of this Shepherd's willingness to die for His sheep is that this Shepherd is also a lamb that has been sacrificed. We often fail to recognise the theological profundity of this switch. The Shepherd becomes one of the sheep whom He leads, the Creator chooses to become one of His creatures, God becomes man. And it is in this form which He chooses to save humanity. And this is no ordinary lamb or cute cuddly pet which He becomes. This is a special type of lamb which is meant to be offered at the Temple as a sin offering. It is interesting that this discourse on the Good Shepherd takes place within the Temple where animal holocausts were offered to atone for the sins of the petitioners. The mystery of the atonement is that Jesus uses the sacrificial system to defeat the sacrificial system. He lets Himself be a victim, but He goes willingly, thereby showing humanity that the sacrifice system is powerless. Thus, we are saved through the one sacrifice which alone can atone for our sins, the sacrifice of the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world; the Lamb who is also a Shepherd. This incredible transformation takes place on the cross. It would appear that on the cross, life is taken, victory is defeated, God is crucified. But our Lord did not stay on the cross. God died, but He rose again. The devil did not have the final say. Loss was thwarted. Victory reigned. The Lamb that was slain became the Shepherd again.

Our Lord makes it very clear that the first identifying mark of His sheep is that, they hear His voice. "Hearing" is not merely auditory perception in scriptures but a spiritual understanding that responds in faith. One cannot claim to be a sheep that belongs to the Lord if one refuses to obey and submit to His authority. But, it is not enough that the Lord's sheep should "listen" to His voice. He also calls them to follow, wherever He lovingly leads them. Our Lord also emphasised that "if anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me." We begin to see that the cross is not just something which the Good Shepherd embraced for the sake of His sheep but also something which the sheep must be willing to accept, if they truly wish to belong to Him. Where the Shepherd goes, the sheep must follow. It is here that we come to realise that being a sheep of the Good Shepherd is no benign image exuding cuteness and cuddliness. Rather, it carries a highly subversive connotation which may end in rejection, alienation and persecution from those who oppose the Shepherd. St John Vianney once said, "Do not try to please everybody. Try to please God, the angels, and the saints—they are your public." And often when we choose to please God, we end up displeasing others. But Christians are not called to be popular. We are called to be faithful. Easter is about life that died to live again.

—Fr. Michael Chu

DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

Oasis

Evening of Eucharistic Adoration
Worship Prayer Ministry & Social

HOLY FAMILY
CATHEDRAL
123 NELSON ROAD

APRIL 28TH
2026
7:00 PM



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Bishop's
ANNUAL APPEAL

ADORATION

CONFESSION

FORMATION

FIRST FRIDAYS
7:00-9:00PM

BELOVED

Talk: Mary, Our Mother
Speaker: Astrid Alas

The Cathedral of The Holy Family

Grade 9 to 12

NEXT GATHERING April 28th

Tuesday 7 to 9 pm

SOUL FOOD

Be refreshed in your faith ✨

Group sharing, fun fellowship
and faith-filled activities 🙌

Connect, grow, and be
nourished with true Soul Food ❤️



Special Guests

Sr. April & The Sisters of the Presentation

MY VOCATION: ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

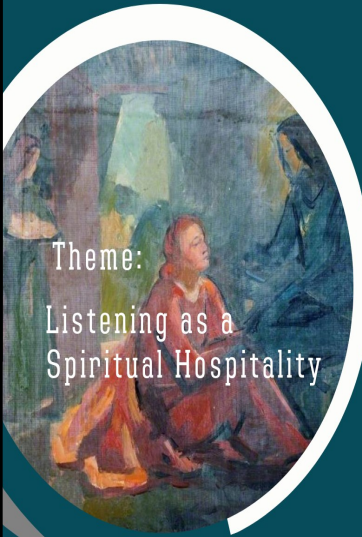
For registration and details: conchita@holyfamilycathedral.ca

AN INVITATION
Just for Women

DIOCESAN ADULT FAITH FORMATION

BreakFast Talk Feminine Genius N

Through the lens
of Synodality



Theme:
Listening as a
Spiritual Hospitality

Keynote Speaker:
Sr. Malou Tibayan,
Verbum Dei Missionary

May 13, 2026

8:30 am-10:15 am

(doors open at 8:00 am)

Holy Family Cathedral
123 Nelson Road Saskatoon, SK

Free will donation



Scan the QR code
or call Sr. Malou Tibayan: (306) 371-7434

Click the link to register:

<https://form.jotform.com/SaskatoonDiocese/femininegenius2026>

Rosary POTLUCK

Join us for potluck every Wednesday
in the **month of May** as we celebrate
Mother Mary by coming together for supper,
fellowship and to **pray the Holy Rosary!**

**Potluck begins at 5:45 PM followed by
Rosary at 6:45 PM and Mass at 7:30 PM**



PARISH NEWS



Thanks to all the parishioners who support us in all our events!

Our upcoming events include our **Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, April 26, 2026, following the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses. The **Holy Family Craft Guild** will also be present, offering items for sale in support of the parish. We will also be holding our **Columbian Year-End Party** on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at Blackstrap Youth Camp, and all members and their families are welcome.

Join Council 8215 of the Knights of Columbus—helping men become better husbands, fathers, and Catholics. For more information, please contact Wayne Koshman at 306-381-3330 or koshmanw@gmail.com.



GOOD WORKS Imagine if you knew the great works done by Catholic Women's League members. As social justice activists, we pray and work for family, friends and all people to change current issues and make this world a better place. **Join us at our next meeting May 13, 2026 at 7:00 pm with guest speaker Jacqueline Fisher from Hope's Home.** Hope's home is Canada's first medically inclusive childcare centre.

- Interested in joining us in providing acts of service for our community at funeral lunches, and parish events? Contact the CWL email cofhfcwl@gmail.com
- Interested in what social justice issues the CWL is concerned with? Check out cwl.ca

● St Joseph's High School Presents

EVENING OF SONG

MAY 5
7pm onwards

Performances by:
High School Choirs

The Cathedral of The Holy Family



Sts. Benedict & Scholastica
FORMATION PROGRAM



In partnership
with the
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The diocesan Sts. Benedict and Scholastica Formation Program is now accepting applications for both men and women candidates for the year 2026-2027. This program aims to form young adult Catholics in pursuing holiness while living in the world. The Sts. Benedict and Scholastica program can serve as a period of vocation preparation for priesthood, religious life, or any form of lay vocation and ministry. It is open to young adults – both women and men, students or working – either for a residential or non-residential program beginning in the fall. The program includes human formation, intellectual formation, and pastoral formation, focused on personal holiness and community life, which includes daily prayer, Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, apostolic work, faith-sharing, faith formation, spiritual direction, silent retreats, and missionary discipleship. For more information contact Sr. Marta Piano at mpiano@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5843, or visit the diocesan website: <https://rcdos.ca/sts-benedict-and-scholastica>. (Sts. Benedict and Scholastica is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal).

LEGION OF MARY ORIENTATION

A CALL TO SERVE • A JOURNEY WITH MARY



SATURDAY,
MAY 30TH, 2026



10:00 A.M.
ORIENTATION BEGINS
Coffee & snacks will be available in the morning.



12:15 P.M.
HOLY MASS



LUNCH AFTERWARDS

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



TORONTO SENATUS TEAM
will conduct the full
orientation of the
Legion of Mary.



FR. JOE-NELO PENINO
Marian Talk / Lecture



**HOLY FAMILY
CATHEDRAL, SASKATOON**



Everyone is Invited!

Come and discover the beauty of the Legion of Mary
and grow in devotion to Our Blessed Mother.

WEEKLY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass Times

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

Weekday Mass Times

Monday - Saturday: 12:15pm

Wednesdays: 7:30pm

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 @ 6:45pm

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 - *Regene Sumalinog*

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

Reconciliation by appointment: info@holyfamilycathedral.ca

Communion to Homebound: info@holyfamilycathedral.ca

Facility Rentals: jim@holyfamilycathedral.ca

Mass Intentions next week

Monday, April 27

12:15 pm Mass for *CWL Members*

Tuesday, April 28

12:15 pm Mass for *+Joe Lang*

Wednesday, April 29

12:15 pm Mass for *+Denis Mercier*

7:00 pm Mass for *+Eva Gamero*

Mass Intentions next week

Thursday, April 30

12:15 pm Mass for *+Wilhelm Sander*

Friday, May 1

12:15 pm Mass for *+Benedict Lozinski*
10:15 am Mass @ Sherbrooke for *+Tess Geary*

Saturday, May 2

12:15 pm Mass for *+Denis Mercier*

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

+Toribio Ramos

+Pius Ojong Okpa

+Braydon Bretzer

+Peter Fashola

Jannette Magdugo

Perry Antosh

Zenitha Joppa Atebe

Eileen Materi

Rosalind Matchett

Melissa Go

Nori Cheong

Russ Gill

Rose Friske

Ben Friske

Hyacinth Fonseca

Sophie Irlbeck

Isa Glodoveza

Pilar Glodoveza

Joelle Buckle

Maryan Principe & Family

Lucas Hilderman

We are Catholics... this is what we know and believe in...

WHY DO WE MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS? In the name of the +Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Before prayer... After prayer... At the beginning of the mass... At the end of the mass... In administering the sacraments and sacramentals...

- It is a declaration of our union and belonging to the crucified Christ through which salvation came.
- It is a proclamation of our faith in the Most Holy Trinity, that as Catholics, we believe in One God in Three Divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The sign of the cross is like making a mini-creed.
- It is tracing, the Cross on yourself. The hand moves from forehead to the chest, from shoulder to shoulder. It forms a Cross and placing the Cross of Christ on your mind (forehead), on your heart (chest), on your strength (shoulders). It becomes an act of total self-offering to Christ.
- It is the mark of our identity. We belong to Christ and we are under his protection.

The sign of the cross though simple it may be, it is already a prayer.

Next time you make it... do it...

✓Slowly ✓Intentional ✓Devotional ✓with Faith

It is not making a gesture...

You are proclaiming your faith, your identity, your salvation.



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