Holy Child Roman Catholic Parish

Holy Child Parish is located on <u>Treaty 4 Territory</u>, the traditional lands of the Nêhiyawak, Nahkawé, and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples.

2636-7th Avenue East, Regina, Sk., S4N 6A3

Office: 306-789-8276

Parish Office: Open Tuesday to Friday from 9 am to Noon

Email: holvchild@sasktel.net
Website: www.holvchild2019.ca

Fax: 306-789-2171



December 8, 2024 2nd Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9 Psalm 126 Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11 Gospel: Luke 3:1-6



Weekday Masses: Tuesday to Thursday at 8:30 am

Friday at 9:15 am

Weekend Masses: Saturday 7:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Children's Bulletin

For other resources, please go to the Archdiocese of Regina website: www.archregina.sk.ca

December 8, 2024 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Masks are optional for everyone. Masks are optional for communion ministers. Some good practices to protect yourself, and others, against Covid-19 and other viruses:

- Practice proper cough and sneezing etiquette (into a tissue or the bend of your elbow).
- Practice frequent handwashing.
- Please stay home if you are sick.



25th Annual Archbishop's Appeal

This year's theme is "Embracing Unity: Many People, One Heart"

Parish Goal: \$33,701 To date: \$28,943.

Due to the Postal Strike, the donation Appeal envelopes may be dropped off at the Parish office during regular business hours or put in the mailbox on the west side of the church. You may also put in the collection baskets at Mass. There are extra Appeal donation envelopes in the foyer.

Bulletin Reflection Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist calls us to "prepare the way of the Lord." His message is one of repentance and active preparation. We can help pave the way for Christ in our community. Our contributions remove obstacles and fill valleys—metaphorically speaking—by funding programs that address spiritual and material needs. Together, we make the crooked paths straight, creating a welcoming environment for all to experience God's saving grace. Let us embrace this call to action, uniting our efforts to herald the coming of the Lord.

Mass Intentions for the week of December 10-13:

Tuesday, December 10 - +Brenda Achtemichuk Wednesday, December 11 - +Berhe Russom Thursday, December 12 - Intentions for Mary Banga Friday, December 13 - +Joseph Anton



This past weekend showed us once again how supportive and generous the parishioners of Holy Child Parish are. Our sale of homemade baking and fair trade goods was a huge success, with just over \$1000.00 being raised from the sale of the delicious baked goods. We thank each of you who assisted in our fundraising effort by donating and purchasing tasty treats and fair trade items. You are helping us help others. Advent Blessings to all from the members of the Social Justice Committee

The Social Justice Committee will be collecting underwear and socks for children, women and men and sanitary products this Advent season. The items will be distributed in the new year to folks in need through various organizations in the city. Donations can be placed in the decorated box in the foyer. Thank you for your generosity.

Volunteers are needed for various ministries at the Christmas and New Year's Masses, as well as for decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 22 after the 11 am Mass. Call the office or sign up in the foyer if you are able to assist during this special time of year.

All donations for the year 2024, must be in by Sunday, December 29. Please use the outside mailbox on the west side, if doors are locked. The Parish Office will be closed between Christmas and the New Year. Phone messages, mail and emails will be checked daily.



Holy Child Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Mass: 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm Christmas Morning Mass: 10:00 am

New Year's Day Mass: 10:00 am



Donation Envelopes for 2025

Parishioners are encouraged to use donation envelopes or Pre-Authorized Debit.

Your donations are recorded, and an income tax receipt is issued. If you do not have envelopes and would like them for 2025, please sign the sheet in the foyer or call or email the office to have a box issued to you or to sign up for Pre-Authorized Debit.



All active envelope users will automatically receive a box.

If you are new to the Parish and have not registered or you are registered but have changes to your address, phone number or anything else, please use the "New Parishioners/Change of Address" form on the back page of the bulletin or email: holychild@sasktel.net with the information. 2025 Envelopes will be out sometime in December.

2025 Religious Calendars \$6 and Missals \$5 are for sale in the office.

Still looking for a Christmas gift? How about the 2025 K of C Charitable Foundation Cash Calendar.....\$25,000 in cash prizes during the year including a final draw on Dec 31 for \$10,000! If you're interested, we'll make sure to get one (or more) for you. For more information: Gerald Hoffart, Grand Knight - 306-331-6858; gphoffart@sasktel.net Paul Ponak, Financial Secretary - 306-790-9317; prponak@sasktel.net Norbert Philippe, Program Director - 306-789-0073; norphi@sasktel.net.

Holy Child Parishioners – you are invited to donate items to assist in providing tasty and nourishing food to folks using the Warming Centre at Carmichael Outreach this winter. Our parish will be supplying food for the centre on the nights of December 12, January 15, February 5, March 12, and April 9. Donations of sandwiches, muffins, cookies, granola bars, fruit, juice, coffee and tea are needed. If you can help by supplying any of these, please contact Agnes at (306) 761-0221 to discuss your donation and to drop off. Monetary donations to purchase needed items would also be appreciated. Place your donation in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Warming Centre" – make cheques payable to Holy Child Parish indicating your envelope number for receipt purposes. Please call Agnes at (306) 761-0221 or Faye at (306) 761-0181 with any questions.

The Holy Child Social Justice Committee has an account at Sarcan, if you would like to donate your recyclables. Go to any Sarcan's Drop & Go location and enter Holy Child on the screen when asked for the group. They will then receive an etransfer from Sarcan for any donations given to them. Thank you for your support!

Holy Child Memorial Fund was established to remember our deceased loved ones through art and environment mediums, such as the stained-glass windows. When donations are received, they are entrusted to this fund until such times when other symbols of faith are purchased to enhance the beauty of the Church. Deceased loved one's name are written in the Memorial Book located at the back wall of the church and remembered by the Parish Community in the month of the anniversary of their death. If you would like to contribute to this fund, Memorial Fund envelopes are available at the entrance of the church, or you may call the Parish Office with the information.

National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples – December 12

The Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council, founded by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) in 1998, proposes that the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12) be a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. All are invited to join their Indigenous sisters and brothers in a special way this day through prayer and acts of solidarity.



In Loving Wemory

MEMORIAL BOOK This month we will remember

Eva A. Zaron	Dec. 1, 2007
Cecile Perron	Dec. 3, 2001
Ronald Gass	Dec. 3, 2001
Theresa Donauer	Dec. 4, 2005
Annie Herle	Dec. 5, 2017
Elizabeth Balzer	Dec. 7, 1975
Albert Frei	Dec. 8, 1993
Kathleen Uleryk	Dec. 8, 1999
Jordon Herle	Dec. 9, 2002
Ruth Gayton	Dec. 10, 1995
Anna Schneider	Dec. 11, 1977
Michael Stremick	Dec. 11, 1996
Anne Kammer	Dec. 11, 1990
Joseph Henry "Guy" Longpre	Dec. 11, 2007
Rita Judson	Dec. 12, 2005
Rita Juason Pauline Modenhauer	
	Dec. 13, 2003
Elizabeth Moser	Dec. 14, 1988
Bernice (Bunny) Wingert	Dec. 15, 2006
Yvette Blaker (Goddu)	Dec. 16, 2008
Henrietta Keller	Dec. 16, 2010
Joseph Anton	Dec. 16, 2016
Elizabeth Lang	Dec. 17, 2004
Sherry Hubick	Dec. 17, 2018
Adeline Seiferling	Dec. 17, 2020
Louise Wismer	Dec. 18, 2006
Rosalind Wittman	Dec. 18, 2016
Lou Fraess	Dec. 19, 2015
Rosa Ricci	Dec. 26, 2019
Katherine Watt	Dec. 21, 2002
Priscilla Blondeau	Dec. 21, 2014
Edith Bardutz	Dec. 22, 2021
Wayne Linnen	Dec. 22, 2011
Scott Lynch	Dec. 24, 1995
Benedict Schatz	Dec. 24, 1996
Hazel Malach	Dec. 25, 2017
Alice Ferozdin	Dec. 26, 1998
Sylvia Kusiak	Dec. 26, 2012
Peter Dielschneider	Dec. 26, 2020
Stephen Brodner	Dec. 27, 2016
Eleanore Ferner	Dec. 28, 2005
Yvette Deshaies Vershagen	Dec. 28, 2009
Joseph J. Stroeder	Dec. 28, 2012
Walter Knoll	Dec. 28, 2017
Nick Lang	Dec. 29, 1978
Marie Lang	
Frances Morhart	Dec. 30, 2000
Leif Helmerson	Dec. 30, 2003
•	Dec. 30, 1991
Regina Flick	Dec. 31, 1995







Financial update for bulletin

Financial Comparisons						
January 1 - November 30, 2024		20.	24 Total	2024 Total		
		Sunday Collection		Sunday		
Operating Revenue	2024			Collection	2023	
Envelopes - Sunday Collection	\$ 205,278	\$	236,206	106.65%	\$	200,966
Loose - Sunday Collection	\$ 30,928				\$	20,510
Catering	\$ 28,714				\$	21,775
Other	\$ 11,751				\$	17,745
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 276,671				\$	260,996
Operating Expenses						
Remuneration (wages, workshops, benefits)	\$ 145,616				\$	194,459
Church (repairs, supplies)	\$ 54,951				\$	16,050
Hall (cook, grocery, supplies, repairs)	\$ 24,965				\$	17,110
Rectory (utilities, supplies, taxes)	\$ 10,366				\$	10,256
Office (supplies, photocopier, telephone)	\$ 8,809				\$	6,648
Diocesan Assessment & Priests' Pension Plan	\$ 22,600				\$	19,558
Occupancy (utilities, insurance, security)	\$ 24,404				\$	51,039
Grounds (maintenance, garbage disposal)	\$ 34,637				\$	7,633
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 326,348				\$	322,753
Operating Revenue - Operating Expenses	\$ (49,677)				\$	(61,757)

Thank you to everyone for your financial support, involvement in the life of the parish and community, and for your prayers! It is greatly appreciated!

Based on the current figures, we will probably have an operating deficit of about \$50,000 for this year.

During the first eleven months of the year, we have had some unexpected expenses totaling about \$25,000. Some of these unexpected expenses include replacing the air conditioner unit for the parish office, removal of trees that were in poor condition (and trimming of numerous trees), repair of the main parking lot, and repair of one of the church's furnaces. We also needed to fix the drainage line for the office's washroom due to the shifting of the building over many years.

Our operating expenses for 2024 are expected to be about \$390,000, which is less than the average yearly operating expenses between 2012-2019 (pre-pandemic times) of \$407,528.

Our Sunday Collections for 2024 are expected to be about \$260,000, which is \$20,000 below the budgeted amount. Since Covid, our Sunday collections are significantly below the average yearly Sunday collections between 2012-2019 (pre-pandemic times) of \$312,581.



Archdiocese of Regina December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent



Journey Through Advent

Sign up for a weekly Advent series with weekly reflections, music, prayer, resources and other activities to enhance your Advent Journey. These weekly reflections will be emailed each week during Advent. Sign up here archgina.flocknote.com/ArchdioceseofRe5 or email mgurash@archregina.sk.ca

Youth Ministry Workshop

On **Saturday, Jan. 25th from 10:00 -4:00**, at the diocesan center, the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is having a workshop for the training, support and collaboration of those who work in ministering to young people, with lunch provided. It is our hope that as many people as possible who are involved in ministering to the young people of our archdiocese, would be willing to bring their minds and hearts to this table of sharing. We are also more than willing to take this workshop on the road! Invite us to come to your community! TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE OR ASK QUESTIONS PLEASE SEND EMAIL TO: oyyam@archregina.sk.ca

From the Archivist

- •St. Joseph's Church in Moose Jaw is looking for chairs with kneelers for their Chapel space. If a parish has any to spare, please contact the archivist at the Archdiocese of Regina: rhorsman@archregina.sk.ca.
- •Are you shopping for a history enthusiast this Christmas? Have you ever wanted to know more about the Archdiocese of Regina? The archives has a bundle of archdiocesan history texts for sale. For \$30, receive 3 book titles bundled in a Christmas ribbon, ready to enjoy over the coming winter months or to give away as a gift. Reserve your copies before December 6th, 2024, while supplies last: archives@archregina.sk.ca . Book bundles are for pick up only at the Archdiocese of Regina Diocesan Centre (on December 13th, 2024).

Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions - December For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.popevideo.org

Archbishop's Appeal

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Archbishop's Appeal: Alternate Donation Options Amid Canada Post Strike

We recognize that the ongoing Canada Post strike may impact your plans to contribute to this year's Archbishop's Appeal, especially as we near the end of the year when many wish to ensure their donations count toward 2024 charitable giving. To ensure your generous gifts are received in a timely

manner, we encourage you to consider alternate donation methods, which can be found online at archregina.sk.ca/grouppage/donate-archbishops-appeal.

Donations can also be dropped off at your local parish or delivered directly to the Archdiocese of Regina Offices at 200-2151 Scarth Street in Regina.

For after-hours convenience, donations may be dropped off securely at:

- •Resurrection Parish (3155 Windsor Park Rd)
- •Christ the King Parish (3239 Garnet St)
- •Holy Family Parish (1021 McCarthy Blvd)

Thank you to all who have already contributed to this year's Appeal and to those who are still prayerfully discerning their gift. Your support helps us continue the vital work of ministry and outreach in our Archdiocese.

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TF #430: Meet the Archivist with Rae Horseman - Part 1

This week on Thinking Faith we dust off the stacks and pour through ancient tomes as we step into the fascinating world of history, records and storytelling with Rae Horseman, the Archivist for the Archdiocese of Regina. In this two-part series, Rae shares captivating stories from the archives, explains

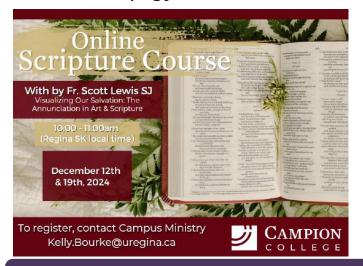
how historical records shape our understanding of faith and community, and highlights the importance of preserving the legacy and stories of our local Church for future generations. thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/meet-the-archivist-with-rae-horseman-part-1

2025 Pilgrimage to Poland

Plans are in the works for a pilgrimage to Poland from June 17 to July 1, 2025, led by Society of Christ priests from Saskatoon, Regina and Las Vegas. This trip provides the opportunity to visit various religious and historical sites, from the Baltic Sea in the north to the Tatra Mountains in the south. These include Wadowice (home town of St. John Paul II), the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Łagiewniki, Częstochowa (home of the Black Madonna), Legnica (site of a Eucharistic miracle), Malbork castle (UNESCO World Heritage site), Auschwitz concentration camp, Gdansk shipyard (home of the Solidarity movement), Wieliczka salt mine (UNESCO World Heritage site), Krakow, Warsaw, Gdansk, Zakopane (mountain resort) and more! This guided tour will be led in English by Polish guides. Limited seats are available. An informational meeting will be held in the basement of St. Anthony's church (2275 Atkinson St.) on Sunday, December 15th at 4:00 pm. For more information, please call Theresa at 306-550-7649.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage

Join us in early April for a Pilgrimage to Medjugorje. For more information, call and leave your name. You will be contacted once the dates are in place. Cathleen Devraj 306-789-0705 cdevraj48@gmail.com.



CWL Corner

- Save the Date, the 102nd Regina Diocesan Convention will be held on Saturday, May 3rd, 2025, at St. Joseph's in Moose Jaw.
- Leadership formation opportunity. The Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation, CWLF is accepting applications for the 2025-2026 Catholic Women's Leadership program. This eleven-month online program is open to all catholic women who have leadership gifts and are seeking a deeper understanding of transformative leadership. Deadline to apply is Dec 15, 2024. More information may be found at cwlfcanada.ca/ and the application is available at form.jotform.com/241684734994270
- The Regina Diocesan CWL has a newsletter. Our first edition was published in October 2024. The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. Wonderful things are happening in CWL councils across the diocese. Join us in Faith, Service and Social Justice. For more information please contact Linda at regina.diocesan.cwl@gmail.com.

ArchRegina Weekly Report



The weekly report is published every Friday and features top stories, reflections, Catholic news, from our Archdiocese and around the world.

Stay connected and inspired throughout the year! Subscribe to our other email publications and follow us on social media for the latest Catholic News, inspirations, and updates on Archdiocese of Regina events and activities. Let's journey together in faith!"



Stewardship Bulletin Bit

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (Philippians 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

2025 HERITAGE PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO POLAND



INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, December 15th, 2024 at 4:00 pm In St. Anthony's church basement – 2275 Atkinson Street

Escorted by Society of Christ Fathers, Fr. Gerry Grupczynski of Las Vegas, Fr. Richard Philiposki of Saskatoon & Fr. Karol Twarowski from Regina.

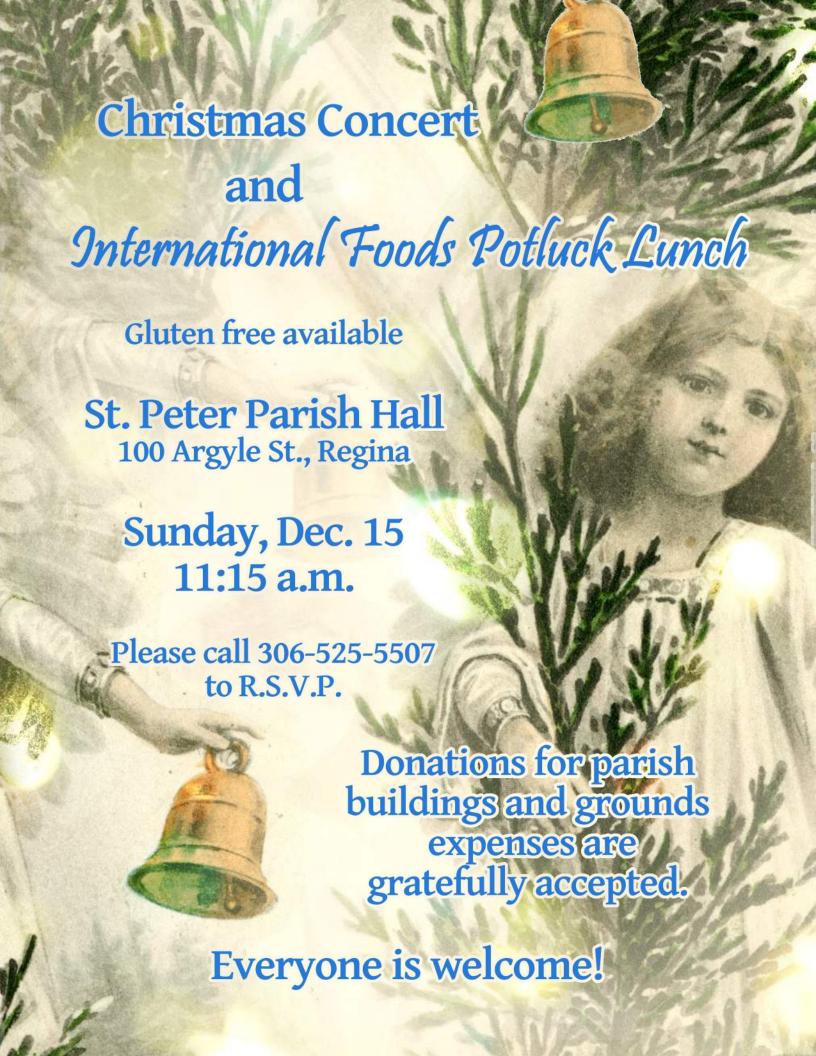






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Price per person is approximately \$4,300 (double occupancy), and includes transportation, accommodations, daily breakfast and dinner, admissions to attractions, tour guide and local guides, driver and pastoral services of priest chaptains.



Regina Catholic School Division

Board of Trustees

December 2024



YOUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thank you for your votes and support in choosing each of us to sit on the Board of Trustees for the Regina Catholic School Division. We take the responsibility seriously and are eager to spend the next four years advocating for the students, staff and stakeholders in our school communities. Shortly following the election, we chose Ryan Bast to serve as our new Chair, and Vicky Bonnell and Bob Kowalchuk as Deputy Chairs. Trustees Rob Bresciani, Shauna Weninger and Darren Wilcox joined them to welcome newly elected Trustee Greg Fischer to the table.



ADVENT SEASON

We light candles in all our schools this month during Advent. We offer prayers for migrants and refugees everywhere seeking hope and new life for their families and for the world, just as Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth; Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem; and during the Christmas season, the Magi visited baby Jesus.



125 YEARS, 125 STORIES

From our humble beginnings as the Gratton Roman Catholic Separate School District in Regina, to a recent move into a new Catholic Education Centre, we're celebrating 125 Years in Regina Catholic Schools with 125 Stories. We invite you to follow along on our division website where you can see a new story every school day for the rest of the school year.



CHRISTMAS BREAK

We wish all our students, staff, families, parishes and communities a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2025. Our Christmas break is December 23, 2024 until January 3, 2025.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Please call the parish office (306-789-8276).

Sacrament of Reconciliation;

Celebrated 45 minutes before each Mass (ending 15 minutes before Mass). Also, by appointment: contact the pastor (306-789-8276).

Sacrament of Anointing:

Contact the pastor (306-789-8276).

Sacrament of Marriage:

Please call the pastor (306-789-8276) at least 8 months prior to the intended marriage date.

Spiritual Care at the Hospitals:

If you or a family member are at the General Hospital, Pasqua Hospital, or Wascana Rehabilitation Centre and would like a visit from a Catholic Chaplain, or to arrange for the anointing of the sick, please call the chaplain directly:

- General Hospital (306-519-1405)
- Pasqua Hospital (306-519-1380)
- Wascana Rehabilitation (306-530-6511)

Holy Child Parish Council Meetings 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Charlene Rogalski Chairperson
Gerald Hoffart Vice-Chairperson
Agnes Parisloff Social Justice
Faye Helmerson Social Justice

Gerald Hoffart, GK Knights of Columbus

Paul Ponak Finance
Wayne Matt Hall/Catering
Dave Helmerson Building & Grounds

Maureen Wild Secretary

Sharon Bender Deanery Representative
Laurie Kirkness Member at Large
Vacant Member at Large

Parish Team

Pastor Fr. Brian Meredith
Permanent Deacon Rev. Mr. Dennis Ziegler

Pastoral Assistant Marian Grady
Business Manager Gail Kraft
Administrative Assistant Rita Wingert

Catholic Schools

St. Catherine, 150 Brotherton Ave., 306-791-7323 St. Elizabeth, 5149 E. Green Brooks Way, 306-791-7300 St. Theresa, 2707-7th Ave. E., 306-791-7390 Miller High School, 1027 College Ave., 306-791-7230

NEW PARISHIONERS / CHANGE OF ADDRESS Please complete this form and place it in the collection basket or send it to the parish office					
Name(s):					
Address:	_ Postal Code _	Phone			
Children's name(s) (living at home), and year of birth		Email Address (optional)			
New Change of Address		Wish to have church envelopes (Direct deposit available upon request)			
For questions about donations, please click <u>here</u> or email <u>holychild@sasktel.net</u>					