

Holy Child Roman Catholic Parish

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

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Nativity of the Lord – Christmas 2024



First Reading: Isaiah 62:11-12 Psalm: 97 Second Reading: Titus 3:4-7
Gospel: Luke 2:15-20

Weekday Masses: Tuesday through Friday at 8:30 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



We pray that the joy of the season will fill your hearts and homes with the peace and love of our Savior. May the wonder and beauty of Christmas always be with you and your family. Merry Christmas!
Fr. Brian, Rev. Mr. Dennis, Marian, Gail and Rita

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Mass 10:00 am



All donations for the year 2024, must be in by Sunday, December 29.

**The Parish Office will be closed between Christmas and the New Year.
Phone messages, mail and emails will be check daily.**



2025 Church Donation Envelopes are available in the foyer to be picked up.

Please do not use till the New Year! Put your name and \$ amount donating on the front.

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 the office to have a box issued or to sign up for Pre-Authorized Debit.

Sympathies to: Gail Hirsch on the death of her brother, Ken Korsch.
The family and friends of the late Mary Balazs.



Collection Counter schedules are ready to be picked up in the office or if you would like it emailed to you, just let us know.

Thank you to all who helped in preparing the church for Christmas and to all who are assisting in the ministries at Mass.

Thank You! For all your donations. May your generosity be returned on Christmas as we Celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, and throughout the New Year to come.

Christmas Blessings, Holy Child Social Justice Committee



Mass Intentions for the week of December 27-January 10:

- Tuesday, December 31 - +Lucia Barone
- Thursday, January 2 – For all Souls
- Friday, January 3 - +Dennis Moffatt
- Tuesday, January 7 – Intentions for Bev Sutherland
- Wednesday, January 8 – Intentions for Jane and David Burghardt
- Thursday, January 9 - +Edith Bardutz
- Friday, January 10 – Intentions to break a chain



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 names 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.



25th Annual Archbishop's Appeal

**This year's theme is "Embracing Unity: Many People, One Heart"
Parish Goal \$33,701. Total \$30,863. (92% of goal)**



This month is flying by....soon we will be celebrating the birth of our Saviour at Christmas. Keep in-mind that on the December 28/29 (5th Sunday) weekend Masses, a member of our Council will lead the Praying of the Rosary prior to each Mass.....come & join us

Congratulations to Honorary Life member Allen Lenius. He reached a significant milestone with the Knights of Columbus – 50 year member as at December 01st, 2024! A wonderful accomplishment Allen

How about a couple of Christmas (great anytime of the year) recipes – thank you Maria Greif

GERMAN KUCHEN

Pastry ¼ cup softened butter or margarine

3 eggs

1 cup sweet cream (half and half)

1/3 cup white sugar

4½ cups flour (or less – just enough to make a soft dough)

2 T baking powder

Butter 10 metal pie plates (available at Dollarama) and set aside. Sift together flour, sugar, and baking powder. Rub in butter with tips of fingers. Beat eggs and add cream. Blend in to flour mixture to make soft dough. Cut into 8 sections. Roll each section of dough to approximately 9” circle. Put in pan pressing about ½ inch up the sides of the pan so topping doesn’t run over the edges. Sprinkle crusts with fine dry bread crumbs (about 1 tsp) then with sugar. Use the dough that was cut off and add to the other dough, so that you can create 2 more crusts. Topping

1 cup sugar 7 eggs

5 cups whipping cream

2 cup cream (half and half)

Beat eggs with sugar. Add whipping cream and half and half. Mix well. Ladle this mixture over crumbs and sugar evenly between the pie crusts. Sprinkle with cinnamon and bake at 325 F until edges are golden brown (about 20 minutes). Makes ten – 8” kuchen. The custard filling should be thickened. Let sit to cool off. These freeze well, once frozen they can be layered with wax paper in between and stored in freezer. Thaw for 2 hours before using

Poppy Cock

Ingredients Between 8 and 10 cups of popped corn

1 c pecan halves (you can break these up a bit more)

1 c slivered almonds (sliced almonds works fine too)

1 c Lily white corn syrup

1.5 cups white sugar ½ tsp cream of tartar

1 tsp of vanilla

1/2 tsp baking soda

Lightly brown nuts at 300 – let cool – watch over – doesn’t take long. Combine browned nuts with popped corn in large bowl. (Make sure to remove unpopped kernels as dental work cost too much - lol) Combine sugar, butter, syrup and cream of tartar in a large pot (as it will expand in the final step). Carefully bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Boil to a hard ball stage (we found 8 minutes worked well for us). Remove from heat and add soda and vanilla. Stir this until it foams up. Pour over the popcorn/nut mixture, making sure to cover everything well. Spoon into a well greased cookie sheet. Set aside or in fridge to cool then break into pieces. ENJOY!



MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

For more information:

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Archdiocese of Regina *Bulletin*

*Merry Christmas
&
Happy New
Year*

Christmas Greetings from Archbishop Don

Warm greetings to you all as we prepare to celebrate the Lord's birth in this tumultuous year of 2024. I want to start with a couple of quotes which have been meaningful to me over the years, and which aren't very Christmassy, but they do set a framework for understanding what Christmas and the Incarnation bring to us. The first is from the great American writer Annie Dillard, who in processing a very harsh experience, writes: "it is late, a late time to be living."

In the midst of the wars which continue on relentlessly in our world, the over 100 million refugees and displaced persons, amidst the deep and polarizing differences which only seem to be getting more entrenched throughout the Western world, it does seem like a late, late time to be living.

The other quote comes from C. S. Lewis, who is writing about the impact of his mother's death when he was still a child: "With my mother's death all settled happiness, all that was tranquil and reliable, disappeared from my life. There was to be much fun, many pleasures... but no more of the old security. It was sea and islands now; the great continent had sunk like Atlantis."

I offer those reflections because I think they help name the experience today that the foundations on which our society, and indeed our world, have been built upon, now seem very shaky. The collective values which have sought to uphold human dignity and the value of each human person, advancing in some ways, are deeply threatened in others. Trying to describe this moment in history, C. S. Lewis's words come to mind: it is all sea and islands now.

But faith offers a different kind of foundation, not rooted in a general and perhaps naive sense that things are ever progressing in a good direction. Rather, faith grounds us in God's capacity and desire to enter into our history in all its struggles, and bring a different kind of transformation. The birth of Jesus, the coming of God in the flesh, proclaims God's desire to be near us, to walk with us, to show us a face of incredible mercy and great tenderness. This is the foundation on which we can live with hope and joy, despite shakiness of the moral and political landscape with which we live. I am sure that at the time of Jesus's birth, in the midst of tremendous political instability and oppression, it also felt like a late time to be living. The fact is, God has created us to live here and now, trusting that God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is here with us in the mess and fray, in this time and place.

Finally, I invite you to consider one more thing, which has to do with the way that God has come into the world in Jesus. If you were all powerful and trying to change the world, trying to bring about a kingdom of peace and justice, seeking to create a communion of joy among all peoples, would you do so by sending a baby into the world? Would you step aside from your power and might and send yourself in vulnerability and hiddenness?

This is what God does. This is who our God is. This is how God is revealed to us. In the most intimate, tender, vulnerable way imaginable. God has come to walk with us. This Christmas season, I invite you to ponder that, and to reflect upon the incredible mercy and compassion that is revealed there. And put a hold on all temptations to discouragement or despair. And look at what God is doing. Then trust in that, find joy in that, and try to do things God's way, to live and act in the way God opens up before us, with great trust and hope, joy and mercy.

Merry Christmas to you all! May you know the great blessings of the Christ Child!

Bishop Donald Bolen

Due to backlogs and delays related to the postal strike, we encourage you to use these two convenient ways to donate to the Archbishop's Appeal:

E-Transfer:

Send your donation to annualappeal@archregina.sk.ca. In the message field, include your address and phone number for a tax receipt, as well as your parish name to allocate your gift to your parish's goal.

Cheque:

Make your cheque payable to your parish, marking "Archbishop's Appeal" in the memo line. Place it in the collection plate or deliver it to your parish office.

For more details, visit the Archdiocese website. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Pastoral Centre Christmas Hours

The Archdiocese of Regina Pastoral Centre will be closed to the public for Christmas beginning Wednesday, December 25. We will reopen on Thursday, January 2nd. Staff from the Finance and Appeal Offices will be present occasionally on Friday, December 27th, December 30th and December 31st. If you need to contact someone from the finance or appeal department for year-end purposes, please contact:

306-721-6733

annualappeal@archregina.sk.ca

Archbishop's Appeal Donation Timeline for Year-End Donations

Tuesday, Dec 31, 2024: Last day for parishioners to submit donations for the 2024 Appeal. All donations must be submitted to the parish or the Appeal office by Dec 31. That includes cash and cheques (payable to parish or Archdiocese), credit cards, auto-debits, e-transfers, and online gifts via Canada Helps.

Please note that the Pastoral Centre will be closed from December 25th- January 1st.



WE ARE HIRING
Donor Services Coordinator

The Archdiocese of Regina Development Department is seeking a detail-oriented, self-motivated individual with fundraising and donor relations experience to join their team as a Donor Services Coordinator. More information can be found on the Archdiocese of Regina website. Please apply promptly to ensure your application will be considered.

For more information please visit archregina.sk.ca/employment

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



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!

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TODAY A SAVIOUR IS BORN FOR US

Merry Christmas from Archbishop Donald Bolen and all of the staff of the Archdiocese of Regina





New Year's Day Levée

The faithful of the Archdiocese
are cordially invited to
the Archbishop's New Year's Levée
to be held at
Holy Rosary Cathedral
3125-13th Ave., Regina
January 1, 2025
1:00 p.m

*And to receive the Archbishop's blessing
for the beginning of the New Year*



NATIONAL VISITATION OF THE RELICS OF
St. Jean de Brébeuf and of St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Join us on Sunday, January 26, 2025

at Christ the King Parish

Mass 11:00 am

Veneration of the Relics following Mass



MARTYRS' SHRINE



JÉSUITES
du Canada

JESUITS
of Canada

The Eucharist, Christ's Real Presence

Jan 22 & 29, Feb 5 & 12

7 - 9 pm

Christ The King Parish

Parish Hall, 3239 Garnet Street, Regina

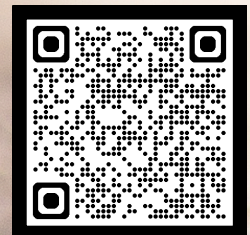


In Part 2 of our Adult Formation Series
on the Sacraments...

come explore the mystery of the
Eucharist and its transformative power
in our lives

we will deepen our understanding and
appreciation of the Eucharist, the
source and summit of our faith

**REGISTER ON OUR
PARISH WEBSITE**





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INSTITUTE OF FAITH AND MISSION

LENTEN RETREAT

WITH

DR. RALPH MARTIN
March 7–9, Anno Domini 2025



- LODGING** on-site accommodations, or at your choice of area hotels
- MEALS** served in the St. Therese Institute dining hall (ages 0–5 eat free)
- CHILDCARE** for kids aged 0–5 (until all available spots are reserved)

Spend the first weekend of Lent 2025 with Dr. Ralph Martin of Renewal Ministries at the **St. Therese Institute** in **Bruno, SK** – just one hour east of Saskatoon.
Programming runs 7:00PM Friday, March 7 (check-in after 2:00pm) – 12:00pm Sunday, March 9

Register early to secure your spot:



www.sttherese.ca/events



306-369-2555

Scan here:



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 [here](#) or email holychild@sasktel.net