Diocesan Bulletin

Sunday, Nov. 29, 2026 – First Sunday of Advent

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In all things we are *rooted in Christ*,
in His desire to bring God's love to all peoples.

Upcoming Events

Choir for Kindness: An evening of music, community and Christmas spirit in support of St. Mary Mission and Outreach will be held in Saskatoon 7 p.m. **Tuesday, Dec. 1** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon (doors open at 6 p.m.); a showcase of local musical talent, a Christmas bake sale, etc. Tickets are $10, available at: **www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/choir-for-kindness-concert--for-st-marys-mission-and-outreach** or for more information, contact kindnesschoir@gmail.com. The Choir for Kindness will also be held at St. Theresa Parish, 208 Little Flower Ave in **Rosetown at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4**. Learn more about St. Mary Mission and Outreach at **www.stmarysoutreach.com**.

"Voices in the Waiting" Ecumenical Advent prayer and reflection with the prophets: Prairie Centre for Ecumenism presents a free weekly online series from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Zoom Tuesday evenings until **Dec. 15,** led by Christian leaders from a variety of traditions. See the PCE website at **https://pcecumenism.ca** for registration, or e-mail admin@pcecumenism.ca.

Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus will be held at 7:45 p.m. **Tuesday, Dec. 1** at. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon.

Blue Christmas Mass - The Advent and Christmas Season can be a struggle for many people who are alone or have suffered the loss of a loved one. In an effort to bring new meaning and hope to a challenging time, St. John Bosco Parish is hosting a Blue Christmas Mass at 7 p.m. on **Tuesday, Dec. 1** at the parish, 1202 Avenue O South, Saskatoon. All are welcome.

Apostolate of the Precious Blood meets for prayer at Saint Anne Catholic Church, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon **Tuesday, Dec. 1** and **Tuesday, Dec. 8**, as well as at 10 a.m. on **Tuesday, Dec. 15**, to pray the Rosary, the Litany of the Blessed Mother, and Chaplet of The Precious Blood.

Advent Prayer at St. Paul's Hospital: An hour of adoration before Jesus in the tabernacle will be held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. **Fridays, Dec. 4, 11,** and **18** in the St. Paul's Hospital Chapel, third floor of B wing, 1702-20th St. W., Saskatoon. All are welcome to join this time of prayer.

"Word Made Flesh"

Advent Retreat

9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6

Cathedral of the Holy Family, Saskatoon

Adult Faith Formation in the diocese of Saskatoon presents an Encounter Advent Retreat with the Verbum Dei Missionaries.
Register online at:
https://form.jotform.com/261528430964259
or for more info contact Adult Faith Coordinator Astrid Alas at amalas@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5858. *Cost is $30 (with lunch).*

(Adult Faith is supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)

Marian Movement Cenacle includes adoration, the rosary, benediction, hymns and various prayers, will be held at 7:30 p.m. **Thursday, Dec. 3**, at St. Michael Catholic Church, #18-33rd St. E., Saskatoon. Everyone is welcome!

A Contemplative Mass led by Fr. Kevin McGee will be held at 5 p.m. on **First Friday, Dec. 4**, St. Mary Parish 211 Ave. O South, Saskatoon. The rhythm of the Contemplative Mass is a gentle steady flow, marked by 20 minutes of silence after communion to allow space for reflection and recognition of the Intimate Presence of Christ.

Christmas Sale sponsored by Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Women's League will be held 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Saturday, Dec. 5** in the church auditorium, 10th St. East and Munroe Avenue South. Items for sale include perogies (potato or sauerkraut); cabbage rolls (rice); wheat; Kolach bread; miscellaneous baking. Payment can be made by debit/credit card, cash or cheque.

Croatian Mass will be held 5 p.m. **Sunday, Dec. 13** at St. Philip Neri Parish, 1902 Munroe Ave. S., Saskatoon, with Fr. Domin Vladic from Calgary presiding. Potluck will follow.

St. Mary's Annual Christmas Tea and Bake Sale will be held 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, Dec. 12** at St. Mary Parish Hall, Ave O and 20th St. W., Saskatoon; with baking, raffles, door prizes and more; everyone is welcome. Admission is $3, includes snack lunch.

Message Board

CCCB Video Series: A "Journey through Advent" video series, which includes reflections on the readings for each Sunday in Advent, will again been provided by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on the website in English **www.cccb.ca** and French **www.cecc.ca**.

Prepare for Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe: *Dozavario Guadalupano 2026*, entitled "Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother who Listens" was prepared by the Intercontinental Novena of Guadalupe Working Group of the Mexican Episcopal Conference as part of the preparation for the 500th anniversary of the appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe to be celebrated in 2031. The document is intended to help prepare for the 2026 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe by preparing Dec. 1 to 12. Find the prayer resource at: **https://rcdos.ca/dozavario-guadalupano**.

Turkey and Toy Bingo will be held **Friday, Dec. 4** at St. Patrick Parish Hall, 3339 Centennial Drive, in Saskatoon. Advance tickets are available from St. Patrick Parish during regular office hours, weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Catechist Connection: Choose either noon to 1 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for the online session **Dec. 1.** For more information and the Zoom link, contact: Quin Kleiboer, diocesan Rural Catechesis Coordinator at (306) 659-5857 or qkleiboer@rcdos.ca.

Flourish Young Adult Group at St. Philip Neri Parish in Saskatoon is open to everybody over 18, merging faith, fellowship, and service, while getting to know each other through games and social events. Flourish will hold an Advent parish-wide Taizé Prayer night 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. **Tuesday, Dec. 1** at St. Philip Neri, Munroe Ave. and Taylor St., Saskatoon. All are welcome to join this night of prayer.

CWL Clothing Depot Christmas sale donations: The Clothing Depot wish list includes new toys, socks, gloves, linens, jewelry, health and beauty items, kitchen items, and individually-wrapped candy, to help those with limited funds purchase Christmas gifts and toys at affordable prices. Donation drop-off hours are weekdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the alley of 619-20th St. West, Saskatoon (ring the bell).

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Indigenous Pastoral & Lay Leader (IPL) Ministry Education

"Contemporary Effects of Colonization: Social Justice"

ONLINE COURSE

January 5 to March 2, 2027

Tuesday evenings 7:00-8:30 pm (CST)

Course Fee: $200; Find information and registration at:

https://rcdos.ca/indigenous-ministry-education

Children's books, pyjamas and/or backpacks: The Restorative (Prison) Ministry Bedtime Story Project is designed to help men in prison stay connected to family. Men approved for the program are videotaped reading a bedtime story, which is then sent to his children in a donated backpack along with donated pyjamas, and a copy of the book. The program helps to strengthen parenting skills and foster stronger family connections. The diocesan prison ministry office is again seeking donations of new children's pyjamas for ages newborn to six years, as well as crayons, colouring books, and/or gently-used children's books and small backpacks. Monetary donations for project supplies are also welcome. All donations can be dropped off or sent "Attention Dianne" to the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 2nd floor, Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, S7S 1H1 (please make cheques out to "DSCF - Restorative Ministry"). Donations can also be made online at: **https://dscf.ca/designated-ministry-support** - use drop-down box to direct donations to "Restorative (Prison) Ministry." **Volunteers are also needed** for the celebration of Catholic Mass on Saturdays at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre. Contact Dianne Anderson at danderson@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5845 for more information. Training and support is provided.

"Keep Christ in Christmas" - Outdoor Nativity Sets for Sale: Knights of Columbus of Saskatoon Council 8215 is selling weather-proof outdoor wooden Nativity silhouette sets, made of sturdy half-inch plywood, four feet by four feet, easily assembled and stored; ready for paint, stain, lighting, $90 each. Call or text (306) 514-3499 or (639) 597-4811.

Diocesan Prayer - We pray as a diocesan family that all those in positions of leadership would work to build communities of justice, support and inclusion, where all can live in peace and dignity.