

**STEWARDSHIP: Celebrating & Sharing God's Gifts.** "Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" - *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

**SIMBANG GABI** Dec. 15 - 23, Mass at 6 p.m. except for Sunday, December 17 when the regular 7 p.m. schedule will be followed. The Mass on Dec. 23 will be presided by Archbishop Donald Bolen followed by potluck supper. At **Holy Rosary Cathedral** Parish, 3125-13th Ave., Regina, SK. Phone: 306 565-0909, Everyone Welcome!

**SAMOSAS SUNDAY** - On Weekend Masses Dec. 16/17. Cost package of 3 for \$5. Sponsored by the Fr. Burns Knights of Columbus.

A **Christmas Sing Along** will be held at **St. Peter's** Parish hall, **Sun. Dec. 17 @ 2 pm**. Everyone is welcome to join us in songs of the season. Freewill offering, refreshments, wheelchair accessible. For more info Call: Patricia 306-924-0418.

**COATS FOR KIDS** - The Father Burns Council Knights of Columbus would like to Thank all that contributed to the collection of new or slightly used winter garments (coats, mitts, scarfs, toques, etc.).

**ARE YOU NEW IN THE PARISH OR HAVE CHANGED ADDRESSES???**

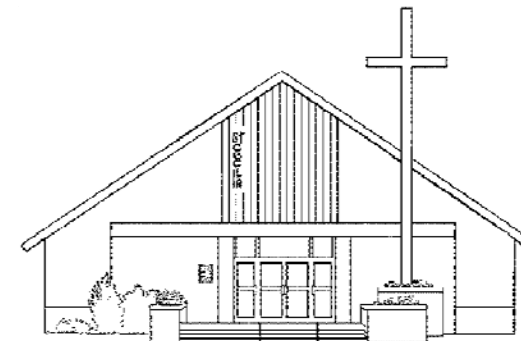
Welcome to St. Cecilia's. Any questions or concerns - give us a call. Please complete the following form drop it off at the office or drop into the collection basket marked - **Attention: Parish Office:**

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PARISH OF  
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**3rd Sunday of Advent**

**Dec. 16/17, 2017**

Joy in the Lord is compatible with waiting for the final redemption from our suffering and our sin because Christ is Emanuel, God with us. Even now, because his love suffuses all our suffering, our souls can proclaim the greatness of the Lord, and our spirits can rejoice in God, Our Lord transfigures the suffering of our lives in his love.

Monday Dec. 18	No Mass	Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday Dec. 19	Mass 7:00 pm	Zech 2:10-13/Lk 1:39-47 RIP Joseph Solie from Marge Appell
Wednesday Dec. 20	Mass 8:30 am	Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30 RIP Albert, Emily & Urban Stang from Joanne Stang & Bernadette Ermel
Thursday Dec. 21	Mass 8:30 am	Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15 RIP Henry Lockert from St. Cecilia CWL
Friday Dec. 22	Mass 8:30 am	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19 RIP Cao Due Maria from Cao Trinh
Saturday Dec. 23	Mass 7:00 pm	Sir 48:1-4,9-11/Mt 17:10-13 For the intentions of all parishioners
Sunday Dec. 24 Christmas Eve	Mass 10:00 am 8:00 pm	Is 61:1-2a,10-11/1 The. 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8,19-28 For the intentions of all parishioners

**Reconciliation** - By appointment

**CWL News** 2018 memberships are due by Dec. 31. Membership is \$25.00. Cheques are to be made out to St. Cecilia CWL. The yellow envelope can be put in the collection basket. Calendars are on sale for \$3.00 each.

### **A message of thanks from Sacred Heart School**

This year's Santa Store was truly amazing! It was beyond all of our expectations. We know that it would not be possible without the generous donations from you, the members of our church community. Our request for donations was met with an outpouring of love and support that was truly overwhelming. Our store was well stocked for all 430 students to shop for their families. From the bottom of our hearts here at Sacred Heart we THANK YOU! We wish you a blessed, safe and joy filled holiday season.

**Come and join us for an Advent Veggie-Tastic Wed.**, Dec. 20 at 1:00 p.m. at the Archdiocesan Resource Centre, 445 Broad Street N. Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. More info & to register before Dec. 20. Please call Sr. Rufina B. Dubao, SIHM @352-1651 ext. 238.

### **Archbishop's Appeal**

Give the Gift of Hope this Christmas; Hope for the sick, Hope for our youth and Hope for those in prison. These are just a few of the ministries supported by the Archbishop's Appeal. If you have not already donated to the 2017 Archbishop's Appeal, it is not too late! You may donate online at our website - [archregina.sk.ca](http://archregina.sk.ca), give at your parish, or call our office at 306.352.1651 ext. 210. We are so grateful to those who have already given. Thank YOU!

**NEW YEAR'S DAY LEVEE** - The faithful of the Archdiocese are cordially invited to the Archbishop's New Year's Levee to be held at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Jan. 1, 2018, 1-2:30 p.m. And to receive the Archbishop's blessing for the beginning of the New Year. Refreshments in the parish hall.

### **CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS MASS TIMES;**

**Christmas Eve: Sunday, Dec. 24 - 8 pm**

**Christmas Day; Monday, Dec. 25 - 10 am**

**New Years Day; Monday, Jan. 1 - 10 am.**

**Being the 5th Sunday of the month, the Fr. Burns Knights of Columbus Chapter will recite the rosary before mass on December 30 and 31.**

Also on January 11/18 there is an Admission Degree for Knights of Columbus all Catholic men from 18 yr. & up are invited at 6:30 p.m. to St. Cecilia's.

### **Development & Peace offering free memberships until Dec. 31st**

For the 50th anniversary of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development & Peace, free lifetime memberships are being offered until the end of the year. To get a membership on-line, go to [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org) and type the word Membership into the website search and click on the link. You may also call the regional office at 306.205.2334. Your support as a member is appreciated.

### **Pastoral & Youth Ministry Coordinator Holy Family Parish, Regina**

Holy Family has an exciting opportunity for someone to work with the Pastor to build relationships with the children, youth and staff at our schools within parish boundaries. The individual will also work with the Pastor with some of the everyday parish life tasks. This is a permanent full-time position, flexible working hours to accommodate the few times you would work in the evenings delivering programs or assisting the Pastor. A detailed job description is available by calling Jeanette at 306 949-7678, or by e-mailing her at [jeanette@holyfamilyregina.ca](mailto:jeanette@holyfamilyregina.ca)

**Jest Kidding** ....A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."