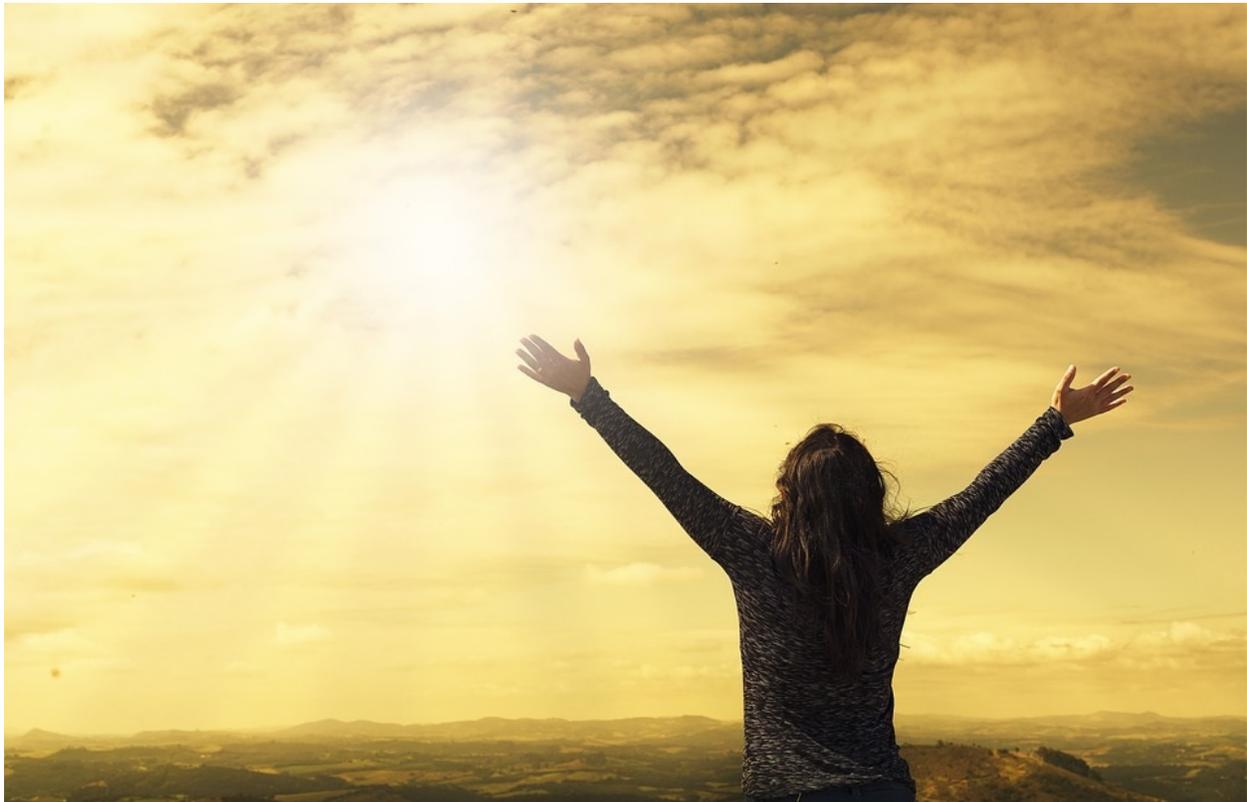




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Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 17, 2020



*"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil."
(1 Peter 3:17)*

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result that was intended or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times, we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

St. Cecilia This Week

Monday, May 18	No Mass	Acts 16.11 - 15, John 15.26 - 16.4a
Tuesday, May 19	No Mass	Acts 16.22 - 34, John 16.5 - 11 Adoration & Reconciliation: 7:00 pm - 8:00
Wednesday, May 20	No Mass	Acts 17.15.22 - 18.1, John 16.12 - 15
Thursday, May 21	No Mass	Acts 18.1 - 8, John 16.16 - 20
Friday, May 22	No Mass	Acts 18.9 - 18, John 16.20 - 23a
Saturday, May 23	No Mass	Acts 18.23 - 28, John 16.23b - 28
Sunday, May 24	No Mass	Acts 1.1 - 11, Ephesians 1.17 - 23, Matthew 28.16 - 20



The Church is open for private prayer during regular office hours:

- Monday, May 18, Closed for Victoria Day.
- Tuesday, May 19 to Thursday, May 21, 9:30 am to Noon and 1:30 to 5.
- Friday, May 22, 9:30 am to Noon.

Please use the Parish Centre door.

Pray For Those Awaiting Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist

We give praise and thanksgiving to God in all things. At this time of the Covid-19 pandemic, we especially remember those who had been anticipating full initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on April 11. Their Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist sacraments have been delayed.

Say a special prayer for **Ashley, Monica, and Sherry**, that their trust in the Lord will grow stronger during this difficult period of waiting.

Continue to pray for the children and youth who have been preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist, and for parents of children who would have attended baptism preparation classes in March and are waiting for baptisms to be permitted again.

Muffins For Marian Centre

Message from Marian Centre Staff:

We thank you for your generous donations of muffins and granola bars and appreciate your continued support.

Sandwiches, muffins, or granola bars are being handed out daily to those in need.

Donations of muffins would be very helpful.

If you can help, package the muffins in a container or bag that you do not want back and **bring them to the St. Cecilia office** during regular office hours. All muffins brought by Thursday at 3 pm will be delivered Friday. If you prefer, you can take muffins directly to the Marian Centre at 1835 Halifax Street (back door in the alley). Note that the Centre is closed Thursday and Sunday.



Scam Text Messages Appearing as Fr. Brad

People have received messages that appear to be from Fr. Brad. If you receive a message from either 306-993-8709 or 506-704-2638, delete the message.

Letter from Archbishop Don to Clergy and the Faithful of the Archdiocese - Allowing Mass During Covid-19 - May 13

[Read the Bishop's letter.](#)

Archbishop Donald Bolen's Weekly Message

[View](#) the latest weekly video message from Archbishop Donald Bolen.

Spiritual Field Hospital for a Pandemic



'I see the church as a field hospital after battle. The thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful. 'Take care of the now, for the sake of tomorrow. Always creatively, with a simple creativity, capable of inventing something new each day'. Pope Francis

You are invited to help build a Spiritual Field Hospital with weekly Ignatian spiritual exercises over the coming months.

Get started with these prayer exercises.

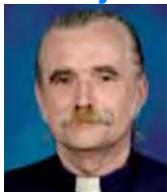
[Introduction to FSE Field Hospital](#) [Welcoming](#) [Protecting](#) [Courageous](#).

Receive weekly spiritual exercises by emailing field-hospital@fsecloud.life.

Carol Sheldon of our parish offered these comments about the Field Hospital Exercises. "I received these a few weeks ago. It is a bit of a guide to pray in these times. I have found them to be helpful in my own prayer time to reflect on how God has been and is now present and how I might reach out to others through reflection and prayer.

If you have any questions, I would be glad to chat with you. Email me at carol.sheldon@sasktel.net or call me at 306-545-3185."

Fr. Wojciech Wojtkowiak, O.M.I. (Oblate of Mary Immaculate)



50 years of priesthood on May 23

Sister Bernadette Feist of Valley Native Ministry in the Archdiocese of Regina has sent a note about Fr. Wojtkowiak's anniversary, and asking people to send him a card to remember him.

He spent over 20 years in the Archdiocese of Regina working among First Nations people.

Cards may be sent to:

Rev Wojciech Wojtkowiak, O.M.I.
Holy Ghost Parish
342 Pritchard Ave.,
Winnipeg MB, R2W 2J3

Fr. Wojtkowiak had hoped to celebrate this milestone with his family in Poland, but his health, and now the coronavirus, has prevented that. Your prayers and cards will be a blessing for him.

Thinking Faith 191: Creationism and the Catholic Church - Part 2

Join Deacon Eric and Dr. Brett for their multipart series on Creationism and the Catholic Church.

Talking the speed of light, what the first amoeba ate, and the conspiracy of Creationism in this part two of a multi-part series on Creationism and the Catholic Church. Show Snippet: "This is a constant argument that all Creationists use about Christian scientists who believe in evolution - they are seeking the approval of the world. So, John Paul and Benedict, who are willing to stand up to the world on a whole host of questions...suddenly on the question of evolution, are caving to look wise in the eyes of the world?" [Listen to the podcast.](#)

Care of Our Common Home

If you haven't already watched the first three episodes of "Caring for our Common Home", we are working our way through Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si' and we would love to have you join us on [Facebook](#) Thursdays at 7 pm. This week we are looking at Chapter 4: Integral Equality – Justice for the Generations. You can watch this and other episodes on [YouTube](#).

SOURCE Is Back!! Well, kind of...

Join us this Sunday, May 17 at 7 pm for Source Online! It'll be the Source you know and love, but from the comfort of your own home!

Keynote Speaker: Chris Lindenbach

Visit our [Facebook page](#) for more information.



Alpha for Teens and Young Adults [Not sure what Alpha is??](#)

Wednesdays from 6:30 pm to 7:30.

Do you have any questions about your faith? Do you know who Jesus is? Are you looking to explore your faith but not really sure where to ask those questions?

If you're looking for a place to ask questions, in an environment where no question is a stupid question, then come to Alpha. Bring a friend, and join us for the next ten weeks as we explore what Christians believe and why they believe it.

[Facebook Event Link](#) and the [Zoom Meeting Link](#).

Project YM - Youth

Thousands of teenagers from across the country are gathering on Sunday nights for the biggest Youth night ever. It's called ProjectYM Live and each week it features some of the biggest speakers and worship leaders in the Catholic youth ministry world – last week they had over ten thousand students participate.

ProjectYM presents an hour of ministry devoted to middle and high school years students filled with games, presentations, and worship music!

St. Cecilia parish is signed up to participate – all your teenager has to do is head to [ProjectYM.com/watch](#) this Sunday at 6 pm.

Join Fr. Parker Love for Drinks, Quarantine, and Christ on Facebook Live

Grab your favourite cold or hot beverage, and join Fr. Parker on [Facebook Live](#) for a talk about 'The Good Place'. Every Wednesday at 7:30 pm.

Archdiocese of Regina Weekly Report

[Sign up](#) for our Archdiocese of Regina Weekly Report and stay up to date on Covid-19 Updates and other news, delivered to your inbox every Friday morning.

Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intentions - May For Deacons

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church. [Watch the video.](#)

Birthright

We thank you for remembering us and helping us serve the mothers who find themselves in unplanned pregnancies and come to Birthright.

Although we have been forced to lay off our director and close our doors, we are still responding to all the women who contact us.

Usually we ask you to help support us through our baby bottle fundraiser on Mother's Day. If you would still like to support us this year please either mail your donations to Birthright Regina PO Box 3623, Regina SK S4P 3L7 or make electronic donations at canadahelps.org (under charity key words please type Birthright Regina).

Thank you very much and please pray for all mothers that they find the help they need to love their babies to life.

Sacramental Practice During Covid-19

The Archdiocese of Regina, in communication with Catholic health leaders, has compiled a [series of one-page directives and guidelines](#) on a variety of issues affecting churches and sacramental practice during this Covid-19 pandemic. Information is provided on current government directives, private prayer in church, sacraments, weddings, funerals, and more.

Online Catechetical Resources

Archdiocese Catechist Robert Barr has put together a wide variety of [online resources](#) for children, teens, adult and families.

Prayers and Devotions

Daily readings and reflections, prayers, stations of the cross and other resources that may be valuable during this time of physical distancing. [Click here.](#)

Good Samaritan Outreach Program

The Archdiocese of Regina has volunteers from all around the diocese who are willing to reach out if you are in need.

If you need groceries or essential items but are ill, immobile or quarantined and not able to leave the house at all (noting that NONE of us should be leaving more than absolutely necessary!) please contact us and we will set you up with a volunteer who can help.

Please also contact us if you live alone and are feeling lonely and isolated. We can arrange for someone to check in on you by phone.

We are committed to operating in such a way that the Health Canada Guidelines, and provincial Public Health Orders from our Chief Medical Officer and provincial government are strictly adhered to.

If you need some assistance please email outreach@archregina.sk.ca at anytime or call 306-541-3086 between 9 - 5, Tuesday - Saturday. If you need assistance in any way, you can also call the St. Cecilia office 306-545-4051.

Compassionate Listening

If you find that during this difficult time you need a compassionate listening ear, [visit](#) for a list of spiritual directors and candidates in training who have volunteered their time to be there for anyone who is struggling.

A Spiritual Act of Communion for those Self Isolating

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Be Strong In The Lord

Ephesians 6:10-18

A Prayer During the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most Merciful and Triune God,
We come to You in our weakness.
We come to You in our fear.
We come to You with trust.
For You alone are our hope.
We place before You the disease present in our world.
We turn to You in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.
Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill.
Protect those who are most at risk.
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home.

Stabilize our communities.
Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts.
Fill us with confidence in Your care.
Jesus, I trust in You.
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Jesus, I trust in You.
Amen.

Coronavirus Prayer

Kerry Weber, CEO of American Magazine

Jesus, you traveled through the towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.”
At your command, the sick were made well.

Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus,
that we may experience your healing love.

Heal us from our fear,
which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride,
which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with families of those who are sick or have died.
As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair.
May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals
who seek to heal and help those affected and
who put themselves at risk in the process.
May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations.
Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern
for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve.
Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions
that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks.
May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad,
surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few,
Jesus, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare.
In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus, heal us.
Amen