

Sharing God's gifts, Serving others, In Christ's Love

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 15, 2020



"Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." - Matthew 25:21

Today's readings challenge us to live not for the "here and now," but rather with eternity in mind. We are reminded that we will be called one day to give an account for the gifts God has given us — our physical, intellectual and material gifts — as well as the gift of time itself. We must examine our lives to determine whether we are making the best use of our gifts with the time we have been given to use them.

Let us embrace the stewardship way of life, using all the gifts entrusted to us — Time, Talents and Treasure — in such a way that at the end of our life on this earth, we will hear these words from our Father: "Well done, my good and faithful servant... Come, share your master's joy." [Source: Catholic Stewardship Consultants. www.catholicsteward.com]

Covid-19 Masks Protocol

According to the Saskatchewan Health Authority order, mandatory use of non-medical masks is required for the celebration of the Mass and all other parish gatherings. Persons attending are required to wear non-medical face masks from the time they enter the building until they have exited the building.



Additional Sunday Mass

The addition of a noon Mass is an interim adjustment to accommodate the number of parishioners who wish to attend on Sunday.

Attending this Mass follows the same first-time sign-up and continuing to attend recall procedure as the other weekend Masses. Please see the guidelines and protocols.

Signing Up to Attend Saturday or Sunday Mass

If you wish to attend Saturday or Sunday Mass, for the first time since the reopening in June, signing-up in advance is required. Please register by Thursday before the weekend you wish to attend.

We understand plans or situations change. If you are registered and not able to attend, please call the office. If a change happens after Friday at Noon, please call Ray at 306-545-0592 or call or text 306-536-8920. This will enable us to contact a replacement household.

After you attend once, you will be added to a recall list for your preferred Mass. People who are signing-up for the first time are assigned to the available spaces. If there are remaining spaces, people from the recall list are assigned. Melita will contact you to let you know about available openings for your preferred Mass.

Read the guidelines and protocols for attending Mass including how to sign-up.

Communion for Shut-ins

If you have a family member or someone in your extended household group who is not able to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, call Melita in the parish office 306-545-4051 for more information.

Coats for Kids

Father Burns Council Knights of Columbus are collecting gently used winter clothing items (parkas, ski pants, winter boots, toques, mitts, socks, etc.), specifically for needy students, but will also accept donations for adults. The items will be provided to Community Schools and the needy of our city.

If you can help, please leave the items in the box in the entrance area during Mass times or package the clothing in bags or boxes, **tag them Coats for Kids**, and drop them off on the steps of the church during regular office hours (see front page for hours).



This Week's Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday November 16	Revelation 1.1-4; 2.1-5; Luke 18.35-43
Tuesday November 17, 7 pm	St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious Revelation 3.1-6, 14-22; Luke 19.1-10 Intentions of Fr. Bob MacKenzie from Alphonse and Valerie Brodner.
Wednesday November 18, 10 am	Revelation 4.1-11; Luke 19.11-28 RIP Dorris Krushen from her daughters.
Thursday November 19, 10 am	Revelation 5.1-10; Luke 19.41-44 RIP Catherine Gordon from St. Cecilia Catholic Women's League.
Friday November 20, 10 am	Revelation 10.8-11; Luke 19.45-48 Intentions of the Karen Community.
Saturday November 21, 7 pm	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Revelation 11.4-12; Luke 20.27-40
Sunday November 22, 10 am and Noon	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Ezekiel 34.11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15.20-26, 28; Matthew 25.31-46

Christmas Giving Tree

The Social Justice Committee has made a few changes to this year's Giving Tree. Our parish is supporting the Isabel Johnson Shelter (for women and children), St. Francis Community School, and Sacred Heart Community School.

The Giving Tree is in the Welcoming Area, however there are no tags on the tree. Instead, we are asking for the following donations.

- Isabel Johnson Shelter
 - Gifts for Girls and Boys Newborn to 12 years.
 - Bath towels (biggest need), shampoo, conditioner, unscented lotion, shower gel, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, hairbrushes, and combs.

All gifts and listed items must be NEW and unwrapped.

- St. Francis and Sacred Heart Schools
 - \$10 Gift Cards. President's Choice (Tom's Independent, No Frills, Superstore), and Walmart.



If you can help, use these ways to bring your donation to the church:

- During Mass times, leave unwrapped gifts or items in the boxes around the Tree and place gift cards in the marked collection box in the Welcoming Area.
- Bring your unwrapped gifts, items, or gift cards to the Church office during regular office hours (see front page for hours).

All gifts, items, and gift cards must be received by Sunday, December 6.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and especially by those who need a little help during the Christmas Season.

St. Cecilia Catholic Women's League News

Your CWL Executive has been meeting virtually and are looking forward to holding our first General Meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, December 1 at 7 pm. All members are welcome and will be receiving a meeting invite via email a week in advance.

Fees for 2021 are due December 31, 2020. The CWL is pleased to offer the option of e-Transfer method of payment to **cwlstcecilia@gmail.com**. No security question is required, and the money is automatically deposited. If you prefer using the CWL yellow donation envelope, bring it to Mass or drop it off at the Church office. The fees are \$35.

Muffins for Marian Centre

Sandwiches, muffins, or granola bars are being given 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.



Plastic Containers for Carmichael Lunch Program

Carmichael Outreach Centre has resumed providing hot meals for those in need. They are serving between 150 - 200 meals a day and are very much in need of clean margarine, yogurt, sour cream, Tupperware, etc. plastic containers in which to serve the meals.

Seasonal clothing and footwear (all ages, sizes, and genders) is also being accepted.

If you can help, package the containers or clothing in bags or boxes and drop them off on the steps by the front doors of the church during regular office hours.

Spiritual Life and Education

Carol Anne and Ed Landgraf, Pastoral Council Spiritual Life and Education Team Leaders, select content for this feature. In this instalment from Ascension Presents, Kim Zember and Jackie Angel talk about the difference between love and lust.

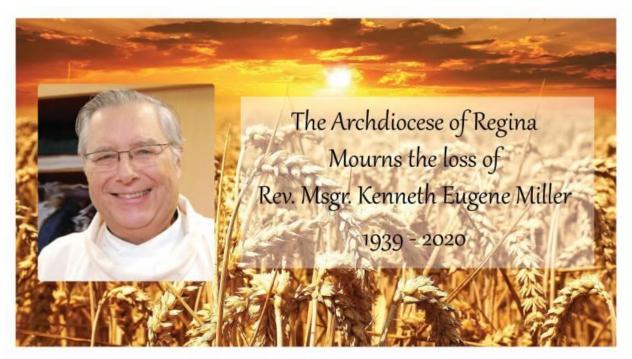
Are you stuck? Want to get moving again?

Movement, liberation, freedom to go forward are gifts of the Spirit that we can pray for in those times when we find ourselves immobilised.

The challenges and stresses of the present pandemic are likely to bring all of us to halt as some time or another. This spiritual exercise may help you.

Receive weekly spiritual exercises by emailing First Spiritual Exercises.

Carol Sheldon of our parish offered these comments about the Field Hospital Exercises. "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 or call 306-545-3185."



As an Archdiocese, we continue to mourn the death of former Vicar General and Diocesan Administrator, Msgr. Ken Miller, who died suddenly last weekend. Heartfelt condolences to his family and to all who knew him well, including former parishioners, friends, religious, and clergy.

The prayers for Msgr. Ken will be on Sunday, November 15, at 3 pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral. The funeral will be on Tuesday November 17 at 10:30 am, again at Holy Rosary.

Because there are limited spaces at the Cathedral because of Covid restrictions, both the prayers and the funeral Mass will be livestreamed.

There are very limited spaces available for those who wish to attend either the prayers or the funeral. If you wish to attend, <u>email Holy Rosary Cathedral</u>. Please don't be discouraged if there isn't space for you to be there in person, but join in the livestreamed celebration.

There is an opportunity to go to the funeral home and offer personal prayers for Msgr. Ken in the presence of the casket, at Speers Funeral home, 2136 College Avenue, between Noon and 2 pm on Sunday, November 15. There is no need to register for this.

May we all join together in lifting Msgr. Ken into God's merciful hands, giving thanks for his life, and asking the Risen Lord to embrace him with eternal life.

Monsignor Kenneth Eugene Miller Obituary.

Mark Shea and The Church's Best Kept Secret - Part 4

Thinking Faith Podcast with Deacon Eric Gurash and Dr. Brett Salkeld

Continuing our discussion with Catholic author, speaker, and apologist, Mark Shea on his newest book "The Church's Best Kept Secret: A Primer on Catholic Social Teaching" examining, among other topics, structures of sin.

Show Snippet: "We make stuff all the time. We don't just make little tchotchkes, we also make giant, world-spanning, socio-economic, and political systems. These are what are known as 'structures of sin' and what structures of sin do is that they make it hard to be good and make it easy to be bad..." <u>Listen to the podcast</u>.

Get a signed copy of "The Church's Best Kept Secret: A Primer on Catholic Social Teaching." Buy direct from Mark.

Archbishop's Appeal

As our Archbishop's Appeal draws to a close, we would like to take this time to thank all those who have contributed to the ongoing mission of the Church in the Archdiocese of Regina. If you have not already done so, there is still time to contribute; donations will be accepted until the end of December. Any donation, large or small, will assist our Archdiocese in continuing Christ's mission of imbuing hope to everyone born out of God's Mercy through the sharing of God's Word.

Proverbs 31:10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31 | 1Thess. 5:1-6 | Matt. 25:14-30 We may long to hear the Lord say to us, "Well done, good and faithful servant," as the Lord does with the first two servants mentioned in the Parable of the Talents in today's Gospel from Matthew. However, although the third servant did not squander or waste the gifts (talents) he had received, the Master's reaction was not the same.

Stewardship is an active way of life. There is nothing passive about it. The Lord expects us to do things, to take the gifts we receive and to share them and multiply them, as was the case with the first two servants cited in the parable.

If we really wish to hear the Lord say, "Well done, good and faithful servant" to us when we are finally judged, we need to do something to earn that praise. The key word in that sentence is "do." There is nothing abstract about being ready for Jesus' return and judgment of us. God has gifted us in a multitude of ways. We need to recognize those gifts; acknowledge those gifts; be grateful for those gifts; and most of all use those gifts to benefit the Church and others.

What have we done with our time, our money, and our abilities? In our Church we recognize and point to sins of omission - that is, things we did not do, but should have. Like the first two servants in the parable, it is not just a case of preserving what God has given us; it is a case of using it, increasing it, and returning it to the Lord.

Your support to the Archbishop's Appeal is your hand multiplied and extended in service to others in spreading the good news of salvation through the pastoral ministries this supports when our physical presence is not possible. The Appeal is a channel to take the gifts we receive and to share them and multiply them, as was the case in the first two servants cited in the parable. Then we may indeed hear the Lord say to us, "Well done, good and faithful servant". [Source: Adapted from Catholic Stewardship Consultants. www.catholicsteward.com]

A Time for Caring: Helping Others During Lockdown

The Archdiocese's work to alleviate suffering is a step in the right direction. Watch the video.

Emmaus Family Support

One in five families in our parishes and neighbourhoods are affected by mental health challenges. Emmaus Family Support offers peer-led support for mental health caregivers. We are a gathering of individuals who are the primary caregivers of loved ones experiencing mental health challenges that meet on the fourth Thursday of each month to share prayer, mental health resources, and life experience. Our focus is on shared learning, building resiliency, walking together, and moving toward healthier lives for ourselves and those we care for. If you would like more information on how to take part, please email Deacon Eric Gurash.

Archbishop Donald Bolen's Message – October 30

It has probably never been easy to live with a deep patience, but it seems particularly difficult today to show patience. The pandemic is demanding an incredible patience from us and it is exhausting us View the video.

Archdiocese of Regina Weekly Report

<u>Sign up</u> 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.

Gathering God's Harvest - An Ecumenical Stewardship Webinar Series

You are invited to join the Fall ecumenical series on stewardship which began October 22 and continues Thursdays to November 19 at 3 pm and 7 pm.

November 19, "Ordinary" People doing Extraordinary Things!, with Kurtis Krug. Join Kurtis Krug, Professional Financial Advisor, on a journey to demystify planned, legacy, and major giving. Discover how easy and affordable it is to empower yourself to enable your favourite charities to do transformational things.



Each webinar will be live on Zoom at 3 pm with presentation, break-out rooms, and Q&A. The sessions will be repeated at 7pm with the recorded presentation, new break-out sessions, and Q&A.

One registration works for all afternoon and evening sessions. Please register by emailing Nick Jesson.

If you can't attend the live session or want to watch past sessions you can watch them on YouTube.

November 12, Practical Stewardship Tips for Your Congregation, with Fr. John Weckend and Ray Deis. Fr. John is associate pastor at St. Cecilia Roman Catholic Parish in Regina. Ray Deis is a lay leader at St. Cecilia. This webinar is a case study of how stewardship was implemented at St. Cecilia Parish. Discover ideas of how to ignite a stewardship approach in your church congregation.

November 5, The Stewardship of Self-Care, with Archdeacon Cheryl Toth, Amanda Fontaine, and Murray Patzwald. Join Anglican priest Cheryl Toth and social workers Amanda Fontaine and Murray Patzwald for a conversation about the why and how of self-care for ourselves and our communities in these anxious times.

October 29, Money Talks: How to Preach Stewardship, with Rev. Dr. Herb Gale. Former stewardship director for the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Herb invites preachers to think about the challenges of preaching stewardship within a congregation. Using relevant scripture selections, Herb offers a variety of homiletic models to integrate stewardship education within your preaching. An optional follow-up seminar will be available for preachers who wish to work with Herb developing a sermon.

October 22, Stewardship in the land of 'Mammon': How are we working for God?, with Joe Gunn. Currently the executive director of the Centre Oblat - A Voice for Justice in Ottawa, Joe is the former executive director of Citizens for Public Justice and the former director of the Social Affairs Office of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Joe will discuss how our work and vocational choices -- the what and the how -- contribute to Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation.

This series is organized in the spirit of the LAURC Covenant by the Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle, the Saskatchewan Synod of the ELCIC, and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina.

Helping the Cuernavaca Project With Recyclables

The project can benefit from your donation of Sarcan recyclables at any Sarcan location in Regina. Use the keyword **project** when you use the Drop and Go option.

A Blessing Not a Burden

Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:40

Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience

NEW LEGISLATION COMING

The federal government has tabled legislation to expand access to euthanasia to people who are not about to die, including people with disabilities.

DISABILITY ADVOCATES ARE FEARFUL

A 2019 government report said that people choose euthanasia because of fear of being a burden, loneliness, lack of support, or loss of dignity and meaning. People with disabilities face these issues daily. As a society, we have a responsibility to support the vulnerable, not allow them to be permanently silenced.

WRITE YOUR MP TODAY

Write your MP to let them know you don't want access to euthanasia expanded to include vulnerable people who are not at the end of their lives. It could be someone in your family next or it could be you. To send an email, visit www.canadiansforconscience.ca/federal_government

Adoration with Praise and Worship Music

"Come to me all who are weary...you will find rest for your souls."

Thursday, November 26 at 7 pm, join us at Resurrection Parish for Adoration with praise and worship music. To attend in person, please <u>register</u> at by end of day Wednesday, November, 25 (spaces are limited). This event will also be Livestreamed.

Employment Opportunity - St. Anne Parish Regina

St. Anne Parish is seeking to fill a part-time position of <u>Office Administrator</u> to strengthen parish operations. The job posting will remain open until the position is filled. Applications (resume and cover letter) should be directed in confidence to <u>finance@stannesregina.com</u>.

Holy Cross Parish Drive-Thru Harvest Supper

Friday November 20 - Turkey Supper | Sunday November 22 - Roast Beef Supper.

Each meal provided by Charlotte's Catering includes four salads and cheesecake with serving from 5 to 6 pm. These delicious generous meals, can be shared with small children or between children, will be in a takeout package delivered to your car. Each packaged meal costs \$20. All meals can be prepaid by e-transfer bookkeeper.holycross@sasktel.net, cheque (Holy Cross Parish Harvest Supper) or cash at Holy Cross Parish 315 Douglas Avenue E. Contacts: Wayne Rutten 306-789-8151 or John Lebersback 306-789-7609.

Our Lady of Peace Drive-Thru Advent Supper

Roast beef supper provided by Charlotte's Catering. \$20 a meal. Our Lady of Peace parking lot, 425 Broad St. North. Friday or Saturday, December 11 and 12. For tickets, call Dennis 530-2370 or Anita at 543-0421.

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.