



*Sharing God's gifts,
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In Christ's Love*

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Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20, 2020



"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – Luke 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

Christmas and New Year's Livestream Mass Schedule

With the current Covid-19 restrictions limiting gatherings for Mass to a maximum of 30 people, we can't accommodate everyone who wants to come to Mass at Christmas and New Years.

Limited seating is full.

Join us on Christmas Eve at 7 pm, Christmas Day at 9 am, and New Year's Day at 9 am for our livestreamed Masses. Use one of these ways:

- [St. Cecilia YouTube Channel](#).
- St. Cecilia Website stcecregina.com.
- On the YouTube App, search for St Cecilia Regina.

This Week's Readings and Mass Intentions

Monday December 21	Zephaniah 3.14-18 or Song of Songs 2.8-14; Luke 1.39-45
Tuesday December 22, 7 pm	1 Samuel 1.24-28; Luke 1.46-56 Intentions of the April Family.
Wednesday December 23, 10 am	Malachi 3.1-4, 4.5-6; Luke 1.57-66 RIP Marmy Wagner from Marge Appell.
Thursday December 24 7 pm and 9 pm	The Nativity of the Lord Isaiah 62.1-5, Acts 13.16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1.1-25 Pre-registration only. Limited seating is full.
Friday December 25 9 am and 11 am	The Nativity of the Lord Isaiah 52.7-10; Hebrews 1.1-6; John 1.1-18 Pre-registration only. Limited seating is full.
Saturday December 26, 7 pm	St. Stephen, The First Martyr Acts 6.8-10, 7.54-59; Matthew 10.17-22
Sunday December 27, 10 am and Noon	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3.12-21; Luke 2.22-40 Pre-registration only.

Signing Up to Attend Saturday or Sunday Mass

Signing-up in advance is required if you wish to attend Saturday 7 pm or Sunday 10 am or Noon Mass, for the first time since the reopening in June, please register by Wednesday 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.](#)

Self-Assessment Questionnaire for Covid-19

If you wish to attend Mass, you are reminded to take the self-assessment. When you arrive, you will be asked if you did the assessment. If you did not, you will be asked the assessment questions.

The assessment is included with this bulletin and on [our website](#) and in the [guidelines and protocols for attending Mass](#).

St. Cecilia Catholic Women's League News

Fees for 2021 are due December 31, 2020. The CWL is pleased to offer the option of e-Transfer method of payment to cwlstceilia@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.

Marian Centre Closed Between Christmas and New Years

Sandwiches, muffins, or granola bars are being given daily to those in need. Donations of muffins would be very helpful. The next delivery of donated muffins will be January 8, 2021.

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.

Sacrament Preparation for Children



Preparation classes for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist will begin in 2021 for children in **Grade 2 and older**.

Classes will be held at St. Cecilia Church (following social distancing regulations) on January 21, February 18, March 18, April 15 and May 13 at 7 pm.

Confirmation and First Eucharist will be celebrated at mass on May 22 and 23.

Please register by December 31. Email Betty DeWildt bettydewildt@gmail.com or call Melita in the parish office 306-545-4051 (see front page for hours).

Preparation classes for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held during Lent 2021 for children in **Grade 4 and older**.

Classes will be held at St. Cecilia Church (following social distancing regulations) on March 4 and 11 at 7 pm.

First Reconciliation will be celebrated on March 13.

Please register by December 31. Email Betty DeWildt bettydewildt@gmail.com or call Melita in the parish office 306-545-4051 (see front page for hours).

The above-mentioned dates are subject to change, pending the regulations of the Saskatchewan Health Authority on public gathering in view of Covid-19.



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.

Rich Heart

This week's [spiritual exercise](#) reflects on a rich and generous heart. Jesus watched the crowd putting money into the temple treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." Mk 12:41-44

Receive weekly spiritual exercises by [emailing First Spiritual Exercises](#).

Archbishop Donald Bolen's Address

Third Week of Advent – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



One of Advent's greatest treasures, especially in the days directly leading up to Christmas, is the 'O antiphon' tradition. Many who may not be acquainted directly with the O antiphons will likely know them through the verses of the much-loved hymn *O Come O Come Emmanuel*. The O antiphons are used as antiphons for the Magnificat each of the seven days leading up to Christmas in the Catholic Church's evening prayer, and are generally used as part of the

Gospel Alleluia at Mass those days.....[View the video](#)

Faith and Politics Revisited - Part 2

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

The discussion on faith and politics continues as guests Brendan Hodge and Charles Camosy examine the potential that exists in both left and right political ideologies for a radical coming together on a variety of important issues.

Show Snippet: "Why do we have to choose between protecting pre-natal children from being dismembered in the womb, or people with massive brain injuries from being starved and dehydrated to death, and actually supporting nursing homes and long-term care facilities...with adequate resources?" [Listen to the podcast](#).

Journey Through Advent

A Video Series to Introduce and Reflect on the Season

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) announces an online weekly video series created to help Canadian Catholic faithful to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. The series is a joint project involving the CCCB's National Liturgy Office, and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis. The initiative was developed to offer a resource that enriches faith formation during a time of joyful anticipation for the coming of the Lord and Saviour into the world. It is hoped that Journey through Advent will be a source of deep spiritual solace and insightful preparation for all.

The videos are available on the [CCCB website](#) each Monday in advance of the upcoming Sunday celebration.

Archbishop's Appeal

On Behalf of Archbishop Donald Bolen, the Archdiocese of Regina and all the ministries and organizations we fund and support, we would like to thank everyone for their prayers and for their help in the various ministries of the Archdiocese. Thank you for your financial support to this year's Archbishop's Appeal. If you have not already done so, there is still time to contribute, as donations will be accepted until the end of December. Your contributions, regardless of size, will ensure that the mission of Christ will continue and that the Church of Christ will grow to touch the lives of others, making the peace and grace of Christ known throughout the Archdiocese of Regina.

All our individual gifts and talents are meant to be shared for the benefit of everyone. We Christians are expected to be living witnesses to the way Jesus loves and serves. Let us make a stronger commitment to respond with care and compassion to those around us and work for a more just world.

Thank you very much for contributing to the Archbishop's Appeal. God who owns everything needs our generosity to make it possible for the pastoral ministries to work for the growth of the Kingdom in the Archdiocese of Regina. [Source: Adapted from Catholic Stewardship Consultants. www.catholicsteward.com]

A Time for Envisioning: Future Full of Hope

God promises us a future full of hope. That same Spirit calls us anew each day to do our part to dream and to build that future. [Watch the video.](#)

Revive Parishes

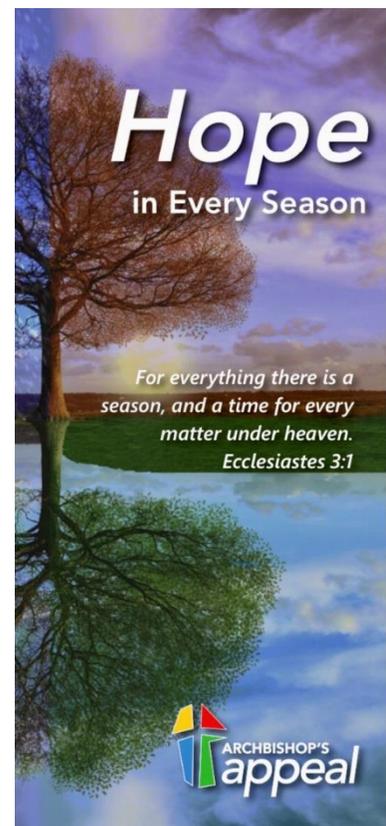
The Archdiocese of Regina is pleased to provide free, online faith formation and leadership training through a partnership with Revive Parishes. Revive is a free online platform with a variety of resources to help parish leaders learn, grow, and renew their parishes. Featuring courses lead by renowned Catholic speakers like Mark Hart, Pat Lencioni, Fr. Mike Schmitz, and Chris Stefanick, Revive offers leadership training in areas of parish renewal, evangelization, stewardship and giving, parish communications, and more. For more information and free access to online courses, visit [Revive Parishes](#).

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](#).

Small Group Ministry for Young Adults – Leaders Needed

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is launching a small group ministry for young adults!! Registration for joining the groups will open in mid December and groups will start gathering in mid January. All groups will have 6-8 people, have both a social and a faith-building component, will gather based around a common interest and will gather once a week for 8-10 weeks. But first...we need leaders!! If you have a hobby or interest you are willing to share with others and are interested in building community and growing in faith, this is for you! We will provide all needed training and support. We just need willing hearts. [More information here](#) or email [Michelle Braden](#).



Call for Directors: Santa Maria Senior Citizen's Home Foundation

Do you enjoy

- Supporting Quality of Life experiences for Seniors.
- Living your faith through creativity and zest for life.
- Working on fundraising campaigns.
- Engaging with people that share your enthusiasm.

Consider joining our Foundation Board.

For more information, or to register your interest, please contact: Kelly Chessie (Executive Director) kelly.chessie@saskhealthauthority.ca or Joan Pratchler (Foundation Chair) jpratchler@gmail.com.

Helping the Cuernavaca Project With Recyclables

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

Archdiocese of Regina Weekly Report

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

Latin Mass at St. Mary Parish

The Latin Mass is every Sunday at 1 pm. If you wish to attend, please confirm your request. [Email](#) or call and leave a message at 306-789-2903.



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Covid-19 Screening Questionnaire

For the protection and health of all in our St. Cecilia community, each person wanting to come to the church must take this self-assessment.

1.	Do you have any of the following symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feeling unwell including fever, cough, sore throat.• Nausea, Vomiting, Diarrhea.• Unexplained loss of appetite.• Loss of sense of taste or smell.
2.	Have you travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?
3.	Have you had close contact without a mask or other appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) with someone who has travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?
4.	Have you had close contact without a mask or other appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) in the last 14 days with someone who is ill with Covid-19 symptoms?
5.	Have you or anyone in your household had close contact without a mask or other appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) in the last 14 days with someone who is being investigated or confirmed to be a case of Covid-19?

If you answered "Yes" to any of the above questions, you are encouraged to stay home and DO NOT come to the Church at this time.

If you answered "No" to all the above questions, you may come to the Church.