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In Christ's Love

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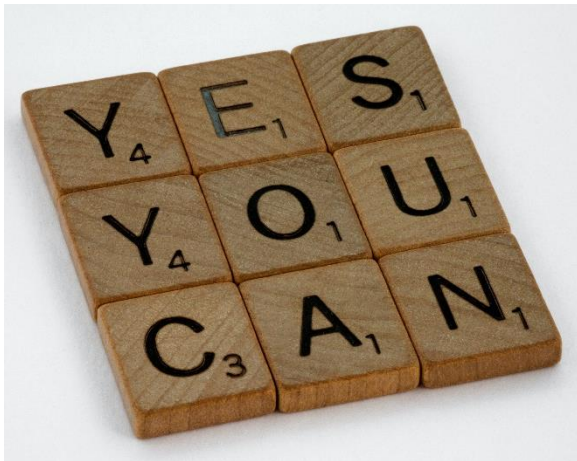
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St. Cecilia parish is located on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional lands of the Nêhiyawak (neh HEY o wuk), Nahkawé (NUK ah way), and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 24, 2021



"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way." (Mark 10:52)

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore.

This is hard, but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God's active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop an attitude of gratitude.

This Week's Masses

Monday	October 25	No Mass.
Tuesday	October 26	7 pm – RIP Joanna Noels requested by Bernadette Gettis.
Wednesday	October 27	10 am – RIP Anna Marie Schmidt requested by the Schmidt family.
Thursday	October 28	10 am – RIP Ed Larson requested by Becky Larson.
Friday	October 29	9 am – RIP Paul Sandor requested by Bernadette Warnke.
Saturday	October 30	7 pm
Sunday	October 31	10 am

Livestream Masses

Sunday

If you are not able to join us for Mass in person, join us online at 10 am for our livestream Mass.

Use one of these ways:

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

Friday

Mass at 9 am is livestreamed as part of the Archdiocese Weekday Mass schedule.

If not attending, you can watch on the [Archdiocese YouTube Channel](#).

Masks Required

Masks must be worn in every indoor public space according to the Saskatchewan Public Health Order. This applies to all areas of the church building. Children under the age of two years are exempt. More information on the [Saskatchewan Government website](#).

Cookies and Muffins for Marian Centre

The Marian Centre is serving bag lunches for those in need and is very grateful for donations of muffins, cookies, or other baked goods.

Because of the Covid situation, they will continue serving bag lunches and not return to indoor hospitality and meals at this time.

If you can help, package the baked goods in a container or bag that you do not need returned and bring them to the church during regular office hours by Friday 9:30 am.



Leave No Neighbour Behind – Knights of Columbus



Are you tired of seasonal yardwork? Do you dread the changing of the season? The Father Burn's Council Knights of Columbus can help ease that stress.

If you require a bit of extra aid with raking, shovelling, or low-level pruning, contact Tayler at labellet@hotmail.com or 306-580-2597.

The Knights will assist with your yardwork by payment of donation.

Help the Knights support their causes, by helping you with your yardwork.

Fall and Winter Clothing for Sacred Heart School Families

Students and families need jackets, socks, underwear, and mittens for Fall and Winter.

- Jackets (new or gently used) - children size 6 up to adult XL.
- Socks – children and adult all sizes.
- Underwear – all sizes including adult up to size XL.

If you can help, please leave the items in the marked box in the entrance area before or after Masses or package the clothing in bags or boxes, tag them **Sacred Heart School**, and drop them off on the steps of the church during regular office hours, Monday to Friday: 9 am to 3 pm.



All Souls' Day - Tuesday, November 2

Mass will be at 7 pm to remember all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. A candle will be lit for each of the departed from our parish who passed away in the last year and recorded in our funeral register and there will be a memorial card slideshow.

Parishioners who lost a loved one in the past year who was not a member of St. Cecilia are invited to participate in the memorial. If you are not able to attend the Mass, your loved one can still be included in the memorial.

For details about participating, contact Amber in the office 306-545-4051 by **October 27**.



Communion for Shut-ins

If you or someone you know is not able to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, call Amber in the office 306-545-4051 for more information.

CWL General Meeting

The next meeting is Tuesday, November 2 at 8 pm following the 7 pm All Souls' Day Mass. The meeting will be in the hall.

All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting for the election process for 2021 Executive and updates on what our council has planned for the upcoming year. We hope to see you there.

Gratitude Project 2021 ~ 2022 – Catholic Women’s League



Do you know an essential worker that deserves our thanks and prayers?

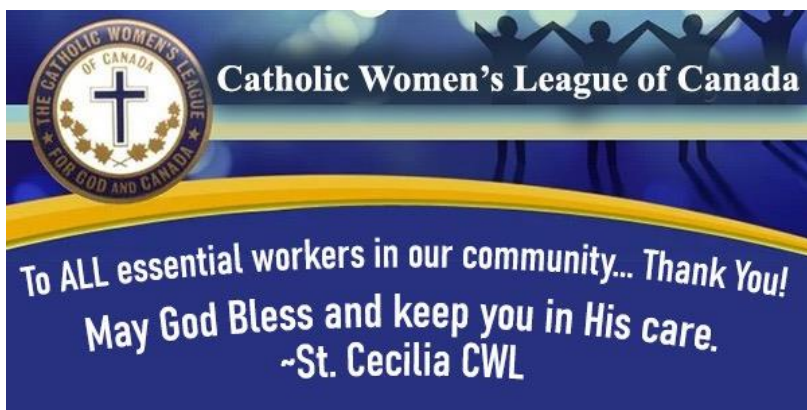
- Healthcare Workers.
- Grocery/Retail Store Workers.
- Service Station Attendants.
- Letter Carriers.
- Workers that assist in making our daily lives continue.

Please take a postcard (or two) from the table in the Church Welcoming Area to personalize and send (or hand) to those in your life that have assisted you and/or our community to continue functioning through the pandemic.

Pick up a postcard before or after Masses or during office hours, Monday to Friday: 9 am to 3 pm.

Through this initiative, the CWL hopes to convey to our community members, friends, and loved ones how much they are appreciated, thought of, and prayed for - as we continue to navigate through these uncharted waters.

Thank you to everyone who has participated. Another batch of postcards was printed this week.



The above message will display on the electronic billboard located on Pasqua Street North by the Tap. It will be on the South side of the billboard and display for 6 seconds of every minute on Monday, November 1.

You are encouraged to take some time on November 1 and park near the billboard and give a moment to ALL essential workers in our community. Even let the grocery store clerk know we are giving them a shout out on that day.

Dr. Brett Salkeld Speaking to Huron Perth School Division - Part 4 Thinking Faith Podcast with Deacon Eric Gurash and Dr. Brett Salkeld

We conclude our four-part series of talks given by Dr. Brett Salkeld to the teachers of the Huron Perth School Division. Show Snippet: "English teachers especially, you know how deeply shaped human reality is by our use of language; the way that words can change our lives, the way that they can impact us..." [Listen to the podcast.](#)

Sacrament Preparation for Children 2021-2022

The Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist

- Students in Grade 2 and older are invited to attend with a parent/guardian.
- Classes will be held in St. Cecilia Church on these Thursdays in 2022: January 13, February 17, March 10, March 24, April 7, and May 5 at 7:00 pm.
- The date of the Confirmation/First Eucharist mass is to be determined.
- To register, email Betty at sacraments@stcecregina.com or if you do not have email, call Amber in the parish office 306-545-4051 by November 18.
- Please note that changes to in-person lessons may be made to meet SHA regulations.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Students in Grade 4 and older are invited to attend with a parent/guardian.
- Classes will be held in St. Cecilia Church on these Thursdays in 2022: February 10 and February 24, at 7:00 pm.
- The First Reconciliation Celebration will be on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at 11:00 am.
- To register, email Betty at sacraments@stcecregina.com or if you do not have email, call Amber in the parish office 306-545-4051 by January 7, 2022.
- Please note that changes to in-person lessons may be made to meet SHA regulations.



Our parish goal for the Archbishop's Appeal is \$27,527.

Jesus encourages us, through the gospel, to trust God with all our hearts, to persevere and believe that good will come in the end. Giving with our hearts is trusting in God's providence, knowing that He will take care of us. Thank you very much to those who have already given. We are very grateful. For those still undecided, please prayerfully consider making a donation this year.

The blind man showed not only that he had great faith in the ability of Jesus to give him sight but it also showed his willingness to persevere even when others told him to be quiet. God calls us to trust in Him in all things. He calls us to be vocal about our faith even when others want to silence us. The great faith the blind man showed resulted in a great reward. He got his sight. It did not end there because he showed his gratitude by following Jesus. We often forget to do that. We need to express our gratitude to God for all he does for us whether it be small things or big things.

The Archbishop's Appeal provides support to a wide variety of community outreach programs such as Catholic Family Services, Native Ministry and Visitation House to name a few. These programs assist people in the community who need a variety of supports. By providing them help we can live what Jesus taught us about helping each other. Your support for the Appeal means the Archdiocese can continue to run the programs and make life a little better for our brothers and sisters.

Removing Walls to Free Halle's Heart (Video)

Halle Calnek is full of life, passionate about dance, with a solid goal to be an actor. Despite her outward confidence, Halle says, "I had a wall around my heart so that I wouldn't get hurt." This personal revelation came during her first online school retreat this past spring.

Inspired by young retreat leaders who modelled living deeply in faith and trust, Halle realized that she could unbind herself from ways she'd been previously living, freeing herself to be more courageous with her heart and more fully trust in God and others.

A passionate advocate for youth retreats, Teacher Megan Vanstone, has witnessed how they create a safe environment for students to grow in their faith, personal discovery, and confidence.



In a year of Covid, the Youth Ministry office created an online live retreat where over 1200 students connected in a way they wouldn't have thought of before.

Thanks to your gifts, retreats can reach youth and young adults in ways that enable them to strengthen their trust in God and feel His love.

[Watch Removing Walls to Free Halle's Heart \(5:43\).](#)

Archdiocese Interim Director of Development

We are pleased to welcome George Kress as the Interim Director of Development for the Archdiocese of Regina. George and his wife, Louise, are members of Resurrection Parish. He brings a love of Christ and His mission and experience from both public and non-profit industries, including CCO and NET Ministry Canada. George will be working with current development staff on continuing and growing donor relations in all areas of the Archdiocese of Regina.

Email Scam Alert

There are emails circulating from the email address chancery@archregina.sk... as well as a variety of other Gmail type addresses. All have contained this sentence: Hi, how are you doing? did you received my email this morning? and email me as soon as you get this message.

The chancery email address is no longer in use, any emails received from it should be deleted immediately, DO NOT reply to those emails or any others like it. If you ever have a concern about an email sent to you from a clergy member, please contact them directly using the contact information you have on hand rather than anything that has been provided in this type of email.

Encouragement to Consider Vaccination

Following the directives, guidance, and research carried out by the Vatican and other bodies of bishops world-wide, Archbishop Don supports efforts to provide vaccines to the people of Saskatchewan and encourages the faithful to seriously consider receiving the vaccine.

Further information can be found at the following links.

- Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith "Note on the morality of using some anti-Covid-19 vaccines". [Link.](#)
- "Vaccine for all: 20 points for a fairer and healthier world" Vatican Covid-19 Commission in collaboration with the Pontifical Academy for Life. [Link.](#)
- Alberta and NWT Bishops OK vaccination for Covid. [Link.](#)
- How to Vaccinate Like a Catholic: A Guide Through the Prickly Covid-19 Issues. [Link.](#)

Myriam Family of the Prairies New Home

The Myriam Family of the Prairies is thrilled to invite you to their Come and See event on Sunday, October 31 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm at their new home in McLean, 35 minutes East of Regina.

The Lord has blest us with this new house open for all those who would like to have a time of retreat in the beauty of creation and the peace of the countryside.

If you are interested in coming, please email or call Sr. Stéphanie for directions prairies@famillemyriam.org, 306-761-0528.



KAIROS Gathering: 20 Years of Spirited Action for Justice

Join in celebrating KAIROS' 20th anniversary, October 26 to 28.

KAIROS is commemorating 20 years of spirited action for justice during this kairos time, when multiple crises have converged and opportunities arise for transformational change. We are inviting the KAIROS network, domestic and global partners and friends to reflect on KAIROS' accomplishments and struggles, to embrace this kairos moment and to envision a 2041 that is more hopeful, just and sustainable than the present time.

The virtual KAIROS Gathering, will feature a daily plenary session, anchored by a panel discussion with partners and participants who have played an important role in making KAIROS what it is today. Using the theme of time, plenary sessions will explore *Where we have come from*, *Where we are at now*, and *Where we are headed to*.

The plenary sessions will accentuate the cross-cutting nature of KAIROS work, drawing speakers from many different areas of concern. The workshops will each highlight one current area of KAIROS program.

Hear first-hand from program coordinators and partners about KAIROS' current work to advance social and ecological justice. [Full program schedule.](#)

40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism

Delve deeply into anti-racism work with a 40-day time of learning, reflection, and advocacy!

Each day from Tuesday, October 12 to Friday, November 26 (with the exception of Sundays) there will be a new reflection on anti-racism, as well as activities suitable for adults and children. These activities can be done alone, as a family, or in groups. For every day, during the 40 Days, all the content will be available as a PDF that you can review, download, or print and distribute. Writers from across the United Church have offered these daily contributions about different kinds of racism in church and in the broader society. Some draw on their personal experiences to share their insights about racial injustices. All invite the reader to explore ways to transform themselves and the denomination.



During the 40 days, there will be different online events where you can gather and engage with the content from that day.

[Find out more about the online events and sign up for the newsletter to keep up-to-date.](#)

Exploring our Sacred Texts: A Conversation about Stewarding our Common Life

All are invited to join this online series with Jewish, Christian, and Muslim panelists to discuss the scriptural sources for understanding generosity, hospitality, and compassion.

Thursday, October 21, 3 pm – Generosity. [Watch the replay here.](#)

Thursday, October 28, 3 pm – Hospitality.

Thursday, November 4, 3 pm – Compassion.

In these days of increased social polarization and intolerance, where racism, antisemitism, and Islamophobia appear to be increasing daily, dialogue between faith communities is an antidote to ignorance and hatred. Generosity, hospitality, and compassion are social virtues that can heal the wounds of our society.



Rabbi Jeremy Parnes is the spiritual leader of Beth Jacob Synagogue in Regina. His long involvement in multifaith and community organizations includes Regina Multifaith Forum, Habitat for Humanity, numerous City of Regina committees on social housing and homelessness, and several inner-city boards, including Youth Connexions and The Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada.

Rev. Amanda Currie has been Minister of First Presbyterian Church in Regina since 2017. She previously ministered in Saskatoon for 14 years and has recently completed a two-year term as Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. She is vice president of the Canadian Council of Churches, where she has served on the Governing Board for the past 7 years. She has convened the Ecumenical and Interfaith Committee of the Presbyterian Church and is active in numerous national and local ecumenical and interfaith initiatives.

Imam Dr. Mohamed Masloh is the leader of the Islamic Association of Saskatchewan in Regina, an RCMP chaplain, and a teaching assistant at the University of Regina. He studied at the prestigious Al-Azhar University in Cairo and the Graduate Theological Foundation in Indiana, where he earned a Ph.D. in Islamic Studies.

[Register for this free series.](#) For further information, contact Archdeacon Cheryl Toth at stewardship@sasktel.net.

This webinar is planned in the spirit of the LAURC Covenant by the Ecumenical Stewardship Committee of the Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle, the Saskatchewan Synod of the ELCIC, and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina.

Young Adult Ministry Workshops

Anyone ministering with and to young people is invited to join the office of youth and young adult ministry for a series of evening workshops. The workshops will be held over zoom. You are welcome to join us for all of them or just one. Please email us at oyyam@archregina.sk.ca to indicate your interest.

Workshop 1: Monday, October 25 at 7 pm - Collaboration with and Mentoring of young people.

Workshop 2: Monday, November 8 at 7 pm - Assessing the Needs of Young People / Visioning for the Future.

Workshop 3: Monday, November 15 at 7 pm - Skills for leading groups (large & small).

Workshop 4: Monday, November 22 at 7 pm - Building Your Ministry "Toolkit".

Interest Finder Meeting for International World Youth Day 2023

Think you might be up for an international pilgrimage adventure? Are you between the ages of 18 and 35? (or will be by the summer of 2023). Join us for the “Who, What, Where, When, and Why of travelling to Lisbon, Portugal in early August of 2023. This meeting commits you to nothing! It is just informational. [Join us on Zoom](#) Wednesday, November 3 at 7 pm.

Holy Rosary Cathedral Refugee Sponsorship Fundraiser

Scrap Metal Pick Up: For a donation, we will pick up your scrap metal for disposal. Call or text Bernadette at 306-537-4158 to arrange for pick-up.

100% of the proceeds go toward refugee sponsorship.



Become an Online Member for Free

Now through December 31, enter Promo Code MCGIVNEY2020 for 12 months of free online membership.

Online Membership only. Annual dues of \$30 will apply on your Membership Anniversary. Local council dues vary

[Sign up here.](#)

Pope Francis' Homily for the Opening of the Synod Process

October 10, 2021



A certain rich man came up to Jesus “as he was setting out on his journey” (Mk 10:17). The Gospels frequently show us Jesus “on a journey”; he walks alongside people and listens to the questions and concerns lurking in their hearts. He shows us that God is not found in neat and orderly places, distant from reality, but walks ever at our side. He meets us where we are, on the often rocky roads of life. Today, as we begin this synodal process, let us begin by asking ourselves – all of us, Pope, bishops, priests, religious and laity – whether we, the Christian community, embody this “style” of God, who travels the paths of history and shares in the life of humanity. Are we prepared for the adventure of this journey? Or are we fearful of the unknown, preferring to take refuge in the usual excuses: “It’s useless” or “We’ve always done it this way”?

Celebrating a Synod means walking on the same road, walking together. Let us look at Jesus. First, he encounters the rich man on the road; he then listens to his questions, and finally he helps him discern what he must do to inherit eternal life. Encounter, listen and discern. I would like to reflect on these three verbs that characterize the Synod.

The first is encounter. The Gospel passage begins by speaking of an encounter. A man comes up to Jesus and kneels down before him, asking him a crucial question: “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” (v. 17). So important a question requires attention, time, willingness to encounter others and sensitivity to what troubles them. The Lord is not stand aloof; he does not appear annoyed or disturbed. Instead, he is completely present to this person. He is open to encounter. Nothing leaves Jesus indifferent; everything is of concern to him. Encountering faces, meeting eyes, sharing each individual’s history. That is the closeness that Jesus embodies. He knows that someone’s life can be changed by a single encounter. The Gospel is full of such encounters with Christ, encounters that uplift and bring healing. Jesus did not hurry along, or keep looking at his watch to get the meeting over. He was always at the service of the person he was with, listening to what he or she had to say.

As we initiate this process, we too are called to become experts in the art of encounter. Not so much by organizing events or theorizing about problems, as in taking time to encounter the Lord and one another. Time to devote to prayer and to adoration – that form of prayer that we so often neglect – devoting time to adoration, and to hearing what the Spirit wants to say to the Church. Time to look others in the eye and listen to what they have to say, to build rapport, to be sensitive to the questions of our sisters and brothers, to let ourselves be enriched by the variety of charisms, vocations, and ministries. Every encounter – as we know – calls for openness, courage and a willingness to let ourselves be challenged by the presence and the stories of others. If at times we would rather take refuge in formality or presenting the proper image – the clerical and courtly spirit, where I am more Monsieur l'abbé than Father – the experience of encounter changes us; frequently it opens up new and unexpected possibilities. Following today's Angelus, I will meet with a group of street people who came together simply because a group of people made an effort to listen to them, sometimes just to listen to them. And from that listening they succeeded in setting out on a new path. So often God points out new paths in just this way. He invites us to leave our old habits behind. Everything changes once we are capable of genuine encounters with him and with one another, without formalism or pretense, but simply as we are.

The second verb is listen. True encounter arises only from listening. Jesus listened to that man's question and to the religious and existential concerns that lay behind it. He did not give a non-committal reply or offer a prepackaged solution; he did not pretend to respond politely, simply as a way of dismissing him and continuing on his way. Jesus simply listens, for whatever amount of time it takes; he is not rushed. Most importantly, he is not afraid to listen to him with his heart and not just with his ears. Indeed, he does more than simply answer the rich man's question; he lets him tell his story, to speak freely about himself. Christ reminds him of the commandments, and the man starts to talk about his youth, to share his religious journey and his efforts to seek God. This happens whenever we listen with the heart: people feel that they are being heard, not judged; they feel free to recount their own experiences and their spiritual journey.

Let us ask ourselves frankly during this synodal process: Are we good at listening? How good is the "hearing" of our heart? Do we allow people to express themselves, to walk in faith even though they have had difficulties in life, and to be part of the life of the community without being hindered, rejected, or judged? Participating in a Synod means placing ourselves on the same path as the Word made flesh. It means following in his footsteps, listening to his word along with the words of others. It means discovering with amazement that the Holy Spirit always surprises us, to suggest fresh paths and new ways of speaking. It is a slow and perhaps tiring exercise, this learning to listen to one another – bishops, priests, religious and laity, all the baptized – and to avoid artificial and shallow and pre-packaged responses. The Spirit asks us to listen to the questions, concerns and hopes of every Church, people, and nation. And to listen to the world, to the challenges and changes that it sets before us. Let us not soundproof our hearts; let us not remain barricaded in our certainties. So often our certainties can make us closed. Let us listen to one another.



Finally, discern. Encounter and listening are not ends in themselves, leaving everything just as it was before. On the contrary, whenever we enter into dialogue, we allow ourselves to be challenged, to advance on a journey. And in the end, we are no longer the same; we are changed. We see this in today's Gospel. Jesus senses that the person before him is a good and religious man, obedient to the commandments, but he wants to lead him beyond the mere observance of precepts. Through dialogue, he helps him to discern. Jesus encourages that man to look within, in the light of the love that the Lord himself had shown by his gaze (cf. v. 21), and to discern in that light what his heart truly treasures. And in this way to discover that he cannot attain happiness by filling his life with more religious observances, but by emptying himself, selling whatever takes up space in his heart, in order to make room for God.

Here is a valuable lesson also for us. The Synod is a process of spiritual discernment, of ecclesial discernment, that unfolds in adoration, in prayer and in dialogue with the word of God. Today's second reading tells us that God's word is "living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Heb 4:12). That word summons us to discernment and it brings light to that process. It guides the Synod, preventing it from becoming a Church convention, a study group or a political gathering, a parliament, but rather a grace-filled event, a process of healing guided by the Spirit. In these days, Jesus calls us, as he did the rich man in the Gospel, to empty ourselves, to free ourselves from all that is worldly, including our inward-looking and outworn pastoral models; and to ask ourselves what it is that God wants to say to us in this time. And the direction in which he wants to lead us.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us have a good journey together! May we be pilgrims in love with the Gospel and open to the surprises of the Holy Spirit. Let us not miss out on the grace-filled opportunities born of encounter, listening and discernment. In the joyful conviction that, even as we seek the Lord, he always comes with his love to meet us first.