



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

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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.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 14, 2021



"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory." (Mark 13:26)

We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, "What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?" How will you respond? The good news – it's never too late to live and grateful and generous lifestyle.

This Week's Masses

Monday	November 15	No Mass.
Tuesday	November 16	7 pm – Intentions of Erwin and Irene Domingo. Knights of Columbus Father Burns Council Memorial integrated in the Mass.
Wednesday	November 17	10 am – RIP Donald Meunier requested by Kay and Gerald Hollis.
Thursday	November 18	10 am – RIP Ken Gettis requested by Bernadette Gettis.
Friday	November 19	9 am – RIP Michael McKenzie requested by Tim and Colleen Weckend.
Saturday	November 20	7 pm
Sunday	November 21	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 about 130 bag lunches daily for those in need and is very grateful for donations of muffins, cookies, snacks, and other items.

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 Taylor 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.



Melita Stenhouse Retirement



At the November 7 Mass, Melita was recognized for serving as the St. Cecilia Office Coordinator and cheerfully serving others for 36 years. In the early years, Melita did the finances using a ledger book, used carbon paper, and produced 500 copies of the weekly bulletin using a typewriter and Gestetner duplicating machine. Office tasks became easier with the transition to the computer and photocopier. In addition to her office responsibilities, Melita and her late husband Bob were active on Pastoral Council leading the Deanery, Religious Education, and Stewardship teams.

This week, Melita sent this message for the bulletin. "It has been a privilege to be part of the St. Cecilia parish family. Thank you for the sharing with me of your circle of life with baptisms, marriages, and funerals I've recorded over the years, both happy and sad. Thank you for sharing with me the baptisms and marriages of my children and Bob's funeral. It is great to be part of a loving church family. I am grateful for the many cards and well wishes. I will see you in Church and may even call sometime to see how you are doing. God bless. All my love. Melita."

Amber Gabriel – New Office Coordinator

Message from Amber. "I am very fortunate to have the opportunity to be the new Office Coordinator. For the past 23 years I ran a home daycare and was very grateful to be able to be there for my own children.

"I grew up in Leroy Saskatchewan and moved to Regina in 1993. I married Wayne Gabriel in 1995. We have 4 wonderful children, Shelby 24, Kyle 23, Dawson 12, and Noah 6.

"We have been parishioners of St. Cecilia since 2000 and have been active on Pastoral Council in various positions, including Ecumenism and Stewardship as well as being the St. Francis School liaison for the Catholic School Community Council (CSCC). I am a CWL member and Wayne is with the Knights of Columbus.

"I look forward to serving the St. Cecilia parish community in my new role!"



Truth and Reconciliation New Weekly Bulletin Feature

By Fr. John

Several years ago, I was attending a lecture in which the speaker began by asking the audience: 'How many of you are Treaty People?' Thinking this was meant only for any Indigenous people who may have been present, I did not put up my hand. The speaker then reminded us that we were ALL Treaty people. Treaties, like all agreements and covenants, always involve TWO parties. My ignorance in this case was perhaps indicative of that of many non-indigenous folks.

However, it gave me the idea that it might be helpful to provide 'bite-size' pieces of information to assist in understanding and aiding in building a better relationship between the Indigenous and non-indigenous people of our land. This initiative will be in the form of a short weekly feature entitled: *'Itwewin Corner'*. *Itwewin* is the Cree word which means 'the word' or 'as it is said...'. It is my hope that this will be a small way of contributing information and education envisioned by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. The following is a sample of what is to come.

Itwewin Corner

Did you know that...some 10,000 Indigenous men and women enlisted to fight for Canada in the two World Wars [and the Korean War]. Because they were considered 'wards of the state' and not citizens, they did not receive the benefits of other returning veterans like land, loans, and education.

Little Blue Book - Advent and Christmas Seasons

The Little Book will help you explore the depths of Scripture and deepen your relationship with Christ.

- Use the book anywhere.
- Fits easily in your pocket, purse, or backpack.
- Spend 6 minutes of quiet time with the Lord each day.

Pick up one for yourself, (or more to give to others), before or after Masses or during office hours, Monday to Friday: 9 am to 3 pm. Suggested donation \$2.

Missals for 2021 - 2022

Available before or after Masses or during office hours, Monday to Friday: 9 am to 3 pm. Only \$5. This is self-serve.

Christmas Giving Tree

The Social Justice Team has made a change to this year's Giving Tree. The Giving Tree will be in the Welcoming Area beginning November 27, however there will not be tags on it. Due to the Covid situation, we are only asking for donations of gift cards. The cards will be given to Sacred Heart and St. Francis Community Schools and others in need in our parish community.

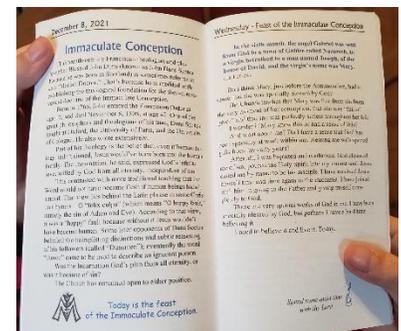
The School Support Specialists confirmed a need for \$10 gift cards.

If you can help, here are two ways to donate:

- Purchase President's Choice (No Frills, Superstore, Jackson's Independent) or Walmart Gift Cards. **At the time of purchase, please ensure the Gift Card is activated and you receive the activation receipt.**

Place the gift cards in the marked box by the tree before or after Masses or during office hours, Monday to Friday: 9 am to 3 pm.

- e-Transfer your donation and the Social Justice Team will purchase the gift cards. The e-transfer money is automatically deposited, and the parish is sent an email with the details. The parish is not charged a transaction fee. For the recipient email address, enter etransfer@stcecregina.com. For the Memo or Message, enter **Christmas Giving Tree-Social Justice**.



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

All gift cards and e-transfer funds must be received by Sunday, December 12.

CWL Catholic Inspirations 2022 Calendars

Pick up a calendar before or after Masses or during office hours, Monday to Friday: 9 am to 3 pm. Only \$5. This is self-serve.

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.

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 December 31.
- 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 is \$27,527. Current amount donated is \$14,400 – 52%.

As we prepare for Advent, let's open our hearts and minds to let God's unbinding love frees us from every knot in our lives, to experience healing, peace, joy and gratitude. We would like to thank all those who have contributed to funding the ministries and programs that share God's love with those around us. The Archbishop's Appeal is coming to an end, but there is still time to give. Donations will be accepted until the end of December. If you

are still discerning, please prayerfully consider taking the opportunity to share the gifts God has given you.

Today as we draw close to the end of our liturgical year, we are reminded of the inevitability of the final judgment. It is easy in our daily lives to find ourselves distressing over the future, over the reality of suffering both personally and globally which can foster an internal struggle to find hope in the midst of uncertainty. However, we are also reminded today of God's sovereignty and that it is for God alone to know and determine when the end of time shall come for about that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. We can place our trust completely in the hands of our loving God, knowing that He continues to work out his plan in and through our lives. For by a single offering He has made perfect forever those who are sanctified and through His sacrifice He makes His intercession on our behalf constant and eternal.

Confronted with the end time we are also reminded of the impermanence of our own lives. In the face of this knowledge we may consider how we are living the gift of life given to us and to reflect on those temporary aspects of our lives which we have perhaps become overly attached to. Today we are asked to look beyond ourselves and attach ourselves fully to the word of our Lord, which will not pass away, entering into those words and allowing them to fashion each of us into the persons we were created to be. To live our lives intentionally in a life of service to God and one another rather than a life preoccupied by self-interest and personal comfort. For the faithful who lead the people to righteousness will not be forgotten by our ever-present God.

As we celebrate the blessed sacrament we are reminded that we walk together as a community in Christ. Through our contributions to the Archbishop's Appeal we provide support to our pastoral services, healthcare ministries, adult and youth formation programs, Indigenous relationships, and social justice work in the community we are called to serve as the faithful of our diocese so that we may continue to be the fig tree which produces fruit in plenty.

Bishop Don's Update on the Journey of Truth and Reconciliation

November 12, 2021

Dear People of the Archdiocese of Regina,

Warm greetings. Well, wintry greetings but with warm good will! This brief message is an overview of the roadmap for our truth and reconciliation journey over the next few weeks.

From December 17 to 20, an Indigenous delegation will be going to meet Pope Francis in Rome. Its aim is to create meaningful encounters of dialogue and healing, and to prepare the Pope for his pastoral visit to Canada. As you know, in late September the Catholic Bishops of Canada offered an unequivocal apology to Indigenous Peoples, which provides a context for the forthcoming trip to Rome as a step towards reconciliation.



Like our own process of the sacrament of reconciliation, we begin by acknowledging the truths of where and how we as Catholics have been the source of deep pain and wounds; what we have done and what we have failed to do. Pope Francis will have an opportunity to hear about the effects of colonization, the signing and breaking of treaties, the legacy of residential schools, and intergenerational trauma. Many of the stories he will hear will touch these painful truths, and that is an essential step towards healing that will lead to a meaningful encounter and relationship building.

Let us be in solidarity with this Indigenous delegation and the efforts of the Canadian Church as it takes steps on this healing and reconciling journey. Truth, new beginnings, and right relationships pave the way towards Reconciliation.

Let us embark on this journey following the movement of the Advent liturgical cycle, beginning with the feast of Christ the King, by entering into the five-stage process of the sacrament of reconciliation: examine, confession, repentance, reparation, and reconciliation. Each week we will provide educational opportunities to better understand our history and current challenges.

A key landmark on this journey will be December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, when the Church in Canada celebrates The National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. This initiative, coordinated since 2002 by the CCCB Advisory group the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council, marks this feast as a day of prayer, solidarity, and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patron of the Americas, appeared in Mexico in 1531 as an Indigenous woman to St Juan Diego, whose Indigenous name was Cuauhtlatoatzin ("Eagle Who Speaks"), and spoke to him in his Indigenous language of Nahuatl. She is wearing the black sash around her waist which is an Aztec Maternity Belt that Mexican women would wear to indicate they were with child.

On this day, December 12, we will have a special pew collection, in which parishioners across our archdiocese will be able to support the TRC Healing Response. Together, we can pool our resources to support Indigenous-led initiatives to assist in repairing the wounded relationships of the past.

Our Lady of Guadalupe calls us to stand in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. Through her intercession may we as a church give birth to new relationships and a new way of walking together on the road to reconciliation.

[Watch video message here.](#)

Vaccine Mandates and Exemptions with Melissa Moschella - Part 3

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

We wrap up our three-part conversation with Dr. Brett Salkeld and Dr. Melissa Moschella, moral philosopher at the Catholic University of America, discussing vaccine mandates and exemptions from a Catholic perspective.

Show Snippet: "If my conscience is telling me that somebody else needs to pay a price, that might actually even be a good indication that I need to think again about forming my conscience." [Listen to the podcast.](#)

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.](#)

Speaking Grief

One hour documentary on Tuesday, November 16, 7 pm at Speers Family Centre, 2333 Cornwall St.

Touches on the many aspects of grief and addresses how we can more meaningfully talk about grief and support those in our lives walking a path of grief--essentially all of us. Discussion panel and refreshments to follow.

To register your attendance, call 306-522-3232. Presented by Speers Funeral Chapel, Caring Hearts, and Fox Valley Counselling.

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 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".

World Youth Day at Home 2021

Did you know World Youth Day is celebrated internationally every 3 years, BUT is also to be celebrated at a diocesan level EVERY year on the feast of Christ the King? In light of that, ALL young adults 18 and up are invited to join us at the co-cathedral in Gravelbourg on Sunday, November 21 from 3 - 7 pm. A bus will leave Regina at 1 pm (with stops in Moose Jaw).

Come celebrate with Archbishop Don, the community of Gravelbourg, and other young adults around the diocese. [More information here](#) or email oyyam@archregina.sk.ca.

Spirituality of the Early Church

Campion College invites you to spend time with renowned New Testament Scholar Fr. Scott Lewis S.J. for their winter semester for a course on The Spirituality of the Early Church. This course will be offered Mondays evenings from 7 pm – 9:15 starting in January 2022.

The New Testament presents a vision of a transformed world and humanity. The course will explore the various currents of New Testament spirituality and their relationship with culture, society, and experience.

If you are interested in auditing this class (no papers, exams, or final grade), please contact the Campion Registrar's office at Campion, registrar@uregina.ca or phone 306-359-1225. More information on the course on the [Campion website](#).

Conquest Boys Advent Project

The Conquest Boys early advent project called "In the Spirit of Saint Nicholas" will for the 15th year be promoting sainthood and raising money for those in need through the sale of Purdy's Chocolates. Monies raised this year will be directed to the Regina Marian Centre, our local Madonna House apostolate that serves the poor in downtown Regina.

To order Purdy's chocolates or view the catalogue of delicious treats, go to www.purdysgpp.com, create an account and link to the Conquest Regina campaign #14903.

For more information on this project or to see all the great things going on with Conquest in Regina, go to our website at conquestregina.ca.

Drive-Thru Pick-up Dinner – Our Lady of Peace Parish

Friday, November 26 Roast Beef Dinner.

Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, horseradish, vegetables, 4 salads, bun, and dessert.

Sunday, November 28 Turkey Dinner.

Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, vegetables, 4 salads, bun, and dessert.

Catered by Charlottes. \$24 a meal. Pick-up between 5 and 6 pm. Our Lady of Peace parking lot, 425 Broad St. North.

For tickets, call or text Dennis 530-2370 or call Anita at 543-0421.

50/50 Raffle – Our Lady of Peace Parish

Tickets are available at ourladyofpeaceregina5050.ca. A maximum of \$2,500 can be won and only 1,800 tickets will be sold. More details are available on the 50/50 website. Thanks so much for your support.

Raffle ends November 20, 2021 at 6:05 pm.

Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care

Launching on November 15. The launch marks the culmination of a four-year process whereby the CCCB partnered with experts from Pallium Canada, Dominican University College, the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute, Catholic Health Alliance of Canada, and the Congregation of the Sisters Saint Joseph in Canada. This partnership ensured the development of a high-level resource that will benefit Catholic parishioners eager to grow in their understanding of palliative care and Church teaching on end-of-life questions.

Key features of the toolkit include a detailed facilitator's guide, four modules organized in a step-by-step learning process, videos, and take-home resources. The entire toolkit will be available on the CCCB webpage following its launch.

The Committee has planned a Zoom presentation on November 15 from 9 am to 10:30 where an expert panel will introduce the toolkit. [Register here.](#)

What the toolkit includes:

- Facilitator's Guide
 - Module 1 – Understanding the Human Experience of Dying and Death.
 - Module 2 – Discerning and Making Decisions at the End of Life.
 - Module 3 – Accompanying those at the End of Life.
 - Module 4 – Supporting and Integrating within the Wider Community.
- Short Videos (available on YouTube and for direct download).
- Reflection Sheets and Resource Lists in Appendices.
- Links to external resources.

For whom the program is designed:

- Those seeking to learn more about palliative care and Catholic Church teaching on end-of-life.
- Caregivers.
- Persons who have recently been diagnosed with a terminal illness.
- Family members who need resources and guidance as they journey with a loved one who is seriously or terminally ill.
- Parishioners and pastoral care teams who want to form a Compassionate Community program.

Part-time Pastoral Assistant

Would you like to work part-time as member of a small team working helping to share in and carry out the catechetical mission of the church? Then this might be the position you are looking for.

St. Martin de Porres Parish in Regina is seeking a part-time pastoral assistant who is able to work with all age groups, from babies to seniors, in preparation to receive the sacraments. Under the direction of the pastor, the Pastoral Assistant would organize and facilitate all aspect of sacramental preparation. The Pastoral Assistant would also be required to journey with families during major illness and the dying process and the preparation of the Celebration of life. The individual would also be required to provide support to the parish priest as required.

Applicants are required to be a fully initiated and practicing Catholic, have strong organizational, communicative and leadership skills and willing to work occasional evenings. Start date is as soon as possible. Applicants should send their resume and letter of interest to Leona Burkhart at lburkhart@archregina.sk.ca by December 1. 2021.

Celebrating the Amoris Laetitia Family Year

Since March 19, 2021, Pope Francis has invited the Catholic faithful to celebrate a year dedicated to the family and deepen our understanding of his Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia, "The Joy of Love". The Amoris Laetitia Family Year will conclude with the 10th World Meeting of Families, which will take place in Rome and will also be celebrated in local dioceses, June 22 – 26, 2022.

The Office of Family and Life at the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has created online resources to explore the pastoral insights of Amoris Laetitia through video resources, the official text divided into chapters along with reflection questions, an overview of what Catholic dioceses and eparchies of Canada are doing to celebrate this year, as well as relevant Church documents and prayers for the family. All of these resources offer ways to learn, pray, and discern. Together they represent the CCCB's ongoing accompaniment and support of today's families.



[Resources for the Amoris Laetitia Family Year.](#)

Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendour of true love;
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel and
small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again experience
violence, rejection, and division;
may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
make us once more mindful of the sacredness and
inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,
Graciously hear our prayer.
Amen.

Prayer excerpted from Amoris Laetitia © Libreria Editrice Vaticana