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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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, November 21, 2021



*"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'
(John 18:36)*

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building "your" kingdom here on earth? We all know we can't take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.

This Week's Masses

Monday	November 22	No Mass.
Tuesday	November 23	7 pm – RIP Remedios Misa requested by Erwin and Irene Domingo. Knights of Columbus Father Burns Council Memorial integrated in the Mass. Due to the stormy weather, rescheduled from November 16.
Wednesday	November 24	10 am – Intentions of the family of Trudy Kurtz requested by Trudy Kurtz.
Thursday	November 25	10 am – Intentions of Eh Doh Soe Wah Ta requested by the Wah Ta family.
Friday	November 26	9 am – Intentions of Dennis Ell requested by Clara Ferner.
Saturday	November 27	7 pm
Sunday	November 28	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 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.



There is a great need for mittens and jackets.

Sacred Heart School is very grateful for the many donations so far from the St. Cecilia parish community.

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.

itwewin Corner (itwewin is the Cree word which means 'the word' or 'as it is said...')

Fr. John, Archdiocese of Regina Truth and Reconciliation Healing Committee.

Did you know that... following World War Two, returning First Nation veterans discovered that they had lost their 'status' as a result of being absent from their reserves for more than four years, a stipulation of the Indian Act at that time.

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.

Sunday Missals for 2021 - 2022

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

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.

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.

Financial Update

Dale and Janette Richardson – Finance Chair Couple

St. Cecilia Parish is feeling the negative financial impact of Covid-19.

The Federal Government introduced its Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy in 2020, which helped us out tremendously last year. The subsidy was continued into 2021, but it was reduced considerably, and we are feeling the effect.

In addition, our attendance at Mass has been constrained during the pandemic, reducing our Sunday Collection revenues.

We have done a fairly good job of containing our general operating expenses but have encountered some fairly significant unexpected expenses for some roofing and dishwasher repairs.

When we prepared our 2021 Operating Budget, we realized that it would be a difficult year and had forecasted a \$10,000.00 loss for the year. Unfortunately, as of the end of October, we are already operating with a \$16,675.62 deficit. This is concerning, being that we still have two more months left in the year.

We realize that Covid-19 has also created financial difficulties for some of our parishioners and that this may be playing a part in the shortfall. Having recognized that, we are still asking for your support. Any additional financial assistance that can be offered to help the parish through the remainder of the year would be greatly appreciated.

We would also just like to remind everyone that, for tax receipt purposes, December 31 is the cut-off date for your 2021 contributions.

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.

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.



St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr, Feast Day – November 22

St. Cecilia, a noble woman who lived in the second century, is one of the best-known Roman martyrs. She is one of the few women noted in the Roman Canon of the mass by name.

The traditional story of St. Cecilia's life, written several centuries after her death, is a romantic tale. St. Cecilia was a Christian from birth and as a young woman took a vow of chastity. Forced by her parents to marry a pagan Roman, Valerian, she is said to have "sung in her heart to the Lord" during her wedding ceremony. For this reason she is the patron saint of musicians.

On her wedding night, St. Cecilia told Valerian that an angel watched over her to protect her chastity. Valerian asked to see the angel. St. Cecilia told him to go the third milestone on the Via Appia and be baptized by Pope Urban I. Valerian did as she said. Following his baptism Valerian returned home and saw the angel standing beside St. Cecilia. After Valerian's baptism, his brother Tiburtius was also baptized. Valerian and Tiburtius took on the task of burying Christian martyrs until they were put to death by the Roman authorities.



During her life St. Cecilia is said to have converted many people to Christianity and worked to make her home into a church. Following the executions of Valerian and Tiburtius, St. Cecilia was sentenced to death by steam vapors in her own bathhouse. She was left in her bathhouse overnight but did not die. The executioner then tried three times to cut off St. Cecilia's head unsuccessfully. St. Cecilia took three days to die and is said to have spent these days praising God.

Although the story of St. Cecilia's life has been romanticized, there is historic evidence to show that St. Cecilia, Valerian and Tiburtius existed and were buried in the Catacomb of Praetextatus on the Via Appia. Their relics were moved by Pope Paschal I (817-824) to St. Cecilia's church in the Trastevere quarter of Rome. St. Cecilia's feast day has been celebrated since the 4th century.

Prayer to St. Cecilia

O glorious saint, who chose to die instead of denying your King,
We pray you please to help us as His fair praise we sing!

We lift our hearts in joyous song to honor Him this way,
And while we sing, remembering, to sing is to doubly pray.

At once in our hearts and in our tongues, we offer double prayer,
Sent heavenward on winged notes to praise God dwelling there.

While in our hearts and tongues we try with song to praise God twice,
We ask dear saint, to help us be united close to Christ! Amen.

Indigenous Peoples and the Church: Walking Together Toward Healing and Reconciliation

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.

Each week, beginning on Sunday, November 21, the Solemnity of Christ the King, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) will release a video recording of a Bishop in Canada reflecting on the Gospel Reading for each Sunday of Advent. This year's reflections were developed in view of [the Indigenous Delegation which will be travelling to Rome to meet with Pope Francis](#). Each reflection is based one of the five essential stages of reconciliation: examen, confession, repentance, reparation (making amends), and reconciliation. Likewise, it is hoped these reflections will assist the faithful, Indigenous and non-Indigenous alike, in preparing for [Pope Francis' eventual apostolic journey to Canada](#).

Homily of The Most Rev. Donald Bolen, Archbishop of Regina **Solemnity of Christ the King Sunday, 21 November 2021**

Today's Readings:

1st Reading: Daniel 7.13-14;

2nd Reading: Revelation 1.5-8;

Gospel: John 18.33b-37



Warm greetings in the Lord Jesus.

Over the next five weeks, I have been asked to share a few homiletic reflections to help prepare the Church in Canada to accompany in solidarity and prayer the delegation of Indigenous Peoples to Rome to meet with Pope Francis 4 weeks from now. In each reflection, as we move towards the birth of the Christ child, we will ponder what is being asked of us in seeking a new way to walk in solidarity with the Indigenous Peoples of this land.

Today is the feast of Christ the King. At the heart of this feast is a paradox about power and the exercise of power, and we hear it coming through in today's Gospel. Pilate asks Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?", and Jesus, in so many words, says not the kind of king you are thinking of - "My kingdom does not belong to this world.... I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Many of Jesus' disciples and hearers wanted him to come with political power, to overthrow the Romans, to exert authority over all who were oppressing the people.

But his way was not about 'power over'; it was about self-giving suffering love, a love willing to humbly serve, to wash the feet of others, to listen to and heal the wounds of the suffering. The paradox of today's feast is brought home when we think of Jesus on the cross with a sign posted above him, King of the Jews. Today's feast turns us towards Jesus' understanding of power, and that is an important entry point as we ponder the relationship between Indigenous Peoples and the Catholic Church, historically and today.

There are limits to which it is appropriate to judge people of the past by our understanding today, but we need to acknowledge that it was deeply problematic that Christianity came to this land accompanying European powers with a particular view of this land and the Peoples who had lived here for tens of thousands of years. When rivaling Europeans came to what they termed the 'new world' and saw all this land, they erected crosses to stake and claim it for their respective monarchs. They came with assumptions of the superiority of their cultures.

While there could have been a rich encounter between cultures, languages, spiritualities and ways of living on the land, what largely resulted instead was domination of Indigenous Peoples. When we look today at ways in which the church gave moral authority to the colonizing enterprise, including power over Indigenous Peoples here and in other parts of the world, we are confronted with the reality that church leaders of that time allowed themselves to stand in solidarity with the dominating powers instead of with Indigenous Peoples.

Accompanying colonizing nations, often with the notion of conquering the world for Christ, seems to stand in sharp tension with Jesus's words in today's Gospel: my kingdom is not of this world. We heard just a few Sundays ago in Mark's Gospel Jesus reminding his disciples that while in the world those with power lord it over others, it was not to be so among his disciples. He reminds them that God's way is the way of a love that gives of itself, and that he came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life for us.

Good and healthy evangelization is not colonization. Rather, it comes with the humility of the God who comes to dwell among us, to pour himself out for us. It comes with a word to proclaim, with a healing and redeeming presence at the service of humanity, and with a desire to enter into dialogue with cultures. When Saint Pope John Paul visited this land in 1984, at the Martyrs' Shrine in Ontario, he stated,

"Christ, in the members of his Body, is himself Indian... Through his Gospel Christ confirms the native peoples in their belief in God, their awareness of his presence, their ability to discover him in creation, their dependence on him, their desire to worship him, their sense of gratitude for the land, their responsible stewardship of the earth, their reverence for all his great works, their respect for their elders. The world needs these values and so many more that they possess."

That martyrs' shrine is a place where we are reminded of a missionary effort that was much closer to Jesus's way of exercising power. St. Jean de Brébeuf and companions sought to enculturate themselves fully with the Huron-Wendat people they came to serve, living with the people, learning their language and way of living on the land, helping with tasks as needed. He came to admire them, recognizing them as intelligent, welcoming, good businessmen, who had a profound sense of the spiritual. It was obvious to him that the Spirit of God was very active in their culture. At first, he viewed some of their spiritual and cultural practices negatively, but his views shifted as his respect for the people grew. God loved Brébeuf's Indigenous friends and God was with them whether they were baptized or not.

Now is the time for us to commit ourselves to walking with Indigenous Peoples with the same commitment as St. Jean de Brébeuf, seeking ways to hear their voices speaking their truths. As we celebrate this feast of Christ the King, let us remember that Christ's kingdom is one of deep listening and humble service. He said "I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice," and suggested that we would hear his voice calling to us in the voice of every person in need (Mt. 25:31-46).

Today he invites us as his disciples to face the past honestly, to acknowledge our failings, and to learn a new and non-colonial way of walking in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. Our walking together in right relationship will find its way through encounters and experiences of deep listening, followed by concrete acts of justice that pave the way towards reconciliation.

The delegation to Rome is preparing the way for this kind of experience, as delegates will be sharing their truth and encountering Pope Francis in preparation for an historic pilgrimage of healing and reconciliation. Let us accompany the delegation with our prayers and our commitment to be a part of that walking together.

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[Watch the video: Solemnity of Christ the King | Early Missionaries and the Encounter of Worldviews.](#)

New Life Spiritual Exercise

Sometimes it is difficult to imagine or even feel that new life is possible – especially when life has visited us with disaster. A bushfire is like a disaster, any disaster that roars through our lives burning all before it, sending relationships, or plans, or hopes or health up in flames. Yet a bushfire teaches us to be patient and not to judge too quickly. Because three things will soon become evident. First, the fire burns all our branches away - yet leaves the trunk. Basically we are ok even with all our branches gone.

Secondly the roots are untouched. The deepest part of ourselves, the loving roots, the family roots, the roots of friends and faith, all these and more are untouched. These are our hidden resources.

Thirdly, as you can see in the image, if we cannot grow from the branches of our past plans and hopes, we can grow straight from the trunk. New shoots of life startle us with their bright green, freshly translucent, leaves budding from charred trunks.

This exercise is about new life standing witness against the seeming finality of disaster. In field hospital treatment, hope of new growth is an antibody to despair.

Pray for all the new life you desire [here](#).





Our parish goal is \$27,527. Current amount donated is \$15,000 – 55%.

Advent is on the way, and with it comes many opportunities to give more of ourselves and share our gifts with others. Your financial support of the Archbishop's Appeal is key to continue the work of Jesus and touch the lives of others. If you have not already done so, there is still time to contribute. Donations will be accepted until the end of December. On behalf of Archbishop Donald Bolen, the Archdiocese of Regina wants to thank everyone for their prayers and generosity.

Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. A king unlike all others. There is no rule with an iron fist, no wars, no distinction based on ability, there are none doing without while others have excess. No, Christ's Kingdom would not be recognized if compared with those on earth. The readings show how Christ's crowning and return to gather his Kingdom was told from time of old by the prophets.

In the gospel reading today Jesus tries to explain to Pilate that, "His Kingdom is not of this world." Jesus tries to give him an example of how Pilate should be able to tell this when He said, "if my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews." He could have continued with other differences between His Kingdom and the worlds kingdoms; everyone is treated with love regardless of their abilities, everyone is loved because they are a child of God, all God's gifts are shared equally, all are relying on God and resting in His peace continuing the work to bring all to God, to Christ and grow His Kingdom.

Jesus goes on to explain, "I came into the world to testify the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Jesus has told us to love one another as ourselves, share our material gifts from God with those in need, love and respect every person we meet regardless of their abilities, help were God leads us. If we belong to the truth (Christ's Kingdom), He tells us, we know His voice. Am I following Christ's voice? Contributing to the Archdiocesan Appeal is one means provided to us by God to help grow the Kingdom, in the Archdiocese of Regina.

Covid-19 and Vaccines with Dr. Kevin Cormier of Mount Sinai Hospital - Part 1 **Thinking Faith Podcast with Deacon Eric Gurash and Dr. Brett Salkeld**

Dr. Brett Salkeld is joined by Dr. Kevin Cormier, Medical Researcher at Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, with a background in theology and philosophy, discussing the science behind Covid-19 and the vaccines that have been developed to fight it.

Show Snippet: "There's some very primal emotions that, be it anti-vaxxers, be it people who are hesitant, or even worse, those who are conspiracy theorists tap into...and they know that very well and so, to push misinformation relies on that..."

[Listen to the podcast.](#)

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](#).

Canadian Jesuits International – Solidarity: A Celebration

Zoom concert. Tuesday, November 30 – 6 pm

Music brings harmony to the world. Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) cordially invites you to join us for an online celebration through music, poetry, and dance. It will help us to prepare for Christmas and to thank all our friends and supporters who stood by CJI and our Jesuit partners in Africa, Asia, and Latin America through the difficult times this year. [Register here.](#)

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.

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.

