



*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.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, December 26, 2021



"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 John 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well.

Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

This Week's Masses

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| Monday | December 27 | No Mass. |
| Tuesday | December 28 | 7 pm – Intentions of Gerry Shivak requested by St. Cecilia CWL. |
| Wednesday | December 29 | 10 am – Intentions of Betty Charles. |
| Thursday | December 30 | 10 am – Intentions of Auralie Hodges requested by Paulette Wendler. |
| Friday | December 31 | 9 am – Intentions of Murray, James, and Pat Wiest requested by Murray Wiest. |
| Saturday | January 1 | 10 am - The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God. |
| Sunday | January 2 | 10 am - Epiphany of the Lord. |

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](#).

December 27 - 31 Office Hours

Monday, December 27 – Closed

Tuesday, December 28, Wednesday, December 29, Thursday, December 30 – 9 am to Noon.

Friday, December 31 - Closed.

Cookies and Muffins for Marian Centre

The Marian Centre is very grateful for all the donations this year. They are taking a break over Christmas.

The next pickup will be January 7.

Coats for Kids

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

If you can help, please leave the items in the box in the Welcoming Area before or after Masses or package the clothing in bags or boxes, tag them **Coats for Kids**, and drop them off on the steps of the church during office hours.



2022 Donation Envelopes

Available for pickup in the Welcoming Area before or after Masses or during office hours.

We are updating our envelope list, so we do not order more envelopes than needed for 2023. Please email contact@stcecregina.com or call Amber in the office if any of these apply to you:

- Donating online and do not need envelopes.
- Donating other ways and do not need envelopes.
- Do not have envelopes and wish to have.

To keep our records up to date, please let us know if you have moved or have a different phone number.

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...George Armstrong, the captain of the last Toronto Maple Leafs team to win the Stanley Cup [1967] came from an Ojibway background on his mother's side of the family. Proud of his heritage he supported many programs that aimed to promote positive role models for Indigenous children.

Can Tabs, Used Stamps and Eyeglasses

The CWL encourages saving/collecting used stamps and eyeglasses, and tabs from aluminum cans. This also includes aluminum tabs on the lids of canned food items, like fish.

Drop off all items in the marked containers in the entrance area of the Church.

CWL members will distribute the items to the appropriate organizations.



Sunday Missals for 2021 - 2022

Includes weekend readings. Available before or after Masses or during office hours. Only \$5.

Catholic Women's League Annual Fees

The fees (\$35) for 2022 are due December 31, 2021. There are two ways to remit your payment. E-Transfer to cwlstcecilia@gmail.com (please note this is a different email address than the parish donation address).

The e-Transfer money is automatically deposited. If you prefer using the CWL yellow donation envelope, you can bring it to Mass or drop it off at the Church office.

Sacrament Preparation for Children 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.

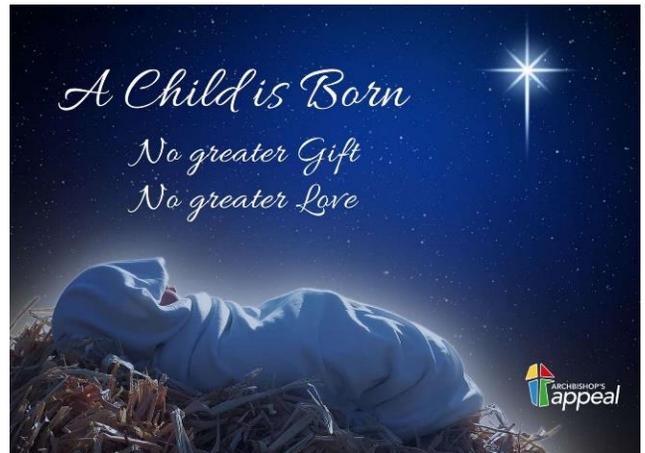


Archbishop's Appeal

"We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, in a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." St. Teresa of Calcutta

Christmas offers us a moment to slow down and contemplate the miracle we have prepared for. Let us rejoice and adore Him in the manger. Let us thank Him for coming to save us all. Let us show our gratitude by being gentle, caring and loving those around us. Let us pray for one another.

As we celebrate the birth of our Saviour and move towards 2022, we pray for each one of you in thankfulness and new beginnings with great hope. May the light of Baby Jesus bless you and your families always!



How are we doing?

\$990,946

62% raised of \$1,600K goal

If you have already donated, THANK YOU truly for your generosity and faithful support. With each gift we receive, we become all that much closer to our goal. Thank you for making a difference through your kindness and generosity.

Will you go the extra mile?

9 days left and at 62% of our goal, we need your support. There is still time to give. Help us do more!

If you have not donated yet and are still discerning, please prayerfully consider a donation this year that would express your hope for the future of the church.

Our parish goal is \$27,527. Current amount donated is \$19,000 – 69%

New Year's Day Levée



The faithful of the Archdiocese are cordially invited to the Archbishop's New Year's Levée at Holy Rosary Cathedral, January 1, 1 – 2 pm.

Receive the Archbishop's blessing for the beginning of the New Year.

Christmas Greetings From Archbishop Don Bolen



Getting ready for Christmas this year, many have found themselves needing to find the courage and resilience to keep going, to come to a place of gratitude and joy. I came across an old story on the internet a few days ago, from the American author Grace Paley, recounting how her elderly bedridden father shared with her a word of how to persevere when growing old, and his main advice was this: “when you get up in the morning you must take your heart in your two hands. You must do this every morning.... Talk softly (to it)... You can whisper also, Remember, remember.”

The gentle advice seems to speak today to more than the elderly. On these cold wintry mornings when the sun rises late, sets early, and the wind blows, many people wake up each morning to significant challenges: some to head to work in health care facilities where everyone is stretched thin and wearied by a pandemic that has come at us all in relentless waves; some waken to fears of another year on the land when the rain doesn't fall but the economy does; some to wounds from the past which do not heal easily; others to burdens that weigh us down, including isolation and loneliness; and many wake each day to strained relations in the midst of polarizing forces bent on pushing us apart instead of holding us together.

The experiences of suffering, of injustice, of relentless burdens, can lead us to dark places of the spirit, to deep discouragement, where hope is hard to come by. Christmas carols that sing of fun and good cheer might seem a far reach. But from a faith perspective, this season also offers a word that can meet us in the places of deep struggle.

The Incarnation, the birth of Jesus, is not about God taking us out of the world of human brokenness and suffering, but about God coming into that world. God, who has authored a world of incomprehensible vastness, and planted us within it, does not remain infinitely distant, but rather, comes eternally near.

A few days ago, some family members of mine arrived by plane from out of province. We had seen each other frequently by video calls, but my nine year old great nephew in joyful enthusiasm uttered what we all felt on the way home from the airport, when he said “now we are seeing each other en chair et en os” - that is, in flesh and bone. That's a very good entry point for what we are celebrating here. In the poetic words of one spiritual writer (Nathan Mitchell), “when the Word took flesh,” God “encamp(ed) among our hearbeats as body, blood, breath, bone, and bread.”

Jesus' birth, the Incarnation, is God's profound embrace of the human condition. Nothing that we experience as human beings is alien to God, because God has come among us, walked with us, and experienced what it is, at its depths, to be human. And in Jesus' living, dying and rising, we see God bringing healing to this wounded world not from without, but by being there with us in it. Our broken world is a paschal world, being transformed and redeemed by God from within.

Think of it this way: in Jesus, God has taken the heart of the world into his hands, and there, speaks tenderly to us, whispering to our hearts, remember, remember. I am walking with you. I will be with you always, yes, to the end of time. So the next time you awaken to a world that feels heavy and overwhelming, to burdens that feel like they can crush you, see if it might help to think of this, and to hear the Christ child speak to you gentle words of perseverance. You are not in this alone. For a light has shone into our darkness, a light the darkness cannot put out (Jn. 1:5).

Merry Christmas, everybody!

[Watch the video message \(4:25\).](#)

Dr. Brett Salkeld and Brendan Steven on Universal Basic Income - Part 2

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

Dr. Brett Salkeld and guest, Brendan Steven continue a four-part series of discussions on the idea of a Universal Basic Income. Show Snippet: "Because money is not just an amount, but it's how often it's spent and what it's used for, it actually keeps generating value as it cycles...one of the arguments for how UBI pays for itself is rooted in this idea of the 'velocity' of money...[Listen to the podcast.](#)

Emmaus Family Support

1 in 4 families experience chronic mental health challenges. Holidays can be tough when navigating these kinds of difficulties. Even good feelings like excitement and anticipation can trigger stress responses. You do not have to walk this path alone. If you care for a loved one with mental health challenges and feel you could benefit from the support and prayers of peers, contact www.emmaussupport.ca to join a meeting. Meetings are currently held on the fourth Thursday of each month, via Zoom.