



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

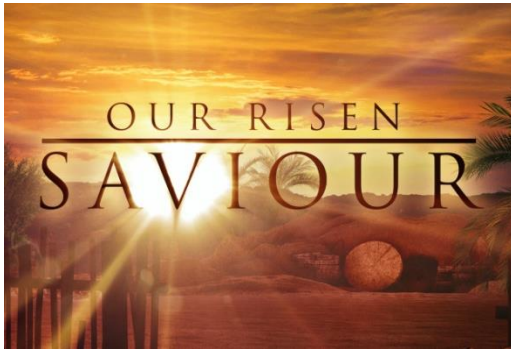
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St. Cecilia parish is located on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional lands of the Nêhiyawak (neh HEY o wuk), Nahkawé (NUK ah way), and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples.

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy), April 24, 2022



“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’” (John 20:21).

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our “enemies.”

Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.

This Week's Masses

Monday	April 25	No Mass.
Tuesday	April 26	7 pm – Intentions of Carrol Herauf requested by Corinne Marko.
Wednesday	April 27	10 am – Intentions of Htoo Dae Soe Wah Ta requested by the Wah Ta Family.
Thursday	April 28	10 am – Souls of the Faithfully Departed requested by Diep Nguyen.
Friday	April 29	9 am – RIP Gwen Swan-Rey requested by Bernadette Gettis.
Saturday	April 30	7 pm.
Sunday	May 1	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](#).

Covid Guidelines

Masking is optional in all indoor spaces at St. Cecilia. If you choose to wear a mask, we are committed to being **mask friendly**. You are encouraged to continue mask use for as long as you feel it is necessary, based on your personal risk assessment. Masks are available in the entrance area. The Archdiocese continues to encourage parishes to be cautious and prudent. [These recommendations](#) will continue to be followed at St. Cecilia.

Divine Mercy Chaplet This Sunday

After the Sunday Mass, we will pray the chaplet with music and visuals. The chaplet will begin 10 minutes after the end of Mass. If you wish to join in this prayer time, remain in your pew. The chaplet is about 20 minutes and is similar to the Rosary. "For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

Little White Book – Easter Season



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.

Reflections began Easter Monday, April 18 and end Pentecost Sunday, June 5. Reflections are based on the parables of Jesus.

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.

Resurrection Prayer Wall



What began as a Lenten Prayer Wall continues in the Easter Season. There are over 110 intentions on the wall from our parish community and beyond.

You are invited to contribute to our community prayer wall located in the Welcoming Area. When we pray for each other, we enter into a deeper communion with each other and God. As we grow closer together, we can share our joys and help one another carry our burdens.

Write

God hears all our prayers.

- Write an intention on the provided slips of paper.
- Roll it up and place it in the prayer wall.
- These intentions will be read, and prayed for, by our community, so please be open and honest, but refrain from using people's names. Instead, use relationships (my mother, my friend, etc.).

Read

We are focusing on becoming a Church that listens. Take some time to read intentions from the wall, roll them back up, and replace them in the wall.

Pray

Carry these intentions in your heart throughout the Easter Season and bring them into prayer in your own way.

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... "Spirituality is an understanding that all of the Creator's creations, including the smallest insect and the air we breathe, have a life force or a spirit and are therefore sacred. During the time of Treaty signing, the first Nations understood the term "As Long As the Sun Shines, the Rivers Flow, and the Grass Grows" to mean that the spirit of each element (sun, grass, river) is a witness to the exchanges that were happening." (Cultural Teachings: First Nations Protocols and Methodologies, SICCC, p.15)

Transcona Park Housing Association Annual Meeting

Transcona Park Housing Association is responsible for 35 low-income town-house units, 46 subsidized housing units, and one commercial rental space (currently in a long-term lease with Solid Futures, a daycare – early learning centre). The units are located in Rosemont subdivision just north-west of the corner of Lewvan Drive and 4th Avenue on Transcona Place, Rosemont Crescent, Forget Street, and 1st Avenue.

Volunteers from St. Cecilia Roman Catholic Church, Christ Lutheran Church, the Rosemont-Mount Royal Community Association, and the former St. James Anglican Church (now part of Immanuel Anglican Parish) continue to play integral roles on the Board of Directors for the Transcona Park Housing Association. Shelley Proulx continued this year as chairperson. Peggy Wick continued as Vice-Chair. Marge Appell continued as Secretary. Donna Inverarity continued as Treasurer. Steve Smedley and Suzanne Sauder continued as Members-at-Large. Denro Property Management continues to manage the property and continues a good working relationship with the Board of Directors. The on-site manager continues to be a great asset in placing tenants, collecting rents, ensuring maintenances are completed, and monitoring the property for security and maintenance matters.

In accordance with our corporate documents, notification of Annual General Meeting must be announced to our partner groups at least 15 days in advance of meeting.

The Transcona Park Housing Association Annual General Meeting for 2022 will be held on **Thursday, April 28 at 1:00 pm in the church hall at St. Cecilia Roman Catholic Church**. Members of the public are invited and welcomed to attend. Please advise your intention to attend the meeting no later than **noon April 27**. In the event that Covid-19 restrictions prevent an in-person meeting, you will be contacted with details of a Zoom meeting. To RSVP, contact Shelley Proulx by email at smproulx@sasktel.net or by phone at 306-533-2240 (any day after 5 pm).

Special Collection Ukraine Emergency

Ways To Contribute:

- Envelope with cash or cheque (Payable to St. Cecilia Parish). Indicate on the envelope or cheque **Ukraine Emergency**.
- e-Transfer. For the recipient email address, enter **etransfer@stcecregina.com**. For the Memo or Message, enter **Ukraine Emergency**.
- Canada Helps. Go to [St. Cecilia Canada Helps](#). From the Fund drop-down list, choose **Ukraine Emergency** and enter your donation information.
- Credit Card. [Development and Peace 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. 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.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Father Burns Council 5949 of the Knights of Columbus is offering a \$450 scholarship to students who attend St. Cecilia Parish or who is a son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter of a member of Father Burns Council. Those interested should contact the Guidance Counsellor at their respective high school. The deadline for applications is April 30. For further information, please contact Marcel Bolen at 306-536-3276.

Walking with Others: Mental Health and Accompaniment

Sunday, April 24, 1 pm – 5. Zoom. A link will be provided to you by email once you register. To register or for more information, contact Pamela at victimserviceadvocacy@gmail.com

Voices of Truth and Reconciliation

Susan Beaudin, co-chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee for the Archdiocese of Regina and residential school survivor from Cowessess First Nation shares her thoughts on the Delegation to Rome, the Papal visit, and the Indigenous vision of brotherhood that lies at the heart of our treaties.

Note: Susan is a member of our parish community, [Watch the video message here](#).

Joanna Landry, RSCD Superintendant, Sub-delegate for the Indigenous Delegation to Rome, and member of the Archdiocese of Regina's Truth and Reconciliation Committee from Cowessess First Nation speaks about the intergenerational effects of Residential Schools on kinship relationships, language, and culture.

Note: Joanna is a member of our parish community, [Watch the video message here](#).

Decolonizing Ourselves: Exploring the Spirit of Land Acknowledgements

KAIROS Prairies North Decolonization Working Group and the Treaty Land Sharing Network.

May 3 and May 5, 7 pm – 8:30. We welcome you to attend two online workshops with Dr Rose Roberts (PhD) and Dr Stryker Calvez (PhD), two Cree and Métis experts who have presented land acknowledgement workshops at the University of Saskatchewan for many years and created a series of short videos to help others develop and personalize their land acknowledgements to make them meaningful. This online series invites us to reflect and act on the role and meaning of land acknowledgements in our personal lives as well as in our faith communities. The workshop series requires a bit of mandatory homework. This ensures you come prepared for meaningful discussion and reflection, it shows respect for the teachings shared by Rose and Stryker, and it will enrich our time together.

1. [Watching video series here](#).
2. Spending time outside in a quiet place to reflect.
3. Writing your own land acknowledgement.

Plan to spend 2 hours for the pre-work. The videos are about 1 hour.

[Register Here](#). There is an online "Watch Party" on April 26 from 7 pm to 8:30 for those who want to watch the videos with others and discuss takeaways from the videos. You can also watch the videos on your own time.

Brett Fawcett on Jacques Maritain, Just War, and Universal Human Rights - Part 1

Thinking Faith Podcast with Deacon Eric Gurash and Dr. Brett Salkeld Returning Guest, Brett Fawcett discusses the development of Just War Theory and universal human rights as developed through the middle ages into modernity through the work of Jacques Maritain. Show Snippet: "Let's start in, say, the middle ages...there's this idea that there's a unity of the human family, we're all descended in some sense from Adam, and we're certainly all created in the image and likeness of God. Therefore we all have dignity..." [Listen to the podcast](#).

Father Stu Movie

A new movie entitled Father Stu was released in theatres on April 13. This movie is based on the true story of Father Stuart Long, an amateur boxer turned Catholic priest, who touched many lives in his four short years as a priest. Starring Mark Wahlberg and Mel Gibson, this movie is truly inspirational! There will be two private screenings of this movie at Cineplex in the Southland Mall on Monday, April 25. A matinee at 3:30 pm – doors open at 3 pm. An evening showing at 6:30 pm – doors open at 6 pm. Tickets are \$13.80 and can be obtained at either Holy Cross Parish (315 Douglas Ave) or Burns-Hanley Church Supplies (2727 – 13th Ave). Cheques or cash only.

Redeeming Love Movie

Released in January from Francine Rivers best selling Christian novel, will be showing at Miller High School theater on Sunday, May 1 at 2 pm. Entrance through Winnipeg St. doors. A free-will offering for Cuernavaca Project will be taken. Cuernavaca store will be open as well. For more information call Joan Rink. 306-584-7598.

Holy Face of Jesus

The Holy Face of Jesus is currently displayed on a billboard on Saskatchewan Drive at Ottawa Street, until Monday, April 25. Holy Face medals (free of charge) and leaflets can be picked up at Burns-Hanley Church Supplies, 2727 - 13th Ave. Find out more about the [Holy Face devotion](#).

Holy Trinity Garage and Bake Sale

Friday, April 29 (2 pm - 8) and Saturday, April 30 (9 am – 2 pm). 5020 Sherwood Drive.

The Archdiocese Welcomes James Lipoth as New Director of Development

By Dan Sherven

Lipoth says his role comes down to three things: connecting with people, communicating the mission of the Church — specifically the Archdiocese of Regina — and asking for what is needed to accomplish that mission. He will oversee all fundraising efforts in the Archdiocese, as well as offering support for parish fundraising efforts.

Lipoth spent 13 years in financial services before his new role as Director of Development, and is quick to point out that giving to the Archdiocese is not just about money. “When we focus on what we are trying to accomplish, that is really the piece of importance,” he says.



“God is generous and we’re created in His image,” Lipoth says. “We become generous in a sense — in a smaller way — the way God is generous, when we give in various ways, including when we give monetarily. When we donate, we become co-missionaries with the causes that we donate to.”

“Sometimes we can give our time,” Lipoth says. “We have the time or the talents to do things. Sometimes the way of participating and being part of the mission is by giving.”

One of Lipoth’s talents is music: “The first eight years of my adult life I served in youth and music ministry in various places across Canada, and I have a heart to serve God through serving people and through ministry.”

“[God] speaks to me through music,” Lipoth says. “And I feel like I speak to Him with music. It’s an integral part of my prayer life; it always has been and it always will be.”

Lipoth plays in the band The Silent Jays, which began with him playing music at Mass. “After Mass someone came up to me and asked if I’d be willing to play at the Luther High School Gala. I really hadn’t played a lot of music outside of Church events. So I reached out to some friends that I [knew] from playing in Church and music ministries, and we put a group together.”

The Silent Jays play at events throughout Regina. “I love all types of music,” Lipoth says. “I’ve listened to just about everything over the years. I’m always growing and changing with what I love to listen to. I would say lately more Blues, Folk, and Americana.” He often gives talks outlining his personal testimony and speaks about the relationship between faith and music.

“I grew up in a family that was practicing Catholic,” Lipoth says. “We’d go to different events. It was always a part of our family. We’d pray together. My faith came alive in a personal way at a SEARCH retreat in Regina that I attended when I was 15. At that retreat I learned, not just in my head but in my heart: God knows me and He loves me.

“He wants me to be in Heaven with Him and He has a plan for my life now. Ever since that point in my life, I have viewed myself to be on a journey to seek out what that plan is.”

Now Lipoth says, “the plan is to serve Him through ministry, through development. Using the tools I’ve developed from my eight years in ministry combined with the experience and tools I’ve developed in financial services and working with people in business.”

He says his biggest challenge as Director of Development will be “making sure we connect with people. We need to communicate our mission as a Church and show how [people] can take part in the mission of the Church in various ways, including donating.”

“The way I see this role is rooted in all of us in the Archdiocese today taking our place in history,” Lipoth says. “This is where God put us. He’s established a Church and this is our time to be stewards of that Church. I’m very hopeful for developing and growing that Church here.”

In closing Lipoth says, “God calls us to have a spirit of generosity. It’s part of His own nature and it’s a way we’re created in His image. That generosity can take many forms. My focus is to cultivate a spirit of generosity through giving.”

Bishop Don's Easter Message

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ of the Archdiocese of Regina, and all who are reading or viewing this little Easter message, warm greetings in the Risen Lord.

As I am recording this, we are preparing for the great celebrations of the Triduum, beginning with Holy Thursday, and a snowstorm is raging outside my office windows. In some places on the prairies they are suggesting it could be the worst snowstorm in decades. By the time you are watching or reading this, you will know! In any case, a great storm seems a fitting metaphor for what we have been living these past weeks, months, even years. For many, because of life torn asunder by war, or the experience and legacy of abuse, or the effects of a pandemic that won't go away, or other struggles without and within, many people are feeling like they - like we - are caught in a vicious storm, in our world or within ourselves.

As a community of faith, we have been invited, through the Lenten season, to walk with Jesus through the tumultuous events culminating in his trial, passion and death. If we walk through those events not feeling their harshness, because we are focused on the inevitable 'good end' of the resurrection, we miss part of the meaning that the Lord wants to share with us. Despite prophecies, the resurrection happened where it was not expected, at a place of total darkness and despair. The cross was the eye of the storm, and the tomb where Jesus was buried was not a quiet resting place so much as it was the place of wreckage after the storm had unleashed its worst.



When we find ourselves in places of deep discouragement, depression, or devastation, standing amidst the wreckage of our world, our society, or our lives, well, then we find ourselves standing where Jesus stood. Only God can bring forth life from such a disaster, only the one who authors our being can ultimately bring healing, transformation, and wholeness. And in remembering the event of the resurrection, in our Easter celebrations, we are reminded and assured that this is precisely what God desires to do. Christ is Risen! And that translates into our experience as this: God does for us what only God can do - lets us breathe again, lets us know and experience joy again, lets a deep hope be planted within us. We are not alone in this life. It is not without purpose. And we and all creation are ultimately in the hands of one who is infinitely good, merciful, just, forgiving, tender, embracing.

Seeing our lives and our world with paschal eyes does not block out the pain or the sense of overwhelm, the sadness or frustration of life. But it remembers, it remembers.... There is a way out of this mess. God knows the way out. And we are invited to dare to trust that the God who raised Jesus from the dead will also walk with us in our times of deepest trouble, and when all seems lost.

You have probably heard the saying, "old age is not for whimps." I think that saying could be expanded a little. There is nothing easy about childhood; or the teenage years; or the challenges of adulthood, parenthood, work, and communal life in a society marked by a deep brokenness. It is not easy at any age. When God authored human life, God did it in such a way as to draw us into God's heart, and the life and death of resurrection of Jesus tells us much about God's heart. There are experiences in life that are filled with blessing and wonder, with new life, with joy that takes our breath away. Experiences, we could say, that give us a glimpse of resurrection. There are also experiences which are harsh - even, we might say, crucifying. Worst still, we do it to each other. And we come before God with hands that are not only needy but also soiled, in need of a mercy as vast and wide as was revealed in the raising of Jesus from the dead. There is a paschal dimension to all of life, and God is at work in the midst of it, transforming us, inviting us into an ever deeper discipleship and ever deeper embrace of God's way of loving and transforming the world into divine life.

The Lord plants one other word in our hearts through this paschal season, and it is this: The crucified and risen Lord asks that we learn, day by day, to walk with each other; in particular, to accompany others when they are in great need, struggling, feeling lost or overwhelmed. In faith we believe it to be true that we are not alone. But we need each other's presence to grow, to believe, to trust. God wants to work through us, to express solidarity with others, to show compassion, through us. So as we celebrate the joy of the resurrection, let us rejoice at the depths of our being that God is for and with us in this life, and let us find ways to embody God's life-giving presence to others in the rough and tumble of our days.

Christ is Risen! Happy Easter to each and all of you, and to all of your loved ones!

[Watch the video message here.](#)

CCCB Easter Message



Bishop Raymond Poisson

Bishop of Saint-Jérôme and of Mont-Laurier and president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

As the Church in Canada, we have just lived through a particularly remarkable week: in faithfulness to its mission, however imperfectly, our Church is working within itself and around itself towards reconciliation, for the building of a better world. It is doing so by following the vital path of self-examination: through an honest scrutiny of its recent history, the Church in Canada has become aware of its mistakes and, above all, of her existential need to be saved by Christ. I refer, of course, to the meetings between our sisters and brothers from the Indigenous Peoples and the Holy Father, joined in turn by representatives of the Bishops of Canada; an experience of salvation that has been in the works for a long time, and is the first fruits of a future to continue to build.

There is a strength here which is mercy for some and hope for others, both animated by a single desire: to live together in the way God's plan calls us to do.

As the Church in the world, the members of this great ecclesial body suffer on account of war; to be honest, in many places in the world, members suffer from injustices, from violence and insecurity. This year in particular, however, events in especially critical areas like Ukraine and Russia are bringing suffering to the whole body. It is as if, all at once, mercy, hope, and a life together have become challenges beyond our reach. Yet, Holy Week only has meaning when it culminates in Easter. We must witness to this reality.

There is an equilibrium to be found here, between the sufferings of the Passion and the joy of the Resurrection. Our joy is all the greater because the suffering is real. Hope has this driving power, one which inhabits faith, which is then manifested as charity. In this way, God's plan, "a life together", becomes possible again.

In the life of each one of us, there are moments of difficulty and moments of well-being. God does not call us out of this world of constant tension; rather it is within this world that we are invited to witness to reconciliation and peace. Let us all hope that we may be worthy to bear witness to Easter following the Passion, for the glory of God and the salvation of the world!

Glory to the Risen Christ!

Papal Tour of Canada Begins to Take Shape

By Michael Swan, The Catholic Register
April 20, 2022

The scope and shape of a summertime papal pilgrimage to Canada is beginning to take shape, though no official itinerary has been put forward.

Vatican advance teams scouting possible locations have been reported in Québec City, Iqaluit and Edmonton. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is keeping mum about possible locations and timing as they work with the three national Indigenous organizations — the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, Assembly of First Nations and Metis National Council — and the Holy See on details.



“The Canadian bishops are grateful that Pope Francis has accepted our invitation to visit Canada on a pilgrimage of healing and reconciliation,” CCCB communications lead Neil MacCarthy told The Catholic Register in an email. “The focus, themes and programming of the visit, if and when it is confirmed, will also be shaped in close consultation with Indigenous partners.”

Any official announcement of the Pope’s travel plans will have to come from the Holy See.

Given the penitential and healing focus of this papal pilgrimage, it will be very different from the 1984, 1987 and 2002 visits by St. Pope John Paul II. As a relatively young pope (64 at the time), John Paul II barnstormed across Canada in 1984, then made a return visit to Dene territory in 1987 to fulfil a promise to Indigenous Canadians. In 2002, as a grandfatherly 82-year-old, he returned to preside over World Youth Day in Toronto.

“Given the Holy Father’s advanced age (85) and desire for simple, modest visits, we can expect the Canadian visit to reflect this reality in both the length of the pilgrimage as well as the geography of such a visit, given the size of Canada,” MacCarthy said.

Unconfirmed reports put the working itinerary at four days.

Pope Francis himself hinted at one element of the Canadian journey when he apologized in Rome April 1 for the abuses of Catholic-run residential schools. Mentioning the widespread Indigenous devotion to St. Ann, grandmother of Jesus, and the annual pilgrimage to Lac Ste. Anne in northern Alberta around St. Ann’s July 26 feast day, Pope Francis added, “This year, I would like to be with you in those days.”

Pope Francis received three Indigenous delegations from Inuit, First Nations and Metis Canadians respectively in Rome March 28 to April 1. Given Lac Ste. Anne’s importance to both Metis and First Nations people, Pope Francis at the “Spirit Lake” could constitute a return visit to both of those communities.

As the capital of the independent Inuit government of Nunavut, Iqaluit is a natural answer to the Inuit delegation’s visit to Rome.

The case for a papal visit to Québec City rests on its history as the mother Church of Catholic Christianity in North America, said Frederic Barriault, historian and researcher at the Jesuit-run Centre for Justice and Faith in Montreal.

“The choice of Québec City makes sense from an historical standpoint,” Barriault told The Catholic Register. “It’s actually the birthplace of the Canadian Church and where the French and the First Nations first met.”

Though few residential schools operated inside Quebec, Quebec Catholics played an essential role in the residential school system, Barriault said.

“Without Quebec-born or Quebec-based missionaries, the residential schools wouldn’t have had the staff — priests, nuns, lay teachers — to deploy the cultural genocide that took place there.”

Planning for the papal tour also involves Ottawa officialdom, said MacCarthy.

“The CCCB has also engaged the Government of Canada, knowing the national importance of such an event,” he said.