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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.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 28, 2022



"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." Luke 14:13-14

One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our "consumerist" culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it's just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus', renewing our covenant relationship with Him.

This Week's Masses – Note: Tuesday Change

Monday	Aug 29	1 pm - Phyllis Carson Funeral.
Tuesday	Aug 30	No Mass.
Wednesday	Aug 31	10 am - Souls of the Faithfully Departed.
Thursday	Sept 1	10 am - RIP John Baptist Nguyen Vuong requested by Diep Nguyen.
Friday	Sept 2	10 am - RIP Members of the Lynn and Evaschesen Families requested by Jaclyn Evaschesen.
		Eucharistic Adoration & individual Reconciliation after Mass - 10:30 to 11:30.
Saturday	Sept 3	7 pm.
Sunday	Sept 4	10 am.

Sunday Livestream Mass

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.

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.

Fr. Brad Commemorative Card and Painting

A special card to remember Fr. Brad has been prepared. These complimentary cards are available in the Welcoming Area. Pick up one as a reminder to pray for him in his ministry as pastor of Resurrection Parish.

Painting of St. Cecilia Church



Fr. Brad made an acrylic painting of St. Cecilia Church for Melita Stenhouse's retirement and presented it to her June 12 at the tea in her honour. People have asked about copies. We had these professionally made and are available for purchase.

Prints are just \$5 each, in your choice of two sizes: 5" x 7" and 8" x 10".

Pick up this memento of your church and the talent of Fr. Brad after weekend Masses or from Amber in the office (Monday to Friday 9 am to Noon).

Marian Centre Baked Goods

The Marian Centre will be closed the month of September and reopen in October.

Donations of baked goods are not needed until further notice.

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.



Sisters of the Precious Blood

Please pray for the Sisters who are preparing for the closure of their Regina monastery on 25th Avenue. The aging of the Sisters and lack of vocations has played a major part in the decision. They expect to have most of the details finished in the Fall. Sisters will re-locate to one of their other two Canadian monasteries — Calgary or Hamilton.

A Brief History of the Regina Monastery

On June 5, 1925, 10 Sisters from the Toronto Monastery were sent to open a Monastery in Edmonton, Alberta. It is from the Edmonton Monastery the 7 Sisters were chosen to form the Precious Blood Community in Regina. This, the twenty-fifth monastery of the Institute, was officially opened on December 8, 1933.

The Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood, at the invitation of His Grace, the Most Reverend Archbishop McGuigan of Regina, opened their sanctuary of Prayer in the little monastery formerly occupied by the Redemptorist Fathers at 2161 Cameron Street, under the name of Regina Coeli.



By the year 1948, a larger residence was required as more young women joined the community. In October the move to 3238 Albert Street was made. Located only a few blocks from Campion College, the Jesuit Fathers now graciously served as Chaplains.

In February 1961, the growing community moved to the new spacious monastery at 2200 - 25th Avenue. Then in February 1961, the Sisters of the Regina community joined the English-speaking Congregation with the Motherhouse in London, Ontario. In 1985, due to the decline of vocations during this era, a smaller monastery was erected on property just behind the 25th Avenue monastery.

St. Monica: Patron Saint of Love

By Holly Gustafson

For the past year, I've written monthly about saints that can provide families with advice, hope, and consolation. There was:

- [Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta, patron saint of mental health and rest.](#)
- [Our Lady of Lourdes, patron saint of families in need of healing.](#)
- [St. Macrina the Elder, patron saint of grandparents.](#)
- [St. Faustina, patron saint of gratitude in the family.](#)
- [St. Irenaeus and Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, patron saints for big problems.](#)
- [St. Charles de Foucauld, patron saint of worried parents.](#)
- [Mater Dolorosa, patron saint of heavy-hearted parents.](#)
- [Father Damien of Molokai, patron saint of accompaniment.](#)
- [Saints Martha and Mary, patron saints for not giving up on your kids.](#)

But there's never been any question for me which saint would round out the year this August: it's got to be St. Monica.

St. Monica was a devout Christian and holy woman in her own right, but she's probably best known for the conversion of her son, St. Augustine, who not only became a Christian but also went on to become a doctor of the Church and one of the most influential theologians in 2000 years of Catholicism. (Her feast day is celebrated on August 27, fittingly one day before her son's.) Monica's only goal in life was her son's conversion – "there was indeed one thing for which to tarry a little in this life, and that was that I might see you a Catholic Christian before I died," she said to Augustine. And it was her love and her desperate yet patient prayers, more than anything she said and did, that ultimately brought Augustine to Christ and the Church.



In order to understand St. Monica's influence on her son, perhaps it's best to hear from St. Augustine himself. When his mother died, St. Augustine was inconsolable, and nothing seemed able to bring him any comfort (he tried to pray, as he had been taught, and when that didn't help, he took a bath which he'd heard could "drive trouble from the mind," but unfortunately, but not entirely surprising, that was ineffective, too).

The only thing that finally brought Augustine some comfort in the grief of his mother's death was reflecting on her life of love, and there are two things he noted about her – her love for God, and her love for him. Speaking to God of his mother, Augustine writes in his Confessions: "And then, little by little did I brink back my former thoughts of Your handmaid, her devout conversation with You, her holy tenderness and attentiveness towards us...."

This is what converted Augustine, who would go on to become one of the greatest saints of the Church: witnessing the devout prayer of his mother and experiencing her great love, through tenderness and attention, for him.

So if we ever wonder what our role is in this life as parents, we need only look to St. Monica, who did the only two things necessary to create a saint in her own son: she prayed, devoutly and intimately to her God, and, with tenderness and attentiveness, she loved her children.

St. Monica, pray for us.

Summer Master Class on Eucharist with Dr. Brett Salkeld - Part 6

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

We continue our Summer Masterclass on the Eucharist featuring a series of talks previously delivered by Dr. Brett Salkeld for the Archdiocese of San Francisco. This week's episode will take a deep dive into the topic of Real Presence and Ecumenical dialogue.

Show Snippet: "Part of the story is that Transubstantiation stopped functioning, in the way it was designed to function, within a couple generations of Thomas (Aquinas)..."

[Listen to the podcast.](#)



The Archdiocese Lay Formation Program

"I'd love to take the course, but I want to wait until; my kids are grown, I can slow down at work, I'm retired..." The sad truth is, nearly 75% of young people, even those raised in religious homes, will leave the Church by the time they are 25 - well before many of us retire! Some of the most common reasons given for leaving one's faith behind include; perceived conflicts between faith and science, Christians behaving badly, a lack of evidence for the existence of God and difficulties with some of the Church's teachings. Our sons and daughters need mentors who are "well-trained and animated by a sincere faith. Whose life has been touched by the personal and merciful love of Jesus Christ" (Pope Francis).

One weekend per month from October until June, Catholics who want to know, love, and serve Christ more deeply come together at Campion College in Regina. Are you ready to fall more deeply in love with Jesus Christ and his Church? We are currently accepting applications for our Fall intake. Please contact Program Coordinator, Deacon Eric Gurash at 306-352-1651 ext 211 or egurash@archregina.sk.ca.

Made for Greatness 'Fearless'

At Made for Greatness we've served Saskatchewan's Catholic men since 2017. This year, inspired by the story of St. Peter walking on water, we are excited to bring you our 5th annual men's event: Fearless. Rising out of the COVID restrictions, many of us are still bruised. The past couple years have been challenging for all of us and the future seems almost insurmountable. A storm is brewing; we can see it rise globally, within in our communities, and even among our families. Resonating more than the uncertainty of what's to come is the voice of Jesus, calling me and you to walk with him on the water. Like Peter, Jesus calls us to Fearlessly move forward.

Keynote speaker is Fr. Juan Diego Sutherland, Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Fr. Juan Diego is currently missioned in Albuquerque, where he serves as the director of Fr. Roberts Kitchen, the friar's outreach to the homeless. Aside from his work with the homeless, Fr. Juan Diego assists parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, and travels frequently to preach retreats, parish missions, and days of recollection.

Fr. Juan Diego has spent over 10 years of his religious life as a missionary in Central America, in Honduras and Nicaragua. He has served as local superior, director of San Benito Jose medical clinic in Comayagua, Honduras, as well as director of St. Benedict's outreach in Fort Worth, TX, and prison Chaplain in Matagalpa, Nicaragua.

Fr. Juan Diego grew up in Canada. Upon completion of his studies at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, NY, in 2007, he was ordained to the priesthood at St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY. In March of 2022 the Holy Father appointed Fr. Juan Diego a Missionary of Mercy, granting him faculties to hear confessions at any time and place and to absolve sins in cases otherwise reserved to the Holy See. Fr. Juan Diego is a friar at heart. His spirituality is deeply Franciscan, joyful, incarnational, scriptural, and Eucharistic. He also enjoys woodworking, cooking, writing, reading history and literature.



The retreat is September 9 and 10 at Christ the King Parish, 3239 Garnet St. Cost: \$150. For more information, email fearless@made4greatness.ca. [Register online here](#) or phone Terry 306-539-2809.

Trinity Manor at Westerra

Welcome Home! Isn't it time you put aside the chores, the grocery shopping, the cooking, and the dishes? We recognize the cultural, physical, and social importance of food. Food not only feeds the body but feeds the heart and spirit as well. Our all-inclusive plan means you get to enjoy daily breakfast, lunch, and dinner from our own Red Seal Executive Chef. No dishes, no cooking, no cleaning, and no worries.

Trinity Manor located in the beautiful Westerra neighbourhood of Regina, is part of the Emmanuel Care community. Emmanuel Care is a healthcare ministry of the Catholic Church. The residents note "I'm so grateful to have mass in the chapel (we know we have a chair), I don't have to wear my boots and I don't need to start my car". Attend daily mass or spend time in quiet reflection in our beautiful chapel. This is a new beginning with new friends to meet, and a lot of stimulating and entertaining activities starting at \$2245. End your day by enjoying the wildlife and country sunsets, 10 mins from downtown. What's included in our all-inclusive plan? Contact Janet at 306-550-8077 for more information, or to book your personal tour. Visit us at trinitymanorregina.ca.