



*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 Advent, December 4, 2022



"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer, or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others, or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church, or do you buy more things that go unused? Our time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

This Week's Masses

Monday	Dec 5	No Mass.
Tuesday	Dec 6	7 pm – Special Intention of Greg and Jan. Eucharistic Adoration & individual Reconciliation after Mass - 7:30 to 8:30.
Wednesday	Dec 7	10 am – Souls of the Faithfully Departed.
Thursday	Dec 8	10 am – RIP John Baptist Nguyen Khanh requested by Diep Nguyen.
Friday	Dec 9	10 am – RIP Michael Schmidt requested by Betty, John, Kent, Lexi, Joey, & Theo.
Saturday	Dec 10	7 pm.
Sunday	Dec 11	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.

Stewardship Time and Talent Commitment

The stewardship initiative to commit or re-commit to various Liturgical Ministries, Parish Council Teams, and Parish Organizations continues. If you are **currently serving or interested** in a ministry or member of a parish council team, or organization, please take an information package from the table in the Welcoming Area and return your completed information by December 11.

Your returned commitment form is used to prepare the 2023 Liturgical Ministries schedules.

Spirit of Christmas Sing-along - Benson Manor

Join in the spirit of Christmas through readings and songs with the residents of Benson Manor (1333 McIntosh St.) and members of the Rosemont Ecumenical group of churches. Monday, December 5 at 7 pm. After the singing, enjoy fellowship, refreshments, and goodies.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Spanish Tradition Celebration

Members of the Colombian Community invite you to celebrate the feast day in the Spanish tradition at St. Cecilia on Thursday, December 8 at 6:30 pm. This is a wonderful family spiritual event; children of all ages most welcome.

The celebration includes:

- Blessing of Candles (bring a candle in a holder that is free-standing).
- Lighting of Candles.
- Shortened Rosary.
- Posada (traditional Mexican Prayer).
- Traditional Latin snacks.
- Photos with Santa.
- Gifts for children.

Ukrainians New to Canada - Items Needed

Recent arrivals to Regina would be grateful for the following items: single beds or bunk beds, futons or hide-a-beds, kitchenware (pots, pans, fry pans), glasses, etc., used/working vacuum cleaners, hangers, bedding, and size 13/14 shoes or boots. If you can help, call Clarence or Jan 306-545-0192.

Christmas Giving Tree

The Social Justice Team is 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. There is a need for \$10 gift cards. Multiple cards gratefully received.

If you can help, here are 3 ways to donate:

- Purchase President's Choice (No Frills, Superstore, Jackson's Independent) or Walmart Gift Cards. **At the time of purchase, please ensure gift cards are activated and the activation receipt is included.** Place gift cards in the marked box by the tree in the Welcoming Area or drop off at the office (Monday to Friday 9 am to 3 pm).
- Place cash in an envelope marked **Giving Tree** and the Social Justice Team will purchase gift cards. If you want a receipt, include a note with your name, address, amount, and St. Cecilia envelope number if you have one. Place in the marked box by the tree in the Welcoming Area or drop off at the office (Monday to Friday 9 am to 3 pm).
- **e-Transfer** your donation and the Social Justice Team will purchase 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 **Giving Tree**.



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

All donations must be received by Sunday, December 11.

Sunday Missals for 2022 – 2023 (\$5)

Includes weekend readings. Available in the Welcoming Area, or from the office (Monday to Friday 9 am to 3 pm).

CWL Catholic Inspirations 2023 Calendars

Only \$5. Available in the Welcoming Area, or from the office (Monday to Friday 9 am to 3 pm).

Feeding the Needy

The Father Burns Council of the Knights of Columbus encourages your support to feed the needy of the community. A Regina Food Bank donation bin is in the entrance area of the church. **Non-perishable items only.** Most in need are canned meats, vegetables, fish, fruit, beans, and soup as well as healthy cereals and pasta.



Leave No Neighbour Behind – Knights of Columbus

If you have the snow, the K of C have the shovels. The Father Burns Council are shoveling for goodwill donations. If you need assistance with residential snow clearing, contact Tayler, 306-580-2597 or labellet@hotmail.com.

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 entrance area of the church or package the clothing in bags or boxes, tag them **Coats for Kids**, and drop them off on the steps of the church during regular office hours, Monday to Friday, 9 am to 3 pm.

Muffins and Personal Hygiene Products Needed for Sacred Heart Students

Sacred Heart Community School would appreciate muffins as breakfast items for students and personal hygiene products.



Muffins must be nut-free. No cupcakes please. If you can help, package the muffins in a container or bag that you do not need returned and bring them to the church during regular office hours.



Hygiene Products: Shampoo ♦ Conditioner ♦ Body Wash ♦ Deodorant ♦ Menstrual Products ♦ Toothbrushes ♦ Toothpaste. If you can help, drop off the items in the container in the entrance area of the Church.

CWL News

Annual Fees

The fees (\$45) for 2023 are due December 31, 2022. Use one of these 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, place it in the collection container at Mass, drop it off at the Church office Monday to Friday 9 am to 3 pm, or drop it off with your team leader.

Christmas Potluck Social

Tuesday, December 13 after the 6 pm Mass. Everyone welcome. See the poster on the CWL Bulletin Board in the entrance area and indicate your attendance by December 11.

CWL members are encouraged to support the ongoing parish projects including Regina Food Bank and Sacred Heart and St. Francis Community Schools.

Next General Meeting

Tuesday, February 7, after the 7 pm Mass.

Parish Donations for 2022

All donations for this year must be received by Saturday, December 31 for your 2022 tax receipt.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Preparation for Children

Preparation classes will be held during Lent 2023 for children in Grade 4 and older. Classes will be on Thursdays, March 2 and 16, 2023. Classes begin at 7 pm and a parent is expected to attend with their child. The First Reconciliation celebration will be on Saturday, March 25 at 11 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.

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

Did you know... The Saulteaux, otherwise known as the **Plains Ojibwe**, are a First Nations band government in Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia. They are a branch of the Ojibwe who pushed west. They formed a mixed culture of woodlands and plains Indigenous customs and traditions. Retrieved from [Saulteaux - Wikipedia](#) 11/06/22

The Feast of Christ the King with Brett Fawcett - Part 2

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

We continue our conversation with returning guest Brett Fawcett as we discuss what has been called the "Crowning Glory of the liturgical year"; the Feast of Christ the King.

Show Snippet "Christ is both present and coming...so there's that eschatological aspect to it that (Pope Paul VI) was drawing our attention to. And I also think it's because it leads into Advent, which is where we recapitulate that; we remember what it was like to wait for the first coming of Christ." [Listen to the podcast.](#)

Archbishop's Appeal



Our parish goal is \$29,310. Current amount donated is \$10,750 – 37%.

The Annual Appeal is ending for 2022. Over these past nine weeks, we heard stories of how hope enlivens individuals and communities across our archdiocese. Please prayerfully consider how you may joyfully share your faith and offer hope to those in need.

Please note that the Archdiocese of Regina will keep its books open and accept donations for the appeal until January 16, 2023. Gift cards can be mailed directly to the Archdiocesan office or placed in the collection basket.

Cooking meals, wrapping presents, Santa Claus – these are the things people often think about a couple of weeks before Christmas. But the readings today speak of strong images of the Lord coming and inflicting justice upon the earth, and how we are to repent from things that do not bring us closer to Christ. This is where an essential characteristic of Advent begins to show itself. We often think of Advent as a time of waiting and anticipation, but at its core, Advent calls us to prepare for the birth of Christ through repentance. When we allow ourselves the space to humbly look at our lives and recognize those areas that are stumbling blocks to encountering God, we are preparing ourselves to have a space for Him in our hearts. Christmas is the embrace that God gives humanity, taking us into His heart, and Christ entering the world shows just how far

God's love wants to go - to the depths of your soul.

Over the last few weeks, we have heard stories about how the appeal has helped our youth, clergy, and families. We have discerned how we can contribute to the works of the Church in the Archdiocese. Your contributions help many people across the diocese in the spiritual and temporal works of the Church. Thank you deeply for your contribution. Let us join together as we prepare to welcome the newborn King! [More information about the appeal and how to donate.](#)

Steve Bell Concert

Friday, December 9, 7:30 – 9:30, Holy Child Parish, 2636 7th Ave E. Steve will be hosting an evening of story and song, featuring music from his latest album, "Wouldn't You Love to Know," as well as classics and favourites.

Tickets \$25. Available at Holy Child Parish (306-789-8276), Burns-Hanley Church Supplies (2727 - 13th Ave), [Online](#), or at the door on concert night.

Advent

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday evenings, 7:30 – 8:30 after the 7 pm Mass. December 6, and 20.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday evenings during Eucharistic Adoration, 7:30 – 8:30 after the 7 pm Mass.

Parish Reconciliation Service - Sunday, December 18, 2 pm.

Several priests will be present for individual reconciliation.

If you wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation other than the above times, please call the office to arrange a time with Fr. Oliver or Fr. John.

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), in the Welcoming Area, or from the office (Monday to Friday 9 am to 3 pm). Suggested donation \$2 - \$3.

Archdiocese Journey Through Advent

[Sign up](#) for this year's Journey Through Advent weekly Advent reflection email. You will receive an email each Wednesday during Advent. These weekly emails will include reflections from Fr. Christian Lindenbach, the CCCB, music, and other prayer resources to enhance your Advent.

Please note: If you are already signed up to receive the Archdiocese Weekly Report, you do not need to sign up, as you will automatically receive these reflection emails.

Ecumenical Advent Series: What Are We Waiting For?

As Christmas and the holidays approach, Christians experience the season of Advent as a time of expectant waiting and preparation. This year, there is a special ecumenical series of Advent meditations and conversations on the question: "What are we waiting for?" with Canadian church leaders, including:

- Rev. Dr. Robert Faris, Moderator, The Presbyterian Church of Canada.
- Rev. Susan C. Johnson, National Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.
- Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Moderator, The United Church of Canada.
- Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada.

On each Thursday in Advent (December 1, 8, 15, and 22), listeners are invited to join a discussion at 6 pm via Zoom, with one of the leaders on that week's Advent theme. Attendees will be able to ask questions during the online conversation. Also, each Monday during Advent, the church leaders will release an ecumenical Advent meditation focused on one of the four Advent themes and will address challenges and opportunities facing the Canadian churches. [Find out more and register.](#)

An Advent Dialogue

This Advent, join in a Baptist-Catholic dialogue on Christian experience. Join us on Zoom for this unique ecumenical journey with a series of five small-group theological reflection workshops. In each session, participants from the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada will join with participants from the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina to faithfully explore the experience of sacred Scripture in our daily lives. So, grab your coffee cup, and let your hair down, and begin a journey with friends old and new this Advent season.

Group 1 - Wednesday evenings 5:30 – 6:30, November 23 - December 21.

Group 2 - Friday afternoons Noon - 1, November 25 - December 23.

To register or for further information, contact: lynda.theoworkshops@usask.ca