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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.*

## Third Sunday of Advent, December 11, 2022



*"You, too, must be patient. Make your hearts firm because the coming of the Lord is at hand." James 5:8*

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear.

Through daily prayer, God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

### This Week's Masses

Monday	Dec 12	No Mass.
Tuesday	Dec 13	6 pm – RIP Jane Grant requested by the St. Cecilia CWL. <b>Note the change in time for this week.</b>
Wednesday	Dec 14	10 am – Intentions of Angelina Lay requested by the Lay Family. 2 pm - Darren Danylchuk Funeral.
Thursday	Dec 15	10 am – RIP Phyllis Carson requested by the Carson Family.
Friday	Dec 16	10 am – RIP Joseph Lipoth requested by Rosemarie Barilla.
Saturday	Dec 17	7 pm.
Sunday	Dec 18	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](http://stcecregina.com).
- On the YouTube App, search for St Cecilia Regina.

### Blessing of the Outdoor Creche

Attend the Tuesday Mass at 6 pm and stay for a few minutes after Mass for the blessing of the outdoor creche.



## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Parish Reconciliation Service - Sunday, December 18, 2 pm. Several priests will be present for individual reconciliation.

Tuesday, December 20 during Eucharistic Adoration, 7:30 – 8:30 after the 7 pm Mass.

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.

## Stewardship Time and Talent Commitment

This is the last weekend for 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 this week.

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

## 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 – Last Weekend

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](mailto: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

### Christmas Potluck Social – Last Weekend to Sign Up

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.

### 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](mailto: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.

### 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.

## Archbishop's Appeal 2022

Our parish goal is \$29,310. Current amount donated is \$11,350 – 39%.

All donations for this year's Appeal must be received by December 31, 2022. Gift cards can be mailed directly to the Archdiocesan office or placed in the collection basket. [More information about the appeal and how to donate.](#)

## 2023 Donation Envelopes

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

If you do not have envelopes and wish to have, please email [contact@stcecregina.com](mailto:contact@stcecregina.com) or call Amber in the office.

## Christmas Season Masses

Saturday, December 24, Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord	8 pm (Livestream)
Sunday, December 25, Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord	10 am (Livestream)
Saturday, December 31, The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God	7 pm
Sunday, January 1, The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God	10 am

## 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](mailto:sacraments@stcecregina.com) or if you do not have email, call Amber in the office 306-545-4051.

## 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... The Métis - "We call ourselves in our own language - *Michif* - from the beginning we have always been the Red River Métis. The Red River Métis is the origin, root, and core of the Métis Nation. The Red River Métis is the Métis Nation. Our People have a strong distinct identity and share a common history in the great western plains centered in the Red River Valley that is entirely our own." Retrieved from [The Red River Métis - La Nouvelle Nation | Manitoba Métis Federation \(mmf.mb.ca\)](http://The Red River Métis - La Nouvelle Nation | Manitoba Métis Federation (mmf.mb.ca)) 11/06/22

## Advent Retreat - Fostering A Contemplative Attitude Part 1

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

Keep awake and stay alert. These advent themes invite us to foster and develop what is known as a Contemplative Attitude - a particular way of being within the world that is 'highly tuned' to the presence of Christ in our midst. In this part one of a two-part Advent retreat, Deacon Eric reflects on this call to keep watch and how we might foster a contemplative attitude this Advent this week on Thinking Faith! [Listen to the podcast.](#)

## National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples

December 12 is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, when the Church in Canada celebrates The National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. This initiative, coordinated since 2002 by the CCCB Advisory group, the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council, marks this feast as a day of prayer, solidarity, and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

This year, the reflection by the Council is inspired by Pope Francis's words of healing and reconciliation spoken during his "penitential pilgrimage" to Canada.

[Read the 2022 Message of the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council.](#)

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patron of the Americas, appeared in Mexico in 1531 as an Indigenous woman to St Juan Diego, whose Indigenous name was Cuauhtlatoatzin ("Eagle Who Speaks"), and spoke to him in his Indigenous language of Nahuatl. She is wearing the black sash around her waist, which is an Aztec Maternity Belt that Mexican women would wear to indicate they were with child. At a time when colonizing powers in the Americas were showing little respect for Indigenous ways, language, and culture, the mother of Jesus, comes as an Indigenous woman to this land, affirming her special love, indeed her identification with and embrace of Indigenous Peoples and culture.

God walks with Indigenous Peoples, and has always walked with Indigenous Peoples.



"Who is this that comes forth like the dawn, as beautiful as the moon, as resplendent as the sun...?" Song 6:10 (Vg)

O Blessed Virgin, Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Intercede for us with your Son  
That we who live in this land,  
Indigenous and non-Indigenous together  
may experience healing and  
reconciliation,  
on a renewed journey for justice  
and peace for our children.

Mother of the Church, pray for us.