



# Diocesan Bulletin

Dec. 10, 2023 - Second Sunday of Advent

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*In all things we are rooted in Christ,  
in His desire to bring God's love to all peoples.*

## Upcoming Events

**Knights of Columbus - Brother's Keepers Men's Breakfast** will be held from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. **Tuesday, Dec. 12** at Queen's House, Saskatoon. Call Brendan at (306) 242-1916.

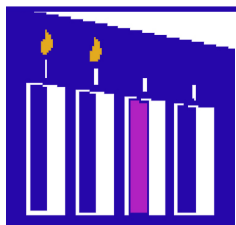
**2025 Jubilee: Holy Year Pilgrimage** - Join Bishop Stephen Hero and Fr. Maurice Fiolleau of Prince Albert on a Pilgrimage to Rome, Vatican City and Assisi Dec. 10-18, 2025 during the 2025 Jubilee Holy Year. A presentation about the trip will be held 7 p.m. **Tuesday Dec. 12** on Zoom. E-mail Tom Brothwell to get the link to the Dec. 12 online meeting: tom.brothwell@caask.ca

**Diocesan Cenacle of Prayer** will be held at 3 pm. **Wednesday, Dec. 13** at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Crescent, Saskatoon. Information: Edna (306) 382-1680.

**A Priest Discernment Night** will be held 7 p.m. **Thursday, Dec. 14** at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 1235-12th Street E., Saskatoon for men interested in reflecting, discussing, and praying about their vocational path. For information contact Fr. Daniel Yasinski at dyasinski@rcdos.ca (306) 834-2269; or Fr. Colin Roy at croy@rcdos.ca (306) 256-3218.

**Awaken adult faith program: "Praying as Catholics"** - Registration is underway for this in-person series which will include experiences of different kinds of prayer, to be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on **four Tuesday evenings in January** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. Includes: **Jan. 9:** Centering Prayer with Fr. Kevin McGee; **Jan. 16:** Eucharistic Adoration with Fr. Gerard Cooper; **Jan. 23:** Praying With the Sacred Scripture with Verbum Dei sisters; **Jan. 30:** Marian Prayer with Fr. Daniel Yasinski. Cost: \$40 for the series. Register at: <https://form.jotform.com/231799051119257> or call Astrid Alas for more information: (306) 659-5858.

**New IPL course** - The diocesan Indigenous Pastoral & Lay Leader (IPL) Ministry Education program presents a new course "Contemporary Effects of Colonization II: Social Justice," from **Jan. 9 to March 5**, 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons. Cost: \$200 (some funding assistance available). No pre-requisite is necessary (those completing eight courses receive a diploma). See: [rcdos.ca/indigenous-ministry-education](https://rcdos.ca/indigenous-ministry-education).



**Diocesan Prayer** - As we prepare to celebrate the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Dec. 12, we pray that our Creator God will help us to be healed of our wounds and bless our mutual journey of peace, justice, and reconciliation.

## Christmas Schedules and

### the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Advent

Find Advent / Christmas postings submitted by parishes on the diocesan website's **Advent-Christmas schedule:**  
[rcdos.ca/advent-christmas-schedule](https://rcdos.ca/advent-christmas-schedule)

*Check with your local parish for details and other opportunities.*

### Saskatoon Penitential Services with Confessions:

- 7:30 pm **Monday, Dec. 11:** St. Peter the Apostle, 1121 Northumberland Ave. (*Vietnamese Catholic community*)
- 5:30 pm **Tuesday, Dec. 12:** St. Francis Xavier, 222 Willow St.
- 7 pm **Wednesday, Dec. 13:** Holy Spirit, 114 Kingsmere Place.
- 7 pm **Wednesday, Dec. 13:** St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Cr.
- 7 pm **Thursday, Dec. 14:** St. John Bosco, 1202 Avenue O S.
- 7 pm **Friday, Dec. 15:** Saint Anne, 217 Lenore Drive (*in conjunction with Eucharistic adoration event "Source"*).
- 7 pm **Friday, Dec. 15:** St. Joseph, 535-8th St. E.
- 7 pm **Tuesday, Dec. 19:** Our Lady of Lourdes, 1235-12th St. E.
- 7 pm **Tuesday, Dec. 19:** St. Philip Neri, 1904 Munroe Ave.
- 7 pm **Wednesday, Dec. 20:** St. Augustine, 602 Boychuk Dr.
- 5 pm **Thursday, Dec. 21:** St. Mary, 211 Avenue O S.

### Other confession opportunities in Saskatoon:

- 11 am **Monday to Saturday** at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Cres. E. (*followed by daily Mass*).
- 11 am **Friday and Saturday** and 7 p.m. **Thursday** at Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road (*followed by daily Mass*).

### Rural-Area Penitential Services with Confessions:

- St. Gabriel, **Biggar** - 7 pm Wednesday, Dec. 13.
- St. Michael, **Cudworth** - 7:30 pm - Wednesday, Dec. 20.
- Sacred Heart, **Denzil** - 7 pm Wednesday, Dec. 20.
- Our Lady of Grace, **Dodsland** - 7 pm Thursday, Dec. 21.
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, **Elrose** - 4:30 pm Saturday, Dec. 16.
- Christ the King, **Foam Lake** - 6:30 pm Thursday, Dec. 21.
- St. Augustine of Canterbury, **Humboldt** - 7 pm Thursday, Dec. 14.
- Our Lady of the Assumption, **Kerrobert** - 7 pm Wed. Dec. 13.
- Sacred Heart, **Lancer** - After 11 am Mass Sunday, Dec. 17.
- St. Mary, **Lanigan** - 7 pm Thursday Dec 21.
- Little Flower, **Leader** - 7 pm Friday, Dec. 15.
- Sacred Heart, **Liebenthal** - After 7:30 pm Mass Sat., Dec. 16.
- St. Eugene de Mazenod, **Luseland** - 5 pm Tuesday, Dec. 19.
- St. Mary, **Macklin** - 7 pm Friday, Dec. 15.
- Immaculate Heart of Mary, **Major** - 7 pm Wednesday, Dec. 20.
- Immaculate Heart of Mary, **Martensville** - 6:30 pm Tues. Dec. 12.
- St. Theresa, **Rosetown** - 6:30 pm. Monday, Dec. 11.
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help, **Wishart** - 6:30 pm Tues. Dec. 19.
- St. Mary, **Wynyard** - 6:30 pm Monday, Dec. 18.

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**Simbang Gabi Novena of Masses before Christmas** - The Saskatoon Filipino Catholic community will gather for Simbang Gabi **Dec. 15-23** at three parishes in Saskatoon: St. Peter the Apostle, St. Patrick, and the Cathedral of the Holy Family. Find the schedule and details at: [rcdos.ca/simbang-gabi](http://rcdos.ca/simbang-gabi). Simbang Gabi celebrations will also be held at St. Theresa Parish in Rosetown, SK., from **Dec. 14-22**; call (306) 882-2340 for info.

**Prison Outreach at Christmas** - The diocesan Restorative Ministry Office is again seeking monetary donations to purchase small, identical gifts for the men at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre, as a way to share our Christmas joy and let them know they are not forgotten by God or the community. In addition, the prison ministry office is collecting blank Christmas cards for men to use to send greetings to family members in the community. Drop off/ mail: "Attention Dianne," Catholic Pastoral Centre, 2nd floor, Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, S7S 1H1. The Catholic Centre is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please make cheques out to "Restorative Ministry" or donations can also be made online at [dscf.ca/designated-ministry-support](http://dscf.ca/designated-ministry-support) by choosing "Prison Ministry - Christmas" in the drop-down box. (*Restorative Ministry is supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

**Journey Through Advent video series** - The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents "Journey through Advent" with Bishop Jon Hansen, CSsR, of the northern diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith. This is a joint initiative of the National Liturgy Office, the Office national de liturgie and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis, posted online at: [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca)

**Cheminer ensemble durant l'Avent** - La Conférence des évêques catholiques du Canada présente Cheminer ensemble durant l'Avent. Approfondissons ensemble, avec Monseigneur Alain Faubert, Évêque auxiliaire de Montréal, la Parole de Dieu de l'Avent 2023. Cheminer ensemble durant l'Avent: une initiative conjointe de l'Office national de liturgie, du National Liturgy Office, et de l'Office for Evangelization and Catechesis – [www.cecc.ca](http://www.cecc.ca)

**Christmas film** - The creators of The Chosen television series have taken the episodes "The Shepherd" and "The Messengers" from Christmas past and woven them together into one story about the birth of Jesus entitled "Christmas with The Chosen: Holy Night." It is being shown in theatres **Dec. 12-17**. The special presentation also includes classic Christmas carols. Find information about dates, cinema locations, and get tickets: [www.fathomevents.com/events/christmas-with-the-chosen-2023](http://www.fathomevents.com/events/christmas-with-the-chosen-2023)

**Breathe Catholic marriage conference in Saskatoon:** Is it time to "Breathe" fresh air into your marriage? Make room on your calendar and recharge your relationship at the Breathe Catholic Marriage Conference, **March 8-9, 2024** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family in Saskatoon. Find information and registration online: [www.catholicmarriageandfamily.com](http://www.catholicmarriageandfamily.com). Early-bird registration for those registering before Dec. 31 is \$275 per couple (regular price \$375).

## Diocesan Collection for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF)

A collection will be held in parishes across the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon on the Third Sunday of Advent, **Dec. 17, 2023**, as part of our diocesan contribution to the national Catholic pledge to support healing and reconciliation initiatives for Residential School survivors and their communities.

Your donations to the TRC Fund have already helped many organizations in our community, including Saskatoon Tribal Council, Haven Family Connections, St. Michael Community School, and Returning to Spirit. Project applications are being accepted and processed quarterly, and all donations support local programs.

To learn more or to make a donation online, visit the Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation website:

[dscf.ca/trc](http://dscf.ca/trc)

## The Church in Canada celebrates the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Dec. 12, 2023.

*Please pray this prayer that Pope Francis prayed at Lac Ste Anne, AB, during his pilgrimage to Canada:*

"Lord, as the people on the shores of the Sea of Galilee were not afraid to cry out to you with their needs, so we come to you, Lord ... with whatever pain we bear within us. We bring to you our weariness and our struggles, the wounds of the violence suffered by Indigenous brothers and sisters. In this blessed place, where harmony and peace reign, we present to you the disharmony of our experiences, the terrible effects of colonization, the indelible pain of so many families, grandparents and children. Lord, help us to be healed of our wounds. We know, Lord, that this requires effort, care and concrete actions on our part; but we also know that we cannot do this alone. We rely on you and on the intercession of your mother and your grandmother. Yes, Lord, we entrust ourselves to the intercession of your mother and your grandmother, because mothers and grandmothers help to heal the wounds of our hearts." (from *Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops*)

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