



# Diocesan Bulletin

March 29, 2026 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

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

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## Upcoming Events

**Prayer during Holy Week** – All are welcome to come and pray in the chapel of the diocesan Sts. Benedict and Scholastica residence, 1136 Temperance St., Saskatoon, which will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. every morning of Holy Week, **Monday, March 30 to Holy Saturday, April 4**, for drop-in prayer. For more info, contact Sr. Marta Piano of the Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity at: [mpiano@rcdos.ca](mailto:mpiano@rcdos.ca).

**Theology on Tap for young adults 19 to 35** will be held at Louis' on Campus, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. **Monday, March 30** with Bishop Mark Hagemoen speaking about synodality, reconciliation, peacemaking, justice, and conscience – all in an intimate setting. Come on out, have a drink, and join the conversation. All are welcome. Theology on Tap is on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/saskatoonTnT](https://www.facebook.com/saskatoonTnT).

**Good Friday Way of the Cross:** All are invited to follow the cross through the streets of Saskatoon on **Good Friday, April 3** from 10 a.m. to about noon, starting at the King's Bench Courthouse on Spadina Crescent (please arrive a few minutes early), and ending at St. Paul Co-Cathedral. This time of public witness and prayer features the scriptural Stations of the Cross introduced by Saint John Paul II, with representatives of local groups and faith communities carrying the cross to the 14 stations for scripture, prayers and reflections connecting the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ to suffering in our world today. (*Justice and Peace is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

**Saskatoon Friendship Inn** will prepare a special Easter meal **Monday, April 6** for anyone in need, anticipating that around 2,000 meals will be shared that day. Friendship Inn will serve more than half a million meals for vulnerable people this year, with some 95% of the free meal program relying on fundraising. Support this much-needed outreach at <https://friendshipinn.ca/donations/donate-online> or call Laura at (306) 242-3979.

**"Radiant With Him" Women's Retreat April 17-18** hosted at St. John Bosco Parish, 1202 Avenue O South, Saskatoon, will be held 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. **Friday, April 17** and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Saturday April 18**. Register at: <https://radiant-withhim.eventbrite.com>. Cost is \$60 for the full retreat, or \$15 for Friday, April 17 only. For inquiries, contact Ruth Brown at (306) 227-7577.

## Chrism Mass

**7 p.m. Tuesday, March 31**

Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, and live-streamed online at:

<https://saskatoonmass.com>.

Join Bishop Mark Hagemoen and priests from across the diocese for this annual celebration to bless the sacred oils for use in sacraments in the year ahead.

The priests in the diocese of Saskatoon will also renew their commitment to priestly ministry.

- **Oil of Catechumens (OC):** This oil, sometimes referred to as Oil of Salvation, is used to anoint catechumens (those to be baptized). It is a sign of belonging: marking us as members of the Body of Christ.

- **Oil of the Sick (OI):** This oil is used in the Anointing of the Sick to bring comfort and support and to pray for healing.

- **Sacred Chrism (SC):** This oil includes a sweet-smelling balsam perfume, added during the blessing prayers at the Chrism Mass. Sacred Chrism is used at the celebration of baptism, confirmation, the ordination of priests and bishops, and for the dedication of churches and altars. Anointing with this oil signifies abundance of grace and dedicated service to God. The word Christ means "anointed one."

### Sing with the Choir at Chrism Mass:

**Rehearsal is at 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 31**

Cathedral of the Holy Family, Saskatoon for the Chrism Mass starting at 7 p.m. To RSVP or for more details, contact director Shaun Bzdel at: [shaun.bzdel@gmail.com](mailto:shaun.bzdel@gmail.com).

**"Mother Mary in the Life of the Church and in the Life of Her Children" retreat** will be held **Saturday, April 18** at St. Bruno Parish, 700 Kirby Street, Bruno, SK, beginning at 10:30 a.m. with Mass, followed by Lectio Divina prayer, an optional lunch (\$10 each), talks, adoration and the rosary. There will also be an optional supper (\$15 each) after the final talk. Drawing from the sacred philosophy of the west and the mystical beauty of the east, retreat leader Fr. Gregory Hrynkiw will offer a heartfelt exploration of Mother Mary in both the life of the Church and as a tender mother to us, her children. There is no cost for this retreat day in Bruno. **Register before Thursday, April 16** by contacting Carolyn LeBlanc at (306) 612-2046 or [carolyn.leblanc659@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.leblanc659@gmail.com)

## Message Board

**Knights of Columbus Father O'Leary Council 65th Anniversary Gala** will be held **Saturday, April 11** starting with 5 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Parish, 8th St. E. and Broadway Ave., Saskatoon, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 each; contact Grand Knight John Lyrette at (306) 260-6669 or (306) 384-5085 or Anniversary Chair Bill Beeler at (306) 222-5564 or (306) 652-2965.

**Employment opportunity** - St Mary Catholic Church in Fox Valley, SK. is seeking an Administrative Assistant. Submit cover letter and resume to Fr. Prince Sarpong at psarpong@rcdos.ca by **noon on Friday April 10, 2026**.

**A 25th Anniversary Divine Mercy Conference** will be held in Regina on Divine Mercy Sunday, **April 12**. Program begins at 1:15 p.m. at St. Peter Church, 100 Argyle St., Regina, with confessions, presentations, and Eucharistic Adoration, followed by celebration of Mass with Archbishop Donald Bolen. Final blessing will be given with St. Faustina's relic. A banquet and program will follow downstairs: \$25/adult; \$12/children under 12; children under six are free. Advance tickets only for the dinner, **deadline is April 2** (limited seating). For tickets call the Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy Centre in Regina at (306) 949-8998.

**The Indigenous Pastoral and Lay Leader Ministry Education Program (IPL) online course** from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon presents the next session "Indigenous Settler Relationship" **beginning April 14** for all those interested in deepening their understanding of the history of Indigenous Peoples and the Catholic Church as a response to the TRC Calls to Action. It is held online Tuesdays from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. until June 9; cost is \$200 (bursaries may be available). No prerequisite required. Find registration, video, participant reflections, etc. at [rcdos.ca/indigenous-ministry-education](https://rcdos.ca/indigenous-ministry-education).

**Spring Congress: "Speak Lord! Your Servant is Listening"** diocesan gathering will be presented 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on **Saturday, April 18 at Sacred Heart Parish, Watson** and again on **Saturday, April 25 at St. Joseph Parish, Kindersley**. Spring Congress is an opportunity for clergy and all the faithful to find renewed ways to come together to pray, learn, and listen to the Holy Spirit. Register at: [rcdos.ca/spring-congress-2026](https://rcdos.ca/spring-congress-2026) or call Director of Ministry Services Marilyn Jackson at (306) 659-5836 for more information. *(Evangelization and Catechesis and Adult Faith are supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)*

**Diocesan Prayer** - Lord Jesus Christ, we pray that you would help us to let go of all that is not important in our lives, so that we may focus our hearts, minds and souls upon you, and follow you more faithfully as missionary disciples.



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## Easter Triduum Celebrations

Find submitted schedules from parishes  
across the diocese of Saskatoon:

[rcdos.ca/lent-and-easter](https://rcdos.ca/lent-and-easter)

**The CWL Clothing Depot in Saskatoon is requesting donations** of much-needed items in order to provide affordable good quality, gently-used household goods and clothing to community members with limited funds. Needed items include summer clothing (any age); jeans; kitchenware, cutlery, pots and pans; working toasters, kettles, coffee makers, clocks; sheets, comforters, and towels. Drop off donations at the CWL Clothing Depot, 619 20th St. W., Saskatoon (located on the lower level of the Friendship Inn) – please ring the bell at the back door in the alley of the depot; drop off times are 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Friday. Thank you for making a difference for someone in need. For donation inquiries contact Bea at (306) 242-5042.

**Pews For Sale:** St. Michael Parish in Cudworth, SK has three 13-foot solid oak pews for sale, \$500 each. Contact (306) 256-3218 or [smcudworth@rcdos.ca](mailto:smcudworth@rcdos.ca).

**The Joe Kammermayer Memorial Dinner** is an annual fund-raising event for Columbus Bosco Saskatoon, to be held **Thursday, April 23**, starting 5:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Parish Hall, 3339 Centennial Dr., Saskatoon. Tickets are \$50 each; contact Ed Frank (306) 371-0506, Chris Sarich (306) 221-4686, or any Saskatoon Knights of Columbus Council. Proceeds go to Columbus Bosco Saskatoon's Farm School and its Family Learning Centres.

**Are you hurting because of an abortion?** Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortion emotions to begin renewal and healing. The next retreat in Saskatoon will be held **April 24-26**. Contact Elaine at 1-306-480-8911 or e-mail: [r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net](mailto:r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net).

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