



## Year of Faith Festival

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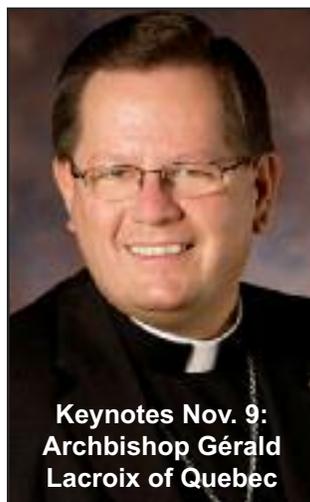
The Year of Faith will wind up Nov. 8-10 in the diocese of Saskatoon with a weekend of speakers, music and special celebrations.

Bishop Don Bolen has invited parishes and groups to consider ways to join the festival, perhaps by hosting local events. A program of diocesan celebrations (*see list at right*) is also planned.

**Archbishop Gérald Lacroix**, who in March 2011 succeeded Cardinal Marc Ouellet as Archbishop of Quebec and primate of Canada, will preach and speak during the three-day Year of Faith Festival, at sessions in both English and French.

As well, **Archbishop James Weisgerber** of Winnipeg (a former bishop of Saskatoon) is returning to Saskatchewan to join in the weekend celebrations.

Catholic singer-songwriter **Audrey Assad** will perform in concert at the Cathedral of the Holy Family Nov. 8, with tickets now on sale online or at the Catholic Pastoral Centre in Saskatoon. Acclaimed for her spiritually-rich lyrics and poignant vocal and acoustic keyboard style, Assad recently released her latest album, *Fortunate Fall*.



**Keynotes Nov. 9:  
Archbishop Gérald Lacroix of Quebec**



**Audrey Assad in concert Nov. 8**

### Friday, Nov. 8

Opening events held at Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road and Attridge Drive, Saskatoon

#### 6 p.m. - Opening Eucharist

with Bishop Don Bolen and Archbishop Gérald Lacroix

#### 7:15 p.m. - Reception

#### 8:30 p.m. - Evening of Music for Restless Hearts

Audrey Assad live in concert, with Saskatchewan's own Catherine Lewans. Get advance tickets online at: [picatic.com/audreyassad](http://picatic.com/audreyassad) or at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 2nd Floor of Cathedral of Holy Family

### Saturday, Nov. 9

#### 10:30 a.m. - Year of Faith address

Archbishop Gérald LaCroix speaks at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon

#### 2 p.m. - Annee de Foi

Archevêque de Québec Gérald LaCroix à Sts-Martyrs-Canadiens, 1007 Rue Windsor, Saskatoon

#### 5 p.m. - Eucharist

with Bishop Donald Bolen, Archbishop Lacroix and Archbishop James Weisgerber at Holy Spirit Parish, 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon

#### 6:30 p.m. - Bishop's Cup Basketball Tournament

Clergy versus youth, Grade 6 and up at St. Joseph High School, Nelson Road and Attridge Drive, Saskatoon

### Sunday, Nov. 10 - Celebration of the Eucharist:

Bishop Bolen: **9 a.m.** and **11:30 a.m.** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family / Archbishop Gérald Lacroix: **10 a.m.** at Prud'homme, SK. / Archbishop James Weisgerber: **1 p.m.** with Our Lady of Guadalupe parish at St. Mary's Church 20th Street and Avenue 0, Saskatoon

**Watch for more Year of Faith Festival events hosted by parishes and organizations Nov. 8-10**

## FOUNDATIONS: EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

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**Pre-registration with the contact person is required.**

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### Christ-Centred Yoga

**Facilitators: Diane Waldbillig and Elaine Zakreski**

Saturday mornings 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Cathedral of the Holy Family,

123 Nelson Road and Attridge Drive, SASKATOON

Christ-centred yoga uses prayer and scripture to deepen our relationship with Jesus while getting some exercise. Call Diane Waldbillig for more information: (306) 668-1085 or e-mail: dianew@holyyoga.net

### Christ-Centred Yoga

**Facilitators: Shirley Berthelet and Elaine Zakreski**

Monday evenings 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

St. Anne, 217 Lenore Drive, SASKATOON

Welcome to being a body. "Our bodies are essential to our humanity, to everything we do. Indeed, our entire spiritual lives are experienced in and through our bodies" (excerpt from *Theology of the Body for Everybody* by Leah Perrault). Join us for an eight-week session of Christ-centered yoga. Call Shirley for more information: (306) 978-7242 or e-mail: shirley@centerforlivingwell.org

### Take Time to Forgive

**Facilitator: Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, OSU**

2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 5

St. Michael, Pacific Drive & Highway 321, BURSTALL

The process of forgiveness can teach us much about ourselves, our relationships and God. This session will consider the stages of forgiveness, the lessons at each stage, and various styles of forgiveness. Contact Vivien at (306) 679-2160 to pre-register.

### The Blessed Sacrament: Adoration and the Real Presence

**Facilitator: Fr. Geoffrey Young**

7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 8

Holy Spirit, 114 Kingsmere Place, SASKATOON

In the great tradition of the Catholic Church and attested to by the lives of the saints, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has been one of the most profound ways to grow in our intimacy with Christ. With the Eucharist, we do not simply encounter a thing or a ritual, but a person, Christ Jesus. Our traditions, rituals, and the worship that is extended centres on this Sacrament of Love that is described as the source and summit of the Church. This session explores our belief in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, our adoration and latria (worship) of him who desires to encounter us. Part of the session will include time for prayer, with celebration of the solemn rite of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. This session is sponsored by Holy Spirit Parish Catholic Women's League. It is open to everyone, and all are welcome. Contact Adele at (306) 374-7524 to pre-register.

### Making Connections to God in Real Life: A How-To Guide for Parents of Teenagers

**Facilitator: Barb Wotherspoon**

6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 9

St. Theresa, 208 Little Flower Avenue, ROSETOWN

Contact Judy at (306) 882-2488 to pre-register for this session.

### Making Sense of the Old Testament

**Facilitator: Fr. Matthew Ramsay**

Thursday, Oct. 17 at St. Peter's Catholic School, UNITY

Readings from the Old Testament can be confusing, disturbing and hard to apply to everyday life. Let's put the pieces together to understand the big picture of the Old Testament. This Foundations: *Exploring Our Faith Together* session is being presented to students only.

### "Who'd Ya Say Is Speaking For Me?" Giving a Voice to Age and the Aging

**Facilitator: Bernadette Heintz**

7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 22

Holy Spirit, 114 Kingsmere Place, SASKATOON

In our paternalistic, "caring" way we often forget to listen to the elderly. Bernadette Heintz, a passionate advocate for the elderly, challenges us to give voice to them, to meet not so much "our" needs as "theirs." For all who are aging and all those who care for the aging. Contact Charlene or Kelly at (306) 374-1425 to pre-register.

### Step by Step, O Holiness - Gonna Get to Heaven!

**Facilitator: Colm Leyne**

7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 30

St. Anne, 217 Lenore Drive, SASKATOON

What do the Pope, U2, New Kids on the Block, the catechism, desire, and our hearts have in common? All ages welcome to come find out. Contact: Sr. Dianne at (306) 931-4700 to pre-register.

### Living Water

**Facilitator: Fr. Paul Fachel, OMI**

1 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 30

Columbian Manor, 2940 Louise St., SASKATOON

Reflections on Sieger Köder's painting *The Woman at the Well* (John 4). Contact Dorothy at (306) 668-2048 to pre-register.

### It's True: The Word of God is Challenging

**Facilitator: Fr. Ken Beck**

7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 13

St. Peter's Parish, MÜNSTER

An invitation to consider selected stories/events from the Gospels and how they help keep us grounded in discipleship. Contact Donna Lee at (306) 682-5191 to pre-register.

### Bless me Father, for I have sinned

**Facilitator: Sr. Teresita Kambeitz**

2:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 17

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pangman Street, OUTLOOK

Do adults celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation (go to confession) in the same way they learned as children? This session offers an option to the "list" method toward a style more suited to adult moral development. Contact Bill at (306) 846-2161 to pre-register.

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### How Did St. Nicholas Get in My Chimney?

**Facilitator: Blake Sittler**

1 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 27

St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Crescent E., SASKATOON

OR

7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 28

St. Anne Parish, 316 1st Street West, DELISLE

This session will examine the historical roots and evolution of Saint Nicholas into Santa Claus. Join a conversation about the varying practices and traditions of Advent and the Christmas season. There will be time to share your family's memories, traditions, and recipes. Contact Brigid at (306) 652-0033 to pre-register for the session at St. Paul. Contact Carole at (306) 493-8136 to pre-register for the session in Delisle.

### An Intimate Conversation Between Friends

**Facilitator: Christy Dupuis**

1 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 4

Columbian Manor, 2940 Louise St., SASKATOON

St. Therese of Lisieux said: "Prayer is just a conversation between friends." What does that mean and how can we start cultivating a friendship with God through prayer? Contact Dorothy at (306) 668-2048 to pre-register for the session.

## Other Upcoming Events

**Introducing Children's Story Time at Msgr. Michael J. Koch Library** 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. every Thursday. Everyone is welcome. The diocesan resource library is located at the Catholic Pastoral Centre on the 2nd floor of the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. For more information or to volunteer as a reader, musician, crafter or puppeteer, e-mail Sharon at: [sharonleyne@gmail.com](mailto:sharonleyne@gmail.com)

**A diocesan miscarriage 1 in 4 Workshop** will offer time to reflect and share for those from all faith traditions whose lives and hearts have been marked by miscarriage: 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Saturday, Oct. 5** at Holy Spirit Parish, Saskatoon. Cost: \$10 (includes lunch). Contact Elan Ehresman: (306) 659-5839.

**Family Catechesis Course** – Registration is underway until Oct. 13 for a diocesan family correspondence course available to children in rural and city parishes who are unable to attend Catholic schools or parish catechism programs. It consists of Catholic faith courses for Grades 1-8 (but not preparation for sacraments). Contact Mary Comeault at: (306) 659-5835; toll free: 1-877-661-5005, Ext. \*835. Sr. Margaret Ann Feist will offer assistance once families have registered for the course.

**A Refugee Sponsor Support Network Gathering and Potluck** will be held **Sunday, Oct. 20** at St. Mary's Hall, 20th Street and Avenue 0 South in Saskatoon. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. with the meeting at 3 p.m., potluck at 5 p.m. This afternoon is an opportunity to learn more about refugee sponsorship, to share ideas and best practices, and to discuss and ask questions about situations parishes face in sponsoring refugees. Pre-register with Cathy at the Catholic Centre reception desk: (306) 242-1500.

**"A Blessing not a Burden"** is an evening looking at the elderly and those who are terminally ill as an absolute good in our society to be received as a gift. It will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 19 at Samaritan Place, 375 Cornish Road, Saskatoon. No cost.

**De Margerie Series on Christian Unity and Reconciliation** will be held Nov. 6-8 in Saskatoon. Watch for details.

**Covenant of Care and Sexual Abuse Protocol workshops** for Parish Coordinators of Care (and any others interested in learning more about this diocesan policy) will be held in deaneries across the diocese this fall, running from 7 to 9 p.m:

- **Kerrobot** - Tuesday, Oct. 22
- **Eatonia** - Monday, Oct. 28
- **Davidson** - Monday, Nov. 4
- **Lanigan** - Wednesday, Nov. 20
- **Wadena** - Tuesday, Nov. 26
- **Saskatoon City/ Rural** - Wednesday, Dec. 4

Sessions will be held in the Catholic church in each rural community, and at the Cathedral of the Holy Family for the Saskatoon City and Saskatoon Rural deaneries Dec. 4. To view the Covenant of Care policy visit the diocesan website at: [www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/covenantofcare](http://www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/covenantofcare) or for more information contact Sharon Powell at (306) 659-5831 or e-mail: [foundations@saskatoonrcdiocese.com](mailto:foundations@saskatoonrcdiocese.com)

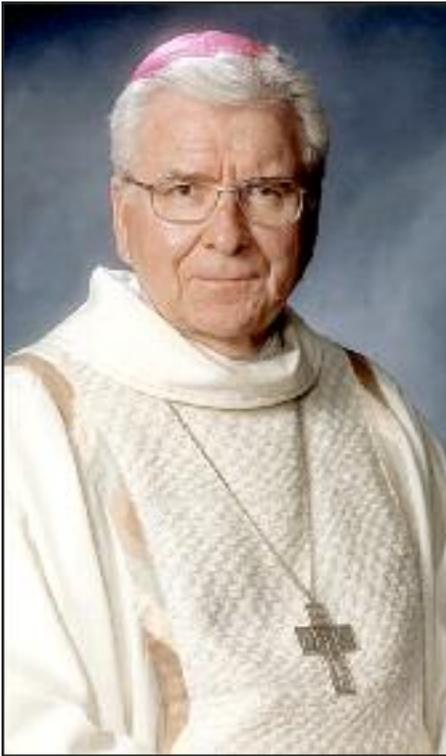
**I BELIEVE  
BECAUSE...  
#IBELIEVEBECAUSE**

A Year of Faith initiative to gather and share reflections on faith is underway in the diocese of Saskatoon. Find out more or share your own "I believe because..." reflection by going to our diocesan web page at:

[www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/ibelievebecause](http://www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/ibelievebecause)

or check out **#ibelievebecause** on Twitter or Facebook. You can also mail or drop off your reflection to: Catholic Pastoral Centre, 2nd Floor, Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, S7S 1H1 or send an e-mail to: [ibelievebecause@saskatoonrcdiocese.com](mailto:ibelievebecause@saskatoonrcdiocese.com)

*Any length, any format (written, video, audio, etc.) is welcome!*



# Theology of God series:

Attend any or all of the four sessions presented this fall by Bishop Emeritus Gerald Wiesner, OMI

Saskatchewan's own Bishop Gerald Wiesner, OMI, who recently retired from his role as shepherd of Prince George diocese in British Columbia, will present a four-part Foundations: *Exploring Our Faith Together* series this fall in Saskatoon, reflecting on the Theology of God.

Our relationship with God and our understanding of the Trinity will be the focus of the series, which aims to lead participants to a deeper and more personal awareness of God whom we worship and serve.

Beginning 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7, with an introduction to the nature of theology, how theology relates to faith and our understanding of God, the

Bishop Gerald Wiesner, OMI, was born in Macklin, SK. in 1937 and grew up on the family farm in the Denzil area. He entered the OMI novitiate in 1962 and was ordained a priest on Feb. 22, 1963. He taught at the OMI Scholasticate, has been part of the seminary formation team, and taught at Newman Theological College in Edmonton, as well as in the diocese of Saskatoon Lay Formation program. He was appointed bishop of Prince George in 1992, serving until his retirement in January 2013. He now resides in Saskatoon.

Theology of God will be held  
7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on four Monday evenings  
at the Cathedral of the Holy Family  
123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon:

- Oct. 7 - Our understanding of God
- Oct. 21 - The mystery of God and the world
- Nov. 18 - God: Father, Son and Spirit
- Dec. 9 - God as Spirit

No pre-registration: everyone is welcome.  
**Attend one, several or all sessions!**  
There will be a free will offering at the door.

series continues Monday, Oct. 21 with a look at the mystery of God and the world, how God is at work in our world, the pattern of divine and human interaction, and God and prayer.

The session on Monday, Nov. 18 will consider God as our just and merci-

ful Father, Jesus who teaches us to pray and who is the Word of God, and reflections on God as Spirit. The final session Dec. 9 looks further on the Spirit - in scripture, in Jesus, and in the Church and the sacraments.

## Theology Uncorked Oct. 24: "Why believe? Why belong?"

Bishop Don Bolen will lead a conversation about faith, continuing a diocesan Year of Faith "*I Believe Because*" initiative in the casual conversational setting of a Theology Uncorked gathering, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 24 at the Cathedral of the Holy Family in Saskatoon.

"I invite you to take some time to reflect upon, and to articulate, reasons for being a person of faith. Why are we believers, followers of Jesus Christ? What strengthens our faith convictions? What are the experiences, encounters, relationships, which enliven our faith, where we feel God's presence? What allows us to continue believing when faced with challenges or doubts?" - Bishop Don Bolen



Bishop Don Bolen is the featured speaker at this year's first Theology Uncorked session in the diocese of Saskatoon: a casual evening of faith conversation for adults.

Pre-registration is not necessary for this adult faith enrichment event.  
(There will be a cash bar.)