



# Diocesan Bulletin

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

## Cancelled Events

**EVENTS CANCELLED BECAUSE OF COVID-19:** In order to minimize contact and reduce the risk from coronavirus, a number of events have been cancelled in recent days:

- **Queen's House** of Retreat and Renewal, Saskatoon is cancelling all events, and will be closed as of Friday, March 20.
- **Showing of the film** "In the Spirit of Reconciliation" March 24 at Holy Spirit Parish is cancelled.
- **Care for Our Common Home - *Laudato Si'* Workshop** March 24- 25 at STM College is cancelled.
- **Day of Prayer for the Unborn Child** - Mass and Rosary on March 25 at Holy Spirit Church, Saskatoon is cancelled. Please do continue to pray for unborn children and an end to abortion on that day, the Feast of the Annunciation.
- **Congress Days: *Proclaim Christ*** diocesan event March 27-28 at the Cathedral of the Holy Family in Saskatoon is cancelled
- **From Mourning to Dawn grief ministry** program for widows and widowers beginning March 31 at the Catholic Pastoral Centre is cancelled.
- **"Accompaniment and Hope"** April 1 session for those going through divorce and separation is cancelled (Holy Spirit Parish).
- **"Are Your Affairs in Order?"** presentations on April 1 at St. Anne Parish, Saskatoon, as well as on April 15 at Holy Spirit Parish, Saskatoon, are both cancelled.
- **Contemplative Mass** led by Fr. Kevin McGee on Friday, April 3 at St. Augustine Church is cancelled.
- **Retrouaille Weekend** April 3-5 in Saskatoon is cancelled. Watch for info about re-scheduled sessions: (306) 652-7155 or email: [retrouaille@sasktel.net](mailto:retrouaille@sasktel.net)
- **New Evangelization Summit (NES)** April 25 at St. Mary, Macklin, and Holy Family Cathedral, Saskatoon is cancelled — along with all other NES host site events across Canada.
- **The Bishop's Dinner** on May 1 is cancelled.
- **Pentecost 2020 One in the Holy Spirit** May 31 at Sasktel Centre is cancelled, but an ecumenical team continues to pray and to reflect on a future event.
- **Marriage Preparation Courses** in the diocese are cancelled. Engaged couples should speak to pastors regarding individual marriage preparation counselling.

**Lenten Penitential Services  
across the Diocese of Saskatoon  
have been CANCELLED under  
the new coronavirus directives.**

**Personal confession is still possible,  
complying with Health Authority criteria  
related to numbers and distancing.**

**Check with your local parish about celebrating  
the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession),  
including on the planned "Day of Confession"  
on the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25.**

## Upcoming Event

**Biggar Museum and Gallery Call for Entries** – **"Co-creating with the Creator"** - An exhibition of spirituality-inspired art works is planned for October 2020, at the Biggar Museum and Gallery, Biggar, SK. The aim of this exhibition is to help reinvigorate the collaboration between the creator God and the world of art that God inspires. Artists have long aspired to describe the indescribable; to understand the unknowable, and this exhibition offers the opportunity for the artist to investigate these thoughts. The exhibition will be held **Oct. 1 to 31**, and will include an opening Friday, Oct. 2 and a panel discussion Saturday, Oct. 3. The exhibition space has both floor space, space for hanging works and wall space. Sales are possible but pieces can be reserved as 'not for sale' if the artist wishes. (Gallery charges 25% of sales.) Send artwork proposals to Box 1056, Biggar, SK, S0K 0M0, including a brief description of the work, digital images of the proposed work and of past work, and a short biography or resumé with the name of the artist, e-mail and phone contacts, and an exhibition history. Proposals of works in progress will be accepted, but finished work proposals preferred. **Proposal deadline is Aug. 31, 2020.** Choice of pieces for the exhibition will be made by the organizing committee and is limited by space restrictions. Delivery of works is at the artist's expense and the organization is unable to offer exhibition fees.

# Message Board

**Directives issued in response to COVID-19** - New directives issued by Bishop Mark Hagemoen March 17, 2020 include the suspension of public celebration of Mass across the diocese of Saskatoon until further notice, and a number of other measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, also known as coronavirus. Find the bishop's letter at <https://rcdos.ca>

**Livestreaming of Mass** - Sunday Mass in our diocese will soon be livestreamed online, with a link on the diocesan website, as well as at <https://saskatoonmass.com> (which will also have homilies and other features). **Watch for updates.**

## **Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Saskatoon is seeking a part-time (20 hours) Pastoral Associate.**

The successful candidate will be a confirmed practicing Roman Catholic in good standing with the Church and have a good appreciation for the First Nations and Métis culture. The successful applicant will be able to articulate clearly the compatibility of traditional teachings with the Catholic faith and be able to demonstrate how it is possible to walk with a foot in both traditions. For details and/or to apply (cover letter and resume) contact Parish Life Director Debbie Ledoux at (306) 653-4945, [diguadalupeparish@sasktel.net](mailto:diguadalupeparish@sasktel.net) **before March 23.**

**Youth Minister - Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish (IHMP) in Martensville, SK,** is seeking a part-time Youth Minister (20 hours per week) to provide for the needs of youth, students, and families of IHMP in accordance with the parish mission to "Encounter Jesus, Empower Disciples, and Evangelize the World." Working with the pastor, staff and youth council, the youth minister will create a fun, attractive, safe environment for youth to grow in their faith; foster a culture of evangelism that seeks to draw young people into relationship with Jesus; nurture intentional accompaniment (youth-to-youth, leaders-to-youth); and seek integration with the larger parish community. For more information contact Patrick Clarke at (306) 659-5835 or [pclarke@rcdos.ca](mailto:pclarke@rcdos.ca) for a detailed job description. Application deadline is midnight, **Wednesday, April 8.** Position start date (negotiable) is May 2020.

**Easter outreach at the prison** - The diocesan Restorative Ministry Office is again seeking monetary donations in order to purchase chocolate bunnies for those in prison, as part of Easter outreach at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre. This project lets the men know they are not forgotten at this most holy season marking the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Monetary donations can be dropped off or mailed to Restorative Ministry, Catholic Pastoral Centre, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, SK. S7S 1H1. (A donation of money rather than chocolate ensures that identical treats can be purchased).

**CWL Social Justice Award** - The Saskatchewan Provincial Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada has established a Social Justice Award for young women between the ages of 18-35 years. The \$1,000 award may be given to one candidate or divided among qualified applicants to finance participation in a reputable social justice activity, either at home or abroad. Application deadline is **April 30.** Contact Mary Nordick at (306) 374-5612 or email [m.nordick@sasktel.net](mailto:m.nordick@sasktel.net)



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## **Keep up with Saskatoon Catholic News**

Did you know our diocese offers an online news page?

Check out news articles, reflections and updates at

<https://news.rcdos.ca>

## **A message from Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools:**

During school closures because of COVID-19, the *Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ* religious education program remains available for use. **The Student Home portal** grants at-home access to videos, stories, interactive activities, and songs – all grounded in the celebration of our Catholic faith, aligned with the Church's liturgical year. Log in online at: [www.pearsoncanada.ca/growinginfaith/student-home](http://www.pearsoncanada.ca/growinginfaith/student-home) username is: **GIFGIC\_student99** password is: **Student99**

## **Development and Peace Share Lent update**

- During these uncertain times of the COVID-19 crisis, Development and Peace has cancelled or postponed all in-person meetings and events across Canada. Lent is a vital time of year for the organization, and so you are invited to participate in the **virtual Share Lent campaign** and act in solidarity with Development and Peace partners in the Global South and the vulnerable populations that will be all the more affected by this pandemic. Donate to Development and Peace today by making a DIRECT donation online at <https://devp.org/give> or by phone: 1-888 664-3387 or by mail : 1425 Rene-Levesque Blvd W, 3rd floor, Montreal, QC, H3G 1T7.

**Scam Alert** - Fraudulent messages continue to circulate via e-mail, as well as via text and messaging apps, allegedly coming from our priests, bishop, or others in the Catholic community, asking for money, gift cards, or other gifts. Please disregard all such messages! Fraudulent e-mail addresses typically look like they could be real. The message asks if you are busy, ask for a favour, or directly ask for iTunes gift cards or funds. Do not send gift cards, money, or cash transfers if requested to do so over e-mail or via text message. If you receive messages asking for help like this from our bishops or priests, either contact their offices directly to check whether they are authentic, or just ignore the message. Do NOT reply.

**Diocesan Prayer** - We pray as a diocesan family for all those suffering from coronavirus around the globe, and for the health care workers and caregivers working to relieve suffering and bring healing.

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