



Diocesan Bulletin

March 29, 2020 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Spiritual communion when you cannot attend celebration of the Eucharist

In an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus), public celebration of Mass is suspended in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon – and in Catholic dioceses across the county. Although the Catholic faithful have a dispensation from the duty to attend Sunday Eucharist until further notice, it is still possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion to unite oneself in prayer to Jesus Christ. For example:

“My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You were already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.”

Live-streaming of Mass online

A central website has been established for those who wish to access live-streaming of Masses and other online resources created by priests in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon. It can be found at <https://saskatoonmass.com>. A number of Masses are streamed and archived on the website daily, including a live broadcast at 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning with Bishop Mark Hagemoen celebrating Eucharist at the diocesan cathedral.

Mass on Television

(Available on some cable / satellite plans)

Broadcast of Mass in Canada - A schedule is found at <https://DailyTVmass.com> – including on the Salt+Light Catholic Network at <https://saltandlighttv.org/mass> and on Vision TV at <https://www.visiontv.ca/shows/daily-mass>.

The “Eternal Word Television Network” EWTN American Catholic channel also broadcasts daily Mass. Find more information online at <https://www.ewtn.com>

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

Personal confession is still possible, if it can be set up in compliance with Health Authority criteria related to numbers and distancing. Check with your local parish!

COVID-19

Share Lent 2020 goes virtual

Share Lent 2020 



Message for Solidarity Sunday

During these uncertain times of the COVID-19 crisis, Development and Peace / Caritas Canada has cancelled or postponed all of its in-person meetings and events across Canada. In order to provide Canadians with a way to support Share Lent 2020, a “virtual collection” will be held this year.

Information and links are found online at www.devp.org Lent is a vital time of year for Development and Peace / Caritas Canada. Please participate in the virtual Share Lent campaign and act in solidarity with Development and Peace / Caritas Canada partners in the Global South and with the most vulnerable populations who will be all the more affected by this COVID-19 pandemic. This Lent, give from the heart!

Donate to Development and Peace directly:

- 1) **Online:** devp.org/give
- 2) **By phone:** 1-888-664-3387
- 3) **By mail:** 1425 Rene-Levesque Blvd W, 3rd floor, Montreal, QC, H3G 1T7

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Username is: **GIFGIC_student99** Password is: **Student99**

Message Board

Catholic Hospital Chaplaincy: During the COVID-19 crisis, patients can still receive pastoral visits from designated denominational chaplains under some circumstances. To request a visit for yourself or a loved one at Saskatoon hospitals, contact Jackie Saretsky at 306-292-5531 or Fr. Rhéal Bussière at 306-371-7125. *Hospital chaplaincy is supported by your gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*

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. (A donation of money rather than chocolate ensures that identical treats can be purchased). 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 mailed to Restorative Ministry, Catholic Pastoral Centre, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, SK. S7S 1H1 or give directly online at dscf.ca/designated-ministry-support/

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

Cancelled Events

- **Retrouvaille Weekend** April 3-5 in Saskatoon is cancelled. Watch for info about re-scheduled sessions: (306) 652-7155 or email: retrouvaille@sasktel.net
- **New Evangelization Summit (NES)** April 25 at St. Mary, Macklin, and Holy Family Cathedral, Saskatoon is cancelled.
- **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.
- * **The 2020 Saskatchewan Pro-Life Conference** scheduled for April 3-4 in Martensville is cancelled.
- * **From Mourning to Dawn**, diocesan grief support group for widows and widowers spring session is cancelled.
- * **Steak and Trivia Fundraiser for Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre** is postponed to a later date: "We can still offer diapers and necessary items by arranging for clients to drop by and pick things up or by bringing supplies to them." Donations of diapers and other items are needed. Call 306-665-7550 for more information.



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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.

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. The message typically looks real and asks if you are busy, asks for a favour, or directly asks for iTunes gift cards or funds. Do not reply. 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/delete the message. Do not reply and do not transfer funds or provide gift cards!

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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