

Diocesan Bulletin

Nov. 28, 2021 - First 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

Giving Tuesday Chili Cook-Off - Local Catholic high school students are preparing their recipes for chili, with a panel of judges ready to taste the results on **Giving Tuesday, Nov. 30**. Buy a virtual bowl of chili to "cast your vote" for a particular high school, with proceeds going to the Saskatoon Friendship Inn the Catholic TRC Healing Response and Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools (GSCS) Foundation. For more information see <https://dscf.ca/givingtuesdaychili/>

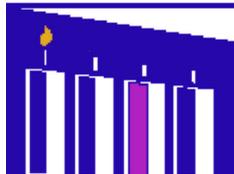
Synod for a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission - Pope Francis has called for a world-wide Synod on synodality! An introductory **Online Synod Workshop** will be held via Zoom from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, Dec. 1** for pastors, parish leaders and all those interested. This will be a chance to hear more about the Synod and how it might unfold in our diocese, to ask questions and to share ideas. Register at: <https://rcdos.ca/synod>

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle includes adoration, the rosary, benediction, hymns and various prayers, 8 p.m. **Thursday, Dec. 2** at St. Michael Catholic Church, #18-33rd St. E., Saskatoon. A Diocesan Cenacle of Prayer will also be held at 3 pm. **Wednesday, Dec. 8** at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Crescent, Saskatoon. Information: (306) 382-1680

Advent Longings is an Advent retreat with Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, OSU, to be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. noon **Saturday, Dec. 4** in-person at Queen's House and online via Zoom. To register, call (306) 242-1916.

Bishop Jon Hansen, CSsR, photo calendar is available for purchase for \$20 each at St. Mary Parish, Saskatoon. Proceeds support ministry in Mackenzie-Fort Smith diocese. Contact: (306) 244-2986 or stmarysrectory@sasktel.net

A Quiet Directed Retreat for those Affected by Separation or Divorce will be held from 7 p.m. **Friday, Dec. 10** to 8 p.m. **Saturday, Dec. 11**, in-person at Queen's House, 601 Taylor St. W., Saskatoon (live-in or commute), facilitated by Madeline and Peter Oliver of Olive Branch Ministry, offering support, encouragement, and a time to lean into the promises of comfort offered to us by God. For details call (306) 361-9318.



Diocesan Prayer - We pray as a diocesan family for all those suffering loss, experiencing struggles or coping with disaster. May a community of caring and support always come through to help.

Farewell to the Redemptorists

The Redemptorist order is leaving St. Mary Parish in Saskatoon after more than 86 years of service, witness, and sharing of the Redemptorist spirit in our diocese in so many ways. Bishop Mark Hagemoen will join Fr. Mark Miller, CSsR, Fr. Alfredo Medina Ramos, CSsR, and Fr. Kevin McGee for celebration of Mass at

11 am Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021

at St. Mary Church, 211 Avenue O S., Saskatoon to bid farewell, express thanks and mark this historic transition. The Mass will also be live-streamed at <https://saskatoonmass.com> and at:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/saskatoondiocese>

Read about the history of St. Mary Parish and the Redemptorist presence in the community:

<https://www.stmaryssaskatoon.org/history>

(Please note that because of COVID-19 safety precautions, the Redemptorists have asked that there be no luncheon or gathering in the hall after the Mass.)

Employment Opportunities

Director of Administration and Finance for the Catholic Pastoral Centre (CPC), Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon (permanent, full-time) will work as part of a leadership team reporting directly to the Bishop, providing overall strategic leadership to the administrative and financial service portfolio at the CPC, including financial services, human resources, communications, safeguarding, information technology, building and maintenance, and migration services. Chartered Professional Accountant designation (CPA) is required. For other qualifications please see: rcdos.ca/employment To apply, submit a cover letter and resumé to vtowriss@rcdos.ca by 4:30 p.m. **Friday, Dec. 3**.

Deadline extended for two positions: Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish (IHMP), which serves the communities of Martensville, Warman and area, is seeking a **part-time Office Manager** and a **part-time Youth Minister**. Deadline to apply for either of these two positions is extended to 5 p.m. Dec. 3; send cover letter and resumé to ahimp@rcdos.ca. For more information or detailed job descriptions, please call (306) 931-3111 or see the postings at rcdos.ca/employment

Message Board

Nativity sets for sale - Knights of Columbus of Saskatoon Council 8215 members are working to "Keep Christ in Christmas," by offering for sale a weather-proof wooden nativity set, made from ½-inch plywood, paint ready, \$85 each. (Each wood set will be accompanied with a fridge/car magnet.) Shipment from Saskatoon can be arranged. The plywood set measures about 4-feet high and 4-feet wide. Place an order by text message, by calling or e-mailing Garry Maier (306) 221-5893; garrymaier@shaw.ca.

St. Nicholas Day family event - Host Family Saskatchewan is hosting a free family event from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on **Monday, Dec. 6**, the Feast of St. Nicholas, featuring music, a magician, and munchies at LB Distilleries in Saskatoon, celebrating Host Family matches in the province as well as providing information for those interested in becoming a Host Family or a Home Sharer for those with exceptional needs. Seats are limited; register at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/208828590937> or by e-mailing: hostfamilysask@christian-horizons.org.

Hope for Malawi charity, based in Saskatoon, is one of the organizations featured on the "24 Good Deeds" Advent Calendar, available from: <https://www.24gooddeeds.ca> either as a printed item or an e-mail subscription. Find out more about Hope For Malawi: <http://www.hopeformalawi.com>

CFS Saskatoon Celebrates 80 Years – CFS Saskatoon (Catholic Family Services) this year marks 80 years of "Growing a Healthy Community." Find out more info about CFS Saskatoon and their programs: <https://www.cfssaskatoon.sk.ca>

Staff and students at E.D. Feehan school in Saskatoon are working to raise funds to sponsor a refugee family who are running for their lives after an extremist organization took power in their home country. Read about the project at: news.rcdos.ca or to donate to the E.D. Feehan effort go to the Go Fund Me online giving page at: www.gofundme.com/f/refugeeYXE. For more information about refugee sponsorship, please e-mail the diocesan Office of Migration: migration@rcdos.ca

Prison Ministry – The diocesan Restorative Ministry Office is seeking donations of **men's parkas / winter coats** (large, extra large and up), for men leaving the Correctional Centre. As well, plans are already underway for **Christmas outreach** at the Correctional Centre – monetary donations are requested to assist the Restorative Ministry Office in purchasing small, identical treats for each person incarcerated at the Correctional Centre, to let them know that they are not forgotten during this joyful time celebrating the birth of Our Lord and Saviour. Finally, **volunteers are needed to assist in providing prayer and worship at the prison**. Contact Dianne Anderson at danderson@rcdos.ca to volunteer. Donations can be dropped off or sent to the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 2nd floor, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon – or make an online monetary gift to "Restorative (Prison) Ministry Christmas Gift" by selecting that drop-down line at: <https://dscf.ca/designated-ministry-support>



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GOD IS DOING NEW THINGS

Bishop's
ANNUAL APPEAL

The theme of the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal is 'God is Doing New Things'
(based on Isaiah 43:19)

If you have not yet made your 2021 Bishop's Appeal gift, please join your fellow parishioners and make a gift today.
Find info, videos, and/or make your gift online:
<https://dscf.ca/BAA>



Catholic TRC Healing Response Fund

Diocesan fund-raising efforts to support healing and reconciliation initiatives for residential school survivors and their communities are underway. Funds raised will be part of a national \$30-million fund-raising pledge announced this fall by the Catholic bishops of Canada, after they apologized to the Indigenous Peoples of this land. Learn more, and/or make a gift online at:
<https://dscf.ca/catholic-trc-healing-response/>



St. Philip Neri Parish Fair Trade sale for refugee sponsorships - Level Ground products: coffee 300g \$12, bean or ground; tea bags 60g \$8; loose leaf tea 70g \$6; dried fruit 90-130g \$6; organic cane sugar 500g \$7. Camino products: chocolate bars, \$5 plus GST; hot chocolate powder 336g \$8; vegan non-dairy hot chocolate 336g \$8; baking cocoa powder 224g \$8; shredded coconut 200g \$6. Deadline: 4 p.m. **Dec. 5**; contact: sheila.flory@usask.ca or (306) 931-8053.

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