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Feb. 9, 2025 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Awaken adult faith program: "Gospel Encounters with Jesus" will be held at 7 p.m. on four Tuesday evenings, Feb. 18, Feb. 25, March 4, March 11. Schedule:

- **Feb. 18 with Fr. David Tumback**, held at St. Patrick Parish, 3339 Centennial Drive, Saskatoon;
- **Feb. 25 with Fr. Gerard Cooper**, held at the Catholic Centre, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon;
- **March 4 with Bishop Mark Hagemoen**, Catholic Centre;
- **March 11 with Sr. Marta Piano, VDMF**, Catholic Centre.

Cost for the four-part series is \$40; register online at: <https://form.jotform.com/SaskatoonDiocese/awakenwinter2025> or contact Adult Faith Coordinator Astrid Alas at (306) 659-5858 or e-mail: amalas@rcdos.ca. (*Adult Faith formation is supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

Pilgrims of Hope in the Core Neighbourhood will be held 9:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. **Saturday, Feb. 15** at St. Mary Parish lower hall, Avenue O South, Saskatoon. **Social Enterprise for Social Good:** Aaron Timoshyk, will speak about the success of Quint programs which contribute to the public good, employ low-income people and provide wrap-around supports. **Sanctum Care Group:** Kathy Malbeauf, RN, will speak about their programs (Sanctum, Sanctum 1.5, PORT, HART, CORT, and 2nd Steps), which support vulnerable people in our community. Everyone is welcome; refreshments will be available.

A Human Trafficking Awareness Day public event will be held **Feb. 22** in Saskatoon. The Catholic Women's League of Canada (CWL) Council at Saint Anne Catholic Church, and the Salvation Army in Saskatoon, are jointly organizing an event to raise awareness about the scourge of human trafficking in our local community, with the raising of a flag at Saskatoon City Hall to mark National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, beginning at 12 noon Saturday, Feb. 22 in the City Square. A public round-table discussion will follow at 1 p.m. at the Parktown Hotel, 924 Spadina Cres. East, Saskatoon. Those who are interested in attending the Parktown event after the public flag raising at city hall are asked to please register for the program and discussion by contacting Anne Ashcroft before Feb. 15 at (306) 713-1612 or a.ashcroft@shaw.ca.

Compassionate Healers' Mass Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025

Today we acknowledge and bless all who journey with the vulnerable, sick and dying, who are the hands and heart of Jesus, offering hope in our common pilgrimage of healing and conversion.

Diocesan Prayer: Loving God, we pray for all who serve in the healing ministry of Jesus Christ and ask Your blessing for the healers among us. May their strength and devotion be renewed for the unique work of compassion to which they are called. Renew in them wisdom and skill; sympathy and patience; strength and courage; and keep them strong in Your service. May Your light shine through all of our days and deeds, so that Your healing will may prevail, to the glory and praise of Your name. Amen.

Message from Bishop Mark Hagemoen: rcdos.ca

World Day of Sick Feb. 11 - Pope Francis message
www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/20250114-giornata-malato.html

Hospital Chaplaincy in the diocese of Saskatoon provides sacramental, spiritual and emotional support in all three Saskatoon hospitals.

Through paid staff and volunteers, patients can receive the Holy Eucharist as well as ongoing visits. To receive the Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Eucharist in hospital, please directly contact Fr Benedict Araakal directly at **(306) 371-7125**, or call diocesan Hospital Chaplaincy Coordinator Jacqueline Saretsky at **(306) 292-5531** or e-mail jsaretsky@rcdos.ca.

(Hospital Chaplaincy is supported by gifts to the BAA.)

Search Youth Retreat - A live-in weekend retreat for students in Grades 10-12 sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, will be held **Feb. 21-23** at E.D. Feehan Catholic School in Saskatoon. Attending Search is a powerful way to deepen a close, personal relationship with God, make friends and forge lasting memories. Cost is \$100; see: saskatoonsearch.ca. **Deadline to apply is Feb. 12.** (*Supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

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Hope in Health Care offers support for health care professionals, exploring the challenges and opportunities in living their vocations in a healthcare environment that includes practices such as medically-provided euthanasia (MAiD). The next gathering will be held 7 p.m. **Tuesday, March 4** at St. Patrick Parish, 3339 Centennial Drive, Saskatoon, with guest speaker Fr. David Tumback. Refreshments will be served. For more information, e-mail hope@chassk.ca.

Horizons of Hope - Palliative Care and End-of-Life: St. Augustine Parish, 602 Boychuk Drive, Saskatoon will host a Horizons of Hope workshop about palliative care and end-of-life issues 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturday, March 22**. To register e-mail Jackie St. Pierre at jstpierre@rcdos.ca or call (306) 373-3453 (lunch and refreshments will be provided). Everyone is welcome. (*Hospital Chaplaincy is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

Theology on Tap Valentine Session will be held at 5 p.m. on **Wednesday, Feb. 12** at Louis' pub on the U of S campus in Saskatoon for young adults 19+. Sociologist Dr. Sarah Knudson will speak on "Faith Factors: How does religion matter in romantic relationships?" All are welcome.

COR faith enrichment night for men of all ages will be held **Feb. 13** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 300-8th Ave., Martensville: talk at 7 p.m. on faith and finance by Kelly Aalbers, Eucharistic adoration at 7:30 p.m., followed by a social. For info, call or text Keith Schwark at (306) 221-3612. COR stands for "cor ad cor loquitur" or "heart speaks to heart" – see the Knights of Columbus website at: www.kofc.org/un/en/who-we-are/our-faith/cor.html.

St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission at Bruno will hold a "Catholic Gap Year" **Open House Week Feb. 17-22** for prospective gap-year attendees (ages 18-27), alumni, interested parents, or supporters. Information/registration is at sttherese.ca/events or call (306) 369-2555.

Annual Knights of Columbus "In Support of Life" Fundraising Gala will be held **Saturday, Feb. 22**, at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Rd, Saskatoon. Proceeds support a range of pro-life groups and initiatives. Contact Murray Geenen at mgeenen@sasktel.net or (306) 222-9952 or Louis Roth, at louisroth062@gmail.com.

Warm-up location seeking donations - The overnight warm-up centre for men at St. Mary Parish in Saskatoon is seeking new or gently-used men's winter boots, jackets, and mitts. Please drop off donations at St. Mary Rectory at 211 Ave. O S, Saskatoon, Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For information call (306) 244-2983.

Confirmation Retreats 2025

The diocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis is again partnering with FacetoFace Ministries to present confirmation retreats for children who are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Cost is \$20, which includes lunch.

Registration / Information:

rcdos.ca/confirmation-retreats

Parishes and parents can choose from various dates and retreat locations at parishes in Saskatoon, Unity, Leader, or Humboldt:

St. Peter, Unity - 9 am to 3 pm March 1

St. Patrick, Saskatoon - 12 pm to 6 pm March 2

Little Flower, Leader - 9 am to 3 pm, March 22

St. Augustine, Humboldt - 12 pm to 6 pm March 23

Holy Spirit, Saskatoon - 9 am to 3 pm April 5

Saint Anne, Saskatoon - 12 pm to 6 pm April 6

(*Evangelization and Catechesis in the diocese of Saskatoon is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

Melodia Singers Children's Chorus in collaboration with St. Paul Co-Cathedral, directed by Michael Friesen, Sound of Music Medley and General Choir Repertoire starts **Feb. 25** with rehearsals held Tuesdays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 812 Preston Avenue South, Saskatoon in preparation for a concert to be held May 3 at St. Paul Co-Cathedral. Suggested for children 7 to 13 years, but younger or older children are also welcome. Cost is \$30 per child or \$45 per family; e-mail: letussing321@gmail.com or for more information visit: www.melodiasingers.com.

St. Patrick CWL 40th Anniversary on **March 1** begins with Mass at 5 p.m. followed by cocktails at 6 p.m. and supper at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and are available from Wendy De Sa at (306) 717-7235 or after weekend Masses at St. Patrick Parish, 3339 Centennial Drive, Saskatoon.

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