




# Diocesan Bulletin

March 23, 2025 - Third 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.*

## Upcoming Events

**Ecumenical Lent Series** – All are welcome to join the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism for a series of Ecumenical Lenten services at **8:30 a.m. on Wednesdays in Lent**, followed by a continental breakfast, held at St. Stephen Anglican Church, 10 Grosvenor Crescent, Saskatoon.

**Prairie Centre for Ecumenism** annual general meeting will be held 7:30 p.m. **Wednesday, March 26** at St. Martin United Church, 2617 Clarence Ave. S., Saskatoon. Special guest speaker for this meeting is Rev. Amanda Currie, President of the Canadian Council of Churches. Also via Zoom: please RSVP to [admin@pccumensim.ca](mailto:admin@pccumensim.ca) or call (306) 653-1633 for more information.

**“Hope in Christ” Knights of Columbus Spiritual Enrichment Conference for men** will be held **Friday March 28** and **Saturday March 29** at St. Patrick Church, 3339 Centennial Drive, Saskatoon. The cost is \$50/person, which includes lunch and refreshments. To register, please go online to [kofc8279.com](http://kofc8279.com).

**Horizons of Hope - Palliative Care and End-of-Life:** Workshop from the Catholic bishops on palliative care will be held 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturday, March 29** at Holy Spirit Parish, 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon; to register call Kelly at the parish office: (306) 374-1425.

**Grief Ministry for Bereaved Spouses** – The eight-session diocesan grief support program “From Mourning to Dawn” will be offered in two locations in Saskatoon this spring, held at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., **beginning April 1**, and also at Saint Anne Parish, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, **beginning April 8**. “From Mourning to Dawn” is open to participants who have been widows or widowers from between two months to two years, and is led by others who have also experienced this loss. Cost is \$35. Contact Dianna at [dknaus@sasktel.net](mailto:dknaus@sasktel.net) or (306) 382-0535. (Grief ministry is supported by gifts to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal).

**Diocesan Prayer** - We pray that partners of Development and Peace - Caritas Canada may, with our solidarity, continue to accompany and support communities around the world that are experiencing injustice. - [Share Lent resources - devp.org](http://ShareLentresources-devp.org)

## Lenten Day of Confessions, 7 am to 9 pm Friday, March 28

Priests will be available for confessions at two locations in Saskatoon all day:

**Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road  
St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Cres. East**

*This part of the “24 Hours for the Lord” introduced by Pope Francis and held in dioceses around the world.*

**Find other Lenten confession opportunities at parishes across the diocese of Saskatoon:**

[rcdos.ca/lent-and-easter/](https://rcdos.ca/lent-and-easter/)

**Truth and Reconciliation in Our Parishes** - A Parish Truth and Reconciliation Committee Gathering will be held 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. **Wednesday, April 2** at Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Rd, Saskatoon. This gathering is especially for parishes who have, are beginning, or would like to learn more about what having a TRC committee. There is no cost to attend; begins with supper – pre-register at <https://form.jotform.com/250065494396262> or for information contact Myron Rogal at (306) 659-5841 or [mrogal@rcdos.ca](mailto:mrogal@rcdos.ca) (*Justice and Peace is supported by gifts to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal.*)

**A Contemplative Mass led by Fr. Kevin McGee** will be held 5 p.m. **Friday, April 4** at St. Mary Parish, 211 Avenue O South, Saskatoon. The rhythm of the Contemplative Mass is a gentle, steady flow, marked by 20 minutes of silence after communion to reflect on the intimate presence of Christ.

**Lenten 40:** A 40-km relay run/walk along the river in Saskatoon will be held right before Holy Week on **Saturday, April 12**. Sign up as a team of two, three, or four. See: [www.lenten40.com](http://www.lenten40.com) for registration and more details about this event that combines the physical and the spiritual.

**“Bringing Hope to the Table” - Purchase tickets for the Bishop’s Dinner on Thursday, May 1**, featuring a farm-to-table meal, supporting local farmers. Doors open at 5:15 pm, with local charcuterie and wine, dinner at 6 p.m., and a program about the Jubilee Year, and music by the Dean McNeill Jazz combo. Tickets: \$200 each, available online at [dscf.ca/bishopsdinner](http://dscf.ca/bishopsdinner) or contact Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation: [admin@dscf.ca](mailto:admin@dscf.ca) or (306) 659-5851.

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**Easter at the Prison** - The diocesan office of Restorative Ministry is seeking monetary donations to purchase chocolate Easter bunnies to distribute at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre as a way of sharing the joy of Christ's Resurrection with those in prison, letting them know that they are not forgotten. Please drop labelled monetary donations into the parish collection or send to the attention of Dianne Anderson at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, S7S 1H1, or you can donate online through the "designated ministry" form on the Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation website at: <https://dscf.ca/designated-ministry-support> (select "Prison Ministry - Easter" in the drop-down box.)

**The Outdoor Good Friday Way of the Cross** in downtown Saskatoon is an opportunity to pray and reflect on the scriptural Way of the Cross written by St. John Paul II. Reflections at each station about Christ's passion and suffering in our world are shared by churches and local organizations. The prayer walk begins at 10 a.m. **Good Friday, April 18**, and runs until approximately 11:45 a.m. Pilgrims are asked to gather in front of the King's Bench Courthouse at 520 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon at 9:45 a.m. **Volunteers are also needed** (including parade marshals, book holders, cantors and back-up support.) For more information or if you are interested in volunteering, contact Myron Rogal at (306) 659.5841 or [mrogal@rcdos.ca](mailto:mrogal@rcdos.ca)

**Advocacy update from Catholic Health Association (CHAS) of Saskatchewan** - The Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA) is again addressing medically-provided euthanasia, known as "Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD)," seeking safeguards that protect both healthcare professionals and vulnerable patients. The Catholic bishops of Saskatchewan have recently endorsed this initiative. CMDA wants to ensure that healthcare providers have the right to decline participation in medically-provided euthanasia without facing pressure or professional consequences, and that patients have access to meaningful alternative care options and are not subjected to unsolicited offers. CMDA is collecting signatures from healthcare professionals, who can sign anonymously online at: [cmdacanada.org/event/maid-advocacy-in-saskatchewan](http://cmdacanada.org/event/maid-advocacy-in-saskatchewan). CMDA is also gathering local stories related to medically-provided euthanasia. Those willing to share can do so at: [cmdacanada.org/saskatchewan-experiences-with-maid-medical-assistance-in-dying](http://cmdacanada.org/saskatchewan-experiences-with-maid-medical-assistance-in-dying).

**Hospital Chaplaincy:** To receive the Sacrament of the Sick or the Holy Eucharist in hospital in Saskatoon, contact Fr Benedict Araakal directly at (306) 371-7125, or diocesan Hospital Chaplaincy Coordinator Jacqueline Saretsky at (306) 292-5531 or [jsaretsky@rcdos.ca](mailto:jsaretsky@rcdos.ca).

## Confirmation Retreats 2025

The diocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis is again partnering with FacetoFace Ministries to present retreats for youth preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. **The final two sessions to choose from are April 5 or April 6 in Saskatoon.**

Cost is \$20, which includes lunch. Please see: [rcdos.ca/confirmation-retreats](https://rcdos.ca/confirmation-retreats)

**Spring Courses** at St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission at Bruno, SK offer an opportunity to deepen faith and understanding, while participating in a common schedule of prayer, study, meals and recreation. Courses include: **March 30 to April 4** Theology of the Body and the Little Way (designed by Christopher West); **April 6-11** Ignatian Discernment; **April 6-11** Holistic Sexuality (TeenSTAR program); **April 21-25** Building an Excellent Youth Ministry (hosted by FaceToFace Ministries). Find more information and registration at <https://sttherese.ca/events> or call (306) 369-2555. Space is limited.

**"Guide to our Anti-Christian Culture"** - Saskatchewan Pro-life Association in cooperation with Campaign Life Coalition Saskatchewan and the Knights of Columbus of Saskatoon are hosting Jonathon Van Maren 7 p.m. **Tuesday April 22** at Holy Spirit Parish Hall to speak about his latest book "How we got here: A guide to our Anti-Christian Culture." Includes a social evening, with opportunities to meet one-to-one. A free will offering will be accepted; please email [campaignlifesk@gmail.com](mailto:campaignlifesk@gmail.com) if you plan to attend, to assist in planning the social. For more information contact Louis at (306) 249-2764.

**Employment opportunity – Join Us in Bringing Christ's Love to the Helpless and Homeless!** St. Mary Parish in Saskatoon seeks a passionate part-time (22.5 hrs/week) **Mission and Outreach Coordinator** to build relationships with vulnerable individuals, collaborating with volunteers, parishes, and community networks. Find job description at: [rcdos.ca/our-diocese/employment](https://rcdos.ca/our-diocese/employment). Send resumé and cover letter to [hr@rcdos.ca](mailto:hr@rcdos.ca) with the subject "Mission and Outreach Coordinator Application."

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