




Diocesan Bulletin

March 1, 2026 - Second 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

Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care is designed to help everyone dealing with a life-limiting diagnosis – caregivers, the sick and dying and family members – find support and concrete assistance. Horizons of Hope will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on four Mondays, starting **Monday, March 2** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. Register by e-mail to Diane Waldbillig: waldbilligdiane@gmail.com.

Ecumenical Lenten Morning Worship: Prairie Centre for Ecumenism presents a series of Ecumenical Lenten services followed by a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. on **March 4, 11, 18, and 25**, hosted by a different denomination each week, all held at St. Martin's United Church, 2617 Clarence Ave. South, Saskatoon. All are welcome.

Marian Movement Cenacle includes adoration, the rosary, benediction, hymns and various prayers, 7:30 p.m. **Thursday, March 5** at St. Michael Catholic Church, #18-33rd St. E., Saskatoon. Info: call Edna (306) 382-1680.

The World Day of Prayer this year features a service written by Christian women from Nigeria with the theme "I Will Give You Rest: Come!" Services include 1 p.m. **Friday, March 6** at St. David's Trinity United Church, 3318 Merritt St., Saskatoon; and 7 p.m. **Friday March 6** at the United Church in Watson, SK.; and 1 p.m. **Saturday, March 7** at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, 1121 Northumberland Avenue, Saskatoon (hosted by St. Peter the Apostle CWL).

A Contemplative Mass with Fr. Kevin McGee will be held at 5 p.m. **Friday, March 6** at St. Mary Parish, 211 Ave. O S. Saskatoon. The rhythm of the Contemplative Mass is a gentle, steady flow, marked by 20 minutes of silence after communion to allow space for reflection and recognition of the intimate presence of Christ. Relax and rest in the abiding presence of God.

"Man of Sorrows" diocesan Lenten Retreat will be held 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Saturday, March 7**, at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Rd, Saskatoon, led by the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary. Registration: <https://form.jotform.com/SaskatoonDiocese/lentenretreat2026> or call (306) 659-5858 – cost \$30, includes lunch. (*Adult Faith is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)



"Speak Lord, Your Servant is Listening" Spring Congress Circuit

March 11 at Holy Spirit, SASKATOON

April 18 at Sacred Heart, WATSON

April 25 at St. Joseph, KINDERSLEY

This year at each of the three locations, diocesan ministry coordinators from the Catholic Pastoral Centre will present topics through the lens and practice of synodality. Cost is \$25/day.

Spring Congress is open to all those interested!

Registration: rcdos.ca/spring-congress-2026

Easter Tea and Bake Sale will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, March 7** at St. Mary Parish, Avenue O and 20th Street, Saskatoon, featuring a snack lunch, along with baking, raffles, and door prizes. Admission is \$3.

A pancake breakfast will be held at St. Mary Parish Hall, 211 Ave. O South, Saskatoon **Sunday, March 8** at 11 a.m. (after the 10 a.m. Mass).

"Listen, My People" Lenten Retreat will be held at St. Peter Cathedral Parish, Muenster, SK., from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Sunday, March 8**, led by Verbum Dei Missionaries Sr. Sol Abala and Sr. Marta Piano, with music, testimony and adoration. Everyone is welcome.

Women's Vocation Discernment Night will be held at 7 p.m. **Thursday, March 12** at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 1235-12th Street, Saskatoon, for young women from different walks of life who want to stop and reflect on their journey with the Lord together. Contact Sr. April Mireau at aprilmireau@gmail.com or (306) 531-9937.

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Men's Spiritual Enrichment Weekend: "Walking in the Footsteps of Faith" will be held **March 6-7** at St. Vital Catholic Church, 11-18th Street East, Battleford, SK, with guest speaker Bishop Michael Smolinski, CSsR, of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon. Contact Fr. Bernabe Millan Sajonas at: millansajonas@padiocese.ca.

Lenten 40 – A relay run on the eve of Holy Week connects the physical and the spiritual: this year's Lenten 40 will be held 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturday, March 28**, starting from the Cathedral of the Holy Family in Saskatoon (corner of Attridge Drive and Forestry Farm Drive, 123 Nelson Road) featuring a 41.9-km course tackled by teams of two or four. Learn more about the Lenten 40 relay run and/or sign up at www.lenten40.com or contact lenten40km@gmail.com or (306) 717-8321 with any questions.

Catholic Engaged Encounter for couples preparing for marriage will be held **March 13 to March 15** at St. Peter's Abbey in Muenster, SK. See: <https://ceecanada.ca> and select the Humboldt/Muenster location. Catholic Engaged Encounter is a marriage preparation ministry based on Catholic teachings and values, emphasizing the relationship of couples in terms of their sacramental commitment when married in the Catholic Church. Registration fee includes accommodations and meals at the picturesque monastery.

New Resource from CHAS: When members of our faith community face life-threatening illness, knowing how to respond can be difficult. To help in offering meaningful support, the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS) has released a new brochure: "Accompaniment Through Serious Illness: A Guide to Conversations on Death and Dying," providing practical tools for navigating these sacred conversations with grace. Download the guide <https://chassk.ca/conversation-guide-death-and-dying/>.

Volunteers needed for Good Friday Downtown Way of the Cross

The Way of the Cross with reflections and prayers led by parishes and groups begins at 10 am on Good Friday, April 3. Volunteers make this annual outdoor prayer event possible! Volunteer positions include parade marshals, book-holders, cantors, and general support. Sign up and/or receive further details by contacting Myron Rogal in the diocesan Office for Justice and Peace: mrogal@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5841.

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Confirmation Retreats 2026

The diocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis is again partnering with FacetoFace Ministries to present confirmation retreats for youth preparing to receive the sacrament this year, with parishes and parents able to choose from dates and locations across the diocese:

- Sat. March 14 at St. Augustine Parish, **Humboldt**
- Sun. March 15 at St. Anne Parish, **Saskatoon**
- Sat. March 21 at Holy Spirit Parish, **Saskatoon**
- Sun. March 22 at St. Joseph Parish, **Kindersley**

Cost is \$20 each. All retreats are 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For details and registration see:
rcdos.ca/confirmation-retreats

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IPL online course will begin in April: The Indigenous Pastoral and Lay Leader Ministry Education (IPL) Program was developed to deepen understanding of the history of Indigenous Peoples and the Catholic Church as a response to the TRC Calls to Action. The next session "Indigenous Settler Relationship" will be held Tuesdays at 7 p.m. **April 14 to June 9** (\$200). Find info/registration at: rcdos.ca/indigenous-ministry-education. Questions: e-mail programs@rcdos.ca or call (306) 659-5844..

Are you hurting because of an abortion? Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment. The next retreat will be held **April 24-26**. Contact Elaine at 1-306-480-8911 or email: r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net.

Diocesan Prayer - We pray as a diocesan family for our sisters and brothers around the world who live in poverty and insecurity, that they may be freed from the structures that make and keep them poor. (*A Development and Peace-Caritas Canada prayer intention, Lent 2026*)

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