

Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Parish

December 24, 2023
4th Sunday of Advent

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.*

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

As Catholic Christians we seek to proclaim, celebrate, and live our faith joyfully and to express our love for Christ and each other.

If you are a visitor or are new to Regina or to our parish, we welcome you and hope you have a positive experience in your worship with us. Check our website for a helpful introduction to Holy Trinity and its various ministries and services. Please feel free to contact us with questions or comments. We look forward to meeting you!

To register in the parish, update your information, or request donation envelopes, pick up a form in the Gathering area (bulletin board) or print a copy from our website, call the parish office or drop in during office hours, www.holytrinityregina.ca.



Reconciliation: By prior arrangement and when possible
45 min. before weekend Masses
30 min. before weekday Masses

Weddings & Funerals: Contact Fr. Gaspar

Coming Up at Holy Trinity (Weekday Rosary 25 minutes before Mass)
No bulletin Dec. 31; office closed until Jan. 2

Sat. Dec. 23	5 pm Mass: Ints Eugene Hryb (rescheduled)
Sun. Dec. 24	10 am Mass: 4th Sunday of Advent: Pro Populo
Sun. Dec. 24	7 pm Mass: Christmas Eve 10 pm Mass: Christmas Eve Gift Bearing family: Ishan & Nimesha
Mon. Dec. 25	10 am Mass: Christmas Day Office closed Dec. 25 to Jan. 1. Reopening Tues. Jan. 2
Tues. Dec. 26	7 pm Mass
Wed. Dec. 27	8:30 am Mass
Thurs. Dec. 28	8:30 am Mass: Ints. Fr. Gaspar & Holy Trinity staff
Fri. Dec. 29:	8:30 am Mass: Ints Pam Uhren
Sat. Dec. 30	5 pm Mass. Gift Bearing family: Anonuevo
Sun. Dec. 31	10 am Mass: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph
Sun. Dec. 31	7 pm Mass: Mary, Holy Mother of God
Mon. Jan. 1	10 am Mass: Mary, Holy Mother of God
Tues. Jan. 2	1:30 pm Forever in Motion, hall
Tues. Jan. 2	7 pm Mass: Ints Madeleine Jezegou
Wed. Jan. 3	8:30 am Mass: + John Volk
Thurs. Jan. 4	8:30 am Mass: Ints Merv & Sonja Wolitski
Fri. Jan. 5	8:30 am Mass followed by 1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration

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(bulletin available online)

At Holy Trinity:

We pray for the following:

Gerry Turgeon, Ruth Morrison, Gisele Croteau, Jacqueline Meeley, Troy Kocur

We pray for the Repose of the Souls of our beloved ones, including John Volk, Roy Kleininger, Fr. Pat Murphy, Ceferino Bayer, Valerian Karchewski, Brandon Armstrong, Edward Joseph 'Ted' Sullivan, Lloyd Fiddler, Renee Ferguson, Gwen Gusway, Marj Puchyr, Tex Emery Herperger, Janet Cameron

Sunday Donations December
Regular collection: \$11,212
Average Holy Trinity expenses: \$21,661 monthly.



Use this link or on our website home page.

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism Preparation

For parents of infants & young children and expectant parents. Contact the office to register for next session.
[Registration form on website.](#)

Sacramental Preparation continues. We pray for the 32 young people who made their First Reconciliation on December 2. Classes resume Jan. 14 for First Eucharist & Confirmation.



Holy Trinity Knights of Columbus

General meetings: now 2nd Tuesday of the month. Next meeting Jan. 9 after 7 pm Mass.



Holy Trinity Catholic Women's League

General meetings: 2nd Monday of the month. Next meeting Feb. 13.
Executive: Next meeting Feb. 5.

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Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Rev. Gaspar Lucas 306-924-1993

Deacon Rev. Mr. Eric Gurash

Sacramental Prep: Leslie Young

Support Staff**Office Coordinator**

Heather Deis: 306-543-3838

Custodian: Dominic Dias

Office Hours Mon. to Fri.—9 am to 3 pm
Closed statutory holidays & Dec. 25—Jan. 1

**Next Pancake Breakfast at Holy Trinity: Sun. Jan. 7
10 am to 1 pm**

Pancakes, eggs, sausage, ham, syrup, strawberries, whipped topping, coffee, juice. Served 10 am to 1 pm. By donation. Hosted by Knights of Columbus.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - Holy Trinity Parish is looking for a Building and Grounds Coordinator to oversee the operation and maintenance of Holy Trinity Parish building and grounds. For details of the activities and responsibilities, contact the parish office.

Mass Times:**Sunday Mass Times 9 am & 11 am except**

**Dec. 24 & 31 at 10 am

Saturday 5 pm

Monday—no Mass

Tuesday—7 pm Mass

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday Masses 8:30 am

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration after 8:30 am Mass, next is Jan. 5.

For the comfort and safety of others,
please do not wear fragrance to church.

Christmas Mass Times at Holy Trinity

Dec. 24 (Sunday): 10 am: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dec. 24: Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Eve: 7 pm and 10 pm

Dec. 25 (Monday): Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day: 10 am

Dec. 30 (Saturday) 5 pm (Holy Family)

Dec. 31 (Sunday): 10 am: Holy Family

Dec. 31 (Sunday) 7 pm (Holy Mother of God)

Jan. 1 (Monday) 10 am: Holy Mother of God

Sign-up sheets for Liturgical ministers in Gathering Area. Email reminders sent to those whose email addresses we have and who signed up by Dec. 22.

2024 Donation Envelopes available in the Gathering Area. Note you will have a new Envelope Number Please do not use previous year envelopes for 2024 donations.

2023 donations must be received in collection box by 11 am on Sunday, December 31 to be included on charitable donation receipt for 2023. Outdoor mail slot may not be checked, so bring into main collection box that morning.

****Donations received at the 7 pm Mass for Holy Mother of God will be counted toward 2024 donations. Thank you!

Building Fund at Holy Trinity Parish, As the end of the year 2023 draws near, we ask you to consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Parish's Building Fund. Parish Finance Committee, Building and Grounds, has worked hard to identify some major projects for 2024, such as fixing and re-surfacing the front steps, paving and marking the parking lot and the flooring in the Church basement — a few of the on-going projects required to maintain the Parish. Building Fund envelopes available in the pews or on the table by the Donation box at the entrance to the worship area. Please consider a generous donation. Must be received by Dec. 31, 11 am to receive charitable donation receipt for 2023.

Alex Wlodarczyk, Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson
Michelle Gibney, Parish Finance Committee Chairperson



Advent Love Collection—pick up a special Love Collection envelope for your gift to help those in need in our community. Holy Trinity Social Justice committee organizes and disburses funds to organizations who operate locally, nationally or globally to helping those most in need. Some of those organizations include Chalice Canada, Regina Food Bank, Regina community fridge.

Funeral Baking needed—Wrap well and mark as Funeral Baking with the date and pass to a CWL Executive member or place in kitchenette fridge freezer (main floor).

Cuernavaca News: Thank you to all who helped in any way with the Cuernavaca Christmas baking trays — those who baked, purchased trays and helped make up the trays. All is greatly appreciated! You may pick up containers from main floor kitchen. [Learn more about the Cuernavaca Project and ways to support them.](#)

Holy Trinity Parish on Facebook—A great opportunity to be connected and up-to-date on our events and activities.



You can find us by searching for "Holy Trinity Parish, Regina" on Facebook, or with this link: <https://www.facebook.com/holytrinityregina> 'Like' and 'Follow' us to stay informed and engaged!

Forever in Motion—a health initiative at Holy Trinity to promote physical activity with adults.

Tuesdays, 1:30 to 2:30 pm (no class Dec. 26)

Forever in Motion is held in the hall, elevator access from the north door where there is accessible parking.

The program is led by a trained volunteer (Holy Trinity parishioner). Everyone welcome. [Brochure on bulletin board](#)

Communion to Shut-ins. If you, or someone in your family would like communion brought to a care home or own home in our parish, contact the Holy Trinity office (306) 543-38383.

**Catholic Women's League at Holy Trinity**

CWL memberships now due \$40. Give to an executive member, in your blue envelope or place in brown envelope on the CWL bulletin board.

If you are diabetic and experience an extreme drop in your blood sugar while in the church and are in need of something to elevate it, there are some items in a labelled blue container on the microwave in the kitchenette (main level just past the bathrooms). There are also two drinks (orange juice & iced tea) in the fridge, labelled 'For Diabetic Use Only'.

Archdiocese of Regina Bulletin (Dec. 24) Link
Archbishop Christmas Message, January 1 Levee



Archdiocese of Regina Masses On-Line
<https://archregina.sk.ca/live>

Links at www.youtube.com/ArchdioceseRegina
Past Masses available online. Including Daniel Malone ordination to Transitional Diaconate

LIVESTREAM: Midnight Mass (Holy Rosary Cathedral);
Christmas Day 10 am; New Year's Day (Mary the Holy Mother of God): 10 am

THINKING FAITH Podcast hosted by Deacon Eric Gurash and Dr. Brett Salkeld of the Archdiocese of Regina.

Pope Francis The Nativity and The Incarnation with Archbishop Don Bolen
Archbishop Don joins for a special pre-Christmas episode. We'll discuss Pope Francis' new book on the Nativity, Bishop Don's nativity collection, and the impact of the Incarnation on our broken world.

Show Snippet: "The incarnation is ultimately not a book and it's not a word spoken in writing, it's spoken in flesh. And so, incarnational faithfulness, in the first instance, is not a verbal witness, but a presence, a walking with, and that's probably what people will value and appreciate, because I think people in grief, people in time of loss and time of deep suffering, often find words that used to be meaningful crashing against the hard waves or wall of suffering and of brokenness and the words lie flat on the ground whereas your presence, you're showing up, matters." [Listen to the podcast.](#) [Previous podcasts](#)

Emmaus Family Support Holy Hour of Adoration and Prayer for Mental Health—Join us at Holy Trinity Parish on Thursday, December 28, from 7 pm to 8 pm for a Holy Hour of Adoration and Prayer focused on mental health during this Christmas season. The Christmas season can be a particularly challenging time for anyone living with mental health challenges. While the public focus of the season is on joy, peace, and hope; depression, anxiety, and other mental health challenges can be exacerbated by the additional stress and even loneliness that some experience. All are welcome to join us for this hour of quiet reflection and communal prayer with the Blessed Sacrament as we unite in faith and seek consolation, peace, and support. For more information and support, visit www.emmaussupport.ca

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada Urgent Help Needed
Development and Peace is raising funds for the Palestinian people in the southern Gaza Strip, who are in urgent need of help. Caritas Jerusalem urgently needs help to provide food, water, shelter, hygiene kits, healthcare and psychosocial support to the wounded, the displaced and the bereaved. [You are invited to give generously to help.](#)

Merry Christmas to our Holy Trinity family. Thank you for all your continued love, sharing and support for Angels 4 Warmth. Together we have created some warmth, over 15000 items last year, and provided hope to be shared with the Regina community, to make it a happier and warmer place to live.

Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for caring, sharing your time and continued support, keeping us 'forever in monthly motion' with the delivery of all of our created warmth. Peace, joy, love and warmth in 2024.

Happy New Leap Year 2024! Angels 4 Warmth will meet on Wed., January 3 at 1 pm in the Holy Trinity church hall. All are welcome.

Sunday, January 14 Angels will be working on thumbs and two-needle knitted mitts at Sherwood Library on Rochdale Blvd from 1:30-4:30 pm at Stitch, Craft and Chat. Mitts are most in demand for warmth.

Made for Greatness, for Catholic Men—January 12 at Our Lady of Peace, 6 pm. Regina's own, Agnel George will be sharing with us what God has done in his life, what God is currently doing, and where God is leading him.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal Holy Trinity's goal is \$34,533 To date, we have raised \$25,604

Archbishop's Appeal Donation Timeline for Year-End Donations
Dec 23, 2023—Last day for parishioners to mail donations in to the Archdiocese for the 2023 Appeal. (Please note: Gifts will be accepted until Dec 31 but to ensure that they arrive before the end of the year, gifts should be in the mail by Dec 23)

Dec 31, 2023—Last day for parishioners to submit donations to the parish for the 2023 Appeal. This includes cash and cheques (payable to parish), credit cards, auto-debits, and cheques (payable to Archdiocese of Regina).

Dec 31, 2023- Last day for parishioners to donate via e-transfer or online via CanadaHelps for the 2023 Appeal.

Personal donations and parish submissions can be dropped off at Blessed Sacrament during the last week of December. Note the Pastoral Centre will be closed from Dec. 25- Jan. 1. Personal donations and parish submissions can be dropped off at Blessed Sacrament during this time.

De Margerie Lectures on Christian Reconciliation and Unity, Grassroots Ecumenism with Rev. Dr. Karen Petersen Finch, an ecumenical theologian in the Reformed tradition who specializes in dialogue with Roman Catholic theology at the local, national, and international levels. Karen is Professor of Pastoral Leadership at The Presbyterian College in Montréal, QC, Canada and represents the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in the Reformed-Catholic Dialogue in the United States. Karen earned her doctoral degree from Gonzaga University with a dissertation recommending the theological method of Bernard Lonergan, S.J. for ecumenical dialogue. She later studied Lonergan as a Fellow of the Lonergan Institute at Boston College in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. Her book, *Grassroots Ecumenism: The Way of Local Christian Reunion*, is currently inspiring multilateral dialogue among lay people in the West Island of Montreal.

Re-imagining Lay People as Stewards of Doctrine—Wed., Jan. 24, 7 pm, Riffel Auditorium, Campion College, University of Regina.

Doctrine as the Fuel of Renewal, Thurs., Jan. 25, 7 pm, St. Thomas More College, U of S, Saskatoon

Attend in-person, or through livestream using the QR code.

Workshop: The Eucharist - Where is Jesus? Sat. Jan. 27, 10am to 12 noon Christ the King Roman Catholic Church, 3239 Garnet Street. (workshops will not be livestreamed.)

Livestream Link:



bit.ly/DeMargerie2024

Letters of Support Needed for Warm Welcome

Local faith communities, organizations and concerned citizens have come together, recognizing the crisis for the houseless community and the severe cold weather coming. This Warm Welcome Coalition has drafted a proposal to the Saskatchewan Government to fund an overnight warming centre in Regina. Carmichael Outreach has offered their space and has developed a budget for staffing and managing this project.

[Details of how you can support this initiative in Dec. 17 bulletin..](#)

Christmas Gifts for Indigenous Christian Fellowship (ICF) to accommodate numerous requests from community members. Gifts may be delivered to Indigenous Christian Fellowship, 3131 Dewdney Avenue. They are welcome unwrapped or wrapped (attach note with suggested age range and gender). Financial support also welcomed; to purchase gift cards or food items. Please do not deliver cash to the ministry. Cheques payable to Indigenous Christian Fellowship or send an e-transfer, (including your email address!) to: support@icfregina.ca



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18 - 25 The 2024 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity theme "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself" based on Luke 10:25-37, prepared by an ecumenical team in Burkina Faso.

Local neighbourhood services and other observances are encouraged at any time of the year. Local Service: Sun. Jan. 21, 3 pm at Lakeview United Church, 3200 McCallum Ave., Regina.

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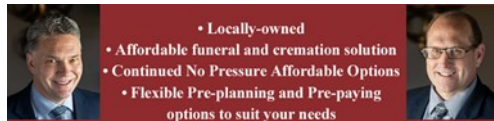
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