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EVENTS FROM OUR PARISH AND OUR FAITH COMMUNITY





If you have donations that you would like to make to the church and have included in your tax receipt for 2020, please have them into the office no later than noon on December 30th, 2020.

New Weekend Mass Pre-Registration Process



We are now using a new process to preregister for weekend Masses. If you have previously registered for weekend Masses, you will have to register again using this process.

To pre-register please visit the main page of our website by CLICKING HERE



Christmas Eve

5:00 PM: Resurrection Parish

12:00 Midnight: Holy Rosary Cathedral

The 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass will be available to replay on the Archdiocese of Regina YouTube channel any time after 6:00 pm on Christmas Eve

Christmas Day

9:00 AM: Resurrection Parish

New Year's Day

11:00 AM: Holy Rosary Cathedral

Daily Mass

9:00 AM: December 21 - January 4 will be broadcast from the following parishes: St. Augustine, Wilcox; Our Lady of Peace and Resurrection Parishes, Regina

There is a link to the Christmas Mass via YouTube on our web-site.

Mass Intentions

December 28th to January 1st

Monday 9:00am + Anthony Antonishen

by Ken and Marg Engel

Tuesday 7:00pm + Edmund Blatz

by Deidre & Edward O'Higgins

Wednesday 9:00am

Special Intention

by Loretta Koroluk

Thursday 9:00am + Gloria Muderwich

Friday 9:00am New Years Day

INFORMATION

RECONCILIATION

By appointment by calling the Priest

ANOINTING OF THE SICK / MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office to arrange for anointing for someone who is seriously ill, preparing for surgery or home-bound. We can visit upon request

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Priest to make arrangements at least nine months in advance

SACRAMENTS

- Baptism
- Confirmation/First Eucharist (Grade 2+)
- First Reconciliation (Grade 4+)
- Rite Of Christian Initiation For Adults
- Rite Of Christian Initiation For Children

Contact: sacraments@resurrectionparish.ca

FUNERALS

Our staff are able to assist you during this difficult time. Once you have contacted the funeral home, please call the Parish Office to plan the funeral Mass and other arrangements

PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms are available on the Resurrection website, at the parish office or at the Welcome Desk. Please notify the Parish Office of any address changes.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS

Hospital chaplains visit patients and their families to address any spiritual needs, to pray, to provide a friendly face and comforting presence, to talk about people's fears and concerns, to bring Communion, and to contact a priest for anointing of the sick.

Pasqua Hospital: 306-519-1380 Wascana Rehabilitation Centre: 306-530-6511 General Hospital: 306-519-1405

Please note that the Parish office will be closed on December 24th and 28th.

Dear Fellow Parishioners and Friends,

"Joy to the World! The Lord has come! Let Earth receive her King!"

The words of one of the most popular Christmas carols remind us of the grandeur of this Day – even though it is celebrated under the COVID cloud. This day is about God enfleshed. This day is about God enfleshed for us.

In the Gospel we read today (John 1:1-18 –read it today if you get the chance) we are told that this Jesus, whose birth we celebrate, is the very Word of God for us. And what is God's Word for us? It is this: "I love you". The gospel writer tells us that, in Jesus, God sends the firstborn of our race: the one for whom, through whom, and in whom all things were made; the one who gives Him joyous delight. Jesus is God's arm of salvation extended across the abyss of our sinfulness so that we might enter into a living relationship with Him.

Jesus is the Word of God who says that God would rather sacrifice his only Son than not have his entire family together. Jesus is the Word of God who tells us that the Father does not want eternity without us, that we are not merely dust and ashes. Jesus' coming tells us of a Father's love that counts no cost too great for bringing us to Himself. It tells us that we are valuable, that God loves us deeply, even that we brighten His day and give Him joy just by being ourselves.

Jesus is God's "yes" to us. What a wonderful gift!

Let us bask in the wonder of God's great love for us in His Son, Jesus. Let us receive this newborn King into our hearts. Let's allow this tiny, beautiful, fragile, vulnerable Babe into our lives, however broken they may be. He desires only to be held by you and by me – in our hearts.

My wish and desire for you this Christmas is an invitation, an invitation to receive the Babe of Bethlehem into your hearts. May you hold Him, feel His warmth, hear His heartbeat. May He gently embrace you in the Father's love.





Merry Christmas



We pray for Good Health, Peace and Blessings for You and Your Loved ones during this Holy Season.

We pray you take this time to be thankful for the family and friends you cannot gather with this year and for all the blessings in our everyday lives we forget and take for granted. We are truly blessed and thankful for each and every one of you and for your unfailing support of our parish and staff, especially through the challenges of these past months.

May this Incredible Miracle of the Birth of our Lord Bring You Joy and Happiness in Your Hearts Today and Always.

Father Rick Father Mau Deacon Joe

Deacon Chris Victoria Billett Barb Moser

Terry Harty Lori Babyak Gwen Herman

Tom Kuntz Randy Johnson Susan Viergutz

Thank you to everyone who generously dropped off cards, gifts, and treats for the parish office staff to enjoy. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated!



Calling on Resurrection Parish





Vatican II reminds us that the initiation of adults is the responsibility of all the baptised and the community must always be fully prepared to help those that are searching for Christ.

When we show the Candidates the spirit of the Christian community and welcome the Candidates, this is one way we are responding to The Great Commission - Jesus's call to all of us found in Matthew 28:19, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit ..." (NASB)

COVID has tried to strip us of the many things that we cherish, our Parish Community being one of them.

Since March we have found many ways to flourish in spite of COVID and its limitations. When it is something we value, we have shown there is no end to our creativity and determination.

How then can we extend our creativity and determination to the relationship between RCIA and our Parish?

How can we continue to respond to The Great Commission?

The answer is simple: RCIA Corner.

Nearly every week in RCIA Corner we share reflection questions on a topic we are currently discussing. Help us to grow and get to know this great Parish by responding with your thoughts, experiences. A quick email is all we are asking for to let us know that you are out there and we are part of a vibrant parish.

Of course, your prayers are always welcome!

We miss you!
Can we count on your support in 2021?
Will you make your support visible by sharing with us?
Check back to RCIA Corner every week, see how you can make our journey more meaningful by providing that strong sense of Parish through your email responses.

Calling out to Resurrection Parish



At RCIA there is a place for everyone! Seeker or Volunteer – all are welcome! Contact us at rcia@resurrectionparish.ca or call Danica Love @ (306)789-7628

November 30th, 2020 FINANCIAL UPDATE

1. November <u>Year-to-Date</u> Financial Results - Operations:

• Nov year-to-date financial results reflect a surplus of \$134,487 This positive news is attributed to the following factors:

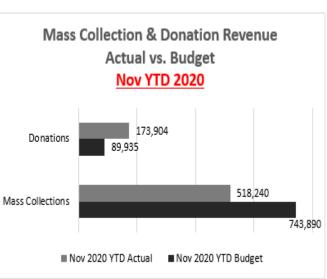
Expenses:

- Cost management, with overall year-to-date expenses 17.3% (\$170,728) lower than planned.
- o Revenues:
 - Your continued generosity and support to the Parish.
 - A wage subsidy, offered by the Government of Canada as a result of the Covid19 Pandemic.
 - The tremendous start to 2020, which included the Fundraising Dinner & Dance in February.

A closer look at Mass Collections and Donations:

- Year-to-date Mass Collections are lower than planned by approximately \$225,650. This is attributed to the suspension and limited numbers of parishioners able to attend Masses. Mass Collections only included amounts provided through Pre-Authorized Giving. All other contributions received, since that point, are recorded in the Donations category.
- Year-to-Date Donations are higher than planned by approximately \$83,969. This category has
 usually only included Donations not connected to Masses, however, this category now includes some
 contributions by parishioners earlier in Pandemic that would have typically contributed at Sunday
 Masses.

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Year-to-Date Financial Update 30-Nov-20		
Envelope Collections	\$	140,948
Pre-authorized Giving		367,851
Loose Collections		9,441
Donations		173,904
Canada Wage Subsidy		70,252
Other Revenue		180,273
Total Revenue	\$	942,668
Less: Total Expenses	\$	808,181
Surplus	\$	134,487



- 2. Debt: Remaining debt at Nov 30th is: \$1,156,653.
- **3. Update:** The Government of Canada Wage Subsidy program has been extended. Currently we have qualified for a 20% wage subsidy, if we qualify the percentage changes monthly. We are very grateful for the amount we have received to date!

Thank you for your continued support and generosity, it is greatly appreciated!

May you all have a Blessed Christmas Season!





Archdiocese of Regina Bulletin

Merry Christmas Happy New Year

Christmas Greetings from Archbishop Don

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, dear friends,

Warm greetings in the Christ child. Christmas can be a difficult time of year for people at the best of times, and in this most unusual of years, a covid Christmas brings challenges for all of us. A parishioner in one of our city parishes recently posted that a lot of people seem to be trying to 'save Christmas,' and by 'saving Christmas,' she notes, trying to evoke or create the expected and desired seasonal feelings, relationships, and surroundings. She adds, 'Just want to point out that it's Christmas that saves YOU, no matter how you feel, whom you're with, where you are, or what you have.'

That insightful facebook post helps frame a set of questions worth pondering. In what is for many the most difficult and lonely Christmas in living memory, how do we find our way to the joy and hope that the season brings? When our usual ways of gathering and celebrating are largely taken away or seriously diminished, how do we attend to what God is doing for us, so that we can receive this good news at the depths of our being and live this moment as well as possible? There are no universal answers, but here are a few thoughts.

What the deepest theology reflects upon, and the simplest carols proclaim, is this: God comes to us as and where we are. We tend to think of Christian life as a long walk towards God, but the real story that our faith relates is that on this road of human history, God comes to find and meet us - in many ways, but in the Incarnation, does so by embracing the human condition and

this earthly life in the most tender and vulnerable way imaginable.

Last week someone sent me a quote from St Augustine's Confessions (book 10, chapter 8), where he writes, "Human beings go abroad to admire the heights of mountains, the mighty waves of the seas, the broad tide of rivers, the vast compass of the oceans, the circular motions of the stars; and yet they pass over the mystery of themselves without a thought." What was true 1,600 years ago is true today.

The Incarnation points us back to our most fundamental human experience, because it tells us that God meets us precisely there.

This past Summer, with the generous help of many people, I was able to have an old farmhouse renovated, and in October, was able to move out of Regina and onto the wide open spaces of Canadian prairie, though only 10 minutes from the city. If you love prairie walking, dramatic skies, and putting our lives and their problems in perspective by pondering the vastness of things, this is a great place to be.

I have a nephew who visited with a very good camera that was able to produce time lapse videos, which gave an extraordinary view of the sheltering sky at dawn, the winter winds of the day, the shifting landscape at dusk, and the moon rising at night. Breathtaking beauty is all around us, every day.

One thing that covid has done for some of us, and a covid Christmas in particular, is that it has slowed life down. I really like the time lapse videos; but even better, though requiring a little more patience, is the sunrise, moonrise, clouds in the sky, as they happen. Not sped up. But as God gives them to us each moment of each day.

Into the rhythms of our days and our lives, God enters, enters into time, and into the wondrous, amazing, at time appalling frustrating, beautiful experience of being alive. The creation account in Genesis tells us that God breathed life and wills us, whole and entire, to live this human life. And Jesus' birth tells us more. At the Second Vatican Council, the Church put it this way: "by His incarnation the Son of God has united Himself in some fashion with every person. He worked with human hands, thought with a human mind, acted by human choice and loved with a human heart."

We struggle in so many ways with being human. But as we ponder the angel Gabriel coming to Mary and telling her of God's extraordinary plan, as we kneel before a creche and look at the Christ child wrapped in swaddling cloths, as we sing our most loved Christmas carols (even if only to ourselves), let us remember this: this human condition that we experience in all its complexity and brokenness is dearly loved by God. And we ourselves, in all the chaos and contradictions of our lives, are loved by a boundless love, a relentless and transforming love, a redeeming love. See it in the sheltering sky, and in the face of the baby Jesus, and in the face of each human being in our lives.

Friends, whatever discouragement you carry within you this Christmas, whatever darkness has beset the lives of your family or loved ones, take courage. God's plan is bigger and more wondrous than all the obstacles we face today. The Word has taken flesh. Christ is born. Rejoice, and find rest for your souls there.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

BULLETIN BOARD

Upcoming in 2021 - Save the Date

The Diocese Tonight Episode 4 – The Church: Forever Young

"The Diocese Tonight" airs on Sunday February 2, 2021 at 7:00 PM. It can be found at youtube.com/
ArchdioceseRegina
The Diocese Tonight is a "virtual family gathering" that celebrates the diversity of people that make up our diocesan faith family. Join us to laugh, learn, pray, sing and celebrate.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Please consider participating in Saskatchewan's first ever Week of Prayer for Christian Unity virtual 8-day Bible study sponsored in partnership with The Prairie Centre for Ecumenism and the Regina Council of Churches

This year, due to the pandemic, we are not able to hold our regular events and so the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism and Regina Council of Churches have decided to partner and hold an 8-day virtual Bible study series based on the themes for Week of Prayer 2021 which will run Monday January 18th- Monday January 25th from 12:15-1:00pm daily over Zoom.

The theme for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021 is "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit" (John 15:5-9) and materials have been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. This theme is developed through a series of reflections which extend over eight days and will be the basis of the Bible study. Each day will be led by a different denominational leader.

The daily themes are as follows:

Day 1 - Monday, January 18th: Called by God: "You did not choose me but I chose you" (John 15:16a)

Day 2 - Tuesday, January 19th: Maturing Internally: "Abide in me as I abide in you" (John 15:4)

Day 3 - Wednesday, January 20th: Forming One Body: "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12b)

Day 4 - Thursday, January 21st: Praying Together: "I do not call you servants any longer...but I have called you friends" (John 15:15)

Day 5 - Friday, January 22nd: Letting Oneself Be Transformed by the Word: "You have already been pruned by the word..." (John 15:3)

Day 6 - Saturday, January 23rd: Welcoming Others: "Go and bear fruit, fruit that will last" (John 15:16b)

Day 7 - Sunday, January 24th: Growing in Unity: "I am the vine, you are the branches" (John 15:5a)

Day 8 - Monday, January 25th: Reconciling with all Creation: "So that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete" (John 15:11)

Further details and registration information will be released early in January.

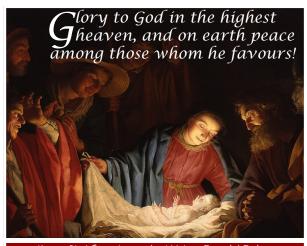


There is still time to help out in 2020! We will be accepting gifts until December 31, 2020.

Let's honour the Lord with our gifts this giving season, remembering that God has given the perfect gift to save us all. Donate now at: archregina.sk.ca/giving

Throughout the Christmas season the Archdiocese of Regina has been able to promote the message of Christmas on various Rawlco radio stations. We are grateful for the financial support provided by the Knights of Columbus to make these radio spots possible. Thank you!

Livestream Daily Mass Visit our livestream page for more info at archregina.sk.ca/live



Merry Christmas from Arehbishop Donald Bolen and all of the staff of the Arehdiocese of Regina

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Regina, December 2020

Dear friends of Myriam Family of the Prairies,

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." (Is 9, 1)

During this unusual global time in which we live, the coming feast of the birth of Jesus our Saviour resonates in our hearts in a new way! We so greatly need Him to come and show His presence in our lives and in the world! Let's hope for all this because He came to make all things new and He is faithful.

Our beloved foundress...

We will never be able to forget the year 2020, which is ending with a great event in the history of the Myriam Beth'lehem Family and of the Church. On November 29, our foundress, Sister Jeanne Bizier, left to meet the Father with the same abandon and peace which she always lived. We will close out the year in Baie-Comeau to celebrate our spiritual mother's entry into heaven. She always said that she never regretted having surrendered to Love!



Before the pandemic brought a change to all of our programs, our little sisters Geneviève Ferron et Émilie Desgagné, along with our little brother Marcos Sellanes, joyfully launched the year here at Myriam of the Prairies with a desire to spread our baptismal spirituality in order to reveal God-Father-Providence. Thus, a seminar on baptismal life was introduced. And, a first: a retreat for Spanish-speaking people from the area. What a joy it was for Marcos to be able to speak about his faith in his mother tongue. The transmission of faith continued in several schools

as well as in sacrament preparation for adults. The lockdown has definitely restricted our activities, but has not confined our faith and our love for Jesus. We firmly believe that our presence in adoration at the foot of the Eucharist is the greatest source of fruitfulness for all of our brothers and sisters. We created an Adoration chain with our friends and acquaintances so that each home may become a place of prayer to awaken faith. During the closure of the churches, we had the joy of ministering at Masses which were broadcast online from Saint John the Baptist parish. After the lockdown, it was with great joy that we were able to welcome some people for a time of retreat. A simple life "as at Nazareth", in family, has restored a momentum of fervor and love for Jesus.

A new Beth'lehem

Our familial ressourcement time in September in Baie-Comeau launched us on a spiritual pilgrimage where our first destination is: Beth'lehem!

As of this fall, a new wind has blown in Regina. A new little sister servant has come to discover Western Canada:

Gabrielle Desgagné. She joyfully fuilt the family along with Myriam

Larivière et Marcos Sellanes. Geneviève and Émilie have been called to serve the Lord in our Mother House in Baie-Comeau.

Given the restrictions this fall, several of our activities could not take place, but we continue to do as much as possible. In place of the Little Challenge group for youth and children, the Holy Spirit inspired the Families Challenge, which consists of a time of ressourcement adapted for each family. We were only able to share it with a few families, but this experience inspires us for the future.

Our Evenings of Prayer 7 to 9 are continuing with a limited number of people

but are no less filled with fervor and thirst for Jesus. More and more people are interested in experiencing the seminar on baptismal life. At the moment, not everyone can be present, but this holds promise for the future!!!! We have resumed the "Message of His Light" in English every Friday on our website. We believe that this sharing of the Word of the day allows us to enter into homes in order to

nourish hearts. Another innovation has been the recording of Advent retreats in French, one for children and one for adults. They are available on our website: famillemyriam.org

In closing, we reiterate our deep gratitude for your support in various ways which makes our mission possible in the heart of Western Canada. May the Lord manifest His presence in your midst in a very special way and make your home a "new Beth'lehem". He is there with you, in everything that you are living, wanting to fill you with His peace and renew your hope.



Nyriam Jariviere



In recognition,
a Mass for your intention
will be celebrated
on the occasion
of Christmas.

Be assured of our prayers!

Xabridle Desgyne

Marcos bellanes.

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