RESURRECTION ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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Contact our office

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Please call in advance

Thank you Lord for giving me the brand new year ahead. Help me live the

way I should as each new day I tread. Give me wisdom that I might help a friend, give me strength and courage so a shoulder I might lend. The year ahead is empty, help me fill it with good things, each new day filled with joy and





Today's Readings Isaiah 60.1-6 Ps 72.1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 **Ephesians 3.2-3, 5-6 Matthew 2.1-12**



MASSTIMES

9:00 am, the links are on

Pastoral Team

Father Rick Krofchek (306-352-0988)

Associate Priest: Father Mau Nguyen - Deacon: Reverend Mr. Joe Lang

Mass Intentions

9:00am Intentions of Vivian Birchau Monday

by Deirdre & Edward O'Higgins

Tuesday 7:00pm + Peter Koroluk

by Loretta Koroluk & family

Wednesday 9:00am + Raymond Sombach

by Eileen Gerein

Thursday 9:00am + Mary Stuart

by Ken & Marg Engel

Friday 9:00am + Jerry Paul

by Evelyn Geiger

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.

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office at 306-352-0800. Thank you again for your generosity in doing the Lord's work in our Parish, our community, our city, and beyond.



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Prayer





This week, after a short break we will resume our RCIA journey and our topic will be Prayer. Prayer can be deeply personal, building your relationship one on one with God, or something we do as a community showing our solidarity to the world. Prayers can be formal or simply a conversation with God. Spoken out loud or whispered in our hearts, our God hears them all and always responds. Whether it is yes, no or not now, we can count on His response to be filled with His love.

As we start out this new calendar year, we want to share with you this New Year prayer!

Lord, with You all things are possible; Without You all things are impossible. Make this a year of new beginnings, a year of favor from You O'Lord:

A year of grace & gratitude; a year of giving and forgiving; a year of opening up and reaching out. We ask this all in Jesus' Name AMEN

Do you have a favorite prayer or way to pray?

Tell us about it, by emailing to rcia@resurrectionparish.ca

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



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!

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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/
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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.

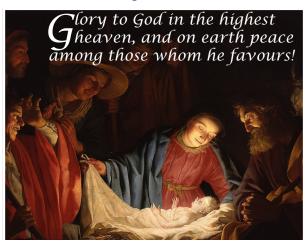


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Let's honour the Lord with our gifts this giving season, remembering that God has given the perfect gift to save us all. Donate now at: archregina.sk.ca/giving

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!

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

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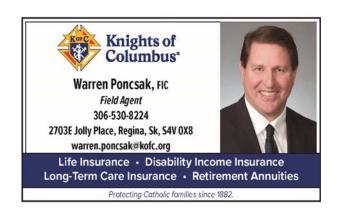
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