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BAPTISM Expectant parents please contact the parish office to arrange for baptism preparation and for the celebration.

MARRIAGE Arrangements for marriage can be made by contacting the parish office six months prior to the date of the marriage.

NEW IN THE PARISH? MOVING? Please help us keep parish records up-to-date. It assists us to serve you. Please complete the following and return to the parish office by mail or in the weekend collection basket. Thank you for your assistance.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION/CHANGE OF ADDRESS

FAMILY NAME _____

MALE HEAD _____ **FEMALE HEAD** _____

CHILDREN'S NAME & BIRTHDATES:

ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

POSTAL CODE _____ **TELEPHONE** _____

WOULD YOU LIKE A VISIT? ()

PARISH OFFERING ENVELOPES? () **OR PRE-AUTHORIZED DEPOSIT (PAD)?** ()



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Weekend Mass Times: Saturday—5:00 pm,
Sunday—9:00 am & 11:00 am
Weekday Mass Times: Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.—8:30 am

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24th, 2017

Sunday Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1–5, 8b–12, 14a, 16 “I was with you wherever you went, and I cut off all your enemies before you.” / Romans 16:25–27 To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen. / Luke 1:26–38 “Mary said, ‘Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.’”

Welcoming Our Lord by Katharine Denny

In the whole of the New Testament, Mary appears only a handful of times. She is, of course, present at the birth of Jesus and at his death. She comes looking for her son in the Temple when he’s twelve and again when he’s preaching. She lets him know that the time has come for his first miracle when he’s in Cana.

She has more to say in this story of the annunciation than in any of the others, and in this one story we get more than a glimpse of the woman she would become in our memory—called on by millions, revered by all—an example of unparalleled obedience and openness to the movement of God in her life. It strikes me that, along with being the Mother of God (the Orthodox Church uses the word *theotokos*, which means “God-bearer”), Mary is our example of the best response to the presence of God. We let him in; we show God hospitality in our very being; we allow God to change our lives in ways we cannot even imagine yet.

The reality for most of us, though, is that in many times and places we have had the chance to welcome God in. Instead, we’ve shut God out because we thought something else was more important. Maybe it was power or wealth. Perhaps God was challenging us to move on a particular path, and we didn’t want to.

Maybe our question for the week is, *what would happen if I do as God asks?* On this Christmas Eve, let us practice saying yes to God—for in doing this, we honor the mother of us all.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 2017

10:00 am - Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 11:00 pm - Mass

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH, 2017

10:00 am - Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26TH, 2017

Parish Office Closed

4:30 pm - Mass @ St. Angela Merici Residence

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2017

11:30 am - Mass @ St. Angela Merici Residence

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28TH, 2017

4:30 pm - Mass @ St. Angela Merici Residence

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, 2017

11:30 am - Mass @ St. Angela Merici Residence

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30TH, 2017

5:00 pm - Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, 2017

9:00 am - Mass

11:00 am - Mass

5:00 pm - Mass (Mary, Holy Mother of God)

MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST, 2018

10:00 am - Mass (Mary, Holy Mother of God)

PLEASE NOTE: NO morning mass the week of Dec. 26, 27, 28 & 29.

BISHOP'S LEVEE

2 to 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 1, 2018

Bishop LeGatt Hall

Cathedral of the Holy Family

Come and meet **Bishop Mark Hagemoen** of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, and **Bishop Bryan Bayda** of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon. No RSVP required. *Everyone Welcome!*

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Assemblies

CHRISTIAN UNITY:

How you can make a difference.

You are invited to attend a new book study beginning **Monday, January 8, 2018** at St. Anne's Church at 7:00 pm. This book is written by renowned ecumenist, Rev. Thomas Ryan, CSP. For more information contact Nadine Gartner (306) 716-5013 or Margot Taylor (306) 665-6371.

MALAWI MISSION 2018

For those interested in participating in the St. Anne's 2018 Malawi mission trip please attend the meeting January 10, 2018 at 7 pm. We will be discussing fundraising ideas, cost of the trip, date of departure and return, as well as the project we will be involved with in our sister Parish—Sacred Heart. You may choose to participate with fundraising and/or attending the trip. We look forward to seeing you. Contact person: Cori at mchallgrimson@sasktel.net

DISCOVERY

SMALL GROUP FAITH STUDIES

January 18th at 6:00 p.m. will mark the first week of our parish's six session Discovery Faith Study Program. For six weeks in a row we will meet on Thursday evenings to gather for a potluck meal as a large group, and then break off into small groups of 5-6 people. Discovery is for people who have fallen away from the Catholic Faith or people who wish to be able to better articulate the faith they already know and love! Simply sign up on the back wall of the area of welcome, and please consider signing up someone in your life who you feel would benefit from coming back to church (with their permission of course)!

Christmas and New Year's Mass Times are listed at: www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/christmas-schedule
A Christmas video message from Bishop Mark Hagemoen is also posted on the website: www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com
Catholic Pastoral Centre is closed for Christmas - and will reopen 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018

Let Us Pray

Prayer remains a constant that unites and draws us closer together. Please advise us of your prayer needs and let the power of our parish's collective prayer support you.

A parish united in prayer creates a mighty power!

- **Let us pray** that the Church will continually discover new ways to make Christ present to the world.
- **Let us pray** as a diocesan family for persecuted Christians around the world – especially those suffering from violence in Pakistan. Lord God, protect your children and give them strength to persevere in following you and living the gospel.
- **Let us pray** that our candidates and catechumens may see the Lord's goodness and promise working in their own lives.
- **Let us pray** for those who are lonely and depressed at this time of year, that they find hope and loving fellowship in this community.
- **Let us pray** for those who are sick and in hospice care. We pray for **Peter Encinas, Laura St. Germaine, John Tomchuk, Jerry Weyer, Oliver Laviolette, Dawn Gartner, Patti Pasloski, Greg Baranieski, Leon Janvier, Marlene Neil, Gene Swejda, Anna Mazzei, Dwight Gervais, Ben Sawatzky, Claudie Dick, Marcia Urban, Sarah Denis, Ryan Lafleur.** May they be healed and made whole.
- **Let us pray** for all those who have died and for those who are mourning. We remember **Jason Piche**, on the 1st anniversary of his death, husband of Cindy, father of Dominique & Shanissa. May they rest securely in the eternal peace of God's kingdom.
- *Loving Father, we ask that you hear our prayers and help us to continue to grow in faith. We pray through your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.*

****Queen's House - Journey with Scripture** facilitated by Fr. Paul Fachel, OMI, from 10 a.m. to noon **Wednesday, Jan. 3** at Queen's House, 601 Taylor St.W., Saskatoon. Cost: \$25 with lunch. Please register at: (306) 242-1916.

****Transitions offers ministry to those who have gone through the painful experience of divorce or separation.** Transitions begins **Tuesday, Jan. 9**, held from 6:30 pm to 8:30 p.m. at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (2nd floor of the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon). This 11-week program is led by those who have already journeyed through this difficult experience and have found some healing. For more information or to register, contact Sharon at (306) 374-1425 or email: Sharon Powell sharon@holyspiritsaskatoon.ca

****Development & Peace lifetime memberships are free until Dec. 31.** As a way to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development & Peace, free lifetime memberships are being offered until the end of the year. To get a membership on-line, go to www.devp.org and type the word Membership into the website search and click on the link. You may also call the regional office at (306) 205-2334.

****Job opportunity:** St. Therese Institute in a Catholic school of adult faith formation in Bruno, SK, is seeking a **Director of Formation.** Find more details in the posting online at: www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/employment or call Vicky at (306) 369-2555 for more information.

****Reserve your free tickets to the Serena Saskatchewan Medieval Feast fundraiser** on Saturday, February 10, 2018 in Saskatoon. Looking for a Christmas gift idea: buy/sew/rent a medieval costume and get gala tickets for your spouse or friends to accompany you to this royally memorable evening. For more info or tickets, visit <https://www.picatic.com/event15126793066570> or email sask@serena.ca



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR: Dec. 30th/31st—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph			
Liturgy Coordinator	5:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
	Henriette LeStrat	Barb Fredrickson	Volunteer Needed
Lectors	Bronwynn Cutts Paula Fortier Gerry Klein	Darcy Todos Dietta Todos Jesse Todos Matthew Todos	Bev Canaday Jocelyne Senecal Stephen Sikora Caroline Yelland
Communion Ministers	Christina Driedger Dorothy Fortier Michel Fortier Karen Klein Miranda Lavier	Tillie Aessie Milissa Hoffman Valerie Sigurdson Val Stone	Sharon Francis-Graham Cecelia Jurgens Joyce Malacad Marcella Piro Patti Seto
Ushers	Patricia Misener Robert Misener Gisele O'Donnell Kevin O'Donnell	Isaac Gartner James Stinn Zachary Todos	Garry Fix Neil Mooney
Greeters	Stef Blanch Betty Jmaeff Solomon Kwire Judy Lund	Ron Pellegrini Yvonne Pellegrini	Phyllis Henschel Brian Klashinsky Eleanor Kliewer Larry Kliewer
Servers	Jarod Christopher Luke Marshall Kathryn Loopkey	Noah Arnold Connor Jackson	Adelin Dunca RJ Poelzer Mark Tremblay
LWC	Brynne Marshall Monique Marshall	Colleen Lukan Rachelle Schlichemeyer	Sarah Denis Rebekah Klein
Gift Bearers	Chantelle/Ken Kane	Melissa Van Ham	Don / Rita Nakoneshny

SUPPORT FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION - Help ensure Catholic education is available to all who choose it, no matter the reason, for future generations. A Schools You Can Believe In fundraising campaign has been launched to cover the costs of appealing the Theodore court decision. That court decision would deny funding for non-Catholic students attending Catholic schools. The Government of Saskatchewan has invoked the notwithstanding clause to continue funding for all children whose parents choose Catholic education, but a permanent reversal of the decision is needed – the case will likely go to the Supreme Court of Canada. Donate to support the legal appeal of the Theodore court-case ruling to maintain funding for all who choose Catholic faith-based education. Donations can be made online at <https://foundation.gscs.ca>, or make your cheque payable to Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation (write "Theodore" in the memo) and drop it off at your local Catholic school or deliver/send it to 420-22nd Street East, Saskatoon SK S7K 1X3.

Catholic Hospital Chaplaincy continues - For spiritual care at Saskatoon City or Royal University Hospitals contact Jackie Saretsky at (306) 659-5839 or (306) 292-5531 or e-mail: hospitalchaplaincy@saskatoonrcdiocese.com
For spiritual or pastoral care at St. Paul's Hospital ask at the nursing desk, or call (306) 655-5000 to page Spiritual Care.

OFFERING FOR DEC. 16TH/17TH	
Loose Collection	\$ 596.36
Envelopes & PAD	13,862.85
	\$ 14,459.21

WOMAN'S BIBLE STUDY IN LENT

Woman of all ages, mark your calendars!

March 1—April 8th, 2018

We will be using Living in the Father's Love by Walking With Purpose.

Do you sometimes doubt if God really loves you? Are you searching for purpose?

Do you struggle to measure up to our culture's definition of beauty? Is there someone you need to forgive, but you don't know how?

Living in the Father's Love, our six week Bible study, is the ideal way to revive and refresh yourself this Lenten season. In this brief but powerful study, we discover just how much God loves us and how the Gospels are deeply relevant to our relationships, not only with God, but also with those we love.

There will be a registration night January 25th in the KCCWL room

For more information, contact Andrea at

godziuk@gmail.com or check out Walking with Purpose's website: walkingwithpurpose.com



CWL NEWS

Everyone is invited to our next parish CWL meeting on **January 2, 2018** at 7:30 pm in the KCWL room.

We will be watching some videos released for the Catholic Bioethics Moments YouTube channel. The videos are of interest to anyone wanting to learn more about Catholic teaching and moral decision-making. Our regular business meeting will

ST. ANNE'S YOUTH MINISTRY

1) **Senior Youth:** Our next Senior Social for high school students will be on Friday, January 12th at 7:00-9:00pm. We'll be going sledding! More details to come.

2) **Edge:** Our junior youth program for grades 6 to 8 is starting up again on Tuesday, January 16th at 7:00-8:30pm in the church hall. New students are always welcome

3) **Encounter 2018:** Our high school retreat will be held on February 2-4 at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Registration is now open! Register on our website at saintannes.ca.

From all of us at St. Anne's Youth Ministry, Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM SACRED HEART (CATHEDRAL) PARISH, ZOMBA, MALAWI TO ST. ANNE'S PARISH, SASKATOON, CANADA.

Our dearest Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, Christmas Greetings from a rainy Zomba!

"We always give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love that you have for all the holy ones because of the hope reserved for you in heaven." (Colossians 1:3-5a)

We still cherish the beautiful memories of our second encounter with Father Mathews last September. We had a wonderful exchange of faith and culture while he was here at Zomba Cathedral Parish alongside Peter and Elaine Zakreski. We promised to pray for each other, which we do, and, whenever possible, visit one another. Father Mathews promised that some of you are visiting us next summer. The whole parish community is looking forward to that event. You are most welcome. We are also thankful for Sarah's House which some of you helped to build and the Zakreski's are currently renting. Father Mathews blessed it. It is a good source of much needed income during these hard financial times here in Malawi.

"Greet one another with a loving kiss. Peace to all of you who are in Christ." (1Peter 5:14)

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Father Peter MULOMOLE

Parish Priest

21st December, 2017

