

# Christ the Redeemer

## Roman Catholic Parish

Mission Parishes: St Anne, Gull Lake and St Joseph, Cabri

Christ the Redeemer OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday: 8:30 - 12:30 & 1:00 - 4:30



### Seek the Kingdom of God.

#### PASTORAL STAFF

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#### SACRAMENTS

##### **Baptisms**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday or 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday after Mass  
or by appointment  
(attendance at Baptism preparation class required)

##### **Reconciliation**

Available before all Masses or on request

##### **First Eucharist & Confirmation**

Please call the parish office

##### **Marriage**

Contact the Pastor  
at least six months in advance

##### **Anointing of the Sick**

Please call the parish office

#### WORSHIP

##### **Weekend Mass Times**

Cabri - Sunday 9:30 am  
Gull Lake - Saturday 5:00 pm

##### Swift Current:

Saturday 5:00 pm &  
Sunday 10:00 am

##### **Weekday Mass Times**

Cabri - Tuesday 9:30 am  
Gull Lake - Thursday 9:30 am

##### Swift Current:

Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 pm  
Wednesday & Friday 9:00 am

*Please consider Christ the Redeemer Parish, your home, in your will.*

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*We acknowledge that we are on Treaty 4 Territory, traditional lands of the Nēhiyawak (Cree),  
Nahkawé (Saulteaux) and Nakota, and homeland of the Métis, Dakota and Lakota.*

# 3rd Sunday of Advent—December 15, 2024

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.*

## Parish Events & Activities

**NOTE:** Because of the Simbang Gabi Mass on Wed & Fri evenings, there will be NO morning Mass those days. Also, each Simbang Gabi Mass will be followed by light snacks and fellowship.

### Monday — December 16th

- 9:00 am Miracle Quilters Christmas gathering  
*(postponed from last week)*
- 9:00 am Social Justice assembles Christmas hampers in Sacred Heart Hall
- 7:00 pm **SIMBANG GABI MASS † NICOLAS ARANETA** requested by Jeuly & Wilma

### Tuesday — December 17th

- 7:00 pm **SIMBANG GABI MASS † JASON SHERWICK** requested by the Sherwick family (aunt & uncle)
- 7:30 pm RCIA meeting in the library
- 7:30 pm Finance Council meeting

### Wednesday — December 18th

- 6:00 pm Public Square Rosary north of City Hall
- 7:00 pm **SIMBANG GABI MASS † LILY & RUDY ARVAY** requested by Val & Terry Coulter

### Thursday — December 19th

- 12 Noon Interdenominational **Advent** Worship Service at Zion Mennonite Church led by Zion and St Olaf Lutheran churches
- 7:00 pm **SIMBANG GABI MASS † MICHAEL KUFFNER** requested by Marilyn & Stan Lautsch

### Friday — December 20th

- 10:00 am **MASS at WILLOW CREEK**
- 7:00 pm **SIMBANG GABI MASS of CHRISTMAS BLESSING for the DEWAR FAMILY** requested by Darcy & Margaret Dewar

### Saturday — December 21st *(CWL handles ministries)*

- 5:00 pm **SIMBANG GABI MASS † GORDON WATSON** requested by Agnes Watson and family
- 5:00 pm **MASS † KANDIS VAN VAALS** at St Anne Parish, Gull Lake, requested by Barbara Olsgard

### Sunday — December 22nd *(Knights handle ministries)*

- 9:30 am **MASS INTENTIONS for ALL PARISHIONERS** at St Joseph Parish in Cabri
- 10:00 am **MASS † MARK ANTHONY BASAGRE** requested by Mary Jean Basagre and family
- 11:30 am El Shaddai Worship Service in Sacred H Hall
- 7:00 pm Simbang Gabi **MASS † HENRY BARIL and FAMILIES** requested by Lily & Harvey Polsfut

*Mass can be livestreamed from [www.youtube.com/ArchdioceseRegina](http://www.youtube.com/ArchdioceseRegina) or seen on **Vision TV***



We failed to check the updated schedule and mistakenly (bulletin & calendar) had Val's team leading a worship service at Riverview & Pioneer Manor last Friday. They will resume on January 10th at The Meadows & Cypress House.

## Stewardship Bulletin Bit

*"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."*

—Philippians 4:6

St Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

### THE CELEBRATION OF VESPERS



*From December 17th to the 23rd, the Church has a special custom in the celebration of Vespers (Evening Prayer):*

The first words of the antiphons for the Cantic of Mary follow this pattern: "O Wisdom", "O Sacred Lord", "O Flower of Jesse's stem", "O Key of David", "O Radiant Dawn", "O King of all the nations", and finally, "O Emmanuel".



These are the "O" Antiphons; names and titles invoked not just for being Biblical and prophetic allusions to the promised Messiah, but also for the sake of wordplay. In Latin, these names for Our Lord spell out a two-word phrase backwards with their initials: ERO CRAS, "I will be (here) tomorrow", from "O Sapientia", "O Adonai", "O Radix Jesse", "O Clavis David", "O Oriens", "O Rex Gentium", "O Emmanuel".

Nothing in the Mass or Liturgy of the Hours or in the Sacramental rites is superfluous. Each gesture and phrase is there to glorify God. This thoroughness even in small things gives the Church's worship a fractal-like quality, like the detail within detail within detail one can find in the beauty of the natural world.

### RCIA CATECHUMENS

Please welcome and pray for our two RCIA catechumens, Jo-Ann Yap and Justine Pascual. They have been learning about the Catholic faith since September, and aim to be received into the church by Easter.



### 2025 DONATION ENVELOPES

Your 2025 donation envelopes are ready for pick-up in the north foyer. When you use your first envelope for January, please fill in your name so we can verify that your envelope number has been correctly assigned. Thank you.





**ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES**

The final interdenominational Advent service will be **Thursday, Dec 19th** at noon at Zion Mennonite Church (6th NE & Cheadle), led by Zion and St Olaf Lutheran churches. The half-hour service will be followed by lunch (silver collection) and fellowship.



**PRO LIFE CHRISTMAS CAKES**



These delicious fruitcakes (\$27 ea) are made in Yorkton and weigh 2.5 lbs. They make an ideal gift—if you can keep from eating it yourself! See Claire to get yours, 306-774-4270.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPERS**

Please bring non-perishable food items or cash donations to the church **before December 16, 2023**. Frozen ham or turkeys are also welcome. If you are donating cash, please leave at the office, not in the bins.



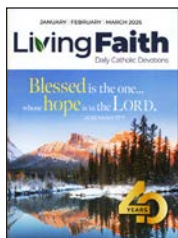
To help assemble hampers, please call or text Michele Vallee at 306-774-5171.

**Blue Christmas Service**  
 7 pm • Sat, Dec 21st  
 East Side Church of God  
*All are welcome to join in this beautiful, meaningful service.*

Please join in honouring the loved ones we have lost, no matter how long it has been, with this unique service that will bless and encourage you in this difficult season. Presented by the Swift Current Area Ministerial Assn.

**SUGGESTED VIEWING**

30 Minutes BC creatively explores the profound emotions and intimate struggles of Mary and Joseph during the final 30 minutes before the birth of Jesus. As the clock ticks down, the couple navigates a whirlwind of hope, joy, and uncertainty, turning to God amidst it all.



**LIVING FAITH BOOKLETS**

*Living Faith* booklets for the 1st quarter of 2025 (Jan, Feb, Mar) are available in both the north and south foyer. They are free, courtesy of the CWL, but a donation would be much appreciated to help with shipping costs and exchange rates.

**CWL COOKIE WALK ANOTHER SUCCESS!**



The CWL extends heartfelt gratitude to all the talented bakers in our parish for contributing an incredible variety of delicious treats to our annual Cookie Walk. St Michael's Hall was brimming with delectable goodies, thanks to your efforts. A special thank-you goes out to the dedicated team of ladies who bagged, sorted, and sold the cookies. We are thrilled to announce that this year's event raised just over \$2,300, which will be donated to the Building Fund to support items on their "Wish List". Thank you for making this event such a success!

**CWL CASH RAFFLE**



Thanks also to everyone who bought tickets for our annual Cash Raffle. The draw was made by Fr Ferdinand in Sacred Heart Hall after the 10 am Sunday Mass. For the first time we can recall, all 4 winners were CWL members, and all from Swift Current:

- \$200 - Kathy Wanner
- \$100 - Debb Folk
- \$50 - Trudy Auger
- \$50 - Ev Stein



Funds raised will cover the memberships for all CWL members with 50+ years of service, plus members in care homes with 10+ years of service, as well as subsidizing all other member fees by \$7.

*A reminder that gifts of poinsettias in memory of a loved one are always appreciated this time of year!*



**ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL 2024**



When the crowds ask John the Baptist, "What should we do?" he advises them to share with those who have none and act justly. This guidance is timeless, urging us to respond to God's call through generosity and fairness. Supporting the Archbishop's Appeal is a direct way to act on this advice. Our shared contributions fund vital ministries that provide for the less fortunate and promote social justice—a way to actively participate in preparing for Christ's coming.



*We pray that we would grow in our understanding of what it means to be Many People united in the heart of Christ, and that we open our hearts to the beauty of Christian generosity through this year's Archbishop's Appeal.*

**Given the postal strike, to ensure your gifts are received in a timely manner, please visit [archregina.sk.ca](http://archregina.sk.ca) to find alternate donation methods.**

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## Parish Pastoral Council

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<b>Ecumenism</b> .....	Val Choo-Foo		
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<b>Finance Chair</b> .....	Barry Cuthbert	<b>Principal, ASCS</b> .....	Lenni Zanidean

## Other Ministries

In addition to the committees we have on Parish Pastoral Council, active groups include the Miracle Quilters, our Comfort Care team, a Sacramental Preparation team, and the Prayer Shawl ministry. Bible Study and RCIA sessions are led by Adult Faith Formation, and a core group meets for public praying of the Rosary every Wednesday at 6:00 pm downtown north of City Hall.

Be sure to check out our brochure display and the Lighthouse media kiosk in the north & south foyers. As well, our library features books and videos on a variety of spiritual subjects.

Please check inside, under Parish Events & Activities, for dates & times of meetings.