

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

Rev. Ferdinand Eusebio
Pastor
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Rev. Daniel Malone
Associate Pastor

Deacon David Hagel
Permanent Deacon

Aileen Barraca
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SACRAMENTS

Baptisms

1st Sunday or 3rd 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.*

4th Sunday of Advent—December 22, 2024

Here am I, the servant of the Lord: let it be done to me according to your word.

Parish Events & Activities

Monday — December 23rd

7:00 pm Last night of SIMBANG GABI—MASS of BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS for G3 AGUILAR requested by Cathy Aguilar and family, followed by potluck meal, fellowship and 50/50 raffle draw

Tuesday — December 24th — Christmas Eve

Office is CLOSED

4:30 pm MASS at ST ANNE PARISH, Gull Lake

7:00 pm MASS at CHRIST the REDEEMER

7:30 pm MASS at ST JOSEPH PARISH, Cabri

Wednesday — December 25th — Christmas Day

Office is CLOSED (Christmas Break)

10:00 am MASS of HEALING for LAURENT DUDRAGNE requested by the Liturgy Committee

Thursday — December 26th — Boxing Day

No Mass; Office is CLOSED (Christmas Break)

Friday — December 27th

No Mass; Office is CLOSED (Christmas Break)

Saturday — December 28th

5:00 pm MASS † ED KLEIN requested by Adeline Klein

5:00 pm MASS INTENTION for RAY & LAURIZ LLOYD and FAMILY at St Anne Parish, Gull Lake, requested by Barbara Olsgard

Sunday — December 29th

9:30 am MASS INTENTIONS for ALL PARISHIONERS at St Joseph Parish in Cabri

10:00 am MASS INTENTION for KYLA, LYLE & WAYLON THOMSON requested by Linda McLaughlin

Mass can be livestreamed from www.youtube.com/ArchdioceseRegina or seen on Vision TV

Stewardship Bulletin Bit

“For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.”

—Luke 1:44

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you “leap for joy?” If not, don’t blame the lecturer or priest; rather, look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

ORIGIN OF THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS



It was written in England in 1558 as one of the “catechism songs” to help young Catholics learn the tenets of their faith.



The song’s gifts are hidden meanings to the teachings of the faith. The “true love” refers to God Himself. The “me” refers to every baptized person. The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge which feigns injury to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings.

Other symbols:

- 2 Turtle Doves = The Old and New Testaments
- 3 French Hens = Faith, Hope & Charity (*Theological Virtues*)
- 4 Calling Birds = The Four Gospels
- 5 Golden Rings = The first Five Books of the Old Testament, the history of man’s fall from grace
- 6 Geese a-Laying = The six days of creation
- 7 Swans a-Swimming = The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments
- 8 Maids a-Milking = The eight beatitudes
- 9 Ladies Dancing = Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- 10 Lords a-Leaping = The ten commandments
- 11 Pipers Piping = The eleven faithful apostles
- 12 Drummers Drumming = Twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle’s Creed



Congratulations to **Jaimee Pauline Castro**, who was baptized on December 13, 2024. Welcome to our Community of Faith at Christ the Redeemer!



Dear Beloved Parishioners,



As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. It is a time to rejoice in the gift of God's love, peace, and grace, given to us through the humble birth of our Savior.

May His presence fill our hearts with hope and guide us as we journey into the New Year. Let us open our hearts to Him anew, embracing the joy and blessings He offers.

Wishing you all a blessed and holy Christmas, and a New Year filled with faith, peace, and love. God bless you all!

In Christ's love,
Fr Ferdinand Eusebio,
Parish Priest, Christ the Redeemer



MERRY CHRISTMAS from the MIRACLE QUILTERS



The Miracle Quilters wish everyone a Blessed Christmas season. Thank you so much for continuing to support us in our fundraising efforts for the Building Fund.

Because of purchases by parishioners and others in our community at our recent Quilt Sale, and from our displays in the foyer and Sacred Heart Hall, we are able to donate an additional \$6,000 this year—bringing our total for 2024 to \$8,500.

We are taking a short Christmas break but will be back upstairs on Monday, January 13. Come and visit us any Monday. We welcome new quilters and anyone who wishes to see us in action.

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.

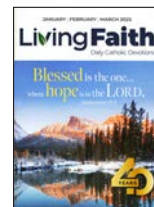
REMINDER FROM FINANCE COUNCIL

A reminder that any donations made to the General and/or Building Fund up to Dec 31, 2024 will qualify for a tax deductible receipt for 2024. This past year we have experienced a number of unplanned repair and maintenance related expenses, so your ongoing financial support is both welcomed and timely. If you typically donate cash, please consider opting for donation/collection envelopes or signing up for automatic payment from your bank account—both coming with tax deductible receipts. Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration in supporting the parish with its financial needs!



LIVING FAITH BOOKLETS

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



COMMUNITY LIVING BINS UPDATE



This project, begun in mid-2022, accepts clothing/shoes/purses which are picked up every 3 months. The parish is paid by weight. To date we have collected \$3,200 for the Building Fund.

With no cost to the parish, this is a good way to help individuals & families with gently used, good quality clothing. For more info, please contact Martin Kuntz or Ann Stewardson.

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



ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL 2024

Merry Christmas from Archbishop Don and all of the staff at the Pastoral Centre!



Due to backlogs and delays related to the postal strike, we encourage you to use these two convenient ways to donate to the Archbishop's Appeal:

E-Transfer: Send your donation to annualappeal@archregina.sk.ca. In the message field, include your address and phone number for a tax receipt, as well as your parish name to allocate your gift to your parish's goal.

Cheque: Make your cheque payable to your parish, marking "Archbishop's Appeal" in the memo line. Place it in the collection plate or deliver it to your parish office.

All donations must be submitted to the parish or the Appeal office by Dec 31. Thank you for your generosity!

SOCIAL JUSTICE CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPERS



The Social Justice Ministry extends a huge thank-you to all who contributed to another successful food hamper project. Parishioners were again very generous with food and financial donations as well as packing. Thanks to the K of C for making deliveries, the Swift Current Hutterite Colony for produce, the Miracle Quilters, Diane Caron and Ron Wolfater for handmade items, and All Saints School students and staff for their large contribution. Many families have benefited.

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Parish Pastoral Council

Pastor	Fr. Ferdinand Eusebio	Knights of Columbus	Gord Hagen
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Finance Chair	Barry Cuthbert	Principal, ASCS	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.