



CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH 4TH QUARTER NEWSLETTER



Another year has come and gone, 2019 is just a speck in the past. But really, 2019 was a good year for our Parish, Christ the Redeemer.

Firstly, lets look at our parish's spirituality.

Our parish under the direction of Msgr. Rey has become a much more spiritual parish; liturgically, through our ministries and Msgr.'s homilies.

Before each week day Mass the rosary is recited or Morning and Evening prayer. On the first Friday of the month, Mass concludes with the Litany of the Saints and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Thursday evenings at 6:00pm we have the Divine Mercy Holy Hour Cenacle.

Week day masses take place Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00pm and Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:00am.

Masses are said at the various care homes around the city on a regular basis.

Stations of the Cross during Lent as well as 'Walk with Jesus' stations take place outside with special readings and reflection.

All the Parish Pastoral Council committees are busy setting up programs all year around. This includes but not limited to special liturgical events that come up during the year, Easter, Christmas and other Holy days.

The parish is also blessed with amazing choirs; the Contemporary Choir, Mixed Choir, CWL and Youth Choirs. They are always available for all masses as well as funeral masses when called upon.

Now, Let's look back at some of the highlights from 2019:

- Discussions and petitions regarding euthanasia and assisted suicide in our country. Documentary, Fatal Flaws was shown on TV as well as you could pick up a DVD from the parish office.
- A Share Lent workshop was hosted by our Social Justice committee on February 9, 2019.
- Who Is My Neighbour: An educational conference to help foster understanding between the Church and Indigenous peoples. visit www.whoismyneighbour.online.
- Easter and Christmas hamper items were collected, packed and distributed to Swift Current recipients. 23 at Easter and 42 at Christmas.
- Trivia fun night(s) were held on May 3 and November 29, 2019. Both were a huge success.
- Members of our parish joined with over 200 other Pro-Life participants in Regina on May 9, 2019 in support of Provincial Pro-Life March.
- New 'Evangelization Summit' took place May 4, 2019. This live stream event was held for anyone wishing to attend from our community and our deanery.
- A home business fair was held on May 5, 2019. It was well received and well attended.
- June 19, 2019 the parish in conjunction with Pioneer Co-op held an auction sale as a fundraiser for the building fund.
- Vacation Bible School was offered from July 29 to August 2, 2019.
- On September 6, 2019 the parish held a golf tournament, it was well attended and the proceeds went to building fund.
- On September 29, 2019 the parish hosted a talent show where many local performers showed off their talents. The event had a lot of local talent and was well received by the audience.
- Development and Peace 'Share the Journey' campaign, Swift Current. The participants walked an accumulated total of 540 km here in Swift Current raising money for the D & P projects.



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- Simbang Gabi novena was once again celebrated from December 15 to December 23, 2019. This Filipino traditional celebration has become a big success in our parish. All the families that take part in organizing and celebrating this spiritual event are very dedicated to the program.
- Crossroad Harmony concert was held on December 8, 2019. Once again, the concert was very well attended and a good time was enjoyed by all. Lunch was served after the concert.

The proceeding events and programs are just a few of the activities that take place in our parish everyday. Let's look at a quick overview of others:

- Adult Faith Formation (AFF) committee is new to our parish. This committee chaired by Judy Friesen has been very active in 2019 and plan to continue in 2020 and beyond. You can learn more about this faith-oriented committee by contacting the parish office, Judy Friesen or by simply reviewing our 3rd quarter newsletter.
- Right of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a program operated under the Adult Faith Formation committee. The AFF typically meets on Tuesday evenings. This program is one of importance for the AFF and the church.
- Catholic Women's League and Knights of Columbus are two very busy organizations in our parish and our community. They spend many hours offering spiritual programs, fundraising programs for our parish and the community, assisting with ministries on weekend and weekday Masses, cooking and serving for parish functions (including CWL preparing and serving at funeral lunches) and participating in looking after our church and grounds, and last but not least, fully engaged in assisting in raising funds for our building project.
- K of C Helping Hands, three Knights dedicated to assisting parishioners with odd jobs and repairs around yards and homes as well as repairs around the church and grounds. Find out more about

these dedicated gentlemen by stopping in or calling the parish office.

- Parish Finance Council chaired, by Ted Wallin, is a very dedicated and knowledgeable group that is dedicated to our financial stability. This Council is in care of the parish's finances from operating budgets to building fund and mortgage for the new church.

December 2019 Update from Finance Council:

<i>Operating Budget (Yearly)</i>	<i>\$320,831.46</i>
<i>Monthly Budget</i>	<i>\$ 26,735.96</i>
<i>Income to Dec. 31st</i>	<i>\$317,141.79</i>
<i>Expenses to Dec. 31st</i>	<i>\$324,312.98</i>

- **Christ the Redeemer also has a new web page, which has been in operation since May, 2019. The web address is www.ctrparish.com The web site is very user friendly and is current with what is happening around our parish. Check the web site often, especially the 'Services and Events Calendar' for all happenings as well as the 'Services' section which is available on the right side of every page with a link to all services.**

Our fundraising committee is also very busy with events that support our spiritual community, fun events and raising funds for the building project.

To the end of December 2019, the parish has accumulated an estimated \$99,800.00 from fundraising events which has been added to the building project.

HAPPY NEW YEAR, WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY, PROSPEROUS AND BLESSED 2020.