

Archdiocese of Regina December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent



Journey Through Advent

Sign up for a weekly Advent series with weekly reflections, music, prayer, resources and other activities to enhance your Advent Journey. These weekly reflections will be emailed each week during Advent. Sign up here archgina.flocknote.com/ArchdioceseofRe5 or email mgurash@archregina.sk.ca

Youth Ministry Workshop

On Saturday, Jan. 25th from 10:00 -4:00, at the diocesan center, the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is having a workshop for the training, support and collaboration of those who work in ministering to young people, with lunch provided. It is our hope that as many people as possible who are involved in ministering to the young people of our archdiocese, would be willing to bring their minds and hearts to this table of sharing. We are also more than willing to take this workshop on the road! Invite us to come to your community! TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE OR ASK QUESTIONS PLEASE SEND EMAIL TO: oyyam@archregina.sk.ca

From the Archivist

- •St. Joseph's Church in Moose Jaw is looking for chairs with kneelers for their Chapel space. If a parish has any to spare, please contact the archivist at the Archdiocese of Regina: rhorsman@archregina.sk.ca.
- •Are you shopping for a history enthusiast this Christmas? Have you ever wanted to know more about the Archdiocese of Regina? The archives has a bundle of archdiocesan history texts for sale. For \$30, receive 3 book titles bundled in a Christmas ribbon, ready to enjoy over the coming winter months or to give away as a gift. Reserve your copies before December 6th, 2024, while supplies last: archives@archregina.sk.ca . Book bundles are for pick up only at the Archdiocese of Regina Diocesan Centre (on December 13th, 2024).

Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions - December For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.popevideo.org

Archbishop's Appeal

As Advent begins, Jesus urges us to be vigilant, preparing our hearts for His coming. This season is a time of hopeful anticipation and active readiness. Contributing to the Archbishop's Appeal is a meaningful way to prepare, supporting ministries that bring Christ's light to others. Our unified generosity ensures that the message of hope reaches those who need it most. By staying awake and attentive through acts of kindness and support, we not only ready ourselves but also help prepare the world to receive the joy of the Savior's birth.



Archbishop's Appeal: Alternate Donation Options Amid Canada Post Strike

We recognize that the ongoing Canada Post strike may impact your plans to contribute to this year's Archbishop's Appeal, especially as we near the end of the year when many wish to ensure their donations count toward 2024 charitable giving. To ensure your generous gifts are received in a timely manner, we encourage you to consider alternate donation methods, which can be found online at

Donations can also be dropped off at your local parish or delivered directly to the Archdiocese of Regina Offices at 200-2151 Scarth Street in Regina.

archregina.sk.ca/grouppage/donate-archbishops-

For after-hours convenience, donations may be dropped off securely at:

- •Resurrection Parish (3155 Windsor Park Rd)
- •Christ the King Parish (3239 Garnet St)

appeal.

•Holy Family Parish (1021 McCarthy Blvd)

Thank you to all who have already contributed to this year's Appeal and to those who are still prayerfully discerning their gift. Your support helps us continue the vital work of ministry and outreach in our Archdiocese.

The Archdiocese of Regina is located on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional lands of the Nêhiyawak, Nahkawé, and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples.

A Family retreat With the Myriam Family! The secret of Hope

When? December 7th 2024, from 9h30 to 4h00

Where? At our beautiful site in the peace of the countryside near McLean, 45 km East from Regina. The retreat will include family morning prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament, talks, Mass, skits, games, crafts, joy! To register, please call Sr. Stephanie at 306-761-0528 Or email pss. prairies@famillemyriam.org

Camp Monahan's Annual Christmas Dinner

Enjoy an evening out with great food, music and friends at Camp Monahan's Annual Christmas Dinner, sponsored by Holy Child Knights of Columbus on December 7th. For more information and tickets are available online campmonahan.ca or by contacting our office (306)522-1047 or email campmonahan@sasktel.net.

CWL Corner

- Save the Date, the 102nd Regina Diocesan Convention will be held on Saturday, May 3rd, 2025, at St. Joseph's in Moose Jaw.
- Leadership formation opportunity. The Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation, CWLF is accepting applications for the 2025-2026 Catholic Women's Leadership program. This eleven-month online program is open to all catholic women who have leadership gifts and are seeking a deeper understanding of transformative leadership. Deadline to apply is Dec 15, 2024. More information may be found at cwlfcanada.ca/ and the application is available at form.jotform.com/241684734994270
- The Regina Diocesan CWL has a newsletter. Our first edition was published in October 2024. The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. Wonderful things are happening in CWL councils across the diocese. Join us in Faith, Service and Social Justice. For more information please contact Linda at regina.diocesan.cwl@gmail.com.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage

Join us in early April for a Pilgrimage to Medjugorje. For more information, call and leave your name. You will be contacted once the dates are in place. Cathleen Devraj 306 789-0705 cdevraj48@gmail.com.

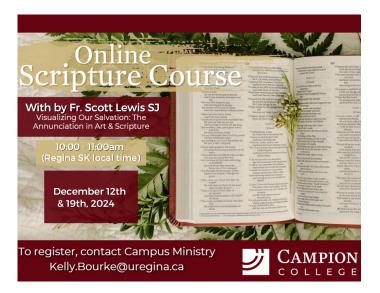




TF #429: Pilgrims of Hope -Together in Mission with Fr. Raymond Lafontaine Part 3

This week on Thinking Faith, we are pleased to conclude our series featuring our recent diocesan gathering with Fr. Raymond Lafontaine, along with a few parting thoughts from our Archbishop, Donald Bolen. Fr. Raymond, a priest

from the Archdiocese of Montreal, spent six months with the Archdiocese of Regina starting in May 2024. During his study leave, he visited countless parishes and groups, connecting with priests, pastoral staff, and lay leaders while observing and learning how we "walk together" as a synodal church on mission. Most recently, he participated as a table facilitator at the 2nd Synodal Assembly in Rome in October. In this series of talks, he shares some of the background leading up to the final gathering in Rome and examines "What did the Spirit speak to the Church through the Synod?" "How far did we progress on the synodal path, and how can we deepen our commitment to walking together in communion, participation, and mission? thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/pilgrims-of-hope-together-in-mission-with-fr-raymond-lafontaine-part-3



Stewardship Bulletin Bit

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (Luke 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those that are closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.